News and Events

Dr. Maimon Leads Contributors to Philanthropy

Article

In today’s edition of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, the topic of philanthropy and its impact on post-secondary education is explored in the article "Strategic Philanthropy Comes to Higher Education."

Leading the experts quoted is President Elaine P. Maimon. In her quotes, President Maimon points to innovations at GSU that have received recognition and funding by major philanthropies.

Click here to view the full article.

Grill & Chill Heats up with 103.5 KISS FM

Put Thursday on your calendar for lunch by the lake with the crew from Chicago’s Hit Music Station and your friends, fellow students and colleagues at GSU. Prizes, music, games and a sandwich straight from the grill served under sunny skies. What could be better?

Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It is only $5.50 for a sandwich, chips or pasta salad and a drink.

President Maimon and Dr. Sexton Address International Educators

President Elaine P. Maimon and Dr. Colleen Sexton, Chair of the Division of Education, addressed the International Conference on New Horizons in Education with an audience of educators from more than 15 countries as they gathered in Rome, Italy.

Maimon’s talk, *U.S. Higher Education and Citizenship in a Democracy*, discussed GSU’s focus on civic engagement – teaching students in every class to question the relationship between what they are studying and public policy. “American students have the right – and the obligation – to be civically engaged and to vote. As educators, it is imperative that we impress upon our students what a wonderful responsibility this is,” explained Maimon.

Sexton’s talk, *Assessing Where it Matters Most – Your Instruction*, “was basically a challenge to the participants to really understand what today’s college student looks like and to provide rich instruction that will give their students a reason to put down their cell phones and to listen,” she said. Sexton explained that many professors believe they are first a scientist or a writer. “They do not think of
themselves as a ‘teacher’ first. My challenge to the audience was to consider themselves a teacher as well as a scholar, the two are not mutually exclusive.”

“It is fascinating to hear about practices, challenges and successes directly from educators on the front line in so many countries,” said Maimon. “It really brings home to me how fortunate we are in the U.S. and how many almost insurmountable difficulties those in some other countries face. Thankfully, there are dedicated, passionate and intelligent educators working hard to bring quality higher education to all.”

**2013-14 Academic Year Holiday Schedule**

The holiday schedule for the 2013-14 Academic Year has been released.

Click to view the [2013-14 Academic Year Holiday Schedule](#).

**Hula with Your Friends at the Employee Picnic**

August 16 is just around the corner and it is time to register to attend *Aloha!*, the GSU 2013 Employee Picnic.

Click *Aloha! RSVP* and let the planners know to expect you.

You’ll receive a confirmation email with your e-ticket. Don’t forget to print it and bring it along.

This year’s picnic features a Hawaiian theme, with games and contests. There will be Bingo in the CPA lobby, the annual GSU Bean Bag Tourney and Closest-to-the-Pin Golf Contest.

You’ll find that and lots more behind The Center for Performing Arts beginning at 11 a.m., on Friday, August 16. Food is served until 2 p.m.

Any questions, just call Laruen Esolato at 235.7643 or email [gsuemployeepicnic@govst.edu](mailto:gsuemployeepicnic@govst.edu).

**Keeping the Critters Out**

Our campus is an environment that supports a wide variety of wildlife. It provides a good habitat to protect them and increase their populations. However, some of these critters can find their way into our buildings as unwanted guests.

Facilities Development and Management encourages everyone to minimizing the critters’ sources of food or shelter. Please keep food in your area stored in tightly sealed metal, glass or thick plastic containers. This includes all condiment packets, gum, cough drops and mints. Anything you are willing to eat, they are, too. Mice love to shred napkins and tissues for bedding material, so keep them sealed as well. If you notice pests in your workspace or holes in the floors or walls, call Facilities at ext. 4515 so the problem can be addressed.

Please encourage your neighbors to follow these precautions. For more information, call FDM at ext. 6361 or 7452.

**Meditation and Interfaith Prayer Room**

Consistent with its focus on diversity and inclusion, GSU is committed to treating people of all faiths fairly and to provide the GSU Community with access to facilities for personal observation of their faith traditions or quiet contemplation.

Accordingly, a Meditation and Interfaith Prayer Room will be available through the summer academic calendar in room A2150. The room is an accessible space, which can be used by people of all faith traditions and beliefs, and for those whom religion has no particular significance in their lives. The room may be used as a quiet space for people to
sit and contemplate, to pray, to take a few moments to de-stress from a busy day, or to recover from a traumatic life event, such as bereavement.

The room is currently open access to be used on a drop-in basis. Reservation processes are being developed. Contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 708.235.7595 or deanofstudents@govst.edu for information about using the Meditation and Interfaith Prayer Room.

**Baby Changing Stations in the GSU Library**

The GSU Library recently installed two baby changing stations. They are in the women’s and men’s restrooms located closest to the hydration station and the library atrium area. These baby changing stations are available during library hours.

**Library Summer Hours:**

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Friday – Closed*
Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday – Closed

For more information visit the library website.

**Sustainability Partners**

Facilities Development & Management partnered with Digital Learning and Media Design to recycle 2,086 pounds of electronic waste, including VHS and other types of tape. The materials were taken to Intercon Solutions in Chicago Heights for disassembly.

As a result of FDM and DLMD’s initiative, GSU received a certificate of sustainability.

This recycling results in a reduction of 20 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions, saves 2,237 gallons of gasoline, 46 barrels of oil and 79,016 gallons of water. The recycling effort compares to taking four gas-fueled cars off the road per day and planting 510 trees.

The initiative by the departments is a great example of how waste diversion can positively impact our environment.