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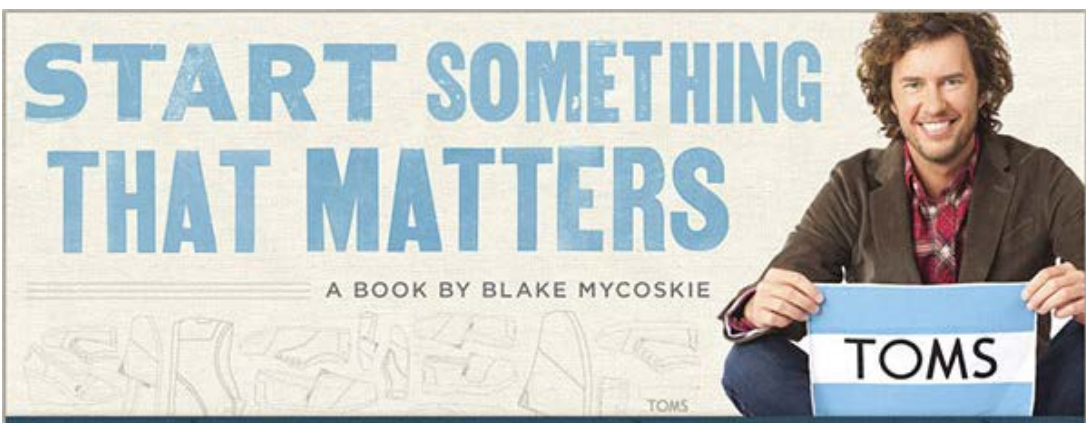
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NEWS

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HR Wins Award for Promoting Employee Health



The [Human Resources Department](#) won a Silver Award in the 2015 WEWILL WorkHealthy Worksite Wellness Recognition Program. WEWILL WorkHealthy is chronic disease reduction initiative implemented by Will County's Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) Collaborative. The award recognizes GSU as a worksite that actively promotes employee health through six main areas of worksite wellness. Businesses with worksite wellness programs can document reduced absenteeism, lower health care costs, increased productivity, and increased employee morale.

The HR Department will be presented the silver award at the WEWILL WorkHealthy Wellness Summit on Thursday, September 10.

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GSU Catalog Goes Digital

The [GSU Catalog](#) has "gone digital." You can now find the catalog on the GSU website. Directions for use are found on the opening page. Students will find degree requirements, course offerings, undergraduate and graduate rules and regulations, and much more in the new electronic edition. Archived PDF versions of the annual catalog from as far back as 2003 are also available.

One of the features of the online catalog is "MyCatalog." Visitors, whether or not they are a GSU student, can use the "MyCatalog" feature to store information for quick reference later. When browsing the catalog pages, a click on the star icon will save a course, program, division, and navigation link to the user's MyCatalog page. When this feature is set up, users can also send a request to be contacted by an academic advisor.

GSU is now a Smoke and Tobacco-Free Campus



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

GSU's Department of Public Safety (DPS) will support efforts to comply with the state law and to maintain a Smoke Free/Tobacco Free campus. According to Chief of Police James McGee, "The Department of Public Safety will initially advise violators of the policy and request them to stop. Further enforceable actions will be to forward employees for progressive disciplinary sanctions and to forward students to the [student code of conduct](#) for the policy violation."

BUZZ

New Foodservice Provider Begins Service

Arena Food Service, Inc., began service Monday, July 6 with full retail services in the [GSU Café and C-Store at Prairie Place](#). Our new foodservice provider will feature daily specials, themed meals and a loyalty card program. The *GSU View* will give you an in-depth look at some of the new features Arena will be providing GSU students and staff in next week's edition. In the meantime, here are some pictures to whet your appetite:



Freshmen to ROAR July 14; Student Facebook Takeover Planned

Freshman Orientation Day, now officially called ROAR—Resources, Orientation, Advising and Registration, was a big success during its initial program on June 25. The second ROAR session will take place Tuesday, July 14 at 9 a.m., when the freshmen will be welcomed and introduced to the ROAR leaders and interns.

