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Fall Semester  
Registration  
Through August 25

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Meditation  
Thursdays  
2:30 p.m.  
D 34150  
Free

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Alcoholics  
Anonymous  
(AA)  
Thursdays  
6 - 7 p.m.  
A2150

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Ways of Making  
Juried Art Exhibit  
Through June 23  
Reception  
June 23  
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Visual Arts Gallery

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Pre-K Screening/  
Registration/Tours  
June 12, 13  
9 a.m. to 2  
Family Dev Cntr  
708.235.7300

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Sex in the Sand  
Counseling Workshop  
June 21  
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Engbretson Hall  
[Register](#)

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New Perspectives on  
Desire  
Counseling Workshop  
June 22  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
E Lounge  
[Register](#)

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## News and Events

### An Ice Cream Threepeat on Wednesday (08-29-11)

It's time for more ice cream.

The Civil Service Senate has been doing its best this summer to satisfy everyone's ice cream cravings. We have another chance to feed our collective sweet tooth at the Senate's Ice Cream Social Threepeat, on Wednesday, August 31, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Besides ice cream sodas for \$1.50, the Senate will also be offering ice cream sundaes for \$2 with hot fudge, as well as other toppings.

### Where Were You on 9-11?

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GSU will host a public reading of the stories on Monday, September 12, from 1 to 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Stories should be sent to Dean Hill by September 2. Submission may be sent by [e-mail](#) or by mailing them to Dean Reinhold Hill, in the College of Arts and Sciences. Stories should be no more than four double-spaced typed pages and no longer than 10 minutes in length.

Persons who are not on campus can also contribute stories.

### Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child

Are you interested in learning how to raise an emotionally intelligent child? Come to this week's Parent University workshop, *Attachment and Parenting: Emotional Coaching and Raising an*

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*Emotionally Intelligent Child.*

IDSS Portfolio Seminar  
College Credit for Prior Learning  
June 23  
10 a.m. – noon  
D1496  
\$50  
[Register](#)  
708.534.4092

The workshop takes place today, from 6 to 7:30 at the Family Development Center. Participants who are counselors or teachers can earn 1.5 clock hours for CEUs or CPDUs. Dr. Tim Pedigo and Dr. Al Tuskenis will lead the workshop.

For more information, or to register, go to [www.govst.edu/children](http://www.govst.edu/children) or call 708.235.7300.



Parent University workshops are sponsored by the College of Education and the Family Development Center.

Chicago Southland Gospel Fest 2012  
June 29  
7:30 p.m.  
Cntr Perf Arts  
[Tickets](#)

**Deadline Nears for GSU Picnic**

DrOT Information Session  
June 30  
2 p.m.  
G127

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Get your questions answered, meet the faculty, and tour our classroom/laboratory spaces. Advisors will be available for individual consultation. Light refreshments will be provided.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Mary Tracy at 708.534.7290.

### **Teaching with Primary Sources**

Teachers have a wonderful opportunity to expand their classroom tools through the Teaching with Primary Sources graduate course (EDUC 721). There is still time to sign up for the three hour course, which will meet on seven Saturdays this fall, beginning October 1. Hours of the class are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All fees and tuition for this 3 hour course are paid for by GSU's Teaching with Primary Sources Grant from the Library of Congress. This course is designed for classroom teachers, library media specialists and curriculum directors.

The application deadline is September 9. To apply, go to <http://tps.govst.edu> and click on the application link.

### **T.A.L.E. Classes Start Next Week**

The Adult Learning Exchange (T.A.L.E.), a partnership between GSU and JCC Chicago, is starting a new season with classes that provide the opportunity for adults to enjoy intellectual challenges and the joy of acquiring and sharing knowledge.

All classes meet at GSU on Fridays from September 9 to November 18. Morning sessions are from 10 a.m. to noon, and afternoon sessions are from 1 to 3 p.m. Each class is eight sessions long. The cost of the program is \$73 for the first class and \$28 for the second class.

Course topics for the fall session include Freud, topics in science, a film series featuring science fiction and fantasy themes, an examination of love, and a cultural analysis of Herman Melville and his masterpiece, Moby Dick.

