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The View

[GSU portal has new look](#)



A new look for the
GSU portal

You may have noticed a new look for the GSU portal. This new look is part of a three-phase project to improve the overall user experience.

Karen Stuenkel and her committee are leading the project and they will soon seek input from various members of the GSU community about the portal.

Please be on the look out for an upcoming survey in which you can share your portal experiences. Also look for opportunities to participate in focus groups that will seek added input

[GSU student chosen as NBCC Foundation scholar](#)

Khadijah Bradford, a graduate student in school counseling, was recently named a National Board for Certified Counselors Foundation scholar. She will receive a \$5,000 scholarship and be featured in the organization's upcoming press releases.

The NBCC Foundation was created in 2005 "to harness the knowledge and prestige of NBCC to improve the mental health and well-being of all people." The mission of the NBCC Foundation is "to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change."

Bradford will participate in a virtual awards ceremony, where she will get a chance to meet the team of reviewers who chose her for her award.

["The Miracle Worker" comes to Governors State University's Center for Performing Arts](#)

Governors State University welcomes the Montana Repertory Theater's production of William Gibson's play, "The Miracle Worker," which will play at the Center for Performing Arts Friday, March 21 at 8 p.m.

"The Miracle Worker" tells the story of Helen Keller, deaf and blind since infancy, who finds her way into the world of knowledge and understanding with the help of Anne Sullivan, her gifted tutor. In some of the most turbulent and emotion-packed scenes ever presented on the stage, Helen overcomes rage and confusion to triumph over her physical disabilities. "The Miracle Worker" won the 1960 Tony Award for Best Play.



"The Miracle Worker" comes to the Center for Performing Arts

In conjunction with the performance, there will be two art exhibits on display. GSU's Art on Campus program features art work from Little City Arts and Project Onward in the "Art Gathering: ABILITY" exhibit that can be seen throughout campus. These two Chicago organizations provide support and opportunities for individuals with disabilities to make and promote their art. The exhibit is now showing and will run until March 28.

For the other exhibit, guest curator Sarah Krepp took inspiration from Helen Keller's energy, drive and fortitude to curate "Inner Sight/Insight: Driven to Dare," which can be seen in the Visual Arts Gallery. This exhibit will run from March 17 to April 8.

Attendees are encouraged to enjoy the exhibitions prior to the performance during a free reception from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the E Lounge. Tickets for the performance start at \$25. Tickets for seniors 65 and older are \$20

[Colleague Users Group changes name, announces March meeting](#)

CUG, the Colleague Users Group, has a new name; the Technology Users Group, or TUG.

TUG is an advisory group made up of technology users from all areas of the university. Since all facets of technology are inter-reliant, all faculty, staff and students are considered members of TUG.

The next meeting of TUG is Thursday, March 20 at 2 p.m. in the ACS Computer Lab, room D2438. Please note new day and time.

The meeting is dedicated to learning more about Microsoft Excel. The workshop will cover how to set up password protections, how to split the screen and how to hide rows and columns. It will be presented by Diane Nadler, library reference desk manager. This is a hands-on session with limited seats, so please contact the [Colleague Project Office](#) to reserve your spot.

The activities of TUG provide a public forum for community members to share experiences, to explore possibilities and to learn about Colleague, the Portal and other technology used at GSU. Members can also share their technology expertise with others, so collaboratively all members can achieve peak technology efficiency.

[Career and internship fair](#)

Students, alumni and community members are invited to the Spring 2014 Career and Internship Fair, which focuses on the fields of communications, technology, business and public administration, criminal justice, addictions studies and community health.

The fair will be Thursday, April 17, from 2-5 p.m. in the lobbies of the Center for Performing Arts and the Hall of Governors. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet employers who are recruiting for interns and full-time employees. For more information visit [Career Services](#) or call 708.235.3974.

[Call for student nominations: commencement speakers](#)

The Commencement Student Speaker Committee is currently accepting nominations for the commencement ceremony to be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014. This year GSU will hold two ceremonies; one at 10 a.m. and one at 5 p.m. The university will have two commencement speakers, one for each ceremony. We will need candidates to represent all colleges, so please make a conscious effort to nominate deserving students for this prestigious honor.

To nominate a student speaker, access the nomination form [here](#) and fill out both the nomination form and the recommendation form no later than April 2.

In order for students to be eligible they must be willing to meet for an interview on Friday, April 11, 2014 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Please be sure to share the information with your nominee before you submit the nomination.

For more information, contact extension 4552.

[GSU graduate students participate in consulting program in Barbados](#)

On March 8, four CBPA graduate students – Diane Gorke, Alethia Pollard, Edidiong Udonkong, and Arriahn Tucker – traveled to Barbados and started the two week long Barbados MBA Student Engagement Program. This exciting program is offered by Indiana University Kelley School of Business with grant funding from US Agency for International Development. The GSU students will be paired with IU Kelley School students and University of West Indies students and work with local businesses as consultants.

