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## GSU View

### The View

#### **President Maimon profiled in Chicago Tribune**

President Elaine P. Maimon was featured in a Chicago Tribune story by Jenniffer Weigel on Sunday, April 27. In the interview, she talks about her upbringing, her accomplishments and some of the other issues most meaningful to her. To read the article, Chicago Tribune subscribers click [here](#). If you don't subscribe, click [here](#).

#### **Celebrating students at the GSU Foundation Scholarship Luncheon**



Pres. Maimon  
receives the  
2014  
Chicagoland  
ATHENA  
Leadership  
Award at the  
GSU  
Foundation  
Scholarship  
Luncheon

Friday, April 25 Governors State University celebrated student successes and big ideas at the GSU Foundation Scholarship Luncheon.

The GSU Scholarship Luncheon is the university's annual stakeholder event celebrating and acknowledging the achievements of GSU student scholarship recipients. The luncheon provides an opportunity to connect recipients with their donors to personally express their appreciation for the rich opportunities and experiences made possible thanks to their financial support. The luncheon also honors the philanthropic support of corporate, private, alumni and community partners, who make higher education attainable for GSU students. This year, the foundation presented its annual Distinguished Philanthropist Award to GSU faculty member Stephen R. Hyzny, Sr. and corporate partner, Accelerated Rehabilitation Centers, Ltd. for their support of GSU students and mission.

This year's luncheon was attended by approximately 170 guests and generously sponsored by Com Ed and First Midwest Bank. NBC 5's Art Norman emceed the event and captivated audience attention with his contagious personality and reflections of personal experiences alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Norman interviewed Dual Degree Scholarship recipient Kayla Randolph-Clark, who graduates this May and will attend Emory Law School in the fall on a scholarship, and second year Doctorate of Physical Therapy student, Alex Bennett. Both shared their student experiences, the importance of "paying it forward" and their appreciation for the scholarships that have made a significant difference in their lives and futures.

GSU Foundation CEO, Will A. Davis expressed gratitude for steadfast partnerships

throughout GSU's renaissance. GSU President, Dr. Elaine P. Maimon made special remarks encouraging the importance of presenting your truest self in life. Later in the program, Dr. Maimon was presented the prestigious 2014 Chicagoland ATHENA Leadership Award – an honor bestowed to exceptional leaders who inspire women to achieve excellence in their professional and personal lives.

The GSU Foundation awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships to GSU students during the 2013-2014 school year.

### **GSU to host “On the Table” event sponsored by the Chicago Community Trust**

On May 12, thousands of Chicago-area residents will participate in intimate, mealtime conversations about how we can build and sustain strong, safe, dynamic communities as part of a region-wide initiative called On the Table, spearheaded by The Chicago Community Trust.

GSU is participating in this initiative and encourages all students, faculty and staff to host a gathering. See what President Maimon has to say about the project [here](#) and visit [www.onthetable2014.com](http://www.onthetable2014.com) to learn more.

### **Don't miss one of GSU's own on WTTW**

The first part of an initiative created by GSU professor Yevette Brown to address violence in the Chicagoland area will be aired next month on WTTW, Channel 11.

“Respond to Violence: Communities in Crisis” will air May 18 at 2 p.m.

The program explores the devastating impact of violence on families and neighborhoods and how they are fighting back. The program panel consists of: U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly Democratic of the 2nd Congressional District of Illinois; Attorney Irv Miller, legal correspondent for Channel 2 News Chicago; and Marlita White, director of the Office For Violence Prevention for the City of Chicago's Department of Public Health. The program is moderated by Robert Jordan, weekend anchor for WGN-TV.

The show was taped in front of a studio audience of community organizations, educators and the families of violence victims Hadiya Pendleton and Blair Holt. Support one of GSU's own and watch on May 18.

### **GSU launches “U Can't Afford 2 B Undecided” campaign**

In an effort to appeal to high school seniors who haven't yet chosen where they will attend college in the fall, GSU has launched the “U Can't Afford 2 B Undecided” campaign, including three videos where seniors talk about the reasons why they committed to GSU. Check out one of the three here [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpOz\\_I1QH6c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpOz_I1QH6c).

## **GSU welcomes new additions to its sculpture park**

Governors State has three additions to its sculpture park from sculptor Chakaia Booker. The new additions will be located on the E-Lounge patio, the F wing quadrangle and the meadow across the lake.



