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[Joyce Coleman Named Associate Vice President for Human Resources](#)

Welcome Joyce Coleman

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Joyce Coleman as GSU's Associate Vice President for Human Resources and Diversity and Title IX Coordinator effective January 16, 2014. Ms. Coleman will be replacing Gail Bradshaw who, after a distinguished service in this position for almost 14 years, is retiring. Gail has generously agreed to extend her GSU employment for

about three months to assist with negotiations on the various collective bargaining agreements that are currently underway.

In her capacity as the university's Chief Human Resources Officer, Joyce will assume executive leadership responsibility for the entire range of human resources functions and services including strategy and policy development, human resources information system, classification and compensation, employment services, salary and wage administration, staff development and training, benefits enrollment and administration, workers compensation, collective bargaining and employee relations.



Joyce Coleman

As the university's Title IX Coordinator, she will be responsible for the development, implementation, and enforcement of the university's policies and processes to ensure compliance with the federal Title IX legislation and associated regulations and directives. Joyce will also serve as the university's chief collective bargaining officer for non-faculty bargaining units and will serve as the primary administrative liaison and support staff to the Human Resources Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Joyce comes to us with extensive human resources experience both in the public and private sectors. Over the last six years, she served as Joliet Junior College's Executive Director of Human Resources as well as its Title IX and Ethics Officer. Prior to joining JCC, Joyce served as vice president for human resources for the Chicago Transit Authority, Vice President for Human Resources at Chilton/Disney and as Personnel Director at both Mitchell Titus LLP and Pitney Bowes. She holds a B.A. in psychology from Rutgers University and an M.A. in

personnel and counseling from Miami University.

Please join me in congratulating Joyce on her appointment to this key position and in welcoming her to our GSU community. Sometime this spring, we will organize an appropriate gathering to celebrate Gail's distinguished service with her family and friends.

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Executive Vice President, Chief of Staff, Treasurer

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[Dr. Maimon:Renaissance Year at GSU](#)



President Maimon expects 2014 to be a Renaissance year for Governors State University. In her guest editorial in the Northwest Indiana Times, President Maimon reflected on Governors State University's past and its future.

Dr. Maimon "GSU in 2014 is reviving big ideas and bringing fresh life to the university in ways appropriate to the 21st century"

[Read Dr. Maimon's column.](#)

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[Welcome Week Begins January 21](#)

The GSU campus comes alive with the start of the Spring 2014 semester. Welcome Week activities begin on January 21, offering students the chance to get to know the university and each other.

Check out all the [Welcome Week activities](#) at on the website.

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[History in the Making -- GSU Club Sports #WINNING!](#)

We are making history at GSU with a roster of six active club sports teams on campus which include: basketball, softball, bowling, golf, volley ball and table tennis. GSU student club athletes show promise as the women's volleyball and men's basketball teams enjoyed success during the fall term.

Congratulations to the volleyball team on winning the Orland Park women's volleyball fall 2013 park district championship. Members include: Arriahn Tucker, Anita Kunkes, Amber Dybala,

Maricela Vega, Rachel Matthews, Katie Limberopulos, Critisha Ashley, Sarah Wicklin and Andrea Johnson. (Pictured here)



2013 Volleyball Champs

In mid-November, the Men's Club Basketball team hosted a historic exhibition game on campus. It was the first college-level game ever played at GSU against Judson University's junior varsity team. With nearly 100 supporters, cheerleaders, music, half time games including prizes and more, GSU pulled a classic upset for the win.

The emerging and sustained interest in competitive sports on campus is gaining momentum. On October 11, the GSU Board of Trustees voted unanimously to expand recreational sports and develop a competitive athletics program. The expansion will be phased in over the next five years and will kick-off during the spring 2014 semester with a process to select GSU's first official mascot. Before the completion of fall 2014, GSU plans on submitting its application for candidacy to a competitive athletic conference membership with a final decision in spring of 2015. Stay tuned for more information on club sports games as well as these exciting developments about competitive athletics at GSU, be sure to visit our website at www.govst.edu/RecFit.

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[We Salute You: Civil Service Choice Awards Winners](#)



Congratulations to the Winners of the Civil Service Choice Awards and Civil Service Employee of the Year. We are pleased to announce the winners of these distinguished campus honors.

