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Prairie Place Newsletter

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Front Desk Receptionist of the Month: Destiny!

Please join the Auxiliary Services & University Housing office in congratulating Destiny for receiving the Front Desk Receptionist of the Month award for September! Here is what Destiny's supervisor, Assistant Residence Hall Director, Abby Miller had to say about her performance:

Destiny has been a part of the Prairie Place desk staff for over 2 years now. She continues to display great work ethic and critical thinking skills as the semesters pass. Destiny is a great example to her fellow desk receptionists and is a very flexible and understanding person. She also never fails to put a smile on everyone's faces with her witty personality. Keep up the great work!

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Prairie Place Has A New Residence Hall Director!

Hello Residents of Prairie Place,

My name is Candice Sewell and my pronouns are she/her/hers. I am so happy to be a part of the GSU community!

I am a recent graduate of Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC). During my time at SIUC I interned at the LGBTQ Center, I served as a Co-Instructor for Undergraduate Courses, I was the Queer People of Color Graduate Advisor, and I was an Assistant Hall Director.

I have earned the following degrees: an AA. In Radio Television Broadcasting, A B.A. in Radio Television Broadcasting with a focus in Media Industries and a minor in Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies, a M.S. Ed with a focus in Curriculum and Instruction and a Women's Gender Sexuality Studies Graduate Certificate.

I am from South Holland, IL and attended Thornwood High School. I am also a member of the BEST SORORITY in the world Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated! In my spare time, I enjoy listening to Soundcloud mixes, watching wig reviews (which also means I change my hair a lot lol), reading my horoscope, hosting my podcast and hanging out with friends.

I look forward to meeting all of you!

Candice's Office Hours & Contact Information

Office Location:

Prairie Place, Office 107A

Office Hours:

Monday – Friday

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Phone:

708-235-7118

Email:



Pictured above: Candice Sewell, Prairie Place Residence Hall Director

Prairie Place Health + Safety Inspections

The second health + safety inspection for the fall semester will take place on the evening of Monday, October 29th. During this inspection any violation of the University Housing Handbook 2018-2019 will be documented and any items that are against University policy will be confiscated. **Residents do not have to be present in the room during the inspections.**

We encourage students to take the time to review the University Housing Handbook 2018-2019 prior to the inspection.

If you have any questions about items that are not permitted in Prairie Place, please feel free to reach out to a Prairie Place staff member or email University Housing at housing@govst.edu.

How to Submit A Work Order

1. Log in to your GSU Portal at mygus.govst.edu
2. On the left hand side task bar, click on housing, then “Work Order Request”
3. Under Routine Repairs/Maintenance Requests, click “HERE”
4. Click on the URL on the bottom of the next screen
5. Log in with your GSU credentials
6. Click “submit a request”
7. Under select your building, select Prairie Place
8. Select your area, describe your issue, and click submit

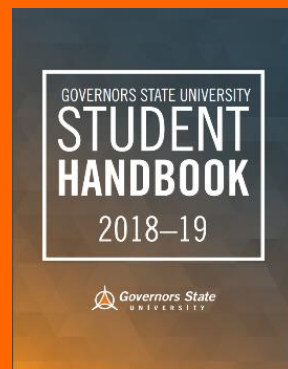
If you need assistance with submitting a work order, you can go to the Prairie Place front desk or the Prairie Place Office for assistance.

Know Your Rights & Responsibilities!

Make sure to review the Community Standards Student Handbook online at www.govst.edu/handbook.

If you have any questions or concerns about your student rights and responsibilities, please contact us:

- Office: C1310
- Phone: 708.235.2845
- Email: communitystandards@govst.edu



Prairie Place Policy Highlights: Quiet Hours Policy

Please review the quick tips below to ensure you are aware of the policy regarding quiet + courtesy hours in Prairie Place :

Disrupting Quiet Hours or Courtesy Hours with unreasonable noise is prohibited in all residential facilities, courtyard and surrounding areas. Unreasonable noise is any noise that disrupts or potentially disrupts the lives of residents or neighboring community members.

