Who had too much fun? Della did!

“Had too much fun at governors state BBQ #GSUTweetUp #new2gsu.”

Fun and a collaborative spirit were all the rage on July 24 and 28 at the first GSU Tweet Up. Colleagues from all corners of the GSU landscape joined forces to create two welcome events for new students and guests. Dave & Buster’s was the meeting point for the first of two Summer TweetUp events. New FC14 students invited friends and family considering college choice options for fall or spring. All were treated to dinner, arcade games and prizes. The grand prize, won by a new student, was a pair of tickets to the Jay-Z and Beyoncé concert at Soldier Field donated by Comcast. Nearly 100 students and guests packed the noisy party room that was filled with conversations, tickets earned in the D & B arcade and staff conversations with potential new GSU students and Prairie Place residents.

The second event was on Monday night in the GSU E-Lounge. Nearly 150 students and guests enjoyed an Old Skool House Party with a DJ, outdoor volleyball, fabulous prizes and “too much fun”. Even Stevie Wonder would have been proud at the rousing rendition of Happy Birthday that capped off the BBQ dinner in honor of President Maimon. The grand prize drawing of Beats by Dre and a Play Station 4 caused our winners to jump out of their chairs. Admission staff are following up with prospective new transfer and first year students who saw first-hand how much fun we have creating community at GSU!

Two Sessions to 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 or directly through your department. An information session will be held on August 13, from noon to 1 p.m., in B2203. You’ll hear everything you need to know about the hiring process, student eligibility and expectations of the program will be discussed.

The August 13 information session is sponsored by the Office of Financial Aid and the Office of Career Services. To learn more about the session, call ext. 4480.
IT student Receives Information Security Scholarship

Deluce Gonzalez of Chicago has been awarded a $5,000 scholarship from the (ISC)$^2$ Foundation. The Foundation awards two scholarships each year to inspire women to join the ever growing field of Information Security. Deluce is an outstanding student pursuing her degree in Information Technology.

The International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium, Inc., (ISC)$^2$ is a global, not-for-profit leader in educating and certifying information security professionals.

If it’s Friday it’s time for the GSU Faculty & Staff Picnic and Bean Bag Tournament

Don’t miss out on the fun, the food, the competition.

There will be Basketball Free Throw
Bingo in the CPA lobby.
Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Don’t forget to bring along your lunch ticket.

The Bean Bag Tournament

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Be sure to wear your Jaguar apparel!

Get your Six Flags Tickets — at a discount

The GSU Alumni Association has arranged for discounted tickets to Six Flags Great America for the weekend of August 9 and 10th. Tickets are $33 per person and are good for either day that weekend. To order tickets, logon to sixflags.com/greatamerica. Enter promo code GSUALUMNI2014 in the upper right hand corner.

A Busy (and Rewarding) Summer for this Associate Professor
If asked to write an essay on "What I Did This Summer," Raven James, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Addictions Studies and Behavioral Health, would have a lot to write about.

First, there is the 2014 First Tracks Award for Innovation in Sexology that she received from Honest Exchange, a sexuality education consulting firm based in New Jersey. James was honored for her cutting-edge research and her commitment to making a difference in the lives of people challenged by substance abuse.

Then she would have to write about her keynote address before more than 250 professionals at the Midwest Conference on Problem Gambling and Substance Abuse, held in June in Kansas City, MO. She would also have to tell about the week-long "Sexuality and Addiction" class she taught in July at Rutgers Summer School of Addiction Studies, at their New Brunswick, NJ campus.

Dr. James has been addressing the connection between sexual health esteem issues and addictions for more than 20 years, first as a clinician and then as a researcher. She joined GSU's Department of Addictions Studies and Behavioral Health in 2008. She is a 2012 recipient of GSU's Faculty Excellence Award and author of *Sexuality and Addiction: Making Connections, Enhancing Recovery* (Praeger, 2012).

Both graduate and undergraduate students interested in enrolling in James' brand new *Sex, Drugs, Rock and Recovery* class (ADDS 6869 / GNSX 4849) this fall still have time to register! For more information, email rjames@govst.edu.

**GSU Express Update**

*Effective: August 08th, 2014*

The GSU Express Shuttle Bus will no longer travel to Brittany Woods Apartment Complex and White Oak Lane in University Park. The new shuttle schedule will be displayed on the newly created home page of the GSU Express.

If you have any questions or concerns call Public Safety at 708.534.4900 or Ext. 4900 from any campus telephone.

**Master of Occupational Therapy Research Day at GSU**

You are invited. GSU’s Master of Occupational Therapy students, in partnership with the OT faculty at GSU, invite the GSU community to join them for a poster presentation of their research on Friday, August 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the GSU Cafeteria Annex.

The Master of Occupational Therapy Research Day will begin with a welcome from Dr. Catherine Brady, Interim Chair of the OT Department, followed by a keynote address by Dr. Elizabeth Cada, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, at 11:40 a.m. to noon.

Poster presentations will begin at 12 noon, featuring the following students:
Students’ Perception of Occupational Therapy through the Use of Photovoice
Student presenters: Angie Bertucci, Nicole Reed, Samantha Pacyga & Monica Chhadia
Research Advisor: Dr. Divya Sood

Evaluations And Interventions Related To Enabling The Occupation Of Driving Among Older Adults
Student presenters: Justin Wolak, Jillian Gray, Nicole Ficker & Chad Maatman
Research Advisor: Dr. Catherine Brady

A Comparison of Classroom to International Service Learning Experiences in the Development of Cultural Competence in MOT Students
Student presenters: Sally Sweis, Nicole Nadrowski, Katie Young & Jessica Crafton
Research Advisor: Dr. Melanie Ellexson

The Perceptions of GSU Occupational Therapy Faculty & Students on the Active Participation of Occupational Therapy Students
Student presenters: Jacqueline Ryon, Shannon Sweis & Bruno Kramarczyk
Research Advisors: Dr. Cynthia Carr & Professor Patti Kalvelage

Providing Family Centered Care when Working with Families & Children from Diverse Cultures-Perceptions of Occupational Therapy Practitioners
Student Presenters: Breanna Foley, Hannah Verburg, Vince Casali & Kristen Kozy
Research Advisors: Dr. Divya Sood & Dr. Caren Schranz

Please contact Dr. Caren Schranz at cschranz@govst.edu with any questions.

Teaching with Primary Sources at Governors State University Attracts Large Audience at the International Society for Performance Improvement in Atlanta.

Teaching with Primary Sources at GSU, led by Dr. Lucianne Brown from the College of Education and her team, presented three different sessions at this year's International Society for Technology in Education in Atlanta, Georgia. They presented a poster session about the TPS Coaches Academy and a workshop on Computational Thinking and Educational Games. Additionally, they partnered with students from Manteno Middle School to showcase how students created mobile games using the ARIS app and Library of Congress resources.

According to Dr. Mary Lanigan, a TPS team member, their presentations collectively attracted an audience of more than 300, focusing attention on Governors State University and the wonderful activities Teaching with Primary Sources produces each year. To see a glimpse of what the TPS team accomplished at the conference, go to these URLs:

URL for the ISTE 2014 Poster Session
http://youtu.be/SCTDIDIJE5A
URL for the ISTE 2014 ARIS workshop
http://youtu.be/4z4gyMB5No8
URL for ISTE 2014 Students’ Presentation
http://youtu.be/ZcKN7LUJpDw