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Peer Support for Returning Vets Seminar

October 27
1 - 6 p.m.
Cafeteria Annex
Free
708.534.4907

Blended/Hybrid Course Workshop

October 28
1 - 4 p.m.
D2438 Contact [Jan Engle](#)

Library Book Sale

October 29
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Library

Dave Rudolf Halloween Spooktacular

October 31
11 a.m.
Ctr. for Perf. Arts
www.centertickets.net

Sculpture Park Trick or Treat Party

October 31
12:30 p.m.
Ctr. for Perf. Arts
\$10
708.235.2222

Nontraditional Student Week - Pizza Party

November 2
6 - 8 p.m.

Civil Service Arts & Crafts Fair

November 3-4
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Hall of Governors

News and Events

CPA Individual Performance Tickets On Sale (07-31-08)

Individual performance tickets for performances at The Center for Performing Arts go on sale on August 1. The 2008-2009 season brings superb performances and riveting entertainment to The Center. The season includes premier performances by NBC's Last Comic Standing Live Tour, An Evening with David Crosby and Graham Nash, Christmas with Aaron Neville, and Mike Super – Magic and Illusion. The National Broadway production of Hairspray and productions of the Mikado by Opera a la Carte, DRUMLine Live, and Sleeping Beauty by the New York Theatre Ballet are also scheduled. But that is not all. The Lettermen, the Afro-Cuban All Stars, and the Kingston Trio will also perform right here at The Center.

Families and school groups can enjoy the delights of a variety of special productions including Magic Tree House: The Musical, Disney's Aladdin, A Christmas Carol, To Kill a Mockingbird, Junie B. Jones, and many others.

In addition to individual performance tickets, subscriber tickets to three or more performances are still available. Individual tickets for the March 13 and 14 performances of Hairspray will be on sale from September 15. For more information about The Center for Performing Arts 2008-2009 Season, contact 708.235.2222 or visit www.centertickets.net.

Roses are Red...

Dr. Rashidah Jaami Muhammad, Professor of English and Secondary Education, will serve as poetry judge for the Annual Emerging Writers Competition (The Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award and the James Jones Short Story Award). This is Dr. Muhammad's third year serving as judge. Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White, the Illinois Center for the Book, and the Illinois State Library sponsor the competition.

Student Worker Hiring Process Revised

The Office of Career Services reminds all faculty and staff who supervise student workers that all job requests must be submitted to the Office of Career Services as of August 1. Students will be able to access the list of GSU student employment opportunities online after

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Nontraditional
Student Week -
Emotional Wellness
Wkshp
November 3
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Hall of Honors

they obtain an e-Recruiting username and password from the Office of Career Services.

For more information about the revised process, contact the Office of [Career Services](#) in room A1120 or at 708.235.3974.

First Friday on the First

Media
Communications
Enrichment Seminar
November 4
2 - 5:30 p.m.
E2591

The School of Interdisciplinary Learning is joining the College of Arts and Sciences. Join the celebration and welcome them to CAS - even if you are a member of neither. The First Friday Social Hour will be on August 1, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., at the School of Interdisciplinary Learning, room D1418. SIDL, CAS, and the Office of the Provost are sponsoring the event.

Self Defense
Workshop
November 4
4 - 6 p.m.
Hall of Honors

Not So Trivial

And now for a bit of trivia to prepare contestants for the September GSU Votes Trivia Contest.

Ingalls Wellness
Presents
*Hello Fitness,
Farewell
Flab & Belly Fat*
November 5
2 - 6 p.m.
Engbretson Hall

The required nine of the thirteen states ratified the Constitution between January and June of 1788. It was not, however, until after George Washington was inaugurated as the President of the United States in 1789 that the Constitution was ratified by all the states. The last two states to ratify it were North Carolina in November 1789 and Rhode Island in May 1790.

