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Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.
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Dynamic Leadership
Speaker Series
Ronald E. Daly
"The Leadership
of Change"
June 17
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Engbretson Hall
Free
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Dynamic Leadership
Speaker Series
Patrick Rea
"Is there a
Difference between
Military and
Corporate
Leadership?"
June 19
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Engbretson Hall
Free
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Blackhawks vs.
Bruins
June 19
6 p.m.
Game Room

Grill and Chill
June 20
11:30 a.m. – 1:30
p.m.
Hall of

News and Events

Michael Griffin, Shaniqua Jones Are Student Commencement Speakers (05-30-13)

Two graduating GSU students have been chosen to give addresses at the June 8 Commencement. Michael Griffin, of Carpentersville, will speak at the 10 a.m. ceremony. Shaniqua Jones, of Harvey, will speak at the 5 p.m. ceremony. Griffin and Jones were both nominated as speakers by faculty members and chosen as worthy representatives of the class of 2013.



Michael Griffin

said.

Medics flew Griffin to Germany, then Walter Reed military hospital outside Washington, D.C., where he beat the odds just by surviving. Griffin was recently awarded the Army Commendation Medal with Valor for providing key details about the enemy's whereabouts after he was shot.

After leaving the service, Griffin enrolled at Harper College, then entered GSU's bachelor in social work program. Griffin, the father of two children, plans to pursue a master's degree in social work and eventually earn a doctorate. He wants to work with veterans at the Hines VA hospital or a similar facility, helping former service personnel deal with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Nearly a decade after being severely wounded in Iraq, Griffin is receiving his bachelor's degree in social work, committed to helping fellow veterans deal with the scars of warfare.

In November, 2004, Griffin was a U.S. Army sergeant when his unit was attacked in what he describes as a "head to head" battle. He was shot four times by an Iraqi insurgent, suffering life-threatening injuries to his stomach and leg. "I was dying," he

Jones is receiving a master's degree in criminal justice. She plans to pursue an Ed.D. in leadership through GSU's College of Education. She is committed to bringing the principles of restorative justice – in which offenders are kept out of the court system by

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MOT Information Session

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5 – 6 p.m.
G127

Grill and Chill
June 27

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
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Governors' Patio



Shaniqua Jones

taking responsibility for their actions and working with victims to repair harm – to her own community and beyond.

This year, Jones launched a pilot program in restorative justice at her local middle school in Harvey. These are especially challenging times for middle school students since social media has become a dominant force and cyberbullying is rampant, she said.

In Jones' pilot program, offenses are examined at a series of conferences. All parties are involved – the offender, the victim, school administrators, social workers and teachers, and parents or legal guardians. At the end of the year, students who have gone through the program and have not committed any further infractions are recognized with an award.

Jones' life is extremely busy both at GSU and outside the university. She is married and the mother of four daughters and a son, ages 6 to 14. She also leads her own company, Seniorita Entertainment, which books comedy shows in south suburban venues. At GSU, she is a member of the Student Senate.

First Counselor Education and Supervision Doctoral Graduates Receiving Diplomas

GSU's College of Education is proud to recognize the first two graduates of the university's doctoral program in Counselor Education and Supervision, Dr. Ashley Rae Cosentino and Dr. Steve Hamm.

Both graduates started the program in Fall 2010 as part of its inaugural cohort and completed their studies and culminating projects in Spring 2013. Dr. Cosentino, of Joliet, focused her research focuses on attitudes toward fathering. Dr. Hamm, of Manteno, focused his research on resilience and well-being in troubled teens.

"This is truly a milestone for the College of Education," said Dr. Deborah E. Bordelon, Dean of the College of Education and Graduate Studies. "Our faculty have worked tirelessly to provide a rigorous and challenging curriculum for our doctoral students. Drs. Cosentino and Hamm have met and exceeded the high expectations we have for our students in the program. We will all join in celebrating their accomplishments at the hooding ceremony on June 6 and our Commencement ceremony on June 8."

This Counselor Education and Supervision doctoral program was recently granted accreditation by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). As a CACREP accredited program, the Ed.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision meets the highest academic standards and prepares individuals for leadership roles in higher education, community agencies, and social services.

For further information on the doctoral program in Counselor Education

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and Supervision, contact 708.534.4840 or www.govst.edu/coe.

Counseling in the Himalayas Resumes for Doctoral Student

GSU doctoral student Deborah Watson is currently working in in Bhutan, where she will spend three months at the National Hospital in Thimpu, the nation's capital. She is working with the National Board of Certified Counselors as part of her doctoral internship for GSU's Counselor Education and Supervision program.



Watson and colleague
in Bhutan

clinical and administrative work in Bhutan for two-and-a-half weeks. They were part of a group working with the Thunder Dragon Institute, an organization established through the National Board of Certified Counselors.

Watson is pictured wearing a traditional Bhutanese garment known as a *kera*. At the hospital, she is required to wear the traditional garb.

Bhutan, a small Asian country, is nestled between India and China. It has an average elevation of 8,000 feet.

Last fall, Watson and Dr. Shannon Dermer, chair of GSU's Division of Psychology and Counseling, performed

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Student Artists Meet with President Maimon



President Maimon and
student artists

The student artists honored at the luncheon were Steve Simmons, Sherri Denault, and Rene Leyva. Also attending the luncheon were Stevenson and Dr. Lori Montalbano, Chair of the Division of Communication, Visual, and Performing Arts.

President Maimon recently had lunch with some of the GSU student artists whose work is displayed in the President's Conference Room, and outside her office.

President Maimon holds these lunches a few times a year, whenever Visual Arts Gallery Director Jeff Stevenson swaps out the artwork. She and her husband, Dr. Mort Maimon, enjoy hearing directly from the artists themselves about their work.

Regulating Off-Campus Use of University Property

Procurement and Business Services is reminding the GSU community that all staff/faculty documentation approving off-campus use of equipment needs to be updated.

The private and/or personal use of university property is expressly prohibited; however, situations may arise where university responsibilities can justify the temporary use of portable equipment off-campus. Off-campus usage should be aimed at more effective utilization of university resources, not the personal convenience of the employee.

Approval to assign or use equipment off- campus is obtained by the user completing the FY13 [asset_possession_form.pdf](#). The form can be found on the GSU portal. Complete this form, sign it, obtain a department signature, and maintain a copy with your property control records for auditing purposes.

Make certain that your department/college has a current copy on file for any electronics or telecom, which are GSU assets.

For further information, call Procurement and Business Services at ext. 4056.

Librarian Awarded Back to Books Grant

Josh Sopiartz, Assistant Professor and Librarian, has been awarded a \$5,000 "Back to Books" grant from the Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White for his project, "Veterans Resource Collection."

"My inspiration for writing this grant came from my personal experience of working with a woman whose son served in Iraq," Sopiartz said. "He had a difficult time transitioning back to civilian life. His mother mentioned that it would have been helpful to have resources available to help her son. It was this story and experiences with members of my family that encouraged me to submit this grant proposal."

The purpose of the grant is to provide resources in the library that will assist veterans as they transition from the military, to civilian life and as college students. The collection will include books, films and video on a variety of topics including career building, resume writing, and transitioning to the life of a college student. When completed, the collection will be open for all to use and will be available for circulation.

