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Commencement Exercises of the Forty-Third Academic Year

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2014 • 10 A.M. & 5 P.M.
GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

From its inception in 1969, innovation has been the hallmark of GSU's success. In 2014, that tradition continues. From welcoming the inaugural freshman class to the opening of the first campus residence, the university is broadening its reach and solidifying its commitment to inspiring hope, realizing dreams and strengthening community for generations to come.

Tradition of Excellence
GSU is an “island of excellence,” according to Dr. Martha J. Kanter, former Under Secretary of the United States Department of Education. With bold new initiatives and 64 degree programs, GSU excels at providing the quality education that is essential for success in today's world.

Transformation and Innovation
Expansion at GSU continues with the completion of the $24.9 million renovation of science and health sciences laboratories and classrooms and the construction of the university's first on campus residences, Prairie Place. These innovations will transform the campus culture and student experience, enriching the sense of community and providing a truly comprehensive educational experience.

Four-Year University
This fall, GSU will accept its First Class of freshman students, enhancing its capacity to provide higher quality educational opportunities. GSU is committed to serving the region and Illinois as a full, comprehensive university, offering complete bachelor's, master's, specialist and doctoral degrees and certificate programs.

Quality and Opportunity
GSU's exemplary efforts bring unequalled educational opportunities to the region's diverse population. The university is inclusive, serving students from varying socio-economic and cultural backgrounds. The groundbreaking Dual Degree Program continues to encourage community college students to complete both an associate and bachelor's degree. We are proud that the first cohort of Dual Degree graduates will walk across the stage today. They will be wearing cords intertwining GSU's colors (black and white) with the colors of their community colleges.

Community Commitment
GSU is a public square - educationally, culturally and economically committed to programs and partnerships in education, healthcare, government and business. The Center for Performing Arts, Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park and Visual Arts Gallery integrate arts and education, the university and the community. Art is part of our daily life. We truly live in art.
Order of Exercises
Saturday, May 17, 2014, 10 a.m.
College of Arts and Sciences
College of Business and Public Administration

Dr. Elaine P. Maimon
University President
Presiding

PRELUDE .................................................................................................................. Encore Concert Band
Bill Schuetter, Conductor

WELCOME AND SPEAKER INTRODUCTIONS ........................................... Tony Labriola, Master of Ceremonies

PROCESSIONAL ........................................................................................... Dr. Rashidah Muhammad, Grand Marshal
Dr. David Rhea, Excellence Award Recipient
“Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1,” by Edward Elgar .................................. Encore Concert Band

CALL TO ORDER ........................................................................................... Dr. Rashidah Muhammad, Grand Marshal

NATIONAL ANTHEM ..................................................................................... Encore Concert Band
Please join in singing the National Anthem

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES............................. Brian D. Mitchell, Chair, Board of Trustees
GREETINGS FROM THE FACULTY .................................................. Dr. Rashidah Muhammad, Faculty Senate President
GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ...................... Vernard L. Alsberry, Jr., Alumni Representative

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER .................................. Lisa Wallace, President, Student Senate
STUDENT SPEAKER ADDRESS ................................................................. Kayla Randolph-Clark

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS ........................................................................... Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, President

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE ....................................... Dr. Deborah E. Bordelon, Provost
Conferring of Degree ......................................................................................... Dr. Elaine P. Maimon
Honorary Recipient, Doctor of Humane Letters ............................................ Scott Turow

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES ..................................... Dr. Deborah E. Bordelon, Provost
College of Arts and Sciences ........................................................................ Dr. Reinhold Hill, Dean
College of Business and Public Administration ........................................... Dr. Ellen Foster Curtis, Dean

CONFERRING OF DEGREES ................................................................. Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, President

CLOSING REMARKS .................................................................................... Tony Labriola, Master of Ceremonies

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“Crown Imperial,” by William Walton ...................................................... Encore Concert Band

FANFARE SELECTION .................................................................................. Encore Concert Band

