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News and Events

Right Foot, Left Foot, Donate, Right Foot...

Remember to bring your dancing shoes and your checkbook to this afternoon's Campus Community Campaign Kickoff. Join friends and co-workers on from 3:30 to 5 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts lobby, for an exciting celebration of past success and future opportunities. Samba artists *Bossa Tres* and Chicago's Samba King Marlin Exton will entertain the crowd. Dr. Maimon will briefly discuss the need and importance of internal philanthropy. Refreshments will be available.

With your help, the GSU Foundation is planning on 100 percent employee participation, regardless of the size of your donation. Over the past four years, GSU employees have contributed nearly \$115,000 to previous campaigns. Donation amounts have steadily increased and so have levels of participation. Two years ago, 48 percent of GSU employees contributed and last year, that number rose to 60 percent.

Don't want to wait until the campaign officially starts to do your part? Visit the [campaign website](#) today or call Ext. 4105.

Dr. Maimon Captains the ScholarShip

President Maimon recently participated in the Society for College and University Planning's (SCUP) 2008 Southern Regional Conference. Attended by presidents from across the country, the conference theme was *Regeneration: Planning Beyond Sustainability*. It was aptly held in New Orleans - a city that certainly knows about regeneration and renewal.

Dr. Maimon was invited to attend after conference organizers read her article, *The University as Public Square*. She participated in a plenary session entitled *Executive Panel: Higher Education's Role in the Social and Economic Sustainability of Communities*, where she shared GSU's story as a model university for the 21st Century.

The discussion focused on creating sustainable communities where sustainability was applied in the very broadest sense – social, cultural, environmental, and in economics. During the session, Dr. Maimon noted GSU's proactive role in community sustainability and regeneration.

"I was proud to share GSU's story," said Dr. Maimon. "My fellow presenters discussed emergency situations, how their universities reacted to Katrina, for example. I was then able to talk more comprehensively about the university as a public square, going beyond sustainability to regeneration. I presented our planning and budgeting process, our newly approved strategic plan, and our aspiration to become a model university for the twentieth century."

The Society for College and University Planning (SCUP), established in 1965, is a collegial community dedicated to sharing, learning, and teaching best practices in planning for colleges and universities.

First Friday's First Breakfast

In a unique twist in scheduling and menu selection, the College of Arts and Sciences and the Provost Office are inviting faculty and staff to a First Friday Breakfast Café. Enjoy the company of colleagues on November 21, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., in the recently re-carpeted F-wing atrium.

"Magic Tree House: The Musical"

Enter the world of imagination this weekend at the Center for Performing Arts. Mary Pope Osborne's Magic Tree House: The Musical will transport the entire family into a world of vivid imagery and joyful music.

Show times are Saturday, November 22, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and Sunday, November 23, at 2 p.m. There are no discounts for this special event.

For more information and to reserve tickets, contact the [Center box office](#) at 708.235.2222.

Still Time to Win Big

Students can win big prizes by participating in any or all of The CenterPoint for Entrepreneurs' pop-culture related contests. Staff and faculty are also welcomed to play along, but are ineligible for prizes.

Tomorrow is the deadline for answer submissions for three brain-boggling contests.

- **Corporate Logo Recognition** – What's Nike without the swoosh?
- **Entrepreneurial Film Quiz** – How do you spell trouble in River City?
- **Nouns, Verbs, Eponyms?** – Is Kleenex a product type or a brand name?

Visit the [CenterPoint website](#) for full details. Winners will be announced on Monday, November 24.

Board of Trustee Meeting Notice

The Governors State University Board of Trustees committee meetings scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2008 and the full Board of Trustees Meeting scheduled for Friday, December 12, 2008, have been canceled.

The next full Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Friday, February 20, 2009.

The 2009 full Board of Trustees Meeting schedule is as follows:

Friday, February 20

Friday, April 3

Friday, June 12

August 23-25 (Retreat)

Friday, October 9

Friday, December 11

Better Than Fruitcake

No one likes to arrive at a holiday event empty-handed. Make the right impression by bringing a delicious fruit pie from the GSU Café. Gift dessert boxes to go, featuring a variety of ready to eat fruit pies, are available through the holidays. Stop by and take one home today!

Sodexo also reminds the campus community to submit all *January* catering orders before December 19.

HLC On Track

On Tuesday morning, the university's HLC Steering Committee held an open meeting, providing an update on the current reaccreditation self-study. Provost Jane Hudak and Assistant Provost Sandra Mayfield welcomed the participants and audience members. Committee co-chairs Dr. Eric Martin and Dr. Ann Vendrely recapped the importance of the self study and reaccreditation. Martin noted, "The goal of this meeting is to bring the committee chairs together to present their findings and discuss their progress with one another."

As part of the self-study, a comprehensive group of faculty and staff has been divided into five sub-committees, each investigating and reporting on a specific criterion – Mission and Integrity; Preparing for the Future; Student Learning and Effective Teaching; Acquisition, Discovery, and Application of Knowledge; and Engagement and Service. Dr. Linda Samson, co-chair of the Student Learning team noted that the self study provides a snapshot of the university in time, but that the committee must also show how GSU will implement future plans.

The committee as a whole must have the self study completed by June 2009 in preparation for the November 11, 2009 reaccreditation site visit. Draft versions of the subcommittee reports will be available on the [HLC website](#) beginning December 1.

Alumni Profile – Mack Dion McGhee

Alum Mack Dion McGhee has a gift of speaking and has mesmerized audiences as one of the nation's most prolific speakers. Mack recently organized seven powerful, motivational speakers for *A Night of Inspiration*, an event that delivered a message of hope, peace, and encouragement.

As a victim of a violent crime, McGhee has a personal stake in keeping the community safe and youth motivated. Today, he works for the State of Illinois in a position where he helps empower, encourage, and motivate youth to succeed. Mack has a BA in Criminal Justice and an MA in Political and Justice Studies from GSU and is another example of the power of a Governors State education.

