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## ***Monthly Announcement - October 19, 2012***

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Dear Alumni,

This is my favorite season - the leaves are changing. And so is GSU. The new science wing renovation is coming along wonderfully - see the link below to go on a virtual tour.

GSU welcomed its first class of GSU Promise and Dual Degree Program (DDP) students this fall. And we are now busy planning for the arrival of our first freshmen class in 2014. This includes the building of our first phase of dormitories, with a groundbreaking planned for this spring.

The Alumni Association has announced the formation of a new Alumni Association Scholarship. If you would like to donate toward this new scholarship, please call me at 708.534.7892.

No matter how you decide to stay connected - joining clubs, attending lectures and events on campus, participating in an alumni activity - GSU has something for everyone. Tell us what you've been up to. We love to hear from you. Stay connected with your alma mater and get involved.

For more information, call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128. Feel free to visit the [alumni website](#) to view past editions of the *e-connections* newsletter and our annual print newsletter, *Alumni Connections* and to get up-to-the-minute details.

Sincerely,

Cheri Garey  
Director of Alumni Relations

### ***Alumni Association Now on Facebook***

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"Like" the Governors State University Alumni Association on Facebook to receive the most up-to-date news, see pictures from current and past events, ask questions, and more.

### ***New Partner Discounts for Premium Alumni Association Members***

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Announcing the Alumni Association's newest benefit for our Premium Alumni Association Members - discounts to area

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restaurants and other businesses.

New Partners include: Afusion (Matteson), Chicago Dough Company (Richton Park), Flavor Restaurant (Flossmoor), Jenny's Steakhouse (Mokena and Chicago Ridge), University Golf Club (University Park), and the list continues to grow.

Visit [www.govst.edu/alumni](http://www.govst.edu/alumni) memberships for information on all member benefits, how to join, the most recent updates to the Partner Discount list and their discounts provided, and other benefits.

### ***Alumni Volunteer Program Reclaim the Prairie - November 11***

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Become an Alumni Volunteer on Sunday, November 11. Join us at GSU to learn more about the prairie landscape that hosts our world-renowned collection of sculpture - *and then help us make it grow!* Beginning at 1 p.m., Kevin Barto, Superintendent of Grounds for Governors State University, will provide a brief introduction to prairie plants and management. We'll head out into the park and harvest and sow prairie seeds for the rest of the afternoon, breaking at 3:30 p.m. for light refreshments.

This event is free and family friendly. Program runs from 1 to 4 p.m. and will meet at the Cafeteria Annex. Call 708.534.7892 to reserve your spot.

### ***Alumni Clubs***

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As a GSU alum, you may join as many of our Alumni Clubs as you like, free of charge. Sign up for Alumni Clubs by visiting [www.govst.edu/alumni](http://www.govst.edu/alumni) (click on *Clubs* side bar) or call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128 for more information.

### ***Alumni Golf Club***

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The Alumni Golf Club is planning activities for next year. To join the Alumni Golf Club, call 708.534.4128 or email [alumnirelations2@govst.edu](mailto:alumnirelations2@govst.edu).

### ***Alumni Book Club Reviews "The Other Wes Moore" - October 25***

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Join other book enthusiasts in a lively discussion on the current book. The Alumni Book Club meets the fourth Thursday of every month.

#### **Book Club Schedule:**

- October 25: ***The Other Wes Moore*** by Wes Moore, 6:30 p.m., Cafeteria Annex

Before and After  
Deployment - Free Forum -  
October 29

New Theatre and  
Performance Studies  
Program at  
GSU

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- November 15: (note 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday due to Thanksgiving) **Nop's Trials** by Donald McCaig, 6:30 p.m., Cafeteria Annex

Books to be reviewed are chosen by the Alumni Book Club members. Call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128 to join or e-mail [alumnirelations2@govst.edu](mailto:alumnirelations2@govst.edu) and say "sign me up for the Book Club." Visit the website at [www.govst.edu/alumni](http://www.govst.edu/alumni) for details and book descriptions.

### ***Addiction Studies Alumni Club Recovery Walk a Success***

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The Addiction Studies Alumni Club hosted a recovery walk at GSU on September 22 during Recovery Awareness Month. To see photos of this event (and other GSU Alumni Association events, visit our Facebook page at Governors State University Alumni Association.

