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GSU taking part in Gates Foundation project

By now, all faculty and staff should have received an email from the email address, GovernorsState@post.syndiosocial.com, asking them to participate in the Higher Education Social Network Mapping Project, funded by the Gates Foundation.

Please take a moment to complete the survey, which is designed to “study how social networks among college and university faculty, staff and administration might facilitate innovation” and to “better understand the role that influential individuals play in advancing adoption of online learning innovations.”

The American Association of State College and Universities (AASCU) and Ithaka S+R, a nonprofit research organization, are working together on this project. GSU will gain information about collaboration and communication across the university. In addition, up to ten faculty and staff members will be invited to participate in a workshop focusing on how “individuals can contribute to innovation and transformation on campus.”

If you have any questions, you can contact Penny Perdue at pperdue@govst.edu, or ext. 4131. Your participation is encouraged and greatly appreciated.

What to do if a gunman arrives on campus

In the wake of such tragedies as the shootings at Virginia Tech University and Northern Illinois University, GSU will host screenings of an informative video that illustrates what to do when a gunman begins shooting at work or school.

The video being shown is called “Run, Hide, Fight: Surviving an Active Shooter Event.” The video runs about 25 minutes and illustrates methods and techniques for surviving such an incident. GSU will have three screenings in Engbretson Hall:

1. April 22, 9:30 a.m.—11 a.m.
2. April 23, 9:30 a.m.—11 a.m.
3. April 24, 4:30 p.m.—6 p.m.

The event will be hosted by the GSU Department of Public Safety and the Emergency Response Team. Chief James McGee will speak briefly before and after the video about the

measures the department has in place to prevent such an incident. He will also take questions afterward.

The screenings are open to all students, faculty and staff. All are strongly encouraged to attend one of the screenings. For more information, contact the Department of Public Safety at 708.534.4900.

Remembering a long-time GSU faculty member

On April 11, a group friends and colleagues gathered at the University of Chicago to celebrate the life of GSU faculty member, Dr. Judy Lewis.

Dr. Lewis left a far reaching legacy and her eulogizers were able to highlight her many accomplishments. Three former psychology and counseling faculty, Dave Matteson, Rachel Berg and Michael Lewis, were attendance as well as many other colleagues from other segments of GSU.

Many former graduates of GSU were also in attendance. Richard Yep, the CEO of the American Counseling Association (ACA) and several past-presidents of ACA were also participants. Chicago jazz legend and friend of Dr. Lewis, Frieda Lee, sang several songs that were her favorites, said professor Jon Carlson.

Prior to the service ending with “We Shall Overcome” and “What a Wonderful World,” letters of sympathy from another friend of Dr. Lewis, President Barack Obama, as well as the Illinois State Legislature were read. Judy’s impact went far beyond GSU.

Film Screening to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of The Civil Rights Act

There will be a special screening of Spike Lee’s 1996 film, “Get on the Bus,” April 21 at 5 p.m. in room F1622.

The film tells the story of several black men who embark on a cross country bus trip to the Million Man March. The story focuses on several characters including a former gang member, a Hollywood actor, a cop, a laid-off aircraft worker and a white bus driver. The characters all make the trek while discussing issues such as religion, politics, and race. The film stars Ossie Davis, Andre Braugher and Charles S. Dutton. The screening is free and open to the public.

Loyola professor to speak about civic engagement

The Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center welcomes Dr. Patrick Green to give his presentation, “Research That Matters in Civic Engagement,” April 22 at 3 p.m. in the cafeteria annex (D1489).

Dr. Green will review existing research, discuss what new research is possible and give suggestions about how to develop a research agenda that is positioned around civic engagement. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

For more information, contact Teri Sosa at tsosa@govst.edu or Caron Jacobson cjacobson@govst.edu.

GSU professor to be panelist for literacy webinar

Professor Karen Peterson will be a panelist for a webinar from the National Center for Literacy Education April 30, at 11:30 a.m. Eastern time.

The webinar explores the idea of combining kids' summer school and camp opportunities that strengthen their skills with teachers' own workshops that strengthen their skills too. Both have been traditionally separate in the past. Webinar attendees will hear about how two initiatives are challenging the longstanding traditions of how summer learning is designed.

Dr. Peterson and Mike Hurst, induction/mentor coordinator for Dolton Riverdale District 148, will discuss the 2013 Literacy Launch program, which provided science and literacy focused activities for elementary students in a partnering school district while also supporting early career graduates of GSU's alternative certification residency program.

Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K3BD8FT> to register for the webinar.

Graduate information session a success



On Saturday, April 12, GSU hosted its second annual graduate information session. The goal of the event was to bring prospective students to the campus to meet program faculty and staff, consult with financial aid and housing, and tour the campus.

