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News and Events

Provost Candidates Visit GSU

On Friday, December 4, Provost Candidate Dr. Terry Allison, Dean of the College of Arts and Letters at California State University, Los Angeles, will visit GSU.

The GSU community is asked to welcome him and to attend the community-wide public forum, which takes place from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Dr. Allison will give a brief PowerPoint presentation on *Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness*, followed by a Q&A session with the audience. Dr. Allison's [resume](#) and [letter of interest](#) are available online for review. Evaluation forms for attendee commentary will be available.

On Tuesday, December 8, Provost Candidate Dr. Carmen Coballes-Vega, Dean of the College of Professional Studies, Metropolitan State University (St. Paul, Minnesota), will visit the university. Dr. Coballes-Vega's [resume](#) and [letter of interest](#) are also online for review.

The [agendas](#) for the candidates' visits are also available for review online.

Time to Celebrate

Dr. Maimon and the Board of Trustees invite the GSU faculty and staff to celebrate the holidays together on Friday, December 11, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Please RSVP to [Penny Perdue](#) at ext. 6364.

Campus Community Campaign Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's successful Campus Community Campaign. A campaign wrap up event is planned for early 2010 and will include a drawing for spectacular prizes including:

- 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, includes a GSU Spirit Pack (t-shirt, mug, banner, lunch for a week in the cafeteria, and other misc. GSU items)
- 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 at Scrementi's in Steger
- 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.

If you haven't received your tickets for the drawing, contact [Jackie Small](#) in Institutional Advancement at ext. 2188. Any questions or

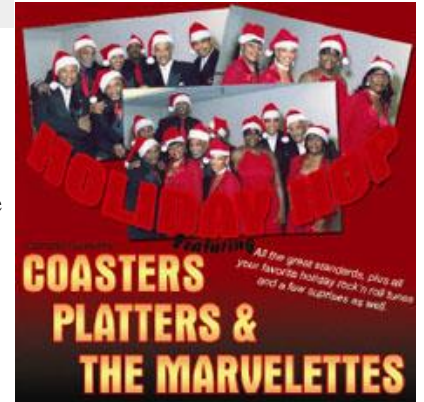
concerns may also be directed to Jackie.

The Holiday Hop at The Center

Get in the swing of the holiday season with music that will make your feet tap and your body sway.

The Center for Performing Arts at GSU presents *The Holiday Hop* featuring chart-topping 1950s and '60s groups Cornell Gunter's Coasters, the Platters, and the Marvelettes on Saturday, December 5, at 8 p.m. These smooth and soulful hit makers will bring excitement, comedy, and romance to the holiday.

GSU buy one get one free tickets for *The Holiday Hop* will be available from 10 a.m., on Friday, December 4 through 7 p.m., on Saturday, December 5. The regular ticket price is \$45. Call or visit the box office at 708.235.2222.



Holiday Food Drives Need Sustenance

The GSU community has the opportunity to feed families in need. Two separate food drives on campus are currently collecting non-perishable food items.

The Black Student Union is collecting food in boxes situated around campus. This food drive ends December 11.

The Student Senate is asking university departments to help create hearty holiday meals for needy families by collecting items that will fill a food basket for one family. Drop off food items at Student Life or contact [Vanessa Newby](#) for pick up. This food drive ends December 17.

Items needed in both drives include canned hams, canned fruits, vegetables, cranberry sauce, gravy, boxes of instant potatoes, Jell-O, cornbread mix, cake mix, cans of cake frosting, bags of stuffing mix, and juices. Please donate non-perishable foods only. No refrigerated or frozen foods can be accepted.

Childcare Special Offer

The Family Development Center is offering GSU students a special offer on childcare services for the Winter 2010 trimester.

The FDC is suspending the registration fee and allowing parents to use the childcare services on an as needed basis. If you have a project to research, a class, or an appointment with a professor, the FDC can care for your children. GSU students can drop their children off at the FDC for fun, safe, enriching childcare while they are at the university.

Drop in childcare services are offered from 4 to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Children must be pre-registered so the FDC has all the necessary contact and emergency information, but no registration fee or pre-scheduling for childcare services are required. Discounts for multiple children and major discounts for Pell Grant recipients are also available.

Contact 708.235.7300 for more information.

Close the Window!

It's that time of year - when diligence in closing your office windows is appreciated greatly. To avoid freezing/rupturing pipes in

heating/cooling units, please remember to close all windows and adjust the heating unit to low-heat at the end of the workday.

FDC Book Fair

With the holidays just around the corner and gifts still left to buy, the Family Development Center comes to the rescue. The FDC Book Fair offers a wide selection of books for all ages, particularly the children in your life. Give the gift that gives hours of entertainment, enlightenment, and education. Give a book.

The Book Fair is open through December 4, from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the FDC multi-purpose room and from December 7 through December 10, from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the D-Wing main entrance atrium.

