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News and Events

[Celebrate Commencement on Saturday](#)

Congratulations to GSU class of 2011. More than 650 graduates will participate in Spring Commencement on Saturday, June 4, at 11 a.m., at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

While tickets are required for entry, if you're unable to attend the ceremony or simply want to check out the action from the comfort of your own home, check out the live webcast on Saturday morning. Full details are available on the [GSU Commencement website](#).

****TRAFFIC NOTICE**** Please note that I-80 is under construction, in both directions, near Joliet. Please plan for sufficient driving time or an alternate route when traveling to/from that region.

[Fresh at GSU](#)

GSU's outdoor Farmers Market opens today with locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, freshly baked bread, delicious honey, and other healthy products for sale. The market runs from 1 to 6 p.m., outside the main entrance.

The market will be open every Thursday afternoon through September.

[Presentation Focuses on Early Childhood Education](#)

Vivian Gussin Paley has spent a lifetime teaching and learning from very young children. For her outstanding and influential work as an educator, Paley is receiving an honorary degree from GSU at Spring Commencement on June 4.



She will also share her knowledge during a public presentation, *The Ideal Early Childhood Education*, on Friday, June 3, at 3:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The lecture is free and open to the public.

With 37 years of experience as an early childhood educator, Gussin Paley is considered one of the nation's experts on the education and enrichment of very young children. Her work has influenced how children are taught and teachers are trained. Her presentation will include observations on the world of young children, academic and social growth, and the development of communication.

'One More Night' Coming to Center for Performing Arts

Thanks to a \$50,000 grant, Governors State University will present productions by three Chicago theater companies for *One More Night* at The Center for Performing Arts.

The Chicago Community Trust awarded the grant for the *One More Night* series, which will bring productions to The Center at the conclusion of their regular engagements. Scheduled performances are:

- *Flow*, by Will Power, presented by ETA Creative Arts Foundation on November 12 at 8 p.m.
- *Tad in 5th City*, presented by MPAACT Theatre on January 21 at 8 p.m.
- *Broadway Sings the Silk Road*, presented by the Silk Road Theater Project on April 28 at 8 p.m.

"The opportunity to work with three of Chicago's most respected theater companies, and to introduce the Chicago Southland to their work, represented a unique cultural opportunity for GSU," said Burt Dikelsky, Executive Director of the Center for Performing Arts. "We are grateful to the Chicago Community Trust for making possible this vision."

Dikelsky said the three companies represent the best of Chicago theater and will present a diverse series of shows sure to make an strong impact on GSU audiences. As part of the grant, GSU is planning special outreach efforts to Southland residents and will integrate lectures and other activities related to the performances in the weeks preceding the shows.

Flow features Will Power, a leading renaissance man in hip hop theater. In this one-man show, he morphs into a variety of different characters, telling each of their unique stories through rhythmic verse.

Tad in 5th City tells the story of young Tad Brown and his family, but it is about a neighborhood as it festers under the weight of poverty, gang violence, and addiction in the aftermath of the 1968 Chicago riots.

Broadway Sings the Silk Road synthesizes musical theater and oral narrative as songs from popular Broadway musicals set along the Silk Road are re-interpreted in ways never imagined by their original composers and lyricists.

Download the *One More Night* [press release](#).

Summer Hours Return Next Week

GSU will roll out its Summer Hours Program beginning next week. Full details are available in the original [HR memo](#).

Basic details regarding Summer Hours are as follows:

- The Summer Hours Program will begin on Monday, June 6 and continue through Friday, August 5.
- The university will be "open" on Fridays in the same sense that it is now "open" on Saturdays. Most offices will, in fact, be closed. However, the university is open for classes, which will be conducted as scheduled. The Library, Academic Computing Center, and Department of Public Safety will maintain their usual Friday hours. Those three areas will arrange hours for employees to assure they meet the needs of students and others.
- Each participating employee will work 37.5 hours per week, Monday through Thursday, within the range of time between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. Units and Departments will determine the hours for specific units. All timesheet related questions should be directed to individual unit heads/supervisors.
- It is important that such schedules be designed and implemented in such a way that support for and delivery of essential academic services are not diminished or compromised in any material way. As such, participation in the four-day work week Summer Hours Program will be determined by each department head based upon the operational and programmatic needs of that department. Summer hours may be suspended or modified by a unit head in order to accomplish a specific project.
- Exception requests from employees due to hardship will be considered by supervisors and unit heads in consultation with the Human Resources Department on a case-by-case basis. The university will exercise flexibility and attempt to address specific employee needs as appropriate.

Tamara Kroeger – Student Commencement Speaker

At Saturday's Spring Commencement, GSU will award bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees to more than 650 graduates. In addition to earning her Bachelor of Arts in Social Science, Tamara Kroeger of South Holland has been chosen to deliver the student commencement address.

In her commencement address, Kroeger plans to focus on the determination it takes to get an education and the value of continued learning. She understands the importance of embracing whatever opportunities life has to offer and believes there is no time to waste in striving to reach your goals and fulfilling your dreams.



Kroeger was chosen student commencement speaker because she epitomizes the GSU student. She is earning her degree after serving in the U.S. Marine Corps for five years. She attended South Suburban College in South Holland before transferring to GSU to complete her degree.

As a wife and mother, Kroeger also understands what it means to balance work, family, and school. She and her husband have two young sons and she also works for Chase Bank in Chicago.



Scholarship Success - Valencia Brown

Valencia Brown of Park Forest received the Rich Township Community

Scholarship. Valencia is an undergraduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration.

Following graduation, she would like to obtain an administrative position with a large organization. She has 15 years of administrative experience in the Chicago Public Schools.

Writing Workshop

The Latino Center for Excellence is offering a free, summer writing workshop. This 12-hour workshop will help students improve their writing and editing skills. Instructors will focus on word use and choice, advanced grammar rules, and spotting errors not usually caught by grammar and spell checkers.

The workshop will be held during the week of June 20 at the Latino Center computer lab. For more information, contact [Carlos Cantu](#) at 708.534.4553.

Advance registration is required. Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MWR93KS>.

Summer Meditation

To thoroughly enjoy the summer, learn how to thoroughly relax and focus. Summer meditation sessions will be offered on Thursdays through August 4, from noon to 1 p.m., in D34090.

The sessions are free and everyone is welcome.

Share the Open Mic

Share your creativity with the GSU community. Take center stage at the GSU Writers Ink Open Mic event on Thursday, June 9, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. Everyone is invited to participate. Read original poetry, short stories, or excerpts from longer creative works, or perform an original song.

If you don't want to perform, join the audience. Bring your lunch.

For more information, contact [Lydia Morrow Ruetten](#) at ext. 4116.

Library Database Login Changes

Beginning June 6, off-campus library database login procedures will change.

To login, students will use their myGSU Portal username and password. Faculty and staff will use their GSU email/network username and password.

For assistance in recalling forgotten usernames or passwords, contact the GSU Help Desk at 708.534.HELP. Library staff cannot access individual usernames and passwords.



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