Sopiartz said he would like to see more veterans using the library. "By working with others on campus to develop this collection, it is my hope and vision that the information collected will help veterans find what they need to be successful here at GSU and in life," he said.

The collection will be completed no later than this November. Contact [Sopiartz](#) for questions or further information.

Funding for this grant project was awarded from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Secretary of State/Illinois State Library under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act.

MILE Official Named Rotarian of the Year

Dr. Michael Townsend, a Senior Educational Consultant and Project Leader for GSU's Metropolitan Institute for Leadership (MILE), has been chosen Chicagoland Rotarian of the Year. He received the award this

month at the annual district conference.



Dr. Townsend received the award because of his committee leadership on the first Rotary sponsored Chicagoland Peace Summit, held last fall, which addressed the rising violence and crime in the city's communities. The conference drew more than 250 participants who have started working on fundamental issues within the community. City leaders, community service organizations, and clergy, as well as Homeland Security officials, participated in working panels developing solutions and strategies.

Dr. Townsend

In addition to the Peace Summit, Dr. Townsend also lead the first Rotary contingent in the Bud Billiken Parade and other community parades carrying the Peace Summit message seeking change in our culture.

Dr. Townsend is a GSU graduate and received his doctoral degree from Northern Illinois University. He is a member of the Park Forest Rotary Club, which is part of Rotary District 6450. Rotary International has 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. The organization initiates humanitarian projects that address today's challenges affecting the world today, such as hunger, poverty, and illiteracy.

Dr. Townsend's Rotary Peace Committee is working on the next summit. Community leaders or members of service groups interested in participating in the event can contact [Dr. Townsend](#).

MPA Information Session – June 17

The College of Business and Public Administration is hosting a Master in Public Administration program information session on June 17, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Illinois State Police Headquarters – District 5, 16648 Broadway Street, Lockport. The session is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

An MPA from GSU prepares graduates for leadership positions in public and non-profit sectors. It enhances credentials and develops the skills and knowledge demanded in public sector management positions. The GSU program holds national accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA).

RSVPs are requested by June 10. Please contact [Ruby Williams](#) at 708.534.4391.

RSVP to Provost Allison's Aloha Reception

The GSU community is invited to say "Aloha!" to Provost Terry Allison at a reception honoring his service to GSU and wishing him success and happiness in the future, on Monday, June 3, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., on the Center for Performing Arts stage.



Dr. Allison

To RSVP, contact [Penny Perdue](#) at 708.534.4130.

In lieu of gifts, Dr. Allison would appreciate if gifts were made to the Dr. Allison Endowed Scholarship for Creative Arts at GSU. To donate, call Gina Ragland at 708.235.7559 or visit the [Foundation website](#).

Father Michael Pflieger to Speak at CPA June 3

The CBPA begins its Dynamic Leadership Lecture Series with featured speaker Father Michael L. Pflieger, on Monday, June 3, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts. His presentation, *Leading a Community: Advocating for the Disenfranchised*, is free and open to the public.



Father Pflieger

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Advance registration is not required. Everyone is welcome.

There's Still Time to Sign Up for Sustainable Garden

You can watch your garden grow this summer – right here at GSU.



The University Sustainable Garden is making its debut this spring and there is still time to sign up for plots ranging from 35 square feet for beginners to 400 square feet for experienced gardeners. Planting at the garden is expected to begin next week.

GSU's community garden will give participants a chance to grow a wide variety of vegetables using fully organic methods. The university is initiating the project to empower individuals and families to make healthy choices, build a sense of community, and provide a space to grow food in a custom-designed garden.

GSU will provide water for the garden site. Gardeners must bring their own tools and seeds, and agree to follow organic gardening principles. To be eligible for a garden plot, gardeners must pay a nominal fee,

from \$10 to \$20 depending on plot size, and agree to the rules and policies of the community garden. Garden plots are available on a first come, first served basis.

To apply for a University Sustainable Garden plot, contact the Facilities Department at 708.534.4515 or visit www.govst.edu/garden.

First Phase of Science Wing Renovation Complete, GSU's East Entrance to Re-Open (05-23-13)

With the completion of the first phase of E & F wing renovation, GSU's east entrance will once again be open to students, faculty and staff. Starting Tuesday, May 28, the east entrance, located in F building, will be open. The stairway silo, just south of the east entrance, will be open only to construction workers for the remainder of the E & F project.



Construction of Phase II of the E & F project begins Tuesday. It is likely that the Phase II project will be completed in the summer of 2014.

"I'm happy to report that Phase I of the science wing renovation is complete, and that many of the labs and classrooms in E and F buildings are ready for our students," said Karen Kissel, Vice President for Finance and Administration. "Congratulations and our deepest thanks to everyone who has helped make this project a success."

When both phases of the \$25.5 million project are completed, the renovation of GSU's science classrooms and laboratories will comprise approximately 76,000 square feet of space and include six research labs, 11 teaching labs, 12 classrooms, nine prep/store rooms, and a new lecture hall that seats 90 students. The renovated facilities will serve students and faculty in biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, nursing, communications disorders, occupational therapy, and physical therapy.

Maria Hinojosa to Receive Honorary Doctorate

Award-winning journalist Maria Hinojosa will receive an honorary doctorate from GSU at the June 8 Commencement. Hinojosa will speak at the 10 a.m. ceremony.

Approximately 1,500 graduates will receive degrees in morning and afternoon Commencement ceremonies at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

During her 25-year career at CNN, PBS, National Public Radio, and WGBH in Boston, Hinojosa has striven to give voice to the voiceless, to make the invisible visible, and to shine light where there is darkness. Hinojosa was the first Latina to be employed at NPR, the first Latina correspondent at CNN, and the first Latina



anchor at PBS.

Maria Hinojosa As the anchor and executive producer of her own weekly NPR show, *Latino USA*, and anchor of the talk show, *Maria Hinojosa: One-on-One*, from WGBH/LaPlaza, she has informed millions of Americans about the fastest growing ethnic group in the United States.

Previously a Senior Correspondent for *NOW* on PBS, and currently a contributing correspondent for *Need to Know* on the network, Hinojosa has covered hundreds of important stories. Her powerful reporting has focused on immigrant work camps in New Orleans after Katrina, teen girl victims of sexual harassment on the job, and the poor in Alabama.

In April, 2010, Hinojosa took a groundbreaking step by launching The Futuro Media Group, a multi-platform, nonprofit production company based in Harlem with the mission to give critical voice to the social and civic justice issues facing the diverse new America.

Hinojosa was the first Latina to anchor a *FRONTLINE* report *Lost in Detention*, which aired in October, 2011. The documentary explored abuse at immigrant detention facilities, attracting attention from Capitol Hill to both the mainstream and Spanish-language media.

"She is in so many ways emblematic of the new world in which we live," veteran journalist Tom Brokaw said.

Why Not? Winner for Spring Semester

David Weinberger of GSU's Financial Aid Office submitted the winning entry in the *Why Not?* program for the spring semester and will be honored at a June 15 luncheon.

Weinberger will receive a certificate of appreciation and a \$100 prize. He will be joined at the luncheon by President Elaine P. Maimon, Provost Terry Allison, Executive Vice President Gebe Ejigu, and Dr. Sandra Mayfield, *Why Not?* Coordinator.