Visit Culver's, 20715 S. Cicero Avenue in Matteson on Saturday, October 20 and help the Addiction Studies Alumni Club raise funds. Turn your receipt that day to any Culver's employee for the Addiction Studies Alumni Club fundraiser, and we will receive a portion of your sale.

The next meeting of the Addiction Studies Alumni Club is Saturday, October 20 at 5 p.m. at Culver's in Matteson.

### ***Live Taping of Chicago Live! at GSU - November 1***

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*Chicago Live!*, a live stage show, is coming to Governors State University Center for Performing Arts on Thursday, November 1, at 7 p.m.

*Chicago Live!* is produced by the *Chicago Tribune* for WGN-AM Radio. Hosted by veteran reporter and author Rick Kogan, this 90-minute, multiplatform show features news interviews, arts performances, and comedy presented with a unique Chicago perspective. The show that is taped at GSU will be broadcast on WGN-AM November 3, at 11 a.m.

When *Chicago Live!* comes to GSU, it will be the first time that the program has been produced outside the city limits. This is an event everyone will enjoy!

Tickets for *Chicago Live!* at GSU are \$20 and can be purchased at the Center for Performing Arts box office at [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net).

### ***Instant Admission Day - October 20***

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Governors State University Office of Admission and Student Recruitment is hosting an Undergraduate Program Instant Admission Day on Saturday, October 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Representatives from the Offices of Admission, Financial Aid, and Career Services will be on hand to answer questions and guide prospective students through the application process. Academic advisors will be available to answer questions about bachelor's degree programs offered in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business and Public Administration, Education, and Health and Human Services.

Applications for all undergraduate degree programs, except art and nursing, will be accepted and processed immediately. Attendees are asked to bring official or unofficial transcripts. The undergraduate application fee is \$25. Visit [www.govst.edu/admissionrsvp](http://www.govst.edu/admissionrsvp) to register.

### ***Upcoming Career Fairs***

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Alumni are welcome to take advantage of the services of the Office of Career Services. They offer a full range of resources and services. To make an appointment, please call the Office of Career Services at 708.235.3974. Upcoming Career Fairs include:

#### **Professional Image Makeover Conference - October 23 - 25**

Governors State University - Hall of Honors  
Workshop titles include:

- *Creating a Better "You" Build your confidence and improve your plan;*
- *Myers-Briggs Type Indicator Seminar How to make your personality work for you and the people around you;*
- *What will you do with YOUR major? Think outside the box and find your perfect career fit;*
- *Searching, Researching, and Networking? Oh my! Strategies for navigating a successful job search;*
- *Creating Effective Resumes and Cover Letters;*
- *LinkedIn: Get Connected!;*
- *Improving Your Behavioral Interviewing Skills;*
- *Individual Mock Interview Appointments; and*
- *Internship 101: What you need to know!*

#### **Health and Human Services Career & Internship Fair**

Governors State University - Center of Performing Arts Lobby

Wednesday, November 28 - 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information or to register visit [www.govst.edu/careerservices](http://www.govst.edu/careerservices) or call the Office of Career Services at 708.235.3974

### ***Center for Performing Arts Unveils 2012-2013 Season***

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GSU Center's 2012-2013 season has it all. The electrifying movements of Chicago's **Muntu Dance Theatre**. The vocal

fireworks of **The Three Divas!** Multiple Emmy-winning actor **Ed Asner** as he recreates the life of President Franklin Roosevelt. Galvanizing performances by Chicago theater companies in the **One More Night** series. Fresh multi-cultural showpieces from **Natya Dance Theatre, Kuumba Lynx/FootworKINGz, Celtic Crossroads,** and **DRUMLine LIVE. The Nutcracker**, returning as a perennial holiday favorite. And much more.

"This is an exciting time for the arts at Governors State University," said Executive Director Lana Rogachevskaya. "Whether you choose to join us in an intimate cabaret setting on stage, with a glass of wine, or in one of our 1,100-seats in the theater, your experience will be sure to create memories for years to come."

GSU Center is located on the campus of Governors State University. To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact the box office at [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net) or 708.235.2222.

