News and Events

President Maimon Welcomes Fall 2013 Students (08-26-13)

President Elaine P. Maimon welcomes new and returning students back to campus with a special message.

View the President's Welcome Message.

Current AY13-14 Calendar Online

The revised 2013-14 Academic Calendar is now available online.

This revised calendar has Intersession dates added and the date of 2014 Commencement.

View the Academic Year 2013-2014 calendar.

Convocation 2013

At Tuesday’s Convocation, President Elaine P. Maimon reported to students, faculty, and staff that Governors State University is entering a new era. “We are indeed making history together. In that spirit, I hereby officially declare the opening of the 2013-14 academic year—a year of Mission Forward.”

Dr. Maimon reflected that as she began her seventh year at GSU, “I am pleased to report that at GSU, the state of the university is strong - as we move our mission forward.”

To illustrate her point, Dr. Maimon cited several major developments occurring at GSU in the upcoming year. “In 2014, we are making history together by marking a special milestone in fulfilling our university mission—the recruitment of our first freshman class. The first deadline-- for Early Action freshman applications is Nov. 15, 2013. But planning for our first freshmen has put us all on a mission - to create the most effective and creative education for all our students.”
Dr. Maimon gave special recognition to the General Education Task Force for their work planning a first-year program that reflects decades of research on student success.

While acknowledging the depressing financial situation of the nation and the state, Dr. Maimon commented that GSU’s positive momentum was moving the university forward. “While I believe that the state has an ethical imperative to fund higher education and will continue to argue that point in Springfield, we will move forward despite these circumstances. That means great prudence in strategic decision making. Every expenditure must be fully justified. We value the transparency of the PBAC process and will continue with strategic investments matched to Strategy 2015."

2014 will be a major year in the history of GSU. The new science facility renovations will be completed and in use. Prairie Place will open its doors. Playing fields will be renovated and new ones designed and constructed. Global relationships will continue to develop and freshman will be admitted to GSU.

“Big Ideas. Mission Forward. Renaissance 2014. I cannot imagine a more exciting place to be as we open the 2013-14 academic year. We are truly making history together.”

Dr. Maimon also announced the winners of this year’s Faculty Excellence Awards at Convocation. Dr. Maimon presented the awards to Bonnie Gregg, Academic Advisor, Senior Status, Counseling, in the College of Education; Dr. David Rhea, Assistant Professor of Communications, in the College of Arts and Sciences; and Dr. Ann Vendrely, Professor of Physical Therapy in the College of Health and Human Services. Michael Sullivan, Chief Engineer in Facilities Development and Management was honored with this year’s Baysore Award.

**Know your rights and responsibilities - Student Handbook**

A critical element of your success as a student at GSU, is having a full understanding of what your expectations are of the university, and what the institutions’ expectations are of you as a student, whether it be inside or outside the classroom.

The Student Handbook serves as a clearinghouse of policies and procedures that outline student’s rights and responsibilities as a valued student member of the GSU community. In particular, students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the student conduct and student grievance policies.
The GSU student handbook provides information about policies, procedures, and student services. Information in the student handbook is subject to change and does not constitute a contract or guarantee with the university. The university expressly reserves the right to change, phase out, or discontinue any policy or program. Such changes take precedence over student handbook statements.

To view the Student Handbook, go to www.govst.edu/studenthandbook.

For more information, contact the Aurelio Valente, Dean of Students at deanofstudents@govst.edu.

Welcome Week Events

The new semester is full of many wonderful Welcome Week activities and lots of information and good times. Here is the schedule, so mark your calendars:

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- ID Validation, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Hall of Governors
- Rock Band Video Competition, 4 to 8 p.m., Cafeteria Annex, sponsored by the Psychology Club

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- Secretary of State, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., HOG
- Student Resource Fair, noon to 6 p.m., HOG
- 103.5 KISS FM, 2 to 5 p.m., HOG
- LGBTQA Reception, 3 to 4 p.m., Cafeteria Annex

Wednesday, August 28
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- AT&T It Can Wait Campaign, noon to 6 p.m., HOG
- Rock Band Video Competition, 4 to 8 p.m., Cafeteria Annex, sponsored by the Psychology Club

Thursday, August 29
- ID Validation, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., HOG
- Campus Crawl, 3 to 6 p.m., University
- Rock Band Video Competition, 4 to 8 p.m., Cafeteria Annex, sponsored by the Psychology Club

Friday, August 30
- GSU LAFF Session Comedy Show - Popular comedians visit GSU, 6:30 p.m., Center for Performing Arts, sponsored by Student Senate

Tuesday, September 3
- Food Pantry Opens, noon to 5 p.m., Building A—Student Commons
- Student Welcome Back Skate, 6 to 9 p.m., Rich City Roller Rink, sponsored by clubs and organizations

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Thursday, September 5

- Student Vendors Fair, noon to 6 pm, HOG

Saturday, September 7

- Holistic Wellness Conference, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., on campus

Get Renewed

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Services available at the mobile service unit include driver’s license and State ID renewal, replacement, and corrections; vehicle sticker sales; passenger and b-truck license plates; vehicle title and registration; parking placards for persons with disabilities; and organ/tissue donor information. In addition, vision tests and the written driver’s license exam can be taken. No driving tests will be given.