Sign language interpreters provided by Chicago Hearing Society.
The audience is requested to rise and remain standing during the Processional and Recessional.
Order of Exercises
Saturday, May 17, 2014, 5 p.m.
College of Education
College of Health and Human Services

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STUDENT SPEAKER ADDRESS ...............................................Dr. Santila Terry

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Honorary Recipient, Doctor of Humane Letters ........................................Orbert Davis

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College of Education ....................................................Dr. Karen D’Arcy, Interim Dean
College of Health and Human Services ......................................Dr. Elizabeth Cada, Dean

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Scott Turow is a writer and attorney. He is the author of nine best-selling works of fiction, including his first novel “Presumed Innocent” (1987), its sequel, “Innocent” (2010), and his newest novel “Identical” (2013). His works of non-fiction include “One L” (1977), about his experience as a law student, and “Ultimate Punishment” (2003), a reflection on the death penalty. He frequently contributes essays and op-ed pieces to publications such as The New York Times, Washington Post, Vanity Fair, The New Yorker, Playboy and The Atlantic. Mr. Turow’s books have won a number of literary awards, including the Heartland Prize in 2003 for “Reversible Errors,” the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award in 2004 for “Ultimate Punishment” and Time Magazine’s Best Work of Fiction in 1999 for “Personal Injuries.” His books have been translated into more than 40 languages and have sold more than 30 million copies worldwide. Two have been adapted into television miniseries and one has been adapted into a feature film.

Mr. Turow continues to work as an attorney. He has been a partner in the Chicago office of the international firm, Dentons (formerly Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal), since 1986. There he concentrates on white collar criminal defense while also devoting a substantial amount of time to pro bono matters.

Mr. Turow was born in Chicago in 1949. He graduated with high honors from Amherst College in 1970. He was Edith Mirrielees Fellow at Stanford University Creative Writing Center from 1970—1972. From 1972—1975, Mr. Turow taught creative writing at Stanford as E. H. Jones Lecturer. In 1975, he entered Harvard Law School and graduated with honors in 1978. From 1978—1986, he was an Assistant United States Attorney in Chicago and served as lead counsel in a number of prosecutions related to corruption in the legal profession—notably Operation Greylord, a federal investigation of corruption in the Illinois judiciary.

Mr. Turow has been active in a number of charitable causes including organizations that promote literacy, education and legal rights. In 1997—1998, he served as president of the Authors Guild, the nation’s largest membership organization of professional writers, and is presently serving as president once again. He is also a Trustee of Amherst College.

Mr. Turow has been appointed to a number of public bodies. He was the first Chair of Illinois’ Executive Ethics Commission. He served as one of the 14 members of the commission appointed in March, 2000 by Illinois Governor George Ryan to consider reform of the capital punishment system.

Mr. Turow has three adult children and lives outside Chicago.
Honorary Degree Candidate

Orbert Davis

Musician

Orbert Davis is an Emmy Award winning trumpeter, composer and educator. He is co-founder, conductor and artistic director of Chicago Jazz Philharmonic, a 55-piece jazz-symphonic orchestra dedicated to bringing together audiences of diverse backgrounds through multigenre projects. Over the past 30 years, Mr. Davis’ mission-driven career has evolved successfully from “making it in the music industry” to being a true leader in Chicago’s arts and culture community. He is respected for his talents as a musician and his distinctive ability to make positive impacts on society through arts education and advocacy.

In 1998, Mr. Davis founded “Jazz Alive,” (formerly “MusicAlive” and now the arts education outreach arm of Chicago Jazz Philharmonic), an interdisciplinary enrichment program that focuses on teaching life and academic skills through music and the arts. He also owns and operates Discover Music: Discover Life, Inc., a company that develops curriculum and implements programs using music to teach academic and life skills.

