News and Events

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 Baysoire Award. Everyone is invited to enjoy ice cream treats before Convocation in the CPA Lobby.

Revised 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.

KISS FM College Tour Comes to GSU

Start the new semester with the KISS FM College Tour on August 27, from 2 to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

KISS FM is helping us welcome the Fall term with a live DJ spinning today’s hottest music, great give-a-ways, games, and contests and the chance to apply for Clear Channel Media and Entertainment internships.

This is the first time GSU has been on the KISS FM College Tour. Come out to the Hall of Governors on August 27 and have some fun with the KISS FM Street Team and enjoy the music and good times.

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 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**

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.

**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 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.

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**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.


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

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**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.
New Courses in Performance Studies THIS FALL!

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.

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.

TAPS 2252 Performance of Literature meets Thursdays, 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!

ART 8820 Art Seminar meets Thursdays, from 7:30 to 10:20 p.m. The course is taught by Jeff Stevenson who also curates the on campus Visual Arts Gallery. For more information, email Jeff Stevenson.

Dance for Musical Theatre

What could be better than learning a range of musical theatre styles used in Broadway musicals and getting super fit in the process? You also get 3 credit hours for it! Take TAPS 4090/6090 Dance for Musical Theatre as an elective or as part of a minor in Theatre & Performance Studies.

This course is designed for the beginning-intermediate level dancer. It is taught by Megan Lindsay who currently teaches ballet, jazz, modern dance and tap at Indiana University Northwest where she serves as resident choreographer.

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

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.