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NEWS

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DDP Student Named Student of the Month at Triton



Francis Segura

Francis Segura, a student in the [Dual Degree Program](#) (DDP), has been named University Center Student of the Month at Triton College in River Grove. Francis is in the Bachelors of Social Work program in the College of Health and Human Services, and has been taking her classes at Triton since the Fall 2013 semester. She is on track to graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Spring 2016.

As a DDP student, Francis is taking her classes at Triton, but is assisted with transfer advice, course selection, and personalized academic planning with advisors both there and at GSU. The DDP is a partnership with Triton College and 16 other Chicagoland community colleges that provides full-time students with an excellent pathway to earn quality, accessible, and affordable associate and bachelor's degrees.

Congratulations to Francis! Read about her selection [here](#).

SBDC International Trade Center Featured on Chinese TV

Sinovision, the Chinese language TV program provider that reaches 30 million viewers, came to GSU to interview [SBDC International Trade Center](#) (ITC) at GSU Director Hongxia (Mary) Ma about receiving the President's Award for Export Service from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

In the interview, Ma explained how the ITC has helped local business grow \$3.7 billion in exports, create hundreds of jobs, and assisted minority owned small and medium businesses expand the overseas market.

[Sinovision.net](#), where the ITC interview can be seen, is one of the most popular Chinese language websites in the U.S. Ma said the reach of the media giant will benefit the ITC. "We are very delighted to receive the interview from the leading Chinese Language Media, Sinovision, which has millions of views covering the East and West coasts, and the Midwest. It will bring a broad platform to promote our Illinois ITC export promotion services and highlight Governors State University programs," she said.

GSU is a Smoke and Tobacco-Free Campus July 1



As of July 1, 2015, in accordance with (110 ILCS 64/) the Smoke-Free Campus Act, smoking and tobacco use will be [prohibited at Governors State University](#) indoors and outdoors on campus and in vehicles. Littering the remains of tobacco products or any other related waste product on campus property is further prohibited.

The purpose of the Smoke-Free Campus Act is to provide a healthy environment that promotes and encourages the health, well-being, and safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors at Governors State University by minimizing the negative effects of secondhand smoke; to improve safety; and to encourage a more sustainable environment.

A link to consequences for disregarding the law is: <http://www.govst.edu/communitystandards/>.

To read the Higher Education Smoke-Free Campus Act.
<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=3575&ChapterID=18>

BUZZ

Live on Campus



Applications are now being accepted from students to live in Prairie Place for the 2015/2016 school year. Prairie Place, GSU's on-campus residence, features fully furnished, air conditioned apartments or suites, with all utilities, cable TV, internet service and Wi-Fi included in the cost. Students can choose either an academic year (fall & spring) or 12-month contract (fall, spring, summer and all break periods).

To find out more about Prairie Place and to apply, [click here](#).

CBPA Students Travel to Brazil



GSU Study Abroad students in the College of Business and Public Administration are taking a course in Brazil this summer. The course is a Faculty-Led Program, a section of the [Study Abroad program](#) in which GSU faculty take their course to another country for 2-3 weeks. The students are in Brazil through June 17, traveling to Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

The course, *Special Topics in Management—Business and Culture of Brazil*, is designed to develop skills and perspectives that enable students to gain experience in an international environment. The students will visit businesses, practice cross cultural exercises, listen to guest speakers, and partake in class discussions. On the second day of the trip, the students, under the supervision of GSU Associate Professor of Economics Anthony Andrews, toured NATURA, the largest cosmetic company in the country.

The group also visited BOVESPA, the Brazilian stock exchange center in Sao Paolo. They then traveled to Rio de Janeiro, where they spent the weekend before resuming business visits on Monday.

Pictured at the NATURA headquarters in Sao Paulo are from left: Dr. Anthony Andrews, GSU Associate Professor, Social Work, Dr. Maristela Zell, Ana Abonce, Oriyomi Abraham, Deborah Coleman-Givens, Nancy Gallegos, Eric German, Ruba Ibrahim, Kevin Kelly, Vicki King, Rita Taylor-Nash, Elizabeth Ortiz, and DeVonna Walker.

Student-Athletes Make the Grade on Spring Honor Roll

Congratulations to the GSU student-athletes who earned a 3.0 or higher for the Spring 2015 semester!

Spring Semester Honor Roll 2015:

Men's Basketball: Haki McLaurin*; Ammanuel Ayalew*; Saieed Ivey*; Christopher Seaton*

Women's Basketball: Zaporla Smith; Marlynda Bishop; Raven Phillips*; Andreana Johnson

*repeat Honor Roll student from Fall

EVENTS

Future Jaguars Summer Basketball Camps



Boys and girls from grades 2-8 can experience basketball fun, skills, and drills this summer at the first-ever Future Jaguars Summer Basketball Camps at GSU.

The Boys Camp will be held June 15-19 and/or June 22-26 and will feature players from the GSU men's basketball team, led by Athletic Director and Head Men's Basketball Coach, Tony Bates and his assistant coaching staff. For more information on the Boys Camps [click here](#) or to register, [click here](#).

The Girls Camp will be held June 15-19 and feature players from the GSU women's basketball team, led by Associate Athletic Director and Head Women's Basketball, Coach La Toshia Burrell and her assistant coaching staff. For more information on the Girls Camp [click here](#) or to register, [click here](#).