For more information on T.A.L.E., or to register for classes, contact Suzanne Patterson by e-mail or by calling 708.420.0563.

### **Dual Degree Students Welcomed (08-25-11)**

GSU welcomed its first class of Dual Degree Program (DDP) students to campus during a special orientation session last week.



Forty-three DDP students, who are currently attending area community colleges, toured campus, met faculty and advisors, listened to a panel discussion by GSU students, and heard presentations on financial aid, support services, and career services. GSU President Elaine P. Maimon formally welcomed the students to campus.

The Dual Degree Program, established in 2010, is an innovative partnership between GSU and six community colleges designed to increase completion rates for both associate and bachelor's degrees. DDP students enroll in the program during their freshman year of community college. Once enrolled, GSU locks in its tuition rate for the next four years.

Eligible DDP students can also apply for GSU Promise scholarships and have access to a GSU advisor,

For more information about the Dual Degree Program, visit [www.govst.edu/dualdegree](http://www.govst.edu/dualdegree) or call 708.534.4494.

## **Dr. Carlson Honored for Educational Service**

Dr. Jon Carlson, Professor of Psychology and Counseling, has received the American Psychological Association Award for Distinguished Career Contributions to Education and Training in Psychology. The award was presented at the APA's annual convention in Washington, D.C.



Dr. Carlson, who began his GSU teaching career in 1971, was recognized for his contributions to the creation of educational and training materials in psychology for instruction and the public. The award recognizes continuous significant contributions made over a lifelong career in psychology. In receiving the award, Dr. Carlson joins the list of the most prominent psychology and counseling educators during the past half-century.

"Dr. Carlson's contributions are immeasurable and his energy is boundless," said Dr. Shannon Dermer, Chair of GSU's Division of Psychology and Counseling. "Not only has he been a force in the profession, he has been an inspiration to his colleagues and students. Part of the shining reputation of the Division of Psychology and Counseling, and specifically the counseling program, is due to Dr. Carlson's hard work and dedication to a program that has grown immensely in numbers and reputation over the years."

Dr. Carlson is the author of 55 books and more than 160 journal articles. He has served as editor of several periodicals, including the "Journal of Individual Psychology" and "The Family Journal." He has served as the relationship expert on Chicago's "WGN Morning Show" and appeared on NBC's "Today." Since 1995, Dr. Carlson has produced and hosted videotapes and DVDs used in the education and training of psychologists.

## **Fresh from the Farm**



The best in farm-fresh fruits and vegetables are available at the GSU Farmers Market today, from 1 to 6 p.m., outside the main entrance.

The outdoor market brings locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, freshly baked bread, delicious honey, and other healthy products to GSU every week through September.

## **Fall Youth Swim**

The Recreation and Fitness Center is offering the Youth Swim Program this Fall. The program is open to youths 5 to 17 years old for 12 weeks of swim instruction on Saturdays. Classes begin Sept. 10, at 11 to 11:40 a.m. Parental poolside presence is required during instructional period.

The fee is \$20 for children of GSU students, \$25 for the children of Recreation & Fitness Center members, and \$50 for non-members. Limited space is available. Contact the Recreation & Fitness Center for information or to register at 708.534.4556.

## **Constitution Day - 2011**

GSU Constitution Day activities will be held on September 15, from noon to 1 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

Vincent Jones, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, will discuss Citizenship. Dr. Elizabeth Johnson, Assistant Professor of Social Science, will discuss Multiculturalism in Higher Education.

This event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by ARC, CAS, the Intellectual Life Committee, and Student Life.

## **Scholarship Spotlight - Denise ISSERT**

Denise ISSERT of Wilmington received the First Midwest Bank Scholarship. Denise is a student in the College of Arts and Science's Interdisciplinary Studies degree program.



She would like to continue her education after earning her undergraduate degree and pursue a master's degree. Denise is a community advocate and is involved in many organizations, including her local school board.

## **President Maimon Welcomes Students Back (08-22-11)**

President Elaine P. Maimon welcomes new and returning students back to campus with a special message.

[Download Dr. Maimon's Message](#)

## Convocation 2011

President Elaine P. Maimon reported at Thursday's Convocation that the state of Governors State University is excellent, even in uncertain times.

