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Stuenkel Road
 Rail Crossing Closed
 April 29 - May 4

Mindfulness,
 Meditation
 Through May 9
 Thursdays
 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
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 708.534.4089

Civil Service Senate
 Spring Open Market
 May 2, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

GSU Golf League
 Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.
 University Golf Course

Wizard of Oz
 Center Performing Arts
 May 4, 11 a.m.
www.centertickets.net

Celebrate Spring
 Choir Concert
 by GSU choral classes
 May 4, 3 p.m.
 Sherman Hall

Performance Spotlight
 Student Show
 May 9, 6 p.m.
 Sherman Hall
 Free Admission

Running 4 Rehab
 Sponsored by PTSA
 5k run, 2-mile walk
 May 11, 8 a.m.
Run4Rehab@gmail.com

Veteran Boot Camp
 8 a.m., - 2 p.m.
 May 5

News and Events

Commencement Information Available Online (04-29-13)

The countdown to Commencement 2013 has begun. GSU's Commencement website is now available to provide useful information and answer questions about how to best get ready for Commencement on Saturday, June 8, at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

The Commencement website is GSU's one-stop guide for graduating students, their families and guests, faculty, staff, and volunteers. You can find details on Commencement essentials – parking, tickets, instructions, flowers and photos, invitations, and more. Information is also included on other Commencement-related events, such as the June 1 Graduation Celebration and the June 6 Doctoral Hooding.

"The launch of the website is important because there are a number of details related to Commencement that graduates and their guests, as well as faculty and staff volunteers, need to know," said Registrar Christopher Huang. "The Commencement website is a tool to disseminate this information quickly and efficiently to those attending and participating in this ceremony."

[Click here](#) to access the Commencement website.

An Appreciation of Transformations

Thursday evening, as I sat in the front row on the stage in the Center for Performing Arts,—waiting with baited breath while listening to the eerie yet melodic voice of Anne Sexton reading over the speaker, and gazing upon an empty theater – I was transported into the performance of GSU's inaugural theater production, *Transformations*.

I am compelled to share my experience with the GSU community. The sold-out performance was an energetic, artistic, and explorative evening, characteristic of university campuses across the country with long-standing theater traditions. *Transformations*, according to its director, Patrick Santoro, "explores Sexton's witty and cautionary voice...and explores ways in which our culture holds fast to the fairytale as a model for meaning, constructing identities, desires, and dreams."

Dr. Santoro, a new faculty member in the

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The cast of Transformations

College of Arts and Sciences' Theater and Performance Studies program, flawlessly assembled an ensemble of actors. Eight female ensemble members, with undulated voices in

unison, song, and monologues, wowed the audience in their retelling of Grimm Brothers fairy tales – *Rumpelstiltskin*, *Cinderella*, *Snow White*, *Rapunzel* and more. It was as if the performers (Cherish Brown, Lynne Clayton, Keisha Dyson, Kimberly Hudson, Keyana Marshall, Roshunda Ross-Orta and Deirdre Webb) had performed together for years, not just the months leading up to the opening.

The show concluded with a post-show chat with the performers, Dr. Santoro, and two visiting faculty (Dr. Mary Been, of Lake Superior State University, and Jennifer Freitag, of Southern Illinois University – Carbondale), moderated by division chair Lori Montalbano, about the content and historical context of the play.

If the inaugural presentation of *Transformations* foreshadows the great work that is to come from the burgeoning Theater and Performance Studies programs and coursework, we are blessed. Bravo to the cast, crew, director, and the College of Arts and Sciences for sharing this special gift with the GSU campus students and community.

Rhonda K. Brown
Assistant Vice President for Marketing and Communications

"The Millennial Student"
Darcie Campos
May 22
10 a.m.
B2203

Book discussion
"Generation on a Tightrope"
May 29
10 a.m.
Café Annex

Dr. Diane Dean
Today's College Student
June 12
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Café Annex

Gay Straight Alliance Meets
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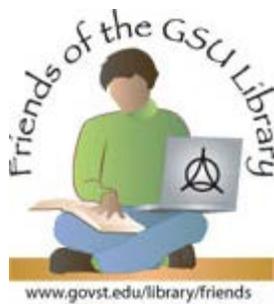
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Physical Therapy Lecturer Recognized by National Organization

Joyce Sligar, PT, MBA, MA, CEEAA, has been named as a Certified Exercise Expert for Aging Adults by the American Physical Therapy Association's Section on Geriatrics.



Joyce Sligar

Physical therapists who receive the CEEAA credential must complete three courses of two days each and demonstrate expert clinical decision-making skills in:

- Designing and applying an effective examination and exercise prescription, and
- Measuring the effectiveness and reflecting the current evidence of exercise for all aging adults.

Sligar is a University Lecturer (Senior Status) and Co-Director of Clinical Education for GSU's Department of Physical Therapy. She has been with GSU since 1996. During that time, Sligar has made presentations on older adult topics to various professional groups, including the American Physical Therapy Association and the American Society on Aging. Sligar has also had extensive patient care experience providing physical therapy services to older adults.

Clothesline Project on Campus Tuesday

In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April, the GSU Student Coalition for Diversity and Social Justice and the YWCA South Suburban Center are partnering to present the Clothesline Project and Silent Witness Demonstration on campus.

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The exhibit will be on display on Tuesday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The Clothesline Project features a display of t-shirts made by our volunteers, staff, and clients representing the pain and healing of child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence.

The Silent Witness Project features life-sized figures honoring those who have lost their lives to violence in our community.

For more information, visit www.govst.edu/diversity.

Contribute to 2013 Class Gift

Graduates, as you prepare for Commencement, leave a legacy for the future. Make an additional gift of \$25 in honor of someone – a spouse, parent, professor, or friend – who contributed to your success. Consider donating \$20.13 to the Class of 2013 legacy gift to the GSU Promise. Pick up a free piggy bank in room D34200 and start saving today.

Contributions are due by May 1. All graduate contributors and honorees will be included in a special tribute at Commencement. Contributions tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. For more information, call 708.235.2188.

Golf League Tees Off Tuesday



GSU's GSU Golf League begins its 2013 season Tuesday at University Golf Course, conveniently located across the street from GSU in University Park. Tee time is 4:30 p.m.

During the 2013 season, the League will play nine holes of golf every Tuesday at the course, weather permitting.

Everyone is encouraged to join in on the fun, regardless of their skill level. For information on joining the GSU Golf League please contact Hollie Campbell at 708.235.6813.

Choral Concert Celebrates Spring

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Board of Trustees Meets May 17

The GSU Board of Trustees committee meetings scheduled for Friday, May 10 have been canceled.

The Full Board of Trustees will meet on Friday, May 17, at 8:30 a.m. in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors. The meeting is open to the public.

Any questions regarding the GSU Board of Trustees may be directed to [Joan Johns Maloney](mailto:Joan.Johns.Maloney@gsu.edu) at 708.534.4131.

IMPORTANT ALERT FOR CAMPUS FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS, & VISITORS STARTING MONDAY: Railroad Repairs to Close Stuenkel Road CN Crossing (04-25-13)

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Student Trustee Appears at National Conference

Erin Fletcher, the student member on GSU's Board of Trustees, participated this week in a student panel discussion at the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) annual meeting in San Francisco.

