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News and Events

IRiS Project Stays On Track



Last week was another busy time for GSU's IRiS teams. Three consultants were on campus. Advancement training for Contribution and Campaign Management ran four days. Human Resources/Payroll met with their consultant Tuesday and Wednesday. Accounts Receivable and Cash Receipts trained both Thursday and Friday.

Although this week is much quieter on the training front, the teams have much to do to ready themselves for their "live" dates. The university is keeping to the timeline set for implementation of Datatel's Colleague system. Although a few modules' training dates have changed, the overall project is expected to go live on time.

In January, the Advancement, Financial Aid, Human Resources, and Payroll modules will make their debut. In addition, the campus Portal – *myGSU* – will be opened for GSU community on January 1.

Visit the [IRiS Project website](#) to view the timeline and much more information.

New Cable Program Debuts

The Division of Digital Learning and Media Design (DLMD) has begun work on a new television series for cable and web broadcast called *ART Out & About*. The series highlights the diversity of creative and artistic organizations in Chicago south suburbs.

From gallery exhibitions to theatre performances and from film to sculpture, all art forms will receive equal consideration in the series. Future episodes will take audiences backstage in the theatre, observe a raku pottery firing, go on location with a student film crew, and reveal the moment when movement becomes expression in dance. Galleries, theatre, music, dance, film, photography, sculpture, paintings, and written works from the southland region will be featured.

Geoffrey Bates, Director and Curator of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, serves as the show's host. "The Chicago Southland is home to an extremely vibrant arts community. We'll help our viewers discover that community and challenge them to look at art from a new perspective,"

said Bates.

The pilot episode is currently airing on Comcast's public access channel (channel 16 in most communities). It features conversations about *Americana: Folk Art...Art and Decorative Objects from Private Collections*, the current exhibit at the Tallgrass Arts Organization Gallery in Park Forest.

GSU students were also were involved in the production of the pilot. "Our hope is to collaborate further with the CAS," said Tony Labriola for DLMD, "and involve more students in all phases of production—writing, producing, shooting, and editing."

The program schedule is available at www.educator television.com.

Depression Era on Film

Two Depression Era films, *The Power and the Land* (1940) and *Native Land* (1942), will be screened on November 10, at 4:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. Dr. Christopher White, Assistant Professor of English, will lead a discussion of the films and their reflection of an era.

The screening and discussion are free, open to the public, and sponsored by a grant from the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

Go Global

Global Entrepreneurship and International Education Week 2010 begins this week with several contests. Compete in the Logo Identification contest, the Name the Entrepreneur contest, and the Scavenger Hunt. Information is available on the [CenterPoint website](#) or at the office, C3300.

Add your smile to the *All Smile in the Same Language* display in C building by contributing your smiling photographs to the International Services Office, C3370.

Learn all about the GSU/China Connection on November 10, at 2 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Additional activities continue next week.

Student Celebration

Celebrate Non-Traditional Student Week, November 7 through 12, with activities, seminars, and information to help you continue to achieve.

The week begins today with pizza, popcorn, and GSU information tables,

from 4:30 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Operation Green, GSU's new student club, will provide information on conservation and sustainability, as well as unique giveaways, on Tuesday, November 9, from 4 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

It is time to relax and have some fun at a Student Reception on Wednesday, November 10, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., in the Student Commons. It is also a chance to meet your Student Senators and representatives from Student Life.

For more information, call 708.534.4552.

Veteran's Day Activities

On Veteran's Day, Thursday, November 11, GSU is sponsoring *A Day of Recognition*, from 1 to 4 p.m., in Engbretson Hall and the Hall of Governor. Activities include a full honor guard, information on resources and services for veterans, and presentations on issues and concerns of veterans.

A food drive, coordinated by Master's in Social Work student Anna Tesauro, will collect food items to fill Thanksgiving baskets for veterans and their families. This food drive is sponsored by a Veterans' Outpost in Alsip. Non-perishable foods items are greatly needed and appreciated.

Say Thanks for GSU Support

Gratitude Attitude Day on Thursday November 11 provides an opportunity for everyone in the GSU community to say "thank you" to the many donors who provide the resources for scholarships, on-campus improvements, and other important additions to the university's overall quality of life.

The entire campus community is invited to participate by calling donors and offering thanks, from 2 to 6 p.m. Volunteers make calls during one hour sessions. Gratitude Attitude Day includes free refreshments.

To volunteer, contact Mary Rothenberg at ext. 2239.

Artistic Addition

Renowned sculptor Neil Goodman will share his insights about art with the public during a daylong appearance Thursday, November 11, at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park (NMSP).



Goodman and NMSP Curator and Director Geoffrey Bates will engage in a conversation about art at GSU's Sherman Recital Hall at 5:45 p.m. It is free and open to the public. A public reception is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. in the atrium of the university's Faculty Office Center.

Five of Goodman's sculptures are currently on display at the NMSP. They are on loan from the artist and will appear at NMSP through October, 2011. The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park is free of charge and open from dawn to dusk 365 days a year. For more information, visit the [sculpture park website](#).

FDC Parent University Celebration

U.S. Representative Jesse Jackson, Jr. will join the GSU Board of Trustees, President Elaine Maimon, and the staff of the Family Development Center to celebrate the opening of the FDC's Parent University, on November 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rep. Jackson was integral in acquiring the funding for Parent University from the U.S. Department of Education. Parent University provides free workshops for parents on a variety of topics ranging from behavior management, to child enrichment, to effective parenting.