"The waters continue to be troubled, but our strong sailing craft travels forward," Dr. Maimon told a capacity audience in Sherman Hall. "We do so because we understand that we are masters of our fate."



*Dr. Lisa Chang*

Dr. Maimon announced a groundbreaking celebration for renovation of the E & F science wing on October 18. The Illinois Capital Development Board went out to bid this month for the state-funded, \$22.5 million E & F renovation. In addition, the university has received an additional \$3 million National Science Foundation grant for the renovation of GSU's science research labs.

"This long-awaited event – 10 years in the making – will celebrate 21st century science facilities," she said of the groundbreaking. "Such facilities change everything on a campus, enabling our students and faculty to engage fully in scientific discovery and learning."

Dr. Maimon also announced that the U.S. Department of Education has selected GSU for a

September 9 rally on the theme of "Education and the Economy: Investing in Education."

Undersecretary of Education Martha Kantner, who will speak at the event, chose GSU "because she sees us preparing students for productive lives as citizens," Dr. Maimon said.



*Dr. Pam Guimond*

During her State of the University address, Dr. Maimon said positive momentum at GSU is clearly evident on campus as faculty and staff continue to give students quality education opportunities, while building for the future. She praised members of the numerous IRiS Project teams for working tirelessly to implement GSU's new computer system. Physical improvements on campus – from new signs to improved lighting to road construction projects – are making the university safer and more accommodating for students and employees, she said.



*Dr. Robbie O'Shea*

Dr. Maimon announced that GSU's administration is cautiously moving toward student housing on campus, and is exploring whether the university should admit freshman and sophomore students.

Winners of this year's Faculty Excellence Awards were announced at Convocation. Dr. Maimon presented the awards to Dr. Lisa Chang, Professor of Math Education in the College of Education; Dr. Pamela Guimond, Assistant Professor of Biology Education and Advisor for Secondary Education in the College of Arts and Sciences; and Dr. Roberta O'Shea, Associate Professor of Physical Therapy in the College of Health and Human Services.

## **Labriola Addresses International Conference**

Tony Labriola, GSU Professor of Television and Film, recently presented a keynote address to the 23rd International Conference on Systems Research, sponsored by the International Institute for Advanced Studies (IIAS), in Baden-Baden, Germany.

The address, "Image is Everything: Shedding Shadows on the Light," focused on images as an increasingly dominant form of new "linguistic" or semiotic communication.

At the conference's concluding ceremony, Labriola received the Outstanding Scholarly Contribution Award from IIAS for his research work in media and film education.



The conference is a forum for the presentation and discussion of current systems research in humanities, sciences, and engineering.

## **Activities Galore at Welcome Days**

A week of welcoming activities begins with the traditional Welcome Days, today and tomorrow, from noon to 6 p.m. The activities have been relocated outside to the patio and lake area. Activities include music, trivia for students, giveaways, ID validation, and an abundance of information.

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## **Services You Can Use**

Secretary of State's Mobile Service Unit will be at GSU tomorrow, August 23, 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](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com).

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## **Zumba Mondays**

Dance your way to fitness at the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center. Zumba classes will be offered on Mondays, from noon to 1 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., from September 12 through December 12.

Zumba is exercise that combines Latin and international dance and fitness inspired movements. Participants dance away their worries and tone and sculpt their muscles with salsa, merengue, cumbia, reggaetone, samba, and belly dancing.

A 15 session punch card is only \$10 for GSU students, \$40 for Recreation and Fitness Center members, and \$80 for non-members. You only pay for the sessions you attend.

For more information and to register, call 708.534.4556 or visit room A1106.

## **Convocation Today (08-18-11)**

Members of the GSU community – students, faculty, and staff – are invited to Convocation 2011, on Thursday, August 18, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

President Elaine P. Maimon will deliver the State of the University Address. The event will also feature the naming of this year's three Excellence Award winners.

Refreshments will be served beginning at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

## **Information for Fall 2011**

### **Financial Aid Refund Checks**

Fall 2011 financial aid refund checks were mailed on Tuesday, August 16 and Wednesday, August 17. The Financial Aid Office has completed the implementation of the upgraded financial aid data system and is now positioned to better serve students.

