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# Message from Dr. Cheryl Green President of Governors State University

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## Dear Colleagues, Donors, and Friends of GSU,

Governors State University (GovState) is the only regional comprehensive public university in Chicago's Southland. Our diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) assessments show that we are one of the most diverse and inclusive campuses in the state of Illinois, and home to a richly diverse and talented group of students taught by an equally diverse and exceptional faculty. Founded in 1969, GovState remains true to its mission of "offering an exceptional and accessible education that prepares students with the knowledge, skills, and ability to succeed in a global society."

"We are GovState," our 2023 Annual Report, highlights not only the mission, but also the numerous and significant contributions made by the many faculty and staff who work tirelessly to provide educational opportunities for our students. They change lives. Each year, thousands of Jaguars sacrifice, persevere, and continue their journey toward academic achievement. They also are at the heart of our Annual Report.

In Fiscal Year 2023, GovState made significant progress with advancing academic excellence across the university. We are developing the groundwork to start two new colleges—one for honors students, and one for graduate students. The Social Justice Initiative was also established to service communities in south suburban Chicago by hosting events, educational activities, and most recently, a pro-bono legal assistance clinic. Our focus continues to include prioritizing international and graduate student enrollment, revenue diversification, equity, and inclusion, and enhanced local, regional, national, and international visibility for the university.

Additionally, Governors State University remains committed to offering an exceptional education to everyone who is willing to be educated. We know education reduces poverty, transforms one's thoughts, serves as systemic change, improves personal and family outcomes which changes generations, and transforms communities and society. The diversity of our students qualifies GovState as a Minority Serving Institution (MSI) and an emerging Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI). We have a robust international student presence, and a 30% Caucasian student body; the Jaguar community is a melting pot.

Yes! This is a very exciting time to be a Governors State University Jaguar. I am so pleased to present the GSU FY2023 Annual Report. As we continue to adapt to an ever-changing global economy and higher educational landscape, I take great pleasure in sharing the successes and initiatives at GovState that showcase our flexibility, adaptability, and innovativeness. We are proud of our many accomplishments and as we continue to navigate the known and unknown challenges of the future, please be assured that our commitment to educational excellence is unwavering. Together we can make a difference, together we must!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl F. Green". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Cheryl Green  
President, Governors State University



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# GSU At a Glance



## Total Enrollment: 4427

Undergraduate	2589
Graduate	1749
Non-Degree	89
Full-time	2593
Part-time	1834



## Enrollment by Race

Black	35%
White	29%
Other	18%
Hispanic	15%
Asian	3%



## Enrollment by Gender

Female	63.9%
Male	36.1%



## Degrees Awarded

Undergraduates	666
Masters	460
Doctorates	53



## Faculty by Gender from CDS on IR website 556

Female	350	63%
Male	206	37%



## Faculty by Race/Ethnicity 556

White	345	62%
Minority	211	38%





**Governors State University is committed to providing quality, current and relevant, academic programs to students through classroom and cultural experiences.**

## INSTITUTION WIDE



# HONORS COLLEGE

AT GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

### **New GSU Honors College**

Following 10 years of growth and excellence, the GSU Honors College will allow the University to build upon the successes of that last decade while creating a centralized unit to streamline and consolidate honors education management. This includes essential functions like curriculum, faculty hiring for honors sections, physical space, and college advising. The GSU Honors College is the fifth such college in the state and the first honors college in nearly 20 years.

## COLLEGE OF **GRADUATE STUDIES**



**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY**

### **New College of Graduate Studies**

The College of Graduate Studies will promote education, uphold excellence in graduate studies, and address specific challenges of graduate student recruitment, advising, and administration of graduate assistantships and capstone products. The centralized administration of these roles will promote consistency across the University and serve to expand and consolidate existing operations.

### **NIU Law School Agreement**

Governors State University students seeking a law degree can take advantage of a partnership with Northern Illinois University (NIU) to earn both bachelor's and law degrees in only six years. The NIU partnership is Governors State's second 3 + 3 pathway. In 2022, GSU and Southern Illinois University established the partnership to shave up to a year off the traditional seven-year juris doctor timeline.

### **TransferBOOST**

To support students seeking bachelor's degrees after receiving associate degrees at partnering community colleges, Governors State University partnered with South Suburban and Moraine Valley Community College to participate in a multi-year, state-level initiative. TransferBOOST (Bachelor's Opportunity Options that are Straightforward and Transparent) is a collaboration between the Institute for Higher Education Policy, HCM Strategists, the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Community College Board, three public universities, and five community colleges.



# 100% ENROLLMENT

### **Jaguar LEAP**

The summer before fall 2022, 44 incoming freshmen participated in the summer immersion program, Jaguar LEAP. Students in the program earned seven college credits and persisted (100%) to enroll in fall 2022 courses. Of the 44 freshmen, 26 also successfully completed the Career Readiness badge.



# Academic Excellence

## College of Arts & Sciences



### Center for Community Media

Center for Community Media Governors State University expanded efforts to amplify diverse voices with the launch of the Center for Community Media (CCM), a production, teaching and research center that will serve as a broadcasting hub in the Southland. Led by Dr. Novia Pagone, Associate Professor of Spanish Language and Literatures and Global Studies, the CCM

in its first year premiered student-produced GSUTV, which first broadcast on Homewood Public Access TV Comcast Channel 19 and plans to move to CAN-TV studios.

### **Drone Club**

Governors State's Drone Club and Bult Field, a general aviation and corporate airport near Monee, are formalizing an agreement for the University to house the unmanned aircrafts. Computer Science Professor Aslam "Sam" Shahid said this move will not only solidify the GSU Drone Club will give the university an opportunity to play a role in becoming a hub for drone development in the state.

## College of Business

# NSF ENGINES DEVELOPMENT AWARD

### **NSF grant**

[National Science Foundation's Regional Innovation Engines](#) (NSF Engines) awarded Governors State and its partners \$1M to lead a two-year planning phase to create connections and develop local innovation ecosystems, including transportation logistics, automation of middle-mile freight trucking systems, and deployment of drones and electric vehicles. The College of Business and its [Supply Chain Innovation Center and Business Incubator](#) (SCICBI) are leading the project in collaboration with other Illinois Innovation Network hubs and partners in the private sector throughout the state.

# Academic Excellence

## College of Business



### AACSB Re-Accreditation

[The College of Business](#) (COB) earned re-accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), a distinction held by less than 5% of business schools across the world. One of 954 institutions across 59 countries and territories to hold this highly esteemed accreditation, the COB has held this distinction since 2016.

## College of Education



### New COE Rebrand

To add clarity to degree offerings and programs, the College of Education is taking on new identities. The College will be known as the College of Education and Human Development and the Division of Education is now the Division of Education and Leadership. The rebrand followed a survey of faculty, students, staff, and alumni.

### Journal of Applied Disciplines

Governors State University launched the Journal of Applied Disciplines (JAD) to fill a void in academic publishing, which requires hefty payments for access to research. Led by Dr. Allie Cipra, Associate Professor in GSU's Division of Psychology and Counseling, JAD will publish contemporary research in areas such as psychology, counseling, education, social work, physical/occupational therapy and the broader social sciences.



