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News and Events

GSU Takes National Spotlight in AAC&U News

The November edition of AAC&U News features an in-depth look at GSU in "Governors State Strives for Civic Engagement Across the Curriculum, Across Generations," the lead article in the monthly publication.

President Elaine P. Maimon said the publication is distributed to 34,000 readers across the country. She thanked GSU staff members who agreed to be interviewed for the story. "This article is yet another instance of GSU's growing reputation nationally," Dr. Maimon said.

You can [read the story](#) in AAC&U News.

Chicago Live! at GSU is Major Success

In hosting Chicago Live!, Governors State University affirmed its position as an vital public square where important issues are freely discussed, strengthening the community's social fabric.



Dr. Maimon, Rick Kogan stage show, a production of the Chicago Tribune in partnership with The Second City comedy troupe and WGN-AM Radio.

Rick Kogan, the host of Chicago Live!, thanked GSU President Maimon in a note following the performance. *"What a delight to meet and get to know you a bit,"* Kogan said. *"I cannot tell you how much I admire what you are doing for the 'secret' university. I met too many nice people to be*

able to remember all of their names so might you thank all you see for a great evening."

The recorded version of Chicago Live! was broadcast on WGN-AM last Saturday. Videos from the show are posted at

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/about/chicagolive/>.

It was the first time Chicago Live! was presented outside the city limits and the show was an unqualified success, with Second City improv artists providing very funny vignettes between interviews. Undergraduate student Audrey Cher, winner of the "GSU's Got Talent" competition, gave a soaring rendition of her original song "Love You," with stellar music also coming from hip-hop singer Psalm One and harmonica virtuoso Sugar Blue and his band.



Audrey Cher

Interviews were a major feature of Chicago Live! at GSU. President Maimon described some of the exciting developments at GSU, including the coming of the university's first freshman class and student housing in 2014. Kogan and Editorial Page Editor Bruce Dold discussed the Tribune's endorsement of President Barack Obama – which garnered a loud round of applause from the audience. Music critic Howard Reich interviewed Sugar Blue and Tribune travel and beer writer Josh Noel talked about craft brews with Barnaby Struve, vice president of Three Floyds Brewing Co. in Munster, IN. Kogan discussed the election and issues in the African-American community with Tribune columnist Dawn Turner Trice and Cliff Kelley, former Chicago alderman and current WVON-AM talk show host.

GSU was picked for Chicago Live! largely through the efforts of President Maimon and Tribune Associate Editor Joyce Winnecke, said James Janega, manager of Trib Nation, the newspaper unit overseeing the show.

Janega said Dr. Maimon and Winnecke share a common vision about the role in the community of important institutions like newspapers and universities. "They share the sense that both the Tribune and GSU each act as a town square," he said. "That's a common thread for both of us." Winnecke is a member of the President's Advisory Board at GSU.

Reducing the Risk of Meningitis

Governors State University, consistent with the American College Health Association (ACHA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (CDC-ACIP), recommends that students consider vaccination to reduce their risk for potentially fatal

meningococcal disease.

For additional information, please refer to the index of ACHA and other resources at <http://www.acha.org/Topics/meningitis.cfm>, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <http://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/about/index.html>. For personal assistance regarding all immunizations for yourself or a member of your family please see your health care provider.

This announcement is intended to promote public health awareness and practices, and is in compliance with the Illinois Meningitis Information Law (110 ILCS 690/35-120).

Don't Let the Pipes Freeze

Faculty and staff using G-Wing are reminded that the building's mechanical system is prone to frozen pipes. It is imperative that all operable windows in G-Wing are closed at the end of each day, and especially over the weekends.

Anyone teaching in a G-Wing classroom needs to close the windows at the end of each class session. The same applies to conference room users.

FDM appreciates your assistance in avoiding the catastrophic water damage that can result from a frozen pipe.

Veterans Day Commemorated – November 8

Over the years, Veterans Day has evolved from a day marking the sacrifice of those who fought in World War I into a day to remember and honor all men and women who served in the many wars since the "war to end all wars."

GSU will join in honoring veterans and remembering their sacrifice on November 8. *Profiles in Courage; Veterans Perspectives of War and Restoration*, is from 10 a.m. to noon, in Engbretson Hall.

The presentation is sponsored by the Office of the Coordinator for Veteran and Military Personnel and the GSU chapter of Student Veterans of America.

The event is free and everyone is welcome.

The Three Divas Coming to CPA Sunday

Hell hath no fury like a Diva scorned. And Three Divas? Well, that's a recipe for a great afternoon of operatic fireworks as The Three Divas bring their spectacular vocal talents to Governors State University Center for Performing Arts on Sunday, November 11, at 4 p.m.



The Three Divas

Desiree Hassler, Pamela Williams, and Joanne Jennett will present a program worthy of their name, with each trying to outdo the next. It'll be a fight to the finish and you'll have a ringside seat. Soaring melodies, vocal acrobatics, barnburner favorites, and a diva-dose of humor make for a great afternoon of operatic singing.

The Three Divas is the latest offering in GSU Center's popular "Opera Up Close" series, which provides a unique musical experience for audience members. Instead of experiencing the music from the perspective of the auditorium, patrons at "Opera Up Close" are seated onstage for an unforgettable vantage point as superb artists perform some of the world's most beautiful music. Refreshments, including delicious Viennese-style desserts, are also available during the show.

Tickets for The Three Divas are \$35. To purchase tickets or for further information contact the GSU Center box office at www.centertickets.net or 708.235.2222. The box office is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and two hours prior to performances.

Ethics Training Deadline Nears

Not that we are nagging, but have you completed your Ethics Training yet?

Tony Tymkow, University Ethics Training Administrator, reminds all university employees to be sure to complete the mandatory State of Illinois employee training requirement by close of business on November 18. Complete it soon and get us off your back.

Alt Cert Information Session on November 13

Learn how to earn elementary or secondary (biology, chemistry, or mathematics) teacher certification and secure a teaching position through GSU's Alternative Certification Program. Information sessions will be held on Tuesday, November 13, at 7 p.m., in E-Lounge.

GSU's Alternative Teacher Certification program offers a way to earn a teaching certificate and embark on a new, rewarding career in education. The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) leads to a Masters of Art in Teaching (MAT) in Urban Teacher Education in elementary or secondary (biology, chemistry, or mathematics). TQP provides an opportunity to co-teach for a year with a certified teacher, a \$30,000 stipend, and a 25 percent reduction in tuition. TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Since it began more than 13 years ago, the program had helped more than 300 participants change careers to become some of the most well-trained, supported, and effective educators in the south suburbs and Chicago.

This program is open to college graduates with a bachelor's degree. The application deadline is November 15 for the Alternative Certification program beginning in Spring 2013. For more information, call 708.534.4399 or visit www.govst.edu/altcert.



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