Last Thursday night, GSU showed Chicago what an illuminated university looks like. ‘Illumination’ was the theme for the night as The Chicago Tribune brought its radio show, Chicago Live! to electrifying life on stage at our very own Center for Performing Arts.

An enthusiastic crowd sat mesmerized as host Rick Kogan interviewed editors and newsmakers with his characteristic wit. Guests included Tribune’s Watchdog Editor, George Papajohn; outspoken WGN radio hosts Kathy O’Malley and Judy Markey; Broadway parody act Team StarKid; blues icon Otis Clay; the Second City Comedy Troupe and world-renowned glassmaker and honorary GSU degree recipient Charles Lotton.

In fact, Mr. Kogan said, “Hands down.....the largest crowd we have ever had for any Chicago Live! show.” That’s right. History was made here; a fitting accomplishment in a year when GSU is undergoing a renaissance and about to make history welcoming its first freshman class.

At a pre-performance reception, benefiting the GSU Promise scholarship fund, Dr. Maimon eloquently shared her thoughts about the evening, “A great university and a great newspaper have something in common. They both illuminate truth and educate citizens. We are so pleased to be partnering with The Chicago Tribune on Chicago Live! for the second time, and when you do something twice it’s a tradition. So, we’ll just plan on welcoming them back every year.” All in attendance cheered at the idea, and as they say history has a way of repeating itself.
The ‘illumination’ theme continued in the Center for Performing Arts’ lobby, where for the first time, a one-of-a-kind glass chandelier and accompanying shades, created and donated by Charles Lotton, was lit in front of a crowd of over one hundred people.

The evening, while entertaining, also provided a rare education opportunity for students who were given special writing assignments, and whose work may be chosen to be published in The Chicago Tribune.

If you missed it, check out photos from the night at https://www.facebook.com/govstate.

**First B Ball at GSU – A Winner!**

On Friday, November 15, the first intercollegiate basketball game played at GSU put one in the “W” column for our club basketball team. The nearly 120 spectators in attendance, full of GSU pride, witnessed a special night as GSU beat Judson University in an exhibition game.

The newly formed GSU club team, undersized, undercoached and unknown through much of the university community, pulled off what can only be described as a classic upset.

GSU was down by one point with only thirteen seconds remaining on the game clock. With a timeout, GSU club team captain Alex Bennett gave final instructions to his team. Judson's coaches were heard aggressively telling their team, "Every white shirt on that court, you stick 'em tight."

94 feet of court, 10 feet of height and 13 seconds of time stood between victory and defeat. Under tight defensive pressure GSU moved the ball up the court. GSU forward Brandon Onuselogu took the pass, faked a long shot, pulled the ball down and drove all the way to the net and laid the ball in. The GSU crowd went wild.

With four seconds left Judson pushed the ball down the court as fast as they could. As the clock hit 1 second, Judson's guard attempted a half court buzzer-beater. The crowd was silent as the ball arched through the air. Finally the ball struck the front of the rim and bounced harmlessly away. Sound returned once again to the GSU gymnasium - the sound of celebration.

**Final Score:**
Get Your W-2 Online

As tax season approaches, you can streamline your personal tax process by signing up for an electronic W-2 form. Financial Services is offering GSU employees the option to update their employee profile through GSU’s online portal to consent to receiving an electronic W-2. Signing up for the service allows all employees to access, view, and print their W-2 forms.

If you have already gave consent, there is no need to take any action.

For instructions on how to sign up, view the memo.

Happy Holidays – GSU Style

The GSU Board of Trustees and President Elaine P. Maimon invite all faculty and staff to celebrate the season at a holiday reception. The festivities will be on Friday, December 6, from noon to 2 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

RSVP to Penny Perdue at 708.534.6364 or pperdue@govst.edu.

Why Not? Awarded and Cake Enjoyed

This semester’s Why Not? Contest winner, Dr. Stephen Wagner, Assistant Professor of Management, received a certificate of appreciation and a $100 award for his student-centered idea to improve GSU at a ceremony and luncheon hosted by President Maimon in the GSU cafeteria. To add to the celebration, cake was served to everyone tempted to enjoy it.