Nancy Maurer Bettie Lewis Nancy Maurer, from the Enrollment Services department, won not just one, but two awards—the Civil Service Choice Award which embodies "all of the qualities: exemplifying civil service excellence; and Employee of the Year. The winner of this award is based solely on votes cast by GSU



employees from the year's employee of Judy Ferneau Mike Horvath the month honorees. It recognizes "Governors State University Civil Service Employees who demonstrate exemplary performance."

"This is quite an honor," said Mauer. "I am grateful to the entire university."

Other Civil Service Choice Awards went to: Bettie Lewis from Procurement and Business Services, Judy Ferneau from ITS and Mike Horvath from ITS.

Complementing the event was an action-packed variety show full of fabulous performances by the GSU Acapella, GSU Liners, Keith Briggs, Phillip Orsi, Beth Hawkins, Eric Nicholson, Ayita Woods and Lynn Clayton. The show was followed by a celebration luncheon. Many thanks to emcee John Cook and Ayita Woods who coordinated the show and all of the Civil Service Employees for participation in this wonderful event.

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[International Trade and Export Promotion Program on Campus](#)

The Illinois State Trade and Export Promotion Seminar was held at Governors State University earlier this month. The event was hosted by the SBDC Illinois International Trade Center at Governors State University and the State of Illinois' Office of Trade and Investment. The event provided ISTEP program application guidelines and eligibility requirements, as well as introducing other resources available to U.S. exporters.

More than 50 participants attended the event, including companies in manufacturing, design, engineering freight forwarding as well as other new and existing export businesses. Mary Ma, Director of the International Trade Center at GSU, and others discussed the resources available to those interested in selling their products and services outside of the country. Director of the Small Business Development Center at GSU, Priscilla Cordero, welcomed participants. CBPA Dean Ellen Foster Curtis was also there to express great appreciation for all the speakers and attendees.

The event was sponsored by UPS, COSCO, Sharn Enterprises and Ability Engineering Technology. For more information, please contact Mary Ma at the Illinois International Trade Center at GSU, at 708.534.6976 or hma@govst.edu.

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GSU Alum Appointed Chief Nurse Executive Position at Local Hospital

Dr. Jacquelyn Whitten, a graduate of both the master's and doctoral nursing programs at GSU, was recently appointed Chief Nurse Executive for Advocate Trinity Hospital in Chicago, which is



part of Advocate Health Care – one of the largest health care systems in metropolitan Chicago and in the United States.

Dr. Whitten also holds a certificate in project management from the Harvard School of Public Health Project and recently completed a Nursing Executive leadership course at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. She will assume her new position as chief nurse executive for Advocate Trinity, which serves more than 90,000 patients each year and provides a full range of services from obstetrics and emergency care to medical, surgical, cardiology, diabetes and cancer care.

GSU Nursing Department Chair Dr. Nancy MacMullen said that “Dr. Whitten is a wonderful example of the type of nurse we graduate from our DNP program. She’s extremely dedicated and clinically expert, as well as a fine team leader. We’re all extremely proud of her recent accomplishment.”

In an email note to GSU Nursing professors Dr. MacMullen, Dr. Pat Martin and Dr. Catherine Tymkow, Whitten wrote: “I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you all for your mentorship and guidance from a wonderful university. It gives me great pleasure to represent our University! This could not have been done without all of you. Thank you all and please pass it on to the other professors.”

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Housing Applications DEADLINE January 31: You could win a 32-inch flat screen TV



Submit your Prairie Place housing application by January 31 and you will be eligible to win a 32-inch flat screen TV. The drawing for the TV is open only to current students who also move into their new on campus home in August.

Incoming freshman and transfer students living in the new student residences are not eligible, so the odds are in your favor.

The flat screen TV is our way of saying thanks to all the current students and encouraging early submission of housing applications. Remember room assignments are made on the first come first served basis so your early application also gives you the best chance to get the room type you want. Remember there only 290 spots in the new Prairie Place Residence, opening in August 2014.

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[Submit Graduation Application by February 7](#)

2014 Spring and Summer graduation applications are now available online at the Registrar's Office website.

The deadline to submit an application to graduate is February 7, 2014.

Students need to submit an application in order to receive their degree. There is a \$50 non-refundable processing fee for each application submitted.

Students who are not sure if they should submit an application to graduate should check with their academic advisor.

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[The myONECARD is Here!](#)

The GSU myONECARD is the official identification card of GSU. It is issued to all members of the university community and is required for identification and access to the resources of the Library and the Recreation and Fitness Center as well as for access to student only activities.