This time, one of the ROAR leaders will provide a running account of the day's fun and informative sessions and activities on the [GSU Facebook page](#). The ROAR Leaders have become great ambassadors for GSU, helping the new students and their parents find their way around and answering any questions they might have. "Becoming a ROAR Leader for GSU has been rewarding in more than one way. The influence I have on the incoming students and the self-growth I see within myself is definitely delightful! I'm enjoying my experience," said sophomore Briana White.

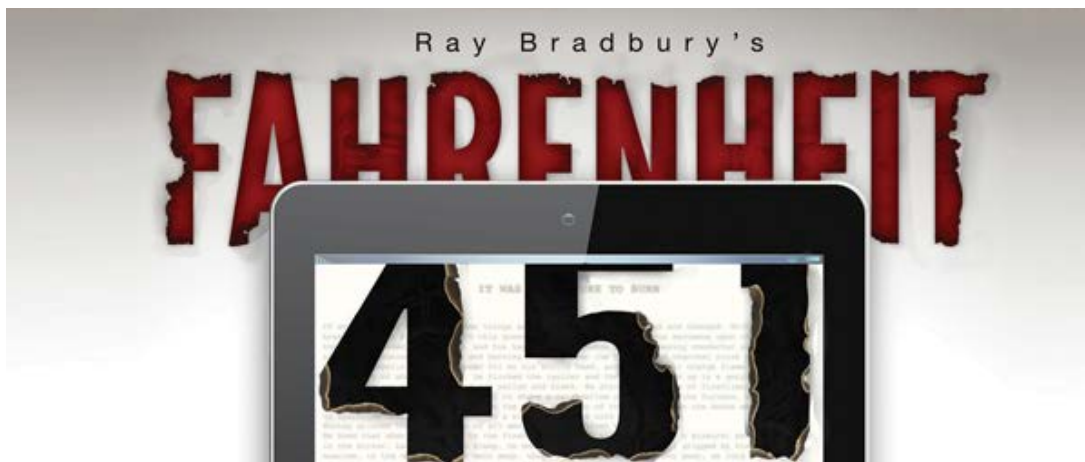
Parents and guests will also be on campus for a full day of sessions, including what to expect during their student's first year, a financial aid session, a campus tour, and an Academic Programs Fair. The ROAR session is popular with parents because, as one family member of an incoming freshman said, "The staff and students were all so helpful and made it (ROAR) fun."

Bookstore Summer Clearance



The [GSU Bookstore](#) is having a Summer Clearance Event. From June 29-July 26, take an additional 30 percent off already reduced items. The offer is not valid on food items, Starbucks products or graduation items and cannot be combined with any other offer.

Auditions for Fahrenheit 451 at CPA



Auditions for Ray Bradbury's "Fahrenheit 451" will be held September 1 & 3 at the Center for Performing Arts. Producers are casting a large ensemble of high energy, versatile, and creative performers—women and men, students and non-students, faculty and staff, novices and veterans of all ages—interested in creating science fiction magic. Those interested in auditioning should prepare a one-minute monologue showcasing intensity (focus, power, force, etc.)

[Schedule an audition](#) or contact Dr. Patrick Santoro at 708.235.2842 or psantoro@govst.edu for more information.

EVENTS

Undergraduate Open House Saturday, July 11



UNDERGRADUATE OPEN HOUSE Saturday, July 11, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Be sure to come out this Saturday, July 11 for [Undergraduate Open House](#), from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. With the innovative freshman academic program, recently renovated science, health science and technology classrooms and labs, and [Prairie Place](#), GSU has a lot to showcase.