Students may access their online accounts for additional information as follows:

- a. Log in to the myGSU portal at <http://mygovst.govst.edu>
- b. Under Financial Information, click on Account Summary
- c. At the bottom of the Account Summary screen there are five blue tabs - click on Account Summary by Term

### **Classroom Assignments**

Classroom assignments for Fall courses are currently being completed and will be available by Monday, August 22. Students can access the

classroom assignments in two locations:

- GSU class schedule at <http://classes.govst.edu>
- [myGSU](#) - click on Online Services, then Academic Profile, then My Schedule

### **Bookstore Purchases**

Students are not yet able to purchase books directly through the new registration system. All students are encouraged to avoid possible bookstore lines by purchasing or renting their books online through eFollett at [www.govst.edu/bookstore](http://www.govst.edu/bookstore).

### **Important Phone Numbers**

Bookstore: 708.534.4558

Financial Aid: 708.534.4480

Registrar: 708.534.4500

## **Welcome Fall 2011 Students**

Welcome Days activities have been retooled and expanded this year. Activities are scheduled for four days during the week of August 22. Students are encouraged to participate in a full range of exciting events to kick off the 2011-2012 academic year.

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## **Faculty and Staff Outlook Distribution List Renamed**

Beginning August 19, the naming convention for the Outlook distribution lists found under "Departments Distribution List" will change. The changes reflect the naming in the new Datatel Colleague system and were changed to provide clearer identification.

A number of new distribution lists have also been added. For example, there are now lists for each department within the colleges. A complete comparison of the former and new names can be found online at

[www.govst.edu/distributionlists](http://www.govst.edu/distributionlists). If you feel there are discrepancies with membership to any of these lists, please contact [Human Resources](#).

## **Systems Upgrade – August 21**

All GSU Jenzabar products, including CX (Cars), MyGSU, Student View, and Faculty View, will be unavailable Friday, August 19, from 5 p.m. through approximately noon on Sunday, August 21 for system maintenance and required upgrade.

If you have any questions, please contact the GSU Helpdesk at 708.534.H-E-L-P.

## **Seasonal Delights at Our Front Door**

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## **Student Scholar - Sara Ionescu**



Sara Ionescu of Berwyn received the Marie Gray Bertz Memorial Endowed Scholarship. Sara is an undergraduate in the College of Health and Human Services' Communications Disorders program.

She plans to pursue a master's degree and become a speech-language pathologist. Sara likes working with children with Down Syndrome or who are deaf

or hard of hearing.

## **Register for Blackboard 9.1 Workshops**

Beginning Fall 2011, GSU will begin the process of moving from WebCT (Blackboard CE-8) to Blackboard 9.1 with complete migration to Blackboard 9.1 slated for Spring 2012. Some of the increased functionality that will be realized in the new software includes:

- A much more robust and easy-to-use grade book
- The ability to more easily construct and maintain courses
- Automated "to do" and "past due" notifications
- Automated messaging of notes to students who are falling behind and/or at risk for failure
- An integrated plagiarism detection tool
- An enhanced group manager tool to make the setting up of group projects easier
- Built-in wiki and blog tools
- The ability to create "mash ups" that integrate content from external sources such as Flickr, Slideshare, and YouTube
- Excellent Mobile communication and content delivery capabilities ... and much more

In order to assure a smooth transition to Blackboard 9.1, it is important that faculty attend training workshops, which will provide access to Blackboard tutorials and shells for course development.

Faculty workshops begin the week of August 29. The first workshop is an essential for faculty, as it will introduce the Blackboard interface, familiarize you with the features of the GSU Standard Settings, and help you get started on creating your Spring 2012 web-enhanced, hybrid, or online course.

Two-hour workshops will be offered in both morning and afternoon sessions, Monday through Thursday. Registration is limited to 15 persons per session. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so [register](#) for your preferred date and time today.

The Center for Online Teaching and Learning is looking forward to working with each of you as we move into this new online environment. For more information, email [Nikki Rosebough](#).

## **Library Staffer Nominated for Advocacy Award**



Sarah Wegley, a senior library specialist in the GSU Library, has been selected as a finalist for an award recognizing individuals who don't let hearing loss limit their ability. Members of the GSU community are encouraged to vote for Wegley in the Advocacy category of the 2011 Oticon Focus on People Awards.