Prospective students attend GSU's graduate information session

The event was attended by about 100 prospective students and was hosted by all of the colleges.

Also in attendance for the second year in a row was Matthew Kadlubowksi, associate director, Global Client Relations with Educational Testing Services. Matthew commented that the event "was even better than last year and that GSU students ask provocative and focused questions." Thanks to the dedicated team leads from each college who put together this annual event: Nancy Kaczmarcyk and Lisa Helm CAS; Julie Anderson, CHHS; Andrea Dalpolo, COE and Karen Williams, CBPA.

Computer Science Club to hold book drive and fundraiser

The Computer Science Club will hold a book drive fundraiser for Worldwide Book Drive.

Worldwide Book Drive is a non-profit organization that works with organizations to distribute hundreds of thousands of books locally and internationally. They put books into the hands of those who are eager to learn but do not have the means. The organization gives the gift of education and learning to men, women and children worldwide.

In addition, the Computer Science Club's collection efforts have rescued hundreds of thousands of damaged and obsolete books and magazines from landfills and turned them back into usable paper.

The Computer Science club is looking to collect gently used textbooks that are five years old or newer. For each textbook the club collects, it will receive \$1 from Worldwide Book Drive.

There are donation boxes located in front of the library, in the commons area and in front of the Center of Performance Arts. The book drive will last up until the end of August.

For more information, email Kimberly Poole at kpoole@student.govst.edu.

GSU student earns fellowship

Congratulations to GSU student Shunda Mcgriff, who was chosen as a 2014 National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) Minority Fellow.

Shunda is a counseling doctoral student and professional counselor with several years of experience working with underserved populations.

This is the second year that NBCC has awarded fellowships to diverse counseling doctoral students. To learn more about the NBCC Minority Fellowship program, please visit www.nbccf.org/MFP.

Learn how to plan the perfect event

Chelsea Whittington, director of communications planning for the city of Gary, Ind., will teach how to plan the perfect event and place a public service announcement with a community.

The event is presented by student organization Alpha Iota Sigma and will take place April 29, from 6—8 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

Ms. Whittington is also an adjunct professor for Indiana University Northwest where she teaches event planning, public relations and social networking. The presentation will include how to coordinate and prepare a planning and organizational chart; budgeting, logistics, marketing and advertising; writing for public relations and securing media interviews.

The event is free and open to the public.

Student Leadership Award nominees

The Student Life Office will host the annual Student Leadership Awards Banquet on Tuesday, April 29, in E-Lounge. This program highlights the achievements and accomplishments of registered student organizations and individual students across campus. The Student Life Office would like to congratulate each nominee for their contribution to the student experience at GSU.

Below is the list of this year's nominees:

Outstanding Support Staff

Asmeen Radee
Kimberly Poole
Katherine Haan
Dierdra Webb
Kristy Goodwin

Aida Martinez
LaTonia Richmond
Sang Hoon Lee

Outstanding Student - Graduate

Arriahn Tucker
Katrina Koltz
Danielle King
Angelique Crockett
Anna Zapolska
Alicia Tuuk
Margie Roberts
Kim Poole
Blevian Moore
Andrea Johnson
Tamika Hurley
Liberty Erfe
Jeffrey Smaltz
Gwendolyn Williams
Arielle Smith

Outstanding Student – Undergraduate

Michael L. Alexander
Kayla Randolph-Clark
Monique Mobley
Ricca Louissaint
Nicole Moore
Steven Warcholek
Addison Jackson Jr.

New Student Club/Organization of the Year

Masters of Public Administration Club – MPAC
GSU Bowling Club

Program of the Year

Multicultural Festival
GSU Goes Blue
GSU Talking Circle
It Can Wait Campaign – Stop Texting While Driving

Rising Star Award

Mirable Wiryen
Nicole Reyes
Douglas Nanfeldt
Manar “Mimi” Jabar
Estafania Palafox
Monique Mobley
Critisha Ashley
Matthew Nyeholt
Yulonda Whisby
Jeremy Joyce

Outstanding Club/Organization Advisor

Katherine Haan

Dr. Caren Rossow
Ann Manning-Nagel
Vanessa Newby
Steve Hyzny
Robin Sweeney

Male Athlete of the Year

Penn Lin
Alex Bennett
Calvin Rowe

Female Athlete of the Year

NaTasha Dillard
Sarah Wicklin

Sports Club of the Year

Soccer Club
Bowling Club
Volleyball Club

Outstanding Student Club/Organization

International Cultural Club
Alpha Phi Sigma / Criminal Justice Society Club
Alpha Phi Nu Chapter / Criminal Justice Student Society
Masters of Public Administration Club – MPAC
Psychology Club
Student Leadership Institute
Lambda Lambda – Sigma Theta Tau International
Social Work Student Organization – SWSO
Student Healthcare Management Association
Toastmasters International
National Student Speech Language Hearing Association

Registration for University Sustainable Garden is open

Registration is now open for gardeners interested in obtaining a plot at the University Sustainable Garden. The garden provides space for individuals or families to grow their own healthy food using fully organic methods. All participants, including returning gardeners, must complete a 2014 application, rules agreement, and payment to reserve their plot. For further information, please see the university sustainable garden website: www.govst.edu/garden/.

