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MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Alumni,

Now that the heat wave has broken, we're venturing outside with several of our upcoming events. There are a few tickets still available for this Saturday's Alumni Air and Water Show Cruise. This is a great way to spend the afternoon. Don't have your sea legs? Maybe baseball is your passion. Join us for our Alumni Day at the White Sox game September 25.

The Alumni Association has a lot of activities coming up and there are numerous ways you can stay connected to your alma mater. Read on and you will see what's happening at GSU over the next few months.

There is also a lot of Alumni Club activities taking place. As a GSU alumni, you are welcome to join as many of our Alumni Clubs as you like, free of charge. 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 bi-annual print newsletter, *Alumni Connections* and to get up-to-the-minute details.

Sincerely,

Cheri Garey
Interim Director of Alumni Relations

- Alumni Air and Water Show Cruise - August 20
- Batter Up! Chicago White Sox vs Kansas City Royals - September 25
- Thriller - The Legend Continues - October 1
- Alumni Book Club Reviews "The Black Dahlia" - August 25
- Alumni Dance Club Schedule - Attend a class today
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- Alumni Award Nominations for 2012 Now Being Accepted
- Song and Dance at GSU
- Secretary of State Services at GSU - August 23
- Parent University Continues Classes
- Reading Tutorial Program at GSU

***ONLY A FEW TICKETS REMAIN FOR
THE ALUMNI AIR AND WATER
SHOW CRUISE - AUGUST 20***

Join the Alumni Association for a delicious buffet lunch on the Mystic Blue cruise ship, departing from Navy Pier. Enjoy the Chicago Air and Water Show on deck or stay inside and enjoy the entertainment provided by the cruise DJ. Boarding is at 10 a.m. and cruise time is 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The ticket price includes admission onto the boat and a full buffet, including great salads, entrees, sides and desserts, coffee, tea, and soft drinks. Tickets are \$65 each. Don't miss this exciting event. Call the Alumni Office at 708.534.4128 to reserve tickets.

***BATTER UP! 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 or mail the [Ticket Order Form](#).

***"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 "Thriller: The Legend Continues" show, featuring a Michael Jackson impersonator performing some of Michael's best songs live on stage, including:

- *Man in the Mirror*
- *Bad*
- *Black or White*

- Career Services Announces Upcoming Job Fairs
- Adult Learning Exchange at GSU
- E-mail: [Editor](#)

- *Beat It*
- *Billy Jean*
- *Thriller*
- ...and many more unforgettable songs

After the show, gather with other alumni and guests for a lively dance party. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 1, 2011 for this special event. More details to come. Visit www.govst.edu/alumni for up to the minute details, to be announced soon.

ALUMNI BOOK CLUB REVIEWS "THE BLACK DAHLIA" - AUGUST 25

Join other book enthusiasts during upcoming Alumni Book Club review meetings. Join our lively discussion on 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 now or e-mail alumnirelations2@govst.edu and say "sign me up for the Book Club." All invitations and notices are done via e-mail. Updated information is available at our website at www.govst.edu/alumni.

Book Club Schedule

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Book Being Reviewed:</u>
August 25, 2011	<i>Black Dahlia</i> by James Ellroy
September 22, 2011	<i>The Help</i> by Kathryn Stockett
October 27, 2011	<i>The Warmth of Other Suns</i> by Isabel Wilkerson

August 25, 2011 6:30 p.m. Location to be determined (at GSU)

The Black Dahlia by James Ellroy is an exquisitely written book of murder and obsession that takes the true details of the unsolved 1947 Elizabeth Short murder and

creates a fictional story of a police detective determined to solve the case. *The Black Dahlia* is a page turning mystery novel, but

it is also much more. Ellroy uses the story to delve into the dark recesses of the human psyche and force the reader to deal with obsession, evil, right and wrong.