In his *Why Not?* entry, Weinberger suggested that GSU build a cricket field for international students "who want to play the sports they love," and that other GSU students would also benefit from the new field. He said international students used to play cricket in a vacant lot on Exchange Street in University Park, but that a store is being built on that space.

Weinberger also suggested that the university build a soccer field and rebuild existing tennis courts that are in a state of disrepair, as well as hire coaches and form leagues in these sports.

According to the official response from *Why Not?*, GSU is in the process of planning and developing a multi-use field that could be used for a number of sports. "Your suggestions for cricket and soccer fields will now be on the list of potential sports to be considered by the administration."

To make your own *Why Not?* suggestion, contact the program [website](#).

Historic GSU Photos on Display Outside the Library

In celebration of National Photo Month and National Historic Preservation Month, GSU photos from the Carli Digital Collection have been put on display in the cases outside of the library. The [CARLI Digital Collections](#) was established in 2006 as a repository for digital content created by member libraries of the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries. The GSU collection is a treasure chest of historic photos of GSU, and as GSU continues to grow and expand these photos provide important historic information about the building of GSU.



What is it?

"The archival collection includes over 980,000 images of the original construction of GSU, concept drawings, first commencement, the mini campus, university without walls and much more," said Erin Engelbrecht, Library Operations Association and Archives Records Manager. "We have a great number of images of GSU, and with that many images there are a number which we still need to have identified. For example, we have included a photo of a structure that looks like a beehive with this article. If anyone knows what this actually is, please do let us know! Please send your answers to LibraryGovst@gmail.com."

"The photo display cases will be changed throughout the summer. New photos will also be posted on the Library Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GSULibrary. You can also visit <http://tinyurl.com/7d3q7f3> and look at some of the photos in the digital collection yourself," said Diane Nadler, Reference Desk Manager, who will be coordinating the displays.

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Generation on a Tightrope Book Discussion – May 29

Join Dean of Students Aurélio Valente and Trustee Erin Fletcher for a discussion on the most recent research on students who enrolled in college between 2005 and 2014. They will discuss *Generation on a tightrope: A portrait of today's college students* on Wednesday, May 29, at 10 a.m., in B2203.

The book provides insight into who GSU's FC14 students might be and how best to prepare for their arrival next summer. Dr. Diane Dean, co-author of the book, will make a presentation on Wednesday, June 12, at 9:30 a.m., in E-Lounge.

Persons planning to attend the May 29 book discussion should RSVP to [Lisa Carra](#).

While it is desirable to have read the text in advance, a [LibGuide](#) is now available with relevant materials so that reading the text in advance is not a prerequisite for active participation in the book discussion. In addition, a [10-minute podcast](#) of Dr. Diane Dean is available to provide an overview of the text.

Table Tennis Tournament - May 28 and 29

GSU's International Culture Organization is hosting a Table Tennis Tournament on Tuesday, May 28 and Wednesday, May 29 from 1 to 3

p.m.

Tables will be located in the A-Wing North Study Hall (A 1105). Balls and paddles can be checked out at the Recreation and Fitness Center service counter (A1105). Valid student or employee IDs are required to check out equipment.

Registration for the tournament begins May 24. To sign up, or for more information, call the Office of International Services at 708.235.7611 or e-mail gzapolska@student.govst.edu.

Board of Trustees Meeting – May 17, 2013 (05-20-13)

The Board of Trustees meeting Friday provided an opportunity for transitions, announcements, and presentations. Newly confirmed board members Lorraine Tyson and Anibal Taboas were welcomed by Board Chairman Jack Beaupre and President Elaine P. Maimon. Chair Beaupre noted that this was the first time the board has had full membership in many years.

President Maimon reported that the recent focused visit by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) team was very positive. While the final report has not been filed, Dr. Maimon noted that, during the exit conference, the visiting team expressed "praise" for the way we have been planning our lower division and our general education curriculum. Dr. Maimon complimented the work of the General Education Task Force, "brilliantly chaired by Professor Ann Vendrely."

In addition to the positive review of the university's progress on student assessment, Dr. Maimon reported that the HLC team gave full approval to the operational change to admit freshmen. "The team noted that this was not a change in mission. GSU was founded as a comprehensive regional university; admitting freshmen helps us fulfill our mission." The HLC Team also praised the extensive planning in progress for the first-year program at the same time the university is expanding to meet the needs of transfer students through innovative programs such as the Dual Degree Program.

"Many thanks to the campus as a whole for the great work that has led to this outside validation," added Dr. Maimon.

In response to board inquiries, Dr. Maimon provided an overview of recent efforts by the Council of Illinois Public University Presidents and Chancellors (IPUPC), a statewide organization that Maimon serves as a convener, to offer research-supported solutions to issues of pension reform in Illinois. IPUPC has been engaged in constructive discussions with the legislative leadership to ensure that our employees' interests are protected while ensuring the solvency of the pension system, explained Maimon. Towards this end, the IPUPC has been advocating the adoption of the "Six Simple Steps", the position paper developed by the Institute of Government and Public Affairs, as a guide in reforming the state's pension system. "The IPUPC solution is a responsible, constructive position," Maimon added.

Dr. Maimon acknowledged several transitions at GSU, announcing the appointment of Lydia Morrow-Ruetten as Dean of the Library. (See related story) She also noted that this was Provost Terry Allison's final board meeting. "As GSU gains prominence nationally, executive search firms become interested in our top administrators." Dr. Maimon thanked Provost Allison for his many accomplishments and service and

wished him well in his new position at Indiana University, South Bend.

Looking forward, Dr. Maimon said that the new provost will join GSU at a remarkable time. "As I complete the sixth year of my presidency, I am pleased to see our goals come together in what we are calling Renaissance 2014." Dr. Maimon cited the success of DDP and the GSU Promise, expansion to a full-service university, construction of student residences, and the renovation of E and F wings, among many other developments and accomplishments. "Renaissance 2014 means the rebirth of our founding principles of innovation, diversity, and student-centeredness in the shape of a 21st Century model university."



BOT Tour of E and F Wings

In his report, Executive Vice President Gebe Ejigu reported that the first phase of the E and F wing renovation project was almost complete, adding 75,000 square feet of badly needed science labs, classrooms, and

faculty offices. Classes will be held in the new spaces this summer even as work begins on Phase II of the project.

At the conclusion of the meeting, board members and members of the GSU community toured the renovated areas. Dr. Walter Henne, of the chemistry faculty, led the tour and answered questions.

Additionally Dr. Ejigu introduced the preliminary FY14 budget, which the board approved. In other business Friday, the Board approved the promotion to associate professor, with tenure, of the following faculty: Carlos Ferran, CBPA; Barbara Gormely, COE; and Robin Washington, CHHS. CHHS's Susan Ji was also awarded tenure.



Trustees Durkin and Fletcher

The Board of Trustees honored student Trustee Erin Fletcher, who will be graduating on June 8, with a resolution read by Trustee Eileen Durkin. Fletcher was recognized for her academic success and her contributions to GSU. She chaired the Sustainability Committee, helped organize the First Annual Student Sustainability Conference, and represented GSU at the 2013 Association of Governing Boards Annual Meeting as a panelist on the topic of *Today's College Students*.

