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A newsletter for students, faculty & staff



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## BUZZ

### Have you Met Baby Jax?



Maybe you have seen him around campus. He's small, furry and looks just like JAX, the GSU Jaguar mascot, only smaller. He's Baby Jax and he's making the rounds of the GSU campus and soon, the Ivy League.

Baby Jax was a birthday gift for GSU Director of Recruitment & Outreach Kristy Goodwin. "The recruiting specialist knows I love our mascot and wanted me to have a smaller version of him. Baby Jax is a stuffed animal (jaguar). He is soft, cuddly and is adored by all who see him. He is also seen as a cool recruiting tool, used to market the GSU Jaguars wherever he can."

Goodwin started taking pictures of Baby Jax with people around campus. "Once they see him, they love him, so I wanted to capture him with various people. Being the Director of Recruitment, I am

constantly thinking to expose GSU and now, our mascot to the world! The more I can do to get GSU out there and make it fun, the more people will want to know."

Now Baby Jax is making his way to other college campuses, spreading GSU Spirit wherever he goes. He's going to make his Ivy League debut at Dartmouth College. "After posting all of my Baby Jax pictures on my Facebook page, interested colleagues want their fair share of him. So the Registrar at Dartmouth asked if Baby Jax could fly in and tour the campus as well as other spots in New England," Goodwin said. After Dartmouth, Baby Jax has been asked to fly to Las Vegas to be on the UNLV Campus!

Once Baby Jax gets back, Goodwin said people can schedule an appointment to take him to class or an activity on campus. Just call Recruitment at 708-534-4493. "I think we can start a whirlwind of activity where students, faculty and staff can build their own experiences with Baby Jax and maybe this concept can go viral." she said.

## The "Triad" Story

You have seen it a thousand times. It's on every document you get from GSU. But have you ever wondered what that triangular shape in the GSU logo is? Well, it's called the "Triad" and it has a story behind it.



The three sides of the "triangle" symbolize the university's teaching, research, and community service functions. The three lines visually suggest the shape of a rocket, reminding us both that the university was founded (July 17, 1969) within days of Neil Armstrong setting foot on the moon (July 20, 1969) and that the university is a hope-filled, pioneering community, committed to a better future for all men and women. The circle symbolizes the fact that the university is, indeed, a community. Finally, the fact that the tips of the triangle reach beyond the circle indicates the university's outreach into the region, state, and nation and its commitment to teaching, research, and community service.

So now you know.

## EVENTS

**Join Us for Black Women Rock Friday and Saturday**



"Black Women Rock" (BWR) celebrates the outstanding achievements of Black female students, faculty, and staff at Governors State University and community members in surrounding areas. Inspired by BET's Black Girls Rock, BWR aims to empower women to pursue their personal aspirations, encourage women to support others who are making positive strides and enlighten women on tools for success. Please join us for the Resource and Vendor Fair and the Awards Show this Friday and Saturday.

Here's a YouTube link highlighting this event: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKVn4RS5OUg&feature=youtu.be>

**Resource and Vendor Fair:** Friday, February 20, 2015, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., in the Hall of Governors

**Awards Show:** Saturday, February 21  
5 p.m. – Red Carpet  
6:30 p.m. – Showtime: Center for Performing Arts

## Spirit Day February 19



Do you have GSU Spirit? You can show it on Thursday, Feb. 19 during GSU Spirit Day! All students are encouraged to sport their GSUwear and show Jaguar pride!

## Graduate School Fair March 7

GRE test-taking strategies, choosing the right graduate program and financing your education are all topics that will be discussed at the Graduate Program Open House at GSU on March 7, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Attendees will learn from expert breakout sessions designed to answer questions about

these important issues.

"We understand that the decision to go to graduate school is an important one and accurate, helpful information is needed," said Dr. Elizabeth Cada, Dean of Graduate Studies at GSU. "This Open House will provide prospective students with the guidance they need to make the best decision for their careers and their futures."

Governors State University offers 28 master's degree programs, one specialist degree program and five professional doctoral degree programs as well as 17 graduate-level certificates in a variety of areas from healthcare to business and education to arts and sciences.

The GSU Graduate Open House is free and open to the public. Advance registration is requested by February 27. To register, go to [www.govst.edu/grad-openhouse](http://www.govst.edu/grad-openhouse). For more information, call (708) 534-4086 or [janderson13@govst.edu](mailto:janderson13@govst.edu).

