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# Alumni E-Connections - November 2010

Dear

We're reminded by the onset of cold weather that the holidays are just around the corner. I hope you enjoy your Thanksgiving break. If you'd like a break from the hustle and bustle of the season, you might enjoy a holiday performance at The Center for Performing Arts.

The Alumni Association is preparing to launch a few new alumni clubs, so if you're interested in dancing, golfing or enjoying a good book, be sure to send me an e-mail and let me know which club(s) you are interested in. If you have not previously shared your e-mail with us, please send it so we can be sure to send you information.

Read on and stay connected to your alma mater. Feel free to visit the [alumni website](#) to view past editions of the *e-connections* newsletter and our bi-annual print newsletter, *Alumni Connections* and to get up-to-the-minute details.

Sincerely,

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## Save the Date - Alumni Valentine Event - February 12, 2011

Join the Alumni Association on February 12 as we celebrate Valentine's Day at GSU's Center for Performing Arts. Enjoy *Sophisticated Ladies*, a celebration of timeless composer and musician Duke Ellington's lavish body of work. This Tony Award-winning revue is filled with classic compositions and crowd-pleasers. From his contributions in the celebrated big band era to his many jazz hits, the Duke knew how to influence an audience.

Plans are also in the works for a pre-concert gathering. Save the date now. More information about this event will be available soon.

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## Health Professions Career Fair - December 7

The Office of Career Services at Governors State University is sponsoring a health

professions career fair on Tuesday, December 7, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Prospective employers in the fields of physical and occupational therapy, nursing, social work, and non-profit services will meet with job candidates. The career fair is open to current students, GSU alumni, and members of the community seeking employment in these fields. There is no charge for job seekers. Be sure to bring your resume.

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## Celebrate the Holidays with Family and Friends at The Center



The Center for Performing Arts offers the perfect holiday entertainment for all your friends and family this holiday season kicking off with the hilarious Christmas comedy hit, ***Church Basement Ladies: Away in the Basement***, Thursday, December 2 at 2 & 8 p.m.

These witty, down-to-earth church ladies take us back to a December in 1959 when they must step in and save the Sunday

School Christmas program with plenty of laughs along the way.

On Saturday, December 11 at 1 or 5 p.m., the whole family can enjoy The Center's annual holiday presentation of Salt Creek Ballet's ***The Nutcracker*** with soloists from American Ballet Theatre, featuring the Chicago Youth Symphony performing Tchaikovsky's beloved score.



Your little ballerina will thrill to sugar plums, dancing fairies, and more in this enchanting production. Special holiday concessions and

photos with Santa will be available in the lobby for purchase.



For the little ones in your life, treat them to a trip to ***The Fantastic Toy Shoppe*** on Saturday, December 18 at 3pm.

This delightful new musical sparkles with holiday magic that is perfect for sharing.

And, save the date for ***Blue Suede Shoes: The Ultimate Tribute*** coming to The Center on the King's birthday, Saturday January 8, at 8 p.m.

For tickets and holiday gift certificates, call The Center box office at 708.235.2222 or stop by during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information visit [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net), call The Center Box Office at 708.235.2222 or stop by The Center Box Office.

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## Parent University at GSU - December Seminars

The Family Development Center and the College of Education's Department of Psychology and Counseling are sponsoring Parent University, a series of workshops pertaining to families, parenting, and raising children.

The workshops are offered **free** to the community through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education and are held at the Family Development Center, located on the main campus.



U.S. Representative Jesse Jackson, Jr. joined President Maimon, University Park Mayor Al McGowan, Family Development Center Director Carol Morrison, College of Education Dean Deb Bordelon, as well as staff and parents, to celebrate the opening of the FDC's Parent University last week.

Rep. Jackson was integral in acquiring the funding for Parent University from the U.S. Department of Education.

Upcoming workshops include dealing with technology, bullying, step-parenting, coping with stress as a parent, nutrition, and much more.

<i>Bullying and Cyber Bullying</i>	Jen Beebe	Monday, December 6	5 to 7:30 p.m.
<i>Positive Parenting</i>	Julia Yang	Wednesday, December 8	5 to 7:30 p.m.
<i>Dangers of Technology</i>	Collette Blakely	Saturday, December 11	1 to 4 p.m.

For a list of all the Parent University workshops, visit [www.govst.edu/children](http://www.govst.edu/children).

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## Visual Arts Gallery - Richard Shipps - *Long Night Dark to Light* December 1 through 23

Celebrate the Winter Solstice with the astounding cut paper artwork of Richard Shipps, which encourages the viewer to explore negative and positive form, shadow and light, through signs and symbols -- a visual feast. Through the long night we pass, and find our way from dark to light.

Show: December 1 through 23

Artist Reception: Wednesday, December 8

Paper Cutting Demo - Make a Snowflake 4 to 5 p.m.

Reception 5 to 8 p.m.

These events are free and open to the public. The Visual Arts Gallery is open Monday and Tuesday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday, from 2 to 7 p.m. It is located adjacent to E-Lounge at GSU. For more information, call 708.534.4021.

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## **Just for Vets**

Lynn Salkeld, veteran representative from the Illinois Department of Employment Security, will be on campus to answer veteran's questions related to employment, disability services, and other topics on December 14. She will be available from 1 to 4 p.m., in room D1408.

To schedule an appointment, contact [Lana Bilyk](#), Coordinator of Veterans and Military Personnel, at 708.235.2224.