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A newsletter for students, faculty & staff



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News

Look Who's on the Move!



We are pleased to announce the grand unveiling of the [Student Success Commons](#) (see page 7) on **Wednesday, February 15** at 9 a.m. The event will take place in front of the newly-christened location, the former Academic Resource Center.

Spring 2017 Graduate Fair

On **Saturday, February 25**, the annual Spring Graduate Fair will be held in the E Lounge from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Prospective students are invited to meet with representatives from the programs in all four colleges and attend information sessions on financial aid, GRE, and GSU programs. The [registration](#) deadline is February 22.

New Team on Campus

After last April's All Campus Budget Symposium, the Administration and Finance Process Improvement

Team (AFPIT) was formed. The group is charged with studying processes and looking for ways to eliminate waste and improve efficiency. Learn more (see pages 8-9) about the team and its recommendations.

Public Health Brigade to Nicaragua 2017



During the winter break, Professor of Social Work Dr. Phyllis West and Study Abroad Coordinator Amy Schoenberg brought 17 GSU students to Nicaragua for a Public Health Brigade. They worked inside a rural community and were able to help four families increase their health and prevent common illnesses by installing sanitation stations and septic tanks. They also spent time filling trenches for water access to the communities and educating the families on maintaining good hygiene.

If you'd like to hear more about the students' experience in Nicaragua, please come to the Public Health Brigade Symposium on **Wednesday, February 15** at 3 p.m. in the E Lounge. Contact Amy Schoenberg for more information at aschoenberg@govst.edu.

Workshops & Trainings

Brown Bag Workshop Series

Join the Office of Marketing and Communications for an Hour of Power, our brown bag workshop series, on the second Wednesday of every month. We'll discuss topics such as writing, brand management, and web content design. The workshops will take place in room C1317 from 12:05 to 12:50 p.m. The February 8 workshop covers Project Management Best Practices. Details and a full schedule are [here](#). Please [RSVP to Blake Edwards](#) and remember to bring a lunch!

Student Employees: Earn Your Certificate of Professional Development and More!

Attend three Career Service workshops, receive your Certificate of Professional Development, and get a chance at a \$50 gift certificate from the GSU Bookstore! Details are [here](#) (see pages 10-11).

Faculty: Update Your Profile Page

Posting your profile on the GSU website can yield higher search engine results and facilitate contacts through other channels. Access the [online submission form](#) and your profile will be up

in a matter of days. You can have your headshot photo taken according to the schedule [here](#) (see page 12).

Announcements & Events

Have Fun and Win Swag in the Library Scavenger Hunt

The [GSU Library Scavenger Hunt](#) begins today and finishes Thursday, February 2. All GSU students are welcome to participate for a chance to win one of two backpacks filled with GSU gear. To get started, you can either come to the library and pick up your scavenger hunt clues or visit the library Facebook page, www.facebook.com/GSULibrary to get the clues.

SOTA Fundraiser at Chipotle in Matteson

The Student Occupational Therapy Association will host a fundraiser at Chipotle in Matteson on **Tuesday, January 31** from 4 – 8 p.m. Chipotle is located at 4815 W. 211th St. Attendees should tell the cashier they are supporting the SOTA fundraiser. Any questions, please contact Liz Wanka at 708.235.7387.

Last Chance to Nominate for Black Women Rock Awards

The 5th Annual Black Women Rock Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, February 18, at 6 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts. Black Women Rock celebrates the contributions and accomplishments of Black female students, faculty, staff, and administrators at GSU. This event is FREE and open to the public. Nominations can be submitted through [Jaguar Connection](#) until **January 31**. Please email diversity@govst.edu or call 708.534.4551 with questions or if you're interested in volunteering for this celebration of excellence.

H-I-L-A-R-I-O-U-S Musical Comedy Spelling Bee at GSU



[The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee](#) buzzes into GSU's Center for Performing Arts on **February 3 at 8 p.m. and February 4 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.** (See pages 13-14).

The bee is a roller coaster of music, dance, heart, and fun! This is not a production for children; be prepared for A-D-U-L-T humor. [Tickets](#) are \$28, \$23 for students.

Black History Month

February is Black History Month, a time for the remembrance of important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. In 1976, the previous one-week observance was expanded into Black History Month as part of the U.S. Bicentennial and was officially recognized by the U.S. government. At that time, President Gerald Ford urged all Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” The full schedule of events and programs for celebrating Black History Month at GSU is [here](#) (pages 15-17).

