News and Events

Crossing the Finish Line

Congratulations WRIG and Sub Committee team members. Through your hard work and collective efforts, collaboration and persistence we have reached a very important and significant milestone—as of Friday close of business with very few exceptions the majority of the content has been loaded onto the webdev.govst.edu site.

By Wednesday close of business, the marketing and ITS team will continue to review the uploaded content for:
- Cohesion/consistency
- Tone
- AP style
- Grammar and sentence structure
- Punctuation
- Link connections
- Accuracy
- Timeliness
- Processing functions
- Other elements to ensure optimal user experience

The final site will be released one week from today, December 20, 2013—until the release date, the current site will remain active. If you have any questions about the project or your pages before the site is released, please do not hesitate to contact Rhonda Brown at rbrown11@govst.edu.

Again we thank you all for your leadership and hard work. Everyone has done an outstanding job creating content for the new website; its completion represents yet another component GSU’s comprehensive transformation and preparation for the fall of 2014.
Holiday Closure

The university will be closed for the holiday break from 5 pm on December 23 through January 1. During this time, access to campus will be limited.

If you need access to campus for any reason you must sign in at the Department of Public Safety, C-1375.

Faculty and staff are asked to clean out refrigerators by Friday, December 20 so that there is time to empty trashcans.

For additional information, contact the Department of Public Safety at ext. 4900.

Apply to live at Prairie Place – You Could Win a Flat Screen TV

Submit your Prairie Place housing application by January 31 and you will be eligible to win a 32 inch flat screen TV. The drawing for the TV is open only to current students who also move into their new on campus home in August. Incoming freshman and transfer students living in the new student residences are not eligible, so the odds are in your favor.

The flat screen TV is our way of saying thanks to all the current students and encouraging early submission of housing applications. Remember room assignments are made on the first come first served basis so your early application also gives you the best chance to get the room type you want. Remember there only 290 spots in the new Prairie Place Residence, opening in August 2014.

Holiday Shopping Made Easy, Tickets Make Great Gifts

Is there someone on your shopping list who has everything? This holiday, give them an experience they’ll never forget.


It’s all at the Center for Performing Arts this coming spring. Visit www.centertickets.net or call 708.235.2222 for schedule and show details. Don’t forget to ask about special prices for students, faculty and staff.
**Knit Hats On Sale**

For only $10, you can give a gift that keeps the receiver warm during the cold winter months and supports a student scholarship. Handmade knit hats can be made to order with a variety of color options and lettering choices (GSU, Cubs, Sox, Bulls, Hawks, no-lettering, etc.). Each hat is only $10 and, depending on the number of orders received, will be ready before the holidays.

The entire fee goes to support the Alumni Association scholarship named in honor of former GSU employee Rosemary Hulett. Contact Cheri Garey at cgarey@govst.edu or 708.534.7892 or visit room D34070.

**GSU Café – Three Course Meal Special**

The GSU Café is offering a three--course meal for $5 (drink not included) December 16 through 18. Enjoy soup or salad, a main entrée and a dessert for only $5! All other food stations will be closed on these days.

**Café Semester & Holiday Closure**

The GSU Café will be closed beginning Thursday, December 19. The Café will reopen on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 8 am.

**Graduation Application – Due by February 7**

2014 Spring and Summer graduation applications are now available online at the Registrar’s Office website.

The deadline to submit an application to graduate is February 7, 2014.

Students need to submit an application in order to receive their degree. There is a $50 non-refundable processing fee for each application submitted.

Students who are not sure if they should submit an application to graduate should check with their academic advisor.
Registration Reminders

GSU does not automatically drop students for non-attendance.

Withdrawal dates vary by class and will be published on the student’s schedule online.

Check your GSU email regularly as this is how most university offices and departments communicate with you.

Change in Drop Policy

GSU has recently revised its policy regarding drop for non-payment. In the past, there were two drop periods for non-payment. The first was approximately one month before the start of a term. The second was during the first week of a term.

Effective for the Spring 2014 semester, GSU will only have only one period for drop for non-payment.

For the Spring semester, that drop period occurred in early December. There will not be a drop period in January as published on the academic calendar.

It is the student’s responsibility to drop classes within the published deadlines listed on your course schedule in the myGSU portal.

Questions concerning this change should be directed to the staff in the Registrar’s Office or the Financial Services Office.

GSU myONECARD is Coming!

The GSU myONECARD is the official identification card of GSU. It is issued to all members of the university community and is required for identification and access to the resources of the Library and the Recreation and Fitness Center as well as for access to student only activities.

GSU will begin to issue the new myONECARD to students registered for the spring 2014 semester when we reopen in January 2014.