# Academic Excellence

## College of Health and Human Services

### Addictions Studies

Addiction Studies is known in the region and in the state for its grant-funded training programs on Peer Recovery Coaching and Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment. In FY23, the program received several state and federal grants to train for behavioral, medical, and allied health practitioners.

**\$479,740**

grant from the federal Health Resources & Services Administration

**\$98,418**

grant for a module-based substance use training from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

**\$412,477**

for Recovery Coaches Training Certificate Program from state Department of Health and Human Services.

### Occupational Therapy

The Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) program, chaired by Dr. Caren Schranz, is working through a five-year grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration to provide scholarships to students from economically and environmentally disadvantaged backgrounds. To date, \$1,535,000M has been awarded to 48 MOT students.

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### Nursing

The Nursing department, chaired by Dr. Nancy MacMullen, offers one of the University's five doctorate degrees. The Doctor of Nursing Practice is newly accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). The accreditation enables Governors State to participate in important nursing education, recruitment and support initiatives such as the Nurse Corps Loan Repayment program from the Health Services and Resources Administration.

### Health Informatics

More than 70 Governors State University students, a significant number of them international students, were admitted into the Master of Science in Health Informatics program. In 2022, the program also graduated more than 40 students.

# Academic Excellence

## College of Health and Human Services (cont.)

**\$17,000**

raised by the CDIS Gala

### Communication Disorders

In its first post-pandemic event, the Communication Disorders (CDIS) department raised nearly \$17,000 (endowing the scholarship at \$32,000) with a lakefront soiree. Gala proceeds and donations will fund the CDIS Lowe-Hildebrand-Lubinsky Scholarship, created to lessen the financial barriers for students seeking to become speech-language pathologists.



### Community Health

Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton visited Governors State to celebrate the signing of the Stroke Education and Awareness House Bill. Through the collaboration of state Representative Debbie Meyers-Martin and GSU's Dr. Tonya Roberson, Director of Community Outreach, Program Development and Academic Support, the [College of Health and Human Services](#) (CHHS) will partner with the Illinois Department of Public Health to develop a 12-month stroke awareness and education campaign tailored to communities at high-risk for stroke within Chicago's Southland communities.

### Social Work

Dr. Shonda Lawrence, Associate Professor of Social Work, has been appointed to the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Accreditation Board, which oversees a rigorous peer-review process to ensure the quality of social work programs in higher education. CSWE provides competencies for students graduating as advanced generalist practitioners in social work.

# Academic Excellence

## School of Extended Learning

The School of Extended Learning (SXL) hosted a two-week manufacturing bootcamp at Joliet Township High School and Crete Monee High School for recent graduates where participants received certifications in Mitsubishi CNC programming, OSHA 10, and forklift training. Participants also met with local manufacturers -- National Tube Supply, Donson Machines, Ventura Foods, Walterscheid, BC Foods and Personalization Mall. The program was made possible by grants from the Community Foundation of Will County and the Calumet Area Industrial Commission (CAIC).



### **The SXL's English Language Learning Center (ELLC) expanded its partnership with the community, offering ESL for parents and employees.**

In academic year 2023, the ELLC offered its English as a second language instruction to six local school districts and one private employer, assisting immigrant and refugee adults to improve their communication skills.



# Student Success



**Governors State University provides equitable pathways to graduation which lead to academic, personal, and career success.**



## **James Adduci Named Lincoln Laureate**

James Adduci, first-generation college student and staunch professional animal welfare advocate, was named [2022 Lincoln Laureate](#), an honor that recognizes leadership and service in the pursuit of betterment of humanity and overall excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities. Known for his relentless work with non-profit animal shelters and veterinary hospitals, Adduci has also earned multiple scholarships and repeatedly made the Dean's list.

## **GSU Goes to the White House**

Governors State University (GSU) Student Senate President [Marquis Parks](#) joined 75 other student-leaders from around the country at the White House, where Vice President Kamala Harris convened a meeting to discuss the fight to protect reproductive rights. Student-leaders voiced serious and grave concerns about reproductive rights, now in question following the Supreme Court ruling that overturned *Roe v. Wade* earlier this year.



# Student Success



## Ghana Trip

GSU faculty members, Dr. Nicole Bing & Dr. Lisa Pennington, led GSU's 3rd Annual Public Health Brigade to Accra, Ghana, May 18 - 30, 2023. The group spent 11 days in Ghana with a mission to empower rural communities through building home

infrastructures, educating the youth, and engaging with the communities. Students also experienced historical tours of the Assin Manso Slave River Site, Cape Coast Slave Dungeon, El Mina Slave Dungeon, and Fort Amsterdam at Abandze.



## Beloved Community

Dr. Phyllis West, Director of the Social Justice Initiative, and Dr. Amy Vujaklija, Director of Educator Preparation, Accreditation, and Assessment in the College of Education, accompanied students to Alabama to attend The Becoming the Beloved Community Conference at Auburn University. This year's event, held on the 55th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination, examined society's current ways of thinking about racism, equitable treatment, and historical landscapes within the context of the recent discovery of the slave ship Clotilda in Mobile, Alabama in 2019. The end goal of the Beloved Community is to build a Social Justice Student Leadership Program where students use their gained experiences to engage in important conversations and action.



## Jaguar TV

Jaguar TV, a YouTube Channel showcasing GSU sporting event videos produced by GSU's Digital Learning and Media Design (DLMD), launched along with GSU Athletics new website, [www.GSUJAGUARS.com](http://www.GSUJAGUARS.com).



# Student Success

## GSU Student Athlete NAIA Scholars

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) 2023 Daktronics named the following GSU athletes to their Scholar-Athletes list.

### Men's Basketball



*(L to R) Adam Taylor, Nick Mikash, and Lashun Dantzler*

### Men's Soccer



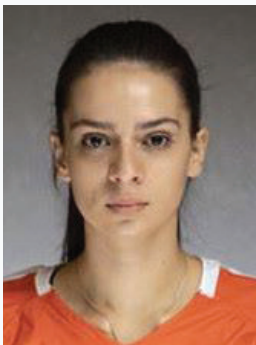
*Men's Soccer, 2022-23 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes  
Alexander Rudd, Raz Levy, Manuel Rodriguez, Pablo Rosso.*

### Women's Soccer



*Women's Soccer, 2022-23 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes  
Zoie Langlois, Melissa Guerrero, Emely Oviedo, Alyssa Rosales.*

### Women's Volleyball

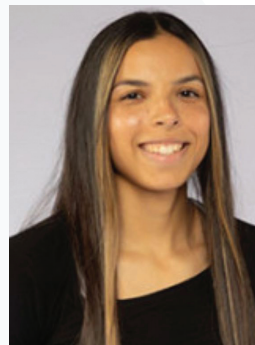


*Dunja Tatic, Volleyball,  
2018-2022 GSU's first-ever  
5-time All-CCAC Team  
Selection*

### Women's Basketball



*Lotte Miller, Women's  
Basketball, 2022-23  
Daktronics-NAIA  
Scholar-Athlete*



*Angeliq Cowan, Women's  
Basketball, 2022-23  
Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete,  
2023 All-CCAC 2nd Team,*

### Indoor-Outdoor Track Team

GSU Athletics launched Men's and Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track programs and named John Niendorf, GSU Head Men's and Women's Cross-Country Coach, as head coach for the Jaguars. Competing in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), team competition will begin in the 2023-2024 season.



