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Fall Semester
Registration
Through August 25

Meditation
Thursdays
2:30 p.m.
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Free

Alcoholics
Anonymous
(AA)
Thursdays
6 - 7 p.m.
A2150

Ways of Making
Juried Art Exhibit
Through June 23
Reception
June 23
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Visual Arts Gallery

Pre-K Screening/
Registration/Tours
June 12, 13
9 a.m. to 2
Family Dev Cntr
708.235.7300

Sex in the Sand
Counseling Workshop
June 21
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Engbretson Hall
[Register](#)

New Perspectives on
Desire
Counseling Workshop
June 22
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
E Lounge
[Register](#)

News and Events

Generosity Recognized (04-29-10)

The GSU Foundation honored the recipients of scholarships and the donors who made the financial awards possible at a luncheon recently.



While thanking the donors, President Elaine P. Maimon noted that their generosity made educational opportunity a reality for many deserving students who would otherwise have to abandon their dreams of earning a degree.

In addition to Dr. Maimon, several scholarship recipients expressed their gratitude and what their scholarships meant to them. Julie Butler (pictured), recipient of the Lorraine Fontana Endowed Memorial Scholarship, spoke of the inspiration the scholarship provided. Nicole Olaya, recipient of the Accelerated Rehabilitation Centers Physical Therapy Scholars Award, said, "The scholarship gave me the opportunity to get my degree and the confidence to focus on my studies and achieve excellence."

Matt Gonzalez, recipient of the Great Lakes Bank Endowed Scholarship, summed up the students' sentiments, "I want to thank all the donors for providing educational opportunity to so many."

Cyberdrive Services at GSU

The Secretary of State's Mobile Service Unit will be at on campus Tuesday, May 4, from 1:30 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

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.

The services provided are available to all qualified Illinois residents. State law allows driver's license renewal up to one year in advance. Proper identification is required for new and duplicate driver's licenses and state ID cards. Acceptable forms of payment include personal checks, cash, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit and debit cards.

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IDSS Portfolio
Seminar
College Credit for
Prior Learning
June 23
10 a.m. – noon
D1496
\$50
[Register](#)
708.534.4092

Chicago Southland
Gospel Fest 2012
June 29
7:30 p.m.
Cntr Perf Arts
[Tickets](#)

DrOT Information
Session
June 30
2 p.m.
G127

For information, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

Celebrate May 5

The Cinco de Mayo celebration at GSU begins at noon, on May 5, in the Hall of Governors. Tlazokahmatli, Aztec dancers, will perform at noon and again at 4 p.m. Samples of delicious foods will be available throughout the celebration and while supplies last.

Cheer the steps and swirls of faculty and staff in GSU's favorite dance competition, *Dance with the Faculty and Staff*, from 6 to 7 p.m.

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Don't Miss Out

The deadline to submit applications for civil service scholarships is quickly approaching. All applications must be turned in next week, by May 8.

Four applicants will be chosen to receive awards of \$250 each. Applicants need be enrolled in a minimum of three credit hours and must be a civil servant at GSU or married to or a dependent of a member of the GSU civil service.

For more information and an application, contact [Senantha Jenkins](#) at ext 4484 or download the [application instructions](#).

From GSU to Berlin

Chicago Heights, the experimental film produced through the GSU MFA program, has been selected for screening on closing night in next the four-day Black International Cinema Berlin.

Dan Nearing, associate professor of fine arts, will give a presentation at the festival. He will be joined by a representative of the United States Embassy and other filmmakers, at the opening ceremonies in Berlin City Hall, the site of President John F.

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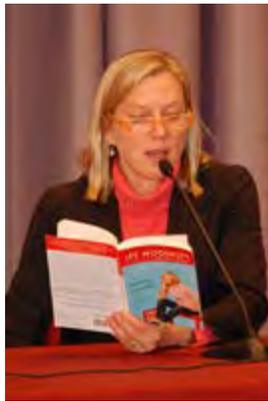
Kennedy's famous speech in which he announced, "Ich bin ein Berliner."



According to Nearing, "The presentation reflects on the spirit of our production, handled almost entirely by GSU students, and how the film's process was affected by the powerful spirit of change in south Chicago in the summer of 2008, just a few months before the election of our first black President."

Woodruff Inspires

Lee Woodruff -- author, PR exec, *Good Morning America* contributor, and founder of Remind.org -- visited GSU's campus last week. Perhaps best known as the wife of ABC news anchor Bob Woodruff who was critically injured in Iraq, Woodruff took time to meet one on one and have lunch with GSU's physical therapy students.



During the frank discussion, Woodruff described the disheartening details of her husband's injuries and the long road back to wellness. She specifically talked about the huge role physical therapists played in Bob's physical recovery and her mental recovery. "PTs have the power of Gods," she told the students. "They affect both the recovery of the patient and their families. You have chosen a noble profession."

Woodruff also took part in a signing of her newest book *Perfectly Imperfect* before speaking to a larger group of students, staff, and community members. Describing herself as an open book, she answered candid questions from the audience and further discussed the exhausting nature of juggling her role as a mother of four with her career and the responsibilities of acting as a caretaker to her husband. The day's events were both heartwarming and inspirational.

Woodruff's visit to campus was sponsored by GSU's Intellectual Life Committee.

Latino Symposium (04-26-10)

The Title V Latino Center for Excellence is sponsoring a free symposium for students, faculty, and staff from across the region on May 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The symposium will address the issues and concerns facing Latino and other students from diverse backgrounds.

The goal of the higher education symposium is to increase awareness of the social, economic, and cultural barriers that negatively impact student success in higher education. Increased understanding will lead to more effective teaching and academic advising at both the community college and university levels.

The keynote speakers, Dr. Christina Gomez and Dr. Frank D. Sanchez, are experts in issues surrounding access to education and equitable

and fair education practices.

In addition to the keynote speakers, GSU faculty members, trained in best practices for providing equitable educational opportunities within the classroom, will share their discoveries and observations in breakout sessions.

This event is sponsored by the Title V Cooperative Grant with Morton College, the Latino Center for Excellence, Student Affairs, and the GSU Faculty Development Committee.

For more information, contact [Monica Teixeira](#) at ext. 7609 or visit the [symposium website](#).

