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News and Events

GSU Hosts Congressional Candidates in Packed CPA

Governors State University affirmed its position as an important public square at last Thursday's Second Congressional District Candidate Forum. Despite less-than-ideal weather conditions, the forum, in GSU's Center for Performing Arts, drew a large audience of area residents and GSU students and staff.

Twelve candidates for the vacant Second Congressional District seat – 10 Democrats and two Republican – attended the forum. Mike Flannery, political editor of WFLD Fox 32, did an exemplary job of asking questions, and making sure that every candidate had enough time to air their positions. A number of key issues were discussed, including the economy, health care, the environment, guns, immigration, ethics, the war in Afghanistan, spending cuts, and violence on our streets.



Candidates Respond to a Question on Guns

“The Candidates’ Forum is a perfect example of GSU’s commitment to civic engagement,” said President Elaine P. Maimon. “Our students studied the issues, prepared questions for candidates, and showed up in record numbers. The GSU community joined the larger Congressional District 2 in an audience numbering close to 800. It was democracy in action fulfilling GSU’s mission as a Public Square.”

Democratic candidates participating in the forum were Anthony Beale, Debbie Halvorson, Gregory Haynes, Toi Hutchinson, Victor Jonathan, Robin Kelly, Fatimah Muhammad, Larry Pickens,

Charles Rayburn, and Anthony Williams. Republican candidates were Paul McKinley and Beverly Reid.

GSU's forum is being re-broadcast over the university's GSU's cable access channel, The Educator. GSU's broadcast area extends from Chicago to Kankakee on Comcast channel 16. It can also be found at WideOpenWest (WOW!) cable on channel 24 in South Holland, Oak Forest, and Calumet City. The forum will be repeated on The Educator through February 26 at 7 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Sundays, and at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays.

The Second District primary election takes place February 26, with the special election for the seat to follow on April 9.

In presenting the forum, GSU partnered with League of Women Voters chapters in Homewood-Flossmoor, Dolton-Harvey-Riverdale, and the Park Forest area, and Mikva Challenge, a nonpartisan 501(c)3 organization that prioritizes the development of civic leadership in underserved Chicago high school youth. A number of students from Mikva Challenge attended the forum.

Honoring President Lincoln

GSU is closed Tuesday, February 12 in honor of Abraham Lincoln's birthday, a state holiday in Illinois.

To commemorate the occasion, GSU View is providing a link to Aaron Copland's stirring *[Lincoln Portrait](#)*.

Board of Trustees Meeting – February 15

GSU's Board of Trustees will meet on Friday, February 15, at 9:30 a.m., in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors.

If you have any questions about the Board of Trustees contact [Penny Perdue](#) or [Joan Johns Maloney](#).

Nomination Deadline Nears for Honorary Doctoral Candidates

Nominations for candidates for an Honorary Doctoral Degree at Governors State University are to be submitted by Thursday, February 14.

Provost Terry Allison, chairperson of the GSU Honorary Degree Committee, invited members of the university

community to submit nominations for inclusion on the roster of honorary doctoral degree candidate.

To nominate a candidate, forward a name with an accompanying recommendation statement and justification for the nomination to Dr. Allison or Myisha Meeks. A brief biographical statement should be included.

"We ask that you consider how the individual you nominate either has reflected the mission and values of GSU in his or her work, or how their connection to GSU might further the mission and values of the university," Dr. Allison said.

DRUMLine Live Roars into CPA Friday

With scintillating beats and ear-grabbing might, *DRUMLine Live* brings the thrilling musical tradition of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) to the Center for Performing Arts for one show only, on Friday, February 15, at 7 p.m.

DRUMLine Live's high-energy cast members honed their astonishing skills and precision moves with years of training in marching band programs across the southern United States at HBCU schools like Florida A&M University, Jackson State University, Clark Atlanta University, Norfolk State University, and Prairie View A&M University.



Now in their fourth year of touring, *DRUMLine Live's* versatile musicians and dancers continue to electrify audiences across the country with an exciting mix of vibrant sounds and athleticism. Equally at home with the hottest contemporary hip hop, R&B, classic Motown tunes, and the rousing sounds of the great brass tradition, *DRUMLine Live* shares the American Marching Band tradition with an expanding collection of admirers of all ages.

Tickets for *DRUMLine Live* are \$15 to \$58. 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.

Communication Workshop – February 13

Communication is the key to success in everything - from talking to your friends, to understanding your professors, to explaining what is important to you.

The Academic Resource Center is sponsoring a communication workshop to help you learn skills to better express your ideas and understand others on Wednesday, February 13, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

The workshop is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 708.534.4090.

Session Focuses on Purchasing, Budget Responsibilities

The Procurement Office is holding a Budget, Buy & Pay training session for new employees with purchasing and budget responsibilities. If you are new to GSU, ask your supervisor if your job duties require you to enter requisitions online and/or approve requisitions online. If so, you need to attend. Also, employees who have changed positions and their new position requires them to work in Budget, Buy & Pay should attend.

Prior to attending this training, be sure to complete your FERPA training, submit your Administrative Systems Access Authorization Form, and submit the appropriate signature cards. Go to the [Procurement](#) information page for the details.

