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In 2019, Governors State University celebrates 50 years of providing educational opportunity, cultural enrichment, and community service. The years since the university’s founding have seen historic milestones, achievements, and innovations. The anniversary provides a chance to celebrate GSU’s past, build support for the future, and plan for the next 50 years.

The theme of the 50th anniversary celebration is “Continuity and Innovation,” which connects the range of events and celebrations throughout the year with Governors State University’s mission. Blending these two ideas—continuity and innovation—honors the far-sighted visionaries who imagined GSU as an open university—literally without walls—with a mission to serve the underserved. Today, the internet is a classroom without walls, and the greater part of our student population represents the nation’s New Majority in higher education—students who are first generation, students of color, adult learners, and military veterans.

While the university has reshaped itself dramatically in 50 years, at its core GSU remains true to its identity: fearless and agile, warm and welcoming, and forever committed to improving the lives of our students through education.

GSU’S ROOTS
Governors State always was and still is a model of innovation. Founded in 1969 as an upper-division regional public university, GSU served as the premier institution for a highly motivated, but often underserved, student population of adult learners and returning and transfer students. Located in Chicago’s Southland, where the prairie meets the city, GSU’s competency-based curriculum was ahead of its time. Transparency, intellectual curiosity, and diversity were hallmarks of its institutional identity. That founding spirit of innovation and creativity still guides the university today.

UNIVERSITY TRANSFORMATIONS
Since its beginning, GSU has been an example of educational transformation. During the university’s first decade, faculty challenged traditional grading practices with written comprehensive evaluations of students’ work. Today, the university follows a grading system, but also offers portfolio-based assessment to award credit for prior learning. GSU has established a nationally recognized partnership with 17 regional community colleges to provide a seamless pathway from the community college to university graduation. In the fall of 2014, GSU embraced transformation when it admitted its first freshman class, opened the first living-learning residence hall, and launched an athletic program. That same year the university debuted new state-of-the-art science and nursing labs. Today, GSU continues to lead through innovation, offering students exceptional academic programs, services, and activities. GSU’s student and faculty diversity, rich history, cultural amenities, and beautiful campus all contribute to making GSU a model university.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
Governors State University is a hub for learning, culture, and innovation within the region. The university partners with community organizations, state and local government, entrepreneurs, small businesses, major corporations, and economic development organizations to tackle societal challenges and advance economic growth in the region. Community and business collaborative efforts focus on realizing a shared vision for healthier and more engaged citizens, thriving economies, and a better tomorrow.
The Mace

The governor’s mace, traditionally carried by the Faculty Senate President who leads the academic procession, is a symbol of the authority of the university as a degree-granting institution. The legal authority of the university is grounded in the intellectual authority of the distinguished faculty who follow in the procession.

In antiquity, the mace was a weapon used to establish the “authority” of the physically strong. Its transformation into a symbol of intellectual authority is both a tribute to and a reminder of the civilizing force of a university’s teaching, research and community service functions.

Engraved on the four side-panels of the governor’s mace are the seal of the State of Illinois; a cardinal, the state bird; the seal of the former Illinois Board of Governors Universities; and an inscription which reads “The governor’s mace, a symbol of tradition and authority of Governors State University, dedicated to the search for excellence in the pursuit of truth, knowledge and the love of learning. Presented by Peter Levin, friend of the university, June 2, 1979.”

Atop the mace is a silver rendition of the university logo. The three sides of the “triangle” symbolize the university’s teaching, research and community service functions. The three lines visually suggest the shape of a rocket; reminding us both that the university was founded within days of Neil Armstrong setting foot on the moon and that the university is a hope-filled, pioneering community, committed to a better future for all men and women. The circle symbolizes the fact that the university is, indeed, a community. Finally, the fact that the tips of the triangle reach beyond the circle indicates the university’s outreach into the region, state and nation, and its commitment to teaching, research and community service.
**Order of Exercises**

Saturday, May 18, 2019, 10 a.m.
College of Arts and Sciences • College of Business
Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, University President, Presiding

Prelude ................................................................. Encore Concert Band
Bill Schuetter, Conductor

Welcome and Speaker Introductions ........................................... Tony Labriola, Master of Ceremonies

Procesional ...................... Dr. David Golland, Grand Marshal, Dr. Susan Ji and Dr. Lara Stache, Excellence Award Recipients

“Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1,” by Edward Elgar .................................................. Encore Concert Band

Call to Order .......................................................... Dr. David Golland, Grand Marshal

National Anthem .......................................................... Encore Concert Band

Greetings from the Board of Trustees ....................................... Representative from the Board of Trustees
Greetings from the Faculty .................................................. Dr. David Golland, Faculty Senate President
Greetings from the Alumni Association ................................ Representative from the Alumni Association

Introduction of Student Speaker .............................................. Lester Van Moody, Student Senate President
Student Speaker Address ..................................................... Athanasios Kolovos, 2019 Graduate

Presidential Address .................................................................. Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, President

Presentation of Honorary Degree ............................................. Dr. Elizabeth A. Cada, Provost
Conferring of Degree ................................................................ Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, President
Honorary Degree Recipient, Doctor of Humane Letters .............. Chuck Smith

Presentation of Degree Candidates .......................................... Dr. Elizabeth A. Cada, Provost
College of Business .................................................................. Dr. Jun Zhao, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences .................................................. Dr. Andrae Marak, Dean
Name Readers ............. COB – William Kresse, CAS – Dr. Christopher White, Undergraduates; Dr. Lara Stache, Graduates

Conferring of Degrees ......................................................... Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, President

Closing Remarks ...................................................................... Tony Labriola, Master of Ceremonies

Recessional ................. Dr. David Golland, Grand Marshal, Dr. Susan Ji and Dr. Lara Stache, Excellence Award Recipients

“Crown Imperial,” by William Walton ...................................... Encore Concert Band

Fanfare Selection .................................................................... Encore Concert Band

Sign language interpretation provided by Susan Bova.
The audience is requested to rise and remain standing during the Processional and Recessional.
Order of Exercises

Saturday, May 18, 2019, 4:30 p.m.
College of Education • College of Health and Human Services
Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, University President, Presiding

PRELUDE......................................................................................................................... Encore Concert Band
Bill Schuetter, Conductor

WELCOME AND SPEAKER INTRODUCTIONS ............................................................... Tony Labriola, Master of Ceremonies

PROCESSIONAL ............................................................................................................. Dr. David Golland, Grand Marshal

“Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1,” by Edward Elgar ................................................ Encore Concert Band

CALL TO ORDER........................................................................................................... Dr. David Golland, Grand Marshal

NATIONAL ANTHEM ..................................................................................................... Encore Concert Band

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GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION .................................................... Representative from the Alumni Association

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STUDENT SPEAKER ADDRESS ................................................................................. Michelle Westergaard, 2019 Graduate

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Conferring of Degree ....................................................................................................... Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, President
Honorary Degree Recipient, Doctor of Humane Letters ................................................ Terry Mazany

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College of Education ...................................................................................................... Dr. Shannon Dermer, Dean
College of Health and Human Services .......................................................................... Dr. Catherine Balthazar, Dean
Name Readers ...... COE – Dr. Colleen Sexton, CHHS – Dr. Rebecca Wojcik, Doctoral Candidates – Dr. Andrae Marak

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RECESSIONAL ............................................................................................................... Dr. David Golland, Grand Marshal

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FANFARE SELECTION .................................................................................................... Encore Concert Band

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Honorary Degree Recipient

Chuck Smith

Long before Nike’s famous catchphrase caught fire, Goodman Theatre Resident Director Chuck Smith was driven by a similar motto: “Going to the theater should be everyone’s first option … not a planned adventure. Just go to the theater.”

For more than 30 years now, Smith has inspired audiences to do just that.

Working with some of Chicago’s most notable acting talents, his directing credits include “The Amen Corner,” “A Raisin in the Sun,” “Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom,” and “A Christmas Carol.”

Smith has a Chicago Emmy Award and is theatrical director for Emmy-winning and Emmy-nominated shows. A native South Sider, Smith earned a bachelor’s degree from Governors State University in 1977.

Student Speaker

Athanasios "Tommy" Kolovos

Athanasios "Tommy” Kolovos is a student leader at Governors State University whose impact can be seen and felt across the globe.

Dedicated to public service, social justice, and the betterment of humanity, Tommy has traveled the world to advocate for others.

As a Gilman Scholar, he presented at the Honors Leadership Seminar in Rome on travel safety for members of the LGBTQIA community in 2018. The same year, he was awarded a Lex Fellowship in Madrid, Spain, where he studied international business law.

