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## News and Events

### **Nationally Recognized GSU Family Development Center**

As of August 2012, the Family Development Center (FDC) at Governors State University has been nationally recognized for meeting the highest standards of early childhood education. Congratulations to the FDC.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is the nation's leading professional organization working on behalf of young children. The FDC has programs for children birth to three years of age, all-day and half-day pre-kindergarten, after school and evening child care, and parent education programs.

Executive Director Carol Morrison and her team spent two years fine-tuning of training, policies, and procedures at the center. Early childhood teachers spent a full year documenting every aspect of their teaching practices and curriculum, she said. The FDC surveyed parents, and the center's handbook was rewritten.

"We are honored to receive NAEYC's accreditation," Morrison said. "For us, this is an affirmation that we provide an excellent early childhood program. We work to assure that children of all ages in our program are receiving the best education they can, and will be lifelong learners."



Carol Morrison

In the 25 years since NAEYC accreditation was established, it has become a widely-recognized sign of high quality early childhood education. More than 7,000 programs are currently accredited by NAEYC, approximately eight percent of all preschools and other early childhood programs.

President Elaine P. Maimon praised the FDC's staff and administration on the accreditation.

"GSU's Family Development Center is evidence that GSU is committed to quality education, from infancy to longevity," Dr. Maimon said. "Accreditation from NAEYC, a special achievement for early childhood facilities, emphasizes the exceptional quality of our center. We are proud of the education we provide to young children and also to their parents through 'The Parent Connection.' The Family Development Center is one way that GSU serves as a true public square."

## **September 21 Opening Night! Center for Performing Arts 2012-2013 Season**

As the Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University begins its 18th season, audiences will again experience the best in music, dance, theater, family fare, opera, and children's programming. Tickets go on sale Friday for the 2012-2013 season.

GSU Center's 2012-2013 season has it all. The electrifying movements of Chicago's Muntu Dance Theatre. The vocal fireworks of The Three Divas! Multiple Emmy-winning actor Ed Asner as he recreates the life of President Franklin Roosevelt. Galvanizing performances by Chicago theater companies in the One More Night series. Fresh multi-cultural showpieces from Natya Dance Theatre, Kuumba Lynx/FootworkKINGz, Celtic Crossroads, and DRUMLINE LIVE. The Nutcracker, returning as a perennial holiday favorite. And much more.



The season starts with Broadway's Next H!T Musical, on Friday, September 21, at 7 p.m. Master improvisers collect made-up song suggestions from the audience and create a spontaneous evening of music, humor, and laughter. The audience picks a favorite song and the cast turns it into a full-blown improvised musical - complete with memorable characters, witty dialogue, and plot twists.

To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact the box office at [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net) or 708.235.2222. Click here for more information about the 2012-2013 season.

## **Board of Trustees Schedules Meetings**

GSU's Board of Trustees has set its meetings for the remainder of 2012.

Meetings will take place

- Monday, September 10 – Special Meeting at 3 p.m. in COE Conference Room, G261
- Friday, October 5 – Committee and Full Board Meetings at 8:30 a.m. in Hall of Honors
- Friday, December 7 – Committee and Full Board Meetings in Hall of Honors, time to be determined

If you have any questions regarding the Board of Trustees, please contact Penny Perdue at ext. 4130, or Joan Johns Maloney at ext. 4131.

## **Get a Head Start on Your Career**

Students, welcome back for another exciting academic year. The Office of Career Services would like to extend an opportunity to new and past students alike to take advantage of a full range of resources and services.

The Office of Career Services offers:

- Individual career advising appointments
- Resume, cover letter, and job search correspondence critiques
- Employer research
- Networking pointers
- Skills identification assessments and career exploration
- Job search strategies
- Interviewing tips and mock interviews
- Customized workshops: e.g. LinkedIn, What Can I Do With This Major
- Online job and internship database (includes on and off campus job and internship postings)
- Etiquette training luncheon and professional image session
- Internship assistance
- Career and internship fairs

To make an appointment, please call the Office of Career Services at 708.235.3974.

Faculty members are also reminded that the Office of Career Services is available to customize a workshop to enhance the syllabus of a class. To arrange a workshop, call ext. 3974.

### **Deadline Nears for Civil Service Educational Awards**

During the fall 2012 semester, GSU's Civil Service Senate select will select five applicants to receive the Educational Assistance Award in the following amounts: \$250 (three awards) and \$500 (two awards). The application deadline is September 28.

The Civil Service Educational Assistance Award was established in 1984 to encourage GSU Civil Service employees, their spouses, and dependent children to further their education and to promote career advancement and self-improvement. The award is underwritten through contributions and fundraising activities by the Civil Service Senate.

Follow this link for more information about applying for the [Educational Assistance Award](#).

### **Make Sure Your Address is Correct**

The GSU Print Shop reminds university faculty and staff to follow correct guidelines when giving out their addresses. Incorrectly addressed envelopes can slow down mail and delivery may end up in the dead mail pile.

According to the postmaster, incoming mail to recipients at the university should follow this template for addresses:

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 University Park, IL 60484

## **Scholarship Spotlight - Maureen Onyelobi**



Maureen Onyelobi

Maureen Onyelobi of Chicago received the Dr. Daniel Bernd Scholarship in English Literature. She is an undergraduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in English.

Maureen's goal is to continue on to receive a master's degree in English and to become a professor of English literature.



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