Fletcher took part in a Tuesday session with the topic *Today's College Students*. Dr. Arthur Levine, President of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, gave an address, followed by a discussion by the student trustee panelists.



Erin Fletcher on AGB panel

This year's AGB conference drew 800 participants and most attended the Tuesday panel discussion.

Jack Beaupre, Chair of the Board of Trustees, praised Fletcher's performance as a student trustee.

"As a representative of the most significant stakeholder – the students – during her tenure on the GSU Board, Erin has continually provided responsible input to our Board and is a great example of the merit of incorporating shared governance within our system," he said.

"Erin did a great job not only representing the administration and the Board, but in speaking very highly of the students and articulating their needs," Trustee Brian D. Mitchell said.

GSU Golf League Back for Another Year



It's been a cold, wet spring but the preliminary weather forecast calls for sunshine and 76 degrees next Tuesday as the GSU Golf League begins its 2013 season.

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Civil Service Senate Election Ballots Due Friday

Civil Service Senate election ballots must be turned in no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, April 26. Ballots were distributed to Civil Service members earlier this week.

Completed ballots are to be returned to Eric Nicholson, Civil Service Senate Election Committee Chair, in the University Library either through campus mail or direct delivery to the library circulation desk.

Election results will be made available following the Election Committee count on Monday, April 29. Candidates will have five working days to file written challenges with the Election Committee regarding election results.

Sold-out Transformations Continues Tonight in CPA



Anne Sexton's Transformations, the first production of GSU's newly reinstated theater program, opened Wednesday to a packed house and an enthusiastic audience. Tonight's performance in the Center for Performing Arts is sold out, another clear sign of the show's success.

Directed by GSU's Dr. Patrick Santoro, *Anne Sexton's Transformations* is a re-telling of Grimm's fairy tales in the renowned author's deliciously strange voice. The play features a cast of staff and students from

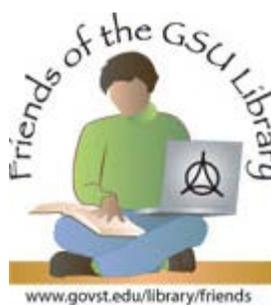
GSU.

Cast members are Cherish Brown, of Chicago; Lynne Clayton, of Park Forest; Keisha Dyson, of Chicago; Kimberly Hudson, of Park Forest; Keyana Marshall, of Chicago; Roshaunda Ross-Orta, of Homewood; and Deirdre Webb, of Richton Park.

Audience members are seated onstage in the CPA during this "in the round" production. Due to this aspect of the production, there is no late entry to *Transformations* and no re-entry if audience members leave the theater.

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Reusing Furniture at GSU

Have you been searching for that extra piece of furniture to complement your conference room? Ever need a different file cabinet instead of the existing one with the drawer that sticks?

As departments purchase new furniture, old items are temporarily held on campus prior to being shipped to Springfield for state auction. As GSU takes part in Earth Week, we'd like to remind the University community that before placing an order for new furniture, you may be able to reuse existing resources on campus.

As a cooperative effort, the Procurement (Property Control) and Facilities departments will periodically provide a list of furniture items that could be used again on campus. If you are in need of an item, please contact Procurement at ext. 4056 to schedule a time to view the items. Upon approval from Procurement, Facilities staff will make the exchange or addition as requested.

Current items include:

- 3 3-foot, 2-door cabinet, beige
- 7 2-drawer file cabinet, beige
- 1 2-drawer file cabinet, brown
- 3 4-drawer file cabinet, beige
- 2 double pedestal desk, beige
- 1 single pedestal desk, beige
- 2 6-foot wood shelving unit, brown
- 1 4-foot wood shelving unit, tan
- 1 4-foot metal shelving unit, black
- 1 3-foot round office table, brown
- 1 2-foot wood shelving unit, brown
- 2 rolling desk chairs (matching), red
- 2 rolling conference table chairs (matching), red
- 1 office armchair, pink
- 1 end table, black
- 4-foot by 6-foot bulletin board, cork

Gay Straight Alliance Meets Tuesdays

GSU's Gay Straight Alliance meets every Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m., in E2590.

Earth Week Book Swap

Earth Week activities at GSU conclude today with a book swap in the Hall of Governors, between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

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Visiting the Cloud

This month, GSU students had a chance to experience "the cloud" at Microsoft's Data Center.

Students studying Information Technology, Computer Science and MIS toured the fourth generation data center where Microsoft hosts e-mail, Office 360, and online storage and services for computer users.

Students also experienced data center security that protects information in the cloud.

Microsoft's new data centers are very eco-friendly as the company works to reduce the environmental impact while maintaining thousands of computer servers and petabytes of data.

Help Save a Life at Today's Blood Drive

Students, faculty, staff, and everyone else are encouraged to donate blood today from 3 to 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. The drive is sponsored by the Dual Degree Program and Heartland Blood Center. Volunteers in the DDP program will assist in passing out refreshments and registration information, as well as recruiting others to donate blood.

The event will be coordinated by DDP Peer Mentor and GSU student Sharita Walker with the assistance of other DDP mentors and students. Like all the activities in the DDP community service project, the April 25 blood drive addresses a vital need in the community. By giving blood, healthy individuals can donate the gift of life to others. The need is constant and donations are important for a healthy and reliable blood supply.

For questions about eligibility, or for other information, contact the Heartland Blood Center at www.heartlandbc.org or 708.633.0101.

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Sign-up Starts for Youth Swim Program

Registration for GSU's summer youth swim program takes place between May 4 and May 25.

Summer is the perfect time for children to learn how to swim, master

an important skill, have fun in the water, and use up some energy.

The GSU Recreation and Fitness Center Youth Swim Program is open to children 5 to 17 years of age. Participants receive 12 weeks of swim instruction. Classes begin on Saturday, June 1, from 11 to 11:40 a.m. Parental presence poolside during swim times and a waiver signed by a parent or guardian are required. The fee is \$20 for the children of GSU students, \$25 for the children of Recreation and Fitness Center members, and \$50 for non-members.

This program encourages family involvement.

Limited space is available. Contact the Recreation and Fitness Center at 708.534.4556.

Students, Donors Honored at Scholarship Luncheon (04-22-13)

Last week's annual GSU Foundation Scholarship Luncheon gave scholarship recipients the opportunity to meet and thank their scholarship benefactors, and provided donors with an opportunity to see the life-changing effects of their generosity.



Cliff Kelley and student panelists

Radio personality Cliff Kelley, of WVON 1690, served as emcee and moderated a panel discussion of scholarship recipients. The students, representing each college, were Charles Archer, April Grammer, Sara Ionescu, and

Shonté Truitt.

David Barr, Interim President of the GSU Foundation Board, thanked the donors on behalf of the Foundation

In her remarks, President Elaine P. Maimon encouraged the scholarship recipients to strive for success, remember the help they received to achieve their goals, and to return the favor for another student equally in need.

Will Davis, Interim Vice President for Development, honored alumni and donor Dr. Curtis Crawford and donor Great Lakes Bank with Distinguished Philanthropist Awards in recognition of their extremely generous support of scholarships and the university.

GSU Unveils New Look into the Future

As spring arrives at GSU, the campus has a vibrant new look – and one that shows all the exciting developments that are taking place at the university. Check out recently-installed banners, display cases, an updated GSU history wall, and wrapped pillars announcing the university's first student housing.