What's On Your Mind?

Civil Service staff are invited to a Town Hall Meeting with the President on Tuesday, April 27, at 1 p.m., in Cafeteria Annex. Attendees are asked to bring questions and ideas to continue the open conversation with President Maimon and other university administrators. Refreshments will be served. Contact [Penny Perdue](#), at ext. 4130, for more information.

Recycling Champs

For the second year in a row GSU competed in *RecycleMania* – a nationwide challenge for colleges and universities to increase awareness of waste reduction and recycling initiatives. And once again GSU showed it knows how to take out the trash.



Competing in the Waste Minimization category, GSU place sixteenth out of 199 schools at the national level and first among the five schools competing from Illinois.

The university's efforts were measured by adding the weight of our recyclables to the weight of our trash and dividing that number by the number of students and employees of GSU.

Congratulations to the GSU community for remembering to recycle whenever possible. Keep up the good work!

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The Case for Multilingualism

In summing up her presentation before last month's Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC), Dr. Rashidah Jaami' Muhammad referred to "an old joke":

*What do you call someone who speaks three languages?
Trilingual.*

*What do you call someone who speaks two languages?
Bilingual.*

*What do you call someone who speaks one language?
An American.*

At the Louisville meeting, Dr. Muhammad, a member of CCCC's Language Policy Committee, spoke on *21st Century Remix: Hearing Global Voices of a Multilingual Society*. In her presentation, she stressed the need for Americans to prepare for a world – and a nation – where many languages are spoken.



"It has never been more important for Americans to learn more languages," she says. "It makes us a better people when we learn to speak the languages of other cultures." America is a great country because we draw upon the resources of our nation's diverse cultures, she said.

Dr. Muhammad is no stranger to the CCCC – she estimates she has made a presentation at nearly every annual meeting for the last 20 years. She has witnessed change in the way Americans look at language. In 1968, for instance, a group of young Hispanics staged a protest over their Los Angeles high school's language policies. Today, one of those protestors is mayor of Los Angeles.

Some language issues, though, are still unresolved. Dr. Muhammad says it is essential that students are allowed to develop within the language of their nurturing. Students coming from homes where "standard" English is not spoken should not be diminished, she says, and schools need to acknowledge that they are products of cultures with differing language rules and patterns. Organizations like the CCCC have supported the language of nurturing since the mid 1970s.

"It takes more than one step to get to standard English," she says.

Dr. Muhammad praised the GSU Writing Center as "a wonderful resource" that helps students coming from different cultures and with different languages achieve the skills needed for college-level writing.

FOL Offers Mini Auction

The Friends of the GSU Library thanks everyone who worked and supported the recent book sale and silent auction. The Friends raised over \$800, which will be used to support important library initiatives like the purchase of books for the New York Times Best Seller Collection. Their efforts will continue with a mini silent auction, taking place in the Library, through May 31. Items and the bid sheet will be on display in a case located near the circulation desk. The items up for bid include a print by American film director and choreographer Jerome

Robbins. Bidding starts at only \$20. Make your bid today to continue your support of the Friends of the GSU Library.

Tutor of the Year

Sheryl Szot Gallaher, Director of the GSU Office of Economic Education, was selected Tutor of the Year at the "New Readers in Illinois" conference at The University of Illinois – Chicago, on April 17. The award was presented by John McCleod, President of the Board of Directors of the Literacy Volunteers of Illinois, and Maureen Meehan, Director of Community Programs at UIC's Center for Literacy.

Gallaher volunteers weekly in an adult literacy program at Moraine Valley Community College, working with groups of six to eight adults.

Totally Tollway

GSU's Associate VP of Human Resources, Gail Bradshaw, was recently appointed to The State of Illinois' Tollway Transition Team.

The newly created Tollway Transition Team will bring together leaders with expertise from all walks of life, business, and industry to provide input and counsel necessary to set the course for the Tollway as it looks to the challenges of the future. Team members were invited to serve pro-bono and represent a wide range of business, labor, transportation planning and advocacy, and hospitality management interests.

The Transition Team will evaluate opportunities for the Tollway to contribute most effectively to regional economic growth, foster environmental responsibility in roadway and agency operations, increase coordination with regional transportation and planning agencies, further accountability and transparency to the public, and increase customer service to its 1.4 million daily drivers and Illinois residents.

Nguessan Named Editor

Dr. Michel Nguessan, Assistant Professor of Library Science, was recently appointed Editor-in-Chief for the *International Journal of Library Science* (IJLS).

The IJLS is a peer-reviewed journal that publishes research articles in the area of library Science and information. This is a broad-based journal covering all branches including interdisciplinary research.

The appointment is a two year, renewable appointment. As Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Nguessan issues the calls for papers, institutes and oversees the submission and review process, and issues acceptance/rejection letters.

Earth Day Celebrated Today (04-22-10)

GSU celebrated Earth Day today, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with music, stories, informative exhibitions, and great food served on eco-friendly products.



Live folk music filled the air. The cafeteria offered a special Earth Day menu served on compostable products. Exhibits included demonstrations of GSU's proposed wind turbine, composting, and alternate fuel vehicles including the hydrogen bus from Bloom Township High School. Also on display were eco-friendly products such as rain barrels, garden stakes, and children's art exhibit. Information on the uses of manure and herb gardening was available. The GSU Biology Club displayed the unusual collection of garbage cleaned from one small section of Thorn Creek that runs through the grounds of the university. There were also stations for recycling batteries and pharmaceuticals.

A tour of Natural History of GSU, took participants to the GSU environmental field station and a tour of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park and children's storytelling rounded out the afternoon. The event was sponsored by the GSU Sustainability Committee.

Don't forget to share how you're "going green" on GSU's [Facebook page](#).

Dr. Martin Stepping Down for HLC Post

University officials are lauding Dr. Eric Martin, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, who is leaving GSU for a senior position at the Higher Learning Commission.

Dr. Martin last week announced he is stepping down as CAS Dean to become Vice President for Accreditation Relations at the HLC's main office in Chicago. He assumes his new post in July.



"It has been my great privilege to serve Governors State University for the past 11 years," Dr. Martin said Thursday. "Those here know GSU is unique among institutions of higher education, and I am proud to have advanced this mission in modest ways by working with truly wonderful people."

