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## News and Events

### **GSU, COD Sign Dual Degree Agreement**

GSU and the College of DuPage signed an agreement Monday launching a new dual degree agreement that provides a transition from registered nurse to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. GSU President Elaine P. Maimon and COD President Robert L. Breuder signed the agreement.



Students enrolled in this program will complete three years of coursework at COD, including nursing academic and clinical core courses and general education requirements.

GSU will accept up to 85 credit hours from COD students, who will then enter into GSU's RN to BSN Program. Students then complete 35 credit hours from GSU to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing through online delivery.

"We at GSU are happy to partner with COD's excellent nursing program to provide their graduates a clear pathway to complete their bachelor's degree. We are also pleased to welcome COD as our latest partner in the Dual Degree Program," Dr. Maimon said. "From freshman year to graduation, this is a very student-centered program. This signing is the latest partnership in our nationally recognized Dual Degree Program."

In addition to the nursing program, GSU and COD have entered into a general Dual Degree Program, available to students in all programs and majors. The DDP provides educational and financial incentives, as well as seamless transfer for COD students who transfer to GSU to complete a bachelor's degree.

Students who participate in the DDP receive academic advising and transfer planning assistance from both institutions from their first year at COD through their transfer to GSU. Additionally, the DDP includes a guaranteed tuition plan that locks in GSU's tuition rate at the time COD students first enroll in the program to the time they graduate from the university. Students in the Dual Degree Program are also eligible to

compete for GSU Promise scholarships, which enable qualified students to complete a bachelor's degree at the university debt-free.

## **Board of Trustees Session Rescheduled**

The GSU Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for Friday, December 2 has been rescheduled. All Board business for this period will take place at the Board of Trustees meeting on Friday, December 9, in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors.

The starting time for the meeting has not been finalized. When the time is determined, it will be announced in a future GSU View edition.

If you have any questions regarding the Board of Trustees meeting, please contact Joan Johns Maloney at 708.534.4131.

## **Electronic W-2 Forms Available**

You can streamline your personal tax process by signing up for an electronic W-2 form. Financial Services is offering GSU employees the option to update their employee profile through GSU's online portal to consent to receiving an electronic W-2. This service is part of the transition to the Datatel Colleague system. Signing up for the service allows all employees to access, view, and print their W-2 forms.

Sign up today for an electronic W-2 by following the steps in this memo.

## **Campus Closed for Thanksgiving**

GSU will be closed Thursday, November 24, Friday, November 25, and through the weekend in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

GSU View extends best wishes to you and your family over the holiday weekend. We'll see you back on campus on Monday, November 28.

## **Global Discussions Continue**

International Education Week and Global Entrepreneurship Week concludes today with three interesting, wide-ranging discussions.

The discussions begin with *How to Manage and Maintain Your Immigration Status at GSU and Beyond* led by Kathleen Gaber from the law firm Masuda Funai. Following this presentation, Jennifer Eick-Magan of Prairie State College will present *English as a Second Language*. These presentations will be from 2 to 4 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.



A panel discussion, *The Balkan Region: Opportunities and Challenges*, will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. Panelists include Evelina Mengova, Gokce Sargut, Colleen Sexton, the Turkish trade commissioner, and the Macedonian trade commissioner. Stephen Wagner will moderate.

Activities are sponsored by the Office of International Services and CenterPoint at GSU. Events are free and open to the public.

## **You Can Be a Star**

Dust off that accordion in your closet. Start practicing with those juggling balls. There's still time to try out for this year's Civil Service Day. Auditions are continuing for singers, dancers, comics, and others who'd like to be part of this Civil Service Day entertainment on Wednesday, December 7.

Civil Service Day begins at 10 a.m. in Sherman Hall, and will be followed by lunch. This year's event features a talent show, with a panel of judges picking the top three performers. The audience will then choose an overall winner, who will be announced during lunch.

To arrange an audition, contact [Mark Kundla](#) at ext. 3999.

## **Oh My, Cake and Pie**

The Civil Service Senate is sponsoring a Pie and Cake Auction on November 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Participants will have the opportunity to bid on delicious baked creations – just in time to enjoy on Thanksgiving. Bidding begins at 11:30 a.m. and closes at 1:30 p.m. All cakes and pies must be picked up and paid for by 2 p.m.

Donations of cakes and pies and volunteers to staff the auction are needed. Contact [Andrea Dalpolo](#) at ext. 4582.

## **Scholarship Spotlight Asmeen Radee**



Asmeen Radee of Lansing received the Wilbur L. Morrison Endowed Scholarship. Asmeen is an undergraduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration concentrating in Human Resources.

After graduation, Asmeen plans to help her parents expand their business, and eventually start a business of her own.