The services provided are available to all qualified Illinois residents. State law allows driver’s license renewal up to one year in advance. Proper identification is required for new and duplicate driver’s licenses and state ID cards. Acceptable forms of payment include personal checks, cash, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit and debit cards.

For information, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

KISS FM College Tour - Tomorrow

The KISS FM College Tour is helping us welcome the Fall term with a live DJ spinning today’s hottest music, great prizes, drawings for students including concert tickets and iPad, games and the chance to apply for Clear Channel Media and Entertainment internships. Joining them will be Verizon Wireless showcasing their new devices and offering students a charging station.

This is the first time GSU is an official stop on the KISS FM College Tour on August 27, from 2 to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Please join us to welcome the students back on campus.

Laugh Out Loud at Laff Session

It is time to laugh out loud as the GSU Student Senate presents Laff Session, an evening full of talented professional comedians, on Friday, August 30, at the Center for Performing Arts. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Showtime is at 7 p.m.

Featured performers include B Cole, a BET Comic View All Star who appeared on Def Comedy Jam; Brandon “Hot Sauce” Glover who has appeared on Comedy Central and in Chicago Just for Laughs Festival; Marc Henderson from the BET Comic View and Chicago Just for Laughs Festival; Da Wildcat who appeared in the BET Comic View, Chicago Commercial King, and BET’s Of Boys and Men; and Hozay.

Tickets are only $10 for students and $15 for everyone else. Tickets
may be purchased on line at the Center for Performing Arts box office, www.centertickets.net or 708.235.2222.

**Campus Crawl + iPod Shuffle = Library**

Make the time to visit the library during the Campus Crawl between 3 and 6 p.m., on Thursday August, 29. The GSU Library will ask you to complete out a very short survey about the library. Your completed survey will be your ticket for the drawing of an Apple iPod Shuffle.

The library is located on the second floor of the D Building. When entering through the Main Entrance, walk straight through until you come to the stairs and elevator. The Library entrance (D2400) is located at the top of the stairs.

**First Annual LGBTQA Fall Welcome Reception - August 27**

Join the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) and the Office of Wellness and Diversity for great conversation and sweet treats at the First Annual LGBTQA Fall Welcome Reception.

This first LGBTQA welcome back reception will be held on Tuesday, August 27, from 3 to 4 p.m., in the Café Annex. The GSA will provide information about campus events and an opportunity to get to learn more about resources available at GSU.

The event is free and open to everyone. For more information, email rschneider@govst.edu.

Students are also invited to attend GSA meetings on Tuesdays, beginning September 3, at 5:30 p.m. in room E1581.

**Food Pantry Grand Reopening – September 3**

The GSU Food Pantry will open its doors again on Tuesday, September 3, from 1 to 5 p.m., to provide food for GSU students. The Pantry is located in Student Commons in A building. Please note: the Pantry will be open on Tuesdays.

The summer months depleted the Pantry shelves so it is also time to restock. The Pantry needs your donation of non-perishable, unopened food items to continue to serve GSU students. Please be sure that all donated items are within the expiration date. This fall, the Pantry will also include vegetables grown in the Food Pantry plot in the Community Gardens.

**National Days of Service: Show Appreciation and Gratitude**

Take a few moments to reflect on the affect those who have chosen to serve in the military. Participate in the GSU National Days of Services from September 9 through 11 at the Veterans Resource Center and
show gratitude and appreciation to those who are currently serving and those who have served our country in the armed forces.

A letter writing station will be set up at the Veterans Resource Center where you may write letters of thanks to veterans that will be sent out via the A Million Thanks organization. You may also create and decorate wreathes that will be placed at the veterans memorial at Oakland Memory Lanes cemetery in Dolton, IL. This project was inspired by Wreaths Across America.

Located in between the two activities will be a display of actual stories of war from veterans via the Army Heritage Center Foundations “Soldier Stories.”

There will be a donation box where people can give either financially or give some of the various items currently accepted by Operation Gratitude. To see a complete list of items for donation, visit [http://www.operationgratitude.com/get-involved/wishlist/](http://www.operationgratitude.com/get-involved/wishlist/).

Yellow Ribbons will be provided for anyone who participates. The veterans Resource Center is locate in the Student Services area, second floor A building.

**Women Pursuing Higher Education Empowerment Group**

A new student organization designed to support women students at GSU will hold its first meeting on September 9. Women Pursuing Higher Education Empowerment Group will meet from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. in D34063. The purpose is to create a network of support to empower women as they pursue their higher education goals.

For more information, contact Robin Shannon at rdshan03@gmail.com.

**It’s Tee Time – September 15**

On September 15 golfers from all over the Chicago area will tee up to benefit GSU Promise, a scholarship program for the Dual Degree Program.

The 18-hole outing at the University Golf Club and Conference Center will include contests and prizes, lunch at the turn and a buffet dinner with presentation of the Dave Dreschel Golf Award and contest winners. The award is presented in honor of long-time GSU HR employee Dave Dreschel who was instrumental in establishing the GSU Golf League. Additional prizes will include two VIP Air and Water Show Passes, Cubs and White Sox tickets and more.