Seeking Women’s History Month Program Submissions

Women’s History Month traces its roots back to March 8, 1857, when women from New York City factories staged a protest over working conditions. International Women’s Day was first observed in 1909, but it wasn’t until 1981 that Congress established National Women’s History Week, to be commemorated the second week of March. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month.

Join us in celebrating the contributions of women by submitting a program for Women’s History Month. Please [submit](#) your program today. This opportunity is open to university departments, student organizations, and GSU community affiliates. The deadline for submissions is **Friday, February 10**. For more information or inquiries please call 708.534.4551 or email diversity@govst.edu.

Soul of GSU Competition

The Soul of GSU is a food competition for students, faculty, staff, and administration to showcase who can prepare the best soul food dishes. Participants are asked to prepare a dish that will serve 50 people. [Register](#) by **Friday, February 17** to participate.

College Survival Tips from SEA Leaders



Tuesday, February 21 from 4 – 6 p.m. in the E-Lounge, Student Education Association (SEA) leader Lexi Marquardt will lead a Student Success Panel. All students are welcome. The discussion topic for the event is how to survive college. SEA leaders will provide tips and helpful information on how to get organized, manage time, and collegiate involvement. Attendees may ask questions and share their experiences in college. Those attending can enjoy a free taco bar. The evening will be a great opportunity to meet SEA members, enjoy food, and gain helpful strategies to succeed at college.

Attacking Education: Films and a Panel Discussion

Attend the [free screening](#) of two important films that examine national and state trends of underfunding

higher education. Watch [Starving the Beast](#) and [Stranded by the State](#), **Wednesday, February 22** at 5 p.m. in F1622. The films will be followed by a panel discussion with one of the film's producers and GSU faculty from 6:45 – 7:30 p.m. (See page 18).

A Meal for Your Ears and More

The **S**outhland **A**rts, **M**unicipalities and **B**usiness **A**lliance (SAMBA) will present the Chicago Southland's "[Let Them Eat Jazz](#)" Festival as its inaugural project, bringing together more than 15 organizations, 9 venues, 5 hotels, and multiple restaurants in a 72-day festival of jazz and food.

The festival will kick off with the 29th Annual Prairie State College Jazz Festival on February 17, 2017, and close at Governors State University's Center for Performing Arts with Orbert Davis' Chicago Jazz Philharmonic on [April 29](#). The 70+ days in between will showcase events, all celebrating 100 years of jazz in unique ways, through visual arts, sculpture, choral and instrumental ensembles, themed jazz dinners, brunches, and more.

Study in China this Summer



GSU's partner school in China, Hangzhou Normal University (HNU), is offering 12 scholarships for GSU students to join their Summer China Studies Program. The dates of the program are July 4 – 21 and the **application deadline is March 1**. For more information and to apply, click [here](#) or contact Amy Schoenberg at aschoenberg@govst.edu.

Alternative Spring Break

Students will visit Biloxi, Mississippi from **March 12 – 17** for [Alternative Spring Break](#). Join us for a week full of service, culture, and fun. Email bterry3@govst.edu if interested.

Get Your Team Together for Relay for Life

Join us on April 28 as we raise money for the Relay for Life. Students, faculty, and staff create teams and fundraise all year long for the cause. Interested in creating a team? Email bterry3@govst.edu for more information.

Check for Changes in Liaison Librarians and Specialties

Are you a student who needs help with in-depth research? Are you a faculty member in need of

curriculum or online instructional support? Did you know that the GSU Library faculty are also subject-area specialists who are on hand to help you? This semester, there have been changes in liaison librarians and their subject area specialties. Check OPUS for an [updated list](#) of liaison librarians by subject and college.

Make It Happen: Join Program Council

Make your mark in GSU history and develop leadership and professional skills. The GSU Program Council is seeking innovative and creative students. Members plan, promote, and present events from a student perspective for the GSU campus and community. If you enjoy planning social, recreational, and co-curricular activities, join us in A2110 from 3 – 4 p.m. every Thursday. GSUPC is open to all Governors State University students. Contact ksledge@govst.edu with questions.

All PDFs Must Be Accessible

The GSU Communications Subcommittee of the Accessibility Compliance Committee, chaired by Joyce Coleman, Associate VP of Human Resources & Diversity, has developed a plan to ensure that PDF documents posted electronically are accessible to low-vision users and the screen-reader programs utilized by members of the GSU community. Watch your email inbox for a message from Joyce Coleman that will have details about procedures and training.

