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[Governors State University](#) is throwing a virtual, "Wizard of Oz"/"The Wiz" themed celebration for 2020 Homecoming. The campus community is invited to take part in a week's worth of fun and exciting events, including Curbside Cinema, an Open Mic Night, and the 3rd Annual Chicago Southland International Film Fest.

GSU Spirit day will be kicking off the week on Saturday Oct. 17 with a GSU Spirit Tik Tok Challenge and a "No Place like Home" GSU gear and Window/Door Decorating Competition. Top submissions will win free GSU Swag Bags. Winners announced at the Curbside Cinema on Saturday.

[The 3rd Annual Chicago Southland International Film Fest](#) will take place on Monday Oct. 19 and will include three feature films as well as a national and international short film competition throughout the week.

"If I Only Had A Mic," an open mic night hosted by special guest [Peace Bell](#) and international touring poet and performance artist, [Ebony Stewart](#), will take place on Oct. 22 from 5-7 p.m. and is open to all acts, from poetry, dance, rap, comedy, etc.. Registered on Jaguar Connection.

Start your weekend right by attending [Dawson Hollow](#)'s first virtual GSU concert. The band consists of five siblings with Missouri roots, bringing the nostalgic sounds of folk with exciting, intoxicating indie-folk energy. [Click here to attend.](#)

The week will be rounded off with Curbside Cinema on Saturday Oct. 24, a socially-distanced drive-in movie showing of "The Wiz." Audience members can enjoy from their cars, blankets and lawn chairs. Movie-goers will be treated to a live Dj, Virtual Games, and food truck prior to showtime.

Robert Clay, Executive Director of the Center for Student Engagement & Intercultural Programs, said the theme for this year's Homecoming Celebration is designed to invoke the new normal of university life and act as a source of comfort for everyone missing campus life.

"The theme was chosen to reflect upon the great wonders we miss about being home at Governors State in the midst of the pandemic. We wanted to remind students, faculty, staff and alumni that GSU is our home, and we will be back one day. However, in the meantime, we must have courage to push through adversity, use our minds to excel academically and share our hearts with each other knowing we will see each other again."

[Click here for the full roster and more details.](#)