Association of International  
Education Administrators

## Appointment to the Inaugural Presidential Ambassadors Council for the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA)

GSU President Cheryl Green was named one of seven presidents to the inaugural Presidential Ambassadors Council of the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) the only association dedicated exclusively to senior leaders in the field of international education. The Ambassadors Council was created to forge meaningful connections between senior international officers (SIOs) and top institutional leaders from across the globe

## State Honor

State Treasurer of Illinois, Michael Frerichs recognized Dr. Cheryl Green for **Outstanding Commitment in Education** during a Black History Month celebration.

## Cook County Honor

Cook County Commissioners honored Dr. Cheryl Green, Governors State University's first African American president, with a resolution during Women's History Month. Commissioner Donna Miller sponsored the resolution.





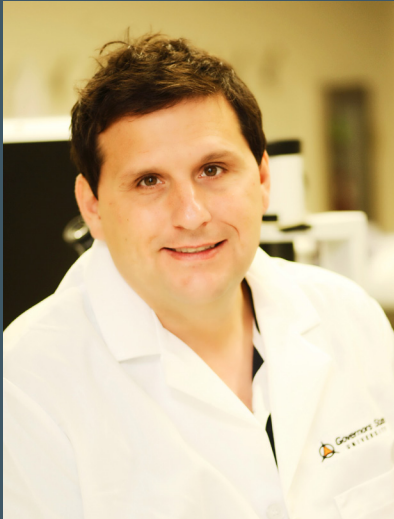
# High Quality Faculty & Staff

Governors State University is committed to cultivating a learning environment where highly qualified and diversified faculty and staff are hired and retained.

## Excellence Award Winners

The Excellence Award is given each year to recognize distinction in teaching, performance of primary duties, research, and creative activity and/or service. Winners are chosen by a committee made up of previous winners and other representatives from tenured/tenure track faculty, university/senior lecturers and academic support professionals across the university. The winners were:

- **Walter Henne, CAS** *(pictured left)*
- **Rebecca Siefert, CAS** *(pictured middle)*
- **Carlos Ferran, COB** *(pictured right)*



## Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Distinguished Service Award

The purpose of this award is to honor the memory of Dr. Gerald C. Baysore, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs for Governors State University. The award is given to a University employee who most fully embodies the following four qualities so consistently and fully embodied by Dr. Baysore during his eighteen years of service to GSU: absolute integrity, total competence, generous dedication, and unflinching civility.

### Baysore Award Winner:

**Tracy Sullivan, Associate Vice President, Procurement & Business Service**



# High Quality Faculty & Staff

## Professors Granted Tenure

The Governors State University Board of Trustees accepted President Green's recommendations to grant tenure to sixteen professors. The professors who received tenure also received promotions to the rank of Associate Professor. Congratulations to all!



## Achieved Tenure

- **Dr. Reynolds Andujar**, Division of Arts and Letters, College of Arts and Sciences
- **Anjali J. Buehler**, Department of Social Work, College of Health and Human Services
- **Dr. Linda D. Campos-Moreira**, Department of Social Work, College of Health and Human Services
- **Dr. Ahmet Can**, Division of Psychology & Counseling, College of Education
- **Dr. Wonsuk Cha**, Division of Management, Marketing, & Entrepreneurship, College of Business
- **Dr. (Xin) Jasmine Chen**, Division of Science, Math and Technology, College of Arts and Sciences
- **Dr. Matthew Cooney**, Interdisciplinary Leadership Doctoral (INLD) Program, College of Education
- **Cari Didion**, Science Librarian, University Library
- **Figen Karadogan**, Division Psychology & Counseling, College of Education
- **Dr. Liam Lanigan**, Division of Arts and Letters, College of Arts and Sciences
- **Dr. Novia Pagone**, Division of Arts and Letters, College of Arts and Sciences
- **Dr. Lisa K. Pennington**, Education and Leadership, College of Education
- **Dr. Nafees Qamar**, Department of Health Administration and Informatics, College Health and Human Services
- **Dr. Paula Swisher**, Division of Arts and Letters, College of Arts and Sciences
- **Dr. James Vining**, Division of Arts and Letters, College of Arts and Sciences
- **Dr. Leonis S. Wright**, Division of Psychology & Counseling, College of Education



# High Quality Faculty & Staff

## College of Business Launches Video Series

The College of Business (COB) launched a seven-video series to showcase faculty discussing impactful and timely topics from artificial intelligence to workplace culture. Each one to three-minute video promotes subject matter experts (SME's) who are members of the COB faculty.

## Fulbright Scholar Winner

Governors State University (GSU) Public Finance Professor, Author and Excellence Award Winner **Natalia Ermasova** now adds Fulbright Scholar to her many accomplishments – for the second time, receiving her first Fulbright Scholarship in 2006. Fulbright alumni include 61 Nobel Prize laureates, 89 Pulitzer Prize recipients, and 40 who have served as a head of state or government.



## Dr. Dawn Brown receives the Societal Impact Award

Dr. Dawn Brown, PT, DPT, EdD, a physical therapist with 24 years of experience and Assistant Professor in Governors State University's Physical Therapy Program, has been awarded the Illinois Physical Therapy Association (IPTA) Societal Impact Award. This award specifically recognizes individuals who exemplify the compassionate nature of the physical therapy profession by exhibiting a distinguished commitment toward philanthropic initiatives, raising public awareness on key societal issues, and demonstrating how physical therapy can be applied to address these issues.

## Civil Service President Brave Fung



## Civil Service Employee of the Year Heather Penn



## Distinguished Alumni

Governors State University's distinguished alumni are working both locally and nationally to change lives and make a global impact.

### **Debbie Halvorson, former Illinois Representative**

2003 graduate of College of Arts & Sciences



### **Donnica Austin-Cathey, Chief Hospital Executive at John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County**

1998 graduate of the College of Health & Human Services



### **Phil Kambic, CEO of Riverside Hospital**

1992 graduate of the College of Business





## Distinguished Alumni

### **Dr. Pat Robey, three time alumna and GovState Professor**

2003 graduate of the College of Education



### **Laurie Crosby, Executive Director of Franciscan Foundation**

2019 graduate of College of Arts & Sciences' Interdisciplinary Studies.



## **Distinguished Emeriti**

### **Dr. Addison Woodward, retired 29-year professor at Governors State University who led the Division of Psychology and Counseling to national accreditations**

College of Education, retired 2002



# Investing in Excellence

Governors State University is committed to enhancing and diversifying revenue streams, serving as a destination for athletic events, social, cultural, and continuing education, and being an economic catalyst for the region.