## Students Chat with the President March 3



Students, do you have questions or ideas you would like to share with GSU President Dr. Elaine P. Maimon? This is your chance! Join Dr. Maimon for a Chat with the President session on Tuesday, March 3 at 3:00 p.m. in the Prairie Place Great Room. Refreshments will be served. No RSVP's required. Questions? Contact Penny Perdue at [pperdue@govst.edu](mailto:pperdue@govst.edu) or call 708.534.4130.

## Vision 2020 Symposium

On Friday, March 6, GSU's faculty and staff will gather on the CPA stage for a discussion of our transformation. We hope that you will attend.

"*From Transformation 2014 to Vision 2020: Successes, Challenges, and Next Steps*" is title of this symposium, which will continue our tradition of highly engaging and informative discussions.

Maury Cotter, Director of Strategic Planning and Quality Improvement at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will lead faculty, staff, and students in discussions of what went well, what was unexpected, what should we modify or change? As we learn from the past, we will plan for the future, framed by Vision 2020.

We begin the morning at 8:30am with a continental breakfast. Lunch will also be served and the day will conclude by 3pm.

RSVP's are required due to the nature of the symposium. Please RSVP to [pperdue@govst.edu](mailto:pperdue@govst.edu) or by

calling x4130.

We hope to see you on Friday, March 6 at 8:30 a.m., on the CPA stage.

## Submit your Program for Women's History Month

Women's History Month can trace its roots back to March 8, 1857, when women from New York City factories staged a protest over working conditions. International Women's Day was first observed in 1909, but it wasn't until 1981 that Congress established National Women's History Week to be commemorated the second week of March. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month.

Join us in celebrating the contributions of women by submitting a program for Women's History Month. Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TDD86KT> to submit your program today. This opportunity is open to university departments, student organizations and GSU community affiliates. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, February 18th. For more information or inquiries please call x4551 or email [diversity@govst.edu](mailto:diversity@govst.edu).

## NEWS

### Make Time to Refresh Your Library Research Skills

Need to learn how to set up your personal I-Share Account? Want to know how to retrieve e-books?

Today and tomorrow, February 16th and 17th, from 3-4:15pm, you are invited to attend **ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCES: I-SHARE CATALOG AND E-BOOKS**, a workshop demonstrating how to:

- use the I-Share catalog to find GSU library materials,
- request books from other university libraries
- create your personal I-Share account
- explain how to retrieve e-books
- review other features of the library catalog.

Workshops will take place in the Cube in room D2438

Additional workshops scheduled for this semester include:

- Databases and Journal Articles on Monday Feb. 23rd and Tuesday Feb. 24th
- Web of Science database and EndNotes on Wednesday Feb. 25th

Be sure to check the Library's Workshop Schedule at, <http://libguides.govst.edu/workshops>, for times, descriptions, additional workshops, and contact information.

### Are you Ready for Transfer Thursdays?

Transfer Thursday is when you visit GSU, submit your completed application and official transcript(s), and get your admission decision all in the same day. If you have earned your Associate degree or at least 45 semester hours of college coursework; have 2.0 or higher cumulative GPA and can obtain official transcripts from your previously attended institutions(s) you are ready for Transfer Thursday!

So if you are ready to complete your undergraduate degree or are anxiously awaiting your admission and want to avoid the stress, Transfer Thursdays are perfect for you! Tour our campus, learn how to finance your education, speak with an admission counselor, and learn about student resources.

The next Transfer Thursday is February 19, from 4-8 p.m., but are held intermittently throughout the

semester. [Click here](#) to register.

## Freshman Friday February 20

Do you know someone who would like to attend Governors State as a freshman? Be sure to tell him or her about Freshman Fridays at GSU! At Freshmen Fridays, admission to GSU for highly qualified students has been streamlined. All attendees need to do is provide the appropriate documentation and meet the qualifications. Graduating seniors then simply apply to GSU and receive an instant admissions decision on-the-spot. Then, as a future GSU student, they can meet with academic and financial aid advisors, take a tour of the university and see what residence hall life is like.

To qualify for direct admissions on Freshman Fridays, graduating seniors must meet the following criteria:

1. Have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale
2. Have a minimum composite ACT score of 20 with at least a 20 in the English and math components
3. Provide their official high school transcripts and official ACT scores (scores may be posted on the official transcript).

Additionally, GSU will waive the application fee for qualified applicants attending Freshman Fridays.

In 2015, Freshman Fridays will be held from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. on: February 20, March 6, April 3, and May 1.

[Click here](#) for registration to one of the four dates, or call 708.534.4490 for more information.

