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POINTS OF
INTEREST:

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- Do you need a repair completed in your room? Turn to page 4 to learn how to submit a work order request.

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Welcome Home!

Hello Prairie Place Residents and welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! The Office of Auxiliary Services and University Housing is very excited that you decided to live on campus.

Every month our department will send out a newsletter to keep you informed about upcoming events, housing policies, dining specials and more.

For now, take a look at a few of our upcoming events that we will be hosting to help get you settled into your new home.

On Sunday, August 27th at 6PM Prairie Place Staff will be hosting our

annual **Welcome Back Picnic**. Staff will have games, music and other entertainment ready and a picnic style dinner will be served.



Prairie Place Residence Hall

Immediately following the picnic at 8PM, every Prairie Place Resident will be required to attend their **floor meetings** in the Prairie Place Lounges near their room. RAs will go over some very important information

with residents so make sure you are present.

Also, during move-in there will be a Prairie Place Policy Quiz available at the front desk. After you complete the quiz turn it in to the Prairie Place front desk and if you receive a score of 80% or higher a **free Prairie Place T-Shirt** will be placed in your mailbox!

We are looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

University Housing Staff

Meet Your New Residence Hall Director

Prairie Place has a new Residence Hall Director, Corinne Martin, who started at GSU on June 1, 2017. Corinne's office is in Prairie Place across from the C-Store.

Here is a welcome message from Corinne: "Welcome to Prairie

Place! I look forward to meeting and interacting with you all throughout the school year. Our theme for the year is "let your dreams take flight"; so check out the door decorations and the bulletin boards around the building to be inspired to work hard this year."



2017-2018 Faculty-in-Residence



From left to right: Dr. Patrick Santoro, Dr. Crystal Harris, Mr. Herbert Pitman

The Faculty-in-Residence program serves as the cornerstone of the GSU Living/Learning Initiative.

The program goals are:

- 1) To provide opportunities for faculty and students to interact outside of the classroom;
- 2) To provide opportunities for residential students to develop a relationship with a faculty member who can help

direct them to university wide resources and who will assist students in creating a foundation for success;

3) To enhance the student experience by promoting student-faculty interaction through cultural and educational programs and other events;

4) To provide personal and academic role models as students explore their studies;

To learn more about each one of the Faculty-in-Residence please visit the [University Housing/Living and Learning Community Webpage](#). They are all very excited to assist the students living in Prairie Place!

"I teach to have the student arrive at the "ah ha" moment"
-Mr. Herbert Pitman, FIR

2017-2018 Prairie Place Staff



Back row (from left to right): Abby Miller - Assistant Residence Hall Director, Lyle Evans - RA, Chris Randle - RA, Khattab Iwainat - RA, Corinne Martin - Residence Hall Director. Front Row (from left to right): Toi Bowers - RA, Ashley Palacios - RA, Nailah Humes - RA

Have Questions?

Do you have a question about how a process works in the building or do you need to ask for help?

If so, please contact one of the following numbers for assistance and a staff member will be happy to help.

- **Residence Hall Director Office:** 708-235-7118
- **Prairie Place Front Desk:** 708-235-7115
- **Main Housing Office:** 708-235-7110



Get Involved In Your Community, Join Hall Council



The Prairie Place Hall Council is a resident run organization that was put in place to assist with programming, enhancing knowledge of University Housing policies and building a community within Prairie Place.

It is also an awesome opportunity for you to get involved in a leadership role as soon as you step foot on campus.

If you would like to be a part of our

Executive Board who will be leading the programming and initiatives for our Hall Council consider running for one of our open positions: Vice President, Treasurer, Media Manager, or Secretary. Information about Hall Council and each position will be available at our table during the Student Organization Resource Fair on August 31st at the GSU Lake and at the Prairie Place Front Desk.

Elections will be held on September 6, 2017 at 7PM in the Prairie Place Great Hall.

If you have any questions about the application process please contact one of the advisors via email: Corinne Martin (cmartin8@govst.edu) or Ashley Stewart (astewart6@govst.edu).

New Student Programs

Class of 2021! Welcome to the GSU Family!

College is a fun and exciting time, filled with transitions. New Student Programs is here to help you with those transitions. Visit us in the New Student Programs Lounge (A2120) to ask questions, study, use the computers, or just hang out. Your Peer Mentors will hold regular office hours where you can drop by and schedule meetings with them outside of those times if needed. Just know that we are here for YOU!

You can reach the New Student Programs office at fye@govst.edu

or at 708-235-6819.