*Strategies for
Managing Debt in
Troubling Times*
Workshop
November 5
Noon - 1 p.m.
6 - 7 p.m.
B1241
Everyone is welcome
Refreshments

Register to Vote Online

The GSU Votes Committee reminds the GSU community that we are as strong as our vote, and you can't vote unless you register first. Registration is quick and easy in Illinois. Visit www.elections.il.gov/ for information and registration forms. To be eligible to vote in the November presidential election, you must be registered by October 8.

*Celebrating the Past
Charting the Future -
A Panel Discussion*
November 6
3 p.m.
Sherman Hall

Carnival Time for Civil Service Employees

The GSU Civil Service Senate invites all civil service employees to the CSS Carnival on Friday, August 22, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Conference Center. The fun includes great food and great games including ring-toss, darts, duck pull, and a beanbag competition. Shuttle transportation to the Conference Center will leave from the main entrance.

History Wall Unveiling
November 6
4:30 p.m.
Main Entrance Lobby

Lunch tickets are required so RSVP to [Raquel Rios-Aguirre](#) no later than Friday, August 15. To register a team for the beanbag competition, contact [Lynne Clayton](#) by August 15.

Sculpture Park Tours
November 7
1:15 Inner Loop
2:15 North Loop
Meet: Hall of
Governors

The carnival games also require tickets to play. Ten tickets cost \$1.00, if purchased beforehand from Donna Finn at the Cashier's Office. The tickets will be on sale from August 18 to 21 only. Tickets will also be available at the Conference Center for twenty-five cents a ticket. All proceeds support Civil Service Senate initiatives.

40th Anniversary

Federal Recognition for Computer Science Faculty (07-28-08)

Celebration
November 7
6 p.m. - Reception
7:30 p.m. - *A Tribute to Motown Greats*
9:30 p.m. - DJ/Dancing
\$50
708.534.4128

The Committee on National Security Standards under the direction of the Department of Defense and the National Security Agency announced that GSU meets 100 percent of its certification standards for Information Systems Security Professionals and Senior System Managers.

Coursework for the Information Security Certificate includes information security and policy, cryptography and national security, and extensive lab work in information security.

Psychology
Enrichment Seminar
November 9
3 - 5 p.m.
Hall of Honors

Drs. Steve Shih, Computer Science Program Coordinator, and Dingbang Xu, Assistant Professor, developed the program on information assurance. They were recently recognized at an awards ceremony in Dallas as part of a colloquium on *Industrial Cyber Security*.

BSU Meeting
November 11
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Cafeteria Annex

Off-Campus Information Sessions

Social Work
Enrichment Seminar
November 12
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Sherman Hall

In preparation for another busy year that GSU's extension centers, the School of Extended Learning has planned several information sessions in the coming weeks. The free, informal sessions are open to the public. For more information, call (800) 478-8478, extension 4099.

July 30
Triton College - University Center
5 to 7 p.m.

Programs: Master of Business Administration, Master of Public Administration, and undergraduate Criminal Justice, Business, and Social Work

HLC Accreditation
Continuation Site Visit
November 16-19
www.govst.edu/hlc

August 6
Kankakee Education Center
Noon to 2 p.m. and 4:30 to 6 p.m.
Programs: Master of Public Administration, undergraduate Business and Criminal Justice

CenterPoint - Veterans
Entrepreneurial
Boot Camp
November 18
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
708.534.4929

August 20
Illinois State Police District 5 Headquarters
10 a.m. to noon and 4 to 6 p.m.
Programs: Master of Public Administration and undergraduate Criminal Justice

Veterans Assistance
Lynn Salkeld
Illinois Department of
Employment Security
November 19
1 - 4 p.m.
D1408

GSU Art Faculty Member Excels

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Employment Security
December 17
1 - 4 p.m.
D1408

Jeff Stevenson, an adjunct faculty member in the Art department, has been chosen to exhibit at the Chicago Art Open, a centerpiece of Chicago Artists' Month, a citywide celebration of the visual arts held each October. Thousands of art enthusiasts and visitors attend Chicago Art Open public programs, which include an opening benefit, special tours, family days, and panel discussions. In 2007, more than 5,000 people attended the exhibition and related programs.