New Dean of the Library - Lydia Morrow Ruetten

President Elaine P. Maimon is pleased to announce the appointment of Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Interim Dean of the GSU Library and tenured faculty member, to Dean of the GSU Library. Professor Morrow Ruetten holds degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Governors State University. She began her career with the GSU Library in 1989 as a Serials Librarian.

"It is an honor for me to be named Dean of the GSU Library at this important time in the history of GSU. All of us at GSU are focused on preparing for our new students while maintaining a high level of service to our current students. We in the library are looking forward to being an important partner in this process," said Morrow Ruetten.



Dean Morrow Ruetten

For the past ten months, Morrow Ruetten has served as the Interim Dean of the GSU Library. In her role as Dean, she will continue to provide leadership and oversight of the University Library including: its public and technical services; reference, information literacy, research support, technology and other critical functions; guiding library faculty and staff in the implementation of a shared vision to meet and support the University's 2014 initiatives; library space planning; and the University's program of records retention and University policies and strategies with respect to copyright law.

"In the interview process, Ms. Morrow Ruetten outlined a clear vision for the future of the library as a learning commons," said Provost Terry L. Allison. "Her vision is already helping to shape a significant university-wide grant proposal. As a former librarian, I appreciate Lydia's range of knowledge on a wide set of challenges that academic libraries face."

As one of the senior managers in Academic Affairs, Morrow Ruetten will continue to provide leadership for academic student services in close collaboration with Information Technology Services, Digital Learning and Media Design, the Center for Faculty Scholarship and Teaching, and other appropriate offices.

President Maimon expressed her deep appreciation to the search committee, chaired by Dean Beth Cada, for working diligently on the national search that has resulted in this excellent choice. "Dean Morrow Ruetten is committed to creating a central role for the library in Renaissance 2014."

Leadership Winners Announced at Banquet (05-13-13)

Student Leadership took the spotlight when Student Life recently hosted the Student Leadership Awards Banquet. About



120 students, faculty and staff attended the event. Participants enjoyed music, excitement, and good times as student clubs and organizations were honored for dedicating their time and efforts to leadership and development of GSU's student population.

Dr. Maimon, Stephanie Snow, and Dr. Valente

The evening got off to a great start when GSU Idol Audrey LaBranche serenaded the

crowd with one of her original works.

President Elaine P. Maimon and Dean of Students Aurelio Valente presented awards and Dr. Jane Groebner from CHHS



Social Work
Student Organization

did an outstanding job as emcee, along with her assistant Brittani Barnett, a student in the Criminal Justice program.

Dr. Maimon and Provost Terry Allison were presented with the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll Certificate for GSU.

Award winners were:

Outstanding Club Advisor - Ann Manning-Nagel

Outstanding Graduating Student - Stephanie Snow, Undergraduate Student

Outstanding Graduating Student - Shaniqua Anderson-Jones, Graduate Student

Outstanding Student Organization - Social Work Student Organization

Unsung Hero- Student - Snehal Chavda

Outstanding Support Staff - Johnsie McAuley-Davis

Program of the Year - Inaugural trip to Washington, D.C

Sheree Sanderson, Assistant Dean of Students

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Third Provost Search Candidate on Campus May 20



Dr. Rajib Sanyal, candidate for the position of Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs at Governors State University, will be on campus Monday, May 20. He will take part in a Faculty Forum at 1:15 p.m., in Engbretson Hall, followed by a Public Forum at 2:30 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall. The GSU community is invited to attend.

Click here to see [Dr. Sanyal's CV](#).

Dr. Sanyal If you have any questions about the Provost Search, please contact [Joan Johns Maloney](#).

GSU Trustees Meet Friday

GSU's 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](#) at 708.534.4131.

FC14 Series Focuses on Millennial Students – May 22

Darcie Campos, Director of the GSU Career Center, will present *The Millennial Student* on Wednesday, May 22, at 10 a.m., in B2203.

Faculty and staff are invited to the presentation, the first of three discussions this spring that explore what the FC14 students might be like, and what the implication might be for designing and delivering a high quality four-year education with a series open to the entire community.

Persons planning to attend should RSVP to [Lisa Carra](#).

The FC14 series continues with a discussion and roundtable review of *Generation on a Tightrope: A portrait of today's college student*, on Wednesday, May 29, at 10 a.m., in the B2203.

Dr. Diane Dean, co-author of *Generation on a Tightrope: A portrait of today's college student*, will make a presentation about the book on Wednesday, June 12, at 9:30 a.m., in E-Lounge.

Commencement Orientation Meeting – May 23

Orientation for Commencement staff and volunteers will take place Thursday, May 23 at 10 a.m. on the Mezzanine Level of GSU's Center for Performing Arts.

For further information, contact [Karen Caesar-Smith](#) at 708.534.6360.

Aloha, Dr. Allison



Dr. Terry Allison

The GSU community is invited to say "Aloha!" to Provost Terry Allison at a reception honoring his service to GSU and wishing him success and happiness in the future, on Monday, June 3, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., on the Center for Performing Arts stage.

To RSVP, contact [Penny Perdue](#) at 708.534.4130.

In lieu of gifts, Dr. Allison would appreciate if gifts were made to the Dr. Allison Endowed Scholarship for Creative Arts at GSU. To donate, call Gina Ragland at 708.235.7559 or visit the [Foundation website](#).

Father Michael Pflieger Lecture - June 3

The CBPA begins its Dynamic Leadership Lecture Series with featured speaker Father Michael L. Pflieger, on Monday, June 3, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts, on the GSU campus. His presentation, "Leading a Community: Advocating for the Disenfranchised," is free and open to the public.



Father Michael L. Pflieger

Father Pflieger, Senior Pastor of Saint Sabina Church, is known for his commitment to equality and passionate stance against injustice. He has been recognized for his fight against alcohol and tobacco billboards, drugs, and racism. His work has been profiled in the national media and he has been honored for his achievements with numerous regional and national awards.

Advance registration is not required. Everyone is welcome.

University Lends Support to Maryland Mentoring Program

GSU is helping support a Maryland mentoring program that encourages girls in their personal growth, and to fulfill their aspirations of higher education. Girls in the program have received a number of items from GSU, including t-shirts, water bottles, key chains, and Pierre the Penguin.



SELF Students in Maryland

Sisters Empowered to be Leaders for the future – S.E.L.F – was cofounded by Jasmine Bradshaw, a fifth grade teacher in the Annapolis area. She is the daughter of Gail Bradshaw, GSU's Associate Vice President for Human Resources, and is one of four mentors in the program.

S.E.L.F.'s mission is to empower young women to develop self-confidence, self-worth, self-determination and a belief in self-sacrifice. Participants in the program are to develop leadership skills, cultivate a sense of sisterhood, unity, and healthy friendships, realize their potential and accomplish goals, develop cultural appreciation, and build knowledge of women's and civil rights history.

Jasmine Bradshaw recently thanked GSU for its generosity and support, which is helping the girls to envision their futures and motivate them toward higher education. Girls in the program also sent thank you letters to several GSU staff members.

"Upon receiving the t-shirts, water bottles, key chains, and penguins, they immediately wanted to know if they could keep the items," Bradshaw wrote. Some of the girls gave their own names to the penguins and attached the items to their key rings or book bags.

