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News and Events

Training Scheduled as Portal Goes Live

The new myGSU portal is LIVE!

All GSU staff and faculty are invited to attend one of the portal training sessions this week. Training focuses on a general portal overview, the new online schedule of classes, and the new student registration system. Come see what our students will see.

Sessions will be held in the Hall of Honors, on Wednesday at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., and Thursday at 9 a.m. Also, if you would like more information or would like to work in the portal, please come to the ACS Computer Lab on Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon.



Training sessions last week focused on general portal overview, the new online schedule of classes, and the new student registration system.

Letters have been sent to existing students, informing them of changes to their e-mail and login procedures.

A few facts about the portal:

- The faculty and staff portal website address is mygovst.govst.edu.
- For portal overview tutorial documents and web demos, go to www.govst.edu/tutorials.
- Students will have access to the myGSU portal on May 23;
- If you are experiencing any technical difficulties accessing the portal, contact the [Help Desk](#).

For a Fall 2010 course schedule, go to www.govst.edu/schedule. The pilot registration scheduled for May 25 and May 26 now has 30 participating students confirmed.

In other IRiS Project news, the Financial Operations Team has completed its first live simulation, testing a number of financial processes throughout the university.

Interim DPS Director Named

Lieutenant James McGee has been appointed Interim Director of the GSU Department of Public Safety and Chief of Police effective immediately.

[Read the announcement](#) from Gebe Ejigu, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff.

IT Power Improvements



Power improvements are scheduled for the system data center in the IT building between Tuesday, May 17, at 7 p.m., and Wednesday, May 18, at 5 a.m.

The improvement is necessary in order to ensure continued service in the event of a power outage. This implementation will affect all GSU systems, including e-mail, the GSU website, Jenzabar CX, and Colleague.

There will be some delays and rejections of sent e-mails in the faculty and staff e-mail system. It may be necessary to resend e-mail messages. If possible, please avoid sending e-mails during the implementation period.

If you have any questions, please contact the GSU Helpdesk, at 708.534.HELP.

Tee Off with the Golf League

The GSU Golf League hit the greens for the first round of the season last week and everyone had a great time. The league is open to everyone interested in chasing a little ball around the glorious outdoors with the company of friends and colleagues.



The league plays every Tuesday, weather permitting, through September 6, at 4 p.m., at Golf Vista, 5001 W. Augusta Boulevard, Monee.

The cost of nine holes is \$7. Add a cart for \$12, or share the cart fee to cut your costs.

Contact [Hollie Campbell](#) at 708.235.7595 for more information.

Commence Volunteering for Commencement

The 2011 Spring Commencement is fast approaching and volunteers are needed to help make the Saturday, June 4 event a success. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer - students, faculty, staff, and retirees are all welcome.

Commencement volunteers must attend orientation on Wednesday, May 25, at 10 a.m., in The Center for Performing Arts.

Please complete the [volunteer sign-up sheet](#) and return it to [Sabrina Slocum](#) by Friday, May 20. For more information, call ext. 4126.

HP&T Program Open House

The graduate degree program in Human Performance and Training is sponsoring an open house on Tuesday, May 17, from 5 to 7 p.m., in room D34115.

Professors and practitioners will be available to answer questions about the program and discuss the skills needed to become instructional designers, trainers, and performance technologists. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a more than 20 percent growth in careers in these fields. Program graduates will receive a Master of Arts in Communication and Training.

The open house is free, open to the public, and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact [Nancy Kaczmarczyk](#) or visit the [HP&T website](#).

Induction Mentoring Partnership Members Meet



On Tuesday, May 10, the GSU Induction/Mentoring Partnership grant held its annual program development meeting for partner districts participating in the grant.



Each spring, district teams meet to plan program improvements for the upcoming year and to discuss their induction programs with other school districts.

Dr. Mary Elin Barnish of the Illinois New Teacher Consortium co-facilitated the session on utilizing the State Induction Standards for Continuous Program improvement with Dr. Karen Peterson, project coordinator. Ten area school districts were represented at the meeting with 45 educators participating.

Nominations for the Best at GSU

The Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Award is presented each year to the GSU employee who most fully demonstrates the following four qualities that Dr. Baysore consistently and fully embodied during his 18 years of service to the university:

- Absolute integrity
- Total competence
- Generous dedication
- Unfailing civility

The Baysore Award will be presented by President Maimon during Convocation on Thursday, August 18. Nominations must be received by Tuesday, May 31 and should explain how the employee includes the above four qualities in their day-to-day work.

Please send your written nominations to [Penny Perdue](#), G334.

Batter Up for Education

Father's Day is fast approaching. Why give dad another tie he won't use? Instead - take him and the whole family out for a wonderful day of baseball. The Grow Your Own South Suburban Consortium is sponsoring a fun evening at the ball park.



Tickets are available for the Joliet Slammers game on June 19 for only \$10 each. The Slammers play ball at Silver Cross Stadium and the first pitch is at 6:05 p.m.

Included with each ticket is entry into a drawing for an authentic Chicago Cubs jersey signed by pitcher Kerry Wood. The more tickets you buy, the more chances you have to win the jersey.

All proceeds help the Grow Your Own South Suburban Consortium, which supports educating teachers from the community for the community.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Andrea DalPolo at ext. 4582. Checks must be made payable to the GSU Foundation.

EDAD Cohort Info Session

Certified teachers interested in earning a Master of Arts in Educational Administration with coursework leading to Type 75 Certification before upcoming ISBE Principal Redesign changes are implemented should attend an information session on May 19, from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m., in room F1603.

Information will be provided on the GSU M.A. in Education Administration cohort program to begin in Fall 2011. The cohort format enables students enrolled in the program to complete their degree on a predetermined schedule. This cohort is open to any certified teacher in any public or private school with two years of experience.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call 708.534.4536 or e-mail Dor Fitzgerald.

Student Presentation Opportunity

The 17th Annual Student Research Conference will be held on Thursday, June 9. Graduate and undergraduate students will have the opportunity to present their research in either a paper or poster presentation. The conference offers students an opportunity to present their research and scholarly work before an audience of their peers, and will provide a forum to highlight research accomplishments at GSU. Faculty and advisors are asked to encourage students to participate in the conference.

Students may present their work in podium presentation or poster presentation format. Podium presentations are 15 minutes long followed by a five minute question/answer session. Podium presentations begin at 9 a.m. and continue in the afternoon. Posters will be displayed immediately

after lunch. Displays are limited to posters no larger than four feet by three feet.

All abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings. Certificates of Merit will be awarded to all participants.

The registration deadline is May 27. Registration and abstract submission forms are available online at the [conference website](#).

Convenient Mobile Services Unit at GSU

Illinois Secretary of State's Mobile Service Unit will be at GSU on Tuesday, May 24, from 1:30 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Services available at the mobile service unit include driver's license renewal, replacement, and corrections; State ID card renewal, replacement, and corrections; vehicle sticker sales; passenger and b-truck license plates; vehicle title and registration; parking placards for persons with disabilities; and organ/tissue donor information. In addition, vision tests and the written driver's license exam can be taken. No driving tests will be given.

The services provided are available to all qualified Illinois residents. State law allows driver's license renewal up to one year in advance. Proper identification is required for new and duplicate driver's licenses and state ID cards. Acceptable forms of payment include personal checks, cash, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit and debit cards.

For information, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