Highlights

Charles Nolley and DLMD Featured in Article

Associate VP and Director of the DLMD Charles Nolley was quoted extensively in a recent article at UniversityBusiness.com, [“Governors State Unifies Campus Audio with Dante.”](#) The article discusses how GSU has “simplified campus audio distribution and management with a Dante Audio over IP network The network supports low-latency distribution of more than 500 channels between its TV studios, performing arts center, and numerous campus halls and educational buildings.” Dante is an audio-over-IP networking solution marketed by the Audinate company.

Do you have a story or event you want to submit for the GSU View?
[Click here to learn about our submission guidelines.](#)



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Chicago, IL, February 02, 2017



Student Success Commons Debuts

We are pleased to announce the grand unveiling of the Student Success Commons on **Wednesday, February 15** at 9 a.m. The event will take place in front of the newly-christened location, the former Academic Resource Center.

The Student Success Commons unites the Office of Career Services with the Academic Resource Center, Writing Resource Center, and Disability Services, creating greater synergies among the four departments. Support staff will be cross-trained, and professional staff will be able to make referrals across departments more easily and in a much more efficient manner. For example, Career Services can send students to Writing Center staff for help with personal statements, or the Academic Resource Center can recommend career counseling to a student who needs assistance exploring majors. These, and many other great opportunities for stronger collaboration, also help each individual unit be more aware of the offerings of the other units within the Commons. We look forward to helping students in a reinvigorated environment where academic success and career advancement meet!

Chicago, IL, February 03, 2017



AFPIT Members and Accomplishments

At an All-Campus Budget Symposium last April, faculty and staff were asked how they could best continue GSU's forward progress in the midst of budget uncertainties. The event's goal was to generate ideas that resulted in cost-savings to the university.



Throughout the day, much thought and deliberation went into the discussions held by faculty and staff. After the symposium, a campus committee, the Administration and Finance Process Improvement Team (AFPIT), was formed to continue exploring synergies and efficiencies within and across budgetary lines.

AFPIT is charged with studying processes and looking for ways to eliminate waste and improve efficiency. The team has already made recommendations that will result in significant cost savings, including switching from bathroom paper towels to electric hand dryers, hosting the Surplus Supply Swap Meet, canceling a costly subscription to a service that tracks computer usage, and, for an annual savings of more than \$80,000, not renewing the lease on the mobile classroom space behind the A building. The team is working on additional process-improvement projects.

If you have suggestions or ideas for AFPIT, please contact Joe Kearns at

708.235.2220 or jkearns@govst.edu.

AFPIT members are:

Joe Kearns – Chair (ITS)

Sandra Alvarado – HR

Rich Bruna – Financial Services

Joan Johns Maloney – A&F VP

Denise Jones – Budget

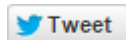
Bettie Lewis – Procurement

Phil Orsi – FDM

Peggy Schiesher – FDM

Karen Stuenkel – ITS

Jason Turner – DPS



Chicago, IL, February 03, 2017

Student Employees: Earn Your Certificate

Attend Three Career Service Workshops, Receive Your Certificate of Professional Development, Get a Chance at a \$50 Gift Certificate from the GSU Bookstore!

Although the 2017 Student Employee Recognition Reception takes place April 18, 2017, when you receive your Certificate of Professional Development (from President Maimon) you will receive an additional entry in the drawing. (Winner must be present.) To obtain the certificate, you must be a student employee and attend at least three approved career activities or workshops during the 2016 – 17 academic school year.

Below are several opportunities, and registration is NOT required for any of these activities.

Watch your email for more information, and feel free to contact the Office of Career Services for more information via phone (708.235.3974) or email:

career@govst.edu

SPRING CAREER SERVICES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES:

- Walk-In Open Hours, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.: Tuesdays in Room C3380, Thursdays in the Atrium Hallway
- How to Destress in the Workplace – Wednesday, January 18, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Hall of Honors
- Black Inventions – Wednesday, February 8, noon – 5 p.m., Hall of Governors
- Natural Hair in the Workplace – Wednesday, February 15, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Hall of Honors
- Bullying in the Workplace – Wednesday, March 15, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Hall of Honors
- Getting the Best Out of Career Fairs/Resume Prep Lab – Thursday, April 6, 2 – 3:30 p.m., B12412017

- Spring Career and Internship Fair – Thursday, April 13, 2 – 5 p.m., Center for Performing Arts Theatre Lobbies and Hall of Governors
- Job Search Strategies – Wednesday, April 19, 2 – 5 p.m., Hall of Honors
- Diversity in the Workplace – Wednesday, April 26, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Hall of Honors

Faculty Profile Updates

Faculty Profile Page Update Made Easier

Faculty members: did you know posting your profile on the GSU website can yield higher search engine results for you? Since GSU's website employs Google Search as its engine, posting your profile means any searches for you, your areas of expertise, or even keywords within your CV will result in a higher search engine listing result for your profile.