Best Wishes,

New Student Programs Team:

- Roshanda "Ro" Ross, Director of New Student Programs & Leadership Development (rross3@govst.edu)
- Matthew Alborn, Peer Mentor, Junior Biology major (malborn@student.govst.edu)
- M'Lyssa Bauske, Peer Mentor, Sophomore Criminal Justice major (mbauske@student.govst.edu)
- Juan Gutierrez, Peer Mentor,

Senior Accounting major (jgutierrez3@student.govst.edu)

- Izy Hollingsworth, Peer Mentor, Sophomore Communications Major (ihollingsworth@student.govst.edu)
- Lester Van Moody, Peer Mentor, Senior Business-Finance major (lmoody2@student.govst.edu)
- Chanell Raines, Peer Mentor, Senior Criminal Justice major (craines@student.govst.edu)
- Shannon Ward, Peer Mentor, Senior Psychology major (sward4@student.govst.edu)

"Just know that we are here for YOU!"

The Male Success Initiative is recruiting new participants!

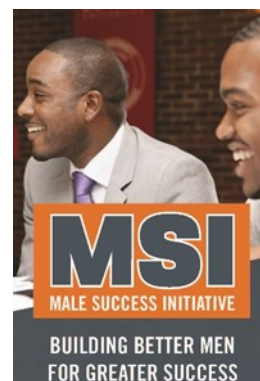
By now you've probably heard about the newly formed Male Success Initiative, an enrichment program for male students of color.

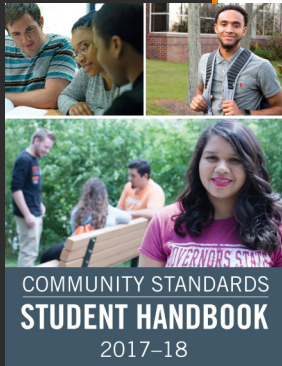
The goal of the MSI is to provide opportunities for professional, academic, and personal development, while impacting retention and graduation rates.

The MSI is seeking participants for

the 2017-18 cohort group, before registration closes on September 1st.

If interested, sign up at www.govst.edu/msi-app, or contact Sean Smith at msi@govst.edu or 708-235-7619.





Know Your Rights & Responsibilities!

Review the 2017-18 Student Handbook online at www.govst.edu/handbook.

Tuesday, August 29th at 6PM in the Prairie Place Classroom.

Learn your student rights, eat ice cream and play trivia!

Don't Miss It!

Get the Scoop on Your Rights trivia game on

If you have any questions or concerns about your student rights and responsibilities, please

contact us:

- Office: C1310
- Phone: 708-235-2845
- Email:

communitystandards@govst.edu

"You are responsible for your guests' actions during their time in Prairie Place."

Guest Policy Information

As a Prairie Place resident you will have the opportunity to check in guests to visit you while you are in the building. Please read through the points below that detail information about our guest policy:

- All guests of Prairie Place are responsible for knowing and complying with University Housing policies and standards.

- Guests must be escorted by their host at all times.
- All guests must sign out the Prairie Place Main Desk at the conclusion of their visit and turn in their guest pass.
- Guests must registers themselves at the front desk each day they will stay in the building past midnight regardless if they

communicated during their registration that they intend to stay for the maximum of two days.

- Guests who disrupt the hall environment or otherwise violate university policy will be asked to leave and may be denied the privilege of returning. Guests who repeatedly violate university policy may be banned from future visits to Prairie Place or the GSU Campus.

Work Order Requests



Is something broken or not working in your room? If so, you will need to submit a work order to start the process for getting the repair(s) completed.

To submit a work request you will need

to login to the GSU portal, click on the menu in the top left hand corner, and go the Housing "Work Order Requests" page.

Once you are on this page you will click on the "HERE" under the Routine Repairs/ Maintenance Requests title.

On the next page you will

scroll down to the blue link that says: <http://143.43.32.93:81/>.

If you need any assistance with submitting a work order request please see one of your RAs. If it is an emergency requests please contact the A/ RHD or RA Duty phone.

Putting the 'U' in GSU!



Monday, August 21 – Service & Leadership Seminar. Weeklong seminar for freshmen and new and transfer students. Advance registration required.

Thursday, August 24 – Male Success Initiative Overnight Retreat- Camp Manitocqua

Monday, August 28

- **Sweet Treats with Ms. GSU** – Meet Ms. Governors State University, Hall of Governors, 11a-1p
- **Student Life Open House** - The Jaguar Den (*formerly Student Commons*), A2140, 12p – 4p
- **National Bowtie Day** - Support the Male Success Initiative by wearing bowties.
- **LGBTQA 101** - Interactive LGBTQA discussion. Lakeside Lounge, 7:30p

Tuesday, August 29

- **GSU Rocks the Vote!** Become a registered voter. Hall of Governors, 12p – 5p
- **Together We Can: Food Pantry Donation Drive**- The Jaguar Den, A2140, 12p – 4p
- **Step in the Name of Diversity** – Grab your stepping partner! Hall of Governors, 3p – 4:15p
- **Get the Scoop on Your Rights** – Learn your student rights. Free ice cream. Prairie Place, 6p

