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GSU Alumni E-Connections

SEPTEMBER

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MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Alumni,

Campus is bustling with our students returning for the fall semester. Adding to the excitement is the announcement that GSU will soon break ground on the renovations to our E and F wings and science labs! A ground-breaking ceremony will take place on Tuesday, October 18 at 10:30 a.m. in the F-wing Atrium. All alumni are invited to attend.

Don't miss the Alumni Association's upcoming events - our White Sox game on September 25 and *Thriller - The Legend Continues* on October 1. Read more below.

Dr. Martha J. Kanter, Under Secretary of the United States Department of Education, praised GSU's Dual Degree Program, at *Success by Dual Degrees: Meeting the President's 2020 College Completion Goal*, a higher education rally hosted by GSU President Elaine P. Maimon on Friday, September 9. Read more about this new program at www.govst.edu/dualdegree.

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
Interim Director of Alumni Relations

- Going, Going, (almost)Gone - Chicago White Sox vs Kansas City Royals - September 25
- Thriller - The Legend Continues - October 1
- Alumni Award Nominations for 2012 Now Being Accepted
- CenterPoint to Showcase GSU Alumni Entrepreneurs
- Alumni Book Club Reviews "The Help" - September 22
- Alumni Golf Club Update
- Veterans Boot Camp at GSU

*GOING, GOING, (ALMOST) GONE -CHICAGO
WHITE SOX VS KANSAS CITY ROYALS -
SEPTEMBER 25*

Join the Alumni Association and fellow alumni for fun afternoon at U.S. Cellular Field. Cheer on the White Sox as they take on the Kansas City Royals on Sunday, September 25. Game time is 1:10 p.m. Seats are in Section 111. Ticket price is \$48 per person. Call the Alumni Office at 708.534.4128 to reserve tickets by phone.

*"THRILLER - THE LEGEND CONTINUES" -
TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL JACKSON - OCTOBER 1*

Join the Alumni Association for an exciting theatre and after party event featuring Thriller – The Legend Continues, a tribute to Michael Jackson at GSU's Center for Performing Arts. The evening begins with a reception followed by the show, featuring a Michael Jackson impersonator performing some of the King of Pop's best songs live on stage, including:

- *Man in the Mirror*
- *Bad*
- *Black or White*
- *Beat It*
- *Billy Jean*
- *Thriller*
- ...and many more unforgettable songs

See a preview at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ggRrLIn6cRw>. After the show, gather with other alumni and guests for a lively dance party. Tickets include the pre-show reception, Thriller: The Legend Continues, post-show DJ/dance, and cash bar before and after the show. Tickets are \$56 per person. Don't miss out on this fun event. To order tickets, call the Alumni Relations office at 708.534.4128.

*ALUMNI AWARDS NOMINATIONS FOR 2012
NOW BEING ACCEPTED*

The Alumni Association will host the third annual Alumni Awards program, which honors graduates who have made significant

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contributions to society and whose accomplishments and careers should be recognized by the Alumni Association. The *Outstanding Community Service Award* and the *Distinguished Professional Achievement Award* will be presented at the Alumni Dinner Theatre event on Wednesday, February 8, 2012. The [Alumni Award Criteria](#) and the [Alumni Awards Nomination](#) forms are now available. Deadline to nominate or apply for these prestigious awards is January 7, 2012.

CENTERPOINT TO SHOWCASE GSU ALUMNI ENTREPRENEURS

November 14 to 18 is Global Entrepreneurship Week. Global Entrepreneurship Week is the world's largest celebration of the innovators and job creators who launch start-ups that bring ideas to life, drive economic growth, and expand human welfare.

As part of the Global Entrepreneurship Week celebrations, CenterPoint wants to showcase/publicize GSU Alumni Entrepreneurs. They plan to create posters with pictures of alumni and their companies, which will be located around the University. The same information will be added to their electronic notice board they are developing that will be a part of their website. What a great way to promote your business!

If you would be interested in you and your company being promoted in this way, please contact Hilary Burkinshaw, Director of CenterPoint at GSU. You can email her at hburkinshaw@govst.edu.

Information that will be required: Name of owner (must be an alumni), name of company, GSU degree and graduation date, a photo of the owner/business/both, information about what your business does, a reason for choosing to become an entrepreneur, and the best thing about being an entrepreneur. (CenterPoint would be happy to assist interested parties with photographs, write ups etc.)

ALUMNI BOOK CLUB REVIEWS "THE HELP" - SEPTEMBER 22

Join other book enthusiasts during upcoming Alumni Book Club review meetings for a lively discussion about the current book. Books are

chosen by the Alumni Book Club members at the meetings. Call the

Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128 to join the Alumni Book Club or e-mail alumnirelations2@govst.edu and say "sign me up for the Book Club." Meeting invitations and notices will be sent via e-mail. Visit the Book Club's website at http://www.govst.edu/alumni/t_alumni.aspx?id=41588 for more information and book descriptions.

Book Club Schedule:

Date: Book Being Reviewed:

Thursday, September 22, 2011 *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

Thursday, October 27, 2011 *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson

Thursday, November 17, 2011 *Five High* by Janet Evanovich

ALUMNI GOLF CLUB UPDATE

It is time to dust off your clubs and get your swing back for the Second Annual GSU Dave Drechsel Golf Outing. This friendly competition will be held on Sunday, September 25, at the University Golf Club, 23520 Crawford Avenue, University Park.

All GSU alumni, faculty, staff, and their family members are invited to join the fun. The afternoon begins at noon with a shot gun start for 18 holes of golf. The festivities continue with a dinner and awards presentation.

Cost of the event is only \$75 per person, which includes all fees, a golf cart, and dinner. The golf outing is sponsored by the GSU SPIRIT Committee.

For more information, contact [Hollie Campbell](mailto:Hollie.Campbell) at ext. 708.534.6813.

Contact the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128 or alumnirelations2@govst.edu if you would like to join the Alumni Golf Club. (There is no charge to join Alumni Clubs.)

VETERANS BOOT CAMP AT GSU

Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp at GSU - Sign up now for a full day of veteran business-focused activities at Governors State University on Wednesday, **November 16**. Click [here](#) for more information.

BUSINESS/COMMUNICATIONS/ADMINISTRATION CAREER/INTERNSHIP FAIR - OCTOBER 13

The Office of Career Services is hosting a Business/Communications/Administration Career/Internship Fair on Thursday, October 13 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Hall of Governors at GSU. (Confirmed companies to attend: Glick & Associates, Milner Broadcasting Enterprises, Western Southern Financial Group, and First Midwest Bank)

If you are looking for a job—whether full-time or part-time, or an internship—the Office of Career Services (located in A1120) can assist you. They are a resource center for job seekers and provide a wide range of services available to alumni, free of charge. For more information, visit www.govst.edu/careerservices.

ARE YOU AN ALUMNI AUTHOR?

The Alumni Book Club is recognizing our growing list of alumni who have authored books. We will post this distinguished list on the Book Club's web site. If you are an alumni and have authored a book, please email you name, address (for identification purposes - will not be posted), the title of your book, the publisher and date of publication to alumnirelations2@govst.edu.

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