This also means that academic colleagues, as well as those within your research community with shared fields of interest, can learn more about you and the breadth of your work in one centralized academic location. In addition, your areas of expertise will be easily discernable to media members seeking subject-matter experts for commentary and insight.

Finally, you can facilitate contact through other channels by presenting your professional personal website or social media presence as part of your profile.

[Click on this link for the online submission form](#) and we will have your profile up within a matter of days.

Headshot Photos. The Office of Marketing & Communications will be taking headshots in E1522, between noon and 2 p.m., on the following days this semester:

Wednesday Feb. 1

Thursday Feb. 16

Wednesday March 1

Thursday March 16

Monday April 3

Monday April 17

Monday May 1

Tuesday May 16

Thursday June 1

Friday June 16

25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

H-I-L-A-R-I-O-U-S Musical Comedy Spelling Bee at GSU

University Park, IL, January 17, 2017 –Six tween spellers learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser. That's the lesson in this quirky Tony award-winning musical with a charming cast of outsiders for whom a spelling bee is the one place where they can stand out and fit in at the same time. **The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee** presented by Southland Area Theatre Ensemble (SLATE) buzzes into GSU's Center for Performing Arts on **February 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. and Feb 4 at 3 p.m.** Who will win? Who will be crushed?

The bee is roller coaster of music, dance, heart and fun! This is not a children's production; be prepared for A-D-U-L-T humor.

SLATE Artistic Director J.R. Rose says, "Spelling Bee is just one of those musicals where the audience is laughing out loud from beginning to end! Lovable characters, beautiful songs, and the thrill of the bee keeps you cheering for your favorite speller and hooked till the end. If you don't come out to GSU to see The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee you will be S-O-R-R-Y!"

The D-E-T-A-I-L-S

Cast Members: Danna Bohne (Highland, IN); Julie Martin (Frankfort); Maria Barwegen (Kankakee); Meghan Hoyt (St. John, IN); Jeffrey Weingartner (Mokena); Aaron Mitchell Reese (Chicago); Tyler McMahon (Kankakee); Brandon Willard (Tinley Park); and Scott Sowinski (Flossmoor)

For Tickets and Information

Tickets: \$28

Online: CenterTickets.net

By Phone: 708.235.2222

In Person at the Box Office: 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL

Box Office Hours: Monday- Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (open to 6p.m. on Thursdays) & 2 hours prior to all performances

Parking is free. For best GPS directions always use the location search term "Governors State University" only.

This is SLATE's 14th production, since the organization's inception in 2008, directed by J.R. Rose. A portion of the funding is provided by First Midwest Bank and The Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

2017 BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Thursday, February 2nd

OLD SCHOOL CANDY SALE

11am – 4pm, Hall of Governors

While times change, and people also change, our memories don't have to. BSU will bring back memories of our childhood and favorite candy and snacks

Tuesday, February 7th

KARAOKE NIGHT: TRIBUTE TO BLACK MUSICIANSHIP

6pm, Engbretson Hall

Come join us as we sing songs written and performed by Black musical artists.

Wednesday, February 8th

BLACK INVENTIONS IN MODERN DAY SOCIETY

Noon – 5pm, Hall of Governors

This is an exhibit of improvements and or inventions that have been made by African Americans. People who have used their ingenuity to create career paths for themselves. The contributions of Blacks are endless and have positively impacted modern day society revolutionizing many industries.

Such contributions have promoted the civilization of mankind and are being honored during African American History month. Inventions and improvements of inventions can be seen in science, technology, business, and domestic settings.

Thursday, February 9th

VALENTINE CRUSH FUNDRAISER

11am – 3pm

Come purchase your Valentine a Crush soda or cake pop in honor of Mr. Herbert Smitherman, Sr. Smitherman joined Procter & Gamble in 1966 as its first Black hire with a doctorate in physical organic chemistry and worked on flavors for Crush soda, Safeguard soap, and Biz detergent, among others.