In her remarks, Dr. Maimon encouraged everyone to submit ideas to the Why Not? contest and possibly see their good idea turn into $100 for them and an improvement at GSU. Dr. Wagner suggested that the Office of Financial Aid revise its policy in order to award financial aid to graduate students taking three or more credits during summer sessions. The Office of Financial Aid is planning to implement Dr. Wagner's winning suggestion.
**Bookstore Appreciates Faculty and Staff**

The GSU Bookstore wants to say, “thank you.” Faculty and staff are invited to the Annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation Event on November 20, beginning at 11 a.m. There will be refreshments and a 20 percent discount on select merchandise. Mark your calendar! No need to RSVP, just drop by.

**Turkey Time**

Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal on the menu at the GSU Cafeteria on Thursday, November 21. The Food Service team will be serving all the traditional holiday fixings and encourages you to enjoy lunch in the cafeteria.

**Art Market Day – November 21**

Art Forum, a GSU student organization, is hosting Art Market Day on Thursday November 21, 9 a.m. to – 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. GSU art students will their artwork available for sale.

This is a great opportunity to browse for a few gifts for the upcoming season and support the GSU’s student artists.

**Veterans Writing Group Presentation**

The GSU Veterans Writing Group presented their stories at an oral reading and reception recently. Veterans from WWII, Vietnam and the Gulf War shared the stories they produced during the writing workshops. "Hell on Wheels," a short documentary on a WWII veteran and his armored tank division was also screened. The documentary was filmed, produced and edited by Robin Thompson, English faculty and Veterans Writing Group coordinator.

Presenters included Larry Szulczewski, Timothy Nelson, Dick Gilbert and Bural Wilkerson.

The Veterans Writing Groups was supported by a grant from Intellectual Life Committee. Veterans interested in participating in future writing workshops should contact Robin Thompson at rthompson@govst.edu or 708.534.4581.
Support Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

The GSU Center for Civic Engagement is sponsoring special activities during National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, November 18 through 24.

On November 18, the Center will host the Hunger Banquet, at 6 p.m. in E-Lounge, during which the scope and scale of global hunger will be discussed. RSVP is required. Call 708.235.7454.

At the Civic Engagement Workshop on November 19, from noon to 1 p.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. in A2110, you can learn about hunger, homelessness and the roles of the GSU Community Service Council and Program Council. Lunch at noon and refreshments at 3 p.m. will be served. RSVP is recommended. Call 708.235.7454.

On November 20, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., a visual display in the Cafeteria Annex will examine the problems and causes of food waste.

The Academy Award-winning short documentary *Inocente* will be screened and a discussion will follow on November 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. in F1622.

The GSU Student Food Pantry will be open for Thanksgiving food pick-up on November 22.

GSU will participate with the Parks and Recreation Department of University Park in a day of service on November 23 from 8:30 am. to 4 p.m. at Riegel Farm. To participate, call 708.235.7454.

Colleague Users Group – November 20

The next meeting of the Colleague Users Group is Wednesday, November 20, at 2 p.m., in Classroom B1240.

The forum will include a presentation by Bonnie Simpson, Assistant to the Registrar, and Colleen Rock, Provost’s Office Director, Academic & Tech Support Services titled Waitlisting: Everything You Want to Know. And Linda Buyer, Interim Director of Institutional Research & Effectiveness, will present a Tip of the Month titled There’s More (and Less) to Pivot Tables Than You Think....

CUG provides a monthly forum for GSU community members to share and discuss their experiences using the system. Membership in CUG is open to all faculty and staff.

Contact the Colleague Project Office with any questions about the meeting.
**Family Development Center Now Enrolling!**

The Family Development Center, with programs for children of all ages, is currently enrolling for half day preschool. Preschool serves children age 3-5 in morning or afternoon sessions. Half day sessions are free! Contact us today and your child could start in a high quality NAEYC accredited preschool as early as next week.

