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News and Events

Educated Educators



As a member of the Editorial Board for the Northwest Indiana Times, President Maimon is a semi-regular contributor to the newspaper. Last week, Dr. Maimon addressed how an “a-ha” moment with her granddaughter relates to the need to ensure that tomorrow’s educators are well-educated themselves.

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IRiS: Advancement Nears Mapping Completion

The Office of Institutional Advancement (IA) will be one of the first departments to experience a live simulation of the new Datatel Colleague software system.

As the IA team works to complete their Business Process Analysis, the mapping of departmental procedures is nearly complete. Team members are Cheri Garey and Rosemary Hulett, alumni relations mapping; Gina Ragland, Jean Malloy and Christine Radtke, development mapping; and Myisha Meeks, Karen Caesar-Smith and Joan Vaughan, event mapping.

“The mapping process has really made us think about our everyday tasks that might seem so routine,” said Radtke, GSU’s Director of Development. “We have learned that Colleague will truly help us better track our alumni, better engage our alumni and friends of GSU, as well as provide Institutional Advancement with a strong and sound database to allow us to raise funds for the GSU Promise, scholarships, and many other needs at GSU.”



IA has been working hard to meet its deadlines. This week the team is participating in a Datatel Colleague preview to introduce the IA staff to the system. Staff members will learn what the system is, how to log in, search the database, and open a record. With only a few loose mapping ends to tie up, the Advancement Implementation Advisory Team this week will be brought up-to-date on the department’s IRiS Project progress.

Radtke gave credit to her hard-working team, but also to three “armchair quarterbacks” — Sandi Gieson, IRiS Project Executive Director, who helped to ensure IA was provided with the materials and assistance to complete the mapping; Penny Perdue, Executive Assistant to the President, who helped make sure the mapping made sense and the format was correct; and Datatel consultant, Dr. Dave Oehler, who was also instrumental with his time and guidance.

Historical View

The [GSU Historical Society](#) meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at noon in the Library conference room. The organization is dedicated to preserving the history of GSU and the surrounding communities.

One of the society's current projects is digitizing and transcribing the land survey's of the 19th century of Will County, Illinois, specifically Monee Township. Although quite a bit of work still needs to be done, visible progress in this project has been accomplished in the past year.

The Historical Society also wished to thank the [Friends of the GSU Library](#) for starting a local history and genealogical collection of books at the GSU Library. This collection is available for checkout with a GSU library card.

Figures in Abstraction



The Visual Arts Gallery at Governors State University is pleased to present *Figures in Abstraction*, an exhibit of oil paintings by Karen Keorpes of Orland Park. This solo exhibit will open on August 31, and run through September 8. An opening reception celebrating the art and the artist will be held on Friday, September 3, from 5 to 8 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

Keorpes' oil paintings evolve from her large collection of spontaneous sketchbook ink drawings. Shapes and forms are used instead of words to create a visual story. Keorpes' recently received a Master in Arts in painting at GSU and is a graduate of The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She is a teacher of art at Thornwood High School.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Monday and Tuesday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday, from 2 to 7 p.m. For more information, please visit the [art gallery webpage](#) or call ext. 4017.

GSU Health Inequity Conference - Call for Abstracts

The Center for the Care and Study of Vulnerable Populations at GSU will host a conference addressing the issue of health inequity. The objectives of this conference are to highlight GSU research on the subject and community research models that work. The conference planning committee invites abstracts for the poster session on any topic area related to health inequity research particularly with respect to vulnerable and at risk populations.

The conference takes place on Friday, October 22. The poster session will be from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Presenters will answer questions from 4 to 5 p.m.

Submissions from GSU faculty, staff, and students, community-based organization staff, healthcare providers, staff of local health departments, and faculty and staff from colleges and universities in the region are being sought. Abstracts are not to exceed 500 words and should include title, objective, background, methods, results, conclusions, and name, organizational affiliation, and contact information.

All abstracts should be submitted to [Penny Havlicek](#), no later than September 10. Abstracts will be peer reviewed based on significance of the research, originality, and clarity of content. Applicants will be notified in writing no later than September 20 whether their abstracts have been accepted. For more information, call 708.534.4388.

Try Outs - GSU Table Tennis Team

With tournament dates fast approaching, it is time for GSU to put together the best table tennis team in the Midwest. Team tryouts are the first step to developing a winning team.

Graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to pick up the paddle and compete for a spot on the team. There is no limit to the number of players on the team. The criteria for the selection include student academic performance, table tennis skills, and behavior and conduct. Tryouts will take place at the beginning of each semester.

Tryouts will take place on Wednesday, September 8, from 9 to 11 a.m., in the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center gym. If possible, alternate time arrangements can be made. Contact team coach [TJ Wang](#) with special requests.

Team candidates must complete and submit an [application form](#) to [TJ Wang](#) by Friday, September 3.

Tee Time for GSU

All Governors State University faculty, staff, their family and friends, and the public are invited to participate in the First Annual Dave Drechsel Golf Outing. The event is named after Dave Drechsel, former HR benefits manager and the founder and longtime member of GSU's summer golf league.

Don't miss an afternoon of golf, friendly competition, great food, and camaraderie. Everyone is encouraged to take part regardless of skill level or golfing experience. The event provides an excellent chance to celebrate summer and get to know your co-workers in a casual, fun environment.

The outing will take place on Sunday, September 19, at the University Golf Club in University Park. Registration begins at noon with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The cost is only \$75 per person and includes 18 holes of golf (four-person, best ball format), a golf cart, lunch at the turn, dinner banquet, golf contests, trophies, a goodie bag, and door prize tickets.

The event is sponsored by the university's SPIRIT Committee. For full information and to register, contact [Hollie Campbell](#) at ext. 7595.

Welcome Fall Semester

Welcome Days at GSU provides new and returning students, faculty, and staff access to important services and information. Information tables will be set up in the Hall of Governors on August 30 and 31, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Information about university facilities and programs, including the Recreation and Fitness Center and the Family Development Center, will also be available.

Pierre Enjoys the Sights



Pierre has had a very exciting week. He traveled to Alaska with Nancy Kaczmarczyk of the School of Extended Learning - enjoying the glaciers, mountains, and air conditioned weather!
Pierre traveled back in time over 200 years to participate in The Great Fort Folle Avoine Fur Trade



a teepee, and powder musket

exciting week. He traveled to Alaska with the School of Extended Learning mountains, and air conditioned

time over 200 years to Fort Folle Avoine Fur Trade



Rendezvous in Danbury, Wisconsin CHHS. He shooting Carlos



with Ann Jaso of Ferran of CBPA took participated in a black contest.

Ferran of CBPA took Machu Picchu.

To be eligible for the be submitted by September 6. For more information, go to Pierre's [webpage](#).



Pierre to Peru. He visited the market in Aguas Calientes and

Take Pierre on Vacation photo contest, images of Pierre must be submitted by September 6. For more information, go to Pierre's [webpage](#).