The Chicago Art Open features the work of approximately 300 artists in all mediums, including painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, mixed media, video, and installation. Each year, a panel of guest curators reviews all submitted work and designates approximately 10 percent as "Curator's Choice." All work in the exhibition is for sale, and many artists make valuable connections with local collectors, curators, and

art professionals as a result of their involvement.

The 11th Annual Chicago Art Open, the largest survey of Chicagoland visual artists, will move to the Merchandise Mart during this year's Chicago Artists' Month from October 3-19. Congratulations Jeff.

August Sculpture Tours

The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park is offering free tours of the park in August. The tour on Sunday, August 3, will visit the north section of the park and the Sunday, August 17 tour will cover the southern portion.

Both tours will begin at 2 p.m. on the patio outside of the Hall of Governors and last approximately one and a half to two hours. Visitors are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes, as the 1.5 miles of paths are often uneven.

For more information visit the [sculpture park online](#) or call 708.534.4486.

Register! Vote! Learn! (07-24-08)

The presidential election is just around the corner, but there is still time to register and let your vote be counted. To get in the mood for voting, take part in the GSU Votes Committee Trivia Challenge in September. Here are a few more fun facts to help you.

More Presidential Firsts

The first known photograph of a U.S. president was of John Quincy Adams.

The first movie ever shown in the White House was D.W. Griffith's *Birth of a Nation* in 1916. Woodrow Wilson was president at the time.

The first vice-presidential debate was held between Democratic candidate Walter Mondale and Republican candidate Robert Dole during the 1976 Carter-Ford presidential contest.

Summer Sculpture Getaway - Book Today

It's not too late to plan an end-of-summer getaway.

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with over 70 large-scale pieces on view. There will be a picnic on the grounds of the Laumeier estate followed by a tour of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois. Dinner will be in Springfield before the coach return trip to GSU.

The fee for the three-day trip is \$347 (based on double occupancy), which includes transportation, hotel, some meal expenses, and admission costs. The reservation deadline is Friday, August 15. For more information, call 708.534.4486 or [email the park](#).

When You Wish Upon a...Vending Machine

Does the vending machine in your area have your favorite candy bar? Do you wish the vending machine in your area had a specific beverage option?

New online forms now exist on the GSU Intranet that allow for vending requests to be submitted to Sodexo. To request your favorite candy bar or beverage be added to the vending machines in your area, simply submit a [Vending Product Request Form](#).

Sodexo also understands that situations arise, such as departmental changes, that may result in a need for additional vending machines to be considered. To help facilitate such changes, the [Vending Machine Request Form](#) has been created and is also available online.

Any other questions or concerns regarding vending or food service should be directed to either Sodexo Management (x7433) or [Jerad Garrison](#) (x7445).

SIDL & CAS Host August First Friday

Join friends and colleagues as the College of Arts and Sciences welcomes the School of Interdisciplinary Learning (SIDL) to its family on Friday, August 1.

The festivities will take place in the SIDL office (D1418) from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Be there or be rhombus.

CUG Workshop: Knowing Your Students

Join the CX Users Group for the next in the series of CX (CARS) workshop sessions on Friday, August 8, from 11 a.m. to noon, in the ACS Lab (D2435). Lisa Hendrickson, of CAS, will demonstrate the CX Student Advising menu resources. This session will be especially helpful for faculty and staff who serve in an advising capacity and help GSU students navigate through their programs to graduation. Space is limited. Please preregister at on the [GSU Intranet](#).

India is Incredible

The Office of International Services will host a multimedia presentation about the diverse cultures and lifestyles of India. *Incredible India* will take place on July 29, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The event is free and open to the entire university community.

Who's the Man? (07-21-08)

GSU's Recreation and Fitness Center has partnered with St. James Hospital and Aunt Martha's Healthcare network to sponsor the *Who's the Man Men's Health Fair and Fitness Challenge*.

The health fair will be held on Saturday, July 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at St. James Hospital's Stephanie Center, 30 E. 15th Street, Chicago Heights. The free event will feature blood pressure, blood sugar, body fat index, and cholesterol screenings along with a wealth of information about men's health issues and initiatives.