President Elaine Maimon pointed out that Dr. Martin served in a number of leadership roles at the university, and was co-chairman, with Dr. Ann Vendrely, of the GSU Self-Study Committee that made preparations for last fall's HLC visit and successful 10-year reaccreditation.

"His success in each of these positions at GSU has prepared him for this next step in his career," Dr. Maimon said. "I am sure all of you join me in congratulating Dr. Martin and in wishing him every future success."

Dr. Martin first came to GSU in 1999 as director of Writing Across the Curriculum. He was later appointed Associate Provost and was named CAS Dean in June, 2006.

Dr. Maimon and Interim Provost David Curtis will establish the search procedures that lead to the appointment of an Interim Dean, who will serve while GSU looks for a successor to Dr. Martin. The university will conduct a national search for CAS Dean and will retain a national executive search firm to make sure GSU recruits the best and most

diverse pool of candidates.

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I Saw the Sign

GSU is embarking on a new campus signage improvement project to help students, faculty, staff, and visitors find their way around campus. The project will help make the campus more welcoming to prospective students, help the university to reach its enrollment goals, and ensure that the campus signage is more user friendly and accessible to community members attending special events.

Before final designs are completed, the university is seeking the input of the entire campus community. Presentation boards illustrating interior and exterior signage concepts are currently on display in the Hall of Governors.

There are several ways to provide feedback on this project:

1. Use the dedicated kiosk adjacent to the presentation posters in the Hall of Governors
2. E-mail suggestions to signage@govst.edu
3. Submit comments online at www.govst.edu/signage

Civil Service Town Hall

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Senators Announced

The new Student Senate was elected and will be sworn in on Friday, April 30, at 2 p.m., in the Student Commons, located in the A building.

The new senators include Jada Nettle and Michael Coglianesse from the College of Arts and Sciences; Chengwei Yu and Justine Kline from the College of Business and Public Administration; Lisa Wallace from the



College of Education, Sara Ionescu from the College of Health and Human Services; Betty Campbell and Denice Hill from the Interdisciplinary Studies program; and Senators at Large: Andre Barnett, CBPA; David Corcoran CAS; Richard Culbreath, CAS; Timothy Ackerman, CAS; Bryce Johnson, CAS; Carmin Garnica, CAS; and Ron Wojcik, CBPA.

The GSU representative to the Illinois Board of Higher Education is Dominique Taylor. The student representative to the Board of Trustees is Brendan Hollandsworth.

In addition to the candidates who applied to be on the ballots, several representatives were elected via the write-in process. Congratulations to the 2010 student representatives!

Occupational Therapy Information Session

Learn about entry level Master of Occupational Therapy and the post professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy programs offered at GSU at an information session on Saturday, April 24, in room G127. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. The program is from 10 a.m. to noon.

Attendees are encouraged to bring transcripts for preliminary advisement. For more information or to R.S.V.P., contact [Mary Tracy](#) at ext.7293.

Creek Clean Up



No one is quite sure how long the engine has been in Thorn Creek, but it isn't there any longer. Or how long the bowling shoes, bald tires, and coiled wire have blocked the water flow. But all that trash and truckloads more were hauled from the banks and bottom of Thorn Creek by members of the GSU Biology Club and GSU professors Yunger and D'Arcy.

Members of the GSU Facilities department who operated a front loader to lift the heavy car parts and engine pieces out of the creek helped the students. They also provided trucks to cart the trash away. DPS assisted the students' efforts by ensuring the workers' safety along Dralle Roads.

Members of the Biology Club hope to make this clean up an annual event. The fruits of their labors - the piles of refuse - will be on display today during the GSU Earth Day Celebration.

Student Research Proposals Due

GSU will hold its 16th Annual Student Research Conference on Wednesday, May 26, 2010. The conference will provide students with an opportunity to present their research before an audience of their peers, and will provide a forum to highlight research

accomplishments at GSU. All presentations will be made by students.

All students are encouraged to attend the conference, even if they are not presenting any paper.

The abstract submission deadline is Friday, May 12. Registration and abstract submission forms are available on the [conference website](#).

Understanding Economics Conference for Educators

The Office of Economic Education at GSU is sponsoring a daylong workshop for teachers to help them prepare their students for the future. *Understanding Economics in Civics and Government* will be held Friday, April 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Hyatt Lodge, McDonald's Corporation Headquarters, Oak Brook, Illinois.

Special speakers and hands on activities will provide explanations of the costs and benefits of government policies, the importance of the U.S. Census, and ways to make civics, government, and economics relevant in the classroom.

Registration is \$60. Participating teachers will earn six CPDUs. For more information or to register, contact [Sheryl Gallaher](#).

Why Not? Winter Winner Honored

Angela Phillips' suggestion to "Why Not?" will lead GSU to better customer services and netted Angela \$100 as the Winter trimester winner.



Angela suggested that the recent customer service training received by all GSU full time employees be extended to student employees. "I think we should have the same opportunity to take these classes so that we, too, can provide good customer service. After all, student workers interact with customers and other students all the time."

To celebrate her suggestion, Angela joined Dr. Maimon and GSU's incoming provost, Dr. Terry Allison, for a special lunch followed by cake in the cafeteria.

Constructive suggestions to "Why Not?" are always needed. Submit your ideas to www.govst.edu/whynot/ and you could be the next \$100 winner.

Reduced Childcare Fees at FDC

Evening childcare for the children of students who receive Pell Grants is available at the Family Development Center for a 75 percent discount. This grant-funded discount enables children of qualified GSU students, who are 3 to 12 years old, to enjoy the safe and enriching environment of the Family Development Center while their parents concentrate on their educations. Childcare is available Monday through Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m.

To take advantage of this discount, a copy of the student's financial aid

award letter is required. For more information, contact the [Family Development Center](#) at 708.235.7300.

Support GSU Women's Volleyball

The GSU Women's Volley team is on the road and playing great ball with tough competitors. All games are played at the Oak Lawn Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

Student Life would like to gauge interest in bus transportation to and from GSU to the games. If you are interested in riding the fan bus, please contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) at saasnews@govst.edu.

