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News and Events

Seeking #1

Who is the best GSU employee you know?

Once again, it is time for nominations for the Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Award. This award is presented to the GSU employee who most fully demonstrates the following four qualities so consistently and fully embodied by Dr. Baysore during his eighteen-year service to the university:

- absolute integrity
- total competence
- generous dedication
- unflinching civility

The Baysore Award will be presented by President Maimon during Convocation on September 10.

Nominations must be received by Friday September 4 in order to be considered and should explain how the employee includes the above four qualities in their day to day work.

Please send your written nominations to Penny Perdue in room G334.

Seeking Opinions

GSU is seeking comments from the public about the university in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The university will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit November 16-18, 2009, by a team representing The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Governors State University has been accredited by the Commission since 1975. The team will review the university's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the university online at www.ncahlc.org (click File Third-Party Comments)

or by mail to:

Public Comment on Governors State University
The Higher Learning Commission
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60602



Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing and signed, including the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the comments. Comments cannot be treated as confidential. All comments must be received by October 12, 2009.

New Café Director

Next week, GSU will be transitioning to a new food service provider for vending, catering, and cafeteria related operations.



Shannon Lauridsen will act as the new Food Services Director. Shannon is very enthusiastic about the opportunity here at GSU. "The reason I'm excited to be the Food Service Director at GSU is the people. This school has a great history of hard working and dedicated staff and students. I am glad to be a part of this campus community," she said. "I know everyone will enjoy their dining experience with FSI."

New vending machines will arrive late this week. In an effort to avoid any break in vending services while the café is closed this week, some of the old machines may temporarily be shifted to the side of the incoming new machines. All old vending machines will be removed from campus by the end of next week.

GSU's food service operations will reopen on Monday, August 31.

Contact [Shannon Lauridsen](#) at ext. 7433 with catering orders. Other questions should be directed to [Jerad Garrison](#) at ext. 7445.

With Honors

Instructors are encouraged to recommend students for the University Honors Program which is designed to provide students with an opportunity to pursue an enriched education.

GSU honors students pursue greater depth within their academic major by completing one course of advanced work within their existing curriculum; obtain greater breadth by taking an interdisciplinary honors seminar in which guest speakers from across the university's campus address a common integrative theme; and work on a final honors project in cooperation with a faculty mentor.

Honors students also have the combined benefits of attending a Fall Honors Retreat, a speaker's series, the support and guidance of a faculty mentor, participation in special social and cultural events, a service learning project, and being a member of a community of scholars and learners.

Program completion will be reflected on student transcripts, during graduation, and in letters of commendation. For information, contact [Dr. Larry Levinson](#) at ext. 4578.

Free LSAT Prep

The Academic Resource Center is offering a free LSAT preparation class on Mondays, beginning September 21 and ending on May 24. The class is from 7:30 a.m. to 10:20 p.m., in room A2202.

University tutor David Sparks of the Academic Resource Center will teach the preparation class for the Law School Admissions Test. Class work will focus on the three main areas of the test: reading comprehension, logic reasoning, and analytical reasoning.

While many test prep services charge as much as \$1,000 for LSAT prep class, GSU is offering this class at no charge. According to Sparks, "This is an opportunity for GSU to offer an important service to the community. Preparing for this test is not easy, and we don't want cost to stop people from taking the course."

Advance registration is required and seats are limited. For more information or to register, contact [David Sparks](#) at 708.235.3963.

Safer and Safer...

As part of the Emergency Response Team's ongoing training, volunteers across the campus continue to participate in CPR/AED training courses.

The fourth session concluded last week with Jon Cobb, Loretta Jones, Marlene Lees, Michel Ngussan, Susan Rakstang, Karen Stuenkel, and Pat Thompson earning their certificates.

The Emergency Response Team is always looking for additional volunteers to assist in the event of a campus emergency. Interested individuals should contact [Colleen Rock](#) at ext. 7384.



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