Faculty and administrators at CBPA believe programs like this provide great opportunities for our students to gain first-hand experience working with business clients in an emerging economy. Not only will they be able to apply what they have learned in their MBA/MSA coursework in real-world business settings to solve complex problems, they will also have opportunity to experience a different culture while working with people from different backgrounds in a group setting.

[Student leadership programs shape tomorrow's leaders](#)



GSU's second annual student leadership programs – the Student Leadership Institute and the Graduate Leadership Scholars – came to a close Tuesday, March 4, as about 50 undergraduate and graduate students were recognized for their participation in the program.

Students receive certificates for completing this year's student leadership programs

In a ceremony in E-Lounge, students received certificates following weeks of attending intensive leadership workshops. The workshops were designed to address the five exemplary leadership practices that centered around the framework entitled "The Student Leadership Challenge" by James Kouzes and Barry Posner. The students' mentors – mostly GSU faculty, administrators, and staff – were also recognized

for their guidance during the program.

Students Cezanne Shannon and Mirabel Wiryen, along with mentor Dennis Dent, Jr., coordinator for campus programs and community service, discussed the focus and direction participating in this program provided them.

Student Amanda Ziaja and her mentor Jeff Stevenson, director of The Art Gallery, discussed their experiences during the program. "This made me look at leadership in a different light," she said.

Undergraduate participants in the program were: Yomi Abraham, Dorota Allen, Critisha Ashley, Terri Baker, Chaundra Barber, Cherish Brown, Adrianna Cadena, Lisa Davis, Juana De Loera, Adreanna Doizan, Gloria Dotson-Lewis, Brian W. Drummond, Angel Green-Cholke, Melvin Hayes, Kristi Hendershott, Manar Jaber, Addison Jackson Jr., Annetta Jones-Morgan, Jeremy Joyce, Archana Liggins, Ricca Louissaint, Avalon Marciniak, Cheryl McClure-Johnson, Heather McKenna, Monique Mobley, Douglas Nanfeldt, Aviance Richard, Candice Robbins, Navarra Scott, Doria Scott, Cezanne Shannon, Sharita Walker, Yulonda Whisby, Mirabel Wiryen, and Amanda Ziaja.

Graduate students in the program were Michelle Adeniyi, Sheena Aikens, Sandra Alvarado, Josephine Anetekhai, Charles E. Barwegen, Jr., Yvonne Chism, Carla Davis, Paula Franklin, Michael Grammer, William E Joyce, William Moore, Diana Muhammad, Janel Riddick, and Tenille Wallace.

[The fourth annual Gender Matters conference comes to GSU](#)

The fourth annual Gender Matters conference, "Embodying Praxis, Engaging Solutions," will be held at Governors State University on April 11-12, 2014.

Gender Matters is an academic conference that highlights research on gender, women and sexuality across all disciplines and historical periods. This year's conference brings together students, activists and researchers from around the globe to discuss the ongoing role of gender in structuring society.

This year's theme, "Embodying Praxis, Engaging Solutions," focuses attention on positive deviance, on exploring what works as we seek solutions and improvements to the challenges faced by our world. While conference planners invite work on all matters of gender, we are particularly interested in work that explores how evidence-based practices and outcomes related to gender and/or sexuality are used to affect positive change, behaviors, beliefs, attitudes, policies and procedures.

Pre-registration for the conference is required and the deadline is March 17. Information about the conference, registrations fees, and a preliminary program, can be found at www.govst.edu/gendermatters.

Governors State University cyber security team competes in state championship

Governors State University cybersecurity team of students and faculty competed in the Governor's Cyber Aces State Championship March 1 at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills. The team was asked to compete after finishing fifth in the Illinois Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition Feb. 15 at MVCC.



GSU's cyber aces team

GSU students were tested against students from around the country. The top 3 percent of students competing in the state were invited to the Governors State Championship.

Tomas Koslab, Jim Potulny, Regina Richard, Tamisha Rose, John Nelson and faculty member Steve Hyzny competed in the state championship. The event began with a panel discussion on ethics with an FBI agent, a system penetration tester and a cyber-security educator. The panel discussed and debated ethical issues of being a cyber-security professional. Then the participants were given a small lesson on tools used in the field. The goal was to discover information needed to answer questions for points. When enough points were achieved, up to four more levels could be opened.

The competition was developed by the SANS Institute (leaders in cyber security training) and is offered in a two day competition to top security professionals. The top three participants received awards but over 50 people, including GSU students, enjoyed the learning experience and chance to show off their skills.

This is the third completion GSU students have competed in for cyber security this year. The competitions test student's skills and ability to apply the lessons learned in IT and CS classes at GSU. The new IT degree program started last year includes courses on ethical hacking, networking routing, and securing servers to prepare students for a future in cyber-security.