"Thank you for becoming part of the S.E.L.F. community."

Keep the (Interoffice) Mail Moving

Don't be an envelope hoarder. Envelopes for interoffice mail should be forwarded back to the university mailroom so there is always an ample supply, and so GSU's internal mail system doesn't come to a screeching halt. Please send any available interoffice envelopes to the mailroom in care of Vickie Carra.

Take a few moments to look around your office to determine if any envelopes are hidden under piles of important papers, or in rarely-visited drawers. You'll be doing your part to keep the mail moving.

Health Care Employment Boot Camp and Job Fair

GSU's Health Care Jobs for Chicago Southland Project will host an Employment Boot Camp and a Job Fair for individuals seeking a healthcare career on May 16 and 17 at GSU.

The Boot Camp will begin on Thursday, May 16, in GSU's E Lounge with registration from 3:30 to 5 p.m., followed by a plenary session from 5 to 6 p.m. Leading the panel discussion on The Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Health Care Sector Careers, will be Dr. Linda Samson, GSU Nursing professor and principal investigator for the Health Care Jobs for Chicago Southland grant.

Following the plenary session, concurrent workshops will run from 6 to 9 p.m., covering topics including: The Job Hunt; Behavioral Interview; Entrepreneur Opportunities in Healthcare; Resume Revival; Credit Repair and Family Services; and Waivers and Expungement.

On Friday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., a Job Fair will be held in the Hall of Governors. Paul Anderson, Managing Director of ProLango Consulting, Inc., will deliver a special presentation on Career Search Optimization from 9 to 10 a.m., and again from noon to 1 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

To register for, or receive more information about these two events, call 708.534.6985, or e-mail hcjcs@govst.edu.

GSU Sustainable Garden Making Debut

You can watch your garden grow this summer – right here at GSU.

The University Sustainable Garden is making its debut this spring and GSU faculty, staff, and students have the first opportunity to sign up for plots ranging from 35 square feet for beginners to 400 square feet for experienced gardeners.

GSU's community garden will give participants a chance to grow a wide variety of vegetables using fully organic methods. The university is initiating the project to empower individuals and families to make healthy choices, build a sense of community, and provide a space to grow food in a custom-designed garden.



GSU will provide water for the garden site. Gardeners must bring their own tools and seeds, and agree to follow organic gardening principles. To be eligible for a garden plot, gardeners must pay a nominal fee, from \$10 to \$20 depending on plot size, and agree to the rules and policies of the community garden by May 31. Garden plots are available on a first come, first served basis.

To apply for a University Sustainable Garden plot, contact the Facilities Department at 708.534.4515 or visit www.govst.edu/garden.

Alumni Night at the Races – May 18

Join the Alumni Association for a Night at the Races at Balmoral Race Track on Saturday, May 18. Tickets are \$40 per person (\$35 if you are a Premium Alumni Member). Doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The first race is at 7:10 p.m.

The ticket price includes free general parking, admission with reserved seating, two-hour buffet dinner and dessert bar, unlimited soft drinks and coffee, program, door prize drawings, winner's circle group photo, and silent auction.

Proceeds benefit the Alumni Association Scholarship Honoring Rosemary Hulett. Call ext. 7892 to order tickets.

Alumni Great America Discount – May 18 and 19

The Alumni Association is offering discounted tickets to Great America for May 18 and 19 only. Tickets are \$28 each (plus a 5.99 per ticket order fee).

Tickets are available online only. Visit www.sixflags.com/greatamerica to purchase tickets. Use the pass code GSUalumni2013 to receive the discounted price.

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CBPA Professors Publish Articles

Please join CBPA Dean Ellen Foster Curtis in congratulating Dr. Stephen H. Wagner and Dr. Natalia Ermasova on the recent publication of journal articles:

Dr. Wagner's article, titled *Leadership and Responses to Organizational Crisis* is published in the June edition of *Industrial and Organizational Psychology: Perspectives on Science and Practice*. *Industrial and Organizational Psychology: Perspectives on Science and Practice* is an official publication of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology. The first issue of the journal debuted in March 2008, produced by Wiley-Blackwell Publishing, an industry leader in journal publishing.

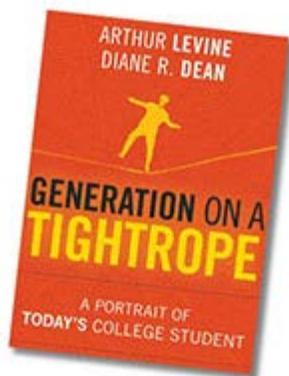
You can read [Dr. Wagner's article](#).

Dr. Ermasova's article, titled *Capital Budgeting in the States After the Great Recession* is published in *State and Local Government Review*, Volume 45 Issue 2, June 2013. *State and Local Government Review* was originally published by the Carl Vinson Institute at University of Georgia. Two years ago, Sage – the largest publisher of social science in the world – picked up and now publishes the journal. The journal is the official journal of the Section on Intergovernmental Administration and Management (SIAM) of the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA).

You can read [Dr. Ermasova's article](#).

FC14 Book Discussion – May 29

Join Dean of Students Aurélio Valente and



Trustee Erin Fletcher for a discussion on the most recent research on students who enrolled in college between 2005-2014. They will discuss *Generation on a tightrope: A portrait of today's college students* on Wednesday, May 29, at 10 a.m., in B2203.

The book provides insight into who GSU's FC14 students might be and how best to prepare for their arrival next summer. Dr. Diane Dean, co-author of the book, will make a presentation on Wednesday, June 12, at 9:30 a.m., in E-Lounge.

Persons planning to attend the May 29 book discussion should RSVP to [Lisa Carra](#).

While it is desirable to have read the text in advance, a [LibGuide](#) is now available with relevant materials so that reading the text in advance is not a prerequisite for active participation in the book discussion. In addition, a [10-minute podcast](#) of Dr. Diane Dean is available to provide an overview of the text.

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Student Golf Club Begins Play This Week

The GSU Student Golf Club will begin golfing starting this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Student golfers will play at Deer Creek Golf Club. The student club will continue to play throughout the summer.

GSU students who are interested in participating in the Golf Club should contact [Dean Jennings](#) at 708.534.4945.

Information Session on Educational Specialist Degree in School Psychology

Learn how to earn your Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in school psychology. GSU is hosting an informational open house on Friday, May 17, from 5 to 7 p.m., in room G227.

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

Classes will be held in the evenings to accommodate working educators and therapists.

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

Newsletter Documenting GSU's Exciting 2014 Initiatives (05-09-13)



In Motion, the FC14 newsletter, is designed to document Renaissance 2014 – GSU's planning for freshmen and for our first residence facility. While these new campus initiatives provide the focus, the entire campus has been engaged in transformative thinking about GSU as a whole. We can feel the positive momentum everywhere.

We are drawing on our founding principle of innovation to create a model twenty-first century university. Renaissance means rebirth, and we are all participating in the rebirth of our innovative tradition.



Dr. Maimon

activities in 2014 and beyond.