September 22, 2011 6:30 p.m. Location to be determined (at GSU)

The Help by Kathryn Stockett is about African American struggles in the Deep South during the 1960s as told through the voice of house maids. Three maids, seemingly as different from one another as can be, nonetheless come together for a clandestine project that will put them all at risk. And why? Because they are suffocating within the lines that define their town and their times. And sometimes lines are made to be crossed.

October 27, 2011 6:30 p.m. Location to be determined (at GSU)

The Warmth of Other Sun, by Isabel Wilkerson, former national correspondent for The Times, is a masterly and engrossing account of the Great Migration, in which six million African-Americans abandoned the South between 1915 and 1970. The book centers on the journeys of three black migrants, each representing a different decade and a different destination.

ALUMNI DANCE CLUB SCHEDULE - ATTEND A CLASS TODAY

The Alumni Dance Club is in full swing. Dance classes are currently taking place. Join us today.

Line Dancing Mondays 7 to 9 p.m.
Stepping Class Thursdays 7 to 9 p.m.

Check out the class schedule for class locations and sign up for the classes that interest you. We do ask that you RSVP if you are attending classes. For questions, please call the Alumni Relations office at 708.534.4128 or email alumnirelations2@govst.edu.

Check out our class schedule:

Line Dancing

Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. (ongoing class)
\$5 per class (paid to instructor at class)

VFW Post – Richton Park
22341 Governors Highway
Richton Park, IL

Steppers Classes at GSU

6 week class
Thursdays beginning July 28, 2011 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
\$5.00 per class (paid to instructor at class)
GSU's Cafeteria Annex

Please call the Alumni Office at 708.534.4128 if you plan to attend any of the classes.

ALUMNI GOLF CLUB UPDATE

Annual Dave Dreschel Golf Outing: Alumni are invited to attend GSU's annual Dave Dreschel Golf Outing on Sunday, September 25 at the University Golf Club (across from GSU). Registration and lunch begins at noon. Tee off time is 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$75 per person. For more information or to register, contact Hollie Campbell at 708.235.6813.

Weekly golf schedule: The GSU Golf League continues to play every Tuesday through September 6 at 4:30 p.m. at Golf Vista, 5001 W. Augusta Boulevard in Monee, weather permitting. Arrive by 4:15. Groups will be assigned. All GSU Alumni are invited to join the fun.

Identify yourself as a "GSU Golf League" member to receive the special rate of \$5 for nine holes (walking), add a cart for \$10, or share the cart fee and cut your costs.

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).

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 contributions to society and whose accomplishments and careers have brought credit to the university. 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 Form](#) are now available. Deadline to nominate or apply for these prestigious awards is January 7, 2012.

SONG AND DANCE AT GSU

You have the talent. You have the interest. Now you have the two new courses at GSU to help develop your creative side.

You can dance at GSU in *World Dance* (DNCE-390). The three credit hour course helps you explore dance traditions from around the world through beginning level recreational dances from various regions, including Europe, Africa, Asia, and North and South America. The cultural values, religious beliefs, and social systems of the countries where the dances originate will also be studied. The class will meet on Thursdays, from 1:30 to 4:20 p.m.

You can sing at GSU in *Choral Performance* (COMS 509-4). The three credit hour course teaches you to raise your voice in a class that prepares you for sight singing and performing choral music in a variety of genres from around the world. Here is your chance to experience the joy of vocal expression. The class meets on Tuesdays, from 1:30 to 4:20 p.m.

Registration for these exciting new courses is currently being accepted at www.govst.edu/register.

SECRETARY OF STATE SERVICES AT GSU - AUGUST 23

Secretary of State's Mobile Service Unit will be at GSU on Tuesday, August 23, from 1:30 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Services available at the mobile service unit include driver's license renewal, replacement, and corrections; State ID card renewal, replacement, and corrections; vehicle sticker sales; passenger and b-truck license plates; vehicle title and registration; parking placards for persons with disabilities; and organ/tissue donor information. In addition, vision tests and the written driver's license exam can be taken. No driving tests will be given.

