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## News and Events

### **Operating Budget Memo**

In a recent memo, Dr. Maimon communicated a directive from the Governor's office requesting each public university in Illinois to "reserve" 2.5 percent of its original FY09 appropriation. The memo further explains the measures GSU will take to meet this request. The GSU community is asked to read the memo carefully so that we can, as Dr. Maimon says, "meet these challenges and emerge even stronger."

### **Going Up**

As part of the ongoing elevator repair and replacement project, two additional elevators are scheduled for modernization.

Contractors are busy preparing elevators in the A and E wings for reconstruction. Beginning Friday, December 5, these elevators will be out of service for approximately four months.

In addition, elevators in B, F and G wings and The Center for Performing Arts will be closed intermittently over the next few months. These four elevators require only minor upgrades.

The D-wing service elevator, adjacent to the kitchen dock, will undergo modernization in the spring after all other elevator repairs and upgrades are complete.

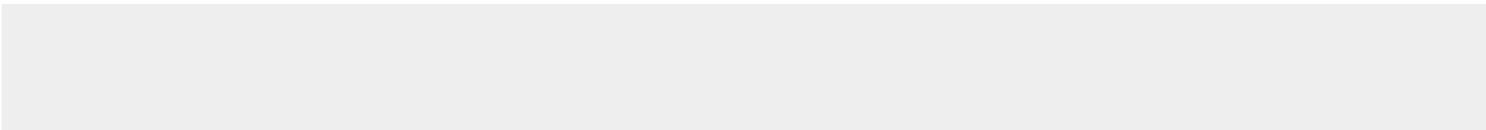
Facilities Development and Management regrets any inconvenience this work may cause. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Facilities at ext. 4515.

### **Why Not Focus on the University Efficiency**

Given the current economic environment, President Maimon has requested that "Why Not?" submissions during winter trimester focus on ways for GSU to operate more efficiently. Suggestions should include ways to save university resources or money.

Since the "Why Not?" program's inception nearly a year and a half ago, the GSU community has provided excellent suggestions involving every aspect of the university. With so many good ideas floating around, undoubtedly, students, staff, and faculty will provide practical suggestions for enhancing GSU's use of resources and funds.

To submit suggestions for saving resources and funds visit the "Why Not?" website.



## **Celebrate the Holidays at The Center**

The Center for Performing Arts kicks off the holiday season, on Saturday, December 6, with *Aaron Neville's Christmas Show*, featuring the Neville Quintet and Charles Neville. Enjoy Aaron's unmistakable voice as he performs holiday favorites.

GSU buy-one-get-one free tickets will be available for price one seats only (regular price \$57). Discounted tickets may be purchased by phone or at The Center Box Office, starting at 10 a.m. on Friday. The offer ends at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

There's still time to purchase seats for other great holiday performances as well. Direct for New York City, Theatre Works USA brings *A Christmas Carol* to the Center. This musical adaptation of the classic tale will be on Sunday, December 7, at 4 p.m.

On Saturday, December 13, the Salt Creek Ballet and the Chicago Youth Symphony present *The Nutcracker* at 1 and 5 p.m. Tickets for a very special Sugar Plum Party at 3 p.m. are also still available.

For tickets or information, contact the [Center for Performing Arts](#) at 708.235.2222 or visit their website.

## **Everyone's Doing It**

Have you made your donation to the Campus Community Campaign yet? Help create opportunities for and ensure the success of GSU students, alumni, faculty, and staff by contributing today.

Visit the Campus Community Campaign website [www.govst.edu/foundation/ccc](http://www.govst.edu/foundation/ccc) and learn why your GSU colleagues and friends have already made contributions. Read student testimonials describing the importance of Foundation-supported scholarships.

And remember it's your participation that counts, not the amount of your donation. The university's goal is 100 percent participation from the GSU faculty and staff community.

Make your [donation online](#) today!

## **It's Time to Play the Music...**

It's show time and this year everyone is invited.

Don't miss *The Civil Service Anniversary Traveling Show* on Friday, December 5, in Sherman Hall. Mark Kundla is directing the show with amazing performances by GSU employees and students.

"Every year I'm amazed by the hard work these people put in," said Kundla. "But this year we have something really special. She is known as "The Diva" and her melodic, nightingale tones will just astound you."

Kathleen Miller, president of the Civil Service Senate, is also excited about the show. She explained, "We have had a lot of requests from non civil service employees to see the show. We've decided to open the show up to everyone this year; especially after Mark had me hear The Diva perform."

