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News and Events

Be Prepared

According to the National Weather Service, tornado activity is most prevalent between March and June.

In the event of a tornado, the campus community will be informed via the hallway fire alarm public address system and the Berbee interoffice telephone system. Once a tornado warning is issued on campus, all students, faculty, and staff must move to their nearest shelter area.

Please take note of tornado shelter areas throughout campus, which are indicated by red signs. [Maps of all shelters](#) are also available on the [Emergency Response website](#).

As with other emergencies, movement toward shelter areas will be facilitated by GSU's Emergency Volunteer Corps.



Get TWAG'd on Monday

Starting next week, GSU's new student produced daily news show - *This Week @ GSU* will premiere on Facebook, YouTube, the GSU website, and on local public access cable.

The daily two minute video segment will provide information on current events and campus news. A different host will appear each week. Digital Learning and Media design recently finished construction of a new, high-tech set for the production.



Departments who wish to have their event or news featured in the show should e-mail information to thisweek@govst.edu.

Who will the first mystery host be? Tune in on Monday to find out.



Last Minute Father's Day Gift - Cubs v Sox

GSU's Alumni Association is inviting faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends to watch the White Sox and Cubs duke it out on Tuesday,

June 21. The pre-game patio reception begins at 5:30 p.m. and the game starts at 7:05 p.m.

Tickets include a pre-game patio reception with a two-hour all you can eat buffet including BBQ ribs, Cajun chicken, fried chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, and sides salads with wine, Miller and Pepsi products. Seats are on the third base line in Section 109.



Packages are priced at \$115 per person. Tickets are limited and are on a first come first serve basis. There is a limit of four tickets per person.

Tickets are going fast - call today to reserve your dad or yourself a spot. For more information or to reserve tickets call [Cheri Garey](#) at the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128.

New Faith in the Dual Degree Program

Governors State University and The Southland Ministerial Health Network have partnered in an effort to inform prospective students about the Dual Degree Program and the GSU Promise scholarship. This collaboration will bring many regional pastors, ministers, and clergy to campus on Tuesday, July 19, to participate in the Promise Pastoral Breakfast. Breakfast will take place at 9 a.m., on the stage of The Center for Performing Arts.

Speakers at the breakfast will include Pastor Michael Sykes of Faith United Church, Park Forest, IL; Apostle Carl White of Victory Christian International Ministries, Markham, IL; and Dr. Elaine P. Maimon. The event is sponsored by The Southland Ministerial Health Network.

If you know of any church or pastor that may like to participate or would like information about this groundbreaking collaboration, please contact [Jackie Small](#) at ext. 2188 for more details.

Come to Lunch

The GSU Weight Watchers Group is inviting you to lunch on June 21, at noon, in room F1602. Enjoy a salad with friends and learn about the Weight Watchers diet program and how you can join for 12 weeks at a special rate.

For more information, contact [Ayita Woods](#) at ext. 7470.

Civil Service Screams for Ice Cream

Support the Civil Service Senate and celebrate National Dairy Month with a delicious and cooling ice cream soda on Wednesday, June 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. For only \$1.50, you'll receive two scoops of vanilla ice cream and a can of flavored soda pop to top it off. Reduced sugar options will also be available. All proceeds will benefit the Senate's Educational Assistance Fund.

FDM Summer Projects

Several summer projects, including roadway lighting replacement, east entry reconstruction, and exterior signage installation are underway and will require partial road closures and parking restrictions.

Beginning Wednesday, June 15 and continuing through late August, the main entry drive from University Parkway/Stuenkel Road will require single lane closures from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contractors will be replacing exterior lighting and install new signage.

All motorists are reminded to be courteous during the construction period and remain alert. For questions or concerns, contact Facilities Development and Management at ext. 4515.

Coleman Grant for CenterPoint

Governors State University recently received a \$17,000 grant from The Coleman Foundation of Chicago. The grant will be used to support three Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camps hosted by CenterPoint.

Over the past three years, CenterPoint at Governors State has provided more than 400 veterans and active military personnel with the tools necessary to start their own businesses or improve their existing businesses. The Coleman Grant will allow CenterPoint to offer this event free of charge through 2012.