In her award-winning blog, "Speak Up Librarian," Wegley has chronicled her own experiences with late-onset hearing loss and invites others with hearing loss to speak out about their own challenges, adventures, and achievements.

Wegley, who has a moderate hearing loss, has worn hearing devices

since 2006. At that time, she knew no one in a similar situation and frankly admits that it was lonely. Writing her blog at first was an outlet, a way for her to talk about how hearing loss had affected her emotionally. She was shocked to find a group of individuals from all walks of life who were happy and grateful to read and share along with her.

Wegley's other advocacy interests include open captioned films, accessible online education and hearing aid insurance coverage and she was recently elected the Social Chair of the Association of Late Deafened Adults Chicago.

Oticon Focus on People Awards honor hearing impaired students, adults and advocacy volunteers who have demonstrated through their accomplishments that hearing loss does not limit a person's ability to make a difference in their families, communities and the world. By spotlighting people with hearing loss and their contributions, Oticon, the world's oldest hearing aid manufacturer, aims to change outdated stereotypes that discourage people from seeking professional help for their hearing loss.

Voting is open through August 29 in four categories – Student, Adult, Advocacy, and Practitioner. First place winners in each category win \$1,000 and a \$1,000 donation from Oticon to the charity of their choice. First place winners in the Student, Adult, and Advocacy also win a pair of Oticon advanced technology hearing instruments.

Read Sarah Wegley's [biography](#). [Cast your vote](#).

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Food, games, prizes, and a fun-filled day in the sun are on the agenda, and it's all free for faculty and staff. Activities include a beanbag tournament, closest to the pin contest, Scramble Board, bingo, Karaoke Idol, and Minute to Win It. Mark your calendar and don't forget to RSVP to [gsusummerpicnic@govst.edu](mailto:gsusummerpicnic@govst.edu) by August 31.

Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. Please contact [Gina Ragland-Owolabi](#) at ext. 7559.

The picnic is sponsored by the Civil Service Senate, the Provost's Office, and the GSU Spirit Committee.

## **Honoring GSU Student Artists**

President Elaine P. Maimon last week honored five student artists whose work will be displayed in the President's Conference Room in the coming months.

Dr. Maimon hosted a luncheon for the students and members of the GSU art faculty to celebrate the artwork going on display. The president hosts similar events two or three times each year.

Student work is chosen according to merit and outstanding qualities from the GSU's annual all-student exhibition or from individual graduate shows. The art faculty chooses works to be displayed in the conference room and also outside the President's office. Visitors to the President's office get to see first-hand the excellent work created by GSU arts students and faculty.



During the luncheon, students shared comments about their work and took part in an informal discussion led by Dr. Maimon.

"This is really a great way to celebrate and honor our art students," said Jeff Stevenson, Visual Arts Gallery Director and University Lecturer.

Students whose work is on display in the current exhibition are Diana Lynch, Allen Moore, Tor Dettwiler, Paul Stephenson, and James Taddsen.

## **Expanded Welcome Days Return August 22**

As another school year begins, Welcome Days return to GSU. Welcome Days activities are scheduled for four days during the week of August 22. Students are encouraged to participate in a full range of exciting events to kick off the 2011-2012 academic year.

Welcome Days activities have been retooled and expanded this year. The traditional Welcome Days take place Monday, August 22 and Tuesday, August 23 from noon to 6 p.m.

Welcome Days have been relocated outside to the patio and lake area. Activities include music, trivia for students, giveaways, ID validation, and an abundance of information. In addition, This Week at GSU (TWAG) will participate with an open studio for students to audition to become a TWAG host. The Illinois Secretary of State's office will join us on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. to provide a number of services.

To round out the week, the Clubs and Organizations Engagement Fair takes center stage on Wednesday, August 24. Members of student clubs will be share information with their fellow students. Each club will decorate its own table and a prize will be awarded to the club with the best table decorations. At the Student Community Resource Fair, on Thursday, August 25, vendors from the community are invited to share their resources with students.

In case of rain, Welcome Week activities will be relocated to the Hall of Governors.

For further information, contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) at ext. 4552.

