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## News and Events

### **GSU Logins/E-Mail Addresses Changing**

As part of the IRiS Project and to benefit the university, the hyphen between the first initial and last name of all faculty and staff login IDs/e-mail addresses will be removed on December 27. This change will aid in the process of moving to a single sign-on model for all application access points on campus.

**Before December 27:** r-smith  
**After December 27:** rsmith

E-mail sent to your hyphenated address will continue to be received and properly routed to your new e-mail. Please communicate your new e-mail address to those outside of GSU. All new employee accounts will be created without the hyphen.

The process to remove the hyphen will start Sunday, December 26, at 11 p.m., and end Monday, December 27, at 8 a.m. During this period, you will not be able to access any application that requires a login, e.g. OWA, VPN, Colleague, WebCT/Blackboard, CMS.



After the hyphens have been removed, your password will NOT change. The change will be mostly transparent. Exceptions include iPhones, iPads, and some other smartphone technologies. With these devices, the e-mail configuration must be adjusted with the new login ID. Instructions for Apple devices are available at [www.govst.edu/appleidchange](http://www.govst.edu/appleidchange). Existing print items, such as business cards and letterhead, can be used and changed when you reorder.

Additional information is available in the Login/e-mail change FAQ: [www.govst.edu/idchangefaq](http://www.govst.edu/idchangefaq). Contact the GSU Helpdesk at ext. 4357 with questions.

### **Winter Break**

The holidays are fast approaching. GSU will be closed for holiday break from Friday, December 24 through Monday, January 3. Normal operations will resume on Tuesday, January 4.

Please note that the cafeteria will close on Friday, December 17, at 2:30 p.m. and reopen on January 4.

## **Bring on the Babies**

Beginning on Friday December 17, GSU's Family Development Center (FDC) will open an Illinois State licensed childcare facility for infants, toddlers, and two year olds. The little ones will be cared for in specially equipped classrooms of eight children, each staffed with two teachers. The infant and toddler childcare center will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The staff of the FDC has been extensively and specially trained to care for young children. The facility has been renovated to serve the needs of the new students. Licensure required extensive review by the State. The FDC facility and staff will be able to serve 48 children in six classrooms.

"We are extremely pleased and proud to announce that after 12 months of hard work and preparation we have reached our goal. We will provide a state-of-the-art program in a fully equipped facility," said Carol Morrison, Executive Director of the FDC.



The FDC also offers full and half day pre-kindergarten, three or five days a week, and childcare for three to five year olds and before and after school childcare for five to 12 year olds.

Several, special grants may be available to assist eligible families with infant toddler childcare costs. Discounts are also offered for GSU students and staff.

For more information or to register your child, call 708.235.7300.

## **Fantastic Toy Shoppe**

Get into the holiday spirit at The Center for Performing Arts with *The Fantastic Toy Shoppe*, on Saturday, December 18, at 3 p.m. This show is sure to delight the entire family, and is available to the GSU community at the special buy one get one free ticket price. Tickets are regularly \$11.50.

The special offer begins on Friday, December 17, at 10 a.m. and ends on Saturday, December 18, 2 p.m.

Call the box office at 708.235.2222 or visit in person.

## **Strung Out**

GSU is participating in Will County's holiday light recycling program. The County has set up 12 permanent drop off sites throughout the area. While not an official drop off site, the university encourages all members of the GSU community to recycle their lights on campus as part of its ongoing green initiatives.

Holiday lights may be placed in a drop box near the housekeeping office, located in the A building next to the gymnasium. After the holiday season, GSU will deliver the used lights to Will County.

Marta Keane, Recycling Program Specialist with the Will County Land Use – Resource Recovery and Energy Division, said. "String lights are recyclable and should never be simply sent to the landfill. When you recycle, you save valuable resources, energy, and prevent water pollution."

## **Students Teaching Students**



On Monday, December 6, student teachers, with almost a full semester of in-class experience under their belts, met with students in EDEC Lab 3 who will student teach next semester. Dr. Jeanine Klommes, associate professor of early childhood education, arranged the meeting, which was attended by Dr. Colleen Sexton, chair of the division of education, John Powers, ECE academic advisor, and 26 GSU students. The purpose of the informal gathering was to let students learn from classroom veterans. The current student teachers shared stories and observations about their experiences and offered advice and encouragement.

According to Dr. Klommes, the experienced students spoke of the responsibilities, challenges, craziness, and joy of student teaching. "It was an uplifting morning."

The students also provided Dr. Sexton with ideas on how to improve the program and noted that they were very well prepared for their student teaching experience.

## **Commencement Prep Commences**

GSU staff, faculty, and students are asked to help make commencement a very special time for all of everyone by volunteering. The 2011 Winter Commencement will be held on Saturday, February 5, at 11 a.m., at the Tinley Park Holiday Inn Select and Convention Center.

Volunteers are needed to answer questions, provide directions, assist with robing faculty and students, and assist with guest entry and seating. Volunteers play an important role in making commencement a most memorable experience for our students, faculty, staff, and guests.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact [Pulchratia Kinney-Smith](#) at ext. 7466 by Friday, January 14.



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