## Back by Popular Demand!

The GSU Library Perpetual Book Sale has returned and can be found on the Library Balcony.



The book sale features hard cover and paperback books that have been retired from GSU library circulation. Each book is a dollar, and payment is on the honor system. There is a collection box on the wall to the left of the book sale shelf. The book stock is changed as books become available.

"We have had many requests from the GSU community to reinstate the book sale which was removed due to the library renovation," noted Diane L. Nadler, Reference Desk Manager, Social Media Coordinator and First Year Student Contact. "We invite you to stop by and review the books that are on sale. Your support is greatly appreciated and all monies go directly to help the library," she said.

**SAVE THE DATE**

## A Chance of a Lifetime: Reintegrative Justice and the Role of Higher Education

What are the best practice strategies for institutions of higher learning to engage and support students who have a criminal background? What are the collateral consequences facing these students? How can higher education play a role in decreasing recidivism and transforming lives?

GSU students, faculty, staff and members of the community are invited to attend a free symposium to discuss these issues on **Monday, March 9, 2015, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.**

The event is sponsored by the GSU Social Work Student Organization (SWSO) and GSU's Generating Hope Support Network. Generating Hope is designed to provide support, mentoring, networking, information and resource linkage for the formerly incarcerated, their families and friends. The group is free and open to the public.

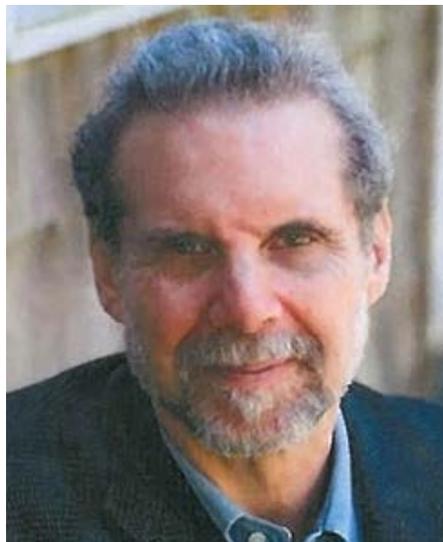
This event is made possible through a Governors State University Intellectual Life Grant. For additional information, contact Dr. Lorri Glass, Associate Professor of Social Work, at [lglass@govst.edu](mailto:lglass@govst.edu).

## U.S. Army Field Band Free Concert

The United States Army Field Band—Jazz Ambassadors—America's Big Band, will play a free concert at the Center for Performing Arts Tuesday, March 17 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are free, but there is a limit of four per household. Call the Box Office at 708.235.2222 for tickets. [Click here](#) for more information on the band.

## Dr. Daniel Goleman, Monday, March 23



Dr. Daniel Goleman, author of  
*"Emotional Intelligence"*

Join us for a free lecture and presentation followed by a Q & A with Dr. Daniel Goleman Monday, March 23, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts.

Dr. Goleman, is the author of the best-selling and influential book "Emotional Intelligence." He will present his new book "Focus: The Hidden Driver of Excellence" followed by a book and CD signing.

The presentation is sponsored by the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE), College

of Education, Teacher Quality Partnership Grant, College of Health and Human Services, and College of Arts and Sciences

For more information, call 708.534.4024 or visit [www.govst.edu/mile](http://www.govst.edu/mile).

## Doing Business in Latin America

A free workshop on Doing Business in Latin America will be held Friday, March 27, 2015 from 9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. Business and trade leaders from Brazil, Colombia and Panama will help you understand the opportunities and challenges in these markets and discuss best practices leading to success. Registration, at <http://bit.ly/govstsbdc> is required.

The workshop is sponsored by: Governors State University, Indiana University Center for International Business Education and Research, Illinois SBDC and International Trade Center, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

For more information, contact: Dr. Jun Zhao [jzhao@govst.edu](mailto:jzhao@govst.edu), 708.534.4953, or Mary Ma [hma@govst.edu](mailto:hma@govst.edu), 708.534.6976.

### Facebook Posts of the Week



*Response to our Valentine's Day post on What You Like About GSU:*

**Angela Marie Miranda** I love GSU because it is not just a school, but a support network. If it wasn't for the Social Work faculty and many classmates, I would not be where and who I am today. I have learned a lot and continue to grow as a person and as a social worker because of the motivation and support that I receive. Thank you...



*Response to GSU Triad Logo post:*

**Johnson T Ode** Wow, Governor State University, a great citadel of learning, I am proud to be your product.

**Do you have a story or event you want to submit for the GSU View?**

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