Check in is at noon, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

**Early Registration – before July 15**
$100 per golfer  
$400 per foursome

**Registration after July 15**
$115 per golfer  
$460 per foursome

Dinner only: $35
For more information and to register, go to www.govst.edu/golfouting.

If you're not a golfer, but would like to donate to GSU Promise, click here.

**Addiction Studies Alumni Club to Host Recovery Walk – September 14**

In celebration of National Recovery Month, the Governors State University Addictions Studies Alumni Club will sponsor their second annual Walk for Recovery on Saturday, September 14, 2013, at GSU. The Walk for Recovery is designed to honor individuals in recovery, seeking recovery, and involved in the process and to generate awareness.

This free event begins with registration from 8 to 9 a.m., followed by a program at 9 a.m. The two or three-mile walk will commence at 10 a.m. In addition, a resource fair will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event also features door prizes, refreshments, music and entertainment. This event is generously sponsored by IlliniCare Health Plan, Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC, Inc.), the South Suburban Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, and the Illinois Certification Board (IAODAPCA).

Those who register online at www.govst.edu/alumniwalk will be entered for a special door prize.

For more information, call the GSU Alumni Relations at 708.534.7892.

**Library Subscription to REFWORKS Set to Expire**

The GSU Library Subscription to REFWORKS will expire this Saturday, August 31, 2013.

However, access to Web of Science, a citation database which includes the Science Citation Index, Social Science Citation Index and the Arts and Humanities index, has just been purchased. With this package comes ENDNOTE - bibliographic software similar to REFWORKS.

To register for access to the new databases and to convert files to the new format, please review the attached instructions from the GSU Library.

View Library Instructions.

**Celebrate Freedom**

Celebrate Constitution Day on September 17 by gaining knowledge of the meaning of this vital. The program includes a reading of the Preamble, screenings of related School House Rock videos, a presentation on Citizenship by Vincent Jones, Assistant Professor or Criminal Justice, and playing the game, “Do I Have the Right?”

Join the fun from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria Annex.
For more information, contact Dr. Elizabeth Johnson at 708.235.7531.

**Welcome AmeriCorps VISTA**

GSU welcomes Neel Rana an AmeriCorps VISTA who will work with Student Life in the new Civic Engagement and Community Service Center. His primary responsibilities will be to assist the Assistant Dean of Students with the design, implementation and assessment of a comprehensive community service program, develop service-learning capacity building activities, and strengthening community partner relationships. His assignment with GSU is for one year.

The Center’s office is located in “A” Destination for Student Involvement, Room A2130. Stop by and welcome Neel to GSU.

**GSU Drug and Alcohol Policy**

Governors State University students must adhere to the university’s Drug and Alcohol Abuse/Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. Copies of the act are included in the Student Handbook, available on the GSU website at www.govst.edu/studenthandbook.

Counselors in the Academic Resource Center provide referrals for students needing assistance with drug and/or alcohol issues. The Academic Resource Center is located in Room B1215 and can be reached at 708.235.2228.

**New Minors in Anthropology or Sociology**

Beginning Fall 2013, undergraduate students at GSU have two new minors to choose from: Anthropology or Sociology.

Like most minors, they are 18 credits, including six selectives. Some of the required courses are General Education or core courses for other related programs, so students can double-dip to complete the minor in addition to their major and general education requirements.

Faculty created the minors to not only highlight foundational concepts in anthropology and sociology, but faculty also included specific courses where students practice important career skills that can be emphasized in their résumés when on the job market. Courses for the minor are being offered in Fall 2013, so students can register for them now and get a head start on their minor right away.

For more information or to add either minor to your study plan, contact Dr. Daniel Cortese at dcortese@govst.edu.

**New Art Courses Fall 2013**

Whether you’re a painter, a photographer, a dancer, or a poet who likes to see your words come to life, the Theatre and Performance Studies (TAPS) and Art programs have something interesting for you this fall.

**Bring Your Concept to Life**

If you’ve got a curious nature and like to push the envelope, Performance Art is for you. TAPS 4260/6260/COMS 4090/6090
Performance Art will help you bring your ideas to life, drawing on a variety of artistic disciplines—painting, sculpture, music, film, acting and more.

Review the work of Performance Artists, and then develop your own concept in your own way. Take this course as an elective or as part of a minor in Theatre and Performance Studies. This course meets Tuesday, from 4:30 to 7:20 p.m.. For more information, email Dr. Patrick Santoro.

Exhibiting Artist
If you're a graduate student in the Art Program or IFDI Digital Photography, take 8820 Art Seminar to prepare for your graduate thesis exhibition. Learn the craft of exhibiting your own work (or the work of others), make progress towards your culminating thesis show, and get credit for your preparation!

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Dance for Musical Theatre meets Mondays and Wednesdays, from 12:30 to 1:50 p.m. for more information, email Megan Lindsay.

Reflection and Restoration 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, quiet contemplation and reflection.