Chakaia Booker  
sculpture being  
constructed outside  
F wing

Ms. Booker will visit campus in September as a special guest at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park's Carts & Cocktails and Visiting Artist event September 12 – 17, where she will interact with students and staff and deliver a talk on her work.

Ms. Booker's sculpture has been exhibited across the globe. Most recently she completed a presentation on New York Ave. in affiliation with the National Women Museum of the Arts in Washington, D.C. An exhibition will debut on Broadway in SoHo on the island of Manhattan in New York City in June. One of the works in the GSU exhibition, "What's Not," was exhibited in Beijing, China.

## **Save time and money ordering HP toner**

Need toner for your printer? The GSU print shop is now stocking HP brand toner, which is most frequently purchased for printers.

You can now order all of your HP toner through the GSU print shop. You will not need to enter a requisition. Simply place your order by going to the print shop portal page at the link provided below, complete the appropriate form and fax to the print shop. All HP toner is now to be ordered in this manner, whether stocked or non-stocked. This will save time and money for your department.

Click on the link "Stocked Items," print and complete the form and fax to the print shop. If your HP toner is not on the list of stocked items, they will expedite your order. Click on the link "Non-Stocked Items," print and complete the form and fax to the print shop.

In either case, your toner will be delivered quickly by just clicking on the link <https://mygsu.govst.edu/facultystaffinformation/procurement/printshop/Pages/default.aspx>

For additional information, call the print shop at ext. 4498.

## **SALUTE induction ceremony scheduled for this week**

GSU will host its SALUTE induction ceremony Friday, May 2, at 6 p.m. in Sherman Hall.

SALUTE stands for Service Academics Leadership Unity Tribute and Excellence. It is an honor society established for students who are active in the military or veterans and are enrolled in institutions of higher education. SALUTE has a four-tier system meant to

encourage student veterans to improve their GPAs and advance to higher-tier levels in the honor society during their academic careers.

Students inducted into SALUTE must have a minimum of 3.0 GPA.

The ceremony is free and open to the public.

### **Occupational therapy degree information session**

The GSU Department of Occupational Therapy will sponsor an information session for the Master of Occupational Therapy degree program at GSU on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

The information session will be held in Room G127. Find more information by emailing [Loren Buckley](mailto:Loren.Buckley).

### **Student Health Care Management Association to host lecture on diversity and disparity**

GSU's Student Health Care Management Association will host another in their annual series of spring lectures on Wednesday, April 30, from 6—8 p.m. in Sherman Hall.

This year's lecture, "Diversity and Disparities in Health Care," will feature two speakers: Dr. Frederick Hobby and Cynthia Washington.

Dr. Frederick Hobby is president and CEO for the Institute for Diversity in Health Management, an affiliate of the American Hospital Association. IFD is a non-profit organization that works closely with health service organizations and educators to expand leadership opportunities for ethnic minorities in health services management.

Cynthia Washington is director of member relations at the American Hospital Association. The AHA is a professional association that seeks to promote quality healthcare provision by hospitals and health care networks through public policy and by providing information about healthcare/health administration to health care providers and the public.

The event is free and open to the public. Additional information may be obtained by emailing [shcma@govst.edu](mailto:shcma@govst.edu).

### **Film screening to commemorate Civil Rights Act**

The next film in the Civil Rights Film Series is the 1991's "The Five Heartbeats" from director Robert Townsend. The screening and discussion afterward will be Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 5 p.m. in E Lounge. The moderator will be Art Gallery Director Jeff Stevenson.

Please tell your students and take your classes to this film, which tells the story of the rise and fall of an African-American vocal group. The film stars Robert Townsend, Michael Wright, Harry Lennix and Leon.

More information on the Civil Rights Film Series and the yearlong campus-wide commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and Freedom Summer can be found at [www.davidgolland.com/1964.htm](http://www.davidgolland.com/1964.htm). We hope to see you and your students next Thursday.

The spring semester portion of the Civil Rights Film Series is brought to you through a generous grant from the Intellectual Life Committee. Captioning is available upon request.

## **GSU participates in the Illinois Higher Education Trade Mission trip to China**



### **GSU participates in The Illinois Higher Education Trade Mission**

In 2010-2011, foreign students and their families contributed approximately \$20 billion to the U.S. economy. Illinois' market share was estimated at \$1.4 billion. The Illinois Higher Education Trade Mission was hosted in March 2014 and sponsored by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The overall objective of this mission is to help increase the number of Chinese students studying in Illinois, which will help support job growth and Illinois' economy.