GSU Women's Volleyball team schedule

April 22, 9:30 – 10:30 p.m.

April 29, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

May 6, 8:30 – 9:30 p.m.

May 13 bye week

May 20, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

May 27, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

June 3, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

June 10, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

June 17, Championship Tournament (Times - TBD)

See You on the Green

GSU's golf league is gearing up for summer fun. The informal group is open to all employees, regardless of their skill level. The group will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning on April 27. Twilight play will begin at 4:30 p.m. sharp, at Golf Vista, 5001 W. Augusta Boulevard, Monee.

The cost to participate is the same as last year: \$5 per round and \$10 per cart (carts can be shared between two people). Interested golfers should contact [Hollie Campbell](#) at ext. 7595.

Need a Transcript?

GSU recently announced that in addition to the in person and by mail methods, transcripts may now also be ordered online.

The online service allows students (currently enrolled and alumni) to order as many official transcripts as are needed online using any major credit card. Whenever a transcript is ordered, real-time order updates are emailed. Order tracking is also available on the transcript ordering website.

Students may request the release of their transcripts in three ways:

- By mail (\$10 per copy)
[Download Official Transcript Request Form](#)
Governors State University
Office of the Registrar
1 University Parkway
University Park, IL 60484
- In person (\$10 per copy)
Checks or money orders should be made payable to Governors State University.

- Online via the [National Student Clearinghouse](#) (\$10 per copy + a \$2.25 processing fee for the entire transaction).

Transcripts of any type are not released to students with outstanding obligations (holds) to the university. Unofficial transcripts are available on the web to currently enrolled students and may be accessed through the [Student Web Information System](#).

Faxed or e-mailed requests cannot be accepted.

For more information, contact [Myeisha Grady](#), at ext. 4511, call the transcript information line at 708.534.4369, or visit www.govst.edu/transcripts.

Dancing Shoes

GSU's Recreation and Fitness Center has extended its popular belly and line dancing workshops. Please note the time and date changes.

The Belly Dancing Class will be held on April 21, 29, and May 6, 13, and 20. The sessions will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., in the Rec and Fitness Center.

Line Dancing classes will take place on Mondays, between April 5 and June 28, from 5 to 6 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Both classes cost only \$5 for students, \$15 for Rec and Fitness members, and \$25 for non-members. For more information, contact the Rec and Fitness Center at 708.534.4945.

Board of Trustees Recap - April 2010 (04-20-10)

GSU's Board of Trustees Friday conducted its first full board meeting of 2010.

The Board unanimously approved a consent agenda that included:

- A 5.8 percent tuition increase for undergraduates beginning this fall. Trustees also increased the Career and Counseling fee by \$2; all other fees will remain at the 2009-2010 level;
- A new contract with GSU's faculty union, University Professionals of Illinois Local 4100. The collective bargaining contract, which has been ratified by both faculty and board, is retroactive to last September 1 and is in effect through August 31, 2013;
- Dr. Terry Allison's appointment as professor of English in the College of Arts and Science, effective when Dr. Allison takes over as Provost in July;
- Changes in the contract for the university's Wind Turbine Project; and
- A resolution honoring outgoing Civil Service Senate President Kathy Miller. During her six years as president, Miller has served her constituency with "the utmost integrity, intelligence, and compassion," the resolution states. "She has served as a resource to the university administration and Trustees, steadfast in her support of the university's purpose and sincere in her commitment to the mission of the university."

The Board heard a presentation on efforts to attract more community college transfer students to GSU, which is a key component of the

university's Strategy 2015 master plan. Executive Vice President Dr. Gebeyehu Ejigu said GSU is implementing a number of quality tools to meet enrollment goals, and that undergraduate enrollment is already showing promising gains. Dr. Carol Cortilet-Albrecht, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management and Registrar, said "it's been a wonderful year for enrollment," and that innovative programs like dual enrollment, a tuition freeze, and debt free proposal are already paying off in attracting more community college transfer students.

Board Chair Lorine S. Samuels commented on GSU's steady progress, even in challenging times. She called special attention to the university's newly formed sports teams and how well they are performing. The Women's Table Tennis Team was successful at the recent NCTTA Championship in Wisconsin, and the Women's Volleyball team had its first match last week.

In her report, President Maimon provided details on the three competitive grants awarded to GSU in the first three months of 2010. The U.S. Department of Labor awarded a \$4.9 million grant that will be used to train persons for jobs in the healthcare professions. GSU's Family Development Center received a \$1.7 million grant to begin an Early Head Start program. The U.S. Department of Education awarded a \$7.1 million Teacher Quality Partnership Grant to expand offerings in GSU's alternative certification program. The DOE grant will be jointly administered by the College of Education and the College of Arts and Sciences and will be used to train teachers through a one-year residency program, based on the intense, hands-on training that medical professionals receive. Dr. Maimon praised all the GSU faculty and staff members who worked on the successful grant projects.

The Board elected officers for the coming year. Trustee Samuels was re-elected Chair, Trustee Kristi DeLaurentiis was elected Vice Chair, and Trustee Jack Beaupre was elected Secretary.

Joan Vaughan, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, briefed the Board on the university's latest efforts to engage Illinois legislators and other state officials. GSU is working tirelessly to let lawmakers know that improvements to E & F Wings are the university's top priority, she said. A number of lawmakers have responded positively to the outreach efforts and have contacted Governor Quinn's office to push for the release of funds for the science building.

GSU - KCC Signing Event (04-15-10)

In an important step toward the future of education, Governors State University joined forces with Kankakee Community College on Wednesday when the presidents of each institution signed a dual admissions agreement.

"If the nation is to compete, we know we must move the needle on the percentage of students who achieve bachelor's degrees," President Maimon commented, at the recent signing ceremony at KCC. "What has been done before to help them has not worked. This program has the potential to serve as an example to the nation."

The KCC-GSU dual admissions agreement guarantees that participating KCC students, after earning their associate's degree in two years, will be able to complete their bachelor's degrees at GSU with



some significant benefits. Their GSU tuition will be fixed at the rate in effect when they began their freshman studies at KCC. They will also be eligible to compete for the debt-free education offered provided by the GSU Promise and receive the guidance and services of both institutions during their studies.