Mr. Davis has many composition commissions to his credit and has played key roles in major film and television projects, as well. He was jazz consultant to Academy Award winning director Sam Mendes for the film “Road to Perdition.” Recent projects include “Home and Away,” a project commissioned by Boeing to honor U.S. men and women in the military. He composed an original score for the Emmy Award winning national PBS documentary “DuSable to Obama: Chicago’s Black Metropolis,” which won Mr. Davis an Emmy Award. He was also featured in the critically acclaimed documentary “Beauty Rises: Four Lives in the Arts,” produced by WTTW and the Illinois Arts Council.

Mr. Davis’ 2004 CD release “Blue Notes” was the follow-up to his critically acclaimed “Priority” CD, which garnered an LA Times 4-star review and was named Top 10 Best Jazz CDs of 2002 by the Chicago Tribune. His latest CD, Chicago Jazz Philharmonic’s “Collective Creativity,” an amalgamation of classical music and jazz, is receiving rave reviews nationally. His compositions with Chicago Jazz Philharmonic also include “Hope in Action” (a tribute to Nelson Mandela) and “Amadeus Had a Dream.” He has received commissions from Chicago Sinfonietta, City of Chicago’s Department of Cultural Affairs and Illinois Arts Council.

Mr. Davis has a bachelor’s degree in trumpet performance from DePaul University and a master’s degree in jazz pedagogy from Northwestern University. He is a former associate professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago and artist-in-residence at Columbia College Chicago. He lives in Chicago with his wife and four children.
Student Speakers

Kayla Randolph-Clark

Ten years ago, Kayla Randolph-Clark dropped out of college. Today she earns her B.A. in Business Administration – Finance with high honors. This fall, she will be attending Emory University School of Law, one of the top 20 law schools in the country.

In Kayla's words, she “wandered aimlessly through her twenties” until she realized that education was the only way to make something more out of her life.

She enrolled in the Dual Degree Program at Joliet Junior College, where she became a member of student government and the Phi Theta Kappa honors society. It was then she decided she wanted to become an attorney. She was also the student representative on the college's board of trustees for the 2011-2012 year and served on the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board Student Advisory Committees.

After earning her associate degree, Kayla continued her education at Governors State University. At GSU, Kayla became a peer mentor for the Dual Degree Program, a student senator and a member of the Delta Mu Delta and Tau Sigma honors societies. She is a founding member of the International Culture Organization, a participant in the Student Coalition for Social Justice, a contributing writer for The Phoenix and the 2013-2014 student representative on the GSU Board of Trustees.

Dr. Santila L. Terry

Dr. Santila L. Terry is a two-time graduate of Governors State University. She received a Master of Occupational Therapy degree in 1999 and is a 2014 graduate of the Occupational Therapy Doctoral Program. Dr. Terry also completed a certification in Online Teaching and Learning at Governors State University in 2013.

Her interest in family theories and family systems led to research focused on the development and implementation of an online program for families of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder to facilitate the children's participation in community activities.

Dr. Terry has been an occupational therapist for the past ten years, with her practice focused exclusively on providing occupational therapy intervention for families of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. She owns and operates Special Therapy Care, two private pediatric practices in the Chicagoland area, which offer occupational, speech, physical and behavioral therapy services for children with various disabilities and special needs.

She is a proud mother of Amaka, Amara and Elo, ages two, four and eight, and is the wife of Dr. Ben Nwoye. She credits her success to a host of family and friends who continuously supported her efforts and endeavors along her journey.
College of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

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A New Tradition
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Governors State University
Jaguars
We welcome the Jaguar as GSU's first ever mascot

Governors State University is pleased to present to the 2014 graduating class the university's first ever mascot, the jaguar.

The jaguar mascot represents a new beginning for GSU. Traditions enrich the overall experience for students and mascots play a vital role. Beginning in 2014, Governors State University invites current, past and future students to help us build new and unique traditions as the GSU Jaguars.

When the university began its search earlier this year, we made it an open process. We asked to hear from students, faculty, staff and the surrounding community about what our mascot should be. The response was tremendously enthusiastic as hundreds of suggestions came pouring in.

When our search committee narrowed the choices to four, we went back and asked voters to select their favorite. The excitement grew as we received over 30,000 online votes.