## **JJC President Passes Away**

Dr. Gena Proulx, President of Joliet Junior College since 2006, passed away August 12 following a courageous battle with cancer.



On behalf of GSU, President Elaine P. Maimon offered condolences to Dr. Proulx's family and the Joliet Junior College community.

"Gena and I were strong partners for four years, from the first day I became president of GSU," Dr. Maimon said. "I will always remember her warmth, her graciousness, and commitment to students. As the years went on, we worked together on the Dual Degree Program and other initiatives to help community college students follow a quality pathway to university graduation. I always admired Gena's intellect, leadership, and dedication to all that higher education can achieve.

"My thoughts and prayers go out to Gena's husband, her children, and the entire JJC community. The loss is immeasurable."

## **Share Your 9-11 Story**

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GSU will host a public reading of the stories on Monday, September 12, from 1 to 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Stories should be sent to Dean Hill by September 2. Submission may be sent by [e-mail](#) or by mailing them to Dean Reinhold Hill, in the College of Arts and Sciences. Stories should be no more than four double-spaced typed pages and no longer than 10 minutes in length.

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## **Mobile Workforce Center**

Helping people in the community find employment is the mission of the Mobile Workforce Center. The mobile unit will be parked near the university front entrance every Tuesday, from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Center services include resume development, access to online job

boards and websites, instruction on conducting online job searches, and assistance from staff. The mobile unit has 11 computer stations equipped with Internet access, printer and copy machines, and wheelchair accessibility.

The center, housed in a large bus, travels to various Will County locations offering free services. Job search assistance is available to everyone and is not limited to Will County residents.

For more information, contact the Workforce Services Division of Will County at 815.727.4980.

## **Dude, Where's My Car? (08-11-11)**



With the installation of new external signs complete, GSU parking lots have been renamed. Parking lots are now designated by numbers and campus location, rather than the letters that were used in the past.

The new parking lot names integrate with the university's master site plan. The plan calls for future growth and more buildings on campus, which will require additional parking lots. As more parking lots are built, they will be given additional sequential numbers.

According to the master site plan, the university is divided into east and west sectors. Under the new parking lot naming system:

- A Lot is now West 2
- B Lot is now West 1
- C Lot is now East 1
- D Lot is now East 2
- E Lot is now East 3

GSU staff members need to be aware of the new parking lot names, especially when providing directions to campus visitors, including prospective students. Giving visitors the proper parking lot names will avoid confusion for persons who are unfamiliar with the campus.

GSU's [online campus map](#) has been updated to include the new parking lot designations.

## **Come to Convocation 2011**

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This morning, Dr. Maimon noted, "The Baysore Award is presented to a GSU employee who has represented the qualities of absolute integrity, total competence, generous dedication, and unfailing civility. Many GSU employees have been honored with this award in the past, and will be honored in the future, but I have decided not to award the Baysore this year. All of us have done yeoman service on many transitional projects that are critical to the university. Because of everyone's busy

schedule, few people had the time to prepare a thorough Baysore nomination. Given the stature of this award, we have decided to give everyone a chance for more detailed nominations next year."

## **Blackboard 9.1 Workshops Offered**

Faculty workshops on Blackboard 9.1 start the week of August, 29. This fall, GSU begins the process of moving from WebCT (Blackboard CE-8) to Blackboard 9.1, so it is important that faculty members become familiar with the new system.

The Center for Online Teaching and Learning is hosting the workshops, which will introduce the Blackboard interface and the features of the GSU Standard Settings, and help participants get started on creating a Spring 2012 web-enhanced, hybrid, or online course. Two-hour workshops are offered Monday through Thursday in both morning and afternoon sessions. Registration is limited on a first-come, first-served basis to 15 persons per session.

New features in Blackboard 9.1 include:

- A more robust and easy-to-use grade book
- The ability to more easily construct and maintain courses
- Automated "to do" and "past due" notifications
- Automated messaging of notes to students who are falling behind and/or becoming at risk for failure
- An integrated plagiarism detection tool
- An enhanced group manager tool to make the setting up of group projects easier
- Built-in wiki and blog tools
- Ability to create "mash ups" that integrate content from external sources such as Flickr, Slideshare and YouTube
- Excellent mobile communication and content delivery capabilities

[Register](#) for the workshops online. For workshop or training questions, contact [Nikki Rosebourgh](#).