The *Who's the Man Fitness Challenge* also kicks off that day. Teams of six men will be chosen to participate in a six-week fitness challenge involving group training, nutritional counseling, and leadership from fitness professionals. Men will be assigned to teams after participating in a raffle for positions. Participating fitness clubs will include GSU's Recreation and Fitness Center, Cardinal Fitness, South Suburban College Fitness Center, and St. James Fitness Center.

VIP passes to the Chicago Bears Training Camp will be raffled to six lucky participants of the event. Food and other prizes will also be available.

For more information about the health fair or fitness challenge, call Ken Williams at 708.825.4800.

Adjunct Faculty Development

GSU's Adjunct Faculty Day will be held on Saturday, August 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Cafeteria Annex. There is no charge for the event, which is open to all adjunct faculty teaching at GSU.

The day includes a series of workshops and information sessions on a variety of topics including the many roles of adjunct faculty; teaching online; support & success - student resources at GSU; and instructional techniques and learning tips. Materials are included and breakfast and lunch will be served.

Those planning to attend must contact Eric Wignall by July 28 to reserve a seat.

SUAA Meeting Rescheduled

The GSU-SUAA meeting originally scheduled for July 17, has been rescheduled to Thursday, July 24, at noon, in the cafeteria.

The State Universities Annuitants Association is a not-for-profit organization created in 1971 to advocate a strong and secure public employee pension and health benefit system. SUAA is a voluntary member association of annuitants and active employees.

Visit the GSU chapter's [website/blog](#) today.

A Dynamite Event

The GSU Chemistry Club is hosting Nobel Laureates in Chemistry on

Tuesday, July 24, from 5 to 7:30 p.m., in the E-Lounge. The event features presentations from GSU chemistry students on the work and research of chemists who have won Nobel prizes.

The free event is open to the entire university community and refreshments will be served.

Foundation Gratitude Attitude (07-17-08)

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No additional donations will be solicited. The Foundation needs only a half hour of your time to make a few calls.

Contact [Christine Radtke](#), Director of Development, at 708.235.7494 and catch the Gratitude Attitude.

New Furniture for Classroom Flexibility

A reminder that the university needs your opinion regarding new classroom furniture.

Take a moment to test out the furniture samples located in the Hall of Governors and provide your opinion. The sample classroom furniture survey is online through Friday at www.govst.edu/furnitureurvey.

Sample colors/sizes are subject to change based on need and classroom capacity requirements. New furniture will allow for flexibility when teaching, so that classroom layouts can easily be modified for varied instructional preferences.

Chicago Sculpture Excursion

On July 26, enjoy a daylong road trip, sponsored by the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park (NMSP), to Chicago's Millennium Park, the galleries of the Chicago Cultural Center, and the Illinois State Museum in the J.R. Thompson Center.

Participants will ride the 8:57 a.m. train from University Park to Millennium Station. First stop is Millennium Park to view the five "cousins" of the NMSP's Mark diSuvero work, *Yes, for Lady Day*, as well as the other wondrous sculptures and structures in the park. Next stop is the Chicago Cultural Center, Michigan Avenue galleries, and the Sidney R. Yates Gallery. After a delicious lunch at Gold Coast Dogs, the trip culminates with a private tour by curator Doug Stapleton of the

Illinois State Museum Chicago Gallery exhibit, *L. Brent Kington: Mythic Metalsmith*.

The cost for the daylong event is \$10 plus rail fare and food. Participants must have a photo ID for admission to the Thompson Center. For more information or to register, contact the [NMSP](#) or call 708.534.4486.

More Trivial Trivia!

With the GSU Votes Committee Election trivia contest just around the corner, some more tidbits of useless data may be just enough to make you a winner.

Here are a few Presidential firsts....

The first assassination attempt on an US President took place in January 1835, when a house painter named Richard Lawrence aimed two pistols at Andrew Jackson. Both guns misfired.

