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Commencement Exercises of the Forty-Second Academic Year

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2013 • 10 A.M. & 5 P.M.
From its inception in 1979, innovation has been the hallmark of GSU’s success. With Vision 2014, that tradition continues. From welcoming the inaugural first-year 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, Under Secretary of the United States Department of Education. With bold new initiatives and 62 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 a $24.9 million renovation of science and health sciences laboratories and classrooms and the construction of the university's first on campus residences. 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**

In 2014, GSU will accept its First Class of freshman students, enhancing its capacity to provide high 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 degree 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.

**Community Commitment**

GSU continues to serve as a public square - educationally, culturally, and economically through 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.
Order of Exercises

Saturday, June 8, 2013, 10 a.m.
College of Education
College of Health and Human Services

Dr. Elaine P. Maimon
University President
Presiding

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

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

PROCESSIONAL ................................................................ Dianna Galante, Excellence Award Recipient
“Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1,” by Edward Elgar ................. Encore Concert Band

CALL TO ORDER .......................................................... 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, Vice Chair - Board of Trustees
GREETINGS FROM THE FACULTY ........................ Rashidah Muhammad, Faculty Senate President
GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION .......... George Hogan - Alumni Association

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER ............................ Erin Fletcher, Student Trustee
STUDENT SPEAKER ADDRESS ........................................................ Michael Griffin

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

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE ............................ Dr. Terry Allison, Provost
Conferring of Degree ............................................................. Dr. Elaine P. Maimon
Honorary Recipient, Doctor of Humane Letters ........................... Maria Hinojosa

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES ..................... Tony Labriola
College of Education .......................................................... Dr. Deborah Bordelon, Dean
College of Health and Human Services ................................. Dr. Beth Cada, Dean

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

CLOSING REMARKS .......................................................... Tony Labriola

RECESSIONAL ............................................................... Dianna Galante, Excellence Award Recipient
“Crown Imperial,” by William Walton ..................................... Encore Concert Band

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

Ms. Susan Bova, Sign Language Interpreter
The audience is requested to rise and remain standing during the Processional and Recessional.
Order of Exercises
Saturday, June 8, 2013, 5 p.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

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GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES..................... Eileen Durkin, Secretary - Board of Trustees
GREETINGS FROM THE FACULTY ........................................ Rashidah Muhammad, Faculty Senate President
GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION .................. Nathaniel Grant - Alumni Association

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER ................................. Erin Fletcher, Student Trustee
STUDENT SPEAKER ADDRESS ................................................... Shaniqua Jones

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

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES .............................. Tony Labriola
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

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Honorary Degree Candidate

Maria Hinojosa

Journalist

As an award-winning journalist for some of the nation’s most respected news organizations, Maria Hinojosa has striven to give voice to the voiceless, to make the invisible visible, and to shine light where there is darkness.

During her 25-year career at CNN, PBS, National Public Radio, and WGBH in Boston, Hinojosa has undertaken a relentless search for truth and fairness. “I want to make my media consumers feel something through my reporting,” Hinojosa says. “And yes, I want those in power accountable to the truth.”

Hinojosa was the first Latina to be employed at NPR, the first Latina correspondent at CNN, and the first Latina anchor at PBS. Those “firsts,” she says, gave her a great sense of the responsibility to represent an entire community at editorial meetings.

As the anchor and executive producer of her own weekly NPR show, “Latino USA,” and anchor of the talk show, “Maria Hinojosa: One-on-One,” from WGBH/LaPlaza, she has informed millions of Americans about the fastest growing ethnic group in the United States.

Previously a Senior Correspondent for “NOW,” and currently a contributing correspondent for “Need to Know,” both on PBS, Hinojosa has covered hundreds of important stories. Her powerful reporting has focused on immigrant work camps in New Orleans after Katrina, teen girl victims of sexual harassment on the job, and the poor in Alabama.

In April, 2010, Hinojosa took a groundbreaking step by launching The Futuro Media Group, a multi-platform, nonprofit production company based in Harlem with the mission to give critical voice to the social and civic justice issues facing the diverse new America.

Hinojosa was the first Latina to anchor a FRONTLINE report “Lost in Detention,” which aired in October, 2011. The documentary explored abuse at immigrant detention facilities, attracting attention from Capitol Hill to both the mainstream and Spanish-language media.

“She is in so many ways emblematic of the new world in which we live,” veteran journalist Tom Brokaw said.

Hinojosa has won top honors in American journalism including four Emmys, the 2012 John Chancellor Award for Excellence in Journalism, the Studs Terkel Community Media Award, the Robert F. Kennedy Award for Reporting on the Disadvantaged, and the Edward R. Murrow Award from the Overseas Press Club for best documentary for her groundbreaking “Child Brides: Stolen Lives.” In 2009, Hinojosa was honored with an AWRT Gracie Award for Individual Achievement as Best TV Correspondent.