The history wall, located in GSU's



GSU's New Vision Wall

main entrance atrium, was first installed in 2009 for the university's 40th anniversary celebration. Its timeline of historic events has been replaced by a look into the future. The new history wall focuses on the coming of first year students and housing in 2014, the renovation of the E and F wing science

facilities, and other Vision 2014 initiatives.

The other installations also look clearly into the future. New banners have been installed around campus, and the renovated display cases on the third floor of D building share the excitement of continuing developments at GSU.

Celebrate Earth Week 2013 at GSU

GSU is celebrating Earth Week 2013. The overall theme for Earth Week 2013 is Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Replenish, Restore. Everyone is invited to participate.



Monday, April 22

- Recycling display throughout the day in Hall of Governors
- Family Development Center environmental education activity, Hall of Governors from 9 to 11 a.m.
- Earth Day menu by FSI using compostable serving ware
- Cooperative presentation between Facilities and NMSP featuring native restoration at GSU, Hall of Honors, from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

Tuesday, April 23

- Trash pickup, Environmental Research Preserve, 1 to 3 p.m. Volunteers meet at the south end of parking area, East Lot 2. Dress appropriately for weather.

Wednesday, April 24

- Tree planting, 10 to 11 a.m., Family Development Center

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Physical Therapy Professor Elected to National Post

Robin D. Washington, PT, Ph.D., CRC, Assistant Professor in the College of Health and Human Services' Department of Physical Therapy, has been elected president-elect of the National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns (NAMRC). Dr. Washington's term as president will begin in 2014 and run through 2016.



Dr. Washington

The NAMRC is a professional association dedicated to promoting excellence and equity in rehabilitation research, education, and practice. The association's purpose is to create an understanding of the barriers, impact, and outcomes of cultural insensitivity; to ensure the provision of equitable and quality rehabilitation service; to provide professional development and enrichment of cultural competence; to promote cultural competence and social justice in educational programs; and to advocate, propose, and support legislation that addresses the needs of culturally diverse persons with disabilities and their communities. The NAMRC is a subdivision of the National Rehabilitation Association.

As president-elect of the NAMRC, Dr. Washington serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors. She also oversees the following standing committees: Membership and Coalition, Professional Development, and Public Relations and Marketing.

Dr. Washington joined the GSU Physical Therapy faculty in August, 2010. In 2011, she received the Sylvia Walker Education Award from the NAMRC. The award is named after the late Dr. Sylvia Walker, a professor, researcher, and director of the Center for Socioeconomic and Disability Policy studies at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

"Selection by my peers to serve and represent such a prestigious organization as NAMRC is truly an honor," Dr. Washington said. "Empowering individuals with disabilities and educating society on multicultural-related issues in rehabilitation are supreme to the mission of the association. I look forward to serving as NAMRC's president."

Doctoral Student Receives Fellowship

Camille Humes, a doctoral student in Counselor Education and Supervision program, has been awarded one of 24 doctoral fellowships by the National Board of Certified Counselors from a grant by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The NBCC MFP provides up to 24 fellowships per year to diverse doctoral students in counseling. In this way, the NBCC MFP will increase the number of professional counselors who have received advanced training and who are skilled in providing effective services to underserved populations.

This program is made possible by a grant awarded to NBCC by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Dr. Cyrus M. Ellis is Humes' doctoral program advisor.

History Alive Presentation – April 24

Watch history come alive when explorer Ponce de Leon, industrialist Andrew Carnegie, first lady and humanitarian Eleanor Roosevelt, and a 17th century guest pay a visit to GSU on Wednesday, April 24, from 7 to 8:15 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.

Teacher candidates John Dmitrasz, James Feulner, and Killeen McClowry, from GSU's elementary and middle school education

program, will present their award-winning portrayals of these historic characters. The program host will be their social studies methods instructor, Dr. Dan Hechenberger. The doors will open at 6:30 PM. Snacks will be available.

The History Alive program is free and open to the public. It is appropriate for GSU students, as well as for families with children in fourth grade and above.

In Teaching Social Studies in Elementary Education, teacher candidates each prepare a 10-minute History Alive presentation for peers based on a person from a period in American history that they have chosen. The presentation must include a question and answer section both in character and out-of-character. The presenter is assessed by the instructor and receives feedback sheets directly from class peers focused on strengths and areas to strengthen.

Funding for the awards and snacks was made available through a College of Education mini-grant.

Plagiarism in Spotlight This Week

The University Library and the Writing Center are partnering to offer faculty and students webinars focusing on plagiarism during Plagiarism Education Week. The theme of the week is *Originality Matters: Helping Students Avoid Plagiarism*.

Plagiarism Education Week was created to:

- Foster student understanding that originality matters, and
- Support educators by presenting webinars offering tools and ideas for engaging students in thinking critically about conducting better online research, using sources appropriately, and doing work that reflects their original thought.

Starting today and continuing each day this week, a webcast from [Turnitin](#) will be available from noon until 1:30 p.m. in C2401, in the library. Bring your lunch and join us for the webcasts and conversation afterward. Also, you can find out how to sign up for Turnitin.com, plagiarism detection software.

Webcast topics include *Causes of Plagiarism*, on Monday; *Types of Plagiarism*, on Tuesday; *Responses to Plagiarism*, on Wednesday; *Approaches to Plagiarism*, on Thursday; and *Teaching Originality, Creativity, and Critical Thinking*, on Friday.

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The exhibit will be on display on April 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The Clothesline Project features a display of t-shirts made by our volunteers, staff, and clients representing the pain and healing of child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence.

The Silent Witness Project features life-sized figures honoring those who have lost their lives to violence in our community.

For more information, visit www.govst.edu/diversity.

19th GSU Research Conference is Success



The 19th Annual GSU Student Research Conference was held on campus recently. Twenty graduate and undergraduate students had the opportunity to present their research in either a paper or poster presentation. The conference provided students with a forum to highlight their research accomplishments in front of an audience, providing valuable experience and feedback.

Carol Adams Students also enjoyed a luncheon and received a certificate and recognition from President Elaine P. Maimon and conference organizer, Dr. Shelly Kumar. They also heard from keynote speaker Dr. Carol L. Adams, President and CEO of the DuSable Museum of African American History.

The research presented illustrated the wide range of student interest and expertise and included representatives from across the spectrum of arts, sciences, education, current events, and psychology.

Summer Language Therapy for 10- to 14-year-olds

The Building Complex Language Project is offering free individual language therapy for complex sentence development as part of a clinical study. The program is designed for students between 10 and 14 years old who have a history of speech/language delay/impairment or learning disability, normal hearing, and no intellectual impairment/developmental delay.

Your child or student may be eligible for this program if he or she has difficulties with understanding or using spoken or written sentences. Screening and enrollment are taking place now through June. The program will involve pre- and post-testing and one or two hours of individual lessons per week for nine weeks, beginning in May or June.

All schedules will be arranged individually with families and the program's licensed, certified speech-language pathologists, but typically sessions are arranged on weekday afternoons and evenings. Vacation and camp schedules can usually be accommodated. Transportation will not be provided.