The General Education Task Force, under the leadership of Professor Ann Vendrely, decided to take general education planning beyond the freshman class. In Motion will bring you up to date on their work on comprehensive general education planning. Civic engagement, global citizenship, and sustainability will connect freshman courses, provide themes for residential areas in Prairie Place, and inform campus

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the campus for this Renaissance effort. Offices all around the university, from the Library to the Registrar's Office, are planning for our emergence as a comprehensive public university. The Lower Division Steering Committee, under the leadership of Dean Reinhold Hill, is overseeing this work, making sure that all the pieces fit.

I am so proud of this university. Working together, we have undertaken some major initiatives over the last few years: the E&F renovations, the computer conversion, and now we are bringing it all together in FC14. We are already gaining national attention for our first-year program and for our Dual Degree Program (both/and not either/or!).

The FC14 newsletter is an important way to keep everyone up to date on the difference we are making on campus and on higher education. You won't want to miss a single issue. GSU is making history, and we can read about first in the FC14 newsletter.

-President Elaine P. Maimon

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

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Please click here for [Dr. Sutton's CV.](#)

If you have any questions please contact Joan Johns Maloney at jjohns@govst.edu.

GSU Library's Sarah Wegley Selected for Digital Preservation Trainers Program

Sarah Wegley, Library Operations Associate, Digital and Web Services, is one of 18 people in Illinois selected through a highly competitive application process to attend the Digital Preservation Trainers Program from July 9 to 12 in Champaign.



Sarah Wegley

This initiative from the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) Digital Collections Users' Group and Preservation Working Group advances the understanding of digital preservation problems and solutions. The goal of this program is twofold: 1) to build a CARLI network of librarians knowledgeable about digital preservation techniques and issues, and 2) to educate additional CARLI libraries about digital preservation.

"This opportunity gives me a chance to learn best practices in digital preservation from the Library of Congress to apply to GSU's archives in preparation for the upcoming 50th anniversary in 2019," Wegley said.

Wegley will participate in a 3.5 day digital preservation Train-the-Trainer workshop developed and taught by the Library of Congress Digital Preservation Outreach and Education. After successful completion of the workshop, she will be able to share her knowledge of digital preservation with other CARLI libraries via CARLI-coordinated programs, online and in-person, within the next academic calendar year.

"We are very pleased that Sarah was selected to become a Digital Preservation Trainer," said Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Interim Dean, GSU Library. "The information that she will learn and share is quite valuable to the preservation of our rich history, both at GSU and throughout Illinois."

Project Targets Intergenerational Families, College Access

Are you a grandparent? Or have you lived with your grandparents?

GSU Students: Our university has an incredible opportunity to participate with AARP in a project that targets intergenerational families and college access. Please complete this [survey](#) today so GSU will have the most information available to potentially partner with AARP in providing greater access to college.

Hybrid, Fuel-Efficient Vehicle Preferred Parking Program

GSU has instituted a program allowing fuel efficient vehicles to park in special designated spaces. The program continues to develop and we are happy to have this program available for our students.

To see if your vehicle qualifies as a fuel efficient vehicle, please visit

www.greenercars.org/Leed2013.xls.

In order to park in these spaces your vehicle must be on the list.

Please note that parking in the fuel efficient spaces is based on a first come, first serve basis and there is no guarantee of a preferred space.

Any vehicle parked in a Hybrid/Fuel Efficient parking space that is not on the list will be issued a parking citation.

Six parking spaces for fuel efficient vehicles are located in West Lot 1 and six spaces are located in East Lot 1.

Benefits Fair – May 15

GSU Invites you to attend its Benefits Fair on Wednesday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Come to the fair for information about your employee benefits.

Companies and organizations appearing at the fair include Cigna, EyeMed Vision, Delta Dental, Minnesota Life Insurance, Flexible Spending Accounts MCAP/DCAP, SURS Retirement, The Legend Group, VALIC, Bright Start, Magellan Behavioral Health, Deferred Compensation, and the State Universities Annuitants Association.

All Student Art Exhibition Under Way

The GSU All Student Art Exhibition, featuring work by currently enrolled GSU art students, is taking place through June 8. The exhibition will coincide with Commencement events at GSU.

Kate Ingold will serve as the juror for the exhibition. Ingold is a Chicago artist who holds an MFA in Writing (Image/Text) from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago and a BA in English, Visual Art from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She is an award-winning artist and is currently represented by Roy Boyd Gallery in Chicago.

Awards include \$300 Best in Show, \$200 Juror's Choice, and \$100 Curator's Choice.

The GSU All Student Art Exhibition is presented by the Art Forum and students of the art program. For more information, e-mail artsgrad@govst.edu or call 708.534.4021.

GSU Hosts Veterans Boot Camp – May 15

GSU will host its award-winning Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp on Wednesday, May 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., with registration beginning at 7:45 a.m. The Boot Camp is presented by the Illinois Small Business Center at GSU. The event is free for veterans and \$25 for non-veterans.

This full day of activities includes speakers, seminars, and expert panel discussions designed by veterans for veterans to promote veteran business start-ups and growth of existing veteran owned businesses. Choose four of 16 sessions, including Marketing on a Budget, Veteran Financing Opportunities, Internet and Social Media, Business Planning,

Government Contracting, and many more.

Registration is required for the Boot Camp. You can [follow this link](#) to register.

GSU Team Striking Back Against Cancer



GSU is teaming up with the American Cancer Society to Fight Back in 2013. GSU's Cancer Crusaders team is participating in the community Relay for Life of Chicago Heights, taking place on May 17 and 18, at Marian Catholic High School.

The final meeting of the Cancer Crusaders before the Relay for Life takes place May 15 from 3 to 4 p.m.

For more information on the Cancer Crusaders, contact [Vanessa Newby](#). More information on the Relay for Life is available at www.relayforlife.org/chicagoheightsil.

Website Offers One-Stop Guide to Commencement

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.

Performance Spotlight Tonight

Performance Spotlight, featuring performances by students in Performing Culture and Identity, a Theater and Performance Studies course, takes place tonight at 6 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

The event, which is free and open to the public, includes mature themes.

GSU Board of Trustees meeting - 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.

Run 4 Rehab at GSU Saturday

Registration is under way for the third annual Run 4 Rehab, sponsored by GSU's Physical Therapy Student Association (PTSA). The event, featuring a 5k (3.1 mile) run and two-mile walk, takes place on GSU's campus, on Saturday, May 11, at 8 a.m.

Proceeds will go toward the PTSA and the Miami-Marquette Challenge, a national competition that raises money for physical therapy research.

You can still register [online](#) for the event, and also on the day of the event. The cost of Run 4 Rehab is \$25.

For further information, contact PTSA at Run4Rehab@gmail.com.

Summer 2013 Astronomy Workshops

GSU is offering three one-credit hour astronomy workshops at the Merrillville Community Planetarium, Pierce Middle School, 199 East 70th Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana. Current GSU tuition and fees for 1 credit hour per course.

Each workshop meets for two Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. They are: Stars and Nebulas (ASTR 5361-01) on June 8 and 15; History of Space Exploration (ASTR 5149-01) on June 22 and 29; and Charting the Night Sky (ASTR 5201-02) on July 27 and August 3.

For more information, contact [Nancy Kaczmarczyk](mailto:Nancy.Kaczmarczyk@gsu.edu) at 708.235.3983.