Dr. Maimon noted the disappointing record of bachelor's degree completion at both the university and community college level. "Only 10 percent of students who begin at community college with hopes of achieving a bachelor's degree have done so after six years of study." The numbers are even lower among minority students.

"The Obama administration has targeted community college and baccalaureate degree completion as a national priority," said Maimon. The dual admission initiative also supports the Illinois Board of Higher Education's Public Agenda and Complete College America coalition, she added. "Dual admission will motivate students and encourage them to aim high by deciding to pursue a bachelor's degree at the start of their college career."

Dr. John Avendano, President of KCC, lauded the agreement noting that the majority of the transfer students leaving KCC attend GSU.

Joining Presidents Maimon and Avendano were Jack Beaupre, GSU Board of Trustees vice chair, and Richard J. Frey, KCC board trustee.

On April 30, President Maimon will host a summit of the presidents of the community colleges from Chicago and the south suburbs at GSU. The focus of the meeting will be initiatives such as dual admissions agreements that respond to the growing need to more effectively serve community college transfer students in their quest for higher education.

Spring Commencement Student Speaker Sought

The Commencement Student Speaker Committee is currently accepting nominations for the winter commencement ceremony to be held on Saturday, June 12. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to nominate a deserving individual to give the student commencement address. Students may nominate themselves.

To nominate a student, complete the [Commencement Faculty-Staff Recommendation Nomination](#) form. Nominated students should submit the [Commencement Student Nomination](#) form. All forms should be submitted to [Vanessa Newby](#) (room A2104) no later than Thursday, April 22. Applicants must be willing to meet for an interview on Friday, May 14, between noon and 5 p.m.

Table Tennis Team Triumphs

In its first appearance in the NCTTA national championship competition, the GSU women's table tennis team made its presence known both on and off the court. Among the 14 women's teams in the competition,

GSU had the lowest skill rating at the beginning of the competition, but that rating did not indicate how well the team would perform.

In the consolation round of matches, the GSU women's team beat 11th ranked Drexel University in intense singles and doubles competition. Coach T.J. Wang and his players followed a strategy that accentuated their strengths and disrupted the opposing team's confidence. While the GSU women had never played doubles table tennis, they rose to the occasion, ultimately beating Drexel three games to two. As one observer noted, the cheers of joy and excitement from the GSU women filled the gymnasium where the competitions were held.



When not competing themselves, GSU team members served as volunteers assisting the NCTTA wherever they were needed.

"I am very proud of what our women players have achieved at the 2010 NCTTA Championships," said Dr. Wang. "Their conduct and services have been commended by the NCTTA President as being leaders and role models to students from other schools. As the coach of our women players, I am very proud of their courage, spirit, self-discipline, and remarkable representation for the University."

Crafty Devils at Work

The Civil Service Senate is Hosting a Spring Open Market on Thursday, April 15, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Hall of Governors will be filled with more than 25 vendors. Shoppers are encouraged to pick up a gift for Mother's Day or graduation. Spending your tax refund on yourself is OK, too.

Trustees and Students Exchange Ideas

More than 80 students joined President Maimon and all six GSU trustees Tuesday evening for a frank and open discussion of university issues. The event, planned with the help of the Student Senate, was a GSU first, providing students with the opportunity to talk directly with the Trustees. Several students remarked that they had never heard of such a gathering at their previous institutions.

Carmin Garnica, President of the Student Senate, organized the evening's agenda, which included several discussion points and plenty of time for audience participation. Garnica and Lorine Samuels, Chair of the Board of Trustees, acted as discussion moderators.

Students raised questions about commencement, tuition and fee increases, day vs. evening classes, and new doctorate programs, along with many other issues. Bryce Johnsen, GSU's student trustee, presented a compelling argument for a proposed \$2 per student increase in the Career and Counseling fee. He explained how he, along with many other students, is entering a tight job market, underscoring the need for more services to help these students find jobs – services that will be supported by the proposed fee increase.

Students, administrators, and trustees were in agreement about the value of such a discussion and expressed appreciation to the others for

participating. Trustee Samuels ended the evening by thanking everyone for sharing their concerns, opinions, and suggestions.

Celebrate Earth Day at GSU

Earth Day at GSU will be celebrated with music, stories, informative exhibitions, and great food served on eco-friendly products. On April 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the campus will be a hub of Earth Day celebration.

Live folk music will fill the air. The cafeteria will offer a special Earth Day menu served on compostable products. Exhibits include demonstrations of GSU's wind turbine, composting, and alternate fuel vehicles including the hydrogen bus from Bloom Township High School. Also on display will be eco-friendly products such as rain barrels, garden stakes, and children's art exhibit. Information on the uses of manure and herb gardening will also be available. The GSU Biology Club will display the unusual collection of garbage cleaned from one small section of Thorn Creek that runs through the grounds of the university. There will also be stations for recycling batteries and pharmaceuticals.

A tour of Natural History of GSU, which will take participants to the GSU biology field station, begins at 11:30 a.m. A tour of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park begins at 1 p.m. Storytelling will be at 11:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

This event is sponsored by the GSU Sustainability Committee. All the events and demonstrations are free and open to the public. For more information, contact [John Yunger](#) at ext. 4524.

GSU Students Again at Argonne

GSU computer science students will attempt to bring America closer to energy independence when they return to Argonne National Laboratory this summer.

Two teams of computer science students will engage in computer modeling and simulation during the 10-week program at Argonne, the U.S. Department of Energy's giant laboratory near Lemont. Students will participate in Argonne's search for efficient, practical fuel cells that can be used someday to propel American automobiles.



"They are helping create the car of the future," said Dr. Xueqing (Clare) Tang, associate professor of computer science. Dr. Tang and Dr. Soon-Ok Park, professor of computer science, will supervise the two teams of students.

GSU faculty and students have participated for five years in the Argonne project, which is funded by the National Science Foundation. In past years, five or six undergraduate computer students have worked each summer with Argonne scientists on research projects dealing with groundwater contamination and combating West Nile Virus. Students this summer will work on the fuel cell project for the second straight year.

Under the NSF grant, students live at Argonne for the summer, and

are paid to participate in the program. Students must come from underrepresented groups. At the end of the summer, each student presents a research paper.

