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News and Events

SVA Seeks Nominations for Executive Leadership

The GSU Chapter of the Student Veterans of America seeks nominations for Executive Leadership positions including President, Vice President, Treasurer and Executive Directors.

Student veterans are valued members of the GSU community; consequently, ensuring that student veterans have active representation and leadership opportunities is vital in our goal to offer comprehensive programs and service to veterans. Nominations are being requested for students to serve in leadership positions within the GSU chapter of the SVA.



Students are asked to consider nominating themselves, or others to serve in any of the open executive leadership positions that include President, Vice President, Treasurer and/or Executive Directors (one for each branch).

Nominations are open until Friday, August 9 and elections will be held the first week of classes. Nominations will be accepted at the following website: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013SVANominations>.

Quinn Signs Law at GSU

Governors State University did indeed fulfill its dedicated purpose as a public square on Thursday, July 25 when Governor



Pat Quinn used the university as the setting to sign SB20 into law. The new law gives the Illinois Department of Transportation the power to build the South Suburban Airport.

Accompanying Governor Quinn were many Illinois state and regional representatives, and business and community leaders. The ceremony was well attended and covered by major Chicago and regional media as well as GSU's TWAG team.

Dr. Maimon welcomed Governor Quinn to campus and encouraged all the visitors to "enjoy our beautiful campus."

Dr. Elaine P. Maimon and Governor Pat Quinn Governor Quinn began his comments with "what a great school this is." He also noted that "it is important to be here – a special place in the South suburbs."

Library Amnesty Week Begins Today

"Be Good! Do Good! Feel Good! is the slogan the library is hoping will encourage GSU students, faculty and community members to return GSU library books and materials that are overdue and need to be returned," said Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the GSU Library.

To be good, do good and feel good, and to have **all your fines forgiven**, all you have to do is return overdue items to the GSU Library from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., July 29 through August 1, along with a non-perishable food item for each item being returned. The food donated will fill the shelves of the GSU Food Pantry.

Please note that fines will be forgiven for GSU materials only. Fines for damaged materials will not be waived. Amnesty week excludes fines for Reserves & Telecourses.

“After learning about the Food Pantry initiated by the Student Senate, it was the right time to try our amnesty week idea and develop a strong partnership.” said LaShaunda Williams-Ware, IT Manager/Administrative Coordinator Library and Academic Technology. “We ask that all food be non-perishable, un-opened, and within the expiration date indicated on the packaging.”

If Amnesty Week is successful, the library plans to offer it on a regular basis. For more information, call the library circulation desk at ext. 4112.

St. Jude Trike-A-Thon Program Teaches Safety

The GSU Family Development Center will join thousands of pre-schools, daycares and other groups across the country in sponsoring a St. Jude *Trike-A-Thon* event on August 2, to benefit St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital®, one of the world’s premier pediatric cancer research centers. The week-long event teaches bike and riding-toy safety lessons. At the end of St. Jude *Trike-A-Thon* week, students will bring their tricycles to school to practice their newly learned safety lessons.

In addition to safety lessons, kids learn about helping others as they team up with family and community members to support the hospital by pledging a donation for St. Jude *Trike-A-Thon* week.

This is the first year that the Family Development Center has held the St. Jude *Trike-A-Thon* program.

“We challenge family and supporters of the FDC to join us in helping to teach our kids about riding safety while raising funds for St. Jude,” said Erin Gutierrez, event coordinator. “I’m proud our kids are able to help give hope to thousands of children battling cancer and other deadly diseases at St. Jude.”

For more information or to make a donation, contact [Erin Gutierrez](#) at ext. 7326.

Nearing Receives Grant

The City of Chicago’s Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events recently announced that Dan Nearing, Associate

Professor and Academic Coordinator of Independent Film and Digital Imaging, has been selected to receive a 2013 Individual Artists Program grant in the amount of \$4,000 to support the production of *Hogtown*. Nearing and Assistant Professor Sang Hoon Lee made *Hogtown*, a love story and mystery set during Chicago’s brutal race riots in 1919. It is in its editing phase and is expected to screen in 2014.