## **Ice Cream Social Threepeat**

One more time. You scream, I scream ... well, you know the rest.

The Civil Service Senate has been doing its best this summer to satisfy everyone's ice cream cravings. We have another chance to feed our collective sweet tooth at the Senate's Ice Cream Social Threepeat, on Wednesday, August 31, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Besides ice cream sodas for \$1.50, the Senate will also be offering ice cream sundaes for \$2 with hot fudge, as well as other toppings.

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### **Scholarship Spotlight - Ja'Hana Holloway**



Ja'Hana Holloway of Bourbonnais received the ACCESSS Scholarship. Ja'Hana is a student in the College of Education's elementary education program. Obtaining her degree will fulfill her long-time dream of becoming a teacher.

She will also be serving as a positive role model for her children.

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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.

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## **Dr. Mayfield Named ACE Fellow (08-08-11)**



Dr. Sandra Mayfield, GSU's Assistant Provost and Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, has been named an ACE Fellow for the 2011-2012 academic year. Dr. Mayfield is one of 50 Fellows named last month by the American Council on Education (ACE).

The ACE Fellows Program, established in 1965, is designed to strengthen institutional capacity and build leadership in American higher education by identifying and preparing promising senior faculty and administrators for responsible positions in college and university administration.

"During my Fellowship year, I hope to gain a broader understanding of leadership roles in higher education, including issues of finance and fundraising, management of change, student recruitment and retention, and methods for assessing student learning outcomes," Dr. Mayfield said. She also wants to bring back useful information related to the complex leadership relationships between academics, support services, and facilities as these issues pertain to GSU.

Dr. Mayfield will complete her ACE Fellowship year under the mentorship of DePaul University's president, Fr. Dennis Holtschneider. Her Fellowship period begins September 6. While completing her ACE Fellowship year at DePaul, one of her major GSU responsibilities, liaison to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, will be assumed by Dr. James "Chip" Coldren, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and co-director of GSU's Center for Technology Collaboration.

Dr. Mayfield, a tenured professor of communications disorders at GSU, came to the university 15 years ago. She has held a series of administrative positions, including program coordinator, division chair, and acting dean in the colleges of Health Professions and of Arts and Sciences. In 2005, she was awarded a \$788,500 federal grant to train bilingual and culturally competent speech-language pathologists to work with children in schools and early childhood programs.

Dr. Terry Allison, GSU's Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, nominated Dr. Mayfield for the Fellowship.

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The annual meeting of the Friends of the GSU Library has been moved to the Hall of Governors. The meeting takes place Wednesday, August 10, from noon until 1 p.m.

Elections for the 2011-2012 officers will be held. Bring your brown bag lunch and ideas for the upcoming fiscal year. All are welcome to attend.

### **Welcoming Dual Degree Students to Campus**

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 Dual Degree Program GSU's first Dual Degree Program students will be on campus next week, and members of the university community are being asked to make them feel at home during their visit. About 50 DDP students will attend an orientation session between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

"We want the GSU community to make our students feel welcome," said Jose Reyes, Director of Dual Degree and Transfer Articulation. "When DDP students are touring the campus, we want our employees to smile and say, 'welcome to GSU.'"

The students are currently attending community college. After signing up for the DDP, they are receiving financial incentives and university advising that will lead to a seamless transfer after they complete their associate degree. DDP students are also eligible for GSU Promise scholarships.

The DDP, an innovative partnership between the university and six area community college partners, was started last year, and is designed to increase graduation rates both for associate and bachelor's degrees.

## **Adult Learning Exchange Classes Return to GSU**

The Adult Learning Exchange (T.A.L.E.), a partnership between GSU and JCC Chicago, is starting a new season with classes that provide the opportunity for adults to enjoy intellectual challenges and the joy of acquiring and sharing knowledge.

All classes meet at GSU on Fridays from September 9 to November 18. Morning sessions are from 10 a.m. to noon, and afternoon sessions are from 1 to 3 p.m. Each class is eight sessions long. The cost of the program is \$73 for the first class and \$28 for the second class.

