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News and Events

HLC Continued Accreditation Approved

President Maimon recently informed the campus community that the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (HLC) has formally approved Governors State University's continued accreditation for a full ten-year period. The approval comes as the result of the Institutional Actions Council's vote to support the highly complementary recommendations of the site team that visited GSU in November 2009.

In addition to the accreditation continuation for the university as a whole, new accreditation was also extended to the new Ed.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision, GSU's fourth doctoral program.

Download [Dr. Maimon's Full Message](#).

IRiS Forging Ahead

The IRiS project has begun and is moving full speed ahead. Before moving ahead with details of the project, it is important to define the terms that will be used throughout the project.

- **IRiS**: GSU specific name for the implementation process of a new university-wide computing and database system. IRiS stands for Inspire hope; Realize dreams; Strengthen community
- **Datatel**: The software manufacturer and company that will oversee the installation process over the next 15-18 months
- **Colleague**: The name of the actual software system



Last week, all members of the implementation teams attended special preliminary training sessions conducted by Datatel. Team members gained a full understanding of the overall process and timeline, as well as what will be expected of the individual teams. System hardware was also delivered to IT last week. In addition, work will begin shortly on the implementation of the first two software modules – Institutional Advancement and Financial Services.

The next university-wide step to be taken is a Business Process Assessment (BPA). The assessment will be conducted by a dedicated Datatel division with the assistance of the GSU administration and implementation teams. The goal is to evaluate the university's business processes and determine how they can be structured to reflect best practices for use with the Colleague software.

The GSU View will feature weekly updates regarding the IRiS project throughout the course of the installation. For the next several weeks, you'll be introduced to the specific teams and team members that are working hard to make this project happen.

GSU Intranet Now Accessible Off Campus

The GSU Intranet (gsunet) is a valuable resource to faculty and staff. This internal, web-based resource provides information, forms, and resources from many campus departments.

For many years, the Intranet has only been accessible from on campus computers or by those using VPN. However, this valuable resource can now be accessed from any computer with an Internet connection.

View the Intranet site anytime by visiting <https://gsunet.govst.edu/>. Please note that access to the site from an off campus computer will require users to login using their standard, network user ID and password.

Tamales for Dinner

The Association of Latin American Students (ALAS) is sponsoring a delicious fundraiser. Tamales will be sold by the dozen or individually on Wednesday, July 21, from 4 to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The cost is \$12 per dozen or \$1 for one tasty tamale.

Pre-order by Monday, July 19 to ensure that your tamales will be ready and waiting for you and you will not have to make dinner.

To order, e-mail angelicahernandez169@yahoo.com, or call 773.931.2888. To order in person and pay in advance, visit room A2132.

Strike, Spare, or Gutter

Let's Get Fit! presents the GSU Bowling Challenge tomorrow, Tuesday, July 20, from 5 to 9 p.m. The event will be held at Lakewood Bowl in Richton Park, and is open to faculty, staff, students, and their family members. The cost is only \$1 per game and shoes are only \$2.85. Individuals and departments are encouraged to challenge one another.

For more information, contact [Julia Jamison](#) at ext. 7468.

Katz Named Baldrige Examiner

Marsha Katz, CBPA professor of management, marketing, and public administration was recently appointed to the 2010 Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige



National Quality Award. The Award, created by public law in 1987, is the highest level of national recognition for performance excellence that a U.S. organization can receive.

As an examiner, Katz is responsible for reviewing and evaluating applications submitted for the award. The board is composed of approximately 500 leading experts selected from industry, professional and trade organizations, education and health care organizations, and nonprofits (including government). Those selected meet the highest standards of qualification and peer recognition. All members of the board must take part in a preparation course based on the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence and the scoring and evaluation processes for the Baldrige Award.

The Baldrige Award may be given annually in each of six categories: Manufacturing, Service, Small Business, Education, Health Care, and Nonprofit.

Law School Test Prep

GSU is offering a free LSAT preparation class on Mondays, from August 30 to April 25. The class is from 7:30 a.m. to 10:20 p.m., in room A2202.

University tutor David Sparks of the Academic Resource Center will teach the preparation class for the Law School Admissions Test. Class work will focus on the three main areas of the test: reading comprehension, logic reasoning, and analytical reasoning.

While many test prep services charge as much as \$1,000 for LSAT prep class, GSU is offering this class at no charge. According to Sparks, “This is an opportunity for GSU to offer an important service to the community. Preparing for this test is not easy, and we don’t want cost to stop people from taking the course.”

For more information or to register, email [David Sparks](mailto:David.Sparks) or call 708.235.3963.

Pierre Loves Water

Everyone knows how much penguins love water – and Pierre is no exception. This summer, the unofficial GSU mascot has been taking dips in pools, lakes, and oceans all over the world.

City, Indiana and snapped
of Financial Aid saw him



Karen Kissel of Procurement caught Pierre taking a dip in Michigan
this photo.

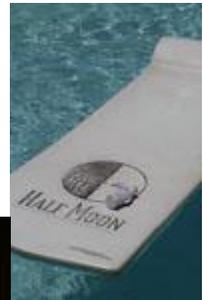


Brenda Moore
lounging on
the water in
Montego Bay,
Jamaica.

Tom Houlihan of Public Affairs found Pierre
beach in Luddington, Michigan.
And Ann Needham of Graphics caught him
towel turtle on a cruise ship bound for Alaska.
For information on how you can pick up your



Penguin to take on a trip near or far, and how to enter the Take Pierre on Vacation photo
contest, go to Pierre’s [webpage](#).



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