The first successful assassination of a president was by John Wilkes Booth when he shot Abraham Lincoln in 1865.

The Scholarship Sails On...

Dr. Shelly Kumar, professor of organic chemistry, presented a research paper titled *Aromatic Hydroxylation of 1-Benzylpiperazine by a Carbonyl Oxide, a Chemical Model of Monooxygenase Enzymes* at the American Chemical Society 39th Central Regional Meeting held at Columbus, Ohio, on June 10-14. The paper is coauthored by Ajaykumar Mallesha who recently graduated from GSU with master's degree in analytical chemistry.

Study of Economics Vital at Any Age (07-14-18)

The GSU Office of Economic Education, part of the College of Business and Public Administration, recently sponsored the 14th annual Economic Achievers program funded by a grant from the Illinois Council on Economic Education. Forty middle school students from Harvey, Dixmoor, South Holland, and Country Club Hills participated in the three-week summer session that included a week of research at the university.

During the program, students studied economic principles, financial literacy, career awareness, and entrepreneurship. The program culminated with a field trip to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and the Chicago Board of Trade. In the evening, the students and their teachers and parents attended a reception in the Hall of Honors.

"The students were very excited to come to an actual university. They used the university library and the ACS lab for their research and projects," said Sheryl Szot Gallaher, Director of the Office of Economic Education. "The staffs of both the library and the lab were very helpful. This was a great experience for everyone involved."

For more information about the Office of Economic Education at Governors State University, call 708. 534.4926.

Sit Down, Then Tell Us What You Think

GSU is requesting input from faculty, staff, and students regarding new classroom furniture. Samples of tables and chairs are currently on display in northeast corner of the Hall of Governors. Individuals that have viewed the samples are encouraged to leave feedback via a simple web survey at www.govst.edu/furnitureurvey/.

Furniture colors/sizes are not actual, and are for demonstration/feedback purposes only. Each classroom to be remodeled will be assessed for size and capacity requirements.

The feedback will enable the university to select versatile and functional classroom furniture to allow for small group discussion and alternate floor plans needed by faculty.

The furniture and survey will be available through Thursday, July 17.

For additional information, please contact Tracy Sullivan in the Procurement Office at extension 2179.

GSU Day with the Chicago White Sox

Student Life in collaboration with the Student Senate has a limited number of Party Patio tickets to see the Chicago White Sox on Saturday, July 19. The ticket includes a pass to the Party Patio for a great buffet of hamburgers, fried chicken, potato salad, slaw, pop, and many other tasty treats.

Tickets will be distributed to students only, free of charge, on a first-come first-served basis. Students must present a valid student I.D. and will be issued a pair of tickets. Only one set is available per student. To get your pair, see Adam Taylor in A2141 (just next to the Student Commons), starting at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, July 16. Hurry while supplies last! Call 708.235.7362 for more information.

Volunteer Appreciation

Anyone and everyone who volunteered, worked, or helped plan the Presidential Installation and Winter or Spring Commencement ceremonies is invited to attend a celebratory breakfast hosted by the Office of Advancement.

The university administration appreciates the hard work and dedication of all who made the recent events hugely successful and memorable. President Maimon and Provost Hudak will be in attendance to share their appreciation as well.

The breakfast will take place on Tuesday, July 29, from 9 to 10:30 a.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Please RSVP to [Karen Caesar-Smith](#), at extension 6360, by Thursday, July 24.

Adjunct Faculty Day

The Center for Online Teaching & Learning will be holding Adjunct Faculty Day on August 2. Adjunct Day begins with breakfast at 9 a.m.

and includes workshops, training, and lunch. The afternoon sessions provide hands-on introductory WebCT CE6 training. Adjunct Faculty Day is open to all adjunct instructors at GSU.

The Center has relocated to new offices in the Division of Digital Learning and Media Design (D-wing, first floor).

Contact Eric Wignall at extension 4106 for more information.

Latino Film Festival (07-10-08)

The First Annual GSU Latino Film Festival will showcase films from Spanish speaking countries that highlight the Latino art, culture, and society. The films chosen for the festival were previously showcased at the Chicago Latino Film Festival.