Working each summer with world-class scientists can be daunting, Dr. Tang said. "DOE and NSF expect us to deliver on what we promise," she said. "We have to contribute to Argonne's research. That means our students have to show that they are capable. We sometimes have to remind them that they are good enough to be part of this research. But they always meet the challenge."

Dr. Mary Carrington will lead a team of GSU biology students at Argonne this summer.

GSU maintains a relationship with Argonne throughout the year, Dr. Tang said. An Argonne scientist delivers a Distinguished Lecture every year at GSU. Also, students in Dr. Tang's Computer Science Research class participate electronically in on-going projects at Argonne.

Perfectly Imperfect

Governors State University will welcome Lee Woodruff to campus on Wednesday, April 21. The free discussion is open to the public and will take place from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Woodruff will discuss her intriguing life as an author, PR exec, Good Morning America contributor, wife of ABC news anchor Bob Woodruff, and founder of Remind.org.

She will also sign copies of her newest book *Perfectly Imperfect: A Life in Progress* before and after the discussion. Copies of the book are available for purchase at the GSU bookstore. She wrote her previous book, *In an Instant*, with her husband Bob Woodruff, after he was critically injured while covering the war in Iraq for ABC news.

For additional information, contact [Robbie O'Shea](#) at 708.235.3994.

Occupational Therapy Information

Learn about entry level Master of Occupational Therapy and the post professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy programs offered at GSU at an information session on Saturday, April 24, in room G127. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. The program is from 10 a.m. to noon.

Attendees are encouraged to bring transcripts for preliminary advisement. For more information or to R.S.V.P., call 708.534.7293, or email [Mary Tracy](#).

Student - Faculty Symposium

The Title V Latino Center for Excellence is sponsoring a free symposium for students, faculty, and staff from across the region on May 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at GSU. The symposium will address the issues and concerns facing Latino and other students from diverse backgrounds in higher education.

The goal of the symposium is to increase awareness of the social, economic, and cultural barriers that negatively impact student success in higher education. Increased understanding will lead to more

effective teaching and academic advising at both the community college and university levels.

The keynote speakers, Dr. Christina Gomez and Dr. Frank D. Sanchez, are experts in issues surrounding access to education and equitable and fair education practices.

In addition to the keynote speakers, GSU faculty members, trained in best practices for providing equitable educational opportunities within the classroom, will share their discoveries and observations in breakout sessions.

This event is sponsored by Title V Cooperative Grant with Morton College, the Latino Center for Excellence, Student Affairs, and the GSU Faculty Development Committee.

For more information, contact [Monica Teixeira](#) at ext. 7609 or visit the [symposium website](#).

Talk to the Board (04-12-10)

The GSU Board of Trustees wants to know what concerns GSU students. Join them for pizza and conversation on Tuesday, April 13, from 6 to 8 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts lobby.

This is great opportunity to meet the Trustees, and provide valuable input and suggestions about the university and the issues important to students. To RSVP, email saasnews@govst.edu.

Volunteers Celebrated

GSU V-Team volunteers were honored at an ice cream social last week. Members of the volunteer squad received recognition and the thanks of a grateful university.

V-team members are students, faculty, and staff members who help out at special campus events such as Commencement, scholarship luncheons, Nathan Manilow Sculpture park events, and the student dance.



To join the V-team, contact [Pulchratia Kinney-Smith](#) or [Mary Rothenberg](#). Everyone is welcome.

Mmm, Mmm Good

The Association of Latin American Students will sell mouth-watering churros on April 13, from noon to 4 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Each churro is only \$1.50. The funds raised will support Latin cultural activities on campus.

To preorder, contact [Ana Villanueva](#) at 815.260.6525. Include the number of churros that you wish to order, your name, and contact information.

Party Time

The Psychology and Counseling Annual Gala will be held on April 17, from 6 to 11 p.m., at the University Golf Club, in University Park. The celebration is open to students, alumni, faculty, and staff of the Division of Psychology and Counseling, and includes dinner, DJ, and dancing.

This event is sponsored by Chi Sigma Iota, Illinois Counseling Association, the College of Education, and the GSU Alumni Association. Tickets are \$25 and reservations are required.

For more information or to register, email ica-sci@govst.edu.

Friends Gathering



The next Friends of the GSU Library meeting will be held Wednesday, April 14, at noon, in the Library Conference room. Please feel free to bring your brown bag lunch.

And don't forget, the Friends of the Library book sale and art auction is on April 13, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Spike!

The GSU women's volleyball team played their first two competitive matches against teams participating in an Oak Lawn Park District competitive league. The first was against the league's defending champions. The GSU team was very competitive. Losing in two close games with the scores of 25 to 20 and 24 to 22. The GSU team won the second match of the double header by scores of 25 to 19 and 22 to 16.

The next match will be on Thursday in Oak Lawn. The GSU Women's Volleyball Club is always looking for skilled players. For more information, contact [Dean Jennings](#).

Transformation Lecture - Dr. Aida Giachello

The Transformations Lecture Series concludes with *The Transformation of Health Care for Underserved Populations* presented by Dr. Aida Giachello, Professor of Social Work at the University of Illinois-Chicago, on Wednesday, April 21, at 5 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Dr. Giachello is considered an expert on Hispanic/Latino health issues. She is founder and director of the Midwest Latino Health Research, Training, and Policy Center. The Center conducts health outcomes research and research training, provides technical assistance, and policy development assistance in the areas of chronic conditions and maternal and child health.

The University Honors Program and the College of Arts and Sciences at GSU are sponsors of the lecture. For more information, ext. 4578.

Art of Jenni Lake



The Visual Arts Gallery is hosting an exhibit of oil paintings and mixed media drawings by graduate student Jenni Lake from April 12 through 16. A closing reception to celebrate the artist and the exhibit will be held on Friday, April 16, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The GSU Visual Arts Gallery is located next to E-Lounge. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

CBPA Alumni Gathering

Graduates of the College of Business and Public Administration are invited to an alumni gathering on Tuesday, May 11, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The event, which combines networking, friendship, and fun, will take place at Jenny's Steakhouse, 20 Kansas Street, Frankfort, Illinois. Light appetizers and a cash bar will be available. James Grady III ('95, '98), Chief of the Frankfort Fire District, and Sharon Filkins Jenrich ('78, '98), President of Jenrich Communications, will host the event.

