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News and Events

HLC Visit – Next Week



The university is making final preparations to receive the HLC site visit team next week. The group will be on campus from Monday, November 16 through Wednesday, November 18. In addition to many pre-scheduled meetings, the team will take time to talk with individual students, faculty, and staff. Please be receptive, open, and honest to any inquiries you receive from team members. For more information, visit GSU's [HLC 2009](#) webpage.

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New Academic Year – New Calendar

On November 11, Dr. Elaine Maimon announced in a letter to the GSU community that the university will be adopting a semester-based academic calendar in the 2110-2111 academic year. The change to the semester system will create a more flexible calendar that is better able to address the needs of current and future students.

GSU Table Tennis Success

The GSU Table Tennis club recently competed at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee in the Upper Midwest Division tournament in the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association. GSU members include Xiaoke Yi, Liuzhen Zheng, Yi Chen, Linfeng Xie, Chengwei Yu, Qian Li Ma, and Georges Yacoub. They are students in the MBA program. Dr. Gebe Ejigu and coach and advisor Dr. T.J. Wang accompanied the club to the competition.



The Upper Midwest Division consists of GSU, University of Chicago, Purdue University, Northwestern University, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and University of Wisconsin-Madison.

This was the first competition for the GSU squad, formed in April 2009. Participants competed very well and had a good time. Several members won matches and games. Georges Yacoub and Yi Chen each won matches against players from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Liuzhen Zheng won games against players from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Qian Li Ma won a game against a player from the University of Chicago.

The next Upper Midwest Division competition is in February 2010. It will determine team eligibility for the National Championship in April 2010.

Registration Reminder

Registration for Winter 2110 classes has already begun and will continue through January 16, 2010. Classes in the new term begin on January 11.

To register online, go to www.govst.edu/register/.

Math Student Teaches Educators

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Teaching math today is much more than demonstrating long division and graphing points on a chalkboard. Today's educators need to know how to use the tools that make teaching and learning math as up-to-date as possible.



Recently, future mathematics teacher Tony Knoblauch of Bourbonnais presented a 90-minute workshop at the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) annual conference in Peoria, Illinois on *An introduction to Geometry on the TiNspire Graphing Calculator*.

Presenting with Knoblauch was Dr. Dianna Galante, associate professor of mathematics at Governors State University. Knoblauch is a student in the Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics Teacher Education program at GSU. He is currently a student teacher at Lincoln Way Central High School in New Lenox.

Insurance Rate Adjustment

Governors State University has reaffirmed its agreement with Prudential Insurance Company for administering GSU's voluntary Long Term Disability (LTD) Plan for the next few years. At the same time, the university has ended its broker relationship with Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc for its services under the plan. As a result, the monthly premium rates offered by Prudential Insurance Company have been lowered for the next few years.

As of November 1, premium rates for employees participating in the university's voluntary Long Term Disability Plan have been updated to reflect the new premium amount based on these new rates. Premiums are determined by the participant's gross monthly disability benefit (two thirds of annual salary) and age as of June 30 of every year. While most employees may experience a decrease in their semi-monthly premium deduction, some may see a slight increase. This could be due to a change in your gross monthly disability benefit (salary change) or attaining a significant birthday. The premium rates are structured in five-year

increments (i.e. 30-34; 35-39; 40-44; etc.).

For more information regarding semi-monthly premium deductions, contact [Julia Jamison](#) at ext.7468, [Dave Drechsel](#) at ext. 7467.

Scholarship Sails with Dr. James

Raven James, Ed.D., Assistant Professor of Addictions Studies, and graduate student Colleen Wray recently presented at the 2009 National LGBTI Health Summit in Chicago.

Their presentation, entitled *Working with LGBT Clients in Substance Abuse: What Counselors Need to Know*, used interactive and experiential activities designed to increase awareness of the importance of developing sensitivity to the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex persons in drug and alcohol treatment.

The training was also designed to promote an understanding of how prejudice and discrimination against LGBTI persons and other identities are linked, while examining the impact of external and internal oppression on the recovery process. Dr. James and Wray also provided an overview of assessment and intervention issues and techniques and resources for referral - with the ultimate goal of helping practitioners become more effective in working with LGBTI persons.

Saving Money – Helping the FDC

The Family Development Center is offering big savings as part of Carson's Community Day on November 14. Get your holiday shopping done early when you use a special FDC Discount Coupon Book. The books are available for \$5 each, from the Family Development Center, and 100 percent of the proceeds benefit the FDC.

For information, contact [Audrey McIntyre](#) at ext. 7320.

Re-Gift Again

Make someone's holidays happier with a gift you can't wait to be rid of. The Civil Service Senate is gathering new, unused items for re-gifting at the annual Civil Service holiday celebration.

Donations will be accepted until Tuesday, December 1. Donations accepted by [Kathy Miller](#) (room G336), [Karen Sinwelski](#) (room E2592), and [Donna Rutledge](#) (room B1223).

Controlling and Preventing the Big D

The Department of Human Resources and the Illinois Diabetes Prevention and Control Program are sponsoring an informative program on diabetes control and prevention on Tuesday, November 17, from noon to 1 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. Participants in the Let's Get Fit program are encouraged to bring their fitness record cards. Everyone is welcome.

Organic Beings

The Visual Arts Gallery is featuring *Organic Being*, an exhibit of painting and drawings by Margie Glass-Sula through November 18.

Glass-Sula's girlhood fascination with simple nature created an emotional link that has been rediscovered and redefined in her recent work. By evolving imagery from actual individual organic objects, she transforms each into an abstract organic individual of sorts to reveal the intimate link and beauty she finds within it.

For more information visit the [Visual Arts Gallery website](#) or call ext. 4017.