Tommy later put that knowledge to use as a member of the GSU-led Global Brigades in Panama City, Panama. There, he assisted lawyers in conducting legal clinics to help poor and rural families address human rights violations, including human trafficking.

In November of 2018, the Lincoln Academy acknowledged Tommy’s service to others and his academic excellence with the 2018 Lincoln Laureate award, given to just 56 college seniors across the state.

At Governors State, Tommy worked as a Study Abroad ambassador, a student representative on the Student Conduct Committee, and as an office assistant in the Office of the Provost.

A strong work ethic is second nature to Tommy, the son of a proud blue-collar family. Still, he was skeptical if he could handle the pressure of being a first-generation college student after finishing high school at the young age of 16.

He chose to follow a different path and enrolled at Joliet Junior College. Two years later he arrived at Governors State University, drawn to a mature student body with laser focus.

Now, as Tommy graduates—at age 20—with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and Sociology, his sights are set on serving in Madagascar, off the southeast coast of Africa, with the United States Peace Corps. After that, Tommy would like to put his passions to work as a foreign service officer in the U.S. Department of State.
Honorary Degree Recipient

Terry Mazany

Terry Mazany is senior vice president for philanthropy for the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta and formerly led the Chicago Community Trust (CCT) for more than a decade.

At CCT, Mazany doubled assets and increased annual grant making to over $300 million to nonprofits across the Greater Chicagoland area, including Governors State University and its Center for Performing Arts.

Prior to his work in philanthropy, Mazany spent 15 years impacting equity through education, leading in districts from California to Michigan. In 2011, he served as interim chief executive officer of Chicago Public Schools.

Through education and philanthropy, Mazany is recognized as a distinguished leader advancing solutions to close opportunity gaps in communities across the country.

Student Speaker

Michelle Westergaard

Michelle Westergaard leads two high-profile student groups on Governors State University’s campus, shaping policy and advocating for future educators.

As Vice President of the Student Education Association (SEA) and President of the prestigious Kappa Delta Pi (KDP) International Honors Society of Education, Michelle proudly executed initiatives to engage students and sharpen their leadership skills.

The groups have also raised money and awareness for issues faced by young students in the Chicago Southland.

Michelle's service began as soon as she arrived on campus. A 25-year-old non-traditional student, she hoped to complete coursework for her degree as quickly as possible.

A professor who spotted Michelle's leadership and drive encouraged her to get involved with the award-winning SEA and later the newly formed KDP.

For her gift of service, Michelle received countless rewards, including a chance to see the world.

For 12 days during the summer of 2018, she toured Slovenia, Croatia, and Italy with her College of Education classmates, cherishing her time with special friends she met in her early days on campus.

Michelle said she was inspired by the beautiful architecture and the free higher education provided to students in the countries she visited.

Her experiences abroad also helped Michelle think more broadly about impacting students’ lives from an early age. She imagined how she would run her own classroom after she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education.

It’s a plan Michelle began cultivating as a child “playing school” with dry erase markers and white boards at home. While other children asked for toys, Michelle insisted on gifts from stores that catered to educators.

Today, newly engaged to another educator, Michelle is excited to turn her dreams into reality as an elementary school teacher. It’s a valuable lesson, rich in the power of destiny.
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Honors Cords, Medallions, and Stoles for Commencement

The medals worn by some graduates symbolize their completion of the GSU Honors Program.
The stoles or cords worn by some graduates symbolize their membership in an honor society.

Honors Program – for undergraduates only

Honors Program graduates complete a rigorous academic curriculum including an honors capstone
with the goal of promoting leadership and personal development for the betterment of the students,
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**Academic Regalia**

During the commencement ceremony, students and faculty wear academic costumes indicating the wearers’ degrees, colleges/universities, and fields of study.

**The Cap**

The black mortarboard type is the most common cap worn. Degree candidates wear cap tassels that are black and white, the university colors. Colors worn by the faculty vary according to their fields of study.

**The Gown**

Gowns are of three kinds. The bachelor’s gown is relatively simple, with lines falling straight from a fairly elaborate yoke. Its distinguishing characteristic is the long pointed sleeve. Braided silken cords are worn by students who have achieved special scholastic recognition. The master’s and specialist’s gowns have sleeves with a back end extending down below the knee in a crescent shape. The doctoral gown is an elaborate costume with velvet panels down the front and around the neck and three velvet bars on the bell-shaped sleeves.