This program is being offered at several convenient locations, including the GSU Naperville Education Center, Governors State University, Rush University Medical Center, and Elmhurst College. Additional sites may also be arranged. This program is supported by a grant from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communicative Disorders.

Contact [Dr. Catherine Balthazar](mailto:Dr.Catherine.Balthazar) at 708.534.4592.

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2013-2014 Catalog Now Online

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Mindfulness and Higher Education Symposium – May 4

CHHS and COE are co-sponsors of the 2nd Annual Symposium on Mindfulness and Higher Education on Saturday, May 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Research shows that mindfulness practices lead to greater calmness, enhanced concentration, reduced stress, strengthened immune functions, and decreased depression and anxiety.

Participants will learn how to incorporate mindful meditation and practices into academic, clinical, and social settings through presentations, panel discussions, workshops, and experiential exercises.

Meals are not included. Six CEUs will be available for psychologists, counselors, and social work professionals.

RSVPs are required by April 26. [Click here to RSVP](#). For more information, contact [Dr. Maristela Zell](#).

Nominate 2013 Student Commencement Speakers 04-18-13

GSU's Commencement Student Speaker Committee is currently accepting nominations for the commencement ceremony to be held on Saturday, June 8.

Two ceremonies will take place at the Tinley Park Convention Center. CHHS and COE will graduate at 10 a.m., and CAS and CBPA will graduate at 5 p.m. As a result, the committee will select two commencement speakers, one for the morning and the other for the evening ceremony.

Candidates are needed to represent all colleges, so please make a conscious effort to nominate deserving students for this prestigious honor.

Access the Student Commencement Speaker [nomination form](#) and fill out both pages of the nomination form no later than April 24.

In order for students to be eligible they must be willing to meet for an interview on Friday, May 3, between 10 p.m. and 3 p.m. Please be sure to share the information with your nominee before you submit the nomination.

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Psychology and Counseling Well Represented

GSU will be well represented at the upcoming 85th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, in May. The Division of Psychology and Counseling is sponsoring a booth in the Exhibition Hall and a number of students and faculty will be in attendance, volunteering, and presenting.

Student Carrie Bregar will be presenting in the Psi Chi poster session on her independent undergraduate research project, Parenting Styles

and Acceptance of Homosexual Identity.” Psychology faculty members Dr. Al Tuskenis, Dr. Tim Pedigo, and Dr. Jean Johnson will present results from their research on APA Learning Goal 9: Teaching and Assessing Personal Development.” Also, Dr. Johnson will chair a roundtable on Reducing Academic Dishonesty in Psychology Courses.

Alicia McCray Honored by the Village of Park Forest

Alicia McCray, Director of the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education at GSU, was recently inducted into the Village of Park Forest Hall of Fame.

McCray was honored for her years of service to both the village and to the region. According to the nomination, “She has made significant contributions to our community with regard to education, housing, health, and the arts.... Alicia feels most passionate about issues of race, women, affordable housing, and education. She has consistently given her time and energy to make a difference with respect to these issues.”



Alicia McCray of MILE and Congresswoman Robin Kelly

In her 40 years in the region, McCray has served on the Mediation Task Force; the South Suburban Housing Center board; as commissioner and vice chair of the Housing Authority of Cook County; the Friends of the Park Forest Health Department board; Cable Commission member Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra board and board president; Village of Park Forest trustee; board member of the South Suburban YWCA Advisory Board and the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago, and currently serves on the YWCA national board. She is also president of the District 162 School Board and vice president of the Southland College Preparatory High School board.

Celebrating the honor with McCray were her family and friends including Congresswoman Robin Kelly, a longtime friend.

Secret Success Tips from GS2U

Students – college is a major commitment, and your academic advisors, faculty and peers want you to get the best from your education.

If you want to learn a few tips on academic success, come to GS2U’s workshop on Secret Success Tips from GSU faculty, advisors, and students, on April 24, from 5:30 pm to 7 p.m. in E-Lounge. You will learn about academic etiquette, effective communication with professors, classroom participation, and when to seek assistance and how.

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Home Inspection Certification at GSU

GSU is offering a home inspector certification course on May 31, and June 1 and 2, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The course provides the tools needed to successfully start a home inspection business and is open to those seeking both a part and full-time career opportunities. Studies show that full-time certified home inspectors earn approximately \$50,000 per year.

GSU's School of Extended Learning has partnered with the American Home Inspection Training Institute (AHIT), the industry leader, to offer a comprehensive home inspection course. Students will accompany the

instructor to five local homes to conduct actual hands-on inspections. The course includes training on structure, interiors, exteriors, plumbing, electrical, roofs, heating and cooling, and report writing. Students will also receive expert guidance in how to develop and market a business.

The course fee is \$1,795, which includes all materials. The registration deadline is May 3. Call 877.838.0959. Further information is available at www.ahit.com/affiliates/govst.

Recyclmania Championship Five-Peat

Once again, GSU shows its commitment to recycling and reducing waste by winning first place for the fifth time among all Illinois university competitors in the annual RecycleMania competition.

RecycleMania is a nationwide challenge for colleges and universities to increase awareness of waste reduction and recycling initiatives.



Competing in the Waste Minimization category, GSU once again placed first among Illinois schools in the competition and 36th out of 167 schools at the national level.

The university's efforts were measured by adding the weight of our recyclables to the weight of our trash and dividing that number by the number of students and employees of GSU.

Congratulations to the GSU community for remembering to recycle whenever possible. Keep up the good work!

Join the Hispanic Heritage Planning Committee



Hispanic Heritage Month runs from September 15 to October 15 and we need you to join the committee planning events. Please join us on April 22, at noon in the Student Commons Annex (A2134). Bring your ideas, and help plan events to celebrate the rich history and traditions of this vibrant culture.

For more information, contact [Vanessa Newby](#) at 708.534.4551.

Join the LGBT History Month Planning Committee



October is LGBT History Month and planning is underway. Join us on Wednesday, April 24, at 3 p.m., in Room A2110. Help make this month of events informative, meaningful, and enjoyable for the entire GSU community. Attend the meeting and share your ideas.

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Dr. Maimon: Take Civic Engagement to Heart (4-15-

13)



In her most recent column in the Northwest Indiana Times, President Elaine P. Maimon encourages educators to integrate civic engagement across the curriculum. She cites the recent GSU candidate forum as an example of how faculty and staff promoted the forum as an opportunity to learn, reflect, and discover.

"GSU aspires to be in the forefront of universities that take this accreditation criterion seriously, contributing to a better informed citizenry, actively engaged in the responsibilities of democracy," wrote Dr. Maimon. [Read Dr. Maimon's column.](#)

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Board of Trustees Student Senate Retreat

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The retreat is open to the public. For questions, contact [Penny Perdue](#) at 708.534.4130.

Enough is Enough Looks at Civic Reflection – April 16

This month's Enough is Enough campaign to stem societal violence continues Tuesday, April 16, with a Civic Reflection discussion. It takes place from 1 to 2 p.m. in B2203.

GSU's Civic Reflection Fellows, Christopher Cook and Deirdre Vargas, will lead the discussion.

