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Governors State University Master of Public Administration program earns NASPAA Accreditation

University Park, Illinois, August 10, 2005 - Governors State University announced today that its Master of Public Administration (MPA) program has received accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA).

The NASPAA endorsement is valid for a period of six years and makes Governors State University one of only 155 schools nationwide to have its program accredited.

In addition, GSU's College of Business and Public Administration also received accreditation reaffirmation for all of its business programs from the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).

The ACBSP accreditation lasts for a period of 10 years, during which the college must continually reaffirm its quality through periodic reports.

Accreditation from both organizations was reached after a lengthy process in which every facet of the academic programs was examined, including administrative organization, identifiable faculty, program administration, and scope of influence. The college was also required to prepare a self-study and participate in a peer site evaluation as part of the process.

"Being accredited by a national accreditation body confirms to our community, students, faculty, alumni, and employers, that the programs at GSU conform to rigorous national standards," said William Nowlin, Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration. "It's demonstrable evidence of academic quality."

The MPA accreditation continues a strong series of GSU successes, including the recent accreditation of the Master of Occupational Therapy and Master of Health Administration programs. Every program at the university that has a recognized national accrediting body is accredited.