The Reflection and Restoration Room A2150 will be available through the fall academic calendar. This room is an accessible space, which can be used by people of all faith, traditions and beliefs. It may also be used by groups or individuals as a quiet space for prayer, reflection and restoration.

To reserve the room, send an email request to RandR@govst.edu. For more information, email vnewby@govst.edu.

Forensics Team Meetings
The forensics team will be meeting Thursdays at 6 p.m., in the Student Union. All students are welcome to participate from any college and all are encouraged to come to the informational meetings. Some of the highlights for the coming year include panel discussions on campus, competitive opportunities on and off campus, and the opportunity to strengthen your communicative skills.
Significant Change with High Level Quality Control
Dr. Elaine P. Maimon

Our regional accrediting body, the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central States has the responsibility for approving major changes in universities and colleges in our region. HLC sent a team to GSU in April to give final approval to our admission of lower-division students. HLC considered this change “operational,” not a change in mission, because they understood that GSU was founded to be inclusive.

I was confident, in fact excited, to show the visiting team the remarkable plans for our first freshman class. Nonetheless, whenever evaluation is part of the agenda, a tiny bit of nervousness is unavoidable.

Well, I did more than breathe a sigh of relief when we received the HLC report, which is now a public document. Here is an excerpt from their high praise:
“The types of preparation made for this very significant change are being made in tandem with other significant changes in general education programming, assessment processes, institutional research, faculty development and other key areas. Such deep and significant change with such a high level of quality control and in such a short timeframe is rare in higher education.”

What a gratifying validation of the work being done by so many people across campus. The General Education Task Force, chaired by Professor Ann Vendrely, deserves special mention. This group decided to Think Big. They planned a first-year program that reflects decades of research on student success. But they did not stop there. They created an exceptional general education plan that imbues students, in the words of our mission statement, “with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to succeed in a global society.”

The Lower Division Steering Committee, chaired by Dean Reinhold Hill, continues to do extraordinary work in planning and organization. The freshmen are coming, and we will be ready.

The HLC team encourages us to publish articles and to make presentations on our planning processes and on our program. We have already begun to do so. Please think about expanding your research agenda to take advantage of this distinctive opportunity. It is deeply satisfying to think that other universities will benefit from our thoughtful deliberations. It definitely takes an entire campus to prepare for such a Big Idea (a phrase that will figure significantly in my August 20 Convocation speech).
At GSU, in a great variety of ways, we are planning for Mission Forward (hint, another Convocation idea). Throughout the year, we will engage in more discussion and preparation. We are building something that will benefit our students for decades to come and sharing our innovative approaches with other colleges and universities.

I want to take a moment to thank everyone on this campus for contributing to Mission Forward. I am eagerly awaiting our next Big Idea. Our university was founded by people who looked both forward and upward. That proud heritage continues today through our collective efforts. Let’s resolve to continue the momentum.

Read the special Convocation 2013 edition of In Motion.

**Don’t Miss Convocation – August 20**

Students, faculty and staff are invited to Convocation 2013, on Tuesday, August 20, at 3 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts. President Elaine P. Maimon will deliver the State of the University address.

The event will also feature the naming of this year’s Excellence Award winners and the Baysore Award. Everyone is invited to enjoy ice cream treats before Convocation in the CPA Lobby.

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**Alt Cert Program Summer Success**

GSU’s Alternative Teacher Certification program and Dolton West Elementary School District 148 teamed up this summer to help more than 45 kindergarten through fourth grade students succeed in the Literacy Launch Summer Program.

With funding from the Teacher Quality Partnership Grant, the project
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provided 11 GSU alternative certification teachers to help the students benefit from this summer learning opportunity.

“This was a wonderful collaborative initiative that focused not only on improving student’s literacy skills, but also on improving the literacy instruction our recent Alternative Certification program graduates,” said Karen Peterson, GSU professor emeritus and co-director of the TQP grant.

**Gay Straight Alliance Welcome Reception**

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**A is for Audition**

Auditions for the GSU Fall production of *A... My Name Is Alice*, a musical revue conceived by Joan Micklin Silver and Julianne Boyd, will be held on September 7, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. or 6 to 7:30 p.m. To reserve an audition timeslot, sign up at room E1541D. Callbacks will be held on Tuesday, September 10, from 8 to 10 p.m.

*A... My Name Is Alice* is sophisticated, bawdy, funny and insightful. It consists of a series of songs and sketches portraying women of all ages and types in a variety of situations and relationships. Show dates are November 6 through 8, in the Center for Performing Arts.

The production is seeking women and men of different ages and types with skills in any combination of singing, acting and basic jazz and tap dancing. Auditioners should prepare 16 bars of a song (bring sheet music or sing a cappella), a one minute published or original monologue, and be prepared to move.

Auditions are open to students, staff, faculty and community members, both experienced and novice.

For more information, contact Dr. Patrick Santoro at 708.235.2842.

**GSU Fun Facts Contest Deadline Extended**

The deadline for the GSU Fun Facts Contest has been extended to give more people an opportunity to enter. Take those quirky facts, odd pieces of trivia, and gems of information about our campus, our traditions, our people, our history and enter to win the GSU Fun Facts Contest.

