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## GSU reveals first group of basketball recruits to commit for 2014-15 season

Athletics is a major part of GSU's transformation. On Saturday, May 31, men's head basketball coach and athletic director Anthony Bates introduced eight recruits who have committed to play men's basketball for GSU next year at a luncheon on campus.



The luncheon was the official launch of the athletics program. It introduced more than 100 Chicago-area and suburban athletic directors and coaches, as well as coaches from area Amateur Athletic Union teams, to the long term plans for the program. The luncheon was a proud moment for the university's athletic department and gave its staff a chance to meet with coaches and ADs face to face and begin developing professional relationships.

"This is an opportunity for us to introduce GSU to these ADs and coaches as an attractive, well-rounded destination for their student athletes to continue their education and athletic pursuits," Bates said. "Our first recruits will play a vital role in developing long-standing traditions. They will build a legacy for every athlete that comes after them."

Athletic department staff was introduced at the event, including La Toshia Burrell, GSU's women's basketball coach. Professor John Yunger will be the athletic department's faculty advisor.

GSU will begin men's and women's basketball as club teams for the 2014-2015 season. Half of the teams' schedules will be against club teams and the other half will be against intercollegiate teams from other colleges and universities. The university has applied to and anticipates acceptance into the Chicago Collegiate Athletic Conference and its governing body, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Acceptance to both would allow GSU teams to play their entire schedules against other intercollegiate teams, beginning with the 2015-2016 season.

Meet the first eight players that signed with GSU:

- Brandon Berry, Bogan H.S., 6'5"
- Khalen Davis, St. Rita H.S., 6'5"

- Saieed Ivey, Simeon H.S., 6'3"
- Haki McLauren, Malcolm X College, 6'8"
- Christopher Seaton, Seton Academy H.S., 6'4"
- Miles Snowden, Plainfield South H.S., 6'8"
- Princeton Steward, Langston University, 6'6"

More to come on athletics in the future.

## Teachers can call upon experience of peers and mentors at STEM conference

Registration is now open for the Illinois New Teacher Collaborative's 2nd Annual Beginning Teacher STEM Conference, July 29 — 30 at the I Hotel in Champaign.

This conference is open to K-12 teachers of science, technology, engineering and math teachers with one to four years of full-time classroom experience. This includes elementary and secondary teachers. Mentors, district administrators, and GSU STEM faculty are also welcome to attend.

This conference offers beginning STEM teachers an opportunity to:

- Attend sessions led by master teachers and STEM university faculty, all of whom are experts in their field
- Gain valuable teaching tools and ideas to use in their classroom next year
- Reflect on and share the past year's teaching experience
- Network with other new teachers from around the state

Conference registration is free. The conference includes one breakfast, two lunches, and a reception, plus a chance at winning several door prizes, including an iPad mini. The conference is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Governors State University through its Teacher Quality Partnership Grant, the College of Engineering at Illinois, the State Farm Companies Foundation, and the College of Education at Illinois.

For more information and to register, GSU-affiliated new teachers, mentors, administrators, and faculty can go to <http://intc.education.illinois.edu/events/stem2014gsu/>. The conference is sponsored by Governors State University through its Teacher Quality Partnership Grant. CPDUs will be available.

If you have questions, please contact [intc@illinois.edu](mailto:intc@illinois.edu) or 217.244.7389.

## GSU welcomes interns to assist with freshman orientation



Maria D'Apolito (L) & Brittany Czech (R)

In preparation for FC14, the Academic Resource Center is hosting two graduate student interns for the summer – Brittany Czech (right) and Maria D'Apolito (left) – through participation in the National Orientation Directors Association Internship program.

This highly competitive national program matches orientation, transition and retention professionals and host institutions with energetic, dedicated students looking to expand their orientation experience and connections.

Brittany Czech is a graduate of Northern Illinois University, and a resident of Lisle, Ill. She will be starting her master's program in college student personnel this fall at Illinois State University. Brittany is most excited about working with Governors State's new students, and shaping the orientation program.

Maria D'Apolito is a graduate of Kent State University in Northeastern Ohio. She will complete her master's degree next May from Ohio University. Maria is most excited about being a part of the expansion of Governors State University and learning from its faculty, staff and students.

## **Campus dining – June menu and newsletter available online.**

Check out the Campus Dining [website](#) for its calendar of daily hot entrees at lunch and at dinner as well as the June newsletter describing specials planned for the month.