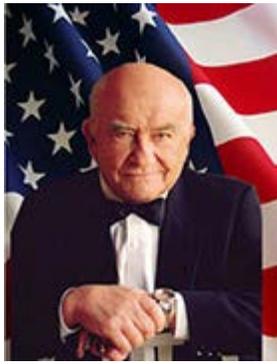
Civic Reflection is designed to deepen reflection in service-learning and civic engagement initiatives. It is seen as a path to improved communication, and as a useful tool in helping people connect to their work, improving retention, increasing job satisfaction, and creating a healthier team dynamic.



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Blood Drive is Latest DDP Community Service Activity

Since the start of the 2012-2013 school year, GSU's Dual Degree Program students have participated in a monthly community service activity. Each month, DDP Peer Mentors coordinate a community service activity at locations around the Chicago Southland. Until now, the activities have all take place off-campus -- at a Joliet homeless shelter, at a WTTW-Channel 11 pledge drive, at a facility for people with disabilities, and other locations.

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Welcome to In Motion – the FC14 Newsletter (4-11-13)



In 1969, Governor Richard Ogilvie signed a bill announcing that Governors State

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The words used to describe our current point in history have ranged from "renewal and reinvention" to "rapid renaissance." No matter what

words we use to describe our place in history, one thing remains true: GSU is an extraordinary place with endless potential. In partnership with our community college associates, GSU will be the premier choice for public higher education in Chicago's Southland.

With so many changes taking place in our community it is no wonder some of us feel like we are at the top of the roller coaster crest, just waiting for the wild ride down the hill.

The FC14 In Motion Newsletter along with In Motion: LIVE!, a series of meetings running monthly September 2013 through May 2014, is designed to engage the campus community about the changes underway to welcome the First Class of 2014 as we continue to fine tune and refine services and programs that support GSU's Transfer Student population.

We need your input into the evolution of this newsletter by submitting ideas for future articles or questions to include in a FAQ feature that will begin in the May edition. Send an e-mail message to engage@govst.edu with your questions and article ideas. Every effort will be made to get your ideas into print.

[Follow the link](#) to the rest of In Motion.

Public Universities' Leaders Endorse IGPA Pension Plan

The 14 Illinois public university presidents and chancellors, including GSU'S President, Dr. Elaine Maimon, have unanimously endorsed a six-point proposal for addressing the state's pension funding crisis as it relates to the State Universities Retirement System (SURS). In a letter to the governor and legislative leaders they called the proposal "a thoughtful and responsible approach."

"We write to inform you of our unanimous endorsement of the reform proposal recently published by the Institute of Government and Public Affairs (IGPA) of the University of Illinois entitled, *Six Simple Steps: Reforming the Illinois State University Retirement System*," the university leaders said. "We believe that, as a package, the steps outlined in this proposal represent a viable path forward for reforming the SURS pension plan. Compared to other options, it represents the most desirable long-term solution."

The letter to Gov. Pat Quinn and the four legislative leaders, Democrat House Speaker Michael Madigan and Senate President John Cullerton, and Republican House Leader Tom Cross and Senate Leader Christine Radogno, was sent by the university presidents and chancellors on April 4. The General Assembly has returned this week from its spring recess and faces a May 31 deadline for adjournment.

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The Psychology Club will host a pizza and movie night on April 19 in the Hall of Honors. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. The movie *A Beautiful Mind* will be shown at 6:30 p.m.

Secret Success Tips

Students – college is a major commitment, and your academic advisors, faculty and peers want you to get the best from your education.

If you want to learn a few tips on academic success, come to GS2U's workshop on *Secret Success Tips* from GSU faculty, advisors, and students, on April 24, from 5:30 pm to 7 p.m. in E-Lounge. You will learn about academic etiquette, effective communication with professors, classroom participation, and when to seek assistance and how.

For further information and to see future workshops and register for this workshop, go to www.govst.edu/g2u.

Summer Hours Announced for 2013

Gail Bradshaw, Associate Vice President for Human Resources and Diversity, has announced four-day-a-week summer hours for Summer, 2013. The four-day work week is again being implemented to provide employees the opportunity for more time off during the summer months, save in transportation costs, and enable the university to

realize other operational savings. The schedule will be in effect from Monday, June 14 through Friday, August 2.

[Read the memo](#) on this year's summer hours.

Graduate Student Reception – April 25

Celebrate the end of the spring semester at the Graduate Student Reception, on Thursday, April 25 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in E-Lounge. The event is sponsored by the GSU Graduate Student Organization.

The reception is open to all graduate students. It's a good opportunity to mix and mingle and have some fun, to meet other graduate students and members of the Graduate Council.

For more information, contact [Erin Fletcher](#).

Start Saving for the 2013 Class Gift

Graduates, as you prepare for Commencement, leave a legacy for the future. Make an additional gift of \$25 in honor of someone – a spouse, parent, professor, or friend – who contributed to your success. Consider donating \$20.13 to the Class of 2013 legacy gift to the GSU Promise. Pick up a free piggy bank in room D34200 and start saving today.

Contributions are due by May 1. All graduate contributors and honorees will be included in a special tribute at Commencement. Contributions tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. For more information, call 708.235.2188.

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Groundbreaking for GSU's First Housing is Historic Experience (04-08-13)

Under bright spring skies, GSU Friday celebrated the official launch of its first-ever student housing at a groundbreaking ceremony that drew students, faculty, staff, and community leaders.

At the groundbreaking site, 19 3- and 4-year-olds from GSU's Family Development Center donned hard hats and wielded miniature shovels as a solid, very real representation of the day's theme – "Building for the Future."



Prairie Place, GSU's first student residential complex, will open in Summer, 2014. Prairie Place will be built in three phases; the first building will have 77 suite style and apartment units, with a total of 296 beds. The complex will be open to GSU students – freshmen through doctoral students – and is being designed as a living-learning community that will add to their educational experience.

President Elaine P. Maimon said the housing complex will be located "where the prairie meets the city," and that its residents will benefit by living within GSU's nationally renowned Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. Dr. Maimon pointed out that following a visit to the sculpture park, Peter Schjeldahl, art critic for the New Yorker magazine, wrote that GSU is "where the prairie meets city."

"They will be living in art, immersed in art," she said. "What an amazing experience for our students." Living at Prairie Place, she said, will enhance students' learning experiences at GSU. "Students won't just be living at Prairie Place. They will also be learning valuable lessons about civic engagement, sustainability, and global citizenship."



Dr. Maimon was joined at the groundbreaking ceremony by members of the GSU Board of Trustees and other university officials, former GSU President Stuart Fagan, State Senator Michael Hastings, State Senator Anthony DeLuca, Chicago City Treasurer Stephanie Neely, University Park Mayor Vivian Covington, Richton Park Village President Rick Reinbold, and Park Forest Mayor John Ostenburg.

Jack Beaupre, Chair of the university's Board of Trustees, said it was a "great day for a celebration at GSU." He congratulated Dr. Maimon and GSU's administration for their leadership during difficult times in higher education in America.

"It gives me great pleasure to point out to the world what we are doing at GSU," Beaupre said. "We are going to be a great university."

University Park Mayor Covington praised GSU for its strong partnership with her community. "This is the most amazing day I can imagine," she said. "I cannot thank you enough for making us a university town. Together, we will grow, educate, and prosper."

More information on Prairie Place is available at www.govst.edu/housing.

You can read the [SouthtownStar's story](#) on the Prairie Place groundbreaking.

