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News and Events

GSU's first National Graduate Fair



On October 14, 2013 more than 30 universities from across the nation will participate in Governors State University's very first Graduate and Professional Fair. This is a significant event for the Chicago Southland region and will introduce prospective and current graduate students to a range of masters and doctoral programs offered at GSU as well as programs at peer institutions from across the country. We strongly encourage faculty and staff to share information about the graduate fair with colleagues and partners. The GSU fair is an excellent opportunity to meet with students and alumni from many different schools and degree programs. For more information, call Stephanie Schafer at 708-534-7277 or e-mail: sschaefer@govst.edu. The fair will be on Monday, October 14, 2013 from 3 - 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors at Governors State University.

GSU Students save on Certification

Students in the IT 4562 Special Topics in Virtualization and Cloud Computing course will be studying and developing skills that align to EMC's Storage Management certification. GSU students will receive a 63% discount off their certification exam after taking the course. The promotion from EMC is to assist college students in achieving certification. Students in the IT bachelor's degree program will have many courses that align to industry based certifications. GSU students also benefit from a partnership with Comptia that will save them more than 50% on many Comptia certification exams.

Colleague Users Group Meeting this Wednesday

The next meeting of the Colleague Users Group will be Wednesday, September 18 at 2 p.m. in Classroom D34011.

The forum will highlight the myGSU Portal and includes three presentations. Chris Huang, Registrar, and Yakeea Daniels, AVP for Enrollment Services and Director of Admissions, will demonstrate the myGSU Student Portal in a presentation titled *Help Our Students Help Themselves*. Karen Stuenkel, Manager Colleague User Services and Training, will present a *Tip of the Month* titled *Handy Tips to*

Navigate Budget Summary. And, Melinda Gieseke, Financial Services Assistant Director & Controller, will demo *How to Use Budget Summary Detail*.

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.

LGBT History Month 2013

Governors State University will celebrate Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) History Month with a series of events during the month of October. "For a community deprived of its history, LGBT History Month teaches our heritage, provides role models, builds community, and recognizes our extraordinary national and international contributions," said Malcolm Lazin, executive director of the Equality Forum, an international civil rights organization. LGBT History Month was first celebrated in 1994. October was chosen as the month for the celebration because National Coming Out Day was first held in October, and October commemorated the first march on Washington by LGBT people in 1979. For a complete calendar of events go to: <http://www.govst.edu/diversity/>

LGBT History Month Kick-off Event: From Accessing to Shaping: Re-Thinking Trans Inclusion on College Campuses

October 2

3 - 4:00 p.m., Cafe Annex

Sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Students



Colleges around the country are beginning to pay attention to the increasingly visible populations of trans* students on their campuses. However, often a lack of knowledge of the diversity of realities of trans* students, coupled with binary lenses and an accommodationist perspective, mean that even the best intentioned efforts are not improving the college-going experience for trans* students. This presentation, by centering an intersectional and social justice lens, seeks to challenge all of us to recreate a campus environment that is shaped by trans* students.

Business and Public Administration Grad Programs Open House

The College of Business and Public Administration at Governors State University is hosting a graduate programs open house on Thursday, October 3, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Faculty, advisors, administrators and current students will be on hand to discuss master's degree programs in accounting, business administration, management information systems and public administration. Various specialization areas are available for business administration including corporate entrepreneurship and supply chain management.

The free event is open to the public and will be held on the university's main campus located at 1 University Parkway, University Park, Illinois. For more information and to RSVP please call (708) 534-4391 or email BPAINFO@govst.edu.

Talent Development: Supply Chain's Critical Link

Monday Sept 30th 6:00 p.m. in Engbretson Hall

Panel discussion about Supply Chain Management

Moderator: Rick Blasgen (GSU alum, president and CEO of the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals)

Panel: Andrea Hayward (V.P. transportation, UPS), Bhaskar Nagarathal (Supply Chain Manager, Caterpillar) and Kumar Venkataraman (Partner, A.T. Kearney).

For more information about this exciting event, please contact: haustera@student.govst.edu, or in the Dean's office 708-534-5930.

Veterans Writing Group at Governors State University

We invite veterans to the first Fall meeting of the Veterans Writing Group, where Veterans can engage in the craft of narrative writing in a small group setting. Veterans will enhance and learn new skills and share camaraderie with other vets in a supportive, workshop environment.

"Narrative writing helps veterans bridge the cultural divide between their military and civilian life," explains Robin Thompson, University Lecturer and Coordinator of the program. "Their stories are important and should be preserved for family or the community – everyone benefits."

There is no charge for participation in the Veterans Writing Group. To register, contact Thompson at (708) 534-4581 orrthompson@govst.edu

GSU Responds to Violence

Has violence changed your life? If so, we want to hear your story. As part of an ongoing initiative to combat violence in the Chicagoland area, GSU is launching a media campaign this fall entitled **GSU Responds to Violence**. In an effort to raise awareness about this escalating issue, we are looking for students, staff and other members of the GSU community to share their personal stories about how their lives may have been affected by violence. Whether you're a first responder, grass roots activist or victim, we want to know how violence has touched you. Submissions should be no longer than 500 words in length. Please submit your stories via email to Keisha Dyson - kdyson@govst.edu.

Supporting Undocumented Students

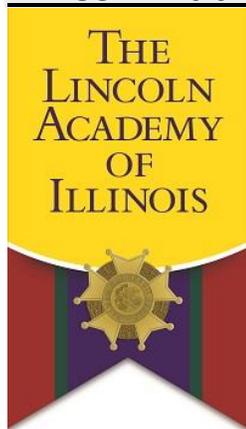
Wed., Sept. 18, 3 - 4:15 p.m. (Faculty Focus)

Wed., Sept. 25, Noon - 1:30 .pm. (Staff Focus)

Room D1496

The Office of the Dean of Students invites interested faculty to participate in a short film, webinar and discussion on **Supporting Student Success of Undocumented Students**. The film will focus on the experience of undocumented students, the webinar will focus on the political, legal and practical implications of the Department of Homeland Security's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Process , the DREAM Act provisions of the pending immigration bill and insights into other pending policy actions. Both are followed by a discussion on supporting undocumented students at GSU. For more information go to: <http://www.govst.edu/diversity/#Coalition> RSVP to Lisa Carra at lcarra@govst.edu.

Lincoln Laureate



Each fall, an outstanding senior from each of the degree-granting institutions of higher learning in Illinois is awarded the Student Lincoln Academy Medallion and thereby becomes a Student Laureate of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois. Student Laureates are honored for their overall excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities.

The Lincoln Laureate honor individuals whose contributions to the betterment of mankind have been accomplished in or on behalf of the State of Illinois, or, whose achievements have brought honor to the state because of their identity with it, whether by birth or residence, or by their dedication to those principles of democracy and humanity as exemplified by the great Illinoisan whose name it bears. It is to honor senior students at each of the four-year, degree-granting institutions in Illinois for overall excellence, in both curricular and extra-curricular programs.

Applications for the Lincoln Laureate nomination can be retrieved at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013LincolnLaureate> and are due Thursday, October 3. Please note, a complete application must include a letter of recommendation from a faculty member. For additional information contact ssanderson@govst.edu.

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