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News and Events

[Student Leadership Awards Banquet](#)

The GSU Student Senate and Student Life Office are hosting the Student Leadership Awards Banquet on Friday, April 26. A buffet dinner will be served at 7 p.m. in E-Lounge, with the awards ceremony beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Awards will be presented to:

- Outstanding Student Club/Organization of the Year
- Outstanding Club/Organization Advisor of the Year
- New or Most Improved Student Club/Organization of the Year
- Unsung Hero-Student
- Program of the Year
- Outstanding Senior of the Year
- Outstanding Support Staff of the Year

Nominations must be submitted no later than Thursday, March 14 at 5 p.m. All nominations must be submitted electronically at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GSUSenateleadershipawardsnominations>.

Nominators and nominees are invited to attend the Student Leadership Awards Banquet recognizing the contribution and excellence of the various members of the GSU community.

[Here Come the Turkeys](#)



The Wild Turkey, *Meleagris gallopavo*, was a very important food animal to Native Americans, but was eliminated from much of its range by the early 1900s. Introduction programs have successfully established it in most of its original range, and even into areas where it never occurred before.

Wild Turkeys seem to be thriving at GSU, where Bill Lopez of FDM counted 14 of the native gobblers on the south end of campus. Bill sent photos of the birds to GSU View – they show another side of the university's rich environment. Thanks for the photos, Bill.

[Deadline Nears for Excellence Awards Nominations](#)

The nominating period for GSU Excellence Awards is open. Nominations can be submitted until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 1.

Those eligible for the Excellence Awards are full-time Unit A Tenured/Tenure Track Faculty, Unit B Lecturers, and Unit B Academic Support Professionals (ASPs). The awards recognize outstanding achievement in one or more of the following areas: teaching/performance of primary duties, research/creative activity, and service. The awards reflect achievement in academic year 2011-2012 through the present academic year. Up to three Excellence Awards of \$6,000 will be awarded.

Nominations may be made by other bargaining unit members or administrators. Nominators should submit a one- to two-page letter of nomination describing the nominee's accomplishments. Nominations should reference specific examples of the nominee's work that substantiates the nomination (publications, creative works, substantive contributions, etc.) and focus on achievements of the 2011-2012 academic year through the present academic year. Self-nominations are not acceptable.

Letters of nomination are to be submitted electronically to the Excellence Awards Committee in care of the Provost's Office to vhunt@govst.edu. Further information is available at the Provost's Office.

Dr. Roberta Ness Speaks on Innovation - March 7

Chart your course to the future at *So You Think You Know Innovation?* on Thursday, March 7 at 7 p.m. at GSU's Center for Performing Arts.



Join Dr. Roberta Ness, the renowned author of *Innovation Generation*, as she demonstrates how to expand your ability to generate original ideas. The discussion is free and open to the public.

Dr. Ness, a recognized expert in women's health research, is dean of The University of Texas School of Public Health.

Dr. Ness

Dr. Ness holds the M. David Low Chair in Public Health. She is a professor in the Division of Epidemiology and Disease Control, and Vice President for Innovation at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Science, a fellow of the American College of Physicians, and past-President of the American College of Epidemiology. She is President of the American Epidemiological Society.

In 2011 Dr. Ness was invited to speak about innovation at a TED conference. You can watch her [TED talk](#).

For information, contact 708.534.4130.

Third Symposium on First Year Experience - March 8

The third symposium on planning GSU's first year experience takes place Friday, March 8 in the Center for Performing Arts. The symposium is open to faculty and staff.

Just like the 2012 symposiums featuring Carol Geary Schneider and Gary Gardner and Betsy Barefoot, March 8 will bring together faculty and staff for a day-long look at GSU's first year experience.

Dr. Roberta Ness is featured speaker and will talk about how to infuse innovation into your work and your life.

A continental breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will also be provided and the day's work should conclude by 4:30 p.m.

Due to the nature of the event, RSVPs are required. Please e-mail [Penny Perdue](#) or call her at ext. 4130.

Seven copies of Dr. Ness' book, *Innovation Generation* have been placed on three-day reserve in the GSU Library. The call number is YC9273 and they are listed under Dr. Terry Allison's name.

[Illinois Open Technology Challenge at GSU Tonight](#)

The Illinois Open Technology Challenge is coming to GSU tonight 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-ilopentech-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.

[SOTA Blood Drive – Feb. 25](#)

GSU's Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA) will host a university-wide blood drive on Monday, February 25, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the E Lounge. Donors will receive a free pair of pants; size and color of pants may vary.

For more information, or to sign up to donate, contact [Kim Tate](#). A photo ID is required to donate blood.

More information is also available at www.heartlandbc.org or SOTA at 708.534.7294.

For eligibility questions, contact Heartland Blood Center at 708.633.0101.

Provost's Office Studying Curriculum Change Request System

The Provost's Office is in the process of identifying an appropriate electronic management system for submitting curriculum change requests to the University Curriculum Committee (UCC), the Academic Program Review Committee (APRC), the Graduate Council, and the Provost's Office.

Stay tuned for updates on needed technology for management of GSU's curriculum change process.

Comments and Questions can be directed to [Dr. Sandra Mayfield](#), Associate Provost for Curriculum, at 708.534.4598.

Learn 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.

Career Development for Computing, IT Students

GSU's Computer Science Club will host *Careers in Computing: How to Prepare and What to Expect* on Tuesday, February 26, from 4 to 6 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Speaker Rahul Dhawan will show how to prepare for a lifelong career in computing, covering such topics as where the opportunities are, what it's like to work in the computing field in a large, professionally run organization, how the field of computing is likely to change in the future, and what hasn't changed.

Study Skills Workshop - March 5

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/gst2u.

Social Work Department to Host Generating Hope Forum – March 11

The Social Work Department will present a panel discussion and open forum on the challenges and struggles of the formerly incarcerated on Monday, March 11, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.

For more information, contact [Dr. Lorri Glass](#) at 708.534.4919. This event is made possible through a GSU Intellectual Life Committee grant.

ANCRA Compliance Forms Due By March 1

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.