Civil Service Day begins at 10 a.m., in Sherman Hall, with the awarding of Employee of the Year and other end of year presentations. The entertainment will start immediately thereafter.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for Civil Service Employees and invited VIPs. All others will be seated at 9:50 a.m.

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 Time to Light the Lights...**

The spirit of the holiday season is in the air. Celebrate with friends and colleagues at the GSU annual holiday party on Friday, December 12, from 3:30 to 5:30 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 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

## **It's Time to Get Things Started**

Commencement 2009 is almost here. The ceremony that celebrates the culmination of our students' hard work and faculty dedication will be held on January 31 at the Tinley Park Convention Center, in Tinley Park.

An integral part of the ceremony is the participation of faculty in the academic procession. All faculty members are encouraged to volunteer to represent their colleges and honor our graduates by participating in the event. In order to facilitate involvement, the university will be responsible for renting faculty regalia, which will be available for pick up at the Tinley Park Convention Center on the day of Commencement.

In addition to faculty participation in the procession, faculty are also asked to volunteer as marshals at the ceremony.

Because of the large number of people involved, both participating in the ceremony and watching from the audience, volunteers from the GSU faculty and staff are also needed to help with audience and graduate seating, crowd control, and robbing.

To confirm your attendance at commencement, to volunteer as a faculty marshal or program assistant, and to order your academic regalia, please complete both [Commencement Participation](#) and [Regalia Order](#) Forms and submit via email or inter-office mail to [Chayla Wilson](#), Office of Student Life, at ext. 7653, by Wednesday, December 10. Late regalia orders are subject to availability.

For more information, contact [Karen Caesar-Smith](#) at ext. 6360.

## **'Tis the Season for Helping Others**

GSU's Wellness Club is getting into the spirit of giving by sponsoring a Holiday Food Drive through December 17. Food will be distributed to area families in need of food and will help provide well-balanced holiday meals.

Non-perishable canned and dry goods are preferred. Drop boxes are available in the main entry atrium, the first floor of the E-wing, the first and second floors of the Faculty Office Center (G-wing), the Welcome Center, and the Recreation and Fitness Center.

For additional information, contact [Vanessa Newby](#) at ext. 4551.

## **Calling All Latino Mentors**

The Title V Cooperative Grant - Latino Center for Excellence is looking for graduate students to mentor undergraduate Latino students.

Mentor requirements include current enrollment in a graduate program; a GPA of 3.0 or higher; an excellent academic attitude; enthusiasm to share your experiences; and the willingness to commit your time and effort to assist others. Students selected as mentors will receive support from the Latino Center for Excellence.

Make a difference in someone's life today. For information, contact [Carlos Cantu](#) at ext. 4553 or [Monica Teixeira](#) at ext. 7609.

## **Student Feedback Needed**

Governors State University is considering the revision of its Academic Calendar from trimesters to semesters beginning Fall 2010. Input from current GSU students will allow smooth implementation of future changes.

Learn how the changes will affect the campus community and provide ideas and feedback on this important issue.

Join fellow students and university administrators on Wednesday, December 10 for this important discussion. Sessions will be offered at 3:30 and 6 p.m., in the cafeteria annex. Refreshments will be served. For information, contact [Eric Matanyi](#) at ext. 4044.

## **Book Lover's Calendar**

For a mere \$10, you can have 365 days of good authors, good books, and good reading with the book Lover's Calendar available from the Friends of the Library. Drop by the Library and buy one for everyone on your gift list. And don't forget one for yourself.

## **Upstairs Art Gallery**

The Center for Performing Arts recently announced the opening of the new Upstairs Art Gallery, located in the second floor lobby. The work of GSU graduate and artist Bridget Scales will be the first exhibit, which will host the work of local and regional artists in the future. The exhibit opens with a reception on Friday, December 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. The reception and exhibit are free and open to the public.

The CPA thanks Jeff Stevenson, Bill Kelly, Mary Rothenberg, Susan Rakstang, and Tim Kosiek for their work and dedication to creating the gallery.

## **Alumni News - John Szostek**

John Szostek, founder and Artistic Director of the Piccolo Theatre, was presented with the 2007 Mayor's Award for the Arts by the mayor of Evanston. John graduated from GSU in 1981 with an M.A in Communications. He is also Executive Director of Evanston Festival Theater and, for the past 29 years, has spearheaded the *Custer's Last Stand Festival for the Arts*. John's efforts have helped establish the Piccolo Theatre and the Evanston Arts Depot as integral pieces of the Evanston arts community.