Earth Day events at GSU

In honor of Earth Day April 22, the university has scheduled several events aimed at sustainable initiatives. From tree planting and recycling to swapping books, join us for one or more of these events. Join GSU in making a positive contribution to the community.

Week of April 14 and 21
Re-usable GSU mug sale
Bookstore

Purchase a re-usable GSU mug on sale. Save money on re-fills of refreshments at the cafeteria while reducing the amount of waste generated on campus.

Monday, April 21
1—3 p.m.

Tree Planting

Meet at A building game room

Assist Facilities Development & Management staff plant trees on campus. Dress appropriately for weather conditions. Rain date: Wednesday, April 23.

Tuesday, April 22
10 a.m.—8 p.m.

Book Swap

Hall of Governors

Bring in your used books and swap them out for others that are new to you. All books left at the end of the event will be donated to the Friends of the Library.

Tuesday, April 22
11 a.m.—2 p.m.

Native plant sale

Hall of Governors

Civil Service Senate will be selling some plants to help your home landscape become greener and more sustainable. Additional plants can be ordered for future delivery.

Tuesday, April 22
10 a.m.--10 p.m.

Recycling services

Hall of Governors

Bring in old batteries, print cartridges, cell phones and prescription drugs for proper recycling, re-use or disposal. Prescriptions should have name and address removed.

Tuesday, April 22
11 a.m.—7 p.m.

Earth Day menu

Cafeteria

Purchase local and/or sustainable food for your meals today. Bring your own drink container for 85 cent refills of refreshments at the cafeteria while reducing the amount of waste generated on campus.

Friday, April 25
8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium Student Sustainability Summit

Pre-registration is required. Join students from other area schools in becoming more sustainable on campus and at home. See www.southmetroed.org/ for more details.

Science academy coming to GSU

Governors State University is proud to host the 106th Annual Meeting of the Illinois State Academy of Science on Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26. About 200 undergraduate students, graduate students and faculty members from colleges and universities throughout Illinois are expected to attend the conference. The meeting will present student research projects via poster displays and oral presentations. The poster sessions and oral presentations are free and open to the public. Poster sessions will be held from 2:30—5:30 p.m. on Friday. Oral presentations will be held from 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m. on Saturday.

An additional highlight of the meeting is a keynote address titled “Science and Cinema,” April 25 at 8 p.m. at the Center for Performing Arts given by Dr. Marius Stan. Dr. Stan is a senior scientist with the Energy Engineering and Systems Analysis Directorate at Argonne National Laboratory, a senior fellow with the Computation Institute at the University of Chicago and a senior fellow with the Institute for Science and Engineering at Northwestern University. He is also an actor and writer. You might recognize him from the TV series “Breaking Bad” where he was featured as carwash owner, Bogdan Wolynetz. The presentation is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Visit the Center box office or call 708.235.2222.

Help the library archive and preserve FC14 artifacts

The admission of the first freshman class this fall is an exciting time for GSU. Help the library collect important artifacts from FC14 for the archives as well as future GSU anniversary displays. Lydia Morrow Ruetten, dean of the GSU library, asks anyone with materials pertaining to FC14 that they think would be important to preserve to contact Erin Engelbrecht, at eengelbrecht@govst.edu, library operations specialist, or call ext. 7515.

Help plan for LGBT History Month and Hispanic Heritage Month

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender History Month is October 1-31. Are you interested in being a member of the planning team for LGBT History Month? Please join us at the first of several planning team meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 24, at 3 p.m., in Room A2110 and help make this month of events informative, meaningful, and enjoyable for all, volunteer today.

All are invited to attend the meeting to share their ideas. For more information, contact Vanessa Newby at 708.534.4551.

Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept. 15 – October 15. If you'd like to join the Hispanic Heritage Month Team, please join us on Tuesday, April 22 at 1 p.m. in room A2110 for an idea sharing session in preparation for Hispanic Heritage Month. Volunteer and help plan events to celebrate the rich history and traditions of this vibrant culture.

For more information, contact Vanessa Newby at 708.534.4551.