Friday, February 10th

CELEBRATION OF BLACK LOVE/WIN A DATE

6pm, E-Lounge

We are pairing singles as couples for Valentine's Day, who might not have found their "significant other" during this love season as well as learning how to develop healthy relationships from married GSU faculty/staff.

Tuesday, February 14th

MOVIES & MOCKTAILS: SOUTHSIDE WITH YOU

This event is for anyone that want a nice date night with their significant other celebrating the love journey of the first Black president and first lady, Barack & Michelle Obama. There will be popcorn and mocktails (non-alcoholic beverages).

Wednesday, February 15th

OPERATION HEALTHY

3pm – 4:30pm, Hall of Governors

NATURAL HAIR IN THE WORKPLACE

3:30pm – 4:30pm, Hall of Honors

This workshop is designed to give African American women a forum to discuss natural hair in a professional setting. This presentation will not only highlight the plight of the African American woman and their decision of wearing natural hair but it will view this subject from various aspects such as; beauty industry, law, and health.

Saturday, February 18th

5TH ANNUAL BLACK WOMEN ROCK AWARDS CEREMONY

6pm, Center for Performing Arts

The 5th Annual Black Women Rock Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 6pm in the Center for Performing Arts. Black Women Rock celebrates the contributions and accomplishments of Black female students, faculty/staff and administrators at Governors State University. This event is FREE and open to the public.

Wednesday, February 22nd

SOUL OF GSU COMPETITION

11:30am – 2pm, Hall of Governors

The Soul of GSU is a food competition for students, faculty/staff and administration to showcase who can prepare the Best Soul Food Dishes. The entry fee into this competition is FREE. Participants are asked to prepare a dish that will serve 100 people. Proceeds from this event will support programming efforts of the Black Student Union and support a civic cause. Please express your interest in participating by submitting your entry at <https://govst.collegiatelink.net/form/start/119024> no later than Friday, February 17, 2017.

UNLEARN, RELEARN, LEARN: BLACK IS...

featuring Dr. Lasana Kazembe

3:30pm, Lakeside Lounge

The purpose of this program is to contribute to the bridging cultural divides in the campus

community. Participants will be exposed to current cultural issues as well as challenge the GSU community to realize the benefits of living in a multicultural world.

Thursday, February 23rd

OPEN MIC

6pm, Lakeside Lounge

Come join us as we share Black history through spoken word, song and other performing arts

Saturday, February 25th

EBONY BALL

6pm, Hall of Governors

\$20/person, \$35/couple

This program celebrates Black excellence by acknowledging the accomplishments of African Americans and their legacy. There will be dinner, entertainment and keynote speaker. This event is open to the public.

Monday, February 27th

AFRICAN AMERICAN READ IN

6pm – 8pm, Hall of Honors

Join over a million readers from all ethnic backgrounds in celebration of Black History Month--we are looking for readers to participate in the African American Read-In. The African American Read-In celebrates literacy as a significant part of Black History Month.

The program is endorsed by the International Reading Association. Select a poem, excerpt from a book, or other literary work to read written by an African American author. Please email Dr. Rashidah Muhammad at rmuhammad@govst.edu or call 708.534.6974 to sign up or receive additional information. All are invited to participate.

Chicago, IL, January 31, 2017

Starving the Beast & Stranded by the State

Attend the free screening of two important films that examine national and state trends of underfunding higher education. Watch [Starving the Beast](#) and [Stranded by the State](#), **Wednesday, February 22** at 5 p.m. in F1622. The films will be followed by a panel discussion with one of the film's producers and GSU faculty from 6:45 – 7:30 p.m.

Starving the Beast is a 90-minute film by director Steve Mims that examines the ongoing power struggle on college campuses across the nation as political and market-oriented forces push to disrupt and reform America's public universities.

Stranded by the State is a documentary web series chronicling the human impact of the ongoing Illinois budget crisis, produced by Kartemquin Films and In These Times. Episode 1 of the series looks at the effects of the budget crisis on Illinois public higher education institutions, specifically Eastern Illinois University.

Professor Daniel Nearing will moderate the discussion afterwards with panelists Stranded by the State producer Liz Kaar, Dean Andrea Evans, Professor Elizabeth Essex, and Student Senate President Justin Smith.

This event is hosted by GSU's Office of Marketing and Communications and the University Professionals of Illinois, Local 4100, GSU Chapter.