Do you need full time child care? We have a few openings for preschool childcare. This program has preschool in the morning, lunch and a nap and childcare in the afternoon. Childcare payments apply.

Your child isn’t old enough for preschool? We have full time childcare in our Early Head Start childcare program for children age six weeks to three years old. If full time childcare isn’t needed, but you want help with parenting questions and support, we can provide home based services to you and your child.

For the pregnant woman, we have a free prenatal program to provide support and education so you have a healthy baby. The best thing with the prenatal program – your child is guaranteed a spot in full time childcare after the birth in time for you to go back to work or school.

Call 708.235.7300 for more information.

**Managing the Supply Chain**

GSU APICS Club is sponsoring a special presentation by Richard Gendon, 2011 Chicago Area Business Leader of the Year by Northeastern University’s College of Business and Management. The presentation, “Supply Chain/Manufacturing Management Processes and Practices,” is on Thursday, November 21, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Gendon has extensive experience in Supply Chain Management and is currently on the Board of Directors of APICS-Chicago. He also serves on the advisory boards of several colleges and universities.

This event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the GSU APICS Club. The Association for Operations Management is a professional association for anyone interested in management of resources, operations and supply chain management. For more information, contact club president Laura Burke at lburke@student.govst.edu.

**History Comes Alive at GSU**

Watch history come alive when Chicago icons Robert McCormick and
Daniel Burnham, anti-slavery champion Harriet Tubman and Abigail Adams from the time of the Continental Congress pay a visit to GSU on Wednesday, November 20, from 7 to 8:15 p.m. in the Green Room, behind the Box Office of the Center for Performing Art. Doors open at 6:30 and snacks from historical American eras will be available.

Teacher candidates Krissy Kloc, Jennie Ryan, Emily Tschiggfrie and Max Baldermann, from GSU’s elementary and middle school education program, will present their award-winning portrayals of these historic characters. The program host will be their social studies methods instructor, Dr. Dan Hechenberger.

The History Alive program is free and open to the public. It is appropriate for GSU students, as well as for families with children in fourth grade and older.

In Teaching Social Studies in Elementary Education, teacher candidates each prepare a 10-minute History Alive presentation for peers based on a person from a period in American history. The presentation must include a question and answer section, both in character and out-of-character. The presenter is assessed by the instructor and receives feedback sheets directly from class peers that focus on strengths and areas to strengthen.

Teacher candidates also research, prepare and share a food from their time period with their classmates. The snacks available during the History Alive Awards Night program are examples of almost all of the foods presented during class this semester.

**ISBD Host Boot Camp**

The Illinois Small Business Development Center at GSU hosted its 11th Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp on November 13. The full-day event included seminars on business planning, international trade, financing options, the Affordable Care Act, social media marketing and certifications for government contracting.

"We have an initiative to work with veteran-owned businesses and make sure they have access to the resources we provide", said SBDC Director Priscilla Cordero. "Veteran-owned businesses make up nine percent of small businesses in the U.S employing more than 6 million people."

Over 150 veterans registered for the seminar and more than 1,200 veterans have been served through the boot camps.
In his keynote address, State Senator Michael Hastings, a veteran and West Point graduate, stated “The Illinois SBDC at Governors State University is a great resource for veterans looking to start or develop a business. Veterans need to be aware of the free resources available to them.”

**Diversifying Faculty in Illinois – Grant Program**

Information sessions for the DFI grant program will be held Thursday, November 21, at 3:30 p.m. and Monday, November 25, 3:30 p.m., in A2110. If you are currently enrolled in a doctoral or masters’ program and would like to apply for the program, attend one of the information sessions to receive information on the application process.

The goal of DFI is to increase the number of minority full-time tenure track faculty and staff at Illinois’ two- and four-year, public and private colleges and universities. Applicants must be admitted to a master’s or doctoral program at a participating institution at the time of application; and, if awarded, enroll as a full-time student as defined by the institution.

