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News and Events

Sign Up for Electronic W-2

As tax season approaches, 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](#).

Spring 2012 Financial Aid Disbursements

Because the university is advancing financial aid refunds prior to the beginning of the semester, GSU will no longer issue book cards.

Depending on the option that students choose, Spring 2012 financial aid award will arrive in one of two ways:

- If students did not enroll in a direct deposit plan, the financial aid check will arrive by mail. Checks are scheduled to be mailed the week of January 9.
- If students signed up for direct deposit, the direct deposit will be transmitted directly to their bank account the week of January 9.

Students must meet all of the following conditions to receive direct deposit of financial aid refunds for the Spring 2012 semester. They must:

- Be admitted to a degree program.
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress.
- Have a complete financial aid file (FAFSA and all requested documentation) in the Financial Aid Office no later than December 16, 2011.
- Have accepted awarded financial aid no later than December 16.
- Be registered for at least six credit hours on January 6.
- Have a remaining financial aid balance after your tuition and fees have been deducted.
- Have provided or updated bank information on their myGSU portal (at

<http://mygovst.govst.edu>) by December 12, 2011.

'Tad in 5th City' Brings Powerful Storytelling to CPA



Unflinching truth is met with genuine warmth when *Tad in 5th City* comes to the Center for Performing Arts on Saturday, January 21, at 8 p.m.

Tad in 5th City, a production of MPAACT, is the second performance in the "One More Night" series, which is bringing the best in Chicago theater to GSU for one final performance. "One More Night" is made possible by a generous grant from the Chicago Community Trust.

Based on the works of poet Orron Kenyatta, *Tad in 5th City* depicts life through the eyes of 10-year-old Tad Brown, an impoverished 10-year-old growing up on Chicago's west side in the 1970s. The play chronicles Tad's journey as he navigates through a city torn by gang violence, poverty, and addiction.

Adult tickets range in price from \$30 to \$39. Special \$15 tickets are available for students from any educational institution. Tickets are available by calling 708.235.2222 or [online](#).

'Tad' Director to Discuss Play

Carla Stillwell, director of *Tad in 5th City*, and poet Orron Kenyatta will discuss the play on Thursday, January 19, at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. *Tad in 5th City* is based on Kenyatta's works.

The conversation is free and open to the public.

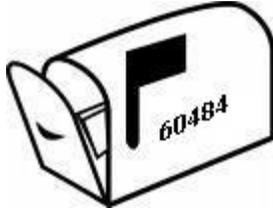
Associate Provost Candidate Presentation

Dr. Robert Dibie, candidate for the position of Associate Provost, will be on campus on Monday, January 9. The candidate will participate in a full day of interviews, including a public presentation. All students, staff, and faculty are invited to the public presentation.

The public presentation by Dr. Dibie ([view vitae](#)) ([view bio](#)) will be on Monday from 2 to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. All attendees are asked to complete an evaluation form about Dr. Dibie's presentation.

For more information, contact Sabrina Slocum at ext. 4102.

ZIP Code Reminder



All GSU faculty and staff are reminded that the university's former ZIP code, 60466, was changed to 60484 on July 1, 2009.

Mailed materials bearing the old ZIP code can no longer be used and should be recycled immediately. All departments are encouraged to review all materials (i.e. business cards, website, envelopes, stationery/masthead, forms, marketing materials) to ensure that they have been changed to reflect the new ZIP code.

All departments doing business with outside entities are also responsible for informing those entities of the change for correspondence and billing purposes.

SLATE's Forbidden Broadway



Enjoy a rollicking good time at the Center for Performing Arts this month with *Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits*. This production will have you laughing out loud as you watch send-ups and parodies of 25 Broadway shows and 18 Broadway legends performed by members of an all-star cast from the Southland Area Theatre Ensemble (SLATE).

Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits comes to the CPA on January 13 and 14 at 8 p.m., and January 15 at 4 p.m.

Seating is limited as the show will be performed cabaret style. The audience will be seated on the stage with the performers. Tickets are only \$25.

Visit or call the CPA box office at 708.235.2222 or visit www.centertickets.net.

Secretary of State Services – January 17

Cyberdrive, the Secretary of State's Mobile Service Unit, will be at on campus on Tuesday, January 17, 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.

FDC Enrollment Open

GSU's Family Development Center (FDC) is now accepting applications for its infant and toddler childcare services, prekindergarten programs, and after school childcare.

Childcare for infants, toddlers, and two year olds takes place in fully-equipped classrooms of eight children, each staffed with two teachers. The infant and toddler childcare center is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The FDC also offers full and half day pre-kindergarten, three or five days a week and extended day childcare for three to five year olds.

Before and after school childcare is also available for five to 12 year olds.

Several, special grants may be available to assist eligible families. Discounts are also offered for GSU students and staff.

For more information or to register your child, call 708.235.7300.

Password Changes Required

Under a mandate from the Illinois Auditor General, faculty and staff will be required to change their network login password once every 60 days. Students will be required to change their password once every 120 days. This mandate, designed to ensure the security of campus data, is now in effect.

To assure a smooth transition, the password change requirement will be rolled out in phases. ITS will provide faculty, staff, and students with information on the first password change date and other details about this program. When users change their password for the first time, they will be prompted to answer a set of security questions. These will assist users in retrieving forgotten passwords.

After the initial password reset, users will receive a daily password change notice starting seven days before their expiration date. If faculty and staff passwords are not reset every 60 days, users will be locked out of GSU systems.

The ITS Helpdesk, can be reached at helpdesk.govst.edu or 708.534.HELP (4357).

Ways of Making Photography

The Visual Arts Gallery will present *Ways of Making: Photography*, featuring the work of artists Myra Green and Cecil McDonald, Jr., from January 9 to February 3, 2012. A closing reception celebrating the exhibition will be held on Thursday, February 2, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The exhibit and the reception are free and open to the public.

Myra Greene received her BFA from Washington University in St. Louis and her MFA in photography from the University of New Mexico. Her work uses photographic processes to engage issues about the body, memory, the absorption of culture, and African-American identity.

Cecil McDonald Jr. grew up on the South Side of Chicago where an appreciation of art was encouraged by a creative mother, and influenced by the burgeoning DJ culture, House music, and the dance club scene.

Ways of Making: Photography is the second in a series of exhibitions highlighting the art-making practices taught in GSU's art program. The series began with an exhibit on Ways of Making Paper. Additional exhibits exploring the intricacies, methods, and some of the secrets of artistic creativity are planned. This series is made possible in part by a grant from the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Mondays and Wednesdays, from 5 to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1 to 9 p.m.; Fridays, from 5 to 9 p.m.; and by appointment.

For more information, call 708.534.4021 or visit www.govst.edu/gallery.

Reading Tutoring

GSU's Graduate Program in Reading is sponsoring The Literacy Zone, a reading tutorial program for students in grades six through high school, on Tuesdays, from January 24 through April 17, from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m.

This 12-week, one-to-one program brings students experiencing reading problems together 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. 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 [Dr. Mary Hession](#) at 708.534.4122.



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