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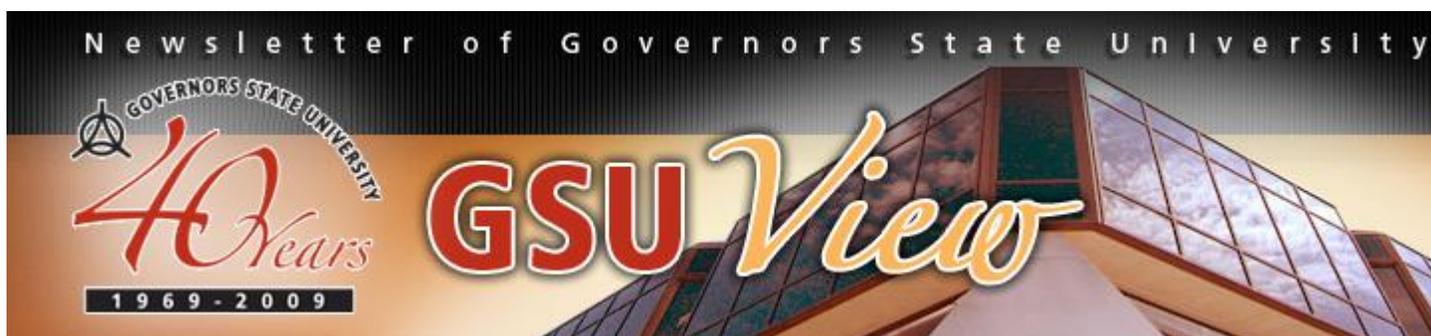
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News and Events

[Convocation 2009](#)

Following a year of severe challenges at home and abroad, Governors State University remains strong, and poised to become a great 21st century university, President Elaine Maimon said at Thursday's annual Convocation.

“As I enter my third academic year as your president, I am happy to report that at GSU, the state of the university is very good,” Dr. Maimon said at the start of her address to the university community. Enrollment is up at the start of the 2009-2010 school year, long-awaited maintenance projects have been completed, and the university will graduate its first doctoral students next June. However, she reminded audience members that, to fully realize its potential, GSU needs the proper strategic plan. That plan – Strategy 2015 – is already in place and will be GSU's blueprint for growth and success in the next six years.



During the Convocation, Dr. Maimon presented the Baysore Award, the university's highest honor, to Dr. Karen D'Arcy, professor of analytic chemistry and Division of Science chair. The award is presented each year to the university employee who best demonstrates the qualities exemplified by Dr. Gerald Baysore, GSU's former vice President of Academic affairs: absolute integrity, total competence, generous dedication, and unfailing civility. Dr. D'Arcy is a true exemplar, Dr. Maimon said: “a gifted teacher, a respected scientist, and a model campus and community citizen.”

In her State of the University address, Dr. Maimon asked faculty and staff members to reconsider the words of GSU's mission statement. GSU remains committed to providing quality, accessible education to underserved and minority students. But the university needs to change the way it delivers knowledge to students. Rather than being hunters and gatherers of information, educators need to be guides to “thinking about information, assessing its worth, and creating new knowledge.” Faculty members need to set high expectations for their students so they can better succeed, she said.

Dr. Maimon also reported positive enrollment numbers for the new school year. Overall enrollment is up more than 5 percent, undergraduate credit hours are up 11.81 percent, and full-time undergraduate students have increased 20.55 percent.

Campus Community Campaign Kickoff Event

See, hear, and experience the power of change as the Campus Community Campaign begins with a celebration of GSU's 40 years of changing lives. Through scholarships, programs, and special events the contributions made by the university community have supported GSU's students and mission.

The CCC kickoff event is on Tuesday, September 22, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts. Refreshments will be served in the CPA lobby.

Join the Anniversary Celebration



Join the celebration recognizing GSU's 40th Anniversary. The 40th Anniversary Celebration embraces the theme of *Celebrating the Past and Charting the Future*.

On Friday, November 5, at 3 p.m., in Engbretson Hall, past and current GSU presidents and staff will discuss the birth, growth, and future of the university. Following the discussion, the new history wall, commemorating 40 years of educational excellence, will be unveiled in the D Main Entrance Atrium. A reception will follow.

Students, alumni, employees, and the community are also invited to attend an evening of celebration that promises to bring the music, style, and fun of the '60s back to GSU. The celebration begins on Saturday, November 7, with a reception at 6 p.m. followed by *A Tribute to the Motown Greats* at The Center for Performing Arts. After the show, the celebration continues with a DJ and dancing.

Tickets are only \$50 and include the reception, *A Tribute to the Motown Greats* show, and post-show DJ/dancing. There will be a cash bar before and after the show.

Renew acquaintances and make new friends. Let your hair down and dance the night away. And be sure to don your finest 1960s attire. Seating for this once in a lifetime event is limited. Visit the [40th Anniversary website](#) for more information and to reserve your tickets to the celebration.

Time-Saving Strategies: Organizing Online Content

Learn how to better use Blackboard CE-8 during an important, timesaving workshop. Instead of making additional copies of the course syllabus, lecture notes, PowerPoint presentations, and other content materials, educators can make them available to students online through Blackboard CE-8.

The Center for Online Teaching and Learning is offering *Time-Saving Strategies to Organize Online Content*. This hands-on workshop will discuss best formats to save, publish, and organize materials online for students.

The workshop will be held on Tuesday, September 15, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., in Room D2438 of the ACS lab. It will be repeated on Saturday, September 19, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., in Room D2438 of the ACS lab.

To attend register for this workshop, contact [Barb Mandel](#), and indicate which session you will attend.

Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez



As part of the Distinguished Lecture Series, Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez will speak to students, faculty, staff, and the community at a free and public presentation on October 1, at 6 p.m. Alvarez is Cook County's first female and first Latina State's Attorney. Her presentation is part of the university's observance of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Alvarez' comments will offer perspective from her 22-year career serving in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. At the time of her historic election on November 4, 2008, Alvarez held the rank of Chief Deputy State's Attorney, the third ranking post in the nation's second largest prosecutor's office. During her career, she has handled hundreds of felony cases dealing with homicide, narcotics, armed robbery, criminal sexual assaults, and domestic violence. She has argued before the Illinois Appellate Court and tried more than 50 felony jury trials.

Alvarez' presentation will be held in The Center for Performing Arts. A question and answer period will follow. The Distinguished Lecture Series is free, open to the public, and sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences. For more information, call ext. 3956.

A Forgotten Injustice

The Title V-Latino Center for Excellence is sponsoring a special presentation by journalist Vicente Serrano of his documentary exposé, *A Forgotten Injustice*, on October 8, at 4:30 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts.

This is the first documentary film to uncover the true story of the almost two million Mexican Americans and U.S. citizens who were forced to leave the United States during the Great Depression in the 1930s. *A Forgotten Injustice* is the result of an extensive investigation. Serrano traveled across the country and Mexico to capture the experiences of these men and women, many who are still living in extreme poverty in rural areas in Mexico. The documentary includes interviews with historians, politicians, and survivors.



Serrano will be answer questions and discuss his research after the film. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact [Carlos Cantu](#).

Tutoring Services

Tutoring services are offered to all students free of charge. The following subjects are tutored: math, accounting, economics, management information systems, finance, statistics, and some science courses, depending on tutor availability. Both onsite and online formats are offered.

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