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Monthly Announcement - July 3, 2012

Dear alumni,

I hope you are enjoying your summer so far.

If you're planning on visiting GSU on a Friday, call first. GSU is once again observing a four-day work week schedule during the summer months, with most offices closed on Fridays. The schedule will be in effect through Friday, August 3.

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. Visit www.govst.edu/alumni for club information.

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 Annual White Sox Outing - August 4

Join the GSU Alumni Association at U.S. Cellular Field and cheer on the Chicago White Sox as they take on the Los Angeles Angels. Seating is in lower boxes, section 114. Game time is 6:10 p.m.

Tickets are \$45 per person. Tickets are limited. Don't miss out on the fun! For tickets call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128.

Six Flags Great America Discount for GSU Alumni and Staff

The Alumni Association is offering discounted tickets to Great America. The tickets can be used for any one of the following days: Saturday or Sunday, July 28, 29, August 4 or 5. Tickets are \$29.50 each and are available on-line only. Ticket sales begin July

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12. Go to www.sixflags.com and enter the promotion code **gsualumni2012** to receive the discounted price.

Alumni Clubs

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 (click on *Clubs* side bar) or call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128 for more information.

Alumni Golf Club

All Alumni Golf Club members are invited to join the GSU Golf League each Tuesday at Golf Vista Estates in Monee. Tee time is 4:30 p.m. through the start of September. Golfers at all ability levels are welcome.

A round of golf each week costs \$7 per person. Carts cost an additional \$7. The golf course is located at 5001 W. Augusta Boulevard in Monee.

The Third Annual Dave Drechsel Golf Outing and Award Banquet takes place at University Club Conference Center (across from GSU) on September 9.

Anyone wishing to join the GSU Golf League can sign up by calling Hollie Campbell at 708.235.6813.

Alumni Book Club Reviews ***"A Tale of Two Cities" - July 26***

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:

July 26 ***A Tale of Two Cities*** by Charles Dickens
6:30 p.m. Cafeteria Annex

August 23 ***Pacific Vortex*** by Clive Cussler
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 and say "sign me up for the Book Club." Visit the website at www.govst.edu/alumni for details and book descriptions.

Save the Date - Addiction Studies Alumni Club ***Recovery Walk - September 22***

Join the First Walk for Recovery, sponsored by the Addictions

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Studies Alumni Club. The Walk for Recovery and National Recovery Month honors individuals recovering and seeking recovery, and celebrates the treatment and support service providers committed to helping them. Help increase awareness surrounding addiction issues. Visit www.govst.edu/alumni to register and for up to the minute details.

Join the Addiction Studies Alumni Club. The club's next meeting is July 21, at noon, in room D1496 on campus.

Alumni Artforum Club Art Show a Success

The first Alumni Art Show was a success last month when alumni joined the student graduate show. We had a nice turnout of alumni and guests for the show and the reception. Start planning your submission now for next year's show.

Alumni Volunteer Program Helps Fight Hunger

The Alumni Association's first volunteer event made its move against hunger on June 23 by joining the Greater Chicago Food Depository hunger walk along the Chicago lakefront. The GSU team walked to benefit the Rich Township Food Pantry, which is located near the GSU campus.

Kudos to GSU Alumni Association Board members, Cecelia Palmer, Rose Reed Murry and LaTonia Richmond, who donned their walking shoes for this worthy cause. Also walking was Cynthia Carr, OT Professor at GSU.

Show your GSU Spirit while giving back to the community in a way that is important to you. Volunteer at an organization of your choice in the name of GSU. Wear your GSU t-shirt, send us a picture, and tell us what you did. It's that easy. Whatever service you participate in - whether it's with your peers, your family, your office, or even alone - get involved and make a difference.

Upcoming Career Fairs

Update your resumes and mark your calendars for Career Services' upcoming Career Fairs:

Business/Communications/Technology Career Fair

September 27

Health and Human Services Career and Internship Fair

November 28

Teacher Education Career and Internship Fair

February 21

For more information visit www.govst.edu/careerservices.

Upside Down, Kneeling Makes its Debut at GSU

Rabbit-eared, human-limbed, and clearly visible from the Hall of

Governors, *Upside Down, Kneeling* arrived recently at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. The sculpture, by British artist Sophie Ryder, is on loan from Robert and Karen Duncan. It is the third offering in NMSP's ongoing Solo Exhibition Series presentations sponsored, in part, by BMO Harris Bank.

Like nearly all the monumental artwork at NMSP, *Upside Down, Kneeling* offers few concrete clues as to what exactly it represents. Mythological trickster? Fertility symbol? Aztec rabbit god taking a breather? You're free to draw your own conclusions.

What we know is that the artwork consists of bound, galvanized wire over a steel frame. Ryder created a surface that is akin to a three dimensional drawing. It appears solid from a distance and then dissolves into a flurry of riotous lines as the viewer approaches.

Upside Down, Kneeling is split into two halves and it is possible to "enter" the sculpture. Like many NMSP pieces, it is interactive. Once inside the sculpture, you can look through it to the outside world.

NMSP Director and Curator Geoffrey Bates said Ryder has created many works in bronze and that allegorical images – minotaurs, horses, and dogs – are often found in her art. Bates said Ryder will be in Chicago for the International Sculpture Conference in October and will almost certainly visit NMSP.