The Piano Men Brings '70s hits to CPA Thursday



Musician and songwriter Jim Witter performs classic hits from the 1970s in *The Piano Men* on Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m. in the GSU Center for Performing Arts. Witter will present his interpretation of unforgettable songs from Billy Joel and Elton John, including *Rocket Man*, *Just the Way You Are*, *My Life*, and more. Witter's versatility as an artist has brought him acclaim from industry executives and fans from the Canadian Country Music Association, Dove, and Juno Awards.

The Piano Men comes from Witter's personal taste for '70s music. "I was always a big fan of acoustic music, especially the folk artists of the '70s - James Taylor and Harry Chapin," Witter said. "But my real mentors were Billy Joel and Elton John." This multi-media rock musical is a hit, receiving rave reviews from music critics all across North America. Tickets start at just \$15, and range up to \$45 for box seats. The majority of the seats are \$30.

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Faculty, Administration and Staff: If you were unable to join us for the Regalia Purchase and Rental event last week, you will need to order your regalia via the customer service line (custom regalia) or online (rental).



- If you would like to purchase, please contact Oak Hall's customer service line between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Central time at 800.223.0429 (mention Governors State University).
- If you would like to rent, please click this link:

<https://college.oakhalli.com/college/govstfaculty/>.

- Orders must be placed by April, 19, 2013.
- Custom regalia orders ordered via the regalia event or customer service line will be delivered to your office or to your college's office when they arrive.
- Online rental orders may be picked up on May 30 at Cap and Gown/Ticket pick-up for the graduates in E-Lounge between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Benefits of the program:

- Negotiated Pricing! The University has negotiated with Oak Hall Cap & Gown at a significantly reduced cost for the purchase of academic regalia by faculty, administrators, and staff.
- 50 percent off! To encourage active participation by faculty and staff in Commencement and other events that include the wearing of academic regalia, GSU will be funding 50 percent of the cost that has been negotiated for each regalia package. Oak Hall will process payment for an employee's 50 percent via check, Mastercard, VISA, Discover, or American Express.
- Tailored to fit YOU! Oak Hall Cap & Gown can customize your regalia just for you!

Regalia options include:

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Library Adds Two New Printers

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"We were keeping records of the number of copies being printed from the library printers, and realized that the numbers were exceeding more than 28,000 during most months, said LaShaunda Williams-Ware, the library's IT manager. "The old copiers were less dependable, so to meet the needs of our patrons, new, more powerful printers have been purchased and installed as part of the print operations 'paid-for-print' system."

Printers in the library print only in black and white and are 10 cents . Printing in full color is 50 cents per page and can be done in the ACS lab. The library does not issue refunds. Students are asked to verify the document before inserting money for payment. Directions for wireless printing from any Internet connected device can be found by linking to www.govst.edu/print/.

Campus Safety, Social Media in Spotlight



Enough is Enough, a campus campaign aimed at stemming violence in society, continues Tuesday and Thursday with two events.

Campus Safety takes place Tuesday, April 9, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. GSU Police Chief James McGee is speaker.

Dangers of Social Media will be held Thursday, April 11, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. Professor Steve Hyzny is speaker.

The events are free and open to the public. For additional information contact [Sheree Sanderson](#).

Celebrate Occupational Therapy Month

April is Occupational Therapy Month. Stop by the Hall of Governors on Wednesday, April 10, between 2 and 5 p.m. to learn why Occupational Therapy is all about Living Life to Its Fullest. You can enjoy some free popcorn, test your grip strength, try the obstacle course, and, perhaps, win a prize.

Interviews for Library Dean Continue Wednesday

The Search Committee for the Library Dean has scheduled on-campus interview for two candidates.

The candidates will address the topic: *What is Your Vision of a State-of-the-Art 21st Century Academic Library? How Would You Lead Governors State University Toward that Vision?*

Rickey Best will appear Wednesday, April 10, at 11 a.m. in the Hall of Honors. Visit [Best's resume](#).

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Director of University Honors and Undergraduate Research Appointed (04-04-13)

Provost Terry L. Allison is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. David M. Rhea, Assistant Professor of Communication, as Director of Honors and Undergraduate Research. During 2013-2014, Dr. Rhea will transition into his new role by undertaking the coordination of the honors program, working with the faculty advisory council to continue planning for a full four-year honor's program.



Dr. David Rhea

Also in 2013-2014, Dr. Shailendra (Shelly) Kumar, Professor of Organic Chemistry, will continue his coordination of GSU's student research conference and supporting GSU undergraduate and graduate students to attend regional and national research conferences. Dr. Kumar also chairs the University Research Grant Committee this year.

"GSU owes many thanks to Dr. Larry Levinson, Associate Professor of Political Science, for starting GSU's honors program and continuing to build it over the past 15 years," said Provost Allison. "Professor Levinson has mentored many honors students and organized a series of timely seminars that have benefited students as well as the communities we serve." Dr. Levinson will serve for a year in an advisory capacity to Dr. Rhea and the faculty honor's advisory council.

Dr. Rhea said he is looking forward to extending his involvement with honors and undergraduate research at GSU. "I am honored to serve GSU as the incoming director. I look forward to continuing the commitment to excellence Dr. Levinson has established in the GSU Honors Program and to working with him and Honors Advisory Board members to help the program evolve and serve the needs of traditional and non-traditional students," he said. "I am also excited to work with faculty and undergraduate students alike to connect those with similar scholarly interests and enhance our students' interest in doing scholarly research."

Dr. Rhea is a nationally respected scholar in the area of mass media research focusing on election campaigns and entertainment media. In his 4½ years at GSU, Dr. Rhea has been a prolific author with 15 scholarship essays that have either been published in major peer-reviewed journals in communication or presented at national and international conferences. He is the Co-Chair of the GSU Institutional Review Board with Dr. Dale Schuit and Lead Program Planner for the 1,300-plus member Mass Communication Division of the National Communication Association for its 2013 Annual Convention.

Dr. Rhea earned his Ph.D. in Communication from the University of Missouri, M.A. in Communication from the University of Arizona, and dual B.A. degrees (Speech Communication and Political Science) from Pepperdine University. He was a member and officer of the Golden Key International Honour Society while attending Pepperdine.

Historic Prairie Place Groundbreaking on Friday



Be a part of history as GSU takes a giant step toward building Prairie Place, the university's first on campus housing. You can attend the groundbreaking ceremony for Prairie Place on Friday, April 5. This once-in-a-lifetime event is open to all members of the campus community.

The afternoon's activities begin at 3:30 p.m. in GSU's Hall of Governors, where light refreshments will be served. At 4 p.m., President Elaine P. Maimon and special guests will speak about the significance of GSU's first student housing. Guests will then be escorted to the construction site for the groundbreaking ceremony.

RSVP for the Prairie Place groundbreaking at 708.534.6364 or pperdue@govst.edu.

Prairie Place will be ready for occupancy in Summer, 2014.

2013 Student General Election—Official Results



The winners of the recent election for Student Senate and other student representatives have been announced.