**The Hood**

The official colors of the college or university from which a degree is conferred are represented in the lining of the hood. For each field of study, there is a corresponding trim color. While each program of study has a specific color, some programs display the same color. The repetitive color reflects the college (ex. Addictions Studies and Communication Disorders graduates earn a Master of Health Science for which the hood color is Salmon Pink). The trim colors for doctoral and master’s hoods are as follows:

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Dual Degree Program Graduates

Dual Degree Program graduates received distinctive cords for their academic regalia that intertwine GSU’s colors — black and white — with the colors of the student’s community college. Braiding these colors together symbolizes the partnership and shared goal of the community college and GSU; working together to help these students achieve academic success.

Investing In You

As an alumnus, you represent the best of GSU today. The GSU Foundation wishes you success in the next chapter of your life and personal and professional gratification in your future. Your story is GSU’s identity. Your achievements reflect GSU’s triumph, and our success enhances your accomplishments. Your graduation year, 2019, is a year to celebrate GSU’s 50th Anniversary and our rich history. It is also the ideal occasion to look to the future of the university. Every year, as graduating GSU students give thanks for the many opportunities that GSU has given them, they band together to support future students with a class gift.

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The Alumni Association connects graduates with each other, as well as to professional development, networking, and social and volunteer opportunities. As a graduate of GSU, the Alumni Association is your organization. Your engagement in the association can help make it what you need it to be for your success, both personally and professionally.

As GSU alumni, you represent the very best the university has to offer. Please advocate for GSU in your personal and professional networks, and encourage others to investigate opportunities to attend and/or support your alma mater. We welcome your return to campus and encourage you to volunteer as a mentor, leader, or lifelong learner, and join one of our growing alumni clubs.

The Alumni Association and generations of GSU alumni are proud to welcome the Class of 2019 to its ranks. Congratulations and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Visit www.govst.edu/alumni for more information.

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The memories you make today will not only last you a lifetime—they will add to the collective story of the university’s alumni. Use the social media hashtag #GovStateGrad on Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter to connect your experience at today’s Commencement ceremony to the memories of past, present, and future GSU graduates.
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Governors State University’s 2019 Commencement Planning Committee began planning and strategizing for commencement many months ago. Various individuals came together to assist in the efforts of orchestrating and executing various events, activities, ceremonies, and all of the “behind the scenes” work leading up to, and including, our 48th Commencement Day.

My gratitude and appreciation run deep for the contributions made by staff, faculty, and student volunteers. Their collective efforts yielded successful commencement events for all of the GSU graduates, their families, and our special guests. Our success in making commencement a memorable experience for our graduates is only possible through our staff, faculty, and volunteers’ commitment of time, passion, and effort. Despite their hectic schedules, GSU staff and faculty worked and volunteered for commencement events. Their helping hands hold noble character and dedication. Their spirit and support indicate a strong commitment to the students, graduates, and the university. We celebrate this point of pride together as the university marks its 50th birthday in 2019.

While many people on campus helped with commencement, some should be highlighted for their exceptional work and contributions to the planning and execution of “all things” commencement.

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Again, I thank the multitude of volunteers, staff, students, and the community for their continued commitment to the values and mission of GSU. Only with teamwork, enthusiasm, and integrity can we achieve great success!

Honored to serve,

Karen Caesar
Commencement Officer
Governors State University
Save the date!

Join us on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 as Governors State University commemorates 50 years of excellence and innovation with a day of fun and family and an evening of music and revelry at our annual Day of Giving Celebration.

The entire community will come together for a free “family reunion” on campus and then board a complimentary bus to travel to Park Forest for Main Street Nights – a free concert featuring Maggie Speaks and Theo Peoples.

The July 17 celebration is the inaugural event that marks the founding of GSU with a Day of Giving to continue a legacy of education.

Conceived as a bold, new model to transform lives through education in Chicago’s south suburbs, GSU opened the same week the U.S. sent Apollo 11 to the moon. Today, GSU is a full-service, four-year university celebrating 50 years of education, service, and commitment to its mission to be an “intellectually stimulating public square.”

We advance our mission through high quality programs supported by best practices, made possible in part, by the generous the support of our donors.

In honor of GSU’s 50th birthday, please join us on Wednesday, July 17. And please consider donating $50 or more to commemorate the university's anniversary and to support future GSU students.

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