To RSVP, contact the Alumni Association by May 5 at 708.534.4128 or alumnirelations2@govst.edu.

Tornado Season (04-08-10)

The GSU community is reminded that tornado season is upon us. According to the National Weather Service, tornadic activity is most prevalent between March and June.

In the event of a tornado, the campus community will be informed via the hallway fire alarm public address system and the Berbee interoffice telephone system. Once a tornado warning is issued on campus, all students, faculty, and staff must move to their nearest shelter area.



Please take note of tornado shelter areas throughout campus, which are indicated by red signs. Maps of all shelters are also available on the [Emergency Response website](#).

As with other emergencies, movement toward shelter areas will be facilitated by GSU's Emergency Volunteer Corps.

Still Time to Vote



There is still time for GSU students to vote for Student Senate representatives. The GSU Student Senate is the university's student voice. Elections continue through April 9.

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Legislative Guests

All faculty and staff are reminded that any GSU-related contact with elected officials should begin through the Office of Institutional Advancement. The university continues to support the active invitation of elected officials to campus for special events and activities, however, outreach to officials needs to be coordinated on a campus wide level.

Before contacting an elected official, please contact Joan Vaughan, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, at ext. 4977.

Spelunking for Science

Dr. Tim Gsell takes his microbiology students deep into the earth in search of scientific discoveries. Gsell and his students have travelled to caves in southern Illinois, Virginia, and Missouri to look for – and possibly discover scientific uses for – microbes that live in a world without light.

Dr. Gsell, an associate professor of microbiology, shows a visitor digital photos of a recent trip. The microbe hunters, dressed in hard hats and caving gear, wind their way through tight spaces while looking for water and sediment samples.

Finding samples is just the first step for Dr. Gsell's students as they learn how to unlock the secrets of microscopic creatures, and how they survive in their own environment. Back at GSU, students analyze the cellular structure of microbes to determine their genetic makeup and whether they have any scientific uses.



To analyze microbes, GSU students use complex instruments, some of which were purchased through a 2004 National Science Foundation grant. According to Dr. Gsell, the grant was designed to allow undergraduate students to use instruments like thermocyclers and DNA sequencers as part of their classroom studies.

"Previously, only advanced students, and those working in research, had access to this kind of equipment," Dr. Gsell says. With the NSF grant, undergraduate microbiology students could use a state of the art laboratory facility as part of their regular coursework.

A quick primer on how lab analysis works: First, students amplify – or “grow” – a microbe sample’s DNA fragments by using a thermocycler. Then, fragments are analyzed in a DNA sequencer. The DNA sequence of the sample, when complete, is emailed to the Ribosomal Database Project at Michigan State University, where a supercomputer matches its DNA characteristics to the hundreds of thousands of samples already on file.

Dr. Gsell and his Division of Science colleagues presented posters on how the grant has expanded opportunities for GSU undergraduates during conferences in 2008 and 2009, most recently at last year’s American Society of Microbiology meeting.

Shake Your Moneymaker

GSU’s Recreation and Fitness Center is offering two opportunities to put on your dancing shoes (or boots).

The popular Belly Dancing Class will be held on April 15, 21, 29, and May 6 and 13. The sessions will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Rec and Fitness Center.

The currently-running line dancing class has been extended through April 26. Workshops will meet on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria Annex.

Both classes cost only \$5 for students, \$15 for Rec and Fitness members, and \$25 for non-members. For more information, contact the Rec and Fitness Center at 708.534.4945.

Art on the Auction Block



The Friends of the GSU Library will be hosting a silent art auction in addition to their book sale on Tuesday, April 13, in the Hall of Honors. The auction will begin at 11 a.m. for Friends (noon for others) and end at 8 p.m. Original oil paintings, prints from renowned Navajo artist R.C. Gorman, a Native American print from Amado Peña, prints from Phyllis Rash Hughes and Cyndi Callog, and a Marushka print will be auctioned. Photographs from Ray Hartl, Jerome Robbins, and Mel Katz will also be offered. Proceeds from the auction benefit the GSU Library.

CPA Visits Tinley

GSU’s Center for Performing Arts continues its role of joining education with the arts by taking part in a community arts event on Saturday, May 8, at Andrew High School in Tinley Park. The event will offer children (grades K-8) an opportunity to experience an array of the creative and performing arts by means of presentations, interactions, stories, experiences, and hands-on activities.

The Center will present half hour sessions promoting its summer theatre camp. The sessions will feature interactive activities facilitated by actors from the Emerald City Theatre Company and The Center’s own Jane Cox.

More information about the summer camp is available on [The Center's website](#).

Where's the Data?

[The Profiles of Academic Majors Fall 2009](#) is now posted on the Institutional Research website. Each college section now begins with tables for all students in the college then continues with tables for levels within colleges and all degree programs in the college.

Also new on the Institutional Research website...

Included in the section "Other Reports" is the [On campus Housing Survey 2009-10](#).

Also posted to the "Other Reports" is the final summary of GSU's 3-year experiment: [Increasing Survey Response Rates: Combining Experimental Manipulations](#).

[Peer Comparison Data - IPEDS Data Feedback Report](#) is now available. This report compares data provided by GSU through the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) to data for a similar group of institutions.

[Enrollment Management Plan](#) indicators have been added to the dashboard.

To view additional data available on the Internet, please visit the [Institutional Research website](#). To provide feedback or ask questions, contact [Linda Buyer](#) or [Kathy Miller](#).

Sharing Successes

The GSU Faculty Summer Institute, *Sharing Success*, will be held on Tuesday, June 15 and Wednesday, June 16.

Burks Oakley II from University of Illinois (Professor Emeritus) and David Gagnon from the University of Wisconsin, Madison will both speak at the institute.

An equally important aspect of the event is the active participation of GSU's own faculty members. A call for proposals has been issued, with a May 17 deadline. Faculty may either lead a panel session or give an individual presentation.

For more information, contact [Jan Engle](#) at ext. 3073.