Upside Down, Kneeling will be on display at NMSP through October.

Get Healthy and Enrich Your Mind

The GSU Recreation and Fitness Center is hosting two lectures for a healthier you:

Eating for Energy July 12 from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts; \$5 for Recreation and Fitness Center members; \$10 all other alumni and guests

Your Amazing Mind July 26 from 1 to 3 p.m., A2134; \$5

Registration is required. For more information, call 708.534.4556

Art on Campus Continues

The Art on Campus program is currently featuring "Sixteen Pieces," a collection of works by Claudia Craemer. These works are on exhibit through July 31.

"I like the way painting can be a way to learn what we're thinking - what we've been carrying around unnoticed, consciously trying to avoid, or simply what we truly believe and know. And I like the way it always teaches us more surely what we may have been mulling over for a while but were never quite able to bring to the surface and express in words. I like learning this language." - Claudia Craemer

The Art on Campus program is activating wall spaces on campus with student, alumni, and community artwork. Because these galleries are located in the public areas at GSU, the exhibits can be viewed any time the campus is open.

Dr. Cada Appointed Dean of College of Health and Human Services

Upon the recommendation of the search committee and Provost Terry Allison, President Maimon is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Beth Cada to the position of Dean of the College of Health and Human Services (CHHS).

Dr. Cada has served as Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy for 15 years and, during that time, shaped that department into a true point of pride for the university, Dr. Maimon said. This year, as Interim Dean of CHHS, Dr. Cada demonstrated excellence in the leadership of the college as a whole and was selected for the permanent position after a competitive national search.

Provost Allison thanked the search committee, chaired by COE Dean Deborah Bordelon, for bringing such excellent candidates to GSU. "During her interview, Dean Cada was able to articulate an expansive vision for the College of Health and Human Services," he said. "It was clear that she would achieve this vision through involvement of faculty, staff, and the communities that GSU serves. Dean Cada will be focused on growing GSU's current fully accredited health programs as well as seeking opportunities to expand new specialties and new degree programs to meet the needs of GSU's diverse region."

Dr. Cada holds degrees from Colorado State University, George Williams College, and Northern Illinois University. She is an Illinois-licensed and national board certified occupational therapist with a continuing professional practice in the field. Dr. Cada has held several leadership roles in the American Occupational Therapy Association and has performed service or professional roles with the American Medical Association, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, National Board for Certification of Occupational Therapy, and National Down Syndrome Congress.

"She is an exceptional leader at an exceptional time in GSU's history," Provost Allison said. "Please join me in welcoming her to this new leadership opportunity."

GSU Foundation Hosts Scholarship Luncheon

Nearly 100 dedicated, hardworking students were honored at the annual GSU Foundation Scholarship Luncheon. Dr. Sandy

Goldberg, of NBC Chicago, served as event emcee, complimenting the university on its students' successes, generous donors, and beautiful campus.

Scholarship recipients, Kayla Randolph-Clark, Lisa Adams, Deborah Harris, and Johnny Burns shared their stories and expressed their appreciation of the support they received.

Donors, who make scholarships possible, were also honored at Tuesday's event. Don and Wilbur Morrison, both longtime donors to Foundation scholarships, received the 2012 Distinguished Philanthropist Award in recognition of their longstanding service and generosity to GSU and its students.

"I've seen people lose their jobs and then come to GSU and learn a completely new profession," Don Morrison said. "I believe people can do anything if they try. I'm glad to have helped GSU students so that can happen."

More than 70 of the scholarship recipients are current GSU students receiving monetary awards through one of the GSU Foundation's 58 scholarship programs.

This year, for the first time, community college students enrolled in the Dual Degree Program were recognized at the scholarship luncheon. Sixteen DDP students received GSU Promise scholarships, which provide additional funding so they can complete their bachelor's degree at the university debt-free. Seven students received Dual Degree Program Honors Scholarships.

To donate to GSU Foundation scholarships, go to www.govst.edu/donate.

Legally Blonde, The Musical at GSU Center for Performing Arts

Rehearsals are under way for "Legally Blonde: The Musical," the 2012 production of the Southland Theatre Ensemble (SLATE) at Governors State University. Forty cast members from 24 communities, mostly in Chicago's Southland, were chosen following recent auditions. Performance dates are July 28 and 29, and August 4 and 5 at Governors State University's Center for Performing Arts.

Based on the hit movie, "Legally Blonde: The Musical" is a fresh and fast-paced evening of musical fun, stylishly wrapped in a pink bow. Elle Woods is the college sweetheart and homecoming queen who doesn't take no for an answer. When her boyfriend dumps her for someone "serious," Elle puts down the credit cards, hits the books, and heads for Harvard Law School.

SLATE was established in 2009 as an artistic collaboration between the Center for Performing Arts, local theater educators, and veterans of area community theater companies. SLATE has produced three critically acclaimed summer productions, "Into the Woods" in 2009, "The Wedding Singer" in 2010, and "Ragtime" in 2011.

Tickets are on sale at the Center for Performing Arts box office.

Tickets are \$22 and can be purchased at the Center's website at www.centertickets.net or by calling the box office at 708.235.2222.

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