Newly-elected student officials are:

Kayla Randolph-Clark, CBPA: Board of Trustees Representative

Regina Haynes, CBPA: Illinois Board of Higher Education Representative

CAS Senators: Amanda Ziaja, Christopher Otten, Shaniqua Jones, Codjo Padonou

CBPA Senators: Shawnta Young, Valencia Brown, Darren Heldt, James Brown

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COE Senator: Lisa Wallace

Senator at Large: Betty Campbell, Alumni

Student Leadership Awards Banquet – April 26

The Governors State University Student Senate and Student Life Office will host the Clubs and Organizations Student Leadership Awards Banquet on Friday, April 26, in E-Lounge. 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.

The categories and the nominees are:

Outstanding Graduating Student

Maria Ramirez, William Schranz, Nicole Roy, Stephanie Snow, Daniel Ellington, Erin Fletcher, Shaniqua Anderson (Jones), Brittani Barnett, and David Laxton.

Rising Star Award

Terry Banies, William Schranz, Carrie Parks, Bianca Mangabhai, Raymond Vazquez, Samantha Claysen, Katrina Love, and Shawnta Young.

New or Most Improved Student Club/Organization of the Year

Bowling Club, Art Forum, Wellness Club, Gay Straight Alliance, Human Resource Management Club, Psychology Club, Student Healthcare Management Association, and Computer Science Club.

Unsung Hero-Student

Latoya Tanniehill, Rieko Miyakuni, Nneka Howell, Snehal Chavda, William Schranz, Julie Bryar, Terry Banies, Kayla Randolph-Clark, Natasha Dillard, Adriene Farmer, and David Laxton.

Program of the Year

Inaugural Trip to Washington, D.C., Bowling Club - Friday Bowling Program, Physical Therapy Program.

Outstanding Club/Organization Advisor of the Year

Ann Marie Manning-Nagel, Jim Howley, TJ Wang, Aida Martinez, Sheree Sanderson, Tina Hughes-Burke, Susan Gaffney, and Carren Rossow.

Outstanding Support Staff of the Year

Johnsie McAuley-Davis, Margaret Brady, Latonia Richmond, Lisa Carra, Alishia Flowers, Brenda Moore, Christopher Cook, and Nancy Rios.

Outstanding Student Club/ Organization of the Year

Social Work Student Club, Bowling Club, Physical Therapy Student Association (PTSA), Black Student Union, Criminal Justice Student Society, Gay Straight Alliance, Association of Latin American Studies (ALAS), and Masters of Public Administration Club (MPAC).

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Genny Boesen, Executive Director of the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium (SMHEC), Kevin Barto, GSU's Assistant Director in Facilities, and Alessandra Cairo, Sustainability Coordinator at Prairie State College, presented an afternoon breakout session. Their presentation, *Regionally Organizing for Sustainability*, addressed what SMHEC institutions have done since 2009 as a result of their participation in the regional Sustainability Task Force. The task force was assembled in 2009 at the request of the university presidents who saw sustainability as an important common theme to advance at their institutions.

Governor Pat Quinn appeared at the conference and expressed his continuing support for growth of sustainability at all levels and institutions of education.

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Learn about holistic health lifestyle options at this daylong event, which includes presentations, demonstrations, and exhibits. This event is free and open to the public.

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For information, visit www.govst.edu/wellnessprograms.

Gun Debate Discussion Tonight

The GSU Forensics Team will host a panel discussion, *Communicating Possibilities: Reframing the Gun Debate and Finding Common Ground*, tonight at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

The discussion is part of *Enough is Enough*, a



college campaign against violence in our society. It is free and open to the public.

Arness Krause, Forensics Team Coach and Adjunct Professor in the Division of Communication, Visual, and Performing Arts, said the discussion will attempt to reframe the debate over guns in our society. Panel members will address issues surrounding the current debate over guns from their areas of expertise – politics, history, language, and mass media.

Panel members include Dr. David Rhea, Assistant Professor of Communications Studies; Dr. Donald Culverson, Associate Professor of Political Justice Studies; Dr. David Golland, Assistant Professor of History; Krause; and Etta Oben, Forensics Team Graduate Assistant Coach.

Register for Substitute Teacher Academy

GSU is sponsoring a daylong Substitute Teacher Academy with Resources on April 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Many school districts are in need of qualified substitute teachers. This workshop will help experienced and new substitutes increase their knowledge and skills.

The academy will teach substitute teachers what to expect in the classroom, what to do in an emergency, how to maintain classroom control, and how to follow the teacher's lesson plans. It will also provide ideas and activities for both new and experienced substitutes that can be adapted and used in any school and any grade.

Participants must have a bachelor's degree. The \$50 registration fee includes lunch and all materials. Seating is limited to 40 registrants. Advance registration is required. Call 708.534.4536. Registration deadline is April 8.

Deadline Nears for Sustainability Conference Sign-Up

The South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium is presenting the 2013 Student Sustainability Summit at Prairie State College on Friday, April 12, from 9:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. This event is planned for students and by students. The theme is *Sustainability in Our Communities – What's Your Community?*

In past years, GSU students have made presentations and attended workshops at the annual summit. Participants from Governors State are needed for the 2013 conference.

GSU students can [register for the event](#) through Friday, April 5. The conference features presentations and workshops demonstrating how area colleges and universities are working to expand sustainable practices on their campuses. The registration deadline is April 5. All registrants will be entered in a drawing for an iPad. Winners must be

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Proceeds of the event benefit the Illinois Special Olympics.

Calling All Faculty & Staff: Purchase Regalia Tuesday & Wednesday THIS WEEK (04-01-13)

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- Tuesday, April 2, 2:30 p.m., Cafeteria Annex
- Wednesday, April 3, 9:30 a.m., Cafeteria Annex
- Tuesday, April 9, 2:30 p.m., Cafeteria Annex
- Wednesday, April 10, 9:30 a.m., Hall of Honors
- Wednesday, April 10, 2:30 p.m., Hall of Honors

Enough is Enough Targets Violence in Society

Enough is Enough, a campaign to stem societal violence, begins this week at GSU.



Enough is Enough is a critical collaboration designed to create a new paradigm for peace and safety on the nation's campuses -- elementary through postsecondary -- by addressing the societal violence that has contributed to unprecedented violence in some of the very places our students should feel most safe. The campaign is held during the month of April, and GSU Student Life has collaborated to present the following *Enough is*

Enough campaign events.

Communicating Possibilities: Reframing the Gun Debate and Finding Common Ground, takes place Thursday, April 4, at 5 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. The panel discussion is hosted by the GSU Forensics Team.

Arness Krause, Coach and Adjunct Professor in the Division of Communication, Visual, and Performing Arts, said the discussion will attempt to reframe the debate over guns in our society. Panel members will address issues surrounding the current debate over guns from their areas of expertise – politics, history, language, and mass media.

Panel members include Dr. David Rhea, Assistant Professor of Communications Studies; Dr. Donald Culverson, Associate Professor of Political Justice Studies; Dr. David Golland, Assistant Professor of History; Krause; and Etta Oben, Forensics Team Graduate Assistant Coach.

Campus Safety, a Lunch and Learn presentation, will be held Tuesday, April 9, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. Bring your lunch to the program, which features GSU Police Chief James McGee.

Overcoming Violence - Creating an Era of Peace in Southland Schools and Communities will be held Thursday, April 25, from 9 am to noon, in Sherman Recital Hall. The program is presented by Student Life in collaboration with the Rotary Club, Area P, District 450.

Enough is Enough events are free and open to the public. For additional information contact [Sheree Sanderson](#).