GSU Receives \$7.1 million DOE Grant (04-05-10)

Governors State University last week received a \$7.1 million federal education grant to expand and refine teaching programs designed to raise student achievement and improve instruction in nine high-need Chicago Southland school districts. With the Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) grant, GSU's nationally renowned alternative certification program will add a residency component modeled after intense, hands-on



training that's the norm in the medical profession.

GSU alternative certification students will work with mentor-teachers in south suburban classrooms. They will be paid \$30,000 during the one-year residency period, with that salary coming via the federal grant. Teacher candidates will work in high-need, low-income school districts and, after certification, will agree to teach for three years in the partner district. The grant provides funding for about 170 residency placements over the next five years.

"This collaborative program with its focus on innovative teacher preparation, the teacher residency model, and student achievement, will have an academic, social, and economic impact on our school districts and surrounding communities," said Dr. Deborah Bordelon, dean of the College of Education.

Budget Time

As the next fiscal year quickly approaches, the university has initiated its annual Planning and Budget Advisory Council (PBAC) budget planning process.

Administrators and department/division heads are asked to begin preparing their FY2011 budget requests, which are due to the university Budget Office by Monday, May 10.

In light of preliminary indications that GSU's state appropriations may be reduced by as much as 10 percent, all budget proposals should propose specific measures to reduce their fiscal allocations.

[Download FY2011 Budget Development Memo/Package](#)

ERP Presentation Reminder

All faculty and staff are invited to attend presentations by two additional Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system vendors, which have been selected through a national RFP process. GSU is bringing the additional vendors to campus for presentations on April 7 and 8. The presentation format will remain the same as the first two vendors.

Because the selection of a new system affects every department within the university, it is extremely important for as many employees as possible to attend the sessions that apply to them and their associated functional or service areas.

Attendees will have the opportunity to complete presentation feedback forms to provide input on this important process. The Vendor Proposals Evaluation Team will take your feedback into consideration when making its final recommendation to the President.

Presentation Schedule

Wednesday, April 7 – Vendor 3
Hall of Honors

Thursday, April 8 – Vendor 4
Hall of Honors

(The presentation schedule is the same for both vendors.)

8 – 8:30 a.m. Evaluation Committee and Vendor Meeting
8:30 – 9 a.m. General Overview
9 – 9:30 a.m. Recruitment and Admission
9:30 – 10 a.m. Student Records (Catalog and Schedule)
10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break
10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Financial Aid
11:15 – 11:45 a.m. Student Accounts Receivable
11:45 a.m. – Noon Question and Answer (Morning Sessions)
Noon – 12:30 p.m. Evaluation Committee Luncheon
12:30 – 12:50 p.m. Grants & Grants Management
12:50 – 1:15 p.m. Institutional Research/Reporting
1:15 – 1:45 Budget Planning and Controls
1:45 – 2:15 p.m. Finance Operations & Accounts Payable
2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Break
2:30 – 3 p.m. Purchasing/Procurement
3 – 3:30 p.m. HR & Payroll
3:30 – 4 p.m. Advancement/Alumni
4 – 4:15 p.m. Question and Answer (Afternoon Sessions)
4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Question and Answer (All Sessions)
4:30 – 5 p.m. Vendor Presentation/Addl. Features/Closing Remarks

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Volunteer Appreciation and Awareness

April is National Volunteer Month. Information about the positive effects of volunteerism, its importance to the university, and how it connects the university to the community at large will be presented as part of *Rockin' Volunteers*, on April 6, at 3 p.m., in the Hall of

Governors. Volunteer programs such as the GSU V-Team, Illinois Campus Compact, and the President's Volunteer Service Award will take part in Tuesday's presentation. The GSU community is encouraged to attend and learn about more about volunteerism.

Conversation with Trustees

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Enough is Enough

Enough is Enough is a campaign to stem societal violence conducted during the first full week of April. Participating institutions across the country will host conversations and presentations designed to create awareness and stem the tide of societal violence. Members of the GSU community are encouraged to take part.

The Welcome Center will provide black and white ribbons to be worn during the week of April 5 to 11. The ribbons represent the linking of mourning and remembrance with peace, innocence, and solidarity with victims of violence.

Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to contribute messages of non-violence to the wall of posters on April 6, at noon, in the Cafeteria Annex.

Hands Don't Hurt, a display of hands created by the children of the Family Development Center will be on display on April 6, at noon, in the Cafeteria Annex.

Clickers in the Classroom

The Center for Online Teaching and Learning will present a faculty development workshop on the use of student responses systems – aka “clickers” – on April 13, from 10 a.m. to noon, in Room D2430.

Clickers are an easy-to-use, effective way to get students involved in lectures and improve learning outcomes. Clickers can be integrated into PowerPoint presentations, turning passive lectures into interactive exchanges. Beginning in the spring/summer term, all on campus smart classrooms will have clicker software installed. GSU currently has six sets of clickers available for faculty use; they can be checked out of the library.

Mike Larson, the workshop presenter, will describe how he has been using clickers in his lecture/discussion courses for the past two years.

Calling all Book Lovers

The Friends of the GSU Library will hold its book sale on April 13, in the Hall of Governors. The book sale begins at 11 a.m. for members of

the Friends and noon for students, staff, faculty, and the public. It concludes at 8 p.m. This year's sale includes a wide array of paperbacks, popular fiction, and books on art, education, nursing, and many other subjects. Artwork will also be sold in a silent auction.

CASE V Scholarship Winner

Gina Ragland-Owalabi, a staff clerk in Institutional Advancement, received a \$1,000 scholarship to attend the recent CASE V conference, held in Chicago. Ragland was one of only three individuals in the CASE V service region to receive the scholarship. The CASE V Advancing Diversity program awards advancement professionals of diverse backgrounds based on their education, experience, and career goals.

Exploring the Future

Meeting of the Minds, the former Excellence in Teaching Panel, will continue its conversation on faculty life with a discussion on *Why we came to a life in the university: Exploring the Future*, on April 7 from 2 to 4 p.m., in the lobby of The Center for Performing Arts. Forums are designed to help deepen a sense of community and purpose so colleagues can become better acquainted and more appreciative of one another. Future discussions will highlight topics relevant to the university community.



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