“The support is particularly appreciated because *Hogtown* is Chicago itself as imagined in 1919 through the black and white film,” said Nearing. “*Hogtown* is a very large undertaking involving several state university faculty, numerous GSU students, many aspiring Chicago actors, and a wind symphony orchestra from the College of William & Mary.”



Daniel Nearing

For more information about *Hogtown*, visit <http://www.923films.com/>.

Alternative Teacher Certification Info - August 7

Learn how to earn elementary or secondary (biology, chemistry or mathematics) Professional License (PLE) and secure a teaching position the Alternative Certification Program. An information session will be held on August 7, at 7 p.m., in E-Lounge.

The Alternative Teacher Certification program offers a way to earn Professional License in education. The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) leads to a Masters of Art in Teaching (MAT) in Urban Teacher Education in elementary or

secondary (biology, chemistry or mathematics). TQP provides an opportunity to co-teach for a year with a certified teacher, a \$30,000 stipend and a 25 percent reduction in tuition. TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The application deadline for the cohort beginning Spring 2014 Alternative Certification program, will be November 15, 2013.

For more information, call 708.534.4399 or visit www.govst.edu/altcert.

Alt Cert Highlighted

The National Association for Alternative Certification Program recently highlighted the GSU Alternative Certification program in their newsletter.

The article was written by Dr. Vickie Person, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Masters in Urban Teacher Education at GSU. Dr. Person will serve as the President of the NAACP beginning next year.

[Link to the article.](#)



Grill and Chill - August 1

Don't let the cooler temperatures keep you from enjoying lunch on the patio with Grill and Chill and KISS FM on Thursday, August 1. There will be great music, games, giveaways, prizes and delicious food - barbecued on the spot.

The GSU Café chef will prepare a featured grilled combo meal for \$5.50, including a sandwich, side, and drink. A la carte options are also available with sandwiches for \$3.50, chips or one side for \$1.50, and beverage for \$1.

See you there!

Convocation 2013 - Tuesday, August 20

Members of the GSU community – students, faculty and staff – are invited to Convocation 2013, on Tuesday, August 20, at 3 p.m. For the first time, Convocation will be held in the Center for Performing Arts. President Elaine P. Maimon will deliver the *State of the University* address. The event will also feature the naming of this year's Excellence Award winners and the Baysore Award.

Come early and enjoy the ice cream reception in the CPA Lobby.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

MOT Research Presentation

The GSU community is invited to attend the Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) Research Day on Wednesday, August 7, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. The event is sponsored by MOT students working in partnership with OT faculty.

MOT students will present findings from their research projects during a poster presentation.

The program will begin at 11 a.m. with a welcome address from Dr. Catherine Brady, Interim Chair of the Occupational Therapy Department. Dr. Beth Cada, Dean of CHHS, will present the keynote address.

Occupational Therapy practitioners can earn up to two CEUs for attending this event.

Welcome TWO Weeks!

The university is preparing for the fall semester with so many wonderful Welcome Week activities, information and good times that it will take two weeks to enjoy them all. Activities begin on August 26 and end on September 7.

Here is the schedules so mark your calendars:

Monday, August 26

- ID Validation, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Hall of Governors
- Student Employment Fair, 3 to 6 p.m., HOG, sponsored by Career Services
- Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park *Pizza on the Terrace*, 4 to 6 p.m., balcony terrace adjacent to the ACS Lab
- Rock Band Video Competition, 4 to 8 p.m., Cafeteria Annex, sponsored by the Psychology Club

Tuesday, August 27

- ID Validation, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., HOG
- Secretary of State, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., HOG
- Student Resource Fair, noon to 6 p.m., HOG
- Kiss FM, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., HOG
- LGBT Reception, 3 to 4 p.m., Cafeteria Annex

Wednesday, August 28

- ID Validation, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., HOG
- AT& T *It Can Wait Campaign*, noon to 6 p.m., HOG
- Rock Band Video Competition, 4 to 8 p.m., Cafeteria Annex, sponsored by the Psychology Club