You could win two tickets to a Chicago baseball game. But wait, there’s more: We’ll give you credit for your Fun Fact on the new GSU website, now under development. Second and third place winners will also have
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their facts published on the new website, along with credit for their submission.

Winners will be judged on the fact’s

- Ability to make the judges laugh; or
- “Wow, who knew?” factor; or
- Power to differentiate GSU from all other universities in the region; or
- All of the above

All facts included in entries must be verifiable.

Email your submission to M.A. Rood at mrood@govst.edu no later than Wednesday, August 26. Winners will be announced on September 2 at a location inspired by the winning entry.

**Upgrade to Student Email Mailboxes**

Microsoft will be performing an upgrade of their servers from August 30 to September 2. Microsoft will be moving all GSU student email mailboxes from the current Live@edu infrastructure to its newer Office365 system.

The transition will include a new graphical interface. There will be no changes in functionality and your existing email messages will be moved over to the new system. During the upgrade timeframe you may see a brief disruption of no more than 5 minutes as your email messages are moved from one system to the other.

Also, if you are not already accessing the student email system through the MYGSU Portal, you must do so during and after the upgrade.

For complete details of the new system, refer to the documentation on the GSU website at http://www.govst.edu/its/t_its.aspx?id=2077.

Please contact the ITS Helpdesk should have any questions related to this upgrade at 708.534.4357. That’s 708.534.HELP.

**Federal Student Work-Study Employment Fair – August 26**

Getting a job on campus just got a whole lot easier. If you are eligible for Federal Work Study employment, then don't miss the Federal Student Work-Study Employment Fair, from 3 to 6 p.m., on August 26, in the Hall of Governors.

Representatives from departments all across the university will be on hand to take resumes and talk employment with eligible students.

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**From the Page to the Stage**
Step into the lives and works of classic and contemporary literary giants, like Edgar Allan Poe, Maya Angelou, or Brothers Grimm, in a class tailor-made for students interested in writing, reading and acting. Take TAPS 2252 Performance of Literature as an elective or as part of a minor in Theatre & Performance Studies, and perform a poem, a short story and a literary mash-up of your choice.

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**Submit Your Stories for the View**

What’s Your News?

Do you have a story or announcement you want to share with students, faculty and staff? Please send it in for inclusion in the GSU View and you will reach your audience – or at least the ones who read the GSU View.

We are interested in all stories reflecting what is happening at GSU. From student, faculty and staff achievements to meeting announcements to special programs and event scheduling, we want to hear from you and/or the on campus organization you represent. Off campus, non-GSU sponsored event announcements are not eligible for inclusion.

Submit all GSU View stories and announcements to GSUView@govst.edu. Put "View Story" in the subject line.

**Driver’s License Renewal at GSU**
The Secretary of State’s Mobile Service Unit will be at GSU on Tuesday, August 27, from 1 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Services available at the mobile service unit include driver’s license and State ID renewal, replacement, and corrections; vehicle sticker sales; passenger and b-truck license plates; vehicle title and registration; parking placards for persons with disabilities; and organ/tissue donor information. In addition, vision tests and the written driver’s license exam can be taken. No driving tests will be given.

The services provided are available to all qualified Illinois residents. State law allows driver’s license renewal up to one year in advance. Proper identification is required for new and duplicate driver’s licenses and state ID cards. Acceptable forms of payment include personal checks, cash, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit and debit cards.

For information, visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com).

**Poetry Slam – August 28**

Reconstructed, GSU’s online student literary magazine, is hosting a Poetry Slam on Wednesday, August 28, from 4 to 8 pm., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to walk-on if they want to read something. The only qualification is the desire to share creativity – either your own or someone else’s. No other qualifications necessary.

For more information, email reconstructed@govst.edu.

**Deadline Extended (08-12-13)**

Because everyone is so busy getting ready for the new semester, the Baysore Award Committee has extended the deadline for nominations to Wednesday, August 14, at 5 p.m.

Please use the extra time to consider someone you work with who best exemplifies the qualities of:
- absolute integrity
- total competence
- generous dedication
- unfailing civility

Nominate that person for this university honor.

Remember, Baysore nominations are due by midnight, August 14, to Penny Perdue.

**Dr. Cada named Dean of Graduate Studies**

GSU Provost Deborah Bordelon announced this week that Dr. Elizabeth Cada has been appointed the university’s Dean of Graduate Studies. Dr. Cada will continue to serve as Dean of the College of Health and Human Services.

Read [Provost Bordelon's full memo](#).
**Turkish Professors Spend Summer at GSU**

A group of 12 professors from Sakarya University spent their summer at GSU in an intensive program to build their English language skills and to immerse themselves in American culture.

Their learning experiences included trips to downtown Chicago to visit Navy Pier, museums, restaurants and view the city’s architecture from a riverboat. Also included in their summer itinerary were fireworks on July 4, dinners held at GSU faculty homes and a performance of HAIR at the Center for the Performing Arts. They waved goodbye to GSU on Saturday, August 10 after a farewell dinner at the home of President Maimon.

