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**October, 2019**

## **What's New at GSU: University Updates**



From Athletics to university housing, the 2019-2020 edition of **University Updates** is chock full of helpful information for new and transfer students considering a move to **Governors State University**.

### **Jaguars Kick Off Soccer**



The Jaguars are hitting the soccer field as intercollegiate athletics continues to expand at **Governors State University**.

The Jaguars compete in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference and join the growing ranks of soccer programs in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

Both **men's and women's varsity soccer** began this fall, complementing seven other trailblazing teams at Governors State, formerly an upper-division only institution.

The 12-page brochure highlights new academic programs, including a Master of Science in Human Resource Management and an MFA in Studio Art, and support services such as a Counselor-in-Residence program. Plus, readers can read about Governors State's unique freshman experience, as well as what transfer students can expect.

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## Partnering with Our Community



A Message from University Park Mayor Joseph E. Roudez, III

Having recently completed my first 100 days as mayor of University Park, I am grateful to be continuing a positive working relationship between Governors State University (GSU) and the village. Together with GSU, University Park is becoming the regional hub of Chicago's Southland through the creation of expanded economic opportunity and a well-trained workforce of future leaders.

In 2014, when Governors State transitioned to a full-service, four-year university, it launched a full athletic program, along with mascot Jax.

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## Conversations with Leaders: *Erica Wade*



People can get advice anywhere, but the help that hits home often comes from someone who has been in the same situation. At **Governors State University**, some of the best guidance comes from Erica Wade.

"I've had clients say, 'How do you know?' And I say, 'I've been in your shoes.' I remember being in their situation, which has helped me be more receptive and compassionate, and to provide nonjudgmental space for them to heal."

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## Distinguished Alumni



"Governors State provides an education to people who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford it. It opens the door of opportunity for so many diverse, talented students. I hope it's around for 150 more years because I think it's exactly what the world needs right now," said Mercedes Kane, 2009 MFA alumna.

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## Student Showcase



### Humans of GSU

Governors State Senior Aaron West is studying the impact of plastic on soil. He says GSU is the perfect place to do this.

Aaron is this month's featured Human of GSU.

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## College Connections

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## State's Only Supply Chain Hub



As part of a state-wide initiative to boost Illinois' economy through entrepreneurship, research, and workforce development, **Governors State University** is establishing a Supply Chain Innovation Center and Business Incubator (SCICBI) as its **Illinois Innovation Network (IIN)** hub.

GSU President Elaine P. Maimon said, "The Illinois Innovation Network provides a framework for the university to cooperate with other Illinois public universities to apply knowledge and research to the state's most pressing problems and to stimulate economic growth."

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## College of Arts and Sciences Wins Global Accreditation



The Governors State University **Master of Public Administration** was recently approved for accreditation renewal by the Network of Schools



When **Governors State University** Professor **Shawn Patrick** first went to college, she didn't know what fueled her passion.

After extensive searching, she discovered psychology and completed her bachelor's degree in Psychology and Philosophy.

Even then, she was unsure of her career path. When a friend suggested counseling, she was intrigued.

When she took the initial course, Patrick was hooked.

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## College of Health and Human Services Students Travel to Ghana



of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA).

"The accreditation supports Governors State's 50-year commitment to educating leaders through our program, curriculum, and outstanding faculty," said Susan Gaffney, MPA Program Coordinator.

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Lorenzo Carr, Amber Wood, and Dawn Harrison are three Governors State Students who traveled to Ghana and share their impressions and thoughts on the slave dungeons 400 years after the start of American slavery.

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