## Facilities Master Plan

In development since 2019, the 200-page [Facilities Master Plan](#) was released in 2022 and reflects a thoughtful response to achieving the University's mission, vision and strategic goals with new buildings, facilities, and infrastructure. The document, chockfull of graphs and colorful renderings, will serve as a guide for future investments, protection and utilization of land, and facilities resources.



*Emmanuel Lopez,  
Director of Latinx Center*

## Latin X Center

An Emerging Hispanic Serving Institution, Governors State has a full-time Hispanic student enrollment between 15 and 24 percent. The new Latinx Center will help develop and maintain programs that enhance Governors State University's ability to recruit, retain and graduate Latinx students.

## Social Justice Initiative Center

A \$2.5M, one-story, 2,700-square foot facility across from the main campus will house the Social Justice Initiative with conference space to accommodate 20 people office space and meeting rooms. The center is expected to open in 2024.



# Investing in Excellence

Principal Investigator	Title	Project Start Date	Project End Date	Project Amount
Campos, Darcie	Illinois Cooperative Work Study Grant	7/1/22	8/31/23	\$50,000
Choudhary, Mushtaq	Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois	7/1/22	6/30/23	\$84,000
Greenwood, Reggie	Climate and Equity Jobs Act Workforce Training Programs	7/1/22	6/30/23	\$32,562
McGuinness, Paul	Common App Agreement	7/1/22	6/30/23	\$7,300
Mejta, Cheryl	Governors State University Peer Support Recovery Specialist Program	7/1/22	6/30/23	\$764,066
Mejta, Cheryl	Recovery Coaches Training Certificate Program	7/1/22	6/30/23	\$427,477
Mickles, Sandra	New Principal Mentoring Program FY 23	7/1/22	6/30/23	\$68,800
Rogachevskaya, Svetlana	Creating Compassionate Communities	7/1/22	6/30/23	\$45,000
Harris, Crystal	Ask Every Student Implementation Grants	8/1/22	12/1/22	\$5,000
Hisrich, Katy	Gateways to Opportunity® ECE Credential Level 2 Prior Learning Assessment Implementation Project	8/9/22	12/30/22	\$10,000
Shin, Joong-Won	Investigating the optical activity of trans-4-hydroxy-L-proline in organic solutions	8/15/22	8/14/23	\$5,500
Harris, Crystal	What Works? MSI Strategies to Engage First Year Students (FYS) in Democracy	9/1/22	6/30/23	\$15,000
West, Phyllis	GSU Self-Help Legal Assistance Clinic	9/1/22	8/31/23	\$70,000
Ijose, Olumide	IU CIBER 2022-2026	10/1/22	9/30/26	\$30,240
Rogachevskaya, Svetlana	RED SUMMER: World Premiere Staging	10/1/22	8/31/23	\$30,000
Rogachevskaya, Svetlana	Center for Performing Arts	10/1/22	8/31/23	\$20,600
Stevenson, Jeff	Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park	10/1/22	8/31/23	\$12,100
Young, Joshua	Chicago Southland International Film Festival	10/1/22	8/31/23	\$2,700
Schmidt, Craig	Creating Pathways and Access for Student Success Foundation (CPASS) FY23	10/21/22	8/30/23	\$25,000
Major-Ford, Kim	Ending Student Housing Insecurity at GSU	1/1/23	6/30/23	\$49,253
Dermer, Shannon	Illinois SCOERs: Support for the Creation of Open Educational Resources	1/9/23	8/30/24	\$62,377
McGuinness, Paul	Will County Teaching and Nursing Scholarship	3/1/23	12/31/26	\$2,500,000
Soto, Erin	GroMore Good Grass Roots	3/17/23	12/15/23	\$1,500
Choudhary, Mushtaq	Mental Health Early Action on Campus	3/27/23	6/30/23	\$112,362
Soto, Erin	Strengthen and Grow Child Care Grant	5/1/23	9/30/23	\$83,336
Greenwood, Reggie	NSF Engines: Type-1: Smart Logistics Engine	5/15/23	4/30/25	\$1,000,000
Greenwood, Reggie	Investigating Statewide Alternative Fuel Technician Needs	6/1/23	2/29/24	\$27,000

# Investing in Excellence

## GSU Partners with Will County Heroes Grant Program

Governors State University (GSU) nursing and education students are eligible for up to \$2.5M in grants and scholarships as part of the \$10M Will County Heroes Teaching and Nursing Grant Program. Through the grant, both current and potential GSU Nursing and Teaching students, willing to enter their fields and take on the challenges of these noble professions, are eligible to apply for up to \$2,500 a semester or \$5,000 per academic year beginning with students enrolled in fall 2023.





# Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

Governors State University demonstrates a commitment to social, equitable, ethical, and environmental responsibility through Institutional actions and decisions.



## DEI Chief – Joi Patterson

In the fall, Dr. Joi Patterson was named Chief Diversity Officer, launching multifaceted programs and initiatives to cultivate a greater sense of belonging and inclusion among those who call Governors State home. DEI mini grants, a professional development series, among other initiatives were designed to hit four goals: building a diverse student body, building a diverse faculty, supporting inclusive curriculum and engaging with the University's communities to encourage inclusive excellence beyond GSU.



## Red Summer

A highlight of the Center for Performing Arts' 2022-23 season, Red Summer provided historical context for Chicago's race relations. The musical, set in 1919, reveals the racial tensions that led to the drowning death of a Black teenage boy, Eugene Williams. Red Summer was part of the Creating Compassionate Communities Series (CCC), which builds on the CPA's commitment to social justice through artistic literacy.

# Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

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## **Kim Foxx Visits GSU, Honors Black History Month**

Governors State, in partnership with the Cook County Bar Association (CCBA), hosted Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx to celebrate Black History Month.



## **Jaguar Jumps**

School of Extended Learning (SXL) and three Jaguar Jumps (JJ) students, presented at the Illinois Transition Conference on the success of the JJ program, created at Governors State University for students 17 years and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are seeking opportunities for continuing their education after high school and/or gaining employment and independent living. It is one of the few programs of its kind in the Southland region.



# Social and Environmental Responsibility



## Voter Drive

All-In named GSU the Most Engaged Campus for voter turnout in the 2022 mid-term election. Led by Dr. Crystal Harris, the inaugural voter education initiative was able to generate a 66.3 percent voting rate among students. All-In recognizes colleges and universities making intentional efforts to increase nonpartisan democratic engagement and college student voting.

## Legal Clinic

Individuals seeking help to navigate the legal system for issues related to family law, expungement, immigration, and fair housing can seek assistance at the Governors State University (GSU) Self-Help Legal Assistance Clinic (GSU-LC), part of the Social Justice Initiative.