“We are proud to be able to serve those that have served our country,” said CenterPoint Director Hilary Burkinshaw. “This grant will allow us to offer this valuable program to an additional 300 veteran entrepreneurs.”



The boot camp is a focused intensive one day entrepreneurial training and counseling event for veterans, active military personnel, their business partners, and families. The daylong event provides the tools and knowledge needed for entrepreneurial success.

IDSS June Workshop

The Interdisciplinary Studies Program is hosting a Prior Learning Portfolio Seminar. The event, open to current and prospective GSU students will be held on Saturday, June 25, from 10 a.m. to noon, in room D1496. There is a \$50 registration fee, which includes materials. Refreshment will be provided.

This seminar is designed to help students:

- Identify prior learning that may be equivalent to college-level work

- Link experience to comparable college courses
- Document learning
- Compile materials into a portfolio for submission to GSU

To register, please e-mail or call [Tiffani Malvin](mailto:Tiffani.Malvin@gsu.edu) at 708.534.4092.

Newman Civic Fellow Honored

In addition to recently earning her Bachelor of Social Work, Tamara Lewis was also awarded the Newman Civic Fellows Award. Lewis received the honor from the Campus Compact, an organization of colleges and universities dedicated to furthering campus service and service-learning in higher education.



The Newman Civic Fellows Award honors college students whose actions demonstrate their role as public problem solvers and civic leaders. Newman Civic Fellows are nominated by college and university presidents. Lewis was nominated by President Elaine P. Maimon for her efforts to raise money for victims of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti and her outstanding achievements as a student.

“As a student, Tamara demonstrates enthusiasm for academic excellence and genuine concern for addressing social disparities within impoverished communities,” said Dr. Maimon. “She is passionate about social justice and desires to empower people and communities.”

Lewis was the central force behind “All Nations for Haiti,” a fashion show held at GSU, which featured the styles from all over the world. The show raised \$4,400 for Haitian relief efforts.

“I was driven to help the people of Haiti because I saw a need,” said Tamara. “I learned how to work with students from other cultures and countries and with faculty to achieve our goal and raise money. It was a great learning experience.”

Student Conference Success



The 17th Annual Student Research Conference was held recently at GSU. Fifteen students presented their research in either a paper or poster presentation. The conference provided students with a forum to highlight their research accomplishments in front of an audience.

Students also enjoyed a luncheon and received a certificate and recognition from President Elaine P. Maimon and conference organizer, Dr. Shelly Kumar. They also heard from keynote speaker Dr. Umesh Garg of Notre Dame University on the role that nuclear physics plays in the generation of energy that fuels the stars and provides nuclear power on Earth.

EHS Places Available

There is still room for your baby or toddler in the Early Head Start program at the GSU Family Development Center. Your baby deserves the best start you can provide. EHS is a comprehensive program for qualified families.

EHS helps prepare infants and toddlers for school, helps expectant mothers stay healthy and get answers, and provides valuable services such as a fulltime childcare, home visits, educational opportunities, and links to support services for families.



For more information about the Early Head Start Program at the GSU Family Development Center, call 708.235.7300 or visit the [FDC website](#).

Scholarship Spotlight - Chinar Desai



Chinar Desai of Wheaton received the Dr. Prince & Elsie McLemore Scholarship for Physical Therapy. Chinar is a graduate student in the College of Health and Human Services' Physical Therapy program.

Chinar would like to serve the underprivileged in India, promoting the benefits of physical therapy in improving quality health care.

Free LSAT Prep Class Begins in August

The Academic Resource Center is offering a free Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) preparation class on Mondays, beginning August 20 and through April 30. The class is from 7:30 a.m. to 10:20 p.m., in room A2202.

ARC tutor David Sparks will teach the preparation class for the LSAT. Class work will focus on the three main areas of the test: reading comprehension, logic reasoning, and analytical reasoning.

While many test prep services charge \$1,000 or more for LSAT prep classes, GSU is offering this class at no charge.

“This is an opportunity for GSU to offer an important service to the community,” says Sparks. “Preparing for this test is not easy. We don’t want cost to stop people from taking a course that can help them prepare.”

Advance registration is required and seats are limited. For more information or to register, call 708.235.3963 or [David Sparks](#).