Pictured here are two of the professors visiting from Turkey: Murat Iskefiyeli, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Computer Engineering and Fatih Caliskan, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering.

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**Learn About Employing Students**

Employing students can help you and the student.

Learn the ins and outs of employing students through the Federal Work-Study program at an information session on August 14, from 2 to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The hiring process, student eligibility and expectations of the program will be discussed.

The information sessions are sponsored by the Office of Financial Aid and the Office of Career Services. To learn more about the session, call ext. 4480.

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**Webinar: Supporting Undocumented Students – August 14**

The Office of the Dean of Students invites those interested to participate in a webinar, *Supporting Student Success of Undocumented Students: Implications of Federal Policy for Student Affairs*, on Wednesday, August 14, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

This webinar is sponsored by NASPA, the leading association for student affairs professionals, and the National Forum on Higher Education for the Public Good at the University of Michigan. A panel of three presenters will address the fluid policy context facing institutions and student affairs professionals serving undocumented students, with a central focus on the political, legal and practical implications of the Department of Homeland Security’s Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Process (DACA), the DREAM Act provisions of the pending immigration bill, and insight regarding other pending policy actions.

RSVP to Lisa Carra.
Time to Laff Out Loud

It is time to laugh out loud as the GSU Student Senate presents *Laff Session*, an evening full of talented professional comedians, on Friday, August 30, at the Center for Performing Arts. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Showtime is at 7 p.m.

Featured performers include B Cole, a BET Comic View All Star who appeared on Def Comedy Jam; Brandon “Hot Sauce” Glover who has appeared on Comedy Central and in Chicago Just for Laughs Festival; Marc Henderson from the BET Comic View and Chicago Just for Laughs Festival; Da Wildcat who appeared in the BET Comic View, Chicago Commercial King, and BET’s Of Boys and Men; and Hozay.

Tickets are only $10 for students and $15 for everyone else. Tickets may be purchased on line at the Center for Performing Arts box office, [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net) or 708.235.2222.

Welcome Week Activities Abound

The new semester is full of many wonderful Welcome Week activities and lots of information and good times. It all starts on August 26.

Here is the schedule, so mark your calendars:

Monday, August 26

- ID Validation, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Hall of Governors
- Student Employment Fair, 3 to 6 p.m., HOG, sponsored by Career Services
- Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park *Pizza on the Terrace*, 4 to 6 p.m., balcony terrace adjacent to the ACS Lab
- Rock Band Video Competition, 4 to 8 p.m., Cafeteria Annex, sponsored by the Psychology Club

Tuesday, August 27

- ID Validation, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., HOG
- Secretary of State, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., HOG
- Student Resource Fair, noon to 6 p.m., HOG
- 103.5 KISS FM, 3 to 5 p.m., HOG
- LGBTQA Reception, 3 to 4 p.m., Cafeteria Annex

Wednesday, August 28

- ID Validation, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., HOG
- AT&T *It Can Wait Campaign*, noon to 6 p.m., HOG
- Rock Band Video Competition, 4 to 8 p.m., Cafeteria Annex, sponsored by the Psychology Club

Thursday, August 29

- ID Validation, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., HOG
- Campus Crawl, 3 to 6 p.m., University
- Rock Band Video Competition, 4 to 8 p.m., Cafeteria Annex, sponsored by the Psychology Club

Friday, August 30

- GSU LAFF Session Comedy Show - Popular comedians visit GSU,
Tuesday, September 3
- Food Pantry Opens, noon to 5 p.m., Building A—Student Commons
- Student Welcome Back Skate, 6 to 9 p.m., Rich City Roller Rink, sponsored by clubs and organizations

Wednesday, September 4
- Psychology Club Car Wash, 2 to 7 p.m. GSU Barn

Thursday, September 5
- Student Vendors Fair, noon to 6 p.m, HOG

Saturday, September 7
- Holistic Wellness Conference, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., on campus

Showcase Your Interest and Artistic Talent
GSU provides a glass display case in the B Wing Building corridor just outside the Hall of Governors for faculty, students, and staff that wish to display creative works and other items of interest.

A sign in sheet is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Contact Facilities Development & Management at ext. 4515 for more information.

Secretary of State Services at GSU – August 27
The Secretary of State’s Mobile Service Unit will be at GSU on Tuesday, August 27, from 1 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Services available at the mobile service unit include driver’s license and State ID renewal, replacement, and corrections; vehicle sticker sales; passenger and b-truck license plates; vehicle title and registration; parking placards for persons with disabilities; and organ/tissue donor information. In addition, vision tests and the written driver’s license exam can be taken. No driving tests will be given.

The services provided are available to all qualified Illinois residents. State law allows driver’s license renewal up to one year in advance. Proper identification is required for new and duplicate driver’s licenses and state ID cards. Acceptable forms of payment include personal checks, cash, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit and debit cards.