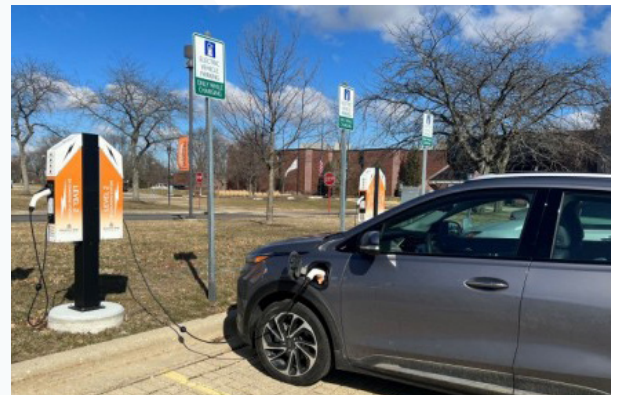


## Reimagining Electric Vehicle Industry in Illinois

Governors State University (GSU) welcomed U.S. Representative Robin Kelly along with other vital public and private stakeholders for the Reimagining the Electric Vehicle Industry (REV) event. The event, hosted by the College of Business (COB) and Supply Chain Innovation Center and Business Incubator (SCICBI). The event brought together about 175 attendees, including policy makers and industry leaders, to explore innovation in the Electric Vehicle (EV) industry.

## EV Charging Stations Installed at GSU

Advancing the university's sustainability goals, six new charging stations for electric vehicles (EVs) were installed near the main entrance. The installation readies the campus for the increasing demand for charging stations as EV sales climb.





# A Picture is Worth 1000 Words

## 5K Run and Walk



## Commencement



## Homecoming





# Government Relations

Governors State University is grateful to Governor Pritzker, as well as national and state legislators for their advocacy and support. In particular, Representative Debbie Meyers-Martin's advocacy and support helped realize the Stroke Prevention and Awareness Program and its funding.

## Appropriations Increase of 7 percent

Governor Pritzker approved the 2024 fiscal budget, including,

### 7% INCREASE

over FY 23, in general revenue funding to GSU

### AIM HIGH GRANT GETS PERMANENT STATUS

for Illinois high school graduates and some transfer students

### \$100M INCREASE

in the Monetary Program Award (MAP)

### \$1M FUNDING

to the Illinois Department of Health for the Stroke Prevention and Awareness Program at GSU



## Illinois Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton Visits GSU

Illinois Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton made her second visit to the GSU campus to help celebrate Black History Month and to commemorate the passage of House Bill 5014, sponsored by 38th District Representative Debbie Meyers-Martin. Under the new law, the Illinois Department of Public Health will partner with Governors State University on a Stroke Prevention and Awareness campaign in the Chicago Southland region.

# Marketing & Communications



Google 'Colleges in Illinois':  
**GSU #12/184**



**Top Media**  
Digital News, Newspapers, Television



**Social Media Total Audience**  
Increased 6.1% to 81,909



**1,278 GSU Stories**  
in last 12 months



**43,881 Total Website Visits**  
30,518 Unique Visits



**AGORA 23% Open Rate**  
Average (Students & Alumni)



**3,532+ earned media placements= \$17M**



**75 Faculty Subject  
Matter Experts**  
on media file

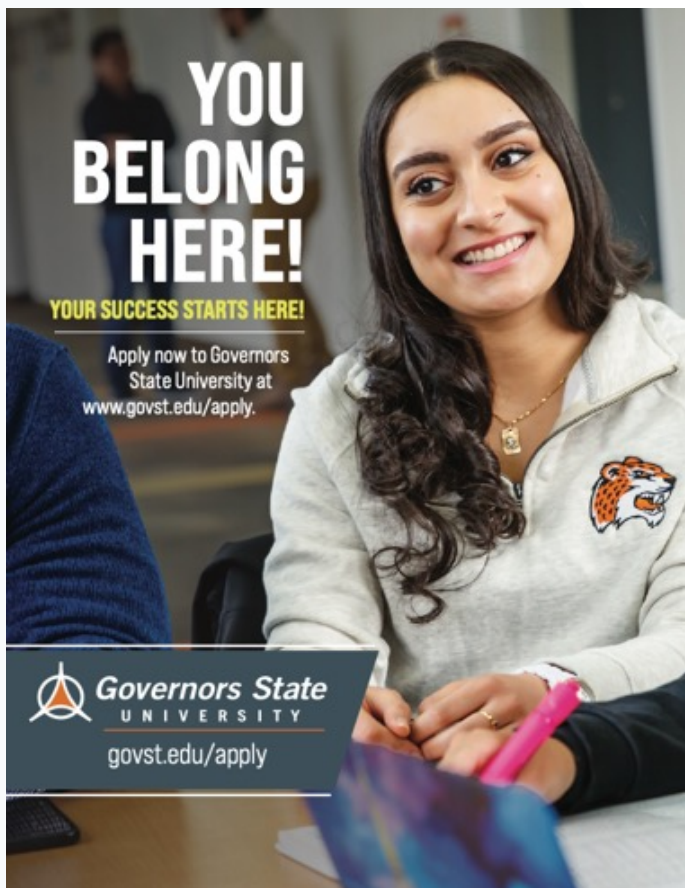


**InsideGovState**  
30% Open Rate for Faculty/Staff  
38% for Students



## Marketing Initiatives

- Continued building GSU's Reputation, Relationships, and Revenue.
- Continued Brand Identity, Brand Integrity, and Brand Building.
- Search Engine Optimization and Digital Advertising.
- Conversion Tracking Implemented in Google Analytics.
- Continued expansion of storytelling of student experience and faculty expertise, especially via video.
- Enhance internal/external communications, including mass email distribution and regulatory compliance in association thereof.



# Marketing & Communications



Top Left: Ad for the Chicago Bulls Yearbook

Top right: Ad for the Chicago Blackhawks Yearbook

Right: Ad for the Chicago Bears Yearbook



# Marketing & Communications

Acrobuffos Present  
**AirPlay**  
Making Magic Out of Thin Air



In *Air Play* umbrellas fly, fabrics sear over the audience, balloons swallow people, and snow swirls, filling the stage. With stunning images and gales of laughter, *Air Play* bounces on the edge of definition: part comedy, part sculpture, part circus, part theater. A circus-style adventure of two siblings journeying through a surreal land of air, *Air Play* transforms ordinary objects into uncommon beauty.

