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News and Events

Calling All Faculty & Staff: Purchase Regalia Tuesday & Wednesday THIS WEEK

GSU has announced the university's official Custom Academic Regalia Purchase Program.

Fitting for GSU regalia takes place April 2 and 3, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in E-Lounge. Faculty, administrators, and staff can be measured for regalia, place orders, and make payments at this event.



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% 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:

- Bachelor Gown-Venture Black, Hood, Cap with tassel, garment bag, and initials in gown: \$219. (Employee pays \$109.50; GSU pays \$109.50)
- Master Gown-Venture Black, Hood, Cap with tassel,

garment bag, and initials in gown: \$249. (Employee pays \$124.50; GSU pays \$124.50)

- Doctor Gown w/Matinee Velvet, Hood, six corner tam with tassel, and initials in gown: \$439. (Employee pays \$219.50; GSU pays \$219.50)

Because the university will be subsidizing the purchase of academic regalia by university employees, the university will no longer be providing employees with rented academic regalia. If employees prefer to rent academic regalia rather than purchase their own personalized regalia, each individual employee will be able to arrange rental of academic regalia with Oak Hall Cap & Gown at the employee's expense when they are on campus April 2 and 3.

If you are unable to attend, please contact Karen Caesar-Smith at 708.534.6360.

Nominations Open for Student Commencement Speakers

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 10 a.m., for CHHS and COE, and the 5 p.m. ceremony, for CAS and CBPA. 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.

HLC Forums Continue This Week

Open forums on the upcoming Higher Learning Commission Focused Visit are scheduled this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to the sessions.

HLC granted Governors State University full accreditation in 2009. With that accreditation came a prescriptive recommendation for a 2013 HLC Focused Visit in the areas of “assessment and institutional effectiveness, including attention to general education and comparative outcomes for students in online programs.” In preparation for the Focused Visit, GSU provided the HLC site team with a Focused Visit Report as evidence of the remarkable work that has taken place on campus in response to the 2009 Self-Study.

Additionally, this visit includes the final step in the approval process for our plan to welcome lower division students in fall 2014. As a part of the final step in the approval process, a Substantive Change Report was submitted to describe GSU’s planned change in student body composition. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to read the posted reports at their earliest convenience.

HLC questions can be directed to the Provost’s Office.

HLC forums will be held:

- Tuesday, April 2, 9:30 a.m., Cafeteria Annex
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- 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



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. Ann Blouin 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. View [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

[Permanent link](#)



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.



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