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Registration
Through August 25

Meditation
Thursdays
2:30 p.m.
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Free

Alcoholics
Anonymous
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Thursdays
6 - 7 p.m.
A2150

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

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

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

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

News and Events

GSU Leaders to Present at International Conference (05-31-12)

President Maimon is keynote speaker at next week's International Conference on New Horizons in Education (INTE), a gathering of scholars from around the globe. She will be accompanied to the conference in Prague, Czech Republic, by COE Dean Deborah Bordelon, and Dr. Colleen Sexton, chair of the Division of Education. GSU's three representatives, whose travel expenses are being covered by INTE organizers, are playing an important role at the conference.



Dr. Maimon

Dr. Maimon's address, in part, will discuss the increasing availability of information and the important role educators play in teaching students how to take that information and turn it first into knowledge and, ultimately, into wisdom.

Dr. Bordelon will present a keynote address on how American higher education is moving from a knowledge-centered focus toward a performance-based emphasis. Her address will explore the American emphasis on measurable outcomes and accountability and the implications for program development and the advancement of higher education.



Dr. Bordelon



Dr. Sexton

Dr. Sexton is leading a workshop on using the power of digital media to convey meaning. The workshop will show how to use images, graphics, video, and text to engage audiences in research, and how to speak to audience members and move beyond merely "reading" papers to them. Bordelon and Sexton are conducting an additional workshop on transforming learning outcomes in syllabi into meaningful course activities that create new knowledge.

Dr. Sexton said the conference is a cooperative effort between academics from a number of countries. One conference goal, she said, is to better understand the importance of the need to meet common learning standards to meet standards set in the Bologna process in

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

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

[DrOT Information Session](#)
 June 30
 2 p.m.
 G127

Europe and accreditation processes in the United States. Last year's conference in Guarda, Portugal, had participants from 19 countries, mostly in Europe but also in Africa, the Middle East, and the United States.

Summer Hours Are Back

GSU is again implementing a four-day work week schedule to provide employees the opportunity for more time-off during the summer months and save in transportation costs, and to enable the university to realize other operational savings. The schedule will be in effect from Monday, June 4 through Friday, August 3.

You can read the [memo on the summer hours](#) work schedule.

BOT Executive Committee Meets Friday

The Board of Trustees Executive Committee will meet on Friday, June 1, at 10 a.m., in the College of Health and Human Services conference room, G159. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting's agenda will be posted shortly on the [GSU Board of Trustees website](#).

For further information, contact [Joan Johns Maloney](#).

China Tour Begins for GSU Students

GSU students and faculty are getting a first-hand look at China's history, culture, and business during a two-week trip to Beijing, Shanghai, and other locations. Twenty members of the GSU community departed Sunday on the tour, sponsored by CBPA.

Dr. Jun Zhao, associate professor of management and the tour leader, said participants will visit cultural landmarks like the Great Wall and Terracotta Warriors Museum, but will also meet local entrepreneurs and MBA students, and go to Shenhua Corporation, a Global Fortune 500 company. Along the way, students will examine daily themes like "experiencing the diverse culture of China," "the competitive strategies of Chinese firms," "how Chinese companies created miracles," and "how Chinese companies build their brands."

Tour members will spend two days at the 2012 Transport Logistics Trade Show in Shanghai, where they will help participating Illinois companies promote their businesses, meet industry leaders from around the world, and attend forums to learn about emerging trends in related businesses.

Dr. Zhao said one student was provided with a video camera by GSU's Division of Digital Learning and Media Design and is recording activities on the trip. Sixteen students are on the tour; they are split evenly between graduate and undergraduate students and come from CAS, CBPA, and CHHS.

Trade Center Client Posts Video in SBA Contest

Automated Design Corporation (ADC), a client of the Illinois International Trade Center (ITC) at Governors State University, is the

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subject of *Solutions That Work*, a video recently posted on the U.S. Small Business Administration's website. ADC's story was submitted to SBA's National Small Business Video Contest. Videos in the contest illustrate how businesses have been assisted by an SBA program or service.

Mary Ma of ITC helped her ADC clients prepare the application packet for SBA's State Trade and Export Promotion Grant (STEP) Initiative, and assisted in planning a business trip to China this spring. With ITC's help and encouragement, ADC was the first Illinois business to use the STEP program to go to China. During the trip, ADC officials visited more than 10 business partners and potential buyers, and acquired new orders for the company. They estimate the firm's export value will increase by \$172,000 in next 12 months as a result of the trip.

