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News and Events

President Maimon Congratulates...

Thanks and congratulations to all for the great success of this weekend's culminating activities of our 40th Anniversary celebration. Many in the university contributed to the planning and execution of a first-class series of events. I especially appreciate the incredible team work and spirit of volunteerism in pursuit of our strategic goals. We sent a strong message to the larger community about the indispensability of Governors State University. We celebrated our past and palpably continued the positive momentum into the future. Everything was A+, from Friday's panel discussion and the unveiling of the History Wall to Saturday's *Forty Years: Linking Tradition with Innovation* video and Motown party to Sunday's ceremony recognizing Arcadia Elementary School in District 162. All campus guests, from former GSU President Leo Goodman-Malamuth to Governor Quinn, who was here on Sunday, commented on the beauty and spirit of our campus.

All weekend I was thinking, "We are GSU!"

Sincerely,

Elaine P. Maimon
President

HLC - Join in the Discussion

As part of the HLC site visit next week, the team will host a series of open meetings for the GSU community. Attendees should expect to answer questions from the site visit team, but will also have the opportunity to ask questions of the team. As with any other communication with the team, members of the GSU community are encouraged to be open, honest, and positive during these meetings.



Open Meeting Schedule

Sherman Music Recital Hall (E1530)

Monday, November 16

Civil Service Staff - 2 to 3 p.m.

Faculty - 3 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, November 17

A&P Staff - 9 to 10 a.m.

Students - 2 to 3 p.m.

Faculty - 3 to 4 p.m.

For more information, read GSU's [self-study](#) online.

40th Celebration Success

It was a weekend to remember as members of the GSU community celebrated the university's 40th Anniversary with a full slate of activities geared toward celebrating the past and charting the future. Alumni, students, retirees, faculty and staff, and community members participated in Friday's panel discussion on GSU's continuing legacy, and Saturday night's gala celebration.



The weekend started with the panel discussion on GSU's past, present, and future. Dr. Paul Green, a former faculty member who is now director of Roosevelt University's Institute for Politics, moderated the discussion, which also included Dr. Elaine Maimon, current GSU President; Dr. Leo Goodman-Malamuth, GSU's second president; Dr. Blondean Davis, Superintendent of Matteson School District 162; Dr. Adenuga Atewologun, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty at Prairie State College. Following the panel discussion, Dr. Maimon and Board of Trustees Chair Lorine Samuels spoke at the dedication of GSU's History Wall, located in the main entrance atrium.

Saturday's activities began with a reception in the Hall of Governors with a wide variety of dishes – and even a 40th anniversary cheese sculpture. Many attendees dressed for the special night, donning '60s-era love beads and multicolored bellbottoms. A packed house in the Center For Performing Arts enjoyed the classic soul sounds of A Tribute to the Motown Greats and the party continued past midnight, with a crowded dance floor and members of GSU's family sharing laughter and good times while marking the university's milestone anniversary.

On Sunday, local School District 162 - led by superintendent Dr. Blondean Davis (a recent GSU honorary degree recipient) and school board president Alicia McCray (also director of GSU's MILE) - celebrated a special award. Arcadia Elementary in Olympia Fields was recently named a Blue Ribbon Award recipient from the U.S. Department of Education. Parents, students, and SD 162 employees celebrated alongside dignitaries

including Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, Secretary of State Jesse White, State Representative Al Riley, and several local mayors.

See the last story in this edition of the View for photos from this weekend's festivities.

Civil Service Scholarships Awarded

Fall 2009 recipients of the Civil Service Senate Scholarship/Educational Assistance Fund are GSU Employee Eileen Kelly, and the children of GSU employees, Natalie Sauch (daughter of Tom Sauch), Silvia Zhang (daughter of Shirley Zhang), and Robert Buhs (son of Jennie Buhs).

Each recipient received \$250 toward their education. The Civil Service Senate congratulates them and encourages all Civil Service staff members, spouses or dependent children to apply for the Winter 2010 awards. Contact [Senatha Jenkins](#) in Human Resources for further information.

CSO Horns on the Way

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra's principal trumpet and trombone players will perform solos when the Chicago College of Performing Arts Symphony Orchestra comes to the Center for Performing Arts on Monday, November 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Trumpeter Chris Martin and Trombonist Jay Friedman will join the CCPA Symphony Orchestra, which is part of the Roosevelt University music program. The concert is free and no tickets are needed.

Under the direction of CCPA Principal Conductor Stephen Squires, the program will showcase 20th century works for trumpet and trombone, including Andre Jolivet's *Concertino for Trumpet and Orchestra* (1948) and Jaques Castérède's *Concerto for Trumpet and Trombone* (1958). Also featured is an orchestral transcription of George Enescu's *Légende* (1906) *Chris Martin*, created especially for Martin. Beethoven's monumental Third Symphony (*Eroica*) concludes the evening. Friedman and Martin will perform as faculty soloists.

Celebrating 40 Years - In Pictures



Happy 40th Birthday GSU!



Dr. Paul Green leads Friday's panel discussion: *Celebrating the Past, Charting the Future.*



Panelists discuss GSU's next 40 years. Panelists (left to right): Dr. Adenuga Atewologun, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty at Prairie State College; Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, GSU President; Dr. Paul Green, Director of the Institute for Politics at Roosevelt University; Dr. Leo Goodman-Malamuth, GSU's second president; Dr. Blondean Davis, Superintendent of Matteson School District 162.



Former president Dr. Leo Goodman-Malamuth fondly remembers his GSU days.



Former professor Mel Muchnik and Interim Provost Dr. Curtis tease and toast Dr. Goodman-Malamuth.



President Maimon and Board of Trustees Chair Lorine Samuels have a BIG surprise.



VP of Institutional Advancement Joan Vaughan demonstrates the interactive history wall.



Celebrating in style.



Alumni Board President Sandy Brunson presents Gordon Cochrane with the Alumni Service Award.



Jim Garrett (CEO, Chicago Southland Convention and Visitor's Bureau) and his wife Peggy keep the peace.



Bob Rakstang (CenterPoint), Susan Rakstang (FDM), Charles Nolley (DLMD), & Saba Ayman-Nolley enjoy the evening together.



Alumni, students, staff, and community members dance the night away.



Alumni April Nicholson and Priscilla Southern show their GSU pride.



Tony Labriola (DLMD) wonders why the party has to end so soon.



President Maimon welcomes Governor Pat Quinn at the SD162 Blue Ribbon celebration on Sunday.

