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GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

Commencement Exercises of the Forty-First Academic Year

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012
10 A.M. & 5 P.M.
SUCCESS BY DEGREES

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, 23 bachelor’s, 27 master’s, and five doctoral degree programs, GSU excels at providing the quality education that is essential for success in today’s world.

Success by Opportunity
GSU’s exemplary efforts bring unequalled education opportunities to the region’s diverse population. The university is remarkably inclusive and serves students from a wide range of socio-economic and cultural backgrounds. The student body, like the faculty and staff, reflect a rich blend of ideas, perspectives, talents, and life experiences.

Success by Innovation
GSU, expanding on its commitment to excellence and reflecting the best research on student success, will become a full-service university with the admission of its inaugural freshman class in 2014. The groundbreaking Dual Degree Program encourages community college students to complete both an associate and bachelor’s degree at an affordable tuition rate and with comprehensive academic advising.

Success by Commitment
GSU is committed to serving as the region’s public square and making the community stronger through programs and partnerships in education, healthcare, government, and business. The Center for Performing Arts and Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park integrate arts and education. The university is also fully committed to sustainability through its alternative energy and conservation efforts.

Success by Excellence
GSU, the only public university in the Chicago Southland region, is a national model in providing education pathways that lead its graduates to lives rich in purpose, commitment, and contribution.
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Order of Exercises
Saturday, May 19, 2012, 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 ....................................................Pam Guimond, 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 ....................Jack Beaupre, Chair - Board of Trustees
GREETINGS FROM THE FACULTY ...............................Rashidah Muhammad, Faculty Senate President
GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ..............Saundra Brunson, President - Alumni Association

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER ..........................Jada Nettle, Student Trustee
STUDENT SPEAKER ADDRESS .....................................Erin Fletcher

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 .................Charles Lotton

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

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

RECESSIONAL ....................................................Pam Guimond, 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.
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College of Health and Human Services

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STUDENT SPEAKER ADDRESS .......................................................... Fredi Parks

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College of Education ................................................................... Dr. Deborah Bordelon, Dean
College of Health and Human Services ........................................ Dr. Elizabeth Cada, Dean

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Art and glass were not always the focus of Charles Lotton’s creativity, nor did he consider himself an artist with a unique voice. He was an astute businessman and successful hair stylist and salon owner when he first discovered that expression and creativity lay in glass. Lotton’s world changed when he discovered his ability to master that fragile mixture of silica, sodium oxide, and calcium oxide.

His fascination with glass began when he was introduced to the Carnival glass collection of a customer of his salon. He soon began his own collection, which led to a visit to the Art Institute of Chicago and an investigation and experimentation into how art glass is created.

Lotton never received formal art instruction. It was through experimentation and inspiration, by trial and error, and with the support of his wife and children that he became an artist. His unique and creative techniques, and the materials he conceived, were originally produced over a furnace in the glass blowing studio he built in his backyard. It was there that he developed his singular formula for creating magnificent colors of glass. He also pioneered the “onion skin” method of decorating the outside of glass paperweights.

Throughout a career spanning more than 40 years, Lotton has remained a creative and innovative force in the art glass world. The art glass market responded to his unique blending of colors and designs. In the early 1970s, he was under contract with Lillian Nassau, renowned dealer in Tiffany glass. She encouraged Lotton to emulate some of Tiffany’s techniques. He responded by creating paperweights, vases, perfume bottles, and lamp shades that both honor the Tiffany style and reflect Lotton’s extraordinary creativity in color and design.

Lotton continues to develop new techniques and colors, turning glass into gracious and breathtaking pieces of art. His work is exhibited in museums such as the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.; the Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, N.Y.; and the Art Institute of Chicago; sold through galleries and dealers; and found in public and private collections from coast to coast.

Lotton remains a son of the region, living and creating in Crete, Illinois, where his studio is always open to visitors. Adding to his legacy in glass, is the work of his children, grandson, and nephew, who are each successful glass artists in their own right.
Honorary Degree Candidate — Afternoon Ceremony

Laurens Grant
Producer, Director

Laurens Grant is a multiple-Emmy winning documentary filmmaker and journalist. During her exceptional career, she has focused a bright, unwavering light on chapters of American history that are too often overlooked. Grant’s remarkable abilities – as an interviewer, storyteller, and producer – always shine through in her documentaries. Grant’s video projects offer unforgettable insight into the stain of slavery, Jim Crow racism, and the resilience and heroism of African Americans throughout the nation’s history.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, “The moral arc of the universe is long, but it bends toward justice.” With stunning results, Grant has charted that arc. She has focused her lens on men and women who, through their brave actions, changed the course of our country, and moved it closer to the justice that we all cherish.

Working with renowned director Stanley Nelson in 2003, Grant was coordinating producer for The Murder of Emmett Till, on PBS’s The American Experience, which was honored with a Sundance Jury Award, Primetime Emmy, and a Peabody Award for Best Documentary. The U.S. Department of Justice re-opened the Emmett Till murder case in part due to the film’s previously unpublished eyewitness accounts and research.

In 2011, Grant won a Primetime Emmy as the producer of the documentary Freedom Riders, which also appeared on The American Experience. She interviewed dozens of participants in the 1961 freedom rides, which shook the nation’s conscience and helped end segregation. It is the first feature-length documentary to tell their courageous story. Grant also worked with Nelson on the film.

