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News and Events

HLC on the Horizon

With less than two weeks before the accreditation continuation visit by the HLC site team, the campus community is making final preparations. Faculty, staff, and students can prepare for the visit (and learn a lot about the university) by reviewing GSU's self study document. The self study provides information on how the university meets each of the Higher Learning Commission's five criteria:



- Criterion One: Mission and Integrity
- Criterion Two: Preparing for the Future
- Criterion Three: Student Learning and Effective Teaching
- Criterion Four: Acquisition, Discovery, and Application of Knowledge
- Criterion Five: Engagement and Service

Celebrate GSU's 40th



The 40th Anniversary Celebration week includes events for students, faculty, staff, and the community. Everyone is invited to join the celebration and commemorate 40 years of educational service and excellence.

Arts and Crafts, Gifts and Goodies

The Civil Service Senate is hosting an Arts and Crafts Fair, on November 3 and 4, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. A vast variety of merchandise will be on view from various vendors.

The Black Student Union will also have baked goods for sale, on November 3 and 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Proceeds from the sale will help support a GSU Family Development Center field trip to the zoo.

Strategies for Managing Debt Workshop

Strategies for Managing Debt in Troubling Times, a workshop sponsored by the Academic Resource Center, will be held on Thursday, November 5, from noon to 1 p.m. and from 6 to 7 p.m., in B1241. Professor Anthony Andrews from CBPA will be the guest speaker. Everyone is welcome.

What's the News Across the GSU Nation...

The GSU View's popularity has reached magnanimous proportions with readers and contributors alike. Due to the large number of submissions, the Office of Public Affairs reminds the university community that requests for inclusion should be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the next issue's publishing date. Information submitted for Monday's View should be received by 10 a.m. on the previous Friday and information for the Thursday's View must be submitted by 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

University Park Town Hall Meeting

Join Mayor Al McGowan and the Board of Trustees of University Park for the end-of-the-year town hall meeting on Saturday, November 7, on 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be in the gymnasium, at the Crete-Monee Middle School, 635 Olmsted Road, University Park, Illinois.

Information on current projects will be shared as well as additional details of capital projects designed to increase the University Park economic, job, and community development opportunities. Everyone is welcome.

ScholarShip Sails to ASHA

Sandra Mayfield, Ph.D., Assistant Provost and Professor of Communication Disorders, will be honored by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) at the organization's convention this month.

Dr. Mayfield will be recognized for her work to advance multicultural infusion in Speech-Language Pathology and ASHA; for serving as an advocate in the cause of multicultural issues; demonstrating respect and value for differing backgrounds and points of view; and for having highlighted the impact of culture and/or language on speech-language pathology, audiology, speech-language, or hearing science.

In Honor...

Ever wonder why the flags at GSU's main entrance are at half-staff? Facilities Development and Management maintains a webpage that lists when and for whom the flags are lowered. Simply log onto www.govst.edu/flag anytime to find out.

New Hires – October 2009

Mary L. Hopson
Specialist
DCFS

Joanna Sharp
Trainer
DCFS

Sheree Bowen

Telephone Operator I
ITS

Dione L. Wofford
Office Support Specialist
MMPA

Celebrating International Education

GSU will observe International Education Week with a series of events to bring students, faculty, and staff from various counties together to learn from each other and about each other. International Education Week begins Monday, November 16 and concludes on Thursday, November 19.

The Small World Coffee Hour offers the GSU community the opportunity to share coffee and conversation, on November 16, from 11:30 to 12:30 in the Cafeteria. Representatives from the U.S. Post Office will be on campus to process or renew passports on November 16, from 1:30 to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Films on Israel and Jordan, and Greece and Turkey will be shown on November 17, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. The presentation, *Doing Business in a Multi-Cultural Setting*, will be made on November 17, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Learn about studying, working, or volunteering abroad on November 18, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall. On November 19, a discussion on how to be a host family of an international student will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall.

The GSU Office of International Services, the U.S. Department of Education, and the U.S. State Department sponsor International Education Week.

Restorative Justice Facilitator Training

Restorative Justice Facilitator Training will be offered on Saturday, November 7, Friday, November 13, and Saturday, November 14, from 9 to 4 p.m., at Prairie State College, in Chicago Heights.

This three-day training is free and will help prepare schools and communities to respond to rising juvenile crime in the south suburbs. Restorative justice methods have proven to promote community safety. The training will focus on holding youths accountable, developing responsible behaviors, considering the victims of crime, and empowering communities to provide for the general welfare of its members.

This event is sponsored by F.U.T.U.R.E. Foundation Youth Services, Inc., Prairie State College, Governors State University, and the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education of the GSU College of Education.

Continuing Education Units and Continuing Professional Development Units for social workers and teachers are available for a minimal charge. This event is free and open to the public. For more information and to register, call 708.235.3987.

Expressing Gratitude

Continuing the tradition, the GSU Foundation will reach out and to express gratitude to this year's donors. Gratitude Day is on for Tuesday, November 10.

The success of the program depends on volunteers willing to give a little bit of their time to share the gratitude attitude. One-hour calling shifts are available from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sixty volunteers are needed. Interested Gratitude Day volunteers should contact [Jackie Small](#) at ext. 2188.

Callers will also have the opportunity to sign up for GSU's new V-Team volunteer corps. The group will help match up willing volunteers with university events throughout the year.

Publications to Help Grant Writers

The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research recently purchased the following publications to help faculty and staff prepare winning grant proposals:

- *The Grant Application Writer's Handbook* — Successful Proposals to Any Agency
- *The Grant Application Writer's Handbook* — National Science Foundation-FastLane
- *The Grant Application Writer's Handbook* — National Institutes of Health

To borrow one of these volumes, contact [Penny Havlicek](#) at ext. 3982.

