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Spring Break Planning

Dear Prairie Place Residents,

Prairie Place will close on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 9AM for Spring Break and will re-open on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 9AM.

Students with an Academic Year Contract must check out of Prairie Place by 9AM on Sunday, March 11, 2018. If a student with an Academic Year Contract plans to stay in Prairie Place over the break period, they must complete the Spring Break application on the Housing Take Care of Business page. This application will be available starting at 9AM on Monday, March 5th and will close at Noon on Friday, March 9th. Additionally, students with an Academic Year Contract will be billed a nightly rate (determined by the type of space you are assigned to) based on how many days they stay in Prairie Place over the break period.

Students with a 12 Month Contract can stay in housing over the Spring Break at no additional cost. However, you must register for the spring break before Noon on Friday, March 9th by completing the Spring Break application on the Housing Take Care of Business page.

Health and Safety Inspections Reminder

As a reminder, Prairie Place staff will be conducting health and safety inspections throughout the Spring 2018 semester. During these inspections any violation of the University Housing Handbook 2017-2018 will be documented and any appliances that are against University policy will be confiscated. Residents do not have to be present in the room during the inspections. Prairie Place staff will do the following to administer inspections:

- Staff will knock on the door and announce themselves;
- Once in the room staff will do a visual inspection for any policy violations. All policy violations will be documented and certain items that are policy violations may be confiscated;
- Staff will assess the overall cleanliness of the room as well. Rooms/apartments that are significantly dirty will be documented as well. If a unit fails due to cleanliness, the residents of that unit will have 1 week to rectify any noted issues. If upon a 2nd inspection it is still an issue, residents of that unit will be referred through the conduct process;
- Upon exiting the room/apartment staff will secure all doors.
What does non-transferable mean on the card?

This means that you, as the cardholder, may not allow another person to be in possession of your myONECARD or to use it.

The myONECARD is for use ONLY by the individual it was issued to and may not be shared with another.

Individuals may not be in possession of another person’s myONECARD even if they have the authorization of the cardholder.

myONECARDS being used by another person will be confiscated and turned in to the Office of Auxiliary Services.

Get To Know Your Liaison Librarian

“As the Spring semester begins, I invite you to make the GSU Library and librarians your partners in achieving academic excellence,” said Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the GSU Library. “The Library is your information and research resource 24/7, and your subject liaison can be an excellent partner and help you achieve academic success,” she offered.

Liaison librarians are subject area specialists for students, faculty, and academic programs. It is very easy to learn who your liaison librarian is. Here are the steps: 1. Know your major; 2. Get to know the Library Faculty by stopping into the library or visiting the library web page, http://www.govst.edu/Academics/Services_and_Resources/Library/Library_Faculty/; 3. Identify which librarian handles your major; 4. Email your liaison librarian to set a meeting or ask a question; 5. After you have found what you need, it is always helpful to send an email thanking your liaison for help. “Please take a moment to get to know your subject liaison librarian, you will be very happy that you did.” - Dean Ruetten

If you have any questions please email the GSU Library at GSULibraryInfo@govst.edu.
Desk Receptionist of the Month

Please join us in congratulating CC Singleton for receiving the honor of Front Desk Receptionist of the Month for Prairie Place! Below are a few words the Residence Hall Director, Corinne Martin and the Assistant Residence Hall Director, Abby Miller had to say about CC’s work ethic:

CC always takes initiative to ensure the front desk is organized and handled properly at all times. She has also assisted Prairie Place staff with writing incidents reports and is always a friendly face to all residents and guests. We appreciate you CC!

Attention Prairie Place Grad Students!

GRADUATE STUDENT SURVIVAL SOCIAL

- Meet other graduate students across disciplines
- Blow off some steam and vent!
- Discuss strategies for success

DESSERTS WILL ALSO BE SERVED!!

SUNDAY
02.11.18
7PM-9PM
Location: PP 3rd Floor North Lounge
Do You Have A Healthy Relationship?

LOVE DOESN'T HURT
Join a discussion about the Psychology of Dysfunctional Relationships

IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP HEALTHY?
Tuesday, February 13
3 p.m. in Hall of Honors
or
Tuesday, February 20
6 p.m. in Prairie Place

FREE SNACKS!

