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News and Events

Connections

The Connections interactive service enhancement training program will begin on September 15, on the GSU Campus. The first session will train about half the A&P and Civil Service staff in September (about 200 employees) divided into twelve small groups. The remaining 200 staff will be similarly trained in the small group format in October.

As President Maimon stated at the Civil Service Town Hall Meeting held earlier this week, employees will participate in training sessions that “promote exceptional service, that keep students first, and that will continue to raise the bar on our tradition of quality service in our everyday dealings within and between University departments.”

The upcoming sessions will be highly interactive and led by a group of GSU employees who have been trained by Noel-Levitz Inc., the developer of the Connections program.

Employees will be scheduled to attend a two-and-a-half hour small group session on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday every week for three consecutive weeks to complete the workshop series. Individual group training assignments with times, dates, and room numbers for the entire program will be e-mailed to participants the week of September 7. Unit administrators will be provided a master list of their employees Connections schedules. It is necessary that participants attend all three small group sessions as assigned. Supervisors are urged to make all appropriate arrangements to ensure effective participation of all employees in their unit.

Convocation

President Maimon will present her annual *State of the University* address during Convocation 2009 on Thursday, September 10, at 2:30 p.m., in Sherman Hall. The entire GSU community is invited. In addition to the President’s address, the winner of the Baysore Award will also be announced.

Nominations for the Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Award will be accepted through Friday, September 4. The award is presented to the GSU employee who most fully demonstrates the qualities of absolute integrity, total competence, generous dedication, and unfailing civility exhibited by Dr. Baysore during his eighteen-year service to the university.

Nominations must be submitted to [Penny Perdue](#), in room G334 by September 4 and should explain how the employee includes the above four qualities in their day-to-day work.

IT Exchange Maintenance



The faculty and staff Exchange email system will undergo necessary maintenance that will affect those whose last name starts with the letters J-Z.

The work will begin this Saturday, September 5, at 9 p.m. Estimated time for work to be completed is a minimum of 12 hours. During this period, the server will be completely off line. Those affected will be unable to send or receive email.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the GSU Helpdesk at 534-4357.

Let's Get Fit Begins New Trimester

Let's Get Fit begins the new trimester with an informative meeting on September 8, at noon, in the Hall of Honors. Participants, new and old, are invited to attend, hear news of upcoming events, and support co-workers.

Participants in the program are reminded to put their good health first and exercise on campus three times per week for a minimum of thirty minutes. Fitness Record Cards can be authorized in Human Resources for walking the indoor or outdoor Sculpture Park path. Staff at the Recreation and Fitness Center will authorize cards for workouts at the facility. Instructors of any fitness class such as yoga, pilates, aerobics, water exercise, or dance class. Additional credit is earned for participation in Educational Outreach sessions or receipt of an annual checkup. Fitness Record Cards must be authorized to qualify for prizes.

New members in Let's Get Fit! May register in Human Resources and get a Fitness Record Card.

I Scream, You Scream...

GSU's Family Development Center (FDC) is holding a fundraiser in conjunction with Culver's restaurant in Matteson on Tuesday, September 8.

Simply stop in for a bite or cool down with some delicious ice cream and 10 percent of your sale will go towards the FDC.

Culver's Matteson is located at 20716 S. Cicero Avenue, next to the Home Depot.

Blood Drive

Student Life and the American Red Cross will host a blood drive on September 8, from 1 to 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. Students, staff, faculty, and the community are encouraged to donate blood.

While appointments can be scheduled, walk-ins are always welcome. The Red Cross reminds donors to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water prior to donating. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weight at least 110 lbs, and be in good health. Sixteen year olds may donate with parental consent. A photo ID is required.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 708.235.7362.

Student Involvement and Leadership Lunch

The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership will host an orientation for student club and organization advisors and officers on Friday, September 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

This session will provide attendees with important information about policies, procedures, roles, and responsibilities. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions and share their experiences and ideas.

For more information or to R.S.V. P., by Wednesday, September 9, contact Adam Taylor at ext 7362.

Mangia, Mangia



The GSU cafeteria is now open, under the management of new vendor FSI. New vending machines are available for use and the [weekly menu](#) is available online.

Shannon Lauridsen, the new Food Services Director, is anxious to serve the GSU community. “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. I know everyone will enjoy their dining experience with FSI.”

Contact [Shannon](#) at ext. 7433 to order catering or go to [Food Service](#) on the GSU Website. Other questions should be directed to [Jerad Garrison](#).

Access Services for Students with Disabilities (ASSD)

Students with disabilities may use a variety of services or reasonable accommodations intended to reduce the effects that a disability may have on their performance in a traditional academic setting. Services do not lower course standards or alter degree requirements, but instead, provide students with an equal chance to demonstrate their academic abilities. Any student may initiate a request for services by registering with ASSD. After providing information that documents the specific disability, students are provided assistance in selecting services that are an appropriate accommodation for their disability.

To learn more about the services offered by the Academic Resource Center, visit the [ARC website](#) or call 708.534.4508.

T.A.L.E. Fall Classes

The Anita M. Stone JCC, with the cooperation of GSU, will offer T.A.L.E. (The Adult Learning Exchange) enrichment classes for adults on campus this fall. The eight-weeks of classes are held on Fridays from September 25 through November 13. Morning sessions are from 10 a.m. to noon and afternoon sessions are from 1 to 3 p.m.

Morning classes include *8 Countries, 8 Films; Geography of the Twenty-First Century; The Twenty-First Century Library*; and *Topics in Science*. Afternoon classes *Socrates Café* and *America at the Crossroads*.

For more information, call 708.794.1021. [Registration](#) is available online.

[SWSO Meeting](#)

The Student Social Work Organization (SWSO) will hold its first meeting of the trimester on Thursday, September 17, at 3 p.m., in the student lounge. The meeting includes planning for the year's events and will last approximately one hour. All social work students are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Contact [Diane Moler](#) for more information.



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