Thursday, August 29

- ID Validation, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., HOG
- Campus Crawl, 3 to 6 p.m., University
- Rock Band Video Competition, 4 to 8 p.m., Cafeteria Annex, sponsored by the Psychology Club

Friday, August 30

- GSU LAFF Session Comedy Show - Popular comedians visit GSU, 6:30 p.m., Center for Performing Arts, sponsored by Student Senate

Tuesday, September 3

- Food Pantry Opens, noon to 5 p.m., Student Commons
- Student Welcome Back Skate, 6 to 9 p.m., Rich City Roller Rink, sponsored by clubs and organizations

Wednesday, September 4

- Psychology Club Car Wash, 2 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 5

- Student Vendors Fair, noon to 6 pm, HOG

Saturday, September 7

- Holistic Wellness Conference, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., on campus

Laff Session at GSU – August 30

It is time to laugh out loud at GSU. The Student Senate presents *Laff Session*, an evening full of talented professional comedians, on Friday, August 30 at the Center for Performing Arts. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a meet and greet. Showtime is at 7 p.m.

Featured performers include B Cole, a BET Comic View All Star who appeared on Def Comedy Jam; Brandon “Hot Sauce” Glover who has appeared on Comedy Central and in Chicago Just for Laughs Festival; Marc Henderson from the BET Comic View and Chicago Just for Laughs Festival; Da Wildcat who appeared in the BET Comic View, Chicago Commercial King, and BET’s Of Boys and Men; and Hozay.

Tickets are only \$10 for GSU students and \$15 for everyone else. Tickets may be purchased on line at the box office, www.centertickets.net or 708.235.2222.

For additional information, call 708.234.7609.

Professor Emeritus Muchnik Honored



Dr. Mel Muchnik, Professor Emeritus of Media Communications, was recently awarded the J.O. Grantham Award from the National University Technology Network. The J. O. Grantham Leadership Award, named for the founder of NUTN, is given to a person who represents strong leadership in the field of distance learning and technology. Dr. Muchnik will receive the award in a ceremony at the NUTN Conference for Innovative Leaders in Teaching and Learning in September.

Dr. Mel Muchnik

Dr. Muchnik served as Chair of the National University Telecommunications Network Advisory Board from 1998 to 2003 and continues to serve on the NUTN Board. He also chairs the NUTN annual global awards program.

According to Dr. Muchnik, GSU has been a leading member of NUTN for some time.

Calling All Video Submissions

The Division of Digital Learning and Media Design is seeking submissions of films and television programs of any length to be showcased on *The Educator*, GSU’s cable station. GSU students, staff and faculty, past or present, are invited to submit their work. Approved submissions will air each Monday, Wednesday and Friday this fall from 7 to 9 p.m., on *The Educator*.

Submissions can be sent digitally via a file sharing system, such as Dropbox™ or Google Docs™, in the highest resolution. Send them to [Keisha Dyson](#), Program Developer in the DLMD. A hard copy (DVD or file on hard drive) can be mailed to Keisha in room D1425.

All submissions must be accompanied by a completed submission form, which can be found on the [Master of Fine Arts in Independent Filmmaking and Digital Imaging website](#), along with a description of the project in 250 characters or less. The submission deadline for fall broadcast consideration is September 1 at 5 p.m. All submissions will be screened for approval before broadcast. Videos containing inappropriate material or that can be classified as pornographic will not be aired.

For more information, contact [Keisha Dyson](#).

Doctor of Physical Therapy Information Session

The Department of Physical Therapy will host an information session and open house for the entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree program on Wednesday, September 11, from 4 to 7:30 p.m., in room D-34000.

GSU offers an on-campus entry level doctor of physical therapy degree for those interested in starting a career in physical therapy. Information about admission criteria and course curricula will be available. Join us to get your questions answered, meet faculty and students, and tour our classroom/laboratory spaces. Advisors will be available for individual consultation. Light refreshments will be provided.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting [Mary Tracy](#) at 708.534.7290.

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