Ensuring Health Care Quality, Patient Safety



Dr. Ann Blouin

GSU's Student Healthcare Management Association will sponsor a presentation by Dr. Ann Scott Blouin, RN, Ph.D., FACHE, Executive Vice President of Customer Relations, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, on Tuesday, April 2, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Dr. Blouin will discuss *Leadership in an Era of Health Care Reform: Quality and Patient Safety Implications*. She has more than 30 years of health care administration, consulting, and nursing experience, and has held several leadership positions.

Dr. Blouin has also published and taught at nursing and medical schools and serves on the National Patient Safety Foundation Board of Governors.

The event is free and open to the public.

Learn Self-Defense Techniques at R.A.D. Class

Be prepared. The Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) class includes lecture, discussion, and hands-on self-defense techniques suitable for women of all abilities.

The class is offered Wednesdays between April 3 and May 1, in the Recreation and Fitness Center. Two times are available – 3 to 4:30 p.m. and 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The class is free to the first 10 persons who register. The class is sponsored by the Recreation and Fitness Center. For more information, visit www.govst.edu/wellnessprograms.

Learn about Healthy Living at Workshops

A month of healthy living activities at GSU starts April 3 and 4 with two workshops on foods and meals that can make you feel better.

Executive Eating, on Wednesday, April 3, from noon to 1 p.m. in A2110, will offer ideas for those who work and want to eat healthy, too. The session is presented by Kim Kramer, an Ingalls Wellness dietician.

Eat Chic, Chicago: Fuel Your Body and Feed Your Soul will be presented Thursday April 4, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Student Commons, A2140. Registered dietician Amari Cheffer will give a presentation, including cooking demonstrations, that show how you can increase your energy through by eating foods that fuel you through the day.

The workshops are sponsored by the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center and the Wellness Club. More information is available at www.govst.edu/wellnessprograms.

Presentations by Candidates for Library Dean

The Search Committee for the Library Dean has scheduled on-campus

interview for two candidates.

The candidates will address the topic: *What is Your Vision of a State-of-the-Art 21st Century Academic Library? How Would You Lead Governors State University Toward that Vision?*

Lydia Morrow Ruetten will appear Tuesday, April 2, at 11 a.m. in the Hall of Honors. View [Morrow Ruetten's resume](#).

Rickey Best will appear Wednesday, April 10, at 11 a.m. in the Hall of Honors. Visit [Best's resume](#).

Library Offers Microsoft or Other Technical Help

Whether you have a quick question or need answers to more in depth questions regarding Microsoft programs, help is available in the GSU Library. Here are some guidelines that will help you get quick and efficient answers to your questions.

The Tech Desk in the library is staffed to assist you with answering quick questions, such as those that relate to Blackboard, printing, or scanning. Help is available Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If you are seeking more detailed questions regarding Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, or Excel, a graduate assistant is available to answer questions on Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday, from 1 to 8 p.m.

This service is available on a first come, first served basis. In addition, the graduate assistant can provide limited assistance with APA formatting for the computer. In all cases, students are asked to bring their text book and class assignments when working with the graduate assistant.

Remember, the GSU Library is your Research Resource 24/7. Visit the library online at www.govst.edu/library.

GSU Faculty Authors Reception – April 18

The University Library is again sponsoring the annual GSU Faculty Authors' Reception. This year's reception takes place during National Library Week, on Thursday, April 18, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on the library balcony. Participating faculty members should submit their work by Friday, April 5.

This year, the Friends of the GSU Library is co-sponsoring the reception with the library. For further information, contact [Lydia Morrow Ruetten](#), Interim Library Dean, or [Ann Manning-Nagel](#), President of Friends of the GSU Library.

GSU Course Meets Committee on National Security Systems Standards

The Information Assurance Courseware Evaluation (IACE) Program has recertified GSU courseware as meeting all of the elements of the Committee on National Security Systems (CNSS) National Training Standards for Information Systems Security Professionals and Senior

Systems Managers.

The National Security Agency and CNSS has certified that Governors State University's Information Security Certificate meets the CNSS 4011 and 4012 standards. These standards are intended for Information Technology and Information Security Professionals to document their skills and knowledge. Many government positions in cyber-security require candidates to have CNSS certification.

The courses are integrated into GSU's new Information Technology bachelor's degree. Enrollment for the degree program began this spring.

Courses mapped to the CNSS 4011 and 4012 standards are Cisco CCNA Routing and Switching, Information Security Policy and Management, Laboratory in Information Security, Special Topics in Information Security, Information Security, and Cryptography and Network Security.

Summer Study Trip to Poland

CBPA is offering a summer study trip to Poland in July 2013. The trip is part of a summer course, MGMT 5000-04: Business and Culture of Poland, so you can earn academic credit while experiencing a different culture in this exciting Travel Abroad Program.

This trip is open to GSU students, alumni, faculty and staff. Students who take the course will also receive some financial support for the trip.

The 11-day trip, from July 7 to 18, includes three cities (Warsaw, Krakow, and Gdansk), lectures at the world renowned Warsaw School of Economics, and visits to business and government agencies that will inform you on the business environment and practices in Poland. It also includes many cultural and sightseeing activities in Old Town Warsaw, Gdansk, Old Town Krakow, Auschwitz, Wieliczka Salt Mines, and the Castle of Malbork.

The deadline to register is April 9. Contact [Dr. Carlos Ferran](#) or [Patricia Thompson](#) for more information.

Picasso Lecture - April 10



Anne Morse

The University Honors Community Lecture Series is sponsoring Anne Morse's presentation on *Picasso and His World: Challenging Structures and Changing Paradigms* on Wednesday, April 10, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Hall of Honors.

Anne Morse is Senior Lecturer in Museum Education and liaison to the academic community for the Art Institute of Chicago. She coordinates the annual Graduate Student Seminar and a Chicago-based artist lecture series, Artists Connect. She is also an independent curator who has worked with the Contemporary Arts Council, Columbia College Chicago, and the Hyde

Park Art Center.

Her presentation is on the current *Picasso and Chicago* exhibition at the museum, with special reference to the changing conditions, both personal and social, in which Picasso created his artworks.

Just Dance Expo – April 11

Learn a variety of fabulous dance moves at Just Dance Expo, on Thursday, April 11, from noon to 4 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

The expo will feature Chicago Steppin', Belly Dancing, and Salsa Dancing. There will be lessons and demonstrations of each featured dance. The event will conclude with a dance contest giving you a chance to demonstrate your own style of dance. First, second, and third place winners will be announced for individuals, couples, and groups.

The latest line dances will also be taught. Just Dance Expo is a great opportunity to move to a fine selection of house music, R & B, disco, funk, or old school hip-hop.

There is a \$5 admission charge. Just Dance Expo is sponsored by the Student Veterans, American Latin Club, and International Dance Club.

For further information, contact Eric Williams at ext. 7597.

Criminal Justice and Public Administration Career and Internship Fair – April 18

GSU's Office of Career Services is sponsoring an employment and internship fair for people interested in positions in criminal justice, public administration, and related fields. The Criminal Justice and Public Administration Internship and Career Fair will be held on Thursday, April 18, from 2 to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members are invited to attend. This is an opportunity to match jobs and internships positions with qualified personnel. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 708.235.3974.

