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## News and Events

### **V-Team Wants You**



The 2009 Spring Commencement will be held on Saturday, June 6, at 11 a.m., at the Holiday Inn Select and Convention Center in Tinley Park.

To help make the event a success, GSU staff, faculty, and students are asked to join the GSU's Volunteer Team (GSU V-Team). Volunteers are needed to answer questions, provide directions, assist with robing faculty and students, and assist with guest seating. Volunteers help ensure the overall success of commencement and assume an important role in facilitating this most memorable experience for our students, faculty, staff, and guests.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact [Pulchratia Kinney-Smith](#) at ext. 7466.

### **Alarming Test**

Facilities will test fire alarms in the Faculty Office Center on today, beginning 11 p.m. The audible alarms are quite loud so please plan your schedule accordingly.

For more information, contact Facilities at ext. 4515.

### **HLC at GSU Needs U**



As was announced during the university-wide meeting on May 14, a draft of Chapter 2 is now available for review and feedback via the [GSU HLC 2009 website](#).

As a reminder, feedback may be submitted via email to the [HLC committee](#).

### **Summer Construction Disruption**

Summer construction projects at GSU include roadway and walkway improvements, roadway lighting, landscaping, site amenities, and a new parking lot for the Family Development Center.

The first of three phases of work begin Monday, June 1, and include reconfiguration and construction of the D-Main entry walkway, the adjacent circular "round-about" road, and the connecting roads on the east and west sides of the bell tower carillon.

These roads will be closed until approximately mid-August. D-Main entry will also be closed with anticipated completion of the walkways by mid-July. Alternate entries to the building and traffic

flow directions will be designated with signage. Subsequent phases of work will be announced throughout the summer.

Also beginning June 1, Pace Bus pick-up and drop off will be temporarily relocated to the F-wing entry. The GSU Shuttle pick-up and drop off will be temporarily relocated to the north end "B" Parking Lot.

For more information, call ext 4515.

## **Ride the Sculpture Park Pathways**



Enjoy a tour of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park from your bicycle. Bike the pathways of the park and enjoy a guided tour of many of the 26 pieces of renowned artwork!

The bike tour is on Saturday, May 30, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Riders will meet outside, behind the Hall of Governors. There is no charge. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All riders must wear helmets. There will be some riding on public roads.

Pre-registration is not required. For more information, email or call the [NMSP](#) at ext 4486.

## **Business Card Discount**

The upcoming Zip Code change for University Park will soon render Current GSU business cards collector's items. To ease the transition to 60484, take advantage of the 20 percent discount on new business cards being offered throughout the month of June.

Convenient, new ordering instructions will be included in next week's View.

Don't worry if you have a stack of cards with the current Zip Code. That code is valid for GSU until July 2010.

## **Scholarships Available**

The GSU Foundation and the GSU Alumni Association have announced the 2009/2010 scholarship offerings. For a list of available scholarships, visit [www.govst.edu/scholarships](http://www.govst.edu/scholarships).

The deadline to apply is June 26, 2009.

## **Make an Impact**

There is still time to share your GSU story. Contribute your story of the positive impact GSU had on your life in 750 words or less. Many of the submissions will be featured on the 40th Anniversary website. The top submissions will be announced at the GSU Gala Celebration on November 7 and will be printed in IMPACT, a publication commemorating the best submissions.

All literary genres are accepted via electronic submission to [writingcompetition@govst.edu](mailto:writingcompetition@govst.edu). No graphics please. Entries should be submitted as Microsoft Word documents only. The submission deadline is June 1, 2009.

For more information, visit the [Writing Competition FAQ](#) or contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) at 708.235.3956.

## **GSU BSU Invites U**

The next meeting of the Black Student Union will be held on Wednesday, June 17, from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., in the cafeteria annex. Everyone is welcome.

## **Open Enrollment**

Benefits Choice, open enrollment period, has been extended to Monday, June 15, for the Fiscal Year 2010. Changes will be accepted through the end of business, 5 p.m., on June 15. Changes turned in during Benefit Choice through June 15 become effective July 1, 2009.

This extension does not apply to the Flexible Spending Plan, MCAP, and DCAP. Open enrollment or Benefits Choice Period for these plans will end on Friday, May 29, 2009. Employees who wish to apply or re-enroll must contact HR this week.

## **MBA Students from China Graduate**

While all the students participating in Commencement exercises on June 6 have a story to tell of their journey to graduation, few have come as far as eight students from China earning their MBAs.

These students are among the 20 students attending GSU from Guangdong University of Technology (GDUT) in China. They are the first graduates of a program begun in 2006.

The education exchange agreement between GSU and GDUT was initiated by Hilary Burkinshaw, Director of the CenterPoint for Entrepreneurs at GSU. Burkinshaw travelled to China on a trade mission organized by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The agreement enabled GSU professors to work closely with the Chinese students to prepare them for their learning experience in an American university classroom.

Several of the students' parents will travel to GSU to celebrate their children's success at the invitation of Dr. Ellen Foster Curtis, Dean of CBPA.