Course topics for the fall session include Freud, topics in science, a film series featuring science fiction and fantasy themes, an examination of love, and a cultural analysis of Herman Melville and his masterpiece, Moby Dick.

For more information on T.A.L.E., or to register for classes, contact [Suzanne Patterson](mailto:Suzanne.Patterson@gsu.edu) by e-mail or by calling 708.420.0563.

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## **Farewell to Summer Hours (08-04-11)**

Cleaning the garage. Finishing *War and Peace*. Wallpapering the guest bedroom.

As summer hours come to a close, GSU employees have exactly one more Friday – tomorrow – to complete all those projects that were planned for three-day weekends this year.

Regular hours return next Monday as we prepare for the start of the Fall Semester on August 22.

For the record, Friday's weather forecast calls for temperatures in the low 80s, mostly cloudy skies, and a 20 percent chance of showers. Enjoy!

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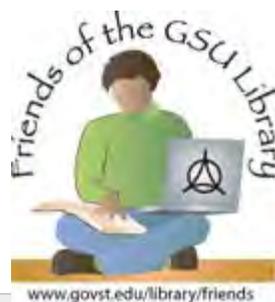
## **Scholarship Spotlight – Denise Henry**

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Denise wants to be able to influence the lives of young adults so they become successful adults.



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For more information, contact [Dr. Steve Shih](#) at ext. 4547. Advance registration is required at <http://gsucloudcomputing.eventbrite.com>.

### **Standing Up to Bullies (08-01-11)**

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Learn about the impact schools, school counselors, and parents can have in the fight against bullying and cyber bullying at a free workshop on Wednesday, August, 3, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the Family Development Center.

*Bullying and Cyber Bullying* will be led by Dr. Jennifer Beebe. This workshop is part of Parent University, a series of free workshops designed to help parents, counselors, and educators understand and cope with issues and concerns affecting children.

Classes are conducted by members of the GSU Division of Psychology and Counseling. Attendees can earn 1.5 CEUs or CPDUs. The workshops are offered free to the community through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

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The Alternative Teacher Certification program offers three ways to earn certification and embark on a new, rewarding career in education. The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) leads to a master's degree in education and teacher certification. TQP provides an opportunity to co-teach for a year with a certified teacher, a \$30,000 stipend, and a 25 percent reduction in tuition. TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The Alternative Certification Program also offers the opportunity for teachers to teach full-time as they earn a salary and their teacher certification. In addition, there are reduced paid resident opportunities, which also lead to teacher certification.

This program is open to college graduates with at least five years of work experience after receiving a bachelor's degree. The application deadline for the Alternative Certification program, beginning Spring 2012, is December 15. For more information, call 708.534.4399 or visit [www.govst.edu/altcert](http://www.govst.edu/altcert).

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## **Literacy Zone on the Horizon**

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The GSU graduate program in reading is sponsoring The Literacy Zone, a reading tutorial program for students in grades six through high school, on Tuesdays, from September 6 through November 22, from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m.

The Literacy Zone is a 12-week, one-to-one program that pairs students experiencing reading problems with teachers who have the skills to help them. Students meet on the GSU campus with certified, experienced teachers enrolled in the Master of Arts Reading Program at GSU.

Enrollment is limited and based on the number of tutors available. Students will be accepted in the order in which the completed application and registration fee are received. There is a \$70 registration fee. Snacks are provided at each session. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, contact [Mary Hession](#) at ext. 4122.

## **Check Your Pay Stub Online**

GSU has discontinued paper direct deposit pay advices but employees can now check payroll information online through Colleague, the new Datatel system. All employees have online access to bi-weekly pay details such as salary, benefits, and deductions.

To access your online pay advices on the GSU portal:

1. Go to <http://mygovst.govst.edu/facultystaff/Pages/default.aspx>
2. Click on the tab labeled Online Services located on the right column
3. Click on the drop down tab labeled Employee Profile and choose Pay Advices

Employees can access this information at any time. If you have questions, contact the GSU Help desk at ext. 4357.

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A different host will appear each week. Departments wishing to have their event or news featured in the show should e-mail information to [thisweek@govst.edu](mailto:thisweek@govst.edu).



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