- Quiet Hours – Sunday through Thursday: 9pm-10am; Friday + Saturday nights: 12am-10am
- Courtesy hours are in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Immunization Requirement

Reminder: In order to live in Prairie Place beyond the end of the fall 2018 semester (9AM on Monday, December 10, 2018) Prairie Place residents must submit all immunization records as required by State law. **These must be submitted to the Registrar's office by 5pm on November 30, 2018.**

Failure to take care of this matter by November 30, 2018 will result in our cancelling your housing contract. You will be required to pack all of your belongings and check out of Prairie Place.

If you have questions about the law or what you need to do, please review the information on the Immunization webpage or <http://www.govst.edu/immunizations> or call the Registrar's office at 708-534-4500.

It is critical that you take care of this requirement immediately.

International Cuisine Cooking Lessons



Each semester, the Office of International Services (OIS) offers a cooking lesson of an international cuisine. On October 24th at 4:30PM, International GSU student, Susie Fang, will teach you how to make an authentic Chinese dish.

Think you have cooking skills yourself? We will have a cooking contest during International Education Week on Wednesday, November 14th at 4PM. Three teams with one head chef are allowed, each team representing a different country. Judges and prizes.

Sign up in the OIS office located in GMT 165 if you'd like to participate in any of these events. For more information, please email ois@govst.edu.

Mindfulness Practice in the Library



You are invited to join Drs. Tim Pedigo and Maristella Zell who are hosting a mediation session and mindfulness practice every Thursday for students, faculty and staff in your GSU library. Come to the library, walk beyond the Balcony and the Quiet Study Area to find the Mindfulness Practice location. There will also be signs.

- Date/Time: Every Thursday, 3:30-4:30pm
- Location: Library (specific location detailed above)
- Questions? Send email to: GSULibraryinfo@govst.edu.

Cyber Security Workshop

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

REGISTER FOR SAFE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA FOR ONE AND ALL...

Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 25th from 3:30-5 pm in the Library (room D2401A) for a workshop conducted by Steve Hzyny (Cisco CCNA, CCAI, Microsoft MCSE, Novell MCNE, CNI Comptia A+, Network+ CTT+, Server+, Security+, Project+, Certified Advanced Security Practitioner CISSP).

The workshop will focus on:

1. The dangers of connecting;
2. Outcomes and impacts;
3. A review of best practices for using social media to connect safely;
4. Questions & Answers

This workshop is open to all in the GSU Community. To register or ask questions, please write GSULibraryinfo@govst.edu.

Upcoming Events:

Important Numbers You Should Know

- **Prairie Place Front Desk** 708-235-7115
- **Main Housing Office** 708-235-7110
- **Department of Public Safety** 708-534-4900
- **GSU Help Desk** 708-534-4357



Do you have questions about living and learning on campus? If so, check out University Housing's GSU webpage for answers. www.govst.edu/housing



Follow the Prairie Place Twitter page for updates about University Housing. https://twitter.com/prairie_place?lang=en



Like and follow the Prairie Place Facebook page for important updates! <https://www.facebook.com/PrairiePlace/>



Want to know what's cooking in the Café? Visit the campus dining site at <http://arenafoodservice.com/gsudining.html>

Events Happening in Prairie Place

- **DJ Master Event** with RAs Chris & Kelsey & FIR Tim Harrington; Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Prairie Place Great Hall/Classroom
- **THUG Movie Discussion** with FIR Crystal Harris & MSI Coordinator Sean Smith; Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018 from 6-8pm in the Prairie Place Classroom
- **Pizza + Football + Flag Football Recruitment** with RAs Chris & Kelsey & FIR Herb Pitman; Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018 from 7:30-11pm in the PP Classroom
- **Halloween Kickback** with Hall Council; Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018 from 7:30-10pm in the Prairie Place Great Hall/Classroom
- **Cocoa and Coco/Hot Chocolate Bar + Day of the Dead Discussion** with RAs Juan & Liz; Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018 from 6-8pm in the Prairie Place Classroom

Don't forget to stop by the Prairie Place Lobby every Friday (except November 23rd) for free bagels from The Great American Bagel Pop-up Pantry!

