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News and Events

GSU Express

Deirdre L. Richie, graduate student in Multicategorical Special Education, will see her creativity coming and going. Richie submitted the winning entry in the recent contest to name the GSU shuttle bus service. Her entry, *GSU Express*, will adorn the free shuttles that carry students, faculty, and staff to and from the Metra station, selected University Park locations, and the university. Richie receives a \$100 gift card for her winning entry.

It's Showtime - Civil Service Style

The entire campus community is invited to attend *The Civil Silver Service Anniversary Traveling Show* scheduled for Friday, December 5. Mark Kundla is directing the show, with performances by GSU employees and students. The program begins at 10 a.m., in Sherman Recital Hall, with the awarding of Employee of the Year and other end of year presentations. The entertainment starts immediately thereafter.

It's Lunchtime

Lunch for Civil Service employees who responded in the affirmative will be served in the Hall of Governors immediately following the show. Luncheon tickets are required.

It's Party Time

With so much to celebrate, it is time to have a party. The GSU annual holiday party will be held on Friday, December 12, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. It is time to revel in our past successes, the holidays, and the New Year, and begin the GSU 40th Anniversary celebration.

A Free Shot in the Arm

Representatives from Maxim will be on campus to administer the annual free flu shots on Tuesday, December 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby. Shots are available for employees and retirees of GSU and the State of Illinois (or its agencies) who are enrolled in either a managed care plan (HMO) or the State's Quality Care Health Plan (commonly called the PPO Plan), which is administered by CIGNA. Employees are required to show their GSU ID card (state/agency card) as verification of employment and insurance (CIGNA or HMO) card as evidence of coverage.

Retirees are required to show their insurance (CIGNA or HMO) card and another form of identification (driver's license, voter's registration, or other form of ID) as evidence of eligibility for the flu shot. Retirees with Medicare, Part B (Medical) coverage as primary insurance coverage must bring a copy of their Medicare card and a photo ID to receive this flu shot.

Dependents, spouses, students, and contractual workers (employed by an outside contractor) are not eligible for these flu shots.

Road Trip!

Inside/Out: Sculpture by Chakaia Booker and Bob Emser

Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park director, Geoff Bates will lead a tour of the exhibit, *Inside/Out: Sculpture by Chakaia Booker and Bob Emser*, at the Elmhurst Art Museum on Saturday, December 6, at 10 a.m. The exhibit features the first major Midwest opportunity to view work by Chakaia Booker, a New York-based African American sculptor, whose approach to materials and form challenges ideas about sculpture. The exhibition also presents a chance to view internationally recognized Illinois artist Bob Emser's aeronautically-inspired work in a new context.

After the tour, a museum docent will lead the group through the McCormick House, one of only three homes in the U.S. designed and built by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe.

Museum admission is \$4. Guests provide their own transportation. For more information or directions, visit the [NMSP](#) website or call ext. 4486.

Find a Healthy Career

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a health professions career fair on Wednesday, December 10, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

Prospective employers from the fields of healthcare, social work, and mental health will meet with job candidates. The career fair is open to current students, GSU alumni, and members of the community seeking employment in these fields. There is no charge for job seekers. Participants are advised to dress professionally and bring plenty of resumes.

For more information, [email](#) or call ext. 3974.

ScholarShip – Full Steam Ahead

Jose Reyes of the Office of Admission will address the graduates of Olive-Harvey College in Chicago at the Winter Commencement on December 12. Reyes is a graduate of OHC as well as a GSU alumnus.

Reading Tutors

The graduate program in Reading is sponsoring The Literacy Zone, a reading tutorial program for students in grades six through twelve. This one-to-one program brings students experiencing reading problems together with teachers who have the skills to help them.

Enrollment is limited and based on the number of tutors. Students will be accepted in the order in which the completed application and registration fee are received. There is a \$100 registration fee. However, \$30 is refunded to the parents/guardians of those students who complete the program with good attendance and return all Literacy Zone materials.

Students meet on campus with certified, experienced teachers enrolled in the Master of Arts Reading Program at GSU. Sessions are on Tuesdays, from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m. from January 20 through April 7. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, contact [Mary Hession](#) at ext. 4129.

Faculty Development Workshops

Online

The Center for Online Teaching will offer a live, online workshop on *Organizing Your Course in Blackboard (WebCT)* on Tuesday, December 2, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. This workshop will discuss how to plan online components, how to select the best format for online materials, and how to create and upload files to WebCT for Winter 2009 classes. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions and share their experiences.

Participants must have Internet access. Participation in the online conversation is possible via a computer microphone, typing comments in the onscreen text box onscreen, or by connecting via a telephone.

Access the [live workshop](#) via the Internet. Click on "Participant Login," enter name in the box provided for "Participant Login," and then click "Enter." Click the button for 'Run Wizard' and complete the very brief set-up process. This Wizard ensures computer readiness to work properly with Wimba.

For more information, call [Barbara Mandel](#) at ext. 4940.

On Campus

The Center for Online Teaching and Learning will also offer two opportunities for on campus workshops to help prepare courses for the Winter 2009 Trimester.

A workshop introducing *Discussion, Email, and Calendar in Blackboard CE6* will be conducted on Thursday, December 4, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., in D2438 (ACS). Contact [Jan Engle](#) to register.

The workshop, *Organizing Your Course*, will be held on Friday, December 5, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, in D-2438 (ACS). The session includes instruction on how to plan online course components, how to create and upload files to CE6, and how to build a Learning Module. Contact [Barbara Mandel](#) to register.

Seats are limited in each workshop.

CenterPoint Names Contest Winners

Building upon the success of GSU's celebration of Global Entrepreneurship week, The CenterPoint for Entrepreneurs announced the winners of its Logo Recognition and Entrepreneurial Film contests.

Education student Kevin Kuzanek correctly identified all 49 corporate logos in the recognition contest and Acting Associate Registrar Michelle Smith-Williams knows her movies. She correctly identified each of the entrepreneurial themed movies in the film quiz. Both winners received \$25 gift cards. The CenterPoint staff thanks and commends everyone who participated in the contest and all of the week's events.

Winter Writing Workshops

The South Suburban Writing Consortium, of which GSU is a member institution, is hosting a series of winter workshops for high school teachers and curriculum personnel, English and developmental education instructors, College of Education students and faculty, and Writing Center staff.

The first workshop, *Moving from the Illinois Learning Standards to Compass Placement Testing*, will be held on Friday, December 12,

from 1 to 3 p.m., at South Suburban College in South Holland, Illinois. Discussion will center on Illinois Learning Standards for writing in relation to Compass placement tests. Speakers include Jan Look, Illinois Learning Standards expert, and Deb Fitzgerald from ACT, Inc.

For information, contact [Nancy Mauer](#) at 708.235.3972. [Online registration](#) is also available.

Close the Window

To avoid frozen, ruptured pipes in the heating/cooling units, employees are reminded to close windows and adjust the unit to low-heat at the end of the work day.



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