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News and Events

Why Not Strikes Again



Dr. Maimon recently surprised students, faculty, and staff in the cafeteria when she announced the Winter 2009 “Why Not?” winner.

The winner, Cassandra Morales Howell, suggested that popular campus events, such as convocation, be shown on the campus monitors and/or on a screen in an overflow room.

She was awarded \$100 for her suggestion and was treated to lunch with President Maimon, Provost Hudak, and friends Joanne Smith and Mary Tracy of CHHS.

Cassandra is an Office Support Specialist for Addictions Studies and Health Administration and previously worked for the Family Development Center.

Two for One for Two Great Shows

Two for one tickets are available for performances of *Junie B. Jones* and *The Mikado* this weekend at The Center for Performing Arts.

Buy one get one ticket free ticket sales are available for the 11 a.m. performance only of *Junie B. Jones* on Saturday, February 21. This sale begins on Friday, February 20, at 10 a.m. and ends one hour before the show. The regular ticket price is \$10.50

Buy one get one free ticket sales are available for *The Mikado* in the mezzanine for the performance on Sunday, February 22, at 4 p.m. This sale begins on Friday, February 20, at 10 a.m. and ends one hour before the show. The regular ticket price is \$42. There will be a free pre-show discussion of Gilbert and Sullivan and *The Mikado* at 3 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

Call 708.235.2222 or visit the Center Box Office.

2009 Financial Aid and FAFSA Workshop

The Office of Financial Aid is offering three opportunities to get help navigating the complexities of the FAFSA forms and financial aid applications. Sessions will be held on Friday, February 20, Saturday, February 21, and Friday, February 27, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the ACS Lab (D2430).

FAFSA questions will be answered. How need is determined and what assistance is available will be explained. Students and parents are encouraged to attend. To complete FAFSA online during the workshop, W2s, 2008 federal tax returns, asset information, and U.S. Department of Education PIN # are required.

Excellence Recognized

Excellence Awards Nominations for valued and exceptional faculty members or academic support professionals for academic year 2008/2009 are currently being accepted. The awards recognize outstanding achievement in one or more of the following areas: teaching/performance of primary duties, research/creative activity, and service.

Any member of the GSU community, including self-nominees, may submit a one- to two-page letter of nomination describing the nominee's accomplishments. Nominations should reference specific examples of the nominee's work that substantiates the nomination (SEIs, publications, creative works, substantive contributions, etc.).

Letters of nomination are due Wednesday, March 11, by 5 p.m., to the Excellence Awards Committee in care of [Jill Stanley](#), Provost's Office. Late nominations will not be considered.

For complete information, contact [Rebecca Wojcik](#), Chair of the Excellence Committee.

Public Speaking Workshop

The fear of public speaking may be the most common of all phobias, but it is also one from which sufferers can overcome. Learn how to control fears and speak publically at a unique and powerful workshop, *Find the Speaker in You: Overcoming Phobias of Public Speaking*.

This workshop is presented by Christen Pudlewski Embry, Manager of Communications & Technology, at WT Glasgow, Inc. It will be held Saturday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the GSU Kankakee Education Center. The registration fee is \$40. For more information, call 815.935.2766.

Alumni Spotlight – Tom Ramage

GSU Alumni Tom Ramage was appointed president of Parkland College after a six-month stint as interim president. Dr. Ramage has a long history at Parkland, holding positions including chair of the Distance and Virtual Learning Department, associate vice president for Academic Services, associate vice president for Information Services, and vice president for Academic Services.

Dr. Ramage received a bachelor's degree in Media Communications from GSU in 1991.



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