This month is sexual assault awareness month

The month of April has been designated Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in the United States. The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence. This year's programming is themed "It's time ... to talk about it! Your voice. Our future. Prevent sexual violence."

For more information, go to www.nsvrc.org/saam/sexual-assault-awareness-month-home.

Cell phone drive to save lives

During the month of April, The Student Coalition for Diversity and Social Justice will be collecting cell phones and other electronics. The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) partners with Cellular Recycler for the collection of used cell phones and select digital electronics. Your donation will support programming that helps stop violence in the home.

To donate please drop items in the collection boxes located in the Recreation and Fitness Center (A1106), Monday – Friday, 6 a.m.—9 p.m. or the Student Life Suites (A2100), Monday – Friday, 8 a.m.—5 p.m.

NCADV is recycling items to:

- Fund programming that empowers victims of domestic violence, connects victims and survivors to helpful resources, and helps them remain free from abuse.
- Support legislation aimed at ending domestic violence.
- Give support and resources to organizations across the US working to stop violence in the home.

Any cell phone in any condition and their accessories (most wanted: iPhone and Blackberries, but we will take what you have) are welcome. Chargers, accessories, cords, etc. are accepted too. For a full list of accepted items, visit www.ncadv.org/takeaction/DonateaPhone.php.

Show off your public speaking skills

The Communication Studies Initiative, a student organization, will be hosting its first public speaking contest on April 22, 2014 in Sherman Hall from 5—7 p.m. All students are welcome to participate and there will be cash prizes for the first, second and third place winners. For more information, please contact either Arness Krause at akrause@govst.edu or Etta Oben at

eoben@students.govst.edu for more information.

This is an exciting opportunity to demonstrate your outstanding public speaking skills and win a little money, so please join us.

Library construction to begin this week

By now most have noticed that the library move has taken place. The library entrance is now through the balcony fire doors. There are computer stations on the balcony and inside of the library, but there is a significant reduction in the number of computers in the library. During the peak times between 2:30—4:30 p.m. and 5:30—7:30 p.m., the library computers are all frequently in use. However, there is now a computer lab set up in the Hall of Honors (across from the bookstore) with printers. The ACS lab will also be open through the end of classes. If there are any issues with finding a computer during the library peak times, please visit the Hall of Honors or the ACS lab.

“The GSU community has been most cooperative and flexible with us during this time of change,” said Lydia Morrow Ruetten, dean of the GSU Library. “Because our space is limited, we are only able to have one person at the circulation desk and in most cases, one person at the reference desk. We are working to provide everyone with excellent service, but from time to time there might be a need to wait,” she said.

It is likely that there will be more noise and dust in the library during construction. It is expected that the renovation will be completed by the middle of August, 2014. If you have questions regarding the library renovation, please follow Reggie the Library Renovation Guru at <https://www.facebook.com/GSULibrary> or send us an email at GSULibraryInfo@govst.edu.

The next “One Book, One University” selection announced

"As we celebrate Earth Week, here at GSU, it is my pleasure to announce that the next ‘One Book, One University/Common Reading Program’ selection is ‘The Story of Stuff’ by Annie Leonard,” said Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the GSU Library and chair of the Intellectual Life Committee.

“The Story of Stuff” focuses upon the fact that Americans just have way too much. Annie Leonard raises the reader’s awareness by sharing her many experiences and pointing out how having too much stuff can be very negative for our health and well-being along with having a major negative impact on our planet.

“By embracing the messages in this book our entire GSU community will learn more about improving our sustainability. And through the many collaborative events that will be planned in association with this book, we will enhance our civic engagement and become more aware of the impact that we all have on our planet,” Ruetten said.

"The selection of ‘The Story of Stuff’ has come at a great time. We are looking forward to working with the Intellectual Life Committee and the entire GSU community to enhance our sustainability efforts while contributing to a healthier planet," said Kevin Barto, director, Campus Facilities Services.

If you have any questions, thoughts, or ideas associated with this selection, please direct them to lruetten@govst.edu.

Friends of the Library says thank you

“The Friends of the GSU Library are most appreciative to the GSU community for your support of our Spring Book Sale last Wednesday,” said Ann Marie Nagel, president of the Friends of the GSU Library. Your contributions allow us to enhance the Library in many ways including most recently supporting the Skylight Gallery in the Library, and purchasing new furniture for the Library Book Exchange area outside of the library, along with books, CD’s and DVD’s for the Library.

“We are always interested in recruiting new members for the Friends. If you are interested in donating a couple of hours a month to a worthwhile cause and an enjoyable group, we invite you to become a member of Friends of the GSU Library. To learn more, visit <http://libguides.govst.edu/friends/>, or send an email to the FriendsofGSULibrary@gmail.com,” said Ann.