Governors State University was one of 11 Illinois colleges and universities that participated in the mission in order to build relationships with Chinese institutions and meet prospective students.

The two week trade mission started on Feb 28, 2014 in Shanghai, with stops in Taizhou, Yiwu, Hangzhou, Shenyang, Guangzhou, and Shenzhen. Provost Deborah Bordelon, Mary Ma, director of the Illinois SBDC International Trade Center at GSU, and Jackie He in International Services, participated in the Illinois education group to promote GSU's newly launched four-year degree programs and attract more international students to GSU. During the trade mission, they visited more than 25 Chinese high schools and colleges, met more than 1,500 students and attended four Illinois Education Expos co-hosted by the State China office and U.S. General Consulate in China. The provost said, "We look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts to recruit international students and strengthen the relationship with Chinese schools."

## **Benefits fair comes to campus**

Governors State University invites you to attend our Benefits Fair Wednesday, May 07, 2014, in the Hall of Governors, from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Come and get information regarding your benefits.

Representatives from the following organizations will be there to answer questions: Blue Cross Blue Shield, Coventry, Health Alliance, Health Link, CMS, Express Scripts, Cigna, Eye

Med Vision, Delta Dental, Minnesota Life Insurance, Flexible Spending Accounts  
MCAP/DCAP, SURS Retirement, SUAA, The Legend Group, VALIC, Bright Start, Magellan  
Behavioral Health, Deferred Compensation, State Universities Annuitants Association.

When new benefits information becomes available, you will be notified. Visit  
[www.benefitschoice.il.gov](http://www.benefitschoice.il.gov).

### **Physical Therapy Student Association to host fundraiser**

GSU's Physical Therapy Student Association will hold its Fourth Annual Run4Rehab on Saturday, May 31, 2014, here on campus. This year's event will be a "Buddy Run" — a 5k run or a two-mile walk/roll. Participants are invited to support someone who has had a brain injury. All funds raised will support the Brain Injury Association of Illinois. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The walk/run/roll kicks off at 9 a.m. Registration fee is \$25. To register online, visit [www.active.com/university-park-il/running/races/run4rehab-5k-run-2mile-walk-2014](http://www.active.com/university-park-il/running/races/run4rehab-5k-run-2mile-walk-2014)

Note: If registering on race day, only cash or check will be accepted. For additional information, contact [Run4Rehab@gmail.com](mailto:Run4Rehab@gmail.com). Or visit [www.facebook.com/run4rehab](http://www.facebook.com/run4rehab).

The PTSA is a student-run association at GSU. Its purpose is to familiarize and enhance the students with knowledge of and participation in professional organizations such as the American Physical Therapy Association, Illinois Physical Therapy Association, and other physical therapy-related special interest groups. It does this by developing and augmenting leadership skills, promoting service learning and enhancing students' and the public's knowledge of the physical therapy profession and GSU's Physical Therapy Program.

### **GSU professor to take part in literacy webinar**

Professor Karen Petersen 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. The two webinars have been 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.

## **Computer Science Club holds 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](#).

## **Planning 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 announced**

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  
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  
Psychology Club  
Student Leadership Institute  
Lambda Lambda – Sigma Theta Tau International  
Social Work Student Organization  
Student Healthcare Management Association  
Toastmasters International  
National Student Speech Language Hearing Association

## **Registration for University Sustainable Garden now 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/](http://www.govst.edu/garden/).

## **The library is collecting 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](#), library operations specialist, or call ext. 7515.

## **Only a few days left for cell phone drive**

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 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, along with phone accessories like chargers, cords, etc., (most wanted: iPhone and Blackberries, but we will take what you have) will be welcomed. For a full list of accepted items, visit [www.ncadv.org/takeaction/DonateaPhone.php](http://www.ncadv.org/takeaction/DonateaPhone.php).

## **Annual spring open market comes this week**

For one day only, the GSU Civil Service Senate will hold its Annual Spring Open Market on May 1, from 11 a.m.—6 p.m.

Crafters and vendors will have their unique items on display and for sale in the Hall of Governors. Be sure to visit that day to find the perfect gift for someone's birthday, Mother's Day, Father's Day or just because.

Crafters and vendors are encouraged to participate and can call 708.235.7559 before April 21 to reserve space.