GSU will begin to issue the new myONECARD to students registered for the spring 2014 semester when we reopen on January 21.

A picture ID will be necessary to obtain your new GSU myONECARD. To get your GSU myONECARD you must present one form of identification from the following list. All proofs of identify must be current (not expired) and include a recognizable photo of you.

- State-issued driver's license
- State issued identification card
- U.S. passport
- Foreign passport
- U.S. military ID

Students should plan to have their pictures taken for the new myONECARD at Student Central (D building, Main Entrance) or at the office of Auxiliary Services & University Housing (C1330) on the following dates and times:

DATE	WELCOME CENTER (D Entrance)	AUXILIARY SERVICES (Room C1330)
Jan 13 – 16	9 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Jan 17 – 18	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	NA
Jan 21 – 23	9 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Jan 24 – 25	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	NA
Jan 27 – 30	9 a.m. – 7 p.m.	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Jan 31 – Feb 1	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	NA

To keep the ID making process moving quickly you will have your picture taken and then return later to pick up your new myONECARD.

GSU faculty and staff will be able to have their pictures taken for the new GSU myONECARD starting February 3.

Additional information about the myONECARD will be available on the myONECARD website: www.govst.edu/onecard.

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[Secretary of State Services On Campus](#)

The Secretary of State's Mobile Service Unit will be at GSU on Tuesday, January 21, from 1 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Services available at the mobile service unit include driver's license and State ID renewal, replacement and corrections; vehicle sticker sales; passenger and b-truck license plates; vehicle title and registration; parking placards for persons with disabilities; and organ/tissue donor information. In addition, vision tests and the written driver's license exam can be taken. No driving tests will be given.

The services provided are available to all qualified Illinois residents. State law allows driver's license renewal up to one year in advance. Proper identification is required for new and duplicate driver's licenses and state ID cards. Acceptable forms of payment include personal checks, cash, MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit and debit cards.

For information, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

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[Writing to Learn Workshop for Faculty](#)

The Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center is offering a workshop on how to integrate meaningful writing assignments into courses. The workshop is open to all faculty members. Writing to Learn will be held on January 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in D1496. Please note the revised start time.

For more information, contact [Dr. Teri Sosa](#) at ext. 7567.

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[Real Life on Stage](#)



Clayton Hamilton said in *Theory of the Theatre*, "The most effective moments in the theatre are those that appeal to basic and commonplace emotions--love of woman, love of home, love of

country, love of right, anger, jealousy, revenge, ambition, lust, and treachery." This is why reality TV has become so popular. We all want to see something we can relate to; something that reminds us of our own lives, but takes us to someplace new at the same time.

If you haven't experienced live theatre, you're missing out on a life-changing and often eye-opening experience. Your theatre at GSU has something for everyone this season— dating & relationships in Stephen Sondheim's *COMPANY*; identity struggles and body image issues in *Hair Crownicles* and *Sugar Funk*; making good

decisions in *Choices and Consequences* and *Hot Flashes*; overcoming the physical disability of blindness through the eyes of Helen Keller in *The Miracle Worker*; navigating dating in the digital world in *Generation SEX*; and understanding the lingering trauma that results from war in *Still Life* (on-sale date to be announced soon).



The Center for Performing Arts celebrates theatre this spring with works from community theatre groups, Chicago-based artists, touring companies and our very own academic theatre production, directed by Dr. Patrick Santoro (*Still Life*). So, this spring, join in the magic of theatre at CPA. Students, faculty and staff get discounted ticket prices, but the value of the work on stage goes far beyond money. It might make you see yourself and the world around you a little

differently.

Visit www.centertickets.net or the Box Office for details and discounts.

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Graduate Programs Showcased

Learn about GSU's graduate programs at an open house on Saturday, February 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the G building Lobby (Faculty Office Center). With 34 master's, doctorate and specialist degree programs, GSU is experienced at providing graduate education opportunities for working adults.

Information will be available on graduate programs offered in business, public administration, education, psychology, counseling, liberal arts, sciences and health professions. Program advisors, faculty and staff will be on hand to answer questions. Information on successful GRE strategies will be available. Tours of the campus will also be offered. There will also be an opportunity to enter to win door prizes.

For more information or to RSVP by January 24, call 708.534.4582 or email adalpolo@govst.edu.

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