Celebrating Women's History Month: Women of character, courage and commitment

Governors State University proudly celebrates Women's History Month with a series of events throughout March. Prior to the 1970's, the topic of women's history was largely missing from general public consciousness. To address this situation, the Commission on the Status of Women initiated a "Women's History Week" originally celebrated in 1978 and chose the week of March 8 to coincide with International Women's Day. The celebration was met with positive response, and in 1987, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the celebration to the entire month of March. For complete and updated information, please visit our website www.govst.edu/diversity.

Women and STEM Tribute

March 1–31

Display Case: 1st floor, B-Building

When you are walking down the hall of the B-wing; stop and take a look at the display of exceptional women involved with STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. For more information, email vnewby@govst.edu.

“Hot Flashes”

Wednesday, March 19

6:30 p.m., Center for Performing Arts

Free for GSU Students with ID. General admission is \$10.

“Hot Flashes” is a play about the strength of women, young and old, as they overcome obstacles, face their issues and become phenomenal in their own right. For event information, email vnewby@govst.edu.

PechaKucha Night

Wednesday, March 26

6-7 p.m., E-Lounge

PechaKucha Night is an event that comes in a presentation format, where you show 20 images, each for 20 seconds. Present your ideas, interests, hobbies at this event. For more information, email diversity@govst.edu.

“Our Bodies, Our Labor, Ourselves: Reproductive Technologies and Women’s Rights”

Thursday, March 27

4:30–6 p.m., E1540

This is a class that will discuss modern reproductive technologies such as surrogacy, in vitro fertilization, and prenatal testing as powerful resources. For more information, email balmassi@govst.edu.

Women’s Night poetry reading

March 27

5–6 p.m., café annex

Ladies are invited to participate in a poetry reading of your choice; selections must go along with the subject of women’s rights and/or women’s equality. For more information, email gzapolska@student.govst.edu.

Women’s History Month Closing Event: “Mama’s Place”

March 28

7 p.m., Sherman Recital Hall

Join us for a “Student Performance Spotlight” featuring Allen-Patricia Britten, this year’s GSU Idol winner, who performs highlights of her original production of “Mama’s Place.” This is a story of one mother’s daily challenges as she struggles to raise five scrappy children with limited resources and negative outside influences. Her story will move you from laughter to tears particularly when a social worker shows up at her door; she risks losing it all as she fights to uphold her Christian values against a system in opposition to her beliefs. For more information, email diversity@govst.edu.

If you have any questions, please contact [Vanessa Newby](mailto:Vanessa.Newby) or call 708.534.4551 for more information.

[Call for programs: Women's History Month](#)

If you have any events, programs or open classes for Women's History Month, please send the details to diversityprograms@govst.edu to have them included in the calendar of events.

Women's History Month is in March. As in the past, Student Life is putting together a host of events to honor the month. As part of the events calendar, please consider hosting an open class if any of your content is relevant. The theme is Women of Character, Courage and Commitment – though your case can relate generally to Women's History Month.

To submit a presentation (open class) please complete the survey [here](#). Information about other events for Women's History Month can be found at www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/Multicultural_Programs/

[Theater and Performance Studies department presents "Still Life"](#)



“Still Life,” a documentary by Emily Mann and directed by Dr. Patrick Santoro, comes to Sherman Hall for two showings on April 17 and 18 at 8 p.m.

Shaped by the author from conversations with the people whose experience she sets forth, the documentary play explores the way that Vietnam has affected three lives: a Marine veteran, his estranged wife, and his mistress. The man confesses that he killed a Vietnamese family in cold blood and, carrying the seeds of violence with him, returned home to brutalize his pregnant wife. The wife, disillusioned and unhappy, wants to ignore the terrors that haunt her husband, believing that in time the awful memories will fade, while the mistress, an angry feminist, blames the man's destructiveness on the forces that conditioned him before he went to Vietnam.

In the end, these three become a metaphor for the nation as a whole—still trying to understand and overcome the lingering trauma that is the bitter legacy of the Vietnam experience.

The production has mature themes. Tickets are \$10, \$5 for students. To order tickets, visit CenterTickets.net, or call the box office at 708.235.2222.

[Campus dining menu and myONECARD](#)

The campus dining menu for March, as well as the newsletter, are now available online. Check out the campus dining [website](#) for its calendar of daily hot entrees at lunch and dinner. Be sure to check out the March newsletter, which describes specials planned for the month.

Also, be sure to pick up your new myONECARD from the office of Auxiliary Services and University Housing (C1330) or the Welcome Center (D Building, Main Entrance). Click [here](#) for more information about myONECARD.

[Information session/open house on doctor of physical therapy degree](#)

[program](#)

GSU's Department of Physical Therapy will host an information session/open house for the entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy degree program on Wednesday, March 26, from 4-7:30 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 as a physical therapist. Information about prerequisite requirements, admission criteria and course curricula will be available. Attend to have your questions answered, meet faculty and students, and tour our classroom/laboratory spaces. Advisors will be available for individual consultation. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact [Mary Tracy](#) at 708.534.7290.