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News and Events

Maimon Speaks at KCC Commencement



With GSU's Commencement only two weeks away, we're reminded that it's that time of the year where graduates around the country move their mortarboard tassels from right to left to signify their academic success.

On Saturday, May 16, President Maimon participated in Kankakee Community College's ceremony as the commencement speaker. In honor of her remarks and to further the positive relationship between the schools, KCC made a donation of \$500 to the GSU Promise.

"We were proud to welcome Dr. Maimon as our commencement speaker," said Dr. Larry Huffman, KCC's Interim President. "GSU and KCC have a longstanding history of working together to provide quality educational opportunities to students throughout the Kankakee region. Dr. Maimon's dedication to, and her own pursuit of, educational excellence make her an ideal commencement speaker for our 2009 graduating class."

Dr. Maimon offered the graduates with three specific pieces of advice: "Be truly happy in the achievements and success of your friends and colleagues; be passionate about your work and your life; and keep learning."

Focusing on the idea of continued learning, she encouraged the grads to visit the KCC Baccalaureate Completion Center. She noted that "the last few years of study have been preparation for achieving a bachelor's degree. Don't wait. Don't rest. Finish what you started."

Dr. Maimon concluded with a piece of advice that she will echo at GSU's ceremony on June 6 – "Make us proud. Make us better. Make a difference."

Fiscal Responsibility

The Fiscal Year 2009 is ending on June 30 and year-end business transactions must be submitted, completed, and paid with funds encumbered during FY2009 from all sources including grants.

Dates to remember include:

May 21, at 10 a.m., in E Lounge – annual year-end training meeting

June 2 – Last day to submit requisitions for purchases funded with FY2009 dollars

June 30 - All services must be completed and products received for FY2009 by this date

June 12 – Last day to order office supplies for FY2009

July 14 – Last day to submit travel Reimbursements for travel completed by June 30

July 31 – Last day to submit invoices for FY2009 payment

Requisitions, purchases, and blanket orders with a July 1, 2009 start date may now be submitted for processing in preparation for FY2010. For grant periods that cross fiscal years, new requisitions are required to establish new purchase orders for FY2010.

For information contact, Procurement at ext. 4056, Accounts Payable at ext. 7354, Travel at ext. 7422, and Grants at ext. 7664.

Scholarship Sails On to Tallgrass

GSU art professor Heather Page will take part in *Land Marks: Restoration & Regeneration*. The art exhibit, which takes place from May 15 through June 27, at the Tall Grass Arts Association Gallery, 367 Artists Walk, Park Forest, Illinois.

The exhibit will include drawings; encaustic paintings; fiber, wood, and wax works; a group of panels created through extensive reinterpretation and reconstruction of earlier prints; and both wall and freestanding installations.

According to a recent article in the SouthtownStar, “Page's large-scale 3-D houses and multimedia panels incorporate fragments of earlier prints and reference natural forms through labor-intensive layering of papers and other materials with numerous drawing, painting, and printmaking techniques.”

Easy Easel Rules

The Department of Facilities Development and Management provides easels with flip-top charts for meetings and events. After use, internal clients are asked to remove the used sheets from the easels and leave them in the meeting room. Individuals who have taken easels/charts back to their offices are encouraged to return them as soon as possible due to an equipment shortage.

Faculty Presenters Invited

GSU Faculty, adjuncts, and teaching staff are invited to submit presentation abstracts for the Faculty Summer Institute at GSU on May 26 and 27. Faculty are encouraged to present on their current subject-matter research, recent scholarship on learning and teaching, or the implementation of learning technologies. Presentations will be informal and approximately 45 minutes long with time for questions. Abstract submissions are due by May 15.

For more information or a submission form, contact to Eric Wignall. To register, visit the Institute website.



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