ADC, located in Romeoville, began designing and building quality custom automation for the car industry in 1985 and quickly started designing solutions for a great range of services and industries world-wide. Today, ADC is a world leader in sports research and development testing equipment, providing services to manufacturers in major sports, including golf, tennis, baseball, softball, soccer, and basketball. All the company's products are designed and built in the U.S.

View [ADC's video](#).

Exercise Options at GSU

Stay in shape this summer at GSU's Recreation and Fitness Center. Students, staff, faculty, and community members can sign up for fitness programs that improve your health and your outlook on life.

This summer, the Recreation and Fitness Center is offering:

- The Total Water Exercise Class, on Monday through Friday, from 10 to 11 a.m., between June 4 and August 24. The fee is \$25. This water-based exercise class incorporates stretching, toning, and flexibility.
- Yoga, on Wednesdays, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., between June 6 and August 22. The fee is \$10. Yoga incorporates cardiovascular, flexibility, and relaxation techniques.
- Zumba, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., through August 16. Fees are \$10 for GSU students, \$40 for Recreation and Fitness Center members, and \$100 for non-members. Zumba, with dance and aerobic elements, is at the leading edge of today's fitness opportunities.

The Recreation and Fitness Center also offers Fitness Program Design and Personal Training. Dates and times must be scheduled through the Center office.

To sign up for summer programs, or for more information, go to the Recreation and Fitness Center office or call 708.534.4556.

Keep Your Password Current

ITS reminds GSU faculty, staff, and students that the password expiration policy that was put into place at the beginning of the year remains in effect.

Passwords need to be reset every 60 days for faculty and staff, and

every 120 days for students. If passwords are not reset within the proper time frame, accounts will be locked.

When accounts are locked, users may reset their passwords through the password recovery tool at <http://password.govst.edu>. Users can also call the ITS help desk at 708.534.4357 for assistance.

Scholarship Spotlight - Erin Fletcher



Erin Fletcher

Erin Fletcher of Richton Park received the Rich Township Community Scholarship. She is a graduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences' communications program.

Erin wants to be a leader in the communications profession and become a teacher at the college level. Erin plans on continuing her education and work toward a Ph.D.

Faculty Summer Institute Tackles Digital Age (05-24-12)

GSU's Faculty Summer Institute 2012, "Engaging Students in the Digital Age," takes place Tuesday, June 5 and Wednesday, June 6.

This year's conference is designed to benefit faculty who teach in both the online environment and face-to-face in the classroom.

FSI 2012 kicks off with guest speaker Dr. Constance Staley, who will share her understanding of digital learner issues, and suggest ways to turn potential problems into teaching successes.

Blackboard consultant Jonathan Ahlbrand will return to the conference with Blackboard outlooks and updates. Fellow faculty members will be spotlighted; last year's Fisk Mini-Grant Technology Award winners demonstrate the use of their chosen technology to improve learning outcomes in the classroom. This year's Mini-Grant winners will also be announced.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Complete the [registration form](#) and indicate if you will be on hand for lunch. Please register no later than June 1.

Sanders Receives National Women in Management Award

Courtney Kohn Sanders, GSU's vice president for enrollment management and marketing, has received The National Women In Management Woman of Achievement award, also known as the Charlotte Danstrom Award.

Sanders received the award on May 15 during the annual Celebrating Women in Management Awards Ceremony at the Nineteenth Century Club in Oak Park. She is president of the Near West Cook Chapter of National Women in Management (WIM).



Courtney Sanders

Awards are given in seven career categories; Academia, Corporate, Entrepreneur-Service, Entrepreneur-Product, Government, Licensed Professional, and Not-for-Profit based upon answers to questions set forth by the National Board of Women in Management. Sanders received this year's award for her contributions in field of academia. Candidates are judged by non-WIM members with knowledge and understanding of the skills needed to excel in the career field being judged.

The award is named for Charlotte Danstrom, one of WIM's founders in the 1970s. WIM continues to celebrate her life and the opportunities she envisioned by presenting the Chapter Women of Achievement Award and the National Charlotte Danstrom Awards.

Women in Management is a national organization that promotes the professionalism of its members through education, development, encouragement and mentoring. WIM promotes its organization's growth to bring these services to other women throughout the nation and to encourage growth, networking and quality within its existing chapters.

He's Got Vacation Fever



Let the globe-trotting begin. Today marks the official start of the *Take Pierre on Vacation* photo contest, which chronicles our penguin friend as he travels far and wide with members of his GSU family.