The celebration will include remarks by Rep. Jackson, Dr. Maimon, and Deborah Bordelon, Dean of COE, as well as a ribbon cutting, tours, children's performances, and refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Once Upon a Time

Five master storytellers will delight and captivate their audience at *Tellebration!*, an free, international event on Saturday, November 20, at 7 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall.

Tellebration! storytelling presentations will take place simultaneously across the United States and in a number of foreign countries, said Lynne Clayton, producer of the GSU event. GSU is one of 400 official sites around the world hosting storytelling events.



"This is the first time for *Tellebration!* in the south suburban area," said Clayton, who is Office Manager in COE and an avid storyteller. "We are pleased to offer it at GSU and very

excited about our lineup of outstanding storytellers, two of whom have national reputations.”

Storytellers at the GSU event are:

- The Rev. Linda L. Briggs, an ordained minister and inspirational storyteller. Many of her stories have an African American theme.
- Neil Whitam has entertained audiences more than 1,000 times in the last 18 years. He is a former Chicago area school teacher.
- Karen Slager is a children’s librarian at the Highland (Indiana) Public Library, as well as a member of the Northwest Indiana Storytelling Guild.
- Daniel Hechenberger is assistant professor of social studies education at GSU and is a former interpretative ranger at the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial.
- Lynne Clayton has been active in storytelling for several years. In 2008, she participated in the “Storytime, Anytime” project at Richton Park Public Library, which created 12 DVDs of stories from 12 tellers.

All *Tellebration!* storytellers perform free of charge. All money or donated items from the GSU event will go directly to the Rich Township Food Pantry. For further information, contact [Lynn Clayton](#) at ext. 3075.

Yummy!

The Civil Service Senate is sponsoring a diet-busting bake sale on Tuesday, November 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – or while supplies last – in the Hall of Governors.

Volunteers and donations of baked goods are needed. Contact [Renee Rainey](#) at ext. 7525.

Just For Vets

GSU student veterans, servicemembers, and their families are eligible for free, confidential readjustment counseling at GSU.

Tony Wilson, from the Gary Area Vet Center, will offer readjustment counseling for individuals and groups every Wednesday, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Academic Resource Center. Wilson, LCSW, is a Readjustment Counseling Social Worker.

For information, call 708.534.4090 or drop by the Academic Resource Center (B1215) on Wednesday afternoon to meet Tony Wilson.

Money Management Workshop

Managing your money is difficult even in the best of times. During a bad economy, effective financial management requires discipline to keep spending under control so you can pay the bills and set money aside for the future.

Learn how to structure your spending at “Strategies for Managing Debt in Troubling Times,” an informational workshop on Tuesday, November 16. Sessions will take place from noon to 1 p.m. in Room B1241 and from 6 to 7 p.m. in Room B1215.

At the workshop, participants will learn economic strategies to start debt cancellation, basic money management, and budgeting tips. They will also learn about the relationship between debt and stress.

The GSU Academic Resource Center sponsors the workshop, which is free and open to members of the university community. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact [Tamekia Scott](#) at ext 2228.

Lincoln Laureate - Tamara Lewis

Each year an outstanding senior from each of the four-year degree granting institutions of higher learning in Illinois is named a Student Laureate of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois. This year’s Lincoln Laureate from GSU is Tamara S. Lewis of Chicago.



Lewis exemplifies the characteristics of Lincoln Laureates who are chosen for their commitment to the principles of democracy and humanity as embodied by Abraham Lincoln. She was also honored for her outstanding academic achievement and her profound and generous service to others. On November 6, Lewis and the other student laureates participated in a ceremony recognizing their achievement at the Old State Capitol in Springfield, Illinois.

As a senior majoring in social work at GSU, Lewis has earned a 3.8 GPA. She is a member of the Phi Alpha Honor Society for students studying social work, and Alpha Sigma Lambda, the National Adult Learners Honors Society.

Lewis’ compassion for others turned to action in May, when she was integral to the success of the “All Nations for Haiti” Fashion Show at GSU. Lewis helped develop, promote, and produce a show, which involved students and staff representing cultures and ethnicities from around the world to raise money to help the victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

Lewis was nominated for the honor by Dr. Phyllis West, Assistant

Professor of Social Work. "Tamara is that person who is willing to step out of her comfort zone in order to serve others. Tamara does not mind being uncomfortable if it means getting the job done and helping others."

Vet Employment Rep

Lynn Salkeld, veteran representative from the Illinois Department of Employment Security, will be on campus to answer veteran's questions related to employment, disability services, and other topics on November 9 and December 14. She will be available from 1 to 4 p.m. in room D1408.

To schedule an appointment, contact [Lana Bilyk](#), Coordinator of Veterans and Military Personnel, at ext 2224.

Educator Economics Conference

The Office of Economic Education at GSU and the Illinois Association of School Economics Teachers (IASET) is sponsoring the 29th Annual Fall Conference, *Behavioral Economics Incentives Matter*. The conference will be held on December 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

This year's conference provides information and tools on teaching economics to students from sixth to twelfth grade. Educators or students studying to be teachers are encouraged to attend. There is a \$60 registration fee.

For more information, contact [Sheryl Gallaher](#) at ext 4926.