For information, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

Boys’ Behavior Workshops – September 8 & 9
The Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education and the Family Development Center are hosting a two-part program on boys’ behavior at home and at school.
This two-part program opens with a workshop for parents and families on Sunday, September 8, from 2 to 4 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts. The second day is a program for educators on Monday, September 9, from 8:30 a.m., to 3 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Learn real life answers and understandable and teachable objectives to successfully address the ‘why’ behind boys’ behavior in school and what schools and families can do to become more ‘boy-friendly. Both sessions will be presented by Dr. John Littlejohn, renowned educator and consultant on boys behavior in schools.

For more information or to register, call 708.534.4024.

Library Amnesty Week Results Are In!

A special thank you goes out to those who brought in their overdue items as well as their non-perishable food items during the Library’s first bi-annual Amnesty Week.

More than 21 pounds of food was collected and donated to the GSU Food Pantry.

"It was a very good first effort. We are planning the next Library Amnesty Week for next March," said Lydia Morrow Ruetten, GSU Library Dean.

Remember - you do not have to have a reason to donate non-perishable food items to the GSU Food Panty.

Call for Open Classes

To commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 to October 15 and LGBTQ History Month in October, professors are invited to open their classes to the rest of the GSU community by hosting an open class.

The subject of the open class should reflect the themes of the upcoming months. The theme of Hispanic Heritage Month is "Our time: A Strong America." "LGBT Pride from Past to Present" is the theme of LGBT History Month.

Open classes provide faculty with the opportunity to invite the wider Governors State University community to attend one of their own class meetings in which you might already address these (or related) topics. If you are planning a class during September in a topic relevant to the Hispanic/Latino experience and the many contributions to our history, culture and society, or related to LGBT contributions in October, please consider this option as a way in which you can add to the dialogue and university programming.

If you choose to participate, your course name, class title, short abstract, and meeting and class times will be listed in the program calendars. If classroom space is a concern, Student Life will manage an RSVP process for those interested in attending your class. If you would like to submit one or more open classes for our calendar of events, please complete the simple online form by August 28, 2013.
View the online form.

For more information, please contact Vanessa Newby, Director of Student Life for Wellness and Diversity.

**MOT Student Success**

Congratulations to five Master of Occupational Therapy student groups who recently presented their research project findings at GSU. In a first-ever occurrence, each of the student groups’ posters has been accepted for presentation at the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, scheduled for October 24 to 26, in Peoria.

“To have each of the presentations accepted for the state conference is quite an accomplishment,” according to Dr. Catherine Brady, Interim Occupational Therapy Department Chair and Associate Professor, “since each poster underwent a rigorous jury process.”

Addressing the students just prior to their presentations, College of Health and Human Services Dean Elizabeth Cada, an occupational therapist herself, expressed admiration for the students. “As OTs, we can benefit others by empowering them with our information, helping them come to new solutions, better solutions. ... You have a lot to offer.”

The five research projects and their student presenters are:

- **Early Childhood Educators’ Perceptions of Children with Sensory Processing Dysfunction within Classroom Settings**, presented by Melanie Cabeen, Nicole Copalello, Carla Foreman, Matt Medley, Brandon Onuselogu and Kelly Picken
- **Parents’ Ability to Generate Strategies to Facilitate Participation in Home and Community Activities in Children with Disabilities**, presented by Erin Haenig, Holly Moloney, Lindsey Shinnick, Amanda Suenkens and Alicia Tuuk
- **NBCOT Exam Study Strategies Used by Recent MOT Graduates**, presented by Bria Mays, Abby Sprague, Meghan Quinn, Christine Malmer and Loren Buckley
- **Perceptions of Cultural Competency Among Students in the College of Health and Human Services**, presented by Laura Beck, Michele Blidy, Tiffani Grant and Sara Smit
- **Occupational Therapy Faculty Perceptions of Active Student Participation within the Classroom Context**, presented by Joe Beck, Catherine Estrada, Bernadette Okrasinski and Logan Savage

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**Announcing the GSU Fun Facts Contest (08-05-13)**

Do you know something fascinating about GSU that almost no one else knows? Are you the keeper of a quirky piece of trivia about our campus, our traditions, our people, our history?

If so, you could be the winner of the first annual GSU Fun Facts Contest. You’ll win two tickets to a Chicago baseball game. But wait, there’s more: We’ll give you credit for your Fun Fact on the new GSU website, now under development. Second and third place winners will...
also have their facts published on the new website, along with credit for their submission.

Winners will be judged on:

- Ability to make the judges laugh or
- “Wow, who knew?” factor or
- And the power to differentiate GSU from all other universities in the region or
- All of the above

All facts included in entries must be verifiable.

Email your submission to M.A. Rood at mrood@govst.edu no later than Wednesday, August 15. Winners will be announced on September 2 at a location inspired by the winning entry.

**Normal Working Hours Resume - August 5**

While the weather may still feel like summer, the university has resumed our normal work hours after eight weeks of the summer hours schedule. All employees who participated in the Summer Hours Program should return to their normal work hours today, August 5.

If you have any questions, please contact Human Resources at extension 4100.

**Graduation Applications Available Online**

The Fall 2013 Graduation Application is available online at the Registrar’s Office website.

Students who will complete degree requirements this fall must complete the graduation application in order to earn their degree.

An application must be completed for every degree a student earns.

