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News and Events

Big Thanks to IRiS Team

While many IRiS teams are working to complete training, others are preparing to dive headfirst into their respective modules. Between team meetings, completing module workbooks, and daylong sessions with our consultants, GSU's diligent IRiS team still manages to find time to complete their regular work tasks. Needless to say, team members are working harder than ever.



This week, the university applauds their efforts. All IRiS team members are invited to attend a special Fall Appreciation Luncheon, on Wednesday, October 27, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts.

While at this luncheon, group photos will be taken of each team. Be on the lookout for IRiS Team Members in their green project shirts, and thank them for their efforts to make GSU's implementation of the Colleague System a success.

Busy Friday

The GSU campus was alive with activity on Friday as three different conferences were held.



Rep. Lisa Dugan

The Civil Service Council of Councils brought together representatives from 11 Illinois state university campuses, the State Universities Annuitants Association, and the State Universities Civil Service System. State Representative Lisa Dugan spoke with the representatives and answered questions. President Maimon welcomed them to the campus.



Dr. Elaine Maimon

The Center for the Care and Study of Vulnerable Populations at GSU hosted a conference highlighting GSU research related to healthcare inequity with respect to vulnerable and at risk populations. More than 150 attended the daylong event.

GSU was also the site of the Chicago Southland Transportation Summit on Friday. The summit was attended by more

than 250 business and community leaders. Joseph C. Szabo, administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration and a GSU graduate, gave the keynote address. President Maimon offered opening remarks. CBPA Dean Dr. Ellen Foster Curtis moderated a business panel discussion.



Joseph C. Szabo

The hard work of the organizers, as well as GSU staff from Facilities Development and Management, the Department of Public Safety, Institutional Advancement, and food service provider FSI, made all three events a success. A special thanks goes to the many students who volunteered to help register and direct conference attendees.

Education through Dance

Transforming Urban Education through the Art of Dance, a special presentation and live performance by DanceArt, illustrates how dance education can speak to the multicultural student body in enriching and enlightening ways. The presentation is on October 26, from 5 to 6 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts. A reception celebrating DanceArt's 10th anniversary will be held at 6 p.m., immediately following the presentation. Both the performance and reception are free and open to the public.

The event is supported by the College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Lecture Series and the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

Debaters Discuss – You Decide

The GSU Forensics Team will host a debate on October 26, from 6 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

The topic of the debate is the *Proposed Amendment to Add Section 7 to Article III of the Illinois State Constitution*. At the conclusion of the debate, the audience will be asked to vote on the inclusion or exclusion of the amendment. The event is free and open to the public.

Funds for Volunteers

GSU recently received a \$9,056 AmeriCorps Grant from the Illinois Campus Compact (ILCC) to fund service learning opportunities for GSU students.

The ILCC was awarded to 100 part-time AmeriCorps slots from Washington Campus Compact for the Students in Service (SIS) program. GSU was one of 12 institutions awarded funds to support student participation this year in the SIS program.

The Students in Service program supports the recruitment of college students to volunteer in their communities. Students help to increase the capacity of local nonprofit agencies and schools and meet critical needs in communities. In return for 300 hours of volunteer work in underserved communities, eight GSU students will each earn a \$1,132 education award to help offset their education expenses upon successful completion of their term of service.

For more information, contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) at ext. 4552.

Friends Sell Books



The Friends of the GSU Library is sponsoring a book sale on October 28, from noon to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Members of the Friends of the Library may preview the sale collection from 11 a.m. to noon. The sale collection includes donated books and media materials not added to the library collection.

Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Those interested in donating an hour of their time should contact [Pam Taylor](#).

Ready for Work?

The GSU Psychology Club sponsored *Workplace Readiness Workshop* on October 25, at 3 p.m., in room D2442. The event is open for all students. Topics include the transition from college to the workforce, skills employers look for, how to stand out from other applicants, and how to navigate the admissions process to a graduate program.

Webinar on Student Vets

A webinar on student veterans and the problems they may face as first-time or returning students will be discussed at a webinar on October 27, from 2 to 3 p.m., in room B2203.

The free webinar, *Student Veterans: Alcohol and Substance Abuse*, is sponsored by Student Life. Student veterans, faculty, staff, and students

studying in related fields are encouraged to attend. William Smith, health educator at the University of Kansas City – Missouri, will lead the webinar.

Additional topics include identifying risk factors associated with veterans and alcohol/substance abuse and strategies to address these issues, the structure of the U.S. Armed Services and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the potential impact a vet's military experience has on academic success.

Celebrate the Vote

The right to vote was not always available to everyone. Celebrate the 90th anniversary of passage of the 19th Amendment on Wednesday, October 27 from 5 to 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

A film on the fight for the vote, *Iron Jawed Angels*, will be screened and a panel discussion on voting rights for women will follow. Participants include Dr. Chelsea Haring, assistant professor of political science; Dr. Terri Pantuso, assistant professor of English; and Dr. Jason Zingsheim, assistant professor of communications.

Refreshments will be served. The event is sponsored by the Diversity Advisory Council and the Gender Studies Steering Committee.

Frightful Friday

It will be a frightful night at GSU with haunted trails, ghosts, goblins, and eerie things! There will also be lots of good food, good music, and good times with laser tag, games, costume contests, prizes, and a deejay to keep things hopping. The GSU community is invited to enjoy a spookily good time at the Haunted Trail and Harvest Fest on October 29, from 5 to 9 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Wear your costume. Join the fun, and please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to a local food pantry.

Take a Chance

Every Monday until November 30, Institutional Advancement will draw a raffle ticket from the Campus Community Campaign raffle bowl. A winning ticket entitles the winner to two free tickets at any performance in The Center for Performing Arts this season - with one exception. There are no tickets available for Dennis DeYoung's performance.

Remember to see your Campus Community Campaign volunteer for your raffle ticket or stop by the Development Office on the third floor. Good luck!

One Last Chance

There is still time to get some fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables. The Farmers Market will return to GSU for one last hurrah before the frost takes hold. The Farmers Market will be open on Thursday, October 28, from 1 to 6 p.m., west of main entrance.

China Connection Presentation

GSU's exchange program with Guangdong University of Technology (GDUT) in Guangzhou, China, has expanded beyond the College of Business and Public Administration. Dr. Elizabeth Ruiz, of the College of Education and this year's faculty representative to GDUT, will describe her teaching and research experiences at GDUT on November 10, at 2 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.



To illustrate the international collaboration the exchange program makes possible, Dr. Ruiz will discuss her research that focuses on Chinese culture and global approaches to psychology.

President Maimon, will speak about her experiences in China this summer, specifically her visit to GDUT. Visiting Chinese faculty and students will also be introduced at the event.

Advanced SPSS Workshop



COE will sponsor a workshop entitled *Advanced Use of SPSS* on Friday, November 5, from 9 a.m. to noon, in Room D34115. Dr. Jean Johnson will serve as facilitator for the workshop on SPSS, a computer program used for statistical analysis. The workshop is open to GSU faculty and staff.

Topics to be covered include ANOVA (factorial and ancova) and multiple regression.

Refreshments will be provided. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Contact [Dr. Jean Johnson](#).