Operation Migration Arrives at GSU (05-06-13)

GSU's web migration is about to begin.

At Friday's kickoff meeting, members of the recently appointed Web Redesign Implementation Group (WRIG) heard about how the migration of web content from the current system to a newly designed website will be taking place in the next few months.

The redesign of the website by Mind Over Media, a marketing and web development consulting firm, is nearly complete and efforts to migrate content from the old site to the new are about to start. During the migration, it is expected that the current site's 7,000 web pages of content will be reduced to no more than 2,000 pages on the new site.

COE Dean Deborah Bordelon and Executive Vice President Gebeyehu Ejigu, the co-chairs of GSU's Web Redesign Executive Sponsored Team, welcomed WRIG members to Friday's



Erick Brenes, Rhonda Brown

meeting. The meeting was convened by WRIG co-chairs Rhonda Brown, Assistant Vice President for Marketing and Communications, and Margaret Brady, Project Coordinator for CHHS.

WRIG is composed of GSU faculty and staff who will guide, coordinate, and facilitate the content revision, development, and migration process.

During their presentation, Rhonda Brown and Erick Brenes, Web Content Manager, explained particulars of Operation Migration. The new website, they said, is designed to increase enrollment, create positive brand awareness, increase community involvement, foster alumni engagement, and allow for easy content management.

They also reviewed mood boards and color options, the homepage and landing pages, and displayed highlights of the new site: a responsive design; an improved Ektron system and editor; smart forms that will lock down editing and style options; new servers to increase speed; and clean content, documents, and images.

During Operation Migration, they said, the objective is to move and edit current web material by purging, merging, moving, and reworking content.

Tools to help people evaluate and migrate content include content outline, voice and tone guide, style guide, photo guide, and training sessions.

The official roll-out date for the new website is August 16.

Provost Search – First Candidate On-Campus May 8

Please join President Elaine P. Maimon in welcoming Provost Search Candidate Dr. Deborah Bordelon to campus on Wednesday, May 8. Dr. Bordelon will take part in a faculty forum from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. in E Lounge. All faculty are welcome and encouraged to attend.

At 2:30 p.m., a campus-wide public forum will be held in Sherman Recital Hall. The topic for Dr. Bordelon's public forum is *GSU's Renaissance 2014: What it is and what it can become*. Time will be allotted for Q&A. All are welcome to attend. Click here to review [Dr. Bordelon's CV](#).

Stay tuned to the GSU View for more information on Provost Search Candidate visits taking place in the coming weeks.

On the Spot Admission at Transfer Thursdays

GSU is offering qualified undergraduate applicants the opportunity to get admitted to the university "on the spot" with a new program called Transfer Thursdays.

Twice a month on selected Thursdays, the Office of Admissions and Student Recruitment will host instant admission opportunities. The first Transfer Thursday will be held on May 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additional dates and times are listed on the [Transfer Thursdays website](#).

Representatives from the Offices of Admissions, Financial Aid, and Career Services will be on hand to answer questions and guide prospective students through the application process and answer questions about bachelor's degree programs offered in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business and Public Administration, Education, and Health and Human Services.

Qualified applications for all undergraduate degree programs, except art, nursing, and social work, will be accepted and processed immediately. Attendees are asked to bring official transcripts. The undergraduate application fee is \$25. Applicants must have completed at least 60 semester hours or an associate degree.

To see specific dates and times for Transfer Thursdays, visit the [website](#) or call 708.534.4490.

SBDC at Governors State has new director



Priscilla Cordero

Priscilla Cordero has been appointed Director of the Illinois Small Business Development Center at GSU. Cordero was previously Marketing and Lending Team Manager at Accion Chicago, where she managed a team of four loan officers, headed up bank outreach in the Chicago area, and led marketing efforts in the GSU region.

Dean Ellen Foster Curtis welcomed Cordero to the College of Business and Public Administration. "Priscilla's passion for regional economic development and closing of \$3 million in micro loans to start or improve small businesses in the south suburbs is a welcome addition to CBPA and Governors State University," Dr. Curtis said. "Her decade long experience counseling small business clients will ensure the continuation of the 29 year history that the Illinois Small Business Development Center at GSU has in providing resources that lead to business and job growth in the GSU region."

Cordero is not new to the Illinois SBDC network, having worked several years as a loan specialist at the Women's Business Development Center in Chicago. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics with a concentration in Economic Development from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Civil Service Senate Election Extended

Civil Service Senate election ballots must now be turned in no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, May 10. Ballots will be distributed to Civil Service members 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, May 13. Candidates will have five working days to file written challenges with the Election Committee regarding election results.

The Civil Service Senate apologizes for any confusion regarding election dates this year. Any inquiries to this election should be directed to [Kelly Robinson](#), Corresponding Secretary - Executive Officer for the Civil Service Senate.

Who Do I Ask? Is CUG Topic

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Grading in Colleague for Spring Semester

Attention, faculty. The end of the spring 2013 semester is rapidly approaching.

Incomplete grades from the fall 2012 semester are due. The grade change process has been improved. Grade changes will be done through an email process. This process is outlined in the revised Faculty Guidebook to the myGSU Portal.

Final grades should be submitted within seven days after the section end date. For full semester classes (15 weeks, January 22 through May 12), grades must be submitted by May 19.

Grades should be posted online through the [portal](#) under Online Services: Faculty.

If you need assistance entering grades, please attend one of the open lab sessions in the Academic Computing Services (ACS) Lab below:

Tuesday, May 7	2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.	Lab D2430
Wednesday, May 8	1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.	Lab D2430
Thursday, May 9	3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.	Lab D2430
Monday, May 13	11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.	Lab D2438

If you have questions regarding grading procedures and policy, please

contact the Registrar's Office at 708.534.4500.

Good Day for a Ballgame



The first game of the season for GSU's men's club softball team will be held on Tuesday May 7, at 6:30 p.m., at Heritage Park, 1550 Sangamon Street, Crete.

The entire university community is invited to attend and cheer GSU on to victory.

The Millennial Student is Topic in FC14 Series

Darcie Campos, Director of the GSU Career Center, will present *The Millennial Student* on Wednesday, May 22, at 10 a.m., in B2203.

Faculty and staff are invited to the presentation, the first of three discussions this spring that explore what the FC14 students might be like, and what the implication might be for designing and delivering a high quality four year education with a series open to the entire community.

Persons planning to attend should RSVP to [Lisa Carra](#).

The FC14 series continues with a discussion and roundtable review of *Generation on a Tightrope: A portrait of today's college student*, on Wednesday, May 29, at 10 a.m., in the Café Annex.

Dr. Diane Dean, co-author of *Generation on a Tightrope: A portrait of today's college student*, will make a presentation about the book on Wednesday, June 12, at 9:30 a.m., in the Café Annex.

Health Care Jobs for Chicago Southland Employment Boot Camp and Job Fair

GSU's Health Care Jobs for Chicago Southland Project will host an Employment Boot Camp and a Job Fair for individuals seeking a healthcare career on May 16 and 17 at GSU.

The Boot Camp will begin on Thursday, May 16, in GSU's E Lounge with registration from 3:30 to 5 p.m., followed by a plenary session from 5 to 6 p.m. Leading the panel discussion on *The Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Health Care Sector Careers*, will be Dr. Linda Samson, GSU Nursing professor and principal investigator for the Health Care Jobs for Chicago Southland grant.

