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## Remembering Distinguished Professor Jon Carlson

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According to his son, Dr. Matt Englar-Carlson, “My dad was an amazing person who squeezed as much as he could out of his 71 years. I do not think he slept that much. He was able to find the good in everyone, and worked diligently to make the best around him better.”

Carlson was a licensed psychologist with doctoral degrees in both counseling and clinical psychology. During his tenure, he touched many lives, guiding his students to learn more, understand more, and achieve more. Carlson was a Full Professor when he retired in 2015.

At GSU, he was named Distinguished Professor of Counseling and Psychology. He earned the Faculty Excellence Award for the 1990–91, 1995–96, 1999–2000, and 2001–02 academic years. He was also a Distinguished Professor of Adlerian Psychology at his alma mater, Adler University in Chicago.

As a therapist for over 40 years mainly in Lake Geneva, Carlson worked with individuals, families, and couples. His family estimated that he clocked over 80,000 hours serving his clients believing, according to his son, “that helping people grow was his life task.”

Carlson’s work also had an impact on the professional psychological community, for which he received lifetime contribution awards from the American Psychological Association and the American Counseling Association. He was named one of the Living Legends in Counseling in 2004. Carlson published more than 60 books and 175 professional articles. He worked closely with the GSU Department of Digital Learning and Media Design to produce more than 300 video training programs that are currently in wide use.

Carlson and his wife, Laura, were married for 50 years and have five grown children. According to his son, “He taught my family how to look at the world with compassion and always strive to be kind and giving to others.” This is also how he will be remembered by his friends, colleagues, and students at GSU.

Arrangements concerning a memorial service for Dr. Jon Carlson are pending

## **President Maimon: “Differences Make Us Stronger”**

President Elaine P. Maimon wrote an [open letter](#) to the GSU community in response to the January 27 Executive Order. In the letter, President Maimon reaffirms the university’s support of all GSU international students, faculty, and staff.

## **Graduating This Spring? Tell Your GSU Story**

Attention 2017 Graduates! Do you have a fantastic GSU story that you’d like to share? The Office of Marketing and Communications wants to give you an opportunity to tell it on camera for posterity. Details and more information are [here](#).

## **Look Who’s on the Move!**



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.

## 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 Survey for Will County Residents

A confidential [online survey](#) for residents of Will County is being conducted by Mobilization for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP). The survey gives residents the opportunity to offer opinions on topics such as employment, safety, transportation, health, and much more. GSU students, faculty, and staff who live in Will County (looking at you now, Prairie Placers) are encouraged to take the survey.

## 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](#) about the team and its recommendations.

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# 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](mailto: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

## Public Health Brigade to Nicaragua 2017



During the winter break, 17 GSU students, accompanied by Professor of Social Work Dr. Phyllis West and Study Abroad Coordinator Amy Schoenberg, went to Nicaragua as part of the GSU 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](mailto:aschoenberg@govst.edu).

### Workshops & Trainings

This week's [schedule of opportunities](#) includes the following:

- "Stakeholders Must Speak: Project Management Best Practices" on **Wednesday, February 8**, from 12:05 – 1 p.m., part of the **MarComm Brown Bag Series**.
- **Content Management System (CMS) Training Workshop** on Wednesday, February 15, 10:30 a.m. to noon, in D2430B (in the Cube). For content managers; how to use the CMS to update and create new content on the GSU public website.
- Faculty: If you haven't had your headshot photograph taken, please refer to the schedule and get it done.

- Student Employees: Attend **three Career Service workshops**, receive your Certificate of Professional Development, and get a chance at a \$50 gift certificate from the GSU Bookstore!

## Valentine's Day

### Hit by Cupid's Arrow—at GSU?



Valentine's Day is coming, and we want to hear your stories about love and romance that revolve around GSU. Everybody knows this place is a love epicenter, so please share with the community the sweetness you've found. Contact [pbeck3@govst.edu](mailto:pbeck3@govst.edu) and be prepared to prove it with pictures.

