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News and Events

Celebrate on Spirit Day

Join the celebration of the GSU table tennis team's victory, on Spirit Day, Wednesday, April 27 from noon to 1:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The GSU team captured fourth place at the recent National Collegiate Table Tennis tournament in Rochester, Minnesota.

Show your spirit and pride in the success of the GSU table tennis team. Wear the school colors, black and white. Team members and the trophy will be on hand.

Volunteer Appreciation Day

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and GSU is showing its appreciation of the many people who give their time and energy to help make the university a success. Everyone is invited to attend an ice cream social in celebration of Volunteer Appreciation and Awareness Day on Tuesday, April 26, at 3:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Certificates will be given to the volunteers, volunteer opportunities will be presented, and ice cream will be enjoyed by all.

Earth Day Celebrated



The rain held off and the sun decided to shine on GSU's Earth Day celebration. GSU students, faculty, and staff as well as area middle school students and community visitors had the opportunity to learn from many displays and demonstrations.

Displays ranged from energy saving products provided by Menards and Home Depot to a Chevy Volt supplied by Phillips Chevrolet. Demonstrations included bee keeping, composting, and wild animals from Big Run Wolf Ranch.



Free starter bushes, supplied by the GSU Sustainability Committee were given to anyone interested in adding greenery and beauty to their yards.

Musical entertainment was provided by GSU's own Eric Nicholson. Dr. Karen D'Arcy, Dr. John Yunger, and GSU student Rodney Balitewicz spoke about the history and purpose of Earth Day and the

importance of conservation and preservation.

Associate Provost Candidate

On Wednesday, April 27, Dr. Shannon Dermer will be interviewed for the position of Associate Provost.

Dr. Dermer's open forum presentation will be from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., in D34050. The GSU community is invited to participate.

[View Dr. Dermer's vita.](#)

ScholarShip – Jeff Stevenson

Jeff Stevenson, university lecturer in CAS and Visual Arts Gallery director at GSU, recently completed a residency with the Ragdale Foundation. At Ragdale, visual artists, writers, composers, and interdisciplinary artists from around the world are given time and space to create new works as well as interact and connect with other artists in residence. Ragdale is located in Lake Forest.



The residency application process is competitive. Stevenson is honored to have been chosen and enjoyed the experience. During his residency, his main project was a 42-inch by 30-foot long paper canvas with drawing, collage, and acrylic paint, entitled *Finding the Line*.

“The idea for the piece came out of my 100 drawings in 100 days project in which I challenged myself to develop a studio practice that reflected what I was teaching others in my creativity class and coaching,” said Stevenson. “I continued this concept and applied it to a larger scale at Ragdale.”

Stevenson's work at Ragdale will be on exhibit in the GSU Visual Arts Gallery in the summer.

Jim Kenney on Cultural Evolution

The University Honors Program's Community Speakers Series concludes on Wednesday, April 27 with a presentation by Jim Kenney, co-founder and Executive Director of Common Ground and Founder of the Inter-Religious Engagement Project. His talk on *Sea Change: Cultural Evolution in the Early 21st Century*, begins at 5 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

This event is free and open to the public.

SUAA Award

The State University Annuitants Association (SUAA) is sponsoring a textbook reimbursement award of \$250 toward a Spring 2011 book purchase for a GSU employee. The application deadline is May 13.

To be eligible, the employee must have purchased textbooks from the GSU Follett Bookstore for the Spring 2011 semester within the last six months and be a member of SUAA or apply at time of award application. Additional eligibility restrictions may apply.

Applicant must submit an application and a 200-word or less essay explaining what a college education means to you and provide proof of textbook purchase.

For more information contact the GSU Advancement Office at ext. 4128 or visit room D34200.

FDC Children Plant a Tree



Three and four year old children in pre-kindergarten classes at GSU's Family Development Center (FDC) cheer as a new tree is planted near their school in honor of Earth Day.

The GSU Facilities Development and Management Department directed the planting.

The FDC offers Early Head Start for infants, toddlers, and pregnant women, as well as full and half day pre-kindergarten for three to five year olds, and before and after school childcare. For more information about the FDC, call 708.235.7300 or visit the [FDC website](#).

Daniel Goleman Lecture

Noted author and educator Dr. Daniel Goleman will speak at The Center for Performing Arts, on May 2, at 5 p.m.

Dr. Goleman's presentation, entitled *How Understanding Emotional Intelligence Can Improve Results in Business and Education*, will draw on the research and conclusions presented in his best-selling book *Emotional Intelligence*.

According to Goleman, emotional intelligence is a greater determinant of success than IQ or graduate school. His presentation will impact members of both the business and educational communities.



COE's Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) and SPEED District 802 are sponsors of this event. Additional sponsorship is provided by Spraga Hauser, LLC; Bimba Manufacturing; and Querrey and Harrow.

Seating is limited. Tickets are \$25 advance registration is required. To register go to www.gsu-mile.org. For information, call 708.534.4024.

Face in the Crowd

The Visual Arts Gallery presents the ceramic sculptures exhibition of graduate student B.S. Farris from April 25 through April 29. A public reception celebrating the exhibit and the artist will be held on April 29, from 5 to 8 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.



Face in the Crowd is a visual diary of ceramic bust portraits of both famous and lesser known artists. Farris believes that people tend to separate the artist from the artwork. In her series, she is trying to find out who they are.

Farris has a bachelor's degree in art with a minor in art history from Indiana University and a master's from GSU. She is the gallery coordinator and a board member at 119th Street Gallery in Whiting, IN and is currently a board member for the group 18 Artist, an online art gallery.

The Visual Arts Gallery is located in the E-wing. The gallery is open Monday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, from noon to 9 p.m. For more information please visit, GSUVisualArtsGallery.blogspot.com or call ext. 4021.

Let the Sun Shine In

Window washing will continue on campus this week, weather permitting.

In order to clean the inside windows in the Faculty Office Center, there must be a clear path to the window as well as a cleared window sill. Office residents are asked to ensure clear access for the crew so they can work safely and efficiently. If clear access is not available to these areas, the window washers will not enter the office. A GSU supervisor and sub-foreman will oversee the crew while interior work is executed.

The cooperation of the GSU community is greatly appreciated. For more information, contact FDM at ext. 4515.



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