This program will explore:
- How to spot the red flags of an unhealthy relationship
- Myths and facts about dating violence and consent
- Healthy boundaries and assertiveness

Hosted by ASAP (Advocating for Sexual Assault Prevention) & the Student Counseling Center
Questions? Contact studentcounseling@govst.edu

Budget Workshop

Learn how to get your budget in order!
Black History Month Events

February 1-28

**Black History Literary Works & Resources**

GSU Library

Are you seeking historical information regarding Black History makers? GSU Library has a collection of books, DVDs, and eBooks dedicated to Black History. Visit [www.govst.edu/library](http://www.govst.edu/library) and select the Library Catalog located under Library Resources. Type in Black History Month for your keyword and you will find a listing of items that are currently available in the GSU Library. Visit the library or contact us at library@govst.edu.

**Black History Display**

B Wing Display Case

**Tuesday, February 6**

**Black History Taught Through The Bible: Slavery**

6:30-7:30PM, E Lounge

This five part series will provide history lessons about the African American presence in the Bible.

**Wednesday, February 7**

**Black Inventions in Modern Day Society**

Noon-5PM, Hall of Governors

This exhibition highlights inventions made by African Americans who have used their ingenuity to transform civilization.

**Tuesday, February 13**

**Black History Taught Through The Bible: Spiritual Death & Resurrection**

6:30-7:30PM, E Lounge

Join us in the Interfaith Prayer and Meditation Room to learn about how faith is threaded through culture.

**Wednesday, February 14**

**Valentine Crush Fundraiser**

Noon-3PM, Hall of Governors

Purchase your Valentine a Crush soda or cake pop in honor of Mr. Herbert Smitherman, Sr. who joined Proctor & Gamble in 1966 as its first Black hire with a doctorate in physical organic chemistry who created Crush soda.
Black History Month Events

Tuesday, February 20

Cultural Appropriation Vs. Cultural Appreciation
3:30PM, B2203
Come discuss the history and difference of cultural appropriation and cultural appreciation in the 21st century.

Black History Taught Through The Bible: The Priests of God
6:30-7:30PM, E Lounge

Wednesday, February 21

Operation Healthy
3-4:30PM, Hall of Governors
Fresh fruits and vegetables are available to the campus community for FREE as we address the food desert challenges in University Park.

Thursday, February 22

Heart Health Awareness Fair
11AM-3PM, Hall of Governors
Come learn about health education and screening questions to assess disease risk. There will also be blood pressure checks, benefit enrollment, flu vaccines, chair massages, medication education giveaways, and a raffle. Co-sponsored by the Omicron Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Open Mic Night: Tribute to Black History
6PM, Lakeside Lounge, Come join us as we celebrate Black History Month through live performances.

Saturday, February 24

Black Excellence Gala
6PM, Center for Performing Arts, $35/person
Celebrate the accomplishments of GSU students, faculty/staff, administrators and community members. Please email bsu@govst.edu for tickets and more information.

Monday, February 26

African American Read IN
6-8:30PM, Hall of Honors
Join over a million readers from all backgrounds in collaboration with the International Reading Association.
Black History Month Events

- as we read a poem, excerpt from a book, or other literary work written by an African American author. We are looking for readers to participate in this event endorsed by the International Reading Association. Please contact rmuhammad@govst.edu or 708-534-6974 to sign up as a reader.

**Tuesday, February 27**

**Black History Taught Through The Bible: The Adoption**

6:30-7:30PM, E Lounge

**Wednesday, February 28**

**Relevancy of Black Fraternal Organizations in the 21st Century**

7:30PM, Sherman Hall

Come learn about the rich history and legacy of these organizations through presentations and information tables as well as participate in a discussion about the history and relevancy of these organizations in the 21st century.

Dining Specials

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**Governors State University Valentine’s Day Special**

**Wednesday, February 14th**

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**Governors State University Chinese New Year**

**Friday, February 16**

**Beef Lo Mein Noodles**

**Sweet and Sour Chicken**

**Shrimp Fried Rice**

All Served with Choice of 1 Side

Stir Fry Fresh Vegetables, Steamed White Rice, Veggie Fried Rice, (2) Mini Eggrolls

$6.10

Egg Drop Soup

$2.90

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**Café Hours - Spring**

**Mon-Thurs:** 8AM-7:30PM

**Fri:** 8AM-5PM

**Sat:** 10:30AM-3PM

**Sun:** CLOSED