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"Life teaches us to be less harsh with ourselves and with others." – Goethe



Joint Education Center at Lincoln-Way Launched

The Educational Center at Lincoln-Way, a joint project with the local school district, Joliet Junior College, and Governors State was officially dedicated November 13. President Stuart Fagan, Al Hardersen, Vice President for Student Services, Joliet Junior College, and Lawrence Wyllie, Superintendent of Lincoln-Way High School District (shown in the photo above) cut the ceremonial ribbon at the event. Dr. Fagan called the Center a radical concept. "You won't find many examples of a local school district, a community college, and a university joining forces to provide the opportunity for a seamless quality education from high school diploma to master's degree." Thirty-three courses will be offered at the Center for the Winter Trimester.

GSU Takes its Message to Television

A series of commercials promoting the university will air on AT&T cable stations in the south suburbs beginning November 25 with Thanksgiving T.V. marathons on USA, TNT, TBS, and the ABC Family Channel. Commercials will also run with showings of Christmas movies on the same channels. In addition, GSU TV spots will also run through December on cable stations including CNN, TWC, History Channel, and the cartoon channel. The TV spots will reach about 245,000 cable households in the area.

Student Research On Traffic Slated for National Conference

Approximately 17 state troopers from across the nation were fatally injured last year while standing by stopped cars at the side of a road or highway. Research by Mark Karczewski, a GSU student and an Illinois State

Trooper for 14 years, may reduce the number of needless deaths dramatically. He has completed a two-year research project to determine what color emergency lighting can be seen at the greatest distance with the least distracting qualities. Karczewski will present his findings at the federal Transportation Research Board's annual conference in Washington, D.C. It is the first time that research has been conducted that looks at the twin variables of distance and light qualities. Karczewski's research, which was part of his work toward a master of public administration, is scheduled to be published by *Fleet Management* magazine in December and *Law and Order* magazine in January 2003. *Law and Order* is considered to be one of the nation's leading magazines for law enforcement professionals.

GSU ScholarSHIP Sails On

- Paul Blobaum, librarian and professor of library science was elected president-elect of the Health Science Librarians of Illinois (HSLI) this fall. HSLI is a professional statewide group of health science librarians whose mission is education, professional development, and cooperation between multiple libraries in the state and region.
 - Adelle Sanders, professor of social work, co-wrote a chapter entitled "Value Orientation/Worldview Framework," in the newly released book, *Diversity Perspectives for Social Work Practice*.
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BOG Student Is New Lincoln Laureate

Maher Husseini is this year's recipient of the Order of Lincoln Student Laureate Award. He is an undergraduate Board of Governors student majoring in criminal justice. Husseini, who is originally from Palestine, is a full-time student with a cumulative grade point average of 3.25, a member of the National Dean's Honors Society, and chair of the Student Senate By-Laws and Election Committee. In addition, he coaches a community soccer team and does volunteer work with Cook County probationers. The Lincoln Academy's Student Laureate Awards recognizes the academic and extracurricular achievements of seniors from each of the four-year, degree-granting institutions of higher learning in Illinois.

Get A "Smart Start" On Holiday Celebration

The Smart Start early childhood program at GSU will hold its "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday, December 7, 2002, beginning at 9:30 am in the Hall of Governors. Advance registration is required through the Family Development Center Office. Tickets are \$6 for adults; \$4 for children who are 3 years and older; and free for children under 2 years of age free. Make checks payable to Smart Start when registering. The program will also host Jim Gill, a children's singer, on Thursday, January 16, in the Hall of Governors beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per family. Bring a blanket and your baby! Advance registration is required through the Family Development Center Office. Make checks payable to Smart Start when registering.

Employee of the Month

Dorothy Kennedy, secretary IV, College of Business and Public Administration is Employee of the Month.

Cast Your Vote For Employee of the Year

The Human Resources Department is accepting nominations for employee of the year. The nominations are due by November 22. The Employee of the year will be announced on December 6, which is Civil Service Day. For more information, contact the Department of Human Resources, Extension 4100.