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News and Events

Whistle While You Work

Governors State University has been invited to participate in The Chronicle's *Great Colleges to Work For* program, a study designed to recognize institutions that have built great workplaces.

The survey measures the strength of certain organizational competencies and relationships that most directly impact and influence an institution's culture.

Beginning April 3, a random sample of full-time faculty, administrators, and professional staff will be selected to take part in an anonymous, online survey. Invitations will be sent via e-mail and will contain instructions on how to access and complete the survey. Employees are encouraged to participate in the survey and provide honest feedback.

Survey results, will be part of an overall scoring process that will determine the institutions that are recognized.

We're confident GSU's employees will take time to reflect on the positive experiences as employees. But according to science faculty member Gary Lyon, "We don't really need this survey. We already know that GSU is a great university to work for!"

Help! I Need Somebody...



GSU faculty and staff can now enter helpdesk work orders online from any on campus computer. The new system also allows helpdesk customers track the status of current work orders and view resolutions to previous work orders.

To access the Online Helpdesk, go to <http://gsunet.govst.edu> and select "helpdesk" from the menu. Users should be automatically logged into the system. If prompted to login, users should enter their standard e-mail (network) login and password.

ITS plans to make the service available to students and those needing off campus assistance soon.

The new service will not replace live phone support, which is still available by calling ext. 4357.

Holy Cow!

Student Senate and Student Life are sponsoring a student trip to the Chicago Cubs vs. St. Louis Cardinals game, on Saturday, April 18. Game time is 2:40 p.m.

Students are eligible to win two tickets. Winners also receive transportation via charter bus to and from the game. Space on the bus is limited and based on a first-come-first-served basis.

To enter, students should submit an email entry including name, address, telephone number, and Student I.D. Number to gsudsil@yahoo.com. The subject line of the email should read "Go Cubs Go!" All entries must be received by Thursday, April 9, by 11 p.m.

The drawing will occur on Friday, April 10. Winners will be notified via email the day of the drawing.

ScholarShip Sails to the Theatre

Dr. Rosemary Johnsen, Assistant Professor of English, co-led a discussion on Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* after the March 21 matinee performance by Lookingglass Theatre in Chicago. The Raven Foundation of Chicago sponsored the presentation which also included comments by Philip R. Smith, Producing Artistic Director at Lookingglass.

According to Johnsen, "*Our Town* is a landmark in American literature. I enjoyed participating in the discussion and listening to the audience response to this insightful production of Wilder's popular play."



Match Point

The ongoing Table Tennis Tournament brought out the competitive streak at GSU. Thirty-one players began the competition on March 24. The top eight players (i.e., players with highest scores) at that time were Chengwei Yu, Georges Yacoub, Cleo Jamison, Rhona Thompson, Byron Waller, JP Kasallis, Baratunde, and Slawomir Cislak.

The first round of the competition concludes on March 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5:30 to 7 p.m. The final round is on Tuesday, March 31, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. All competitions take place in the Cafeteria Annex.

Trophies will be awarded to the top four competitors. For more information, contact [TJ Wang](#).

Student Research Proposals Due Soon

The 15th Annual Student Research Conference will be held on Wednesday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at GSU. The conference provides students an opportunity to present their research work before an audience of their peers, and offers a forum to highlight research accomplishments at GSU. Students will make all the presentations.

Students may present a 15-minute podium presentation of their work followed by a five-minute question and answer session or they may display their work as a poster presentation. All abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings.

Faculty are asked to encourage students to participate in this valuable educational experience. The registration and abstract submission deadline is Friday, April 11. There is no registration fee.

For more information or for participation application forms, contact [Dr. Shelly Kumar](#).

Women's Challenge

Who Wants to be in the Know?, a contest asking questions concern women's history and health, women in sports, as entrepreneurs, and as artist, musicians, and entertainers, is on March 30, from noon until 2 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. Two-member teams will compete for fame, fortune, and fun. Well, at least for fun.

This contest is part of the GSU celebration of Women's History Month. The Academic Resource Center, Student Life, and the College of Arts and Sciences are sponsors of the competition. Refreshments will be served.

Assessment Strategies Lunchtime Workshop

Assessment Strategies Today is the focus of a lunchtime workshop, on Friday, March 27, from noon to 1:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. Prof. Eric Wignall will lead participants in activities that explore the latest research evidence in learning assessment.

Faculty, teaching staff, and adjuncts are invited to join the conversation. Lunch is free to the first 20 people who register. To register, contact [Eric Wignall](#).

Latino Center Fiesta

An *End of Semester/Graduation Fiesta*, sponsored by the Latino Center for Excellence for all Latino Center cohort members will be held on Friday, April 17, from 5 to 10 p.m. The fiesta will be held outdoors behind the Center for Performing Arts, if weather permits, or inside in the Student Commons.

The celebration will include music, games, Samba lessons, and a carne asada cookout. Students are welcome to bring a dish to share.

Up in Smoke



The Department of Human Resources is sponsoring *Tobacco & Smoking Cessation*, a presentation by the Will County Health Department, on Wednesday, April 8, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. This educational outreach session is part of the *Let's Get Fit!* program. Participants should remember to have their cards validated. Everyone is welcome.

Alumni Spotlight – Gloria Georger

Gloria Georger's career has taken her on a fulfilling and successful journey. With a MBA from GSU earned in 1994, Gloria has worked her way up the management ladder at Ford Motor Company, holding titles as quality superintendent, quality manager, assembly area manager, press area manager, lean manufacturing manager to her current position as plant manager for the company's stamping plant in Chicago Heights.

What's driven her success? "Find a common bond with people, make friends and assimilate quickly...be approachable... try to know something about each person."