Throughout her career, Hinojosa has helped define the conversation about our times and our society with one of the most authentic voices in broadcasting. She is the author of two books, including a motherhood memoir, “Raising Raul: Adventures Raising Myself and My Son.” She has also been a weekly syndicated columnist for King Features/Hearst.

Hinojosa was born in Mexico City, raised in Chicago, and received her B.A. from Barnard College. She lives in Harlem with her husband, artist German Perez, and their son and daughter.
Like many U.S. Army combat veterans, Michael Griffin has been to hell and back. Nearly a decade after being severely wounded in Iraq, Griffin is receiving his bachelor's degree in social work, committed to helping fellow veterans deal with the scars of warfare.

“It is such an honor to be chosen as a Commencement speaker, knowing everything I went through,” Griffin says. “My family was told I would be dead or brain damaged. I was given a one percent chance of survival. It just proves that you should never give up. You never know what's around the corner.”

Griffin, of northwest suburban Carpentersville, has many relatives who have served in the military, from World War II to Vietnam and other conflicts, and knew one day he would serve his country as well. The day after the September 11 attacks, Griffin enlisted.

In November, 2004, Griffin’s infantry unit was conducting a house-to-house search in the Iraqi city of Baquba, a hotbed of anti-American insurgents, when they were attacked in what he describes as a “head-to-head” battle. Toward the end of the firefight, he was shot by an insurgent with an AK-47, suffering life-threatening injuries to his stomach and leg. “I was dying,” he said.

Medics flew Griffin to Germany, then Walter Reed military hospital outside Washington, D.C., where he beat the odds just by surviving. Six months later, he was released but says he still does therapy. Griffin was recently awarded the Army Commendation Medal of Valor for providing key details about the enemy's whereabouts after he was shot.

He left the service and enrolled at Harper College. At a Harper college fair, Griffin discovered Governors State University and learned the university offered a bachelor's degree in social work. Soon, he was discussing the social work program with professors and enrolled at GSU.

Griffin, the father of two children, plans to pursue a master's degree in social work and eventually earn a doctorate. He wants to work with veterans at the Hines VA hospital or a similar facility, helping former service members deal with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, which afflicts 20 percent of Iraq War veterans and 11 percent of veterans who served in Afghanistan, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Griffin is pleased with his social work educational experience at GSU. “It's very interactive,” he said. “There is a lot of collaboration with your classmates, and role playing, and group projects. The professors are amazing. They have pushed me to succeed.”

Last fall, Griffin was chairman of the committee that organized a community forum at GSU that took an uncompromising look at topics like PTSD, Don't Ask Don't Tell, women in leadership roles in the military, family members of combat victims, and putting wounded warriors to work through economic empowerment. More than 300 persons attended the forum, which cast new light on the challenges facing veterans – and which Griffin is making a dedicated effort to help overcome.
Shaniqua Jones remembers the first time she heard about restorative justice.
In a GSU master's level criminal justice class taught by Dr. James “Chip” Coldren, who is recognized as a national expert on this approach to justice, she learned how offenders take responsibility for their actions and work with victims to repair harm, returning stolen property, or taking other appropriate steps.

“I'm a preacher's kid, and what he said went right to the heart of what I believe,” Jones said. “How are we supposed to live with our neighbors? How can we lead lives filled with respect with the people around us?”

At that moment, Jones said, “the light bulb went on.” Since then, she has committed herself to bring restorative justice to her own community and beyond. Today, she is receiving a master's degree in criminal justice. She plans to pursue an Ed.D in Leadership through GSU's College of Education.

This year, Jones launched a pilot program in restorative justice at her local middle school in Harvey. These are especially challenging times for middle school students since social media has become a dominant force and cyberbullying is rampant, she said.

“Kids come to school upset about what someone has said on Facebook or Instagram, and sometimes they lash out at each other,” she said. “With restorative justice, we can address it without involving the police.”

In Jones’ pilot program, offenses are examined at a series of conferences. All parties are involved – the offender, the victim, school administrators, social workers, teachers, and parents or legal guardians. At the end of the year, students who have gone through the program and have not committed any further infractions are recognized with an award.

Jones also trained the middle school principal, two assistant principals, and a social worker. The restorative justice program will be in place during summer school and when classes start this fall.

At GSU, Jones worked with professors to develop a restorative justice certificate program. When it begins, GSU will be the only university in Illinois to offer training at this level.

Jones' life is extremely busy both at GSU and outside the university. She is the mother of four daughters and a son, ages 6 to 14, and runs her own firm, Senorita Entertainment, which books comedy shows in south suburban venues. At GSU, she is a member of the Student Senate and was recently named Outstanding Graduate Student at the Student Life Leadership Awards Ceremony. Her husband is a GSU student in occupational therapy.

Jones earned her bachelor's degree at GSU in Interdisciplinary Studies in 2012. From the moment she entered GSU, she said, she felt welcomed by faculty and staff who wanted to point her in the right direction. “I knew I was going to walk out of here headed on a new path.”
College of Arts and Sciences

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Leroy Alexander
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Imani Aloway
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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
- 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