Two Student Library Workshops This Week



Student Library Workshops in June

The GSU Library is hosting two upcoming student workshops:

Online Library Resources: Journal Articles and Databases: Monday, June 15 from 3:15-4:15 p.m. in Library Room D2420. Learn how to select journal databases relevant to paper topics or assignments along with learning helpful search strategies and much more.

Online Library Resources: Books, E-Books, and the I-Share Catalog: Tuesday, June 16 from 3:15-4:15 p.m. in Library Room D2420. Learn how to use the online library catalog to find books and e-books at GSU and how to request books from other libraries in the I-Share System.

Questions? Contact Linda Geller, lgeller@govst.edu.

Southland Community Forum on State Budget

With the Illinois General Assembly continuing to struggle over the state's budget for the upcoming fiscal year, GSU and the Consortium for Civic Engagement will host a Community Forum: The State Budget and its Impact on the Chicago Southland Region: A Community Response on **Friday, June 26 from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.**

The forum will include a panel discussion featuring Yvonne Orr-EI , CPO of the South-Southwest Suburban United Way, David Lloyd, Director of the Fiscal Policy Center at Voices for Illinois Children, and Dr. Edward Piatt, Senior Account Manager for the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (ret.), speaking on two sub-themes: challenges of the state budget, and the impact the budget will have on the Chicago Southland. Michael Jasso, Cook County Director of Planning and Development from Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle's office will also be participating.

The forum will also include breakout sessions, in which attendees will be encouraged to creatively think and engage in discussions of the pertinent issues involved. Following the breakout sessions, Dr. Larry Levinson will moderate as the groups share their proposals and as to how the region can address the challenges of the state budget.

The forum is open to the public and Southland residents, business and community leaders, and students, and all interested parties are encouraged to attend. Lunch and light refreshments will be served. To register, which will assist in planning for the lunches, please contact Larry Levinson at 708.235.7362.

SAVE THE DATE

On-Campus Student Employment Workshop

The [Office of Career Services](#) is hosting a free workshop to give students interested in on-campus work an inside view of the hiring process for Federal Work Study and Regular Student Employment on Campus. "Employing Students Helps GSU, Students and You!" will be held in two sessions: Thursday, July 9 and Wednesday, July 15. Both sessions are from Noon-1 p.m. Information will also be provided on registration for the upcoming August Student Employment Fair. For more information, call 708.235.3974.

Summer STEM Camps at GSU



STEM Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics

GSU is hosting summer programs in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) for grade school and high school students. A Robotics STEM Camp for students in grades 8-12 will be held July 13-17 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. A second camp for high school students: Hands-on STEM Fun! will be held July 20-23 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. A Hands-on STEM Fun! Camp for students in grades 6-7 will be held July 20-23 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Registration is required for all the camps. For more information, contact Melinda Elliott at melliott@govst.edu or govst.edu/cas/stemcamp.

Do You Do Research Involving Human Subjects?

The Office for Human Resource Protections will present a Research Community Forum: "Human Subjects Research: Current Challenges in the Modern Research World" at GSU Tuesday, July 28. Elizabeth Buchanan, Ph.D., Endowed Chair in Ethics and Director of the Center for Applied Ethics at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, will give the Keynote speech, "A New Internet Research Ethics Program." Early registration is \$110 through June 14. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.ohrpjuly15.illinoisstate.edu/>.

ADA Resource Fair July 29

GSU will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act with an Alternative Accommodations Resource Fair, Wed., July 29 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Hall of Governors.

Learn about the services and programs that local, regional, and state agencies provide for our special needs community. The fair will feature speakers, presentations, and other valuable information about the ADA.

The event is free, and everyone is welcome. Vendor tables are also free. For information and to reserve a vendor table, contact rsweeney@govst.edu, or 708.235.3968.

f Facebook Posts of the Week



Response to our request for a name for the baby bird nesting in the "Arc 3" sculpture post :

Sarissa Johnson Boudreau Joan, of course. Joan of Arc 3
Dorothea Brown Franklin Governor



Response to piece aired on WCIU-TV about the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park post :

Nancy Pieper-Clampitt Cool!
Ethel Warren Saw them last week and they are magnificent.

Do you have a story or event you want to submit for the GSU View?
[Click here to learn about our submission guidelines.](#)



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A total of 331 veteran students were enrolled at GSU during the last school year. With a number that large, fully-staffing the VRC became a top priority for Smith. Now, with three student office assistants on hand and the Center open every day, assisting veterans becomes an easier enterprise. "We are available and accessible to the veteran students to answer any questions, and we meet with them in a one-on-one setting," he said.

In addition to the paperwork that always needs to be filled, Smith said veteran students can also rely on the VRC to provide them with as-needed services such as disabled veterans outreach and VA-supported readjustment counseling. The VA Resource Clinic meets at the VRC twice a month and the disabled veterans outreach meets once per month. Representatives from the VA meet with veteran students and discuss any issues they may be having. There is also on-campus counseling provided for people with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The VA also has an employment assistance meeting at the VRC once per month.

Continuing to evolve with the changing needs of the veteran students is another goal of the VRC, Smith said. Becoming more efficient by switching to a paperless system for processing veterans' benefits, a re-design for the VRC web and launching a presence on social media with Facebook and Twitter pages are coming in the fall semester. "We also have an intern who is making a welcome veterans video for the VRC section of the GSU website, which will also be redesigned," Smith added.



Kevin Smith