Business Success for Management Students

Your company manufactures electronic sensors, and it's your job to coordinate strategy and operations in finance, production, marketing, and research and development.

That's the premise behind the *Capstone Challenge*, an online competition testing business students' ability to succeed in the 21st century corporate environment. Thousands of undergraduate and graduate business students across the United States and in foreign countries participate in the competition.

At GSU, a group of students in Sidney Barsuk's Management 469 - Business Policy course showed winning form in this fall's eight-week Capstone Challenge. *Team Baldwin* finished in the 97th percentile among 1,538 teams that participated. The team had top 10 finishes in profitability and stock price. It registered as high as second in some categories following two weekly rounds.

"It says something for the college that they are rated so high," Barsuk said. "It shows that we are turning out top graduates who are making an impact on the job world."

Team Baldwin has six members: Meaghan Avolio, Vesna Metevska, Jessica Ritter, Magdalena Skowron, Gary Throw Jr., and Kil Yan. Five teams from Management 469 took part in this fall's competition. The class is required for undergraduate business major nearing graduation. Barsuk said the *Capstone Challenge* accounts for about one-seventh of the final grade.



This fall's section of Management 469 was an exclusively online class. Avolio said she and her fellow team members never got together in person but would meet online each Sunday to make decisions before filing their assigned work. Early in the competition, Avolio said she spent as much as eight hours a week on the competition. By the time it ended, she'd cut that number to two or three hours a week.

"Going through all the numbers was time-consuming but it was important to understand how they were being used," said Avolio, who is graduating in January. "I'm an accounting major and I actually thought this was a lot of fun."

Language, Literacy, and Children



Dr. Jennifer Armstrong, assistant professor of Communication Disorders, and a group of graduate level speech and language pathology students conducted a workshop for parents at the GSU Family Development Center in October. As part of their required coursework, Dr. Armstrong's students taught the parents of FDC students about normal speech and language development in young children.

The students developed interactive sessions for the parents at various learning centers focusing on:

- Normal speech and language development milestones
- Information on the connection between literacy and language
- Sound awareness activities for reading readiness
- Games and activities to encourage language development

Dr. Armstrong answered the parents' questions after the activities. The students also shared their insights on participating in the workshop.

Well ness vs. Ill ness

The Student Life Department & School of Extended Learning are sponsoring a class on stress management that is open to students, faculty, staff, and the community.

Well ness vs. Ill ness teaches the definition of stress, its danger to physical and mental health, ways to control, reduce, and remove stress, and how to live a healthier lifestyle.

The course is taught by Barney Davis (*Bi nah*), BA, MBA., Ph.D., founder of Bio-Energy Therapy Wellness Center (BETWC), a knowledge-based consulting company specializing in metaphysical bio-energy and mind-body communications instruction. BETWC combines physical and spiritual approaches to wellness through lectures and workshops that cover a broad spectrum of healthcare topics that focus on the whole person with emphasis on disease prevention and improving lifestyle.

The class meets on Saturdays, January 16, 23, 30, and February 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$75 for non-credit registration. GSU tuition and fees for one credit hour apply for credit registration.

For more information, contact Lori Townsend (l-townsend@govst.edu) at 708.235.7382.

A Day to Learn

World AIDS Day was observed on December 1 at GSU with information and education. The Academic Resource Center, the College of Arts and Sciences, and Student Life teamed with community groups to provide the necessary expertise to explain the complex issues.

“It is very important to continue the conversation about HIV/AIDS so that people are continually reminded of how devastating the virus can be and what can be done to protect ourselves and others and to help those already infected,” said Tamekia Scott, event organizer and outreach counselor at the Academic Resource Center.

Two panel discussions drew community members, students, faculty, and staff together to learn more. Panelists presenting information and answering questions included:

- Beverly Akins – Social Worker for Proactive Community Services, Homewood, Illinois and an alumna of GSU
- Dr. Katherine Helm, Ph.D. – Licensed Clinical Psychologist in the ARC- Counseling Center
- Justin Hill – Program Coordinator for EdgeAlliance, Chicago, Illinois
- Dr. Raven James, Ed.D. – Assistant Professor Additions Studies at GSU
- Dr. Elizabeth Johnson, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor History at GSU
- Anjanette Young – Housing Coordinator for EdgeAlliance, Chicago, Illinois



Additional guest speakers included Ms. Karen and Mr. Royal (no last names for confidentiality reasons) who give personal accounts of living with HIV/AIDS.

Cell Phones for Soldiers

Student Life is collecting cell phones to help soldiers serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Donations will be used to finance the purchase of calling cards for members of the Armed Services.

All cell phone makes and models, chargers, and accessories are accepted until December 18. Donations may be made to the Welcome Center (Room D1429), Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.



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