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Friday, January 15	9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

For places and times, visit the office of [Financial Aid website](http://www.govst.edu/financialaid), www.govst.edu/financialaid or call 708.534.4480.

Docents Lead the Way



Volunteer docents at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park help park visitors to the park understand its 26 pieces of art, and the meaning and motivations behind the art and the artist. Training for the 2010 docent class of docents begins February 4. Volunteers interested in learning about art and sharing their knowledge are encouraged to join.

“Docents lead tours, host programs and receptions, and act as ambassadors of the park,” explains Geoff Bates, Director and curator of the park. “This is a great way to get involved, to learn about contemporary sculpture, and meet interesting people.”

Docent orientation consists of seven evening sessions spread over a 12-week period and a morning tour of the sculpture park. Session topics include park history, an introduction to the history of sculpture, presentations on each piece in the collection, and pointers on how to conduct tours of the sculpture park.

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Nov 9 - Jan 16
www.govst.edu/register

Book Card Distribution
January 7 – January 15
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GSU Martin Luther King
Celebration
*Making the Dream a
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Secretary of State Services for Everyone

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Services available at the mobile service unit include driver's license renewal, replacement, and corrections; State ID card renewal, replacement, and corrections; vehicle sticker sales; passenger and b-truck license plates, vehicle title and registration, parking placards for persons with disabilities; and organ/tissue donor information. In addition, vision tests and the written driver's license exam can be taken. No driving tests will be given.

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Winter 2010 Book Cards

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 who meet the following criteria are eligible:

6. Completed a 2009/2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and awarded financial aid;
7. Admitted to a degree-seeking program at GSU;
8. Registered in at least six credit hours;
9. Maintain satisfactory academic progress; and
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