### ***Before and After Deployment - Free Forum - October 29***

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A free public forum, *Before and After Deployment: Trauma and the Impact on the Military Family*, will be held on Monday, October 29, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. in the GSU Center for Performing Arts.

This event is being sponsored by the College of Health and Human Services, the Department of Social Work, the College of Education, Governors State University Intellectual Life Committee, the University Honors Program and the Wounded Warriors Project.

Featured speakers and their topics include: Michael Johnson: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD); Marquell Smith: Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgender (GLBT) persons serving under the Don't Ask Don't Tell (DADT) Policy; Nicole McCoy: Women serving in leadership roles in the military; Sharon Orsborn: Family members of combat victims; Adam Widner, Wounded Warrior Project: After Deployment - Warriors to Work through Economic Empowerment.

RSVP for this event by contacting Michael Griffin at 630.201.3485, or [militaryforum2@yahoo.com](mailto:militaryforum2@yahoo.com). Please leave your name, e-mail address, and the number of people who will be attending.

### ***New Theatre and Performance Studies Program at GSU***

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Theatre and Performance Studies is coming to GSU, and a spring production is planned in the Center for Performing Arts. This program is for people who are interested in performing on stage or working behind the scenes, and who would like to create momentum for a new performance culture at GSU.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the program, e-

mail Dr. Patrick Santoro at [psantoro@govst.edu](mailto:psantoro@govst.edu).

### ***Forum Examines 2012 Elections - October 29***

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The Political and Justice Studies Program and the Consortium for Civic Engagement are co-sponsoring a community forum on the 2012 elections.

The open community forum, *Issues of the 2012 Election*, will be held on Monday, October 29, from 5 to 7 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Panelists are Criminal Justice professors Larry Levinson, Donald Culverson, and Chelsea Haring, and Dr. David Golland, assistant professor of history.

These conversations are free and open to the public. Co-sponsors are the Political and Justice Studies Program and the Consortium for Civic Engagement. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate.

### ***Nikki Giovanni Speaks at GSU - November 7***

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Nikki Giovanni, world-renowned American poet, writer, activist, and educator, will appear at the Governors State University Center for Performing Arts on Wednesday, November 7 at 7 p.m. She will speak on "The Courage for Equality: Love, Work, Society."

The event is free and open to the public. Ms. Giovanni's presentation will be followed by a question and answer period and book signing.

Register online to reserve a space at [nikkigiovanni.eventbrite.com](http://nikkigiovanni.eventbrite.com). For more information call 708.534.4024.

Nikki Giovanni's appearance is sponsored by the GSU College of Education, College of Arts and Science, Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education, and Illinois Counseling Association. WVON-1690 AM is the media sponsor.

### ***Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp - November 13***

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Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp - Sign up now for a full day of Veteran **business-focused** activities at Governors State University on **November 13** Click [here](#) for more information.

### ***A Healthcare Symposium: Post Election - November 14***

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Save the Date! On November 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. GSU will present a Healthcare Symposium in the Center for Performing Arts at GSU. A group of presenters will discuss the issues of healthcare as affected by the current election outcome. More

detailed information will be shared in the November 1 alumni e-blast. To reserve your seat, call 708.534.4128.

### ***GSU In the News***

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On August 23, the Southtown Star reported "Governors State program aims to answer Obama's call to raise graduation rates".

### ***Take a Virtual Tour of E & F Wings Renovation***

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You don't need a hard hat to see the steady progress in E and F Buildings, where crews have completed the first phase of their construction project. When the project is finished, GSU students will have state-of-the-art science classrooms and labs.

Follow [this link](#) for a video tour of the E and F renovation in progress.

### ***GSU Wind Turbine Marks First Year***

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Today is the one-year anniversary of the start-up of GSU's magnificent wind turbine.

David Stone, associate vice president for Facilities Development and Management, said the turbine has produced 121,640 kilowatt hours of energy during the past year, or enough to annually power about 12 Illinois households.

Just as importantly, Stone added, GSU has prevented the release of 129,000 pounds of atmospheric carbon dioxide through the use of renewable wind energy.

The wind turbine was built with the assistance of a \$153,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.