Wednesday, August 30

- **Multi-faith Conversations** – Open dialogue focused on hope and faith. A1150, 12p – 1p
- **Student Employment and Part-Time Job Fair**- Hall of Governors, 2p – 5p
- **Splash Bash**-Must show GSU student i.d. Swim suits & towel required. GSU Pool, 7p – 9p

Thursday, August 31- Live Broadcast by 107.5 WGCI

- **Student Organization Involvement Fair** -GSU Lake, 12p – 6p
- **GSU Carnival** 1p – 5p
- **Secretary of State Mobile Services** - Hall of Governors, 11:30a – 6p
- **Pop-Up Food Pantry** – Hall of Governors, Noon-6p
- **Pepsi Corporation** – Cool off with an ice cold Pepsi

Friday, September 1

- **Mr. & Ms. GSU Info. Sessions** – Be the next Mr. & Ms. GSU! Jaguar Den, A2140; 12p, 3p
- **Recycle Mania** –Recycle unwanted papers today. Hall of Governors, 10a – 3p
- **Public Health Brigade Mixer** – Information session. Hall of Honors, 3p – 4:30p
- **Women's Volleyball Game vs. Silver Cross**, GSU Gym, 7p
- **Welcome Back Party** –Hosted by Black Student Union. E-lounge, 10p – 2a

Saturday, September 2

- **Welcome Back Comedy Extravaganza** –Comedy show hosted by B. Cole. Featuring Kenny Howell & Just Nesh, Headliner: Melanie Comarcho. \$25 admission, \$10 GSU students w/valid i.d. Center for Performing Arts Center 7p-9p

Don't Forget to Rock Your Tie for the M.S.I.

The Male Success Initiative invites the entire GSU community to support the launching of the MSI by wearing a bow tie on August 28th.

Dress it up, dress it down, or get funky with it! (Yes, *this is national day*—Google it and see!)

Wear your bow tie and post a selfie **#MSIRocksTheBowTie**





What Events are happening after Welcome Week?

After the Welcome Week Events have concluded Hall Council will be gearing up for the semester and bringing you more events to Prairie Place.

Check out the following schedule to see some of what we have planned:

- Hall Council Elections, Wed. Sept 6th, 7PM, Prairie Place Great Hall
- Meet Your Hall Council, Sun. Sept 10th, 7PM, Prairie Place Great Hall

- Inspirational Quote/ Candy Giveaway, Wed. Sept 20th after 5PM, Prairie Place
- Movie Night, Fri. Sept 29th, 8PM, Prairie Place Classroom
- Decorate the Great Hall, Wed. Oct. 4th, 7PM

check out our Prairie Place Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/PrairiePlace/>.

We hope to see you there and be on the lookout for flyers with more info about each event in Prairie Place and

“Check out the Prairie Place C-Store for the expanded frozen entrée and grocery offerings”

Dining Services News

On behalf of all who serve you at the C-Store at Prairie Place, we welcome all of you to the start of the 2017/2018 Academic year at GSU!

We look forward to another great semester and we welcome you to stop by your C-Store to see the wide variety of beverages and snacks we have to offer. New to this semester, we have expanded our frozen entrée and grocery offerings. In addition, our chefs

will be preparing a wider variety of sandwiches, salads and fresh prepared items for your enjoyment. Please be on the lookout for our weekly C-Store specials for highlighted special offerings. **Hours for the C-Store are Monday-Sunday, 7:30PM-10:30PM.**

Have ideas for what you would like to see at the C-Store? We want to provide what you would like at YOUR C-Store. Please share your thoughts

with us at a **special meeting on Monday, September 18 at 5PM** in the Great Hall in Prairie Place.

Additionally, you can provide your immediate feedback at the comment box located in the Prairie Place Lobby, by telephone x7433, or online at www.arenafoodservice.com/gsucomments

C-store Specials: Mon, Aug 28 – Sun, Sept 3

- Monday:** Vanilla Yogurt Parfait with Granola \$3.05
- Tuesday:** Roast Beef and Cheddar Cheese on Wheat \$4.55
- Wednesday:** BBQ Ranch Chicken on Garlic Herb Wrap \$4.55
- Thursday:** Vegetarian Chef Salad w/ Tofu \$5.05
- Friday:** Fresh Cut Fruit Bowls \$2.60
- Saturday:** Fresh Popcorn \$1.00
- Sunday:** Fresh Baked Cookie 2pack \$1.55

Café - Fall 2017 Hours

(Effective Monday, August 28, 2017)

Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 7:30 pm

Friday: 8 am - 5 pm

Saturday: 10:30 am - 3 pm

Sunday: CLOSED



Effective August 28, 2017