You can take Pierre with you on vacation and submit your photos to GSU View. Entries must include images of Pierre with GSU's new logo. The contest runs through September 14.

Visit the Office of Marketing and Communications, located in C1310, and pick up a new and improved Pierre. This year's Pierre is wearing the new GSU logo. Take him on vacation and send us your pictures. At summer's end, three winners will receive fabulous prizes.

For contest details, visit the *Take Pierre on Vacation* [contest website](#).

June 14 BOT Meeting Canceled

The meeting of the GSU Board of Trustees scheduled for Thursday, June 14 has been canceled.

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For further information, contact [Joan Johns Maloney](#).

Breathe Deep

Meditation at GSU returns today for the summer session. Come take a break from the day's stress on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. in D34150. Sessions are free and open to everyone. Meditation continues through the rest of the summer term.

Student Senate Hosts Sox Trip



The Chicago White Sox swept the Houston Astros in the 2005 World Series. You can see a rematch between the two teams when the GSU Student Senate sponsors a trip to see the Sox take on the Astros on Sunday, June 10, at 1:10 p.m., at U.S. Cellular Field.

To enter the drawing for the free tickets, send an e-mail to saasnews@govst.edu with the following information:

Subject Line: White Sox Tickets

1. Name
2. Student I.D. number
3. Phone number
4. E-mail address
5. Bus transportation – yes or no

Entries must be received by Friday, June 1. Only e-mails sent to saasnews@govst.edu will be entered in the drawing. Phone calls will not be accepted. You must be a current GSU student to participate.

Buses will depart from GSU at 10:45 a.m. A pre-game parade starts at 12:15 p.m.; guests will have the opportunity to enjoy activities at Gate 1 before walking about the ball field together.

Helping Protect the Environment

Dr. Xiaoyong Chen, Associate Professor of Biology, has been elected to the board of directors of the Great Lakes Midwest Chapter of the Society for Ecological Restoration International (SER).

The Midwest-Great Lakes Chapter of SER serves Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The chapter's mission is to promote the science and practice of ecological restoration to assist with the recovery and management of degraded ecosystems throughout the Midwest and Great Lakes region.

Scholarship Spotlight - Margaret Holden

Margaret Holden of Crescent City received the Manilow Scholarship for Students Who Achieve Intellectual Excellence. She is an undergraduate student in the College of Health and Human Services working toward her Bachelor in Health Administration degree.

After graduation, Margaret would like to become a



Margaret Holden

patient advocate in a hospital.

Success by Degrees at Commencement **(05-21-12)**

Commencement 2012 was one – or two – for the record books.

Consider the numbers:

- More than 2,400 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral graduates were awarded diplomas in a single day.
- Both the morning and afternoon Commencement ceremonies took place before full-house audiences at the Tinley Park Convention Center, with a seating capacity of about 4,900.
- It was the first time that two honorary doctorate recipients and two student speakers were honored on the same day.



Plus, Commencement took place on a picture-perfect day with blue skies, comfortable temperatures, and nary a cloud in the sky.

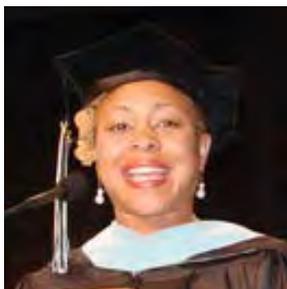
This year's Commencement was a three-day celebration of "Success by Degrees" at GSU.

Commencement Weekend began with Thursday night's doctoral hooding ceremony. Forty-two CHHS doctoral graduates were honored at the hooding ceremony.

On Friday night, President Elaine P. Maimon hosted a dinner for honorary degree recipients Charles Lotton, a world-renowned glass artist, and Laurens Grant, an Emmy Award-winning documentary producer and director.



From start to finish, Saturday's twin Commencement ceremonies were a moving tribute to GSU's graduates, and to those who helped make their dreams come true – family members, other loved ones, and university faculty, administration, and staff.



Student speakers Erin Fletcher and Fredi Parks each delivered powerful messages to their fellow graduates, and to the entire GSU community. Lotton and Grant offered their own heartfelt observations on the wonderful lifelong journey awaiting graduates after Commencement.

Commencement is a time for thanks and GSU View would like to offer sincere thanks to the members of the GSU community who took part in all the weekend events. Thanks to you, Commencement unfolded smoothly despite the challenges of a record-breaking day. You helped make it a joyous occasion for everyone.