Revered by past civilizations for its strength, the jaguar will be an appropriate symbol for the university. It is one of the most graceful and powerful cats in the animal kingdom.

The jaguar plays a prominent role in folklore and mythology, particularly in the Olmec and Mayan civilizations. Shamans revered jaguars as spirit companions, who would protect them from evil spirits as they moved between Earth and the spirit world.

To the Mayans, jaguars represented beauty, power, cunning and mystery. Ruins throughout the Yucatan Peninsula contain elaborate jaguar imagery. Mayan kings adopted the jaguar as a symbol of the king’s might and authority.

Thanks to everyone involved in this historic decision.
We are proud to be the GSU Jaguars.
The Mace

The governor's mace, carried by the marshal who leads the academic procession, is a symbol of the authority of the university as a degree-granting institution. The legal authority of the university is grounded in the intellectual authority of the distinguished faculty who follow in the procession.

In antiquity, the mace was a weapon used to establish the “authority” of the physically strong. Its transformation into a symbol of intellectual authority is both a tribute to and a reminder of the civilizing force of a university’s teaching, research and community service functions.

Engraved on the four side-panels of the governor's mace are the seal of the State of Illinois; a cardinal, the state bird; the seal of the former Illinois Board of Governors Universities; and an inscription which reads “The governor's mace, a symbol of tradition and authority of Governors State University, dedicated to the search for excellence in the pursuit of truth, knowledge and the love of learning. Presented by Peter Levin, friend of the university, June 2, 1979.”

Atop the mace is a silver rendition of the university logo. The three sides of the “triangle” symbolize the university's teaching, research and community service functions. The three lines visually suggest the shape of a rocket; reminding us both that the university was founded within days of Neil Armstrong setting foot on the moon and that the university is a hope-filled, pioneering community, committed to a better future for all men and women. The circle symbolizes the fact that the university is, indeed, a community. Finally, the fact that the tips of the triangle reach beyond the circle indicates the university's outreach into the region, state and nation, and its commitment to teaching, research and community service.
Academic Regalia
During the commencement ceremony, students and faculty wear academic costumes indicating the wearers’ degrees, colleges/universities, and fields of study.

The Cap
The black mortarboard type is the most common cap worn. Degree candidates wear cap tassels that are black and white, the university colors. Colors worn by the faculty vary according to their fields of study.

The Gown
Gowns are of three kinds. The bachelor’s gown is relatively simple, with lines falling straight from a fairly elaborate yoke. Its distinguishing characteristic is the long pointed sleeve. Braided silken cords are worn by students who have achieved special scholastic recognition: gold signifies high honors; white, honors. The master’s gown has sleeves, with a back end extending down below the knee in a crescent shape. The doctor’s gown is an elaborate costume, with velvet panels down the front and around the neck, with three velvet bars on the bell-shaped sleeves.

The Hood
The official colors of the college or university from which a degree is conferred are represented in the lining of the hood. For each field of study, there is a corresponding trim color. The trim colors for master’s hoods are as follows:

- Accounting: Drab
- Addictions Studies: Salmon Pink
- Analytical Chemistry: Golden Yellow
- Art: Brown
- Business Administration: Drab
- Communication Disorders: Salmon Pink
- Communications and Training: White
- Computer Science: Golden Yellow
- Counseling: Light Blue
- Counselor Education and Supervision: Light Blue
- Early Childhood Education: Light Blue
- Education: Light Blue
- Educational Administration: Light Blue
- English: White
- Environmental Biology: Golden Yellow
- Health Administration: Salmon Pink
- Management Information Systems: Golden Yellow
- Multicategorical Special Education: Light Blue
- Nursing: Apricot
- Occupational Therapy: Slate Blue
- Physical Therapy: Teal
- Political Studies: White
- Political and Justice Studies: White
- Psychology: Light Blue
- Public Administration: Peacock Blue
- Social Work: Citric
- Sociology: White