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## News and Events

### **Faculty Development Opportunity**

As part of a Title V Cooperative Grant awarded to Morton College in partnership with GSU, the Latino Center for Excellence is striving to strengthen our capacity to serve Latino students. The Center is offering an invaluable faculty development opportunity to enable GSU educators to serve Latino students better.

Faculty members will be trained on the following:

- Research-based teaching and learning methods
- Best practices
- Integrating content relevant information and materials
- Classroom assessment techniques

A \$2,000 stipend is provided to faculty members who participate in the training. For more information, contact [Carlos Cantu](#), Interim Activity Director at ext 4553.

### **Web-Components Seminar**

On Thursday, January 15, at 10 a.m., in room D 2438 (ACS lab), the Center for Online Teaching and Learning will present a workshop to help faculty begin using the Blackboard CE-6 shell. *Customizing Your Course* will introduce Blackboard CE-6 tools, how to personalize a homepage, and an easy way to post a syllabus online.

Seating is limited. To register, contact [Barbara Mandel](#).

### **SWSO – So Busy**

Social Work Student Organization (SWSO) is hosting several events in January. The first meeting of the New Year is on Tuesday, January 13, at 3 p.m., in the student commons. A *Get-Together and Idea* follows on January 16, at 6 p.m., in the student commons. Friday, January 23 is the last day to sign up for Lobby Day in Springfield. Participants are reminded to email SWSO president [Diane Moler](#). A mandatory meeting for those attending Lobby Day is on Tuesday, January 27, at 3 p.m., in the Student Commons.

## **Brother-2-Brother**

Precious Luster, Director of Logistics for Luster Products, Inc. will be the guest speaker at the next Brother-to-Brother meeting on Thursday, January 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Student Commons. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, contact [Dr. Rupert Evans](#) at ext 2131.

## **Latino Center Student Orientation**

The Latino Center for Excellence is sponsoring a Student Orientation on January 15, from 2 to 4 p.m., in room B 2203A. Students will learn about the Center's mentoring program and many services in addition to hearing from representatives from Financial Aid, the Writing Center, Career Services, and Student Support Services. Students are introduced to some of the skills needed to succeed at GSU. Association of Latin American Students will also be present. New students wishing to learn what the Center has to offer and hear more about GSU are welcome.

For more information, contact [Carlos Cantu](#) or call ext. 4553.

## **Lunch and Learns 2009**

The Center for Online Teaching and Learning is sponsoring a Lunch and Learn on new media technology on Friday, January 16, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria Annex. Topics will include podcasts, blogs, and wikis. Lunch will be provided free to the first 20 faculty to register, but the event is open to all faculty and staff.

To register, email [Eric Wignall](#) with the subject line: Lunch and Learn.

## **Mentorship Opportunity for Grad Students**

The Latino Center for Excellence is seeking graduate students interested in helping an undergraduate student find academic success at GSU. Student mentors will serve as a resource, and listen, counsel, and motivate undergraduates. Mentors will attend an initial training session, work under the supervision of a faculty mentor, and complete a monthly report.

Mentors receive a \$1,000 stipend and the opportunity to make a difference. For more information, contact [Carlos Cantu](#), Interim Activity Director at ext 4553.

## **Where Are They?**

There is no mystery. The Friends of Mysteries meeting has been moved to January 21, at noon, in the cafeteria annex. The groups will discuss *Cold Comfort* by MD Lake. Everyone is welcome

## **ScholarShip Afloat**

Rosemary Hulett, Associate Vice President for Advancement and Alumni Relations, was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District Five. CASE strives to advance and support educational institutions around the world by enhancing the effectiveness of alumni relations, communications, marketing, fundraising and other advancement professions.

The District Five Board is responsible for providing leadership and professional development programs for higher education institutions in the Great Lakes states of Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

Hulett, who previously served on the board back in the 1980s, says she is honored at being selected again and looks

forward to working with the other board members.

## **Survey Nets Valuable Results**

The Adult Learner Inventor (ALI) Project for 2008 has been completed and the results will help GSU assess performance in areas such as curriculum, tuition, life career planning, and student support services. Those students who completed a short online survey have helped the university learn what it is doing right and what it can do better.

The names of the students who completed the survey were entered in weekly random drawings to win one of fifteen \$25 VISA gift cards and/or a grand prize of one of four \$100 VISA gift cards.

The following students are among the winners: Nidaa Abdelhalim, Tiffany Abercorombie, Kristy Aronowitz, Stacy Balwierz, Pamela Barbee, Valerie Barnes, Allyson Bartlett, Bill Biederman, Crystal Briney, Mary Busch, Rhonda Cohen, Ceola Coleman, Kristina Conway, Patti Debias, Nikolina Dimovski, Mecca Eaves, Barbara Ferguson, Samantha Gabrys, Elizabeth Gorsline, Francesca Guntenspergen, Jeffrey Hanford, Linda Helton, Charissa Hurt, Joyce Jackson, Kim Johnson, Rose Martin, Kelli Merrick, Melissa Mielnicki, Nicole Neuhaus, Sherika Quarles, Fernando Rayas, Patty Schwartz, Judith Sparr, Nicole Spencer, Amy Stephens, Alyson Sullivan, Kim Teal-Brooks, Daphne Thornton, Bethany Treasure, Christina Voutiritsas, Cara Walker, Jenna Weglarz, Annette White, Felica Whitfield, and Dawn Wolf.



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