Be a Part of GSU History

The Governors State University Oral History Project, sponsored by the GSU Library, is inviting all members of the university community to share memories and tales of GSU for everyone to hear. Stories will be recorded on the growth, impact, and life of GSU.

The staff of the library will conduct the interviews, which will be filmed, edited, and housed in the GSU Vault for public access.. Participants will be required to sign a release.

Contact [Carol Machura](#) and schedule an interview time – And don't let retirement stop you. We will be sure to schedule an interview with all who are retiring before they embark on their next great adventure.

Crane Work

A contractor will use a crane to hoist equipment on/off the roof of buildings C and D, tomorrow, May 22. For the D-building work, the crane will be located in the cafeteria loading dock area.

For the work on C-building, the C-entry parking area will be closed from 7 to 11 a.m. Entry doors to that building will be intermittently blocked as necessary for safety. Pedestrians will be directed to the B-entrance (by the pool) or the main entrance.

Summer Reading Tutoring

GSU's graduate program in reading is sponsoring The Literacy Zone, a reading tutorial program for students in grades two through five. The program takes place Mondays through Thursdays, from July 5 through July 25, from 9 to 11 a.m.

This four 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 GSU's Master of Arts reading program. Students are expected to attend every session.

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

For more information, call 708.534.4122 or email [Dr. Mary Hession](#).

Meditation Sessions Are Back

Meditation is a wonderful way to relieve stress. During the summer session, meditation sessions will be offered Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. in E1590. Sessions are free and everyone is welcome.

Envelopes Need New Barcode

As GSU's Mail Services makes the transition to Intelligent Mail barcodes, the existing Postnet barcodes will soon be retired. GSU

departments need to be prepared for the change to Intelligent Mail. Any departments with Postnet business reply envelopes should order the new envelopes.

To be eligible for automation prices, mailings of letter-size and flat-size mail pieces, as well as postcards, will need to have an Intelligent Mail barcode. Permit Reply Mail and Qualified Business Reply Mail will also be required to have an Intelligent Mail barcode.

To have your business reply envelopes revised, contact [Lindsay Gladstone](#) or [Tom Houlihan](#) in the Office of Marketing and Communications.

No Mice Allowed

Mice may be cute and furry in the world of cartoons. But, in the real world, it's a different story. At GSU, we need to take precautions so that mice don't find a home in our office drawers or elsewhere on campus.

Make sure that food, candy, and condiments are in closed containers made of heavy plastic or glass. Don't place large amounts of napkins in drawers since mice might use them as bedding material.

Don't make GSU an attractive living space for rodent pests. By keeping mice off campus, you'll be making GSU a healthier place.

Commencement Weekend (05-18-12)

GSU's Commencement Weekend brings the fulfillment of dreams to more than 2,400 members of the Class of 2012. After years of planning, sacrifice, and hard work, graduating students can breathe a sigh of relief, then celebrate with family, friends, and other loved ones.

Commencement Weekend begins tonight with the doctoral hooding ceremony for 42 students in the College of Health and Human Services. The students are receiving doctoral degrees in Nursing Practice, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy, and the Transitional Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Spring Commencement takes place on Saturday at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., at the Tinley Park Convention Center. Admission is by ticket only.

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Two graduating GSU students have been chosen to give Commencement addresses. Erin Fletcher, a Richton Park resident, will speak at the morning ceremony. Fredi Parks, of Park Forest, will speak in the afternoon.

GSU View congratulates the Class of 2012 for a job well done, and extends best wishes for the future.

Education Students Network

Each semester, Dr. Jeannine Klomes, GSU professor of education, organizes a potluck breakfast for Early Childhood Education (ECE) majors to network with the current ECE student teachers. Students graduating with a bachelor's or master's in ECE with Illinois teacher certification are qualified to teach children from birth through third grade. The purpose of this gathering is to provide those preparing to student teach with feedback and information from those currently engaged in the 15 week field experience.



"Gearing up for student teaching can be very intimidating because students are required to effectively integrate a wealth of college class material into the professional knowledge, skills, and disposition expected of beginning teachers," Dr. Klomes said.

During the breakfast, GSU student teachers discuss their most stressful task, most rewarding moment, most humorous flashback, and best piece of advice as teachers. Many questions are asked and information is shared.

"Making all ends meet is stressful, but taking things one step at a time works," advised student teacher Ashley Stechly of Valparaiso, IN.