The training session is scheduled for Thursday, February 14 at 10:30 a.m. For more information about the training session, please contact the [Colleague Project Office](#).

'Shakti Chakra – the Energy Cycle' is CPA's Third One More Night Show

Creation. Good and evil. Lust, greed, and anger. Purification.

In its stunning exhibition of classical Indian dance, *Shakti Chakra – the Energy Cycle*, Natya Dance Theatre examines powerful forces that have been central to the human experience since the dawn of time.



Shakti Chakra – the Energy Cycle is coming to the Center for Performing Arts for one performance only, at 8 p.m., Saturday, February 16.

In *Shakti Chakra – the Energy Cycle*, stories from Indian mythology are interpreted through movement and expression in order to explore humanity's place in the universal cycle of creation. Sections portray the relationships between humanity and divine forces.

Shakti Chakra – the Energy Cycle is the third One More Night production during GSU Center's 2012-2013 season. One More Night brings the best in Chicago theatre, music, and dance to Chicago Southland audiences; Quality performances are always affordable and close to home. The series is funded by a generous grant from The Chicago Community Trust.

Tickets for *Shakti Chakra – the Energy Cycle* are \$30 and \$10 for students, with 10 percent savings for seniors and 20 percent savings for groups of 10 or more. To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact the GSU Center box office at www.centertickets.net or 708.235.2222.

Ed.S in School Psychology Info Session - February 15

Learn how to earn your Education Specialist (Ed.S.) Degree in School Psychology at GSU at a special information open house on Friday, February 15, from 4 to 6 p.m., in room G227.

Classes in this new degree program will begin in the Fall 2013, preparing students to be highly effective school psychologists, delivering services to children, adolescents, families, and school communities. Classes will be held in the evenings to accommodate working educators and therapists.

For more information, contact [Renee Zdych](#) at 708.534.6979. Additional information may be found at www.govst.edu/coe.

Dining Services Wants Your Opinion

The GSU Café would like to know how to better serve you. Please take a few minutes to voice your opinion. A survey, posted online, asks you to help us create the perfect menu. The first 100 completed suggestions will be considered. The GSU Café staff will choose the best ideas and serve them in the café throughout the last week of February.

Please find the link to the survey on the GSU [Dining Services webpage](#).

Also, please explore GSU Café's webpage and enjoy its monthly newsletter, menus, and more.

Illinois Open Technology Challenge at GSU February 21

The Illinois Open Technology Challenge is coming to GSU on Thursday, February 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Hall of Honors.

The event is aimed at making Illinois's open platform data, Data.Illinois.Gov, available statewide by hosting government training, community meetings, and hackathons that bring together developers in technology with civic-minded individuals and organizations.

There is \$15,000 in prize money that will be awarded for developing innovative software applications that utilize open government data to best address the challenges in Chicago's south suburbs.

Further information is available at illinoisopentech.org/the-illopentech-challenge-is-now-open/.

The Illinois Open Technology Challenge at GSU is sponsored by the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, Illinois Science and Technology Coalition, the State of Illinois, and Smart Chicago Collaborative.

Learn the Facts about Eating Disorders – February 26

As part of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, the Academic Resource Center will host an informative workshop on eating disorders on Tuesday, February 26, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

The workshop will include explanations of the causes, effects, and treatments of eating disorders, and an opportunity for participants to ask questions. The workshop is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 708.534.4090.

Brush Up on Study Skills

The spring semester is well under way and soon students will be preparing for midterms and finals. Your academic advisors, faculty, and fellow students are available to help you through "Giving Support 2 You!" - also known as GS2U.

GS2U is offering a workshop, *Oiling Those Rusty Study Skills*, on March 5, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

At the workshop, you will learn

- Positive actions for optimal study time
- How to locate a support systems
- Time management skills
- How to establish a study routine
- The benefits of study groups

For more information about this and other workshop, and to register, go to www.govst.edu/gs2u.

Complying with State's ANCRA Law

Gail M. Bradshaw, Associate Vice President of Human Resources and Diversity, has directed that all employees, including all full and part-time, extra-help, temporary, graduate assistants and student workers, receive notification about the new Illinois Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (ANCRA).

To verify notification has been made, employees will receive an e-mail from HR shortly, containing information and instructions about this law, with a link to the [DCFS Acknowledgement Form](#), which each employee must complete, print off, sign, and date.

Please keep a copy for your records, and send the original DCFS form to the GSU Human Resources Department by March 1. You can drop it in the night mailbox next to the HR Department entry door, or place it in the university mail addressed to the HR Department, or place it in the U.S. Mail addressed to: Governors State University, Attn: Human Resources Department, 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL 60484.

A Reminder on Emergency Closing Procedures

The GSU community is reminded that emergency campus closures due to inclement weather will be communicated via:

- GSU website homepage
- GSU website emergency info page
- Campus wide e-mail sent to faculty/staff e-mail and student e-mail addresses
- School Messenger alert system – per your personal contact preferences
- WGN Emergency Closing Center website (www.emergencyclosingcenter.com), WGN TV news, WGN 720 AM radio

Students, faculty, and staff are asked to check these sources to determine if there is a campus closure and should NOT contact the Department of Public Safety with basic closure inquiries.