## **GSU myONECARD – now accepted at GSU Café, bookstore**

Shopping for GSU gear, textbooks and food just got a whole lot easier. The GSU Cafe and bookstore are now accepting the GSU myONECARD for payment. Check out the myONECARD website for information on how to register your myONECARD and add money to your card on line or at the cash loader in the Hall of Governors (adjacent to the First Midwest ATM).

## **New Support Group for Those Who Stutter**

A new chapter of the National Stuttering Association support group is now meeting under the sponsorship of the GSU Department of Communication Disorders. The support group is open to adults who stutter, as well as their family members. Communication disorders students are also welcome to attend.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the Department of Communication Disorders conference room, located in the F wing. The group will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of every month.

For directions or additional information, please contact Dr. Eileen Brann, assistant professor in GSU's Department of Communication Disorders, at [ebrann@govst.edu](mailto:ebrann@govst.edu) or 708.534.4594.



Dr. Eileen Brann

## GSU to hold inaugural Undergraduate Research Symposium

GSU will hold its inaugural Undergraduate Research Symposium on Thursday, June 5, from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in E-Lounge. Please encourage your students to participate in this symposium.

[The registration and the abstract submission forms are included here.](#) Please send the completed forms by email to Shelly Kumar at [skumar@govst.edu](mailto:skumar@govst.edu) by Monday, June 2. Students are encouraged to attend the symposium even if they are not presenting in the conference.

Students may present their work in podium presentation or poster presentation formats. The podium presentations will be 10 minutes in duration. All abstracts will be published in the symposium proceedings. Certificates of Merit will be awarded to all student participants.

## Jaguar Nation apparel on sale at the bookstore

Want to show your allegiance to Jaguar Nation? Now you can. Jaguar t-shirts and posters are available in the campus bookstore. Show your school pride today.

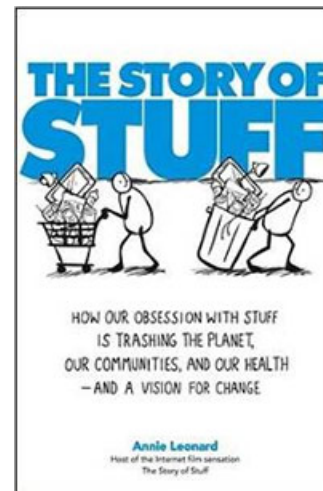


## One Book One University FC14: "The Story of Stuff"

The Intellectual Life Committee announced that all freshmen will be given a copy of the book "*The Story of Stuff*," thanks to the support of Provost Deborah Bordelon.

"*The Story of Stuff*" focuses upon how Americans simply have too much stuff. Author Annie Leonard shares with the reader the problems with too much consumption by tracing products from beginning to end. Most importantly, she offers concrete ways of eliminating our extreme consumption to ultimately enhance our health, improve our communities and perhaps even save our planet.

"*The Story of Stuff*" lends itself to engaging informal or formal classroom conversation, invites thoughtful imagining of activities and ways to change our day to day lives, and allows us to implement concrete activities that all members of the GSU Community can embrace.



As we all begin planning for our next school year, the Intellectual Life Committee invites students, faculty, club leaders and members of the GSU community to incorporate "*The Story of Stuff*" in your planning. Visit [www.storyofstuff.org](http://www.storyofstuff.org) for ideas. Announcements will be forthcoming as more specific plans begin to unfold.

Please contact Dean Lydia Morrow Ruetten at [lruetten@govst.edu](mailto:lruetten@govst.edu) with ideas, suggestions or questions.

## GSU Library summer hours

From Monday, May 19 – Friday, July 18  
Open Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30p.m.  
Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

## Purchase your Garden Plot for University Sustainable Garden

Calling all gardeners, you still have an opportunity to have a plot in the University Sustainable Garden. The cost for a plot is \$10 – \$20, depending on the plot size. Part of the university's commitment to sustainability 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, sign the rules agreement and make payment to reserve a plot. For further information, please see the university sustainable garden website: [www.govst.edu/garden/](http://www.govst.edu/garden/).

## Help the library archive and preserve artifacts from FC14

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, ([eengelbrecht@govst.edu](mailto:eengelbrecht@govst.edu)) library operations specialist, or call ext. 7515.



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