"The most rewarding moment for me is when a child who has been struggling with learning a concept finally gets it," said Melissa Alaniz of Orland Hills.

Perhaps Kim Lemon of Sauk Village gave the soon-to-be student teachers the most encouraging advice. "After completing lab classes at GSU, I was prepared for student teaching," she said.

This was the sixth breakfast social sponsored by Dr. Klomes, and once again, outcomes were positive. "At the end of the social, both groups seem excited about their future career," she said.

Scholarship Spotlight – Runisia Henry



Runisia Henry of Matteson received the Saint Paul Federal Scholarship. She is a graduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration and is working toward an MBA with a concentration in accounting.

Runisia has more than 10 years' experience in financial services and would one day like to open her own accounting firm.

Tidy Window Sills Needed

FDM next week starts window washing in the G building. Please remove books, papers, and trinkets from the window sill in your office. This speeds the cleaning process and, more importantly, protects your materials from damage.

Graduates Ready to Walk (05-14-12)

GSU will award bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees to more than 2,400 graduates at Saturday's Commencement. GSU will host two ceremonies on a single day.

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Pierre Prepares for Photo Contest



Pierre, GSU's favorite penguin, is off and running. Pierre's season of travel, both near and far, got off to a promising start this month when he accompanied Tom Houlihan of Marketing and Communications to Paris. After a stroll down the Champs Elysees, Pierre posed for this picture atop the Arc de Triomphe.

You can take Pierre with you on vacation and submit your photos of the globe-trotting penguin to GSU View. Entries in this summer's *Take Pierre on Vacation* photo contest must include images of Pierre with GSU's new logo. The contest officially begins May 24 and ends September 14.

Visit the Office of Marketing and Communications, located in C1310, and pick up a new and improved Pierre. This year's Pierre is wearing the new GSU logo. Take him on vacation and send us your pictures. At summer's end, three winners will receive fabulous prizes.

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Speaking Up about Hearing Loss

Sarah Wegley, acting web manager in the GSU Library, was profiled last week in the *People Hearing Better* online newsletter.

The story describes how Wegley, at age 40, realized she had a hearing loss. Her loss signaled a significant lifestyle change, and eventually led to her creation of her award-winning *Speak Up Librarian* blog. In the blog, Wegley shares her journey of change and new experiences.

People Hearing Better called Wegley's contributions "truly courageous."

Read the [People Hearing Better](#) story about Wegley.

Register for Summer, Fall

Registration for Summer classes continues through May 26. The summer term begins on May 21 and ends on August 5.

Fall semester registration will remain open through August 25. The Fall term begins on August 20.

Registrants are reminded that the new course renumbering system will be used in the Fall 2012 semester. The renumbering will not affect student study plans or delay degree completion.

A cross reference list, showing a comparison of the old and new course numbers is available at www.govst.edu/renumber.

To register, students should visit the GSU registration [website](#). Students are urged to contact their advisors with questions.

Two Student Commencement Speakers (05-10-12)

GSU will award bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees to more than 2,400 graduates at Commencement, on May 19. For the first time, GSU will host two ceremonies on a single day.



Two graduating GSU students have been chosen to give Commencement addresses. Erin Fletcher, a Richton Park resident, will speak at the 10 a.m. ceremony. Fredi Parks, of Park Forest, will speak at the 5 p.m. ceremony. Fletcher and Parks were both nominated as speakers by faculty members and chosen as worthy representatives of the Class of 2012.

Fletcher is receiving a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies at Commencement. She will continue her studies at GSU, working toward a master's degree in communications and plans to pursue an Ed.D. in Leadership. She was recently elected to a one-year term as student trustee on the GSU Board of Trustees. She is a two-term student senator, a member of the Black Student Union, the Wellness Club, and the Honors Council, which provides input on the year Honors Program lecture series and other activities.



Parks is receiving a master's degree in education. Parks says she always knew she wanted to be a teacher. After working 12 years for a not-for-profit foundation, she entered GSU's Alternative Certification program, which trains career changers for the classroom and prepares them for careers in challenging, underserved schools. Parks is now teaching sixth grade at Maya School in Harvey.

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Pierre is Waiting



If you have not picked up your new Pierre yet, what are you waiting for?

Entries in this summer's *Take Pierre on Vacation* photo contest must include images of the new Pierre. While there are lots of similarities between the new and old Pierres, the previous little guy is so out of fashion. The new Pierre sports the new GSU logo and it is his picture we want entered in the contest.