CENTER FOR PERFORMINGARTS  
Governors State University  
CenterTickets.net  
708.235.2222

**Saturday, April 22 at 2 p.m.**  
Tickets: \$25-\$35  
Children 14 & under: \$20

# 2023 BLACK HISTORY MONTH



EVENT CALENDAR PRESENTED BY CENTER FOR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS

Black History on Broadway  
Month-long | 8 Building

The African American Mixer hosted by Black Student Union  
Friday, February 3, 5 – 8 p.m.  
E-Lounge: GSU students/faculty/staff. Free w/ valid myNECARD

BSU presents FW: Friend, Not Foe  
Friday, February 17, 5 p.m.  
Sherman Hall

DRIMLine Live  
Saturday, February 4, 7:30 p.m.  
Center for Performing Arts (GSU Students: \$20\* w/valid myNECARD)

Food for Your Soul  
Wednesday, February 22, 1 p.m.  
Hall of Governors

How Do I Belong? Dialogue & Dine  
Monday, February 6, 12-1pm  
Hall of Honors

Alpha Kappa Alpha presents: Pretty in PP's  
Friday, February 24, 7:30 p.m.  
Engelbreton Hall

The Journey to Becoming a Lawyer: Perspectives from Black Legal Professionals  
Thursday, February 9, 6 p.m.  
Engelbreton and Livestream

Blossom: Black History Month Dance Tribute  
Friday, February 24, 7:30 p.m.  
Sherman Hall

Pass the Mic: Black Love Edition  
Thursday, February 16, 6 p.m.  
Engelbreton Hall

African American Read In  
Monday, February 27, 6 p.m.  
Hall of Honors

Schedule subject to change, full event descriptions available at: [govstate.edu/iversity](http://govstate.edu/iversity)

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## SAVE THE DATE



### REIMAGINING ELECTRIC VEHICLE INDUSTRY 2023

AT



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## FIRST VOICE STORY SLAM

TELL US YOUR STORY ABOUT A TIME WHEN THE MASK CAME OFF

APRIL 6, 2023, 1 PM  
LAKESIDE LOUNGE

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# Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park

The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park was named among the top 10 in the nation in *USA Today's* 10 Best Readers' Choice 2023.

The Nate features a collection of more than 30 large-scale sculptures displayed across more than 100 acres of prairie landscape.



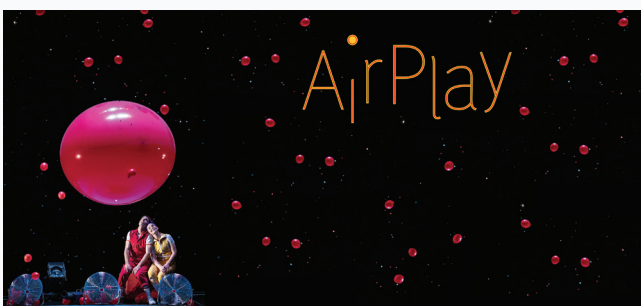
*Pictured:*  
*Stargazing with Contrails 2021 Artist: Terrance Karpowicz*



*Pictured:*  
*Phoenix 1968 Artist: Edvins Strautmanis*

# The Center for Performing Arts

The Center for Performing Arts, a world-class, state-of-the performing arts facility, has served over 1.5 million individuals, introduced over 300,000 schoolchildren to arts-in-education experiences, and welcomed over 8,000 artists and touring companies; presenting dozens of local, national and world premieres.



# Financial Reporting

## **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act**

On March 27, 2020, the Federal Government passed the CARES Act which included funding for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). These funds were awarded to institutions of higher education in two equal allotments: (1) institutional portion to cover any costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus, and (2) student portion to provide emergency financial aid grants to students. During Fiscal Year 2020, the University received an allocation of \$1.85 million in each category. In addition, the University received an allocation of \$181,244, \$267,164, and \$438,688 during Fiscal Years 2020, 2021, and 2022, respectively, as a recognized Minority Serving Institution (MSI). The CARES Act also provided funding through the Education Stabilization Fund Program Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEERF). During Fiscal Year 2021, the University received a total allocation of \$1.92 million in GEERF via an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Board of Higher Education to support efforts to enroll and retain low-income, underrepresented and first-generation students who might not otherwise enroll or return due to the pandemic, including by closing digital equity gaps. During Fiscal Year 2022, the University received an additional funding of \$447,928 to provide academic and social emotional learning supports for students most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including African American, Latino, low-income, first generation, working adult, or rural students.

## **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA)**

On December 27, 2020, former President Trump signed the CRRSAA, which gave the U.S. Department of Education additional funding to distribute to institutions of higher education in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 through the HEERF. Of this funding, the University has been allocated \$6.35 million. A minimum of \$1.85 million must be used to provide students with financial aid grants, which may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to COVID 19, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care. The balance of \$4.5 million may be used by the University to defray expenses associated with COVID 19, including lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, technology costs associated with a transition to distance education, faculty and staff trainings, and payroll.

## **American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP)**

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the ARP, which represents the third stream of funding appropriated for HEERF to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. At least half of an institution's allocation under ARP must be used to make emergency financial aid grants to students; the remainder may be used for institutional purposes. During Fiscal Year 2021, the University received a total allocation of \$10.16 million, consisting of \$5.29 million student portion and \$4.87 million institutional portion.



# Financial Reporting

The financial statements of the University are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The University is considered a special purpose government entity engaged only in business-type activities. Accordingly, the University's financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred.

The University's most recent audited financial statements were for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022. These financial statements have been audited by Adelfia LLC, special assistant auditors for the State of Illinois Auditor General. The auditors have expressed an unmodified (clean) opinion on the University's Fiscal Year 2022 financial statements.

## Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position for the Year Ended June 30, 2022

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position represents the operating results of the University, as well as the nonoperating revenues and expenses.

At a Glance	
Total revenues	\$127,224,433
Total expenses	\$125,937,626
<b>Increase in Net Position</b>	<b>\$1,286,807</b>

The University has generated a positive operating result of \$1,286,807 during the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022.