"We hope the festival gives many people, both Latinos and those interested in Latino art and culture, the opportunity to enjoy fine filmmaking from different countries," said Carlos Cantu, of the Latino Center for Excellence. "There is so much that can be learned by watching films that showcase other countries and cultures."

The festival opens with *El Proximo*, a film from Spain directed by Fernando Colomo, on July 17. *El Benny*, a film from Cuba, Venezuela, and Spain, by director Jose Luis Sanchez will be shown on July 31. On August 14, *Tocar y Luchar*, a Venezuelan film by director Alberto Arvelo, will be screened. *Cuando Rompen Las Olas*, a Columbian film by director Riccardo Gabrielli, will be shown on September 10. The festival continues on September 11 with *Fuga*, from Chile and Argentina, directed by Pablo Llarain. *El Clown*, from Puerto Rico, by directors Pedro Adorno Irizarry and Emilio Rodriguez will be screened on September 18. The festival concludes on September 25 with *Mas Que Nada en Este Mundo*, a film from Mexico, by directors Andres Leon Becker and Javier Solar.

The film festival is co-sponsored by the GSU Latino Center for Excellence and the Association of Latin American Students (ALAS) at the university. All the screenings are free and open to the public. Most of the films have English subtitles.

All the films will be shown at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. For more information, call 708.534.4553.

Splish, Splash

The Recreation and Fitness Center reopened its swimming pool and shower facilities on Monday, July 7 after an extended closure for remodeling. Major renovations have been completed on the swimming pool's piping, filtration, lighting, and air systems as well as complete rehabilitation of the shower room facilities. Many thanks to Facilities Development and Management for their hard work on this project.

For additional information about the pool and [Recreation and Fitness Center](#) membership, call 708.534.4945.

If It's Thursday, It's Time for Election Trivia

Here are a few more election factoids to help you prepare for

September's trivia contest sponsored by the GSU Votes Committee.

Split that Vote

In most cases, the electoral votes from a particular state go to the candidate who garners a majority of the popular vote in that state. Maine and Nebraska are the exceptions. They split the Electoral College vote in proportion to the popular vote in their state.

Ronald Reagan

In 1984, Ronald Reagan had no need to split the Electoral College vote. He was elected with the highest popular vote of any president (54,455,075) as well as the most Electoral College votes. (525).

Sodexo Changes

In addition to dropping the "H" from of their legal name, SODEXO has added a new face to the GSU team. Mark Greenholt has joined Sodexo as Assistant Manager.

Mark comes to GSU with more than twenty five years experience in the food service business. He has had a long and varied career in the industry including front of the house experience with the Illinois Restaurant Association and Euresit Dining Service. He has also held back of the house positions with The Hyatt Regency Woodfield, The Westin Chicago, the Drake Oak Brook, and Central DuPage Hospital.

Mark's primary role in food service at GSU will be as the evening and catering manager, once his training is complete. For more information regarding food service contacts, please visit the [Food Service webpage](#).

Generator Testing This Week

On Friday, July 11, from 8 a.m. to approximately noon, Facilities Development and Management will test all emergency generators on campus. Wings A-G, OTS, and the FDC buildings may be affected with two anticipated "blips" of power interruption as general commercial power switches to the generator.

Tests will only affect circuits that are on emergency power (specific light fixtures and certain outlets). Since most wall outlets are on our standard power panel, the computer work should not be affected. However please save your work often just to be on the safe side.

Please contact Facilities, at extension 4515, with any questions.

St. Louis or Bust

The weekend of September 19 to 21 is set for a trip to St. Louis for art, sculpture, history, and archeology sponsored by the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. The reservation deadline is Friday, August 15. For more information [contact the Park](#) at 708.534.4486.