So visit the Office of Marketing and Communications located in C1310, and pick up your new – and improved – Pierre. Take him on vacation and send us the pictures. Fame and glory may await you if your image is chosen for one of our three fabulous prizes.

For contest details, visit the [Take Pierre on Vacation contest website](#).

There's More Than Corn...



Antoinette Harman, graduate of Ivy Tech Community College in Indiana, was recently awarded a GSU transfer scholarship. Courtney Kohn Sanders, VP of Enrollment Management and Marketing at GSU, presented Antoinette with the award at the Ivy Tech commencement ceremony on May 5.

Antoinette is transferring into GSU's bachelor of health services program this fall. Upon her acceptance, she noted her desire to express the importance of higher education to her children. She noted that her accomplishment proves that anyone can be successful if they set their mind to it.

Scholarship Spotlight – Deborah Harris

Deborah Harris of Glenwood won the Cita Milbergs Scholarship in Communications. She is an undergraduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences' communications program.

Deborah is currently employed as an advertising account executive and wishes to use her degree to advance in position. She plans to continue her education and pursue a masters' degree in the future.



PT Student Run Raises \$1,400

Last weekend's gloomy skies failed to prevent more than 80 runners and walkers from competing in GSU's second annual Run 4 Rehab, a 5K run and 2-mile walk, sponsored by GSU's Physical Therapy Student Association (PTSA).

This year the PTSA members raised \$1,400, more than three times the amount raised last year. The Run 4



Rehab is designed raise funds for the Miami-Marquette Challenge, a national competition between physical therapy schools to collect and distribute money for physical therapy research grants around the country. DPT students Amy Flaherty and Andy Jellema served as co-director for the event.

PTSA strives familiarize and enhance the students with knowledge of and participation in professional organizations such as the American Physical Therapy Association, Illinois Physical Therapy Association, and other physical therapy related special interest groups; develops and augments leadership skills in students; promotes service learning through community outreach programs; enhances students' and the public's knowledge of the physical therapy profession and Governors State University's physical therapy program.

Presidential Blog (5-7-12)



As part of the continuing conversation concerning the implications of ongoing national efforts to increase college completion rates, President Maimon recently contributed to the American Association of Colleges and Universities' (AAC&U) blog. Her featured posting in the AAC&U newsletter was sent to more the 20,000 recipients. Dr. Maimon's comments were also picked up by the Carnegie Foundation publication News You Can Use & More.

Read Dr. Maimon's blog posting [*Public Policy and Foundation Funding Should Support the intersection of College Completion and Quality.*](#)

Honorary Doctorates to Charles Lotton, Laurens Grant

GSU will award honorary doctorates to renowned glass artist Charles Lotton and Emmy-winning documentary filmmaker and journalist Laurens Grant.

For the first time, GSU will host two ceremonies on a single day, May 19. Lotton, of Crete, will speak at the 10 a.m. ceremony. Grant, who grew up in Chicago's south suburbs and now resides in New York City, will speak at the 5 p.m. ceremony.



Charles Lotton has been creating distinctive, beautiful art glass for more than 40 years. He never received formal art instruction. Through experimentation and inspiration, by trial and error, and with the support of his wife and children he became an artist. His unique and creative techniques and the materials he conceived were originally produced over a furnace in the glass blowing studio he built in his backyard. It was there that he developed his singular formula for creating magnificent colors of glass.

Lotton remains a creative and innovative force in the art glass world. His paperweights, vases, perfume bottles, and lamp shades both honor the Tiffany style and reflect Lotton's extraordinary creativity in color and design.

Laurens Grant has served as producer of award-winning documentaries that provide unforgettable insight into the stain of slavery, Jim Crow racism, and the resilience and heroism of African Americans throughout the nation's history. In 2003, she was coordinating producer of *The Murder of Emmett Till* on PBS's *The American Experience*, which was honored with a Sundance Jury Award, Primetime Emmy, and a Peabody Award for Best Documentary. In 2011, Grant won a Primetime Emmy as the producer of the documentary *Freedom Riders*, which also appeared on *The American Experience*. She is director of *Jesse Owens*, about the four-time Olympic gold medalist, which recently made its debut on PBS.



Before working in documentaries, Grant was a foreign correspondent in Latin America. She headed the Panama bureau for Reuters, and wrote about Latin American politics and culture for many publications. A native of Homewood, Grant is a Northwestern University journalism graduate who also worked for *The Star Newspaper*, in the south suburbs, and as a freelance journalist for the *Chicago Tribune*.

