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Ninety Eight CHP Undergrads Make Dean's List

GSU recently released its Dean's List for the Fall 2007 Trimester. Ninety eight College of Health Professions students earned their place on the list.

"I'm very proud of our students," said College of Health Professions [Dean Linda Samson](#). "The disciplines we teach in this college are extremely challenging. Many of our students go to school while working and, often, while raising families. This level of academic excellence demonstrates exceptional ability and absolute dedication."

She added, "On behalf of the entire college, I congratulate them."

Dean's List honors come only to undergraduate students who earn a minimum 3.70 grade point average (GPA) for the Trimester and take at least six credit hours during the term.

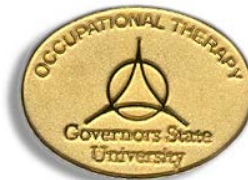
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Congratulations - and Well Done: Occupational Therapy Holds New Graduate Pinning Ceremony

The [Department of Occupational Therapy](#) held its pinning ceremony for new [Master of Occupational Therapy](#) (MOT) graduates on February 15.

The MOT pinning ceremony is a long-standing tradition in the College that recognizes the hard work and dedication of MOT graduates. Family and friends - the important people in graduates' lives - are invited to attend and take part in this very proud moment.



This year [President Elaine Maimon](#) and Board of Trustees President Lorine Samuels joined CHP Dean Linda Samson and Department of Occupational Therapy Chair [Elizabeth Cada](#) in welcoming the graduates and their guests.

With twenty new graduates, this was the largest pinning ceremony in the program's ten year history - and it had the largest attendance, with family members as young as four weeks joining grandparents in offering their support and congratulations.

Steven Hanson offered comments on behalf of the graduating class as class

speaker.

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DNP Application Online - Deadline Extended to May 1

Application materials for the new [Doctor of Nursing Practice](#) were posted on the CHP website on February 15. For the first round of admissions, applications are only being accepted for the Fall 2008 Trimester. The original March 1 application deadline has been extended to May 1.

- [DNP application page](#).

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Dr. Yacullo Appointed CDIS Chair

[Dr. William Yacullo](#) has been appointed chair of the [Department of Communication Disorders](#). Yacullo served as interim department chair for the department after former chair Dr. Sandra Mayfield was appointed assistant provost.

"I'm glad that Dr. Yacullo has accepted this appointment," said Dean Linda Samson. "Bill is an outstanding scholar and an excellent administrator. I know that he'll provide the very best leadership for the department."

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Dr. Evans Accepted for Harvard Program*

[Dr. Rupert M. Evans](#) has been accepted to attend Harvard School of Medicine's program for "Educators in the Health Professions." The goal of this Harvard program is to enhance the professional development of educators in the health professions. The program consists of two sessions in residence at Harvard: an 11-day winter session and a 6-day spring session. Learning formats include large-group presentations, interactive exercises, problem-based learning, observations, reflective use of journals, and discussion in large and small groups. Evans is one of 55 individuals selected for this prestigious program. He attended the first session in January, and he will complete the program in May.

**Submitted by the Department of Health Administration*

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CHP Well-Represented at Annual ISHA Convention*

The annual convention of the [Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association](#) (ISHA) was held February 7-10 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, IL. Among the more than 1800 participants were numerous GSU students and faculty from the Department

of Communication Disorders. Two of the department's faculty members, [Dr. Jessica Bonner](#) and [Dr. Catherine Balthazar](#), are members of the ISHA Executive Board. Students are encouraged to attend the ISHA Convention, and may have registration fees waived for four hours of volunteer work. The Convention offers a student presentation track, and student presenters may also attend the convention for free. Student presentation proposals are typically due in September for the following February convention.

** Submitted by the Department of Communication Disorders*

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CDIS to Co-Host Hanen Workshop*

On June 19-21 and 23-25, the Department of Communication Disorders at GSU will co-host two It Takes Two to Talk – Hanen Training for Professionals workshops. These highly regarded workshops teach speech-language pathologists how to train parents to promote language development in infants and toddlers. The Hanen method is supported by research, and is internationally recognized for its quality. Individuals interested in the Hanen method or materials may visit the website www.hanen.org.

- [Workshop information and registration](#)

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The Writing Center

Written communication is one of the most powerful skills health professions students need master. But writing ain't always easy, and sometimes we need help.

Not to worry. [The Writing Center at GSU](#) has a crack team of writing consultants who are there to help you with that term paper, research project, or documentation conundrum.

The Writing Center helps students in three ways.

1. Writing Center tutors are on duty in the University Library from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. Tutors can help you narrow your research focus and answer questions about documentation.
2. The Writing Center provides online assistance as well. The online writing center offers a twenty-four hour response to your writing with guidance on your own particular writing difficulty. The online writing center also offers links to resources, such as documentation styles (APA and AMA) and where to put that comma.
3. The Writing Center also offers one-on-one assistance in half hour appointments for more intensive writing issues. Appointments must be made in advance. To make an appointment, call 708.534.4508.

Whatever writing issues you need to work on, the Writing Center provides outstanding support. Our advice: see the University Writing Center pros early, and see them often.

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Stressed? Need help?

Governors State University's [Counseling Center](#) provides confidential counseling services for currently enrolled GSU students. For personal

counseling with a licensed clinical psychologist, contact Dr. Katherine Helm at 708.235.7334.

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Career Assistance

The [Office of Career Services](#) is ready and able to help you get your career off the ground. OCS can meet with students and alumni one-on-one to develop resumes, cover letters, job search strategies, and more. The OCS also holds workshops and keeps postings for local employers.

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Disability Accommodations

Students who have disabilities, and who intend to request extended time on professional licensing exams, should contact [Access Services for Students with Disabilities](#), located in the Academic Resource Center.

Registering will ensure students with disabilities receive the accommodations they need as CHP students and, when they seek additional time on licensing exams, provide necessary documentation that accommodation was provided in their undergraduate or graduate program.

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Upcoming CHP Information Sessions

Master of Health Administration

The [Department of Health Administration](#) will hold information sessions for its [Master of Health Administration \(MHA\)](#) degree program on the following dates:

- March 15, 2008
- April 26, 2008

The MHA information sessions will be from 10 a.m. to noon in the E-Lounge. For more information, contact Dr. Rupert Evans at 708.235.2131 or by e-mail at r-evans@govst.edu.

Master of Occupational Therapy

The [Department of Occupational Therapy](#) will hold information sessions for its [Master of Occupational Therapy \(MOT\)](#) degree program on the following dates:

- Saturday, April 5, 2008
- Thursday, July 24, 2008
- Saturday, September 13, 2008

The MOT information sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Room G-127 on all dates. For information about MOT information sessions, contact Mary Tracy at 708.534.7270 or by e-mail at m-tracy@govst.edu.

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