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For Immediate Release

Governors State Celebrates Earth Week

University Park, IL, April 2, 2009 – A campus-wide celebration of the Earth Week will be held on Thursday, April 23, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Governors State University. The celebration will include refreshments, displays, demonstrations, music, and activities focusing on environmental sustainability. Many “green” innovations, which have been initiated by GSU, will be celebrated as well, including the dedication of the newly re-paved parking lots at 2 p.m.

Activities will take place in parking lot B. Parking lots B and C are both part of the Earth Day celebration as they were paved recently using permeable pavers installed by Rose Paving of Bridgeview. Permeable paving is an environmentally friendly surface that protects the water table from harmful chemicals. A demonstration sponsored by Rose Paving will show how effective the new surfaces are.

Also in the parking lot will be a pre-season Farmers Market featuring eco-friendly products. Local Toyota, Chevrolet, Ford, and Saturn car dealers will display their hybrid vehicles. Additional demonstrations include how to compost, sustainable dining practices, and solar powered garbage cans. IDOT will be on hand with a display of fuel conservation driving tips.

Students from Bloom Township High Schools will display their bio-diesel bus powered by fuels they make themselves in the classroom using old cooking oil and corn. The GSU Science Department will conduct natural history tours of the GSU campus. Land art tours will be led by Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park Director Geoffrey Bates.

Children’s art and science activities will be led by students and educators from the College of Education and the College of Arts and Sciences.

The GSU Earth Week Celebration and Parking Lot Dedication is free and open to the public. In case of rain, some activities and demonstrations will be moved into the main lobby. Governors State University is located at 1 University Parkway, University Park, Illinois. For more information, call (708) 534-6360.

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This event is part of a yearlong celebration of Governors State University’s 40th anniversary. Community members are welcome to attend special events throughout 2009, which exemplify the university’s ongoing success. For more information about GSU’s 40th Anniversary, visit www.govst.edu/40years.