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For Immediate Release

Governors State University kicks off athletics program with luncheon

University will reveal first group of recruits to commit to new men's basketball program

University Park, Ill., May 30, 2014 – Governors State University will announce the first group of recruits to commit to its new men's basketball team at an athletic luncheon Saturday, May 31, at the main campus in University Park.

The luncheon will feature eight recruits who have committed to the program thus far. They are:

- Brandon Berry, Bogan H.S., 6'5"
- Khalen Davis, St. Rita H.S., 6'5"
- Dalvin Echols, Bloom Trail H.S. 6'0"
- Saieed Ivey, Simeon H.S., 6'3"
- Haki McLauren, Malcolm X College, 6'8"
- Christopher Seaton, Seton Academy H.S., 6'4"
- Miles Snowden, Plainfield South H.S., 6'8"
- Princeton Steward, Langston University, 6'6"



The luncheon will also be an opportunity to introduce La Toshia Burrell, head coach of the women's basketball team, as well as plans to expand the athletic program to include other sports.

Attending the luncheon will be high school, community college and junior college head coaches and athletic directors from Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. Coaches from Amateur Athletic Union teams will also attend.

"This is an opportunity for us to introduce GSU to these ADs and coaches as an attractive, well-rounded destination for their student athletes to continue their education and athletic pursuits," said Anthony Bates, GSU Athletic Director and men's basketball head coach. "Our first recruits will play a vital role in developing long-standing traditions. They will build a legacy for every athlete that comes after them."

GSU will begin men's and women's basketball as club teams for the 2014-2015 season. Half of the teams' schedules will be against club teams and the other half will be against intercollegiate teams from other colleges and universities. The university has applied to and anticipates acceptance into the Chicago Collegiate Athletic Conference and its governing body, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Acceptance to both would allow GSU teams to play their entire schedules against other intercollegiate teams, beginning with the 2015-2016 season.

Governors State University is located at 1 University Parkway in University Park.