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President Maimon Welcomes Fall 2013 Students

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.”

Bonnie Gregg
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.”

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.

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 renewed 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.”

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
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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
- 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, 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

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

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
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Get Renewed
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).

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](http://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/.

Yellow Ribbons will be provided for anyone who participates. The veterans Resource Center is located 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](http://www.govst.edu/golfouting).

If you’re not a golfer, but would like to donate to GSU Promise, [click here](http://www.govst.edu/golfouting).

**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](http://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
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!

This course, ART 8820 Art Seminar, meets Thursdays, from 7:30 to 10:20 p.m. 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 and 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.

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.