Spring Commencement will take place on Saturday, May 19 at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., at the Tinley Park Convention Center. Admission is by ticket only.

Refresher Course in Procurement

The Procurement Office encourages requisitioners to attend a Procurement and Receiving Training session.

Session training will review:

- Purchasing and Receiving Training
- Standing PO Training & Discussion
- AP & Direct Pay Discussions/Receiving Updates
- New Examples and Some Learned "Best Practices"
- FAQs and Q&A

This training will help you better prepare to enter FY13 requisitions. Any requisition/pay approval staff are welcome, whether trained previously, in need of a refresher course, or if you are new to the system.

Session Information: Training sessions will be held in room B2203.

Wednesday, May 9: 1 to 3 p.m.

Thursday, May 10: 9 to 11 a.m.

For more information, please contact [Karen Stuenkel](#).

A Good Walk Spoiled

The rain might just let up enough for the GSU Golf League to get in a round of golf tomorrow, May 8, at Golf Vista Estates in Monee. Tee time is 4:30 p.m. this Tuesday and every Tuesday throughout the

summer.

The GSU Golf League is open to all members of the GSU community – students, faculty, staff, retirees, alumni, and family members. Golfers at all ability levels are welcome.



A round of golf each week costs \$7 per person. Carts cost an additional \$7. The golf course is located at 5001 W. Augusta Boulevard in Monee.

Anyone wishing to join the GSU Golf League can sign up by calling Hollie Campbell at ext. 6813.

Remember to Register and Renumber

There is still time to register for Summers classes. Registration continues through May 26. The summer term begins on May 21 and ends on August 5.

At the same time, Fall semester registration has also begun and continues through August 25. Registrants are reminded that the new course renumbering system will be used in the Fall 2012 semester. The renumbering will not affect student study plans or delay degree completion.

A cross reference list, showing a comparison of the old and new course numbers is available at www.govst.edu/renumber.

To register, students should visit the [GSU registration website](#). Students are urged to contact their advisors with questions.

Phishing Exhibition



Every once in a while, GSU e-mail account users receive an e-mail, which warns of potential problems with the system and asks for information. Please be advised to disregard these e-mails.

Communications from the university's ITS department will always include the official ITS logo. Additionally, ITS will never ask for any information via e-mail.

Please contact the ITS Helpdesk at 708.534.4357 with any questions about an email that was received.

Presidents and Chancellors on Pension Reform (5-3-12)

Today, the Illinois Public University Presidents and Chancellors publicly responded to Governor Quinn and top legislators on the topic of pension reform in Illinois.

President Maimon stated, "As the convener of the Council of Illinois Public University Presidents and Chancellors, I am pleased by our unity

in calling for reasonable and pragmatic approaches to stabilize pensions and protect our employees, our universities, and the state of Illinois.”

President Maimon encourages university employees to be informed and engaged on this important issue.

[View the letter.](#)

Year End Processing Deadlines

Procurement and Business Services is reminding the GSU community to get those year-end business transactions submitted, completed, and paid with funds encumbered during FY2012.

For more information, refer to the memo - [Fiscal Year 2012 Year End Deadlines](#).

June Board Meeting

The Governors State University Board of Trustees meetings scheduled for June 1 and June 8 have been rescheduled. All Board of Trustees meetings scheduled for this period will take place on Thursday, June 14 only, in the McGee Hall of Honors.

Any questions regarding the GSU Board of Trustees may be directed to the President’s Office at 708.534.4130.

Summer, Fall Registration Open

Don’t let the summer pass without taking a few classes. Summer registration continues through May 26. The summer term begins on May 21 and ends on August 5.

Registration is also open for Fall 2012 – remember, early registration provides the greatest selection of classes and times. Registration continues through August 25. Classes for the fall semester begin on August 20.

Applications for admission are currently being accepted.

For more information, call 708.534.4490 or visit the GSU [registration website](#).

Faculty Grading Workshops

All faculty members will soon enter Spring 2012 grades into the myGSU portal. The Registrar’s Office is holding workshops to demonstrate the grading process. Faculty are invited to attend one of the sessions.

Grading Workshops will be held in the Academic Computing Lab:

- Monday, May 7, at 2 p.m., in Lab D2430
- Thursday, May 10, at 11 a.m., in Lab D2438

Sessions run approximately 30 minutes. Faculty members will also receive the *Faulty Guidebook* to the myGSU Portal from the Registrar’s Office via e-mail.