For additional information email ssanderson@govst.edu.

**2013 GSU Idol Winner**

GSU has a new Idol winner! In the recent GSU Idol contest, Allen Patricia Britten sang the Donnie Hathaway classic *A Song For You*, and clinched the title.

Britten is a native Chicagoan and the sixth of ten children. She began singing at the age of nine, and landed her first solo recording with Calvin Bridges and the Faith Tabernacle Choir at 19. In subsequent years, she began singing background with major recording artists and touring with BET’s Host, Dr. Bobby Jones and his choir “Nashville.”

She is currently pursuing her Masters in English and Secondary Education at GSU. While Britten is a published author, and devotes much of her time to writing, she has an equal passion for singing and exemplifies both musical and writing skills through her stage plays.

**Spring Grantees Announced**

The Intellectual Life Committee is pleased to announce the seven recipients of Spring 2014 grants:

- Ben Almassi, 2014 Gender Matters Conference: “Embodying Praxis,
Engaging Solutions,” Keynote Address by Former United States Surgeon General Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders

- David Golland, 2014 Civil Rights Act Commemoration Film Series
- Katherine Haan, Not My Life: International Women’s Day Celebration
- Caron Jacobson, Productivity and Citizenship: Expressions of Life after Prison
- Larry S. Levinson, Student Mini-Conference in Commemoration of Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Asabi Yakini, An Evening with Governors State University African-American Researchers

The Intellectual Life Grants fund up to $500 for events taking place between January 21 and May 11, 2014 that promote and increase awareness of the arts, humanities and other intellectual topics of universal interest. Please be on the lookout for events related to these grants that might include lecture series, faculty research salons, workshops, panel discussions, film screenings, exhibits, presentations in local communities and field trips.

Members of the Intellectual Life Committee are: Catherine Brady, Melanie Ellexson, Elizabeth Johnson, Sang, Lee, Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Daniel Nearing, David Rhea and Patricia Robey.

“We would like to thank everyone who applied for a spring 2014 grant, and look forward to a variety of events and programing this spring,” offered committee chair Morrow Ruetten. For more information about the Intellectual Life Committee, please contact her at lruetten@govst.edu.

**GSU Remembers**

The GSU Student Veterans of America and the Veterans Resource Center recently hosted a Missing Soldier brunch to honor and remember those members of the armed services who remain missing with a Table of Remembrance. The small table is set for one with objects that represent the courage of the missing service personnel and the determination of those remaining to remember and honor them.

GSU student Risa Stegall, Vice President of the VSA, read the meaning of each item on the table and led a toast in the memory of the missing. Special guest at the event was Thomas Deegan, Department of Veterans Affairs Housing Services.
Get the Kids in the Swim at GSU

Winter is the perfect time for children to learn how to swim, master an important skill and have fun in the water.

The GSU Recreation and Fitness Center Youth Swim Program is open to children 5 to 17 years old. Participants receive 12 sessions of swim instruction. Classes begin on Saturday, January 21, from 11 to 11:40 a.m. Parental presence poolside during swim times and a waiver signed by a parent or guardian are required.

Registration for current GSU students and their children, (17 yrs. and under) is from December 1 to 14, 2013. Open registration is from December 15, 2013 to January 18, 2014. The fee is $20 for the children of GSU students, $25 for the children of Recreation and Fitness Center members and $60 for non-members.

Limited space is available. Contact the Recreation and Fitness Center today at 708.534.4556.

Perfect Gift Sale from the Friends – December 5

Looking for that special holiday plant or gift? Be sure to mark your calendars for the Friends of the Library holiday sale on December 5, form 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Plants will range in price from $3 to $10. There will be a variety of gift baskets that will make wonderful gifts, and there will be a silent auction for a number of pieces of artwork. If you like chocolate truffles, you are sure to find some sweet deals!

The location will be announced soon. Be sure to put the Friends sale on your calendar.