Students who are unsure if they are eligible to graduate this fall should consult with their academic advisor before completing the graduation application.

The deadline to submit a Fall 2013 Graduation Application is September 6, 2013. A $50 non-refundable processing fee will be applied to a student’s account for every graduation application.

View the application.

**MOT Research Day - August 7**

The GSU community is invited to attend the Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) Research Day on Wednesday, August 7, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. The event is sponsored by MOT students working in partnership with OT faculty.

MOT students will present findings from their research projects during a poster presentation.
The program will begin at 11 a.m. with a welcome address from Dr. Catherine Brady, Interim Chair of the Occupational Therapy Department. Dr. Beth Cada, Dean of CHHS, will present the keynote address.

Occupational Therapy practitioners can earn up to two CEUs for attending this event.

**Baysore Award Nominations Due August 12**

Students, faculty and staff are invited to Convocation 2013, on Tuesday, August 20, at 3 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts. President Elaine P. Maimon will deliver the *State of the University* address. The event will also feature the naming of this year’s Excellence Award winners and the Baysore Award.

The Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Award is presented to the GSU employee who most fully demonstrates the following four qualities

- absolute integrity
- total competence
- generous dedication
- unfailing civility

Nominations for the Baysore Award must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, August 12, in order to be considered. This award is given only when a candidate meets the strict qualifications as listed above. Nominators are encouraged to devote special time and attention to their written nominations. The length of the nomination is not as important as the quality, but enough information should be included so the committee can make an informed decision.

Submit written nominations to Penny Perdue in G334.

**Undocumented Student Success Webinar- August 14**

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RSVP to Lisa Carra by Monday, August 12.

**August Menu and Coupons Online**

Check out the Food Service website for its calendar of daily hot entrees and two dining service coupons that are valid during the month of August.
### Illinois International Trade Center Receives Export Award

At a reception on July 31, at the Union League Club of Chicago, Governor Quinn presented the State of Illinois "2013 Governor's Export Award" for Export Awareness and Development to Mary Ma, Director of the Illinois International Trade Center at GSU. In congratulating the award recipients, the Governor praised the efforts of the honorees as "proof that globalization brings with it well-paying jobs, economic growth and cultural exchange; all of which are necessary for Illinois to continue to grow and lead in the 21st century".

"It's quite an honor that the International Trade Center at Governors State University, under the leadership of Mary, has received this recognition from Governor Quinn. Mary and several of our trade center clients have been recognized nationally and internationally for their contribution to increasing U.S. and Illinois exports” said Priscilla Cordero, Director of the Illinois Small Business Development Center at GSU.

Two International Trade Center at GSU clients were also honored by Governor Quinn as "Exporter of the Year": Transco Products, Inc. of Chicago and Automated Design Corporation of Romeoville. Transco's products and services are used at over 160 nuclear power plants worldwide. Automatic Design Corporation is a world leader in designing and manufacturing sports research and development testing equipment.

The Illinois International Trade Center at GSU was established in 2011 as part of the National Export initiative with the purpose of providing trade assistance and resources to Illinois exporters. In the past two and a half years, the ITC at Governors State University has served more than 150 clients with export sales of $3.5 billion and has helped companies create 115 new jobs and retain 422 jobs.

### “A... My Name Is Alice” Auditions - September 7

Auditions for the GSU Fall production of “A... My Name Is Alice,” is a musical revue conceived by Joan Micklin Silver and Julianne Boyd, will be held on September 7, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. or 6 to 7:30 p.m. To reserve an audition timeslot, sign up at room E1541D. Callbacks will be held on Tuesday, September 10, from 8 to 10 p.m.

“A... My Name Is Alice,” is sophisticated, bawdy, funny and insightful. It consists of a series of songs and sketches portraying women of all ages and types in a variety of situations and relationships. The show dates are November 6 through 8, in the Center for Performing Arts.

The production is looking for women and men of different ages and types with skills in any combination of singing, acting and basic jazz and tap dancing. Auditioners should prepare 16 bars of a song (bring sheet music or sing a capella), a 1-minute published or original monologue, and be prepared to move.

Auditions are open to students, staff, faculty and community members, both experienced and novice.

For more information, contact Dr. Patrick Santoro at psantoro@govst.edu or 708.235.2842.
Redeploy Illinois Recognized

In a recent report by the National Juvenile Justice Network and Texas Public Policy Foundation, Illinois was named one of the “Comeback States” for reducing the rate of juvenile incarceration based on the juvenile justice reform initiative – Redeploy Illinois.

Dr. James “Chip” Coldren, Director of OSPR and Professor of Criminal Justice, worked on the original policy and legislation, and has served as the evaluation expert for the Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board for the past eight years.

According to the report, the number of youth confined in public facilities in Illinois decreased from 3,003 in 2001 to 1,949 in 2010, a 35 percent decline. The establishment of Redeploy Illinois was cited as the “milestone moment and cornerstone of Illinois’ leadership in reducing youth incarceration.” Redeploy Illinois uses a phased realignment between state and county funding for juvenile justice to reduce incarceration of low-risk youth and enhance the use of community based alternatives for those youth.