Following the plenary session, concurrent workshops will run from 6 to 9 p.m., covering topics including: *The Job Hunt; Behavioral Interview; Entrepreneur Opportunities in Healthcare; Resume Revival; Credit Repair and Family Services; and Waivers and Expungement*.

On Friday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., a Job Fair will be held in the Hall of Governors. Paul Anderson, Managing Director of ProLango Consulting, Inc., will deliver a special presentation on Career Search Optimization from 9 to 10 a.m., and again from noon to 1 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

To register for, or receive more information about these two events, call 708.534.6985, or e-mail hcjcs@govst.edu.

Performance Spotlight – May 9

Performance Spotlight, featuring performances by students in Performing Culture and Identity, a Theater and Performance Studies course, takes place Thursday, May 9, at 6 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

The event, which is free and open to the public, includes mature themes.

GSU Board of Trustees meets May 17

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Run 4 Rehab at GSU May 11

Registration is under way for the third annual Run 4 Rehab, sponsored by GSU's Physical Therapy Student Association (PTSA). The event, featuring a 5k (3.1 mile) run and two-mile walk, takes place on GSU's campus, on Saturday, May 11, at 8 a.m.

Proceeds will go toward the PTSA and the Miami-Marquette Challenge, a national competition that raises money for physical therapy research.

You can still [register online](#) for the event. The cost of the event is \$25.

For further information, contact PTSA at Run4Rehab@gmail.com.

GSU Hosts Transfer Thursdays (05-02-13)

GSU is offering qualified undergraduate applicants the opportunity to get admitted to the university "on the spot" with a new program called Transfer Thursdays.

Twice a month on selected Thursdays, the Office of Admissions and Student Recruitment will host instant admission opportunities. The first Transfer Thursday will be held on May 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additional dates and times are listed on the [Transfer Thursdays website](#).

Representatives from the Offices of Admissions, Financial Aid, and Career Services will be on hand to answer questions and guide prospective students through the application process and answer questions about bachelor's degree programs offered in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business and Public Administration, Education, and Health and Human Services.

Qualified applications for all undergraduate degree programs, except art, nursing, and social work, will be accepted and processed immediately. Attendees are asked to bring official transcripts. The undergraduate application fee is \$25. Applicants must have completed at least 60 semester hours or an associate degree.

To see specific dates and times for Transfer Thursdays, visit the [website](#) or call 708.534.4490.

Phase I in the Science Wing – Almost Done

Phase I of the E and F Wing renovation project is almost complete, which means that a move-in date is fast approaching. Currently, our occupancy date is slated for May 20 – just in time for summer biology, physics, and chemistry classes to begin in the new lab settings.

As the date nears, you will see access to the renovated areas opening up. Temporary walls will come down, and doors will be opened. However, the construction area is still not open to the public. The GSU community is reminded to follow all signage and barrier indicators and not enter the construction area until it is officially open for use. Even during the first week of classes this summer, there will be a lot of activity while equipment is moved into the new labs and faculty move to their new offices.

Phase II of the renovation project is already under way. Completion of this portion of the project is slated for Spring 2014. In August, the university will officially celebrate the completion of Phase I.

ADA Compliance and E-Blasts

Today's technology offers many ways to promote university events. Internal e-mail blasts are a convenient way to share your message with a large group of students, faculty, and staff. In order to assure that e-blasts are accessible by all members of the GSU community, the university's Web Oversight Committee has developed guidelines pursuant to ADA regulations.

Download the [Internal E-Blast Procedure](#).

Please note that all internal e-blasts must have the approval of a department/division supervisor before distribution. For additional information or assistance with the new procedure, contact [Lindsay Gladstone](#) in the Office of Marketing and Communications.

The Wizard of Oz Coming to CPA This Weekend

The Scarecrow. The Tin Man. The Cowardly Lion. The Wicked Witch. And Dorothy

Some of the most memorable characters in American storytelling will come to life when *The Wizard of Oz* arrives at GSU's Center for Performing Arts for one performance on Saturday, May 4, at 11 a.m.

As presented by American Family Theater, *The Wizard of Oz* is perfect family entertainment. It tells the



timeless tale of Dorothy, a girl from Kansas who is swept away by a cyclone, lands in an enchanting land, meets three fantastic friends, and, after a series of thrilling adventures, is finally able to go home.

Tickets for *The Wizard of Oz* are \$12 to \$17. To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact the GSU Center box office at www.centertickets.net or 708.235.2222. The box office is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and two hours prior to performances. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. Student discounts are only available by phone or in person and require a valid school ID.

The Wizard of Oz is sponsored by Family Time Magazine.

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Spring Choral Concert Saturday

Celebrating the Spring Season is the theme of the Second Annual Spring Concert, presented by GSU's Choral Performance and Choral Practicum classes, on Saturday, May 4, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall. The concert is free and open to the public.

"The choir students have worked very hard all semester and are very excited to share our music with the community," says choir conductor Stacy Eckert.

The concert includes music selections of Bach, Gershwin, and some of Motown's greatest hits. Several students will be featured soloists. A free reception follows the performance.

Civil Service Open Market Today

The Civil Service Senate is presenting its Spring Open Market today from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Hall of Governors.

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MOT Information Session – May 13

The Department of Occupational Therapy will host an Information Session for individuals interested in learning more about the Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) degree program on Monday, May 13, from 5 to 6 p.m. in Room G127.

Attendees are encouraged to bring unofficial copies of transcripts.

For more information, contact [Patricia Kalvelage](#) at 708.534.7294. Additional information may be found at www.govst.edu/chhs/dot/mot/.

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Flags at Half-Staff at GSU

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Free Language Therapy Offered This Summer

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 GSU, the GSU Naperville Education Center, 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](#) at 708.534.4592.

Why Not? Looking for Your Suggestions

GSU's Why Not? program is back and members of the campus community are invited to submit constructive suggestions and ideas about ways to improve Governors State University's processes, procedures, and policies.

Why Not? now has a Water Cooler topic of the week. When the discussion opens, just chime in with your thoughts and comments. The current topic is about having Morning Mix 'n' Mingle gatherings once a month.

Why Not? suggestions should:

- address improvements in the efficiency of a department, program, or procedure;
- improve services that support the university;
- eliminate unnecessary procedures or duplication of effort;
- save time, money, or materials; and
- contribute to the continuing growth and development of GSU.

Each contributor who submits a constructive suggestion to the Why Not? website will receive a participation reward, and will be eligible to win a Special Recognition reward.

Visit the [Why Not? website](#).

Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp Returns May 15

GSU will host its award-winning Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp on Wednesday, May 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., with registration beginning at 7:45 a.m. The Boot Camp is presented by the Illinois Small Business Center at GSU. The event is free for veterans and \$25 for non-veterans.

This full day of activities includes speakers, seminars, and expert panel discussions designed by veterans for veterans to promote veteran business start-ups and growth of existing veteran owned businesses. Choose four of 16 sessions, including Marketing on a Budget, Veteran Financing Opportunities, Internet and Social Media, Business Planning, Government Contracting, and many more.

Registration is required for the Boot Camp. You can [follow this link](#) to register.