Grant is the director of the PBS documentary Jesse Owens, which recently made its debut on The American Experience. It tells the story of African-American sprinter Jesse Owens, who shocked Hitler’s Aryan nation by winning four gold medals at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Grant also co-produced two, four-hour specials for PBS: Slavery and the Making of America: Seeds of Destruction, for which she won an Emmy, and Latin Music USA: The Chicano Wave.

Grant has produced and directed documentaries for A&E and History, and has directed films in Africa and Latin America.

Before working in documentaries, Grant was a foreign correspondent in Latin America. She headed the Panama bureau for Reuters, and wrote about Latin American politics and culture for many publications, including Newsweek, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, and the San Francisco Chronicle.

Grant is a graduate of Northwestern University, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Journalism with a minor concentration in French language and literature. She is fluent in Spanish and French. Grant, who lives in New York City, was raised in Chicago’s south suburbs.
Erin Fletcher’s first exposure to Governors State University came when she was a child, growing up in University Park.

“My mother was a secretary in the GSU Library,” Erin says. “She had to work one Saturday a month in the library and she’d bring me along. I found some of my best friends in the library shelves.”

It’s been a long journey from those days amid the library shelves. Today, Erin receives her bachelor’s degree in interdisciplinary studies, magna cum laude. She is already working toward her master’s in communications and plans to pursue an Ed.D. in leadership at GSU as well.

Achieving her bachelor’s degree is just the latest accomplishment in Erin’s full, successful life. She is a mother of four. She worked in the business sector for 25 years, most recently in logistics management at the Solo Cup Company in University Park, where she was executive assistant to the regional distribution manager.

After she lost her job in 2009, at the height of the national economic downturn, Erin decided it was time to complete her bachelor’s degree at Governors State. She had previously completed more than 80 hours of coursework at Prairie State College.

“It was an epiphany for me,” she says. “And I found that the interdisciplinary studies program was perfect for someone with my experience.”

She completed her degree in three semesters. “I took seven or eight courses at a time. I set my mind to do it. I just did it.”

In addition to her coursework, Erin has also worked at the university, first in Student Life and currently in the interdisciplinary studies office. She is also a graduate assistant at GSU, teaching 28 students in Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies.

Erin was recently elected to a one-year term as student trustee on the GSU Board of Trustees. She is a two-term student senator, a member of the Black Student Union, the Wellness Club, and the Honors Council, which provides input on the yearly Honors Program lecture series and other activities.

Ultimately, Erin would like to teach in higher education. She has already started research on what will eventually be her doctoral thesis: the promotion of African American women on higher education faculties in America.

Erin is a Richton Park resident. Two of her children are college graduates; a third is about to graduate from the University of Illinois; and her youngest is completing high school. Her children are “very excited and very proud” that their mother was chosen as a graduation speaker.

“It’s one thing to talk about the important things in life,” she says. “It’s another thing when your children see it happening.”
Fredi Parks always knew she wanted to be a teacher.
Her dream came true after she entered GSU’s Alternative Certification program, which trains career
changers for the classroom and prepares them for careers in challenging, underserved schools.
“…I met a new me through the Alt Cert program,” Fredi says. “I can’t say enough about my professors
– their standards of excellence made all this possible. Learning here is the best way to learn. GSU, as
it turns out, is a bright and shining star.”
The Alternative Certification program is funded through a federal Teacher Quality Partnership
(TQP) grant that provides a $30,000 stipend to students during a residency period. As residents,
students practice-teach for an entire year, rather than the traditional one-semester student teaching
period. Fredi is a member of the first class to go through the TQP residency period.
Fredi completed the program in August 2011 and immediately began working full-time as a sixth
grade teacher at Maya Angelou School in Harvey. She conducted her residency teaching in the same
school district.
“It’s not work for me,” she says. Fredi teaches 27 sixth graders with a variety of ability levels. There is
a high mobility rate, which means a number of students who start the year in her classroom will
finish it in another school. She says students routinely text her during non-school hours, mostly
about classroom assignments but sometimes about more personal matters.
“We’re family,” she says. “My students have to know they are in a safe environment in our classroom.
I let them know I will defend them every day. I also let them know that they have an obligation to
do the same for everyone in the classroom.”
Fredi, of Park Forest, graduated from Illinois State University with a bachelor’s degree in psychology.
She worked 12 years at the Alzheimer’s Foundation in Chicago, starting as a temp and working her
way up to director of operations. In 2009, her oldest daughter got an all-expenses-paid scholarship to
the University of Missouri and she saw that as an opportunity to change careers. She did research on
teacher education programs and decided that Alt Cert at GSU was the best fit for her.
Outside the classroom, Fredi is also extremely busy. She is a mother of four – her other three
children are in the fifth, sixth, and eighth grade. She has worked as a community organizer, taught a
web design course, and served as team mother for her son’s youth football team. She came in second
in GSU’s “Singing With the Broadway Stars” competition in 2010 and sings in two bands.
Today, Fredi will receive her master’s degree in education. She is “excited and humbled” by being
selected as today’s speaker. After today, she is determined to bring the lessons she learned at GSU
into her own classroom to improve the lives of the next generation of students.
# College of Arts and Sciences

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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.