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Commencement Week at GSU is under way, with a number of exciting activities planned for graduates, their families, the university community, and the public.

- On Tuesday, a retirement party is planned for Dr. Russell Carter of the College of Health and Human Services. The party is scheduled from 2:30 to 5 p.m., in E-Lounge. Refreshments will be served. In case you can't attend, send an [electronic retirement wish](#) to Dr. Carter.
- At Tuesday's Distinguished Lecture, sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Intellectual Life Committee, photographic artist Larry Kanfer will discuss his new book, *Barns of Illinois*. The lecture will begin at 5:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall, and will be followed by a reception and book signing at 7 p.m., in E-Lounge. The presentation will include the images and stories behind the barns and families featured in the book. Presenting with Kanfer will be his wife Alaina Kanfer, a social scientist who contributed the book's text.
- On Wednesday, a retirement party is planned for Dr. David Curtis, a member of the GSU community as a faculty member and Provost since 1971. Dr. Curtis is currently serving as Interim Provost. The party will take place at 3:30 p.m., in E-Lounge.
- Thursday's doctoral hooding ceremony marks the first time GSU students have attained doctorate degrees. Twenty students in physical therapy and nursing practices will receive their doctoral hoods in a historic ceremony that celebrates their academic achievement. The hooding ceremony will take place on Thursday, at 6:30 p.m., in Sherman Hall. A reception will follow immediately.
- On Friday, Peter Schjeldahl, chief art critic for *The New Yorker*, will present a guest lecture on art at 3:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. His understanding of modern art comes from years as an art critic. Using his keen insight and clear eloquence, he will invite the audience into the world of art. On Saturday, Schjeldahl will be the honorary degree recipient at GSU's 2010 Spring Commencement.



Commencement takes place on Saturday, at 11 a.m., at the Tinley Park Convention Center. Tickets are required. More information is available at the GSU [Commencement website](#).

Commencement 101

All commencement volunteers and employees working to help make Commencement a great success are asked to attend an orientation on Tuesday, June 8, at 10 a.m., in the Center for Performing Arts, on the Mezzanine Level.

If you have not volunteered already, there is still time. Contact [Pulchratia Kinney-Smith](#) at ext. 7466.

Fun in the Sun

Celebrate the beginning of summer on June 19 at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park with Summer Sol-a-bration 2010. The sculpture park will have something for summertime fans of all ages from 2 to 5 p.m.



Admission and parking are free and a number of exciting events are planned including

- Performances by the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra Brass Quintet, the Prairie State College Jazz Band, and the South Suburban Dulcimer and Folk Music Society
- Kite-flying , with kite kits provided
- Snow Cone Sculptures out of shaved ice
- Drawing materials for young people will be available
- Photographers can enter their pictures of NMSP sculptures in a contest
- Sculpturing opportunities for kids
- Croquet
- A body rolling derby on one of the sculpture park hills
- Bob Emser, an internationally recognized artist, will assemble a temporary sculpture

Food will be available for purchase at the GSU cafeteria, which will be open during Sol-a-bration. Water and soft drinks will be also be sold in the sculpture park. Golf carts will be on hand for persons who have trouble getting around the sculpture park.



For information about Sol-a-bration events, including times for the musical performances, visit the [NMSP website](#).

Brainstorming Art

The Intellectual Life Committee and CAS present *A Whole New Mind 2010 – Brainstorm*, a national juried art competition inspired by Daniel

Pink's book *A Whole New Mind – Why Right Brainers will Rule the Future*. Artwork documenting, analyzing, and/or inspired by the intellectual activity, thought processes, dysfunctions, and/or problem solving capabilities of the human mind will be favored.

The show runs through June 24 in the Visual Arts Gallery. The opening reception and awards ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 19, from 5 to 7 p.m., following the Summer Sol-a-bration event, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park at GSU.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Monday and Wednesday, from 2 to 7 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, from 11 to 4 p.m. or by appointment. For an appointment contact the [Gallery](#) at ext. 4021.

Hot and Cold Pierre



GSU's Penguin has experienced quite the variety of climates recently. He went from the tropical Caribbean to the chilly north. Financial Services' Karen Kissel snapped a photo of Pierre wetting his whistle on the deck of a sundrenched cruise ship. President Elaine P. Maimon showed Pierre the Portage Glacier in Anchorage, Alaska. He brought his own coat.



To learn how you, too, can take Pierre on a special trip this summer and submit a picture, visit the [GSU Take Pierre on Vacation Contest website](#).

Children's Theater by Children

The CPA welcomes Emerald City Theatre of Chicago to present its annual summer music theatre camp for kids. In conjunction with park districts from Crete, Frankfort, Frankfort Square, Oak Forest, and Matteson, The Center will host the workshop from June 21 through June 25 at Governors State University.

A few workshop slots are available and seats are now on sale for the performance, a show featuring 48 local kids performing hit numbers from shows such as *High School Musical*, *Grease*, and *Mama Mia*.

The only public performance of *Juke Box Musical Theatre* will be held at The Center on Friday, June 25, at 7 p.m. All seats are \$10. For more information, call ext. 2222 or visit [The Center website](#).

SPSS Workshops

Two workshops sponsored by COE will teach the use of Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). Dr. Jean Johnson will serve as facilitator.

Introduction to Using SPSS will be held on June 25, from 9 a.m. to noon, in room D34011. Topics to be covered include an overview of SPSS, coding and entering data, and transferring data as well as recoding, computing, and basic descriptive analysis.

The second workshop, Intermediate Use of SPSS, will be held on July 16, from 9 a.m. to noon, in room D34011. Cross tabulations, comparing means (t-tests and ANOVA), and basic univariate correlation and regression will be covered.

Refreshments will be provided. Reservations are required. Attend either one or both. For more information and to register, contact [Jean Johnson](#).

Economic Achievers Program

The Office of Economic Education at GSU is again sponsoring the Economic Achievers Program. According to special programs manager Sheryl S. Gallaher, Economic Achievers is now in its 16th year. The program teaches junior high school students the basics of economics, financial literacy, and career awareness.

Two weeks of instruction are held in the students' home districts, (Harvey/Dixmoor, South Holland, and Country Club Hills). During the third week, the students attend GSU, using the library and the computer lab for research. On the last day of the course, the students take a field trip to the Federal Reserve Bank and the Chicago Architecture Foundation, then to lunch at Navy Pier.



In the evening, parents, teachers, and students attend a reception and silent auction at GSU. The students are able to spend the “money” they have earned during the business game they played to purchase school supplies, books, t-shirts, and summer fun items.