Get Ready for Pre-K

The Family Development Center is opening its doors for tours, information, and pre-enrollment screening. Parents and their three to five year-old children are invited to visit the FDC on June 6, 7, 12, and 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to learn about the full and half day prekindergarten programs offered at the state-of-the-art facility at GSU.



The prekindergarten program boasts of a low student to teacher ratio and qualified educators following an enriching curriculum in a nurturing environment. Before and after school childcare is available and reduced fees are available to eligible families.

For more information and to register, call 708.235.7300.

Grants Generously Granted

The GSU Intellectual Life Committee recently awarded eight grants for programs for the fall semester. The GSU community can look forward to the following programs this coming fall:

- Jennifer Armstrong will present *Yes you can! Enriching your child's language and literacy skills*
- Michael Griffin will present *Before and After Deployment*
- Jane Rhoades Hudak will present a lecture by Dr. Rony Berge
- Arness Krause will present *Rhetoric of Women in Political Discourse*
- Larry Levinson will present *Challenging Structures and Changing our World*
- Robbie O'Shea will present *Handicap This!*
- Carla Roberson will present *You Are What You Eat!*- Lydia Morrow Ruetten will present a foreign film series

Slammers vs. Miners



Enjoy an evening at the ballpark and a baseball game played by the future stars of the major leagues. The Civil Service Senate is selling tickets to the Joliet Slammers vs. the Southern Illinois Miners game on Friday, July 20. The first pitch is at 7:05 p.m., at Silver Cross Stadium, 1 Mayor Art Schultz Drive, Joliet.

Tickets are only \$10 each and must be purchased by July 11. For more information or to buy tickets contact [Andrea Dalpolo](#) at 708.534.4582.

Scholarship Spotlight - Amanda Erlenbush

Amanda Erlenbush of Westchester received the Donald and Helen Morrison Endowed Scholarship in Business. She is an undergraduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration, working toward her BA in business and human relations.



Amanda wishes to continue her studies after graduation and earn an MBA. Her goal is to become a business teacher and to help junior college students discover their hidden potential in business.

Savings Plan Rep on Campus

John Olson of VALIC will be on campus Wednesday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the Library Conference Center (room D2417) to discuss 403B account options. Appointments are not required. Please note that the limit on elective deferrals, the most that can be contributed to a 403(b) account through employee elective deferrals by means of a salary agreement is \$17,000 for 2012.

Governors State University has authorized the following vendors under its Tax Deferred Annuity Plan under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, to handle new business with its employees:

VALIC; 800.892.5558, ext. 89470 - John Olson

TIAA-CREF; 800.842.2005, ext. 5666 - Patrick Windle

Fidelity; 800.343.0860, ext. "0," if you do not have an account

The Legend Group; 800.835.2158 - Neil Meldgin

Comptia A+ at GSU

GSU MIS student, Donald Washington, recently obtaining his Comptia A+ certification. Donald is the first student to take advantage of GSU's academic partnership with Comptia.

Comptia's A+ certification is mandated by the U.S. Department of Defense for computer hardware professionals and recommended by many top companies such as Microsoft, HP, and Cisco. Through GSU's partnership, students receive discounted certification exams of up to 50 percent.

For more information on GSU's partnership with Comptia or discounted exams, contact [Steve Hyzny](#).

Read Reconstructed

Reconstructed is GSU's new online art and literary journal and it is full of creativity. Student work is highlighted throughout the journal with presentations of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, artwork, and spoken word.

According to student editor Dan Petersohn, Reconstructed "is a place for students from any major to have an outlet for their creative work."

Students interested in contributing their work to the next issue of Reconstructed, scheduled for publication in Fall 2012, are encouraged to contact the editors at reconstructed@govst.edu.



View Reconstructed at <http://www3.govst.edu/reconstructed>.

Understanding the Environment

GSU is offering weeklong environmental education opportunities, for credit and non-credit, this summer in cooperation with Sagawau Environmental Learning Center in Lemont.

Students in Terrestrial Biology will develop an understanding of the regional environments and learn teaching application through the use of terraria and aquaria. The course is from June 26 through 29, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Participants in Biological Field Science will compare similar habitats, study variation in plant communities, and investigate the effects of pollution through field methods of environmental investigation. The course is from July 3 through 13, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The third course is Forest Investigations, which includes in depth examination of local forest communities using field methods of analysis. The course is from July 23 through 27, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact [Nancy Kaczmarczyk](#) at 708.235.5983.



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