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University Park, IL, January 27, 2010 – At its Winter Commencement, Governors State University will award bachelor's and master's degrees to more than 625 graduates. When her name is called, Jennifer Boender of Manhattan will be join her fellow graduates as they cross the stage and flip their tassels.

Boender will also serve as the voice of the Class of 2009. As student commencement speaker, she will share her observations on the day, the work it took to earn her degree, and her hopes for the future.

Boender was chosen to give the speech based on her excellent academic record and her service to the university and the community. As a full time graduate student in marriage and family counseling, Boender also worked as a graduate assistant, managed to have a baby, take care of him, and maintain a perfect 4.0 grade point average during her three years at GSU.

Governors State University Winter Commencement will take place on Saturday, February 6, at 11 a.m., at the Tinley Park Holiday Inn Select and Convention Center, Tinley Park, Illinois.