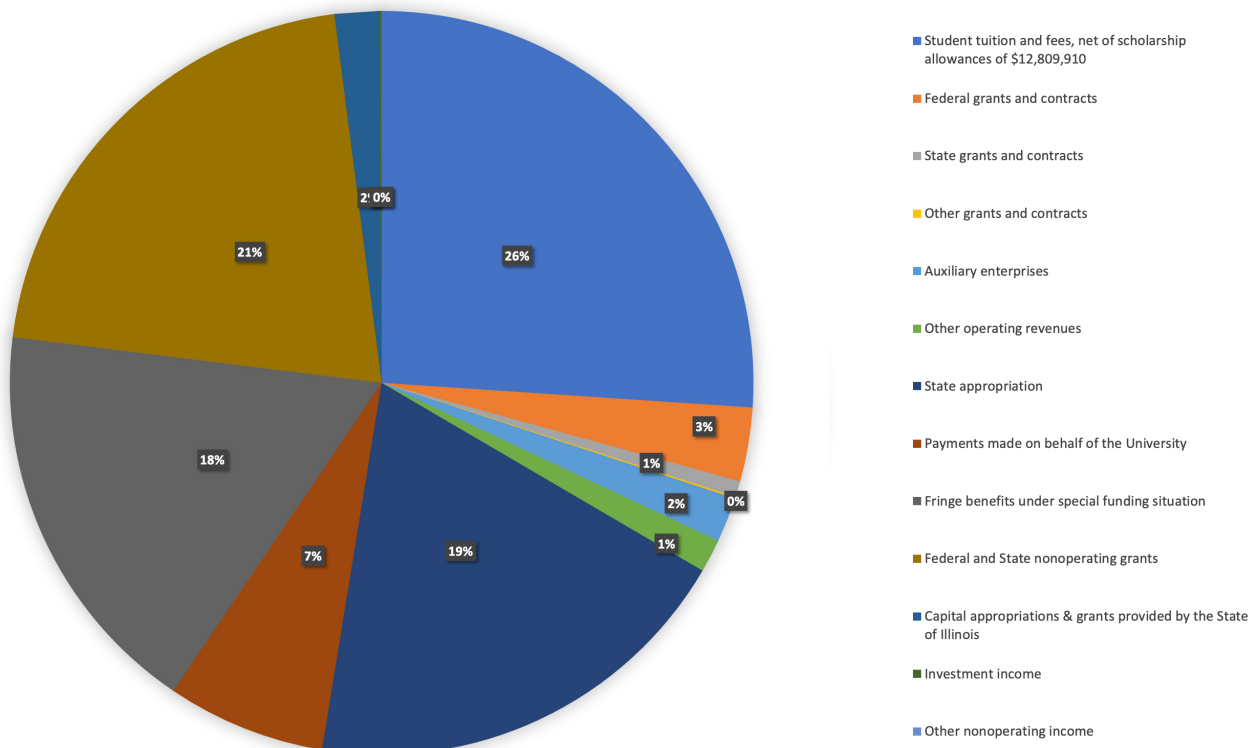




# Financial Reporting

## Components of Revenues

Operating Revenues	
Student tuition and fees, net of scholarship allowances of \$12,809,910	\$33,150,597
Federal grants and contracts	\$4,087,943
State grants and contracts	\$873,196
Other grants and contracts	\$96,901
Auxiliary enterprises	\$2,480,695
Other operating revenues	\$1,838,031
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 42,527,363</b>
NonOperating Revenues	
State appropriation	\$24,353,300
Payments made on behalf of the University	\$8,766,000
Fringe benefits under special funding situation	\$22,266,262
Federal and State nonoperating grants	\$26,722,337
Investment income	\$156,986
Other nonoperating income	\$3,000
<b>Total NonOperating Revenues</b>	<b>\$82,267,885</b>
Other Revenues	
Capital appropriations & grants provided by State of Illinois	\$2,429,185
<b>Total Other Revenues</b>	<b>\$2,429,185</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$127,224,433</b>



# Financial Reporting

## Components of Revenues (cont.)

Student tuition and fees, Federal and State operating and nonoperating grants, and State appropriations (including payments made on-behalf of the University, fringe benefits under special funding situation, and capital appropriations and grants provided by State of Illinois) represent a significant portion of the University's revenues.

Payments made on behalf of the University and fringe benefits under special funding situation represent the University's proportionate share of State funded retirement and medical insurance (health, life, and dental) benefits. In accordance with governmental accounting standards, the University recognizes these amounts as nonoperating revenue and operating expense, with the expense further allocated to the related function performed by the employees.

Capital appropriations and grants provided by the State of Illinois represent capital projects funded by the Illinois Capital Development Board.



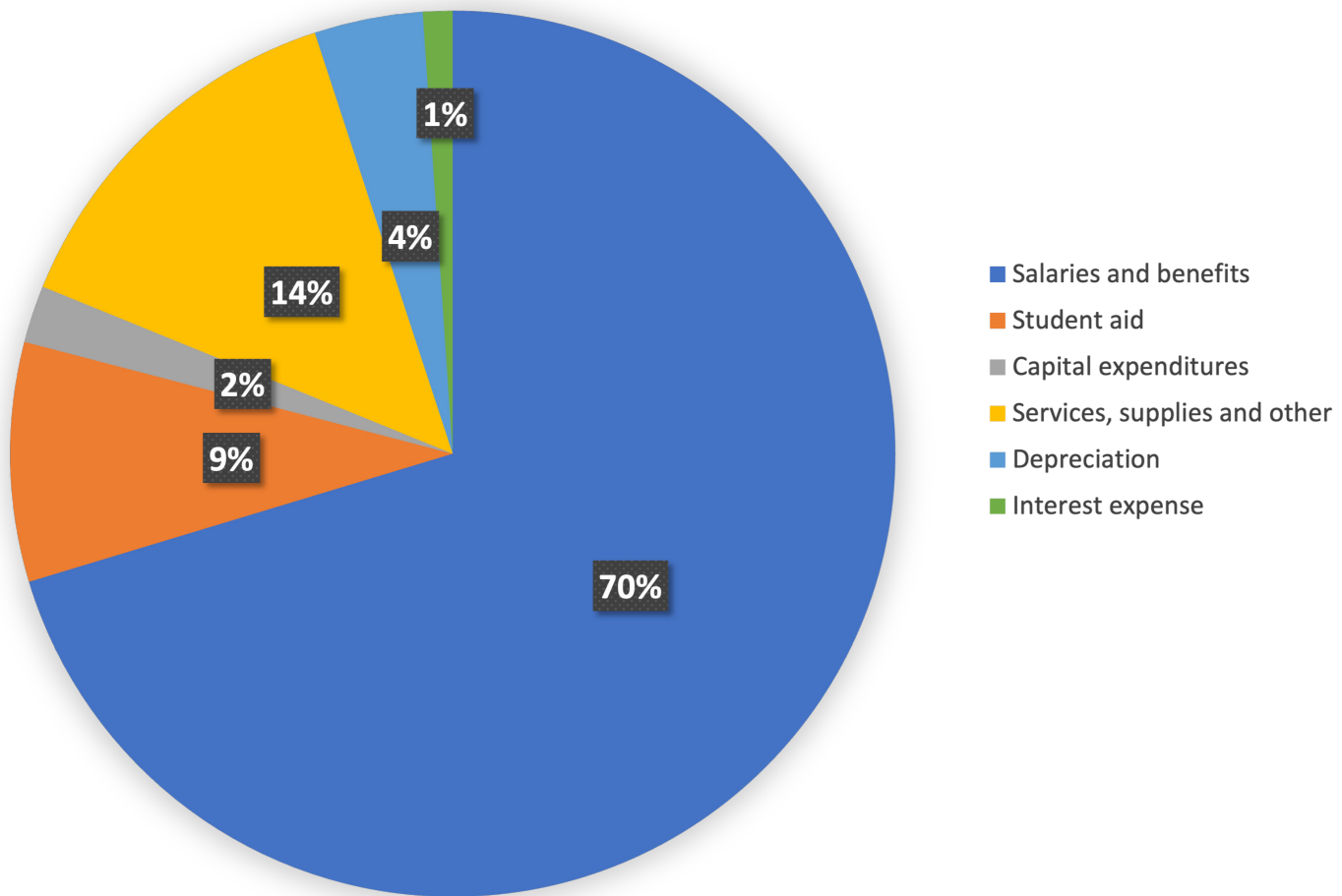
## Components of Expenses

The majority of the University's expenses are exchange transactions, which governmental accounting standards define as operating expenses for financial statement presentation. Nonoperating expenses include interest expense of the University.

