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## News and Events

### **GSU Hosts 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.

### **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](http://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.

### **Students in the Spotlight**

*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.

### **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.

The Spring Open Market is a perfect opportunity to pick up something for Mother's Day, a birthday, or something for the kids. Several vendors and crafters are on campus for the one-day event.

### **Colleague Users Group Meeting – May 8**

The next meeting of the Colleague Users Group (CUG) is Wednesday, May 8 at 2 p.m. in the Hall of Honors.

The forum will include a presentation by Kirstan Neukam, Director Institutional Research and Effectiveness, and Loretta Jones, HR Contracts Manager, titled *Who Do I Ask?* Pete Mizera, AVP for Information Technology, will discuss the new mobile functionality coming to GSU called Ellucian Mobile. Melinda Gieseke, Financial Services Assistant Director and Controller, will present a Tip of the Month about how to fill data in Microsoft Excel.

CUG provides a monthly forum for GSU community members to share and

discuss their experiences using the system. Membership in CUG is open to all faculty and staff.

Contact the Colleague Project Office with any questions about the meeting.

### **Running 4 Rehab Returns on 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](mailto:Run4Rehab@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto:Patricia.Kalvelage@gsu.edu) at 708.534.7294. Additional information may be found at [www.govst.edu/chhs/dot/mot/](http://www.govst.edu/chhs/dot/mot/).

### **GSU Trustees Meet 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.Maloney@gsu.edu) at 708.534.4131.

### **Flags at Half-Staff at GSU**

Ever wonder why the flags at GSU's main entrance are at half-staff? Facilities Development and Management maintains a webpage that lists when and for whom the flags are lowered. You can find this information by visiting [www.govst.edu/flag](http://www.govst.edu/flag) or going to About GSU on the home page and scrolling down to the "Flags at Half-Staff" link.

## **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](mailto:Dr.Catherine.Balthazar@gsu.edu) 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.



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