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News and Events

Dual Degree Students Welcomed

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 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.