### Happy Valentine's Day from the Cashier's Office

Stop by the Cashier's Office between 2 and 4 p.m. on **Tuesday, February 14**, for some Valentine's Day treats! This is our way of saying that we appreciate you and we wish you a Happy Valentine's Day!

### A Mr. & Ms. GSU Valentine



Celebrate Valentine's Day with Mr. & Ms. GSU and get a free hug on **Tuesday, February 14**, from 1 – 3 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. Contact [ksledge@govst.edu](mailto:ksledge@govst.edu) with questions.

## Announcements and Events

### Win Big at the Library Silent Auction

Happy Valentine's Day from the Friends of the Library! Join in the fun of the Silent Auction happening now—place your bids at the Friends glass case just outside the Library balcony. High bidders will be contacted at the end of the day on Friday, February 10.

## Don't Forget "Unforgettable" at the CPA



Plan your Valentine's weekend around a concert that re-ignites the magic of an iconic voice. Get [tickets](#) to [Unforgettable: Falling in Love with Nat King Cole](#), at the CPA on **Saturday, February 11**, at 8 p.m. Fall in love all over again as Chicago vocalist Evan Tyrone Martin intimately relates Cole's musical journey.

## Black History Month

February is Black History Month, a time to remember 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](#).

# 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](mailto:rmuhammad@govst.edu) or call 708.534.6974 to sign up or receive additional information. All are invited to participate.

## 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](mailto:diversity@govst.edu).

## Professional Learning Series

To help all students, alumni, and staff thrive in today's diverse workplace, the Office of Career Services is offering the [Professional Learning series](#), a collection of workshops to address topics that may influence the overall well-being of the working professional. Please join us for Natural Hair in the Workplace on **Wednesday, February 15**, from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the Hall of Honors.

## Heart 2 Heart with Mr. & Ms. GSU



February is American Heart Month. To raise awareness of heart disease and encourage the GSU community to do the same, Mr. GSU, Ju'Juan Day, alongside Ms. GSU, Ashley Palacios, invite you to wear RED each Friday. Visit their information table on **Thursday, February 16**, from noon – 2 p.m. in the Hall of Governors for tools to lower your risk of heart disease. Contact [ksledge@govst.edu](mailto:ksledge@govst.edu) for inquiries.

## 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.

## Celebrate the Nominees

An impressive [list of students, faculty, and staff](#) will be honored and celebrated at the 5th Annual Black Women Rock Awards Ceremony on **Saturday, February 18**, in the CPA. For more information call 708.534.4551 or email [diversity@govst.edu](mailto:diversity@govst.edu).

## College Survival Tips from SEA Leaders



**On 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 panelists 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.

## Seeking Shero Workshop Proposals

The Shero Women's Leadership Symposium will be held on Friday, March 31. We are currently accepting workshop proposals for this awesome event that allows women to share stories and experiences that will empower them, increase resilience, and promote opportunities in their personal and professional development. [Submit your workshop proposal](#) by **Friday, February 24**. For more information, call 708.534.4551 or email [diversity@govst.edu](mailto:diversity@govst.edu).

## New Year, New Location—Invitation to Join Program Council

# PROGRAM COUNCIL

Think you have what it takes to plan events and activities on campus? Well, we are interested to see what talents and skills you have to make the Program Council even better at serving GSU and the students it represents! If you are interested in becoming a member, attend a meeting at 3:30 p.m. in B2200 every Tuesday. Please email [ksledge@govst.edu](mailto:ksledge@govst.edu) with questions. Hope to see you soon!

## A Meal for Your Ears and More

The Southland Arts, Municipalities and Business Alliance (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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bterry3@govst.edu) for more information.

## Sign Up for Group Study Rooms in the Library

Two group study/collaboration rooms are now available in the Library for GSU students to use during Library hours. The rooms, D2401D and D2401F, are designed to give groups of two or more students a place to work together and collaborate. Reservation instructions and details are [here](#).