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## News and Events

### [Convocation Today](#)

President Maimon will present her annual *State of the University* address during Convocation 2009 today, 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.

### [Recycle and Reuse](#)

Auxiliary Services will find a home for any unused toners or coordinate return/recycle of empty printer cartridges. Place unused or empty cartridge boxes in or near an outgoing mail bin for pick-up. For larger amounts, contact [Barb Lane](#) at ext. 7426 to make arrangements for pick-up.

Extra inter-office envelopes should be sent to Paul Schwellenbach in Mail Services for redistribution to individuals and departments who need more. While supplies last, more envelopes are available. Contact [Paul Schwellenbach](#) at ext. 7429.

### [Honorary Degree Nomination](#)

The Honorary Degree Nomination Review Committee is accepting nominations for candidates for an honorary doctorate degree from GSU at its September meeting (date to be announced). Letters of nomination should include authoritative vitae and/or biographical data, contact information (phone and mailing address), and other pertinent information.

The committee meets at least once in the fall and winter trimesters. According to the GSU Board of Trustees Regulations Section III B, the committee makes recommendations to the President selected from honorary degree nominations submitted by faculty, students, staff, alumni, and Trustees.

Please forward nominations as soon as possible for consideration at the end of September. Nominations may be sent to [Paul Blobaum](#) or [Myisha Meeks](#).

### [Conveying Awareness through Referral and Education](#)

Conveying Awareness through Referral and Education (CARE) is a series of free workshops sponsored by Academic Resource Center and Student Life to help the GSU community understand and cope with mental health issues that affect daily life.

National Suicide Prevention Day is observed with an open forum to discuss the facts, myths, warning signs,

and appropriate actions to take to prevent suicide. The forum is on today, September 10, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Dealing with College Stress is a forum on stress and stress management techniques on Tuesday, September 22, from noon to 1 p.m. and 3 to 4 p.m., in the Student Lounge.

National Depression Screening Week is observed with a series of seminars from October 5 through October 7, from 6 to 7 p.m. Seminar topics include Bipolar Disorder, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Free depression screening is available on Thursday, October 8, from noon to 6 p.m.

Refreshments will be served at all events. For more information email [Tamekia Scott](#) or call ext. 2228.

## **Faculty Senate Meetings**

Faculty Senate meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, at 1 p.m., in Hall of Honors. Guests are welcome.

## **Student Involvement Fair 09**

The Student Involvement Fair provides a great opportunity to showcase your group or services to people who are interested and to recruit new and rejuvenate current memberships. The event will be held on Monday, September 28, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. To reserve a table for a student club or campus organization, contact [Adam Taylor](#) at ext.7362.

## **Faculty Development – Assessment Workshops**

GSU is hosting a series of faculty development workshops concerning assessment and reflecting new research and trends in ongoing faculty development efforts across higher education. The workshops address assessment, particularly in regards to the upcoming HLC visit.

The luncheon workshops are free to GSU faculty, administrators, and teaching staff as part of a wider campus conversation about teaching and learning. The luncheons are supported in part by the Provost's Office and the Division of Digital Learning. Contact [Eric Wignall](#) for more information.

How Good Is Good Enough? Setting Benchmarks or Standards

Luncheon Workshop

September 16

Noon - 2 p.m.

Hall of Honors

Principles and Profiles of Good Practice in Assessment

Luncheon Workshop

September 23

Noon – 2 p.m.

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Summarizing and Using Assessment Results

Luncheon Workshop

October 7

Noon – 2 p.m.  
Hall of Honors

## **Counseling Services**

Counselors offer career, academic, and personal counseling services to all students. The counselors at GSU facilitate academic progress and help students achieve their personal and career goals. A counseling relationship allows students to discuss confidentially their personal thoughts and feelings in order to improve problematic life situations and enhance personal potential.

To learn more about the services offered by the Academic Resource Center, visit the [ARC website](#) or call 708-534-4508.

## **Lincoln Laureate Nominations**

Each year an outstanding senior from each of the four-year, degree-granting institutions of higher learning in Illinois is awarded the Student Lincoln Academy Medallion and named a Student Laureate of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois. Student Laureates are honored for their overall excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities.

The 2009 recipient will receive the Student Laureate Medallion, a certificate of achievement, and a check for \$150. Award recipients will participate in a processional of state, civic, and academic leaders at the award ceremony held in Springfield on Saturday, November 7, 2009, in the Old State Capitol. A luncheon will be held in recognition of the recipients following the ceremony in the Executive Mansion.

GSU is accepting nominations for the Student Laureate Award from the 2010 graduating class (baccalaureate degree). The Student Laureate Nomination Form is located on the [Student Life web page](#) under Applications, Documents, and Forms. Please complete the Student Laureate Nomination Form and return it to Sara Appel by Wednesday, September 30. For more information, contact [Sara Appel](#) at 708.534.4552.

## **Help for Educators and Students**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of the APA Handbook was released in July. Visit the [Writing Center](#) online for a quick update about the changes in style.

## **Take Control of Your Finances**

Student Life is sponsoring, *Budgeting for a Better Life*, a seminar presented by Citibank, to help students, faculty, and staff take control of their finances. The seminar is on Tuesday, September 15, from 3 to 3:45 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. It is free and everyone is welcome.

For more information, contact [Chayla Wilson](#) at ext.7653.

## **Pusan International Film Festival**

The Pusan International Film Festival to be held this October in Pusan, South Korea, officially announced that its 2009 line-up will include *Chicago Heights*, a quirky, experimental, micro-budgeted film shot last summer by a small army of GSU students and faculty. *Chicago Heights* will compete for a \$20,000 prize with ten other

films in the *Flash Forward* section. The Pusan Festival is the largest film festival in Asia.

*Chicago Heights* was shot and edited locally, outside of class hours, with no formal financing or budget apart from the equipment support kindly provided to the MFA program on an annual basis by the Division of Liberal Arts in the College of Arts & Sciences. All services were provided by an unpaid cast and crew, some of whom received production internship credit for their efforts.

Local screenings will be held at a later date. For information about the film and to view the trailer and list of GSU personnel involved in the production, visit the [website](#).

## **SURS Seminars**

The State Universities Retirement System (SURS) is offering two retirement seminars for employees who have opted to participate in the Self Managed Plan (SMP).

These retirement seminars will be held at 1901 Fox Drive, Champaign, Illinois, and are being offered at no charge to the employee, spouse, or significant other. The workshop dates are Wednesday, September 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Thursday, November 19, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Call SURS, at 800.275.7877, to make a reservation and confirm the starting time.



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