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News and Events

HLC Visit Begins Today

President Elaine P. Maimon and the GSU Community welcome the HLC Site Visit Team to GSU from today, November 16 through Wednesday, November 18.

As part of the HLC site visit, 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.



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.

A Win-Win Situation

As GSU enters the last two weeks of the Campus Community Campaign, the university needs your help to achieve its goal of raising \$100,000 (or more!).

In addition to helping the university, the incentives to donate are even greater this year. Prizes include:

- Grand Prize – Designated parking spot in lot of winner's choosing for one year

- 1st Prize – One year member to the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center
- 2nd Prize – Overnight hotel accommodations at the Matteson Holiday Inn; 2 tickets to The Millers at The Center for Performing Arts; and dinner for two (TBD)
- 3rd Prize – Overnight hotel accommodations at the Empress Casino in Joliet and a certificate for two to the buffet
- Additional Prizes - Guest passes for two at the East Bank Club; A \$50 gift card towards a meal at Maxwell's; Cooper's Hawk wine tasting for ten; and lots of theater tickets.

Be sure to turn your Campus Community Campaign Employee Contribution Form in to your CCC volunteer or contact [Jackie Small](#) in Institutional Advancement at ext. 2188. Any questions or concerns may also be directed to Jackie. The campaign will officially end on November 30.

Calling All Entrepreneurs

GSU CenterPoint for Entrepreneurs will sponsor Global Entrepreneurship Week from November 16 to 20. Daily events during the week will connect students, educators, entrepreneurs, business leaders, non-profit leaders, and government officials through activities designed to help them explore entrepreneurship and innovation. CenterPoint is inviting GSU students, faculty, and staff to participate in the week's events.



A free Business Clinic will be held November 16 to 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the CenterPoint offices, Room C3300.

Participants can take part in an Artrepreneur Blog on Monday, Nov. 16.

Tuesday events include *Doing Business in a Multicultural Society*, from 4 to 6 p.m., and *Meet the Entrepreneur – Art Lubinski* from 6 to 7 p.m. Both will take place in the Hall of Honors.

The Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp is scheduled Wednesday, Nov. 17 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in E-Lounge.

Trivia Competitions are slated for Thursday, November 19. The Global Entrepreneurship Week Open House will take place Friday, November 20.

For more information, visit the [CenterPoint website](#) or call 708.534.4927.

International Education Week Celebration

The Office of International Services is celebrating International Education Week with a host of activities to introduce students to the world outside of GSU.

Posters on bulletin boards around campus list how to say *please* and *thank-you* in Chinese, Spanish, and Hindi. Everyone is encouraged to learn these common words that can open the door to communicating with people from other countries.

On-the-spot processing of applications for new or renewal of existing U.S. passports is available on November 16, 1:30 to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Proof of citizenship, a valid photo ID, and payments by check are required.

Films and information about Israel, Jordan, Greece, and Turkey will be shown on November 17, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. Refreshments will be served.

The Global Trade Center and the Office of International Services will present *Doing Business in a Multi-Cultural Setting*, on November 17, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Refreshments will be served.

Learn about study, internship, volunteer, and employment opportunities abroad at a discussion on November 18, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall.

For more information about becoming a host family for a student from another country, attend an information session on November 19, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall.

Healthcare Career Fair

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair for healthcare workers. Current students, alumni, and community members interested in finding employment in the field of healthcare are invited to attend. More than 35 potential employers will be present. Fields represented will include OT/PT, nursing, healthcare administration, and non-profit agencies.

The Healthcare Career Fair is on Tuesday, December 8, from 4 to 6 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts lobby. The event is free and open to the public. For more information about the career fair, call ext. 3974.

Pre-Kindergarten At Its Best

Your child deserves the best. The Family Development Center offers full and half day pre-kindergarten programs with certified teachers in a state-of-the-art educational facility on the GSU campus.

Tuition discounts available to qualified applicants. For more information, visit the [FDC website](#) or call 708.235.7300.

ScholarShip Sails to Brazil



Associate Professor of Social Work Maristela Zell left Brazil 22 years ago, but did not leave behind her concern for her native country. Not long after arriving in the U.S., Zell became interested in the Movement of the Brazilian Rural Landless Workers (MST), and discovered that there was a non-profit support group for MST in America. She subsequently helped found the support group's Chicago

chapter.

According to Zell, Brazil enjoys the world's eighth largest economy, but 34 percent of its people live in poverty. A mere 1.6 percent of the population controls roughly half of the arable land.

In essence, the Movement of Brazilian Rural Landless Workers is about the mass occupation and settlement of currently unused, undeveloped land by rural, landless workers. Work on the land, as well as childcare, cooking, and other chores, is shared equally. MST workers practice a "diversified, environmentally sustainable" form of agriculture, "based on rational use of natural resources," Zell explained.

Over the past 20 years, the MST movement has helped settle more than 300,000 landless families. The MST movement also maintains 1,200 elementary schools, employing 3,800 teachers, and caring for more than 75,000 children.

In a 2007 *Journal of Comparative Social Welfare* article, Zell wrote that education in the MST movement "is conceived as a liberating force that fosters agents of change, capable of dialogue, critical reflection, and collective action, all needed to build and sustain their communities." The crowning educational achievement of the MST was the construction of the Florestan Fernandes National School. Last year, Zell and her family visited that university.

As a researcher and professor, Zell plans to continue helping raise the public consciousness about the pursuit of justice in her native land.

Group Project Workshop

Research supports the positive impact of collaborative projects on learning outcomes. Yet many instructors find that their group projects are less successful than they would like, citing issues such as student resistance to group work, instructor reluctance to use valuable in-class time for students to coordinate team efforts, and difficulties in creating an

appropriate group project that actually achieves desired outcomes.

In the *Planning Group Projects that Work* workshop, instructors will learn about factors that contribute to successful group projects, consider alternative group project formats, and find out how to use the CE-8 Group Manager to organize and facilitate group work. This workshop will help improve the use of collaborative projects as a valuable teaching strategy, whether instruction is online or in class.

Two sessions of this workshop are being offered. When registering, please note which session is preferred. Sessions will be held on Saturday, November 21, from 9 a.m. to noon, in D2430, and Tuesday, November 24, from 9 a.m. to noon, in D2434. To register, email [Jan Engle](mailto:Jan.Engle).

Help for the Holidays

The Black Student Union is sponsoring a holiday food drive. From now until December 11, place non-perishable food items in the bins located around campus. The BSU will make sure the food reaches need families.

Suggested items include canned ham, vegetables, fruits, cranberry sauce, and gravy, cake mix, containers of frosting, packaged potatoes, pasta, and stuffing mix. Juices are also needed. Remember non refrigerated or frozen items may be accepted.