For information, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

PARENT UNIVERSITY CONTINUES CLASSES

Parent University, a series of free workshops designed to enhance parenting skills, continues with classes to help parents understand and cope with issues and concerns affecting their children. Classes are conducted by members of the GSU Division of Psychology and Counseling faculty and are open to parents, students, educators, counselors, and therapists.

Workshops are held at Family Development Center and are offered free to the community through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Attendees can earn 1.5 CEUs or CPDUs. The workshops are offered free to the community through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Upcoming Workshops:

Monday, August 29, 6-7:30 p.m. - Tim Pedigo and Al Tuskenis - *Attachment and Parenting*

Wednesday, September 7, 6-7:30 p.m. - Jon Carlson - *Understanding Your Children*

Wednesday, September 21, 6-7:30 p.m. - Jon Carlson - *Motivating Your Child*

For more information or to register, visit the Family Development Center website or call 708.235.7300.

READING TUTORIAL PROGRAM AT GSU

The GSU graduate program in reading is sponsoring The Literacy Zone, a reading tutorial program for students in grades six through high school, on Tuesdays, from September 6 through November 22, from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m.

The Literacy Zone is a 12-week, one-to-one program that pairs students experiencing reading problems with teachers who have the skills to help them. Students meet on the GSU campus with certified, experienced teachers enrolled in the Master of Arts Reading Program at GSU.

Enrollment is limited and based on the number of tutors available. Students will be accepted in the order in which the completed application and registration fee are received. There is a \$70 registration fee. Snacks are provided at each session. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, contact [Mary Hession](#) at ext. 4122.

CAREER SERVICES ANNOUNCES UPCOMING JOB FAIRS

The Governors State University Office of Career Services has announced upcoming Career/Internship fairs. All alumni of GSU are eligible to use the services of Career Services. For more information, visit www.govst.edu/careerservices.

Business/Communications/Administration Career/Internship Fair

Hall of Governors

Thursday, October 13, 2011, 3 to 6 pm

Health and Human Services Career/Internship Fair

Center of Performing Arts Lobby

Monday, November 28, 2011, 3 to 6 pm

Education Career/Internship Fair

Hall of Governors

Thursday, February 23, 2012, 3 to 6 pm

Criminal Justice Career/Internship Fair

Hall of Governors

Thursday, March 22, 2012, 3 to 6 pm

ADULT LEARNING EXCHANGE AT GSU

The Adult Learning Exchange (T.A.L.E.), a partnership between GSU and JCC (Jewish Community Center) Chicago, is starting a new season with classes that provide the opportunity for adults to enjoy intellectual challenges and the joy of acquiring and sharing knowledge.

All classes meet at GSU on Fridays from September 9 to November 18. Morning sessions are from 10 a.m. to noon, and afternoon sessions are from 1 to 3 p.m. Each

class is eight sessions long. The cost of the program is \$73 for the first class and \$28 for the second class. For more information or to register, contact Suzanne Patterson at spatterson@gojcc.org or 708.420.0563.

T.A.L.E. Fall Course Schedule:

The current Fall schedule will meet from Sept. 9th through Nov. 18th, with no classes on 9/30, 10/14 and 10/21. The course offerings are as follows:

Freud - Facilitators: Keith Kemp and Karen Pedigo
Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist - 10:00a.m. - 12:00 noon

Topics in Science – Facilitator: Al Sturges - 10:00a.m. - 12:00 noon

Film Series: Fast Forward -- Facilitator: Suzanne Patterson - 9:30a.m. - 12:00 noon

Socrates V: Aspects of Love – Facilitator: Diane Moses - 1:00pm - 3:00 p.m.

Melville as Cultural Criticism (Moby Dick) –
Facilitator: D. Stanley Moore - 1:00pm - 3:00 p.m.

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