A picture ID will be necessary to obtain your new GSU myONECARD. To get your GSU myONECARD you must present one form of identification from the following list. All proofs of identify must be current, not expired, and include a recognizable photo of you.
- State-issued driver’s license
- State issued identification card
- U.S. passport
- Foreign passport
- U.S. military ID

Students should plan to have their pictures taken for the new myONECARD at Student Central (D building, Main Entrance) or at the office of Auxiliary Services & University Housing (C1330) on the following dates and times:

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To keep the ID making process moving quickly you will have your picture taken and then return later to pick up your new myONECARD.

GSU faculty and staff will be able to have their pictures taken for the new GSU myONECARD starting February 3.

Additional information about the myONECARD will be available on the myONECARD website: www.govst.edu/onecard.

**Tax Season is Just Around the Corner**

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 already gave consent, there is no need to take action.

For instructions on how to sign up, [view the memo](#).
**Friends of the Library Big Blow Out Sale**

Looking for last minute gifts?

The Friends of the Library still have some great small gifts and plants that make perfect holiday presents. Go to C2110, (second floor, C wing), on Tuesday, December 17, from noon to 1 p.m., to find the ideal last minute gift and support the worthy work of the Friends while you are at it.

It’s a sale you can’t pass up.

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**Dr. Lucianne Brown Receives Volunteer Service Award**

Dr. Lucianne Brown, CE Faculty and Director of the Teaching with Primary Sources program at GSU received the President Obama’s Volunteer Service Award for her hours of dedication as President of the International Society of Technology in Education Special Interest Group of Computer Teachers.

The award was presented at the opening ceremonies at ISTE 2013 in San Antonio, where Dr. Brown also was lead presenter with her TPS-GSU Training Team and their middle school students from Manteno and Frankfort. They presented Hungry for Games? Use Primary Sources from the Library of Congress with the Mobile App ARIS from the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Brown was appointed Editor for the Journal of Computing Teachers a peer reviewed online journal that invites research articles on Computational Thinking and Technology innovations in K-16 classrooms and graduate researchers. The deadline to submit a paper for the summer edition is February 21, 2014. For more information, go to the journal website.

The TPS-GSU program from the Library of Congress is offering EDUC 7212 tuition free for the first 20 participants who register for the spring, Go to http://tps.govst.edu to register. If you need more assistance, contact email lbrown3@govst.edu or call Lynn Johnson, TPS-GSU Project Manager at ext. 7577.
**Steve Hyzny Named Technical Editor**

University Lecturer Steve Hyzny has been chosen to be the technical editor for Principles of Computer Security CompTIA Security+ and Beyond Lab Manual by McGraw-Hill.

Hyzny teaches courses in the new Information Technology degree program offered at GSU and is the adviser for the program. His extensive background in the field and technical certifications met the requirements to edit the manual. He is a Subject Matter Expert for CompTIA and has written test questions for the industry certification tests.

In the past he was technical editor for Wiley's CompTIA A+ Complete Study Guide: Exams 220-701 (Essentials) and 220-702 (Practical Application), 2009. Some of his certifications include: CompTIA's Advanced Security Practitioner, Security+, A+ hardware, Network+ and Project+ certifications. He is also certified by Novell®, Microsoft® and Cisco®.

**GSU Students Heard Hero of the Year**

GSU students attending the SMHEC Student Sustainability Conference in April had the opportunity to hear keynote speaker Chad Pregracke. Pregracke was recently named the CNN Hero of the Year.

Pregracke’s organization, Living Lands and Waters, is dedicated to cleaning up the nation’s rivers and streams, and has educated and mobilized more than 70,000 volunteers to help.

At the SMHEC Student Sustainability Conference, Pregracke’s keynote used his own story to urge students to find their passion and persevere as they meet obstacles along the way.

**PechaKucha Nights 2014**

PechaKucha 20 x 20 is a presentation format that brings creative people together to talk about anything and everything that inspires them. Showing only 20 images, each for 20 seconds, you can present your ideas to an audience of engaged listeners.

PechaKucha Nights continue in the New Year on January 29, February 26, March 26 and April 30, from 6 to 7 p.m., in E-Lounge. There are presentation slots still open in February and March. Sign up to do a presentation at [www.govst.edu/diversity](http://www.govst.edu/diversity).

Visit [www.pechakucha.org](http://www.pechakucha.org) to see examples of presentation topics. Sponsored by the Student Coalition for Diversity and Social Justice and the Visual Arts Gallery.
Planning has begun for the Mini Relay For Life of GSU and volunteers and participants are needed. The theme of the event is March Madness. It will take place on April 5, from 2 to 10 pm, in the Recreation and Fitness Center gymnasium. The event planning committee will meet on January 9, at 10 pm in Student Life.

The kick off for the event will be during Welcome Week on Thursday, January 23 with door prizes, giveaways and lots of fun. Teams and individuals are needed to walk to raise money for the American Cancer Society. During the relay and volunteers will be needed to help promote and coordinate the event.

For more information and to join the planning committee, email Doria Scott at dscott2@student.govst.edu. To learn more about the relay or to register your team, visit www.relayforlife.org/gsuil.