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News and Events

Holiday Hours Around Campus

Governors State University will close for the holiday break from December 24 through January 3. Individual departments and services may also have alternate holiday hours before, during, and after the break.

Cafeteria

December 19 – January 3; Closed

January 4: Normal hours resume

Bookstore

December 21 – 24; 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

December 24 – January 3; Closed

January 4: Normal hours resume

Writing Center

December 17 – January 11; Closed.

This includes the online writing center, one-on-one appointments, help in the library, and ELSL services. APA templates, documentation direction for several styles, and other helpful information is always available on the [Writing Center website](#).

University Library

December 15 – 18; 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

December 19 and 20; Closed

December 21 – 23; 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

December 24 – January 3; Closed

January 4 – 8; 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

January 9 and 10; Closed

January 11; Normal hours resume

Admission Office

December 17; 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

December 18; 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

December 21 – 23; 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

December 24 - January 3; Closed

January 4 and 7; 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

January 5, 6, and 8; 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Book Card Distribution

The Office of Financial Aid offers a \$300, \$500, or \$700 book card advances to assist eligible students with the purchase of books and supplies.

Students that meet the following criteria are eligible:

1. Completed a 2009/2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and awarded financial aid;
2. Admitted to a degree-seeking program at GSU;
3. Registered in at least six (6) credit hours;
4. Maintain satisfactory academic progress; and
5. Have enough financial aid to cover tuition and fees, plus the \$300, \$500 or \$700 book card advance.

The book card amount is based on the number of hours for which the student is registered at the time of book card pick up. Eligible students receive only one card in one denomination per term and are not allowed to increase the amount on the card.

Book cards distribution for the Winter 2010 trimester begins January 7. The following schedule provides the dates, times, and locations of book card distribution.

Hall of Honors - Room D-1490

Thursday, January 7, 2010 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Monday, January 11, 2010 9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Office of Financial Aid - Room C-1310

Friday, January 8, 2010 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, January 12, 2010	9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 13, 2010	9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 14, 2010	9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, January 15, 2010	9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

For additional information, visit www.govst.edu/finaid, or call 708.534.4480.

Research Revelations

Recent research into possible protein cross-linking yielded “quite significant” results, according to Dr. Shelly Kumar, university professor of chemistry.

Dr. Kumar presented a poster display on the research at the October regional meeting of the American Chemical Society in Puerto Rico. He said fellow scientists at the conference appreciated the research, which Dr. Kumar conducted in GSU’s chemistry laboratory with graduate student Dineshkumar Dobariya. Kumar plans to confirm his findings, write a research paper, and submit it for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.



The research was significant because it showed that a derivative of the amino acid histidine, when photooxidized, combined itself to create a dimer, which is a chemical compound formed when two smaller identical or similar molecules are linked together. The photooxidation conditions used in this experiment mimic the conditions under which proteins crosslink to cause cataract formation in the eye lens. Dr. Kumar said the experiment marked the first time such a dimer has been formed from histidine.

“My research involves light and oxygen, and I mainly work with biological problems,” Dr. Kumar said. As a professor of organic chemistry, he prefers working with “small molecules” rather than large protein molecules. This strategy allows him to accomplish research work that is less tedious and less complicated. In his present research, he synthesized a derivative of histidine and showed formation of a dimer from it, while other researchers working with large protein molecules have had difficulty finding a dimer.

This project is likely to have implications for medical research, Dr. Kumar said. For now, though, he expects the research will first be peer-reviewed and will lead to further experimentation.

Dr. Kumar said he has been researching how protein compounds are oxidized for 10 years and, start to finish, this latest project took about two years.

Many Thanks to the GSU Community



The Rich Township food pantry greatly appreciated the donation of food collected by the Black Student Union and donated by members of the GSU community. Fifteen boxes of mixed food items from GSU were delivered. Currently, The Pantry helps approximately 860 families per month.

GMAT 2010

The College of Business and Public Administration (CBPA) is offering GMAT preparation courses. The non-credit courses prepare students who plan to take the GMAT, an admission requirement for many graduate programs.

The GMAT Basic Math Refresher Series helps students relearn math concepts and skills such as fractions, decimals, basic algebra, and basic geometry. The class will be held on Saturdays, January 16, 23, and 30, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost for all three sessions is \$150.

The GMAT Prep Series concentrates on the quantitative and verbal sections of the GMAT. Topics to be reviewed include data sufficiency, ratios and proportions, word problems, fractions, and percentages, as well as reading comprehension, critical reasoning, sentence correction, and analytical writing. This series will be offered on Saturdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27 and March 6 and 13, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in room B2202. The cost of the six sessions is \$300.

Both the Basic Math Refresher and the GMAT Prep Series may be taken for \$425. Classes are taught by GSU faculty.

Registration and payment is required before the first class. For more information or to register, contact the CBPA Advising Office at 708.534.4391 or BPA-INFO@govst.edu.

Sex, Drugs, and Rock & Roll

Beginning in the Winter 2010 term, the Department of Addictions Studies in the College of Health and Human Services will offer a new class in Sexuality and Addictions. The class, ADDS 525, will be taught by Raven James, Ed.D, Assistant Professor of Addictions Studies at GSU.

Topics to be addressed include relationship issues, family issues (single mothers, gay and lesbian families, swingers, etc.), rape and incest, abuse, the human sexual response cycle, intimacy, sexual identity and gender identity.

"This class is not about the nuts and bolts of sexuality," James explained. "It's more about the issues surrounding sexuality, and typically the more controversial issues." She noted that addictions studies professionals need to have a comfort level talking about sexuality issues as they treat individuals who are dealing with drug and/or alcohol abuse, or other health-related behaviors.

For additional information about the class, contact [Dr. James](#) at ext. 2160.

Intellectual Feeling

GSU's Intellectual Life committee recently solicited grant proposals for on campus events that support the mission of the university. Eight proposals were selected to receive \$500 toward event expenses.

Intellectual Life Grant Recipients:

- Bridging the East with the West: Understanding the Barriers Facing Arab and Muslim American Community for Effective Social Service Delivery – JoAnne Smith
- Cuban Students Tour and Academic Exchange – Maristela Zell
- Drumming Through History – Elizabeth Johnson
- Exploring Visual Anthropology, Material Culture, and Heritage Studies at Governors State University – Fran Kostarelos
- History of Broadway Discussion and Audition – Burt Dikelsky
- Lines in the Sand: A Performance and Discussion on Identity, Media, and Immigration – Jason Zingsheim
- National Juried Art Competition and Exhibition – Jeff Stevenson
- Restorative Justice Week II – Chip Coldren, JoAnne Smith, and Paula Levicas

Grants Granted

Please congratulate the following GSU faculty and staff who recently received new or renewed funding for their research and program activities.

Catherine Balthazar, PhD, of Communications Disorders received funding from the American-Speech-Language-Hearing Association for her research on building complex sentences among school age children with oral and written language disorders.

Mary Carrington, PhD, of the Division of Science received a subcontract through Chicago State University for the fifth year of the Illinois Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation program from the National Science Foundation.

Sandi Estep, PhD, of the Division of Education received her fourth year of funding for the Teaching with Primary Sources project from the Library of Congress.

Carol Morrison, MA, of the Family Development Center received funding for the Child Care Access Means Parents in School program from the US Department of Education.

Robbie O’Shea, PhD, of the Department of Physical Therapy received funding for a Conductive Education Research Lab from the Coleman Foundation.