# Financial Reporting

## Components of Expenses (cont.)

Operating Expenses by Natural Classification	
Salaries and benefits	\$88,573,625
Student aid	\$10,996,154
Capital expenditures	\$2,633,355
Services, supplies and other	\$17,380,996
Depreciation	\$4,991,581
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$124,575,711</b>
NonOperating Expenses	
Interest expense	\$1,361,915
<b>Total NonOperating Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,361,915</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$125,937,626</b>



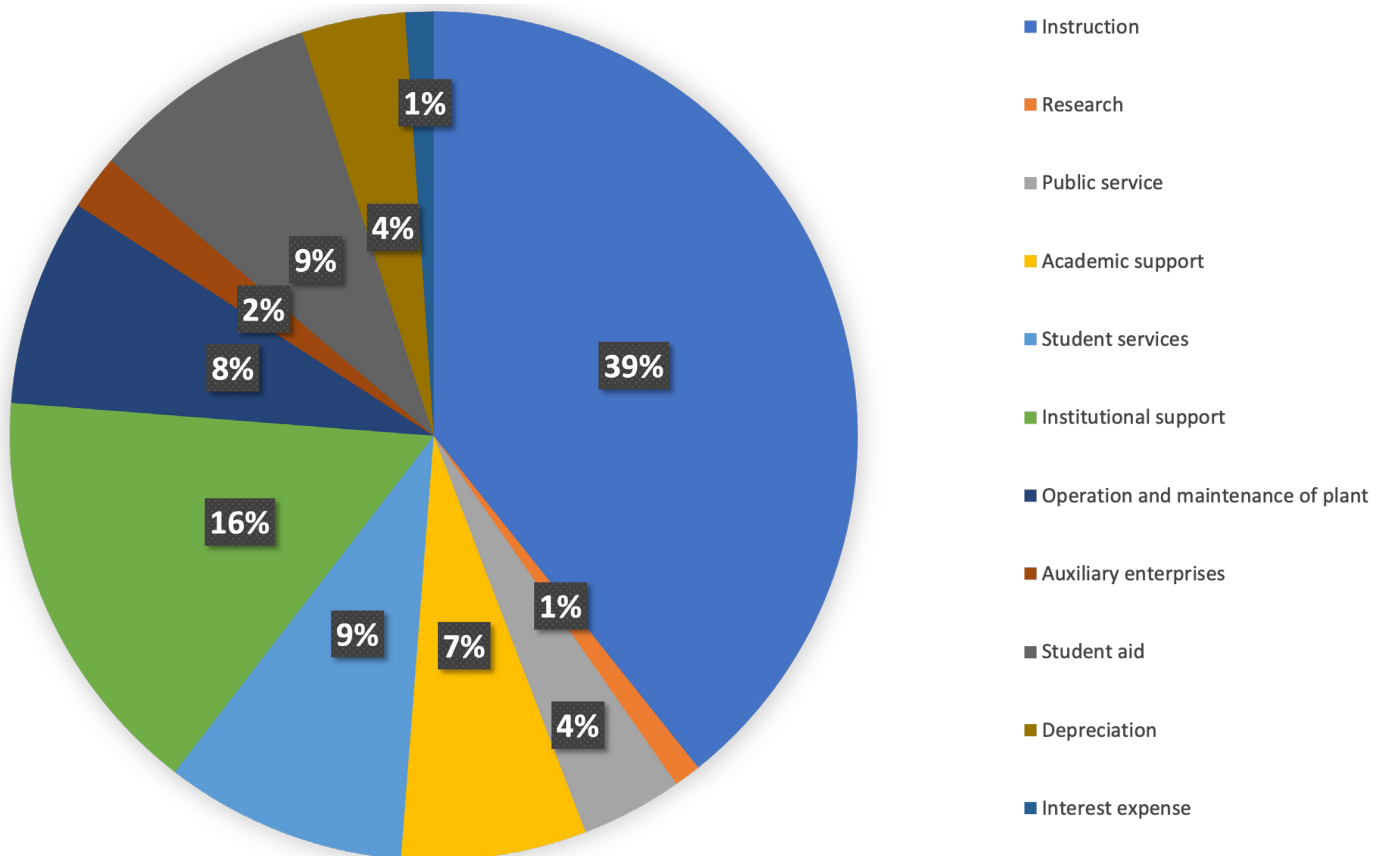
Salaries and benefits represent a significant portion of the University's expenses. Total salaries and benefits amount of \$88,573,625 during the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022 includes the State of Illinois' payments made on behalf of the University of \$8,766,000 and fringe benefits under special funding situation of \$22,266,262.



# Financial Reporting

## Components of Expenses (cont.)

Operating Expenses by Functional Classification	
Instruction	\$49,464,551
Research	\$1,290,694
Public service	\$4,872,553
Academic support	\$8,896,422
Student services	\$11,609,981
Institutional support	\$19,880,765
Operation and maintenance of plant	\$9,945,099
Auxiliary enterprises	\$2,627,911
Student aid	\$10,996,154
Depreciation	\$4,991,581
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$124,575,711</b>
NonOperating Expenses	
Interest expense	\$1,361,915
<b>Total NonOperating Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,361,915</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$125,937,626</b>



Instruction, academic support, student services, institutional support, operation and maintenance of plant and student aid represent a significant portion of the University's expenses by functional classification.

# Financial Reporting

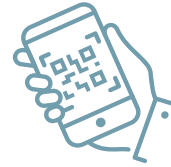


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## S&P Global Ratings

On May 6, 2022, S&P Global Ratings have upgraded its rating to “BBB” from “BBB-“ on the University’s Series 2021 University Facilities System Refunding Revenue Bonds and Series 2021 Certificates of Participation. The outlook was stable.

On December 9, 2022, S&P Global Ratings affirmed its “BBB” underlying rating on the University’s Series 2021 University Facilities System Refunding Revenue Bonds and Series 2021 Certificates of Participation. The outlook remains stable.



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# Accreditations

## University Accreditations



## College of Arts and Sciences



## College of Business



## College of Health and Human Services

MHS in Communication Disorders



Master of Health Administration (MHA)



Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)



Bachelor of Health Administration (BHA)



MHS in Addictions Studies



Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN),  
Master of Science in Nursing (MSN),  
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)



Bachelor of Social Work (BSW),  
Master of Social Work (MSW)



Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT)





# GSU Talking Points



- Governors State University is a four-year Illinois Public University with four different colleges, offering undergraduate, graduate, doctoral and certification programs.
- Eighty-five percent of Governors State University alumni stay within a 50-mile radius of the university, creating a mighty network and workforce.

- Governors State University has full time faculty that conduct research and actively practice within their disciplines.
- Student housing is also available, as well as a robust number of student clubs and athletic programs.
- Students compete in the classroom as well; a growing academic honors program, service organizations, study/serve abroad, campus employment and scholarships are made available to students.



- Governors State University boasts a competitive:
  - Computer Science Program
  - Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy Program
  - Psychology/Counseling
  - Accounting
  - A Supply Chain Innovation and Business Incubator Center in connection with Illinois Innovation Network.
- Additionally, Governors State University's School of Extended Learning provides pathways for life-long learning, certificate programs, and badges that may lead to degree completion



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