Art Exhibit

Installation Sculpture by Harley McDaniel will be exhibited in the Visual Arts Gallery from July 14 to July 31. A reception celebrating the artist and his work is on July 15, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the gallery. The

exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. The Art Gallery is located next to the E-Lounge. It is open on Monday and Wednesday, from 11 a.m to 4 p.m., and on Tuesday and Thursday, from 2 to 7 p.m. For more information call 708.534.4021.

Catch the Gratitude Attitude (07-07-08)

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The fee for the three-day trip is \$347 (based on double occupancy), which includes transportation, hotel, some meal expenses, and admission costs. The reservation deadline is Friday, August 1. For more information, contact the [Sculpture Park](#) at 708.534.4486.

AIG on TSRSAs

Mr. John Olson, AIG Retirement, will be in the Visitors' Center, Room D1408, on Wednesday, July 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. He will be available for individual appointments to assist employees interested in creating a Tax Sheltered Retirement Savings Account under the Internal Revenue Code 403(b), or in making changes to an existing account.

For information or to make an appointment, call John Olson at 312.214.8870.

Retirement account contributions are taken from paychecks on a pre-tax basis similar to retirement contributions under the State Universities Retirement System (SURS). All contributions are employee money only and accumulate on a tax deferred basis until the money is received.

AIG Retirement is one of five different vendors who offer this type of retirement savings. The others are ING, Fidelity, TIAA-CREF, and the Legend Group. Please contact Human Resources for a contact number, if you are interested in any of these vendors.

First Friday – This Friday

The Civil Service Senate and the Provost Office invite the GSU faculty and staff to enjoy an hour of good food and good conversation at a First Friday, on July 11, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., on the Library balcony.

Online Applications Are Go (07-03-08)

Effective July 1, 2008, applications for admission to the university can be submitted online for most graduate programs via the web. The undergraduate application is also available online.

Students wishing to apply to one of the following programs, however, need to complete a paper application: graduate programs in Independent Film and Digital Imaging, Counseling, Occupational Therapy, Communications Disorders, and Social Work and doctoral programs in Nursing Practice, Occupational Therapy, Transitional Physical Therapy, and Physical Therapy.

Both online and hard copy application submissions require applicants to pay the associated fee. Online application fees are accepted by credit card or e-check.

GSU SUAA Meeting and Membership

The GSU Chapter of the State Universities Annuity Association will meet on July 17, at noon, in the Cafeteria.

Participation and membership in the State Universities Annuity Association is open to all GSU employees and retirees who are interested in safeguarding pension benefits. Participation is open to all who are building their retirement future in the State Universities Retirement System (SURS). Payroll deduction for current employees and retirees is available.

More information and membership forms are available on the web.

Completed membership forms may be sent to Kathy Miller, FOC-G336, Governors State University, 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL 60484.

Quilters Unite!

The next meeting of the informal quilting group is on July 10, from noon to 1 p.m., on the Library balcony. As a relatively new group, there are still plenty of opportunities for development. Participants are encouraged to bring items for show and tell, things to work on, and their ideas for the group to the meeting. At the last meeting, participants shared projects, discussed the Library bookshelf quilt, and suggested possible names for the group. Bring your ideas and projects and join in the fun.

For more information, contact [Dianne Kronika](#) at x3979.

Jenzebar CX Workshops - Can You Handle It?

The CX Users Group (CUG) double dog dares you to join them for an upcoming training workshop!

All sessions meet on Fridays from 11 a.m. until noon in the ACS Lab in room D2435.

July 11 – Student Registration Holds (leader: Bonnie Lunde, CBPA)
July 25 – Budget and Accounts Information in CX (leader: Barry Ryan, Financial Services)

Space is limited. Reserve a spot via [GSU's intranet](#).

Elevators Rise to the Occasion

For the past few months, contractors have been busy checking drawings, ordering parts and equipment, and coordinating schedules for the C-Wing elevator reconstruction project. They are now ready to start working on site beginning Monday, July 7. The contractor anticipates that the C-wing elevator will not be available for use through September 2008. A, B, D, E, F and G wing elevators are available, however, only D and G wing public elevators travel to the 3rd floor.

Facilities Development and Management regrets any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Facilities at ext. 4515.