Information on [admission requirements](#), [campus life](#), and [student housing](#), as well as specific undergraduate programs will be available for prospective students and their parents. Students will also be able to meet with Governors State faculty and academic advisors. Representatives from [Financial Aid](#) will be available to meet with all prospective students to discuss plans for financing education. Housing representatives will be available to provide information about living in Prairie Place.

If you know someone who would be interested in attending GSU, please let them know about Open

House. [RSVP](#) or contact the Office of Admissions at 708.534.4490 or gsunow@govst.edu.

On-Campus Student Employment Workshop for Hiring Managers

[The Office of Career Services](#) is hosting a workshop for **GSU Department Hiring Managers** to explain 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 (Room B2200) and Wednesday, July 15 (Room B2215). Both sessions are from Noon-1 p.m. Information will also be provided on registering as an on-campus employer for the upcoming August Student Employment Fair. For more information, call 708.235.3974. **Students should plan to attend the Student Employment Fair on August 26, 2015.**

GSU Days at Great America



GSU Days at Great America are July 25 & 26, and August 6 & 7. Discounted tickets are available to use on the designated days for entry into the park through the [Cashiers' Office](#) for \$30 per ticket. Purchase tickets to enjoy fun and excitement with your friends and family.

Ticket sales are on a first come, first served basis. Contact [Student Life](#) for additional information at 708-235-7653.

Summer Hours Ending July 31

The last day of the Friday Summer Hours Program for employees will be Friday, July 31, 2015. Regular work hours will resume on August 3, 2015.

SAVE THE DATE

Summer STEM Camps at GSU



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. See the [2014 STEM Camp](#) video.

Scholarship Scramble Golf Outing July 24



Join the GSU Foundation for its Scholarship Scramble Golf Outing Friday, July 24, 2015 at the University Golf Club & Conference Center, 23520 Crawford Avenue. The day will feature 18 holes of golf, lunch, contests, and prizes. A dinner buffet and awards presentation will follow. Proceeds from the Scholarship Scramble will provide merit and financial need-based scholarship opportunities to deserving students in pursuit of bachelor's degrees. Call Angela Mehalek at 708.235.2832 for more information. Sponsorship and raffle opportunities are also available [when you register](#).

Shrek the Musical at CPA



The Crete-Monee Enrichment Program will present Shrek the Musical at [The Center for Performing Arts](#), Friday, July 24 at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 25 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, July 26 at 2 p.m.

Based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film, this TONY Award-winning fairytale adventure features all new songs and brings all the beloved characters from the film to life on stage. It's irreverent fun for the whole family.

[Tickets](#) are \$15; \$10 for students.

Do You Conduct 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." 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.

SPORTS

Athletics Announces Volleyball Signings


The Athletic Department has announced more four signings to the women's volleyball program leading up to GSU's initial season in NAIA sports.





Brianna Clark (middle) signing a letter of intent with Coach Anthony Bates (right) and Brianna's father (left) looking on.


[Corina Williams](#) is a multi-sport student-athlete from Tinley Park High School, where she participated in basketball, track and field and, of course, volleyball. [Erika Halverson](#) is a 5'10" outside hitter from Peotone High School. A standout in the classroom, Erika was a high honor roll student her entire four years of high school. [Hayley Wacker](#) arrives at GSU from St. Francis University in Joliet, where she

earned high honors in the classroom and on the court with 147 kills, 14 assists, and 33 digs. [Briana Clark](#) is a transfer student from Prairie State College where she was a standout outside and middle hitter. She was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the honor society.

 **Facebook Posts of the Week**

 *Response to the GSU's 46th birthday on July 17th post :*
Kayla Bechtel Hey GSU has the same bday as me! Happy upcoming bday GSU!

 *Response to our Happy Independence Day post :*
Hussain Ashu Happy independence day to all of u guys...

 *Response to our Chicago Tribune story on the GSU Women's Basketball program post :*
Patricia Harrell Fynn Awrightttt!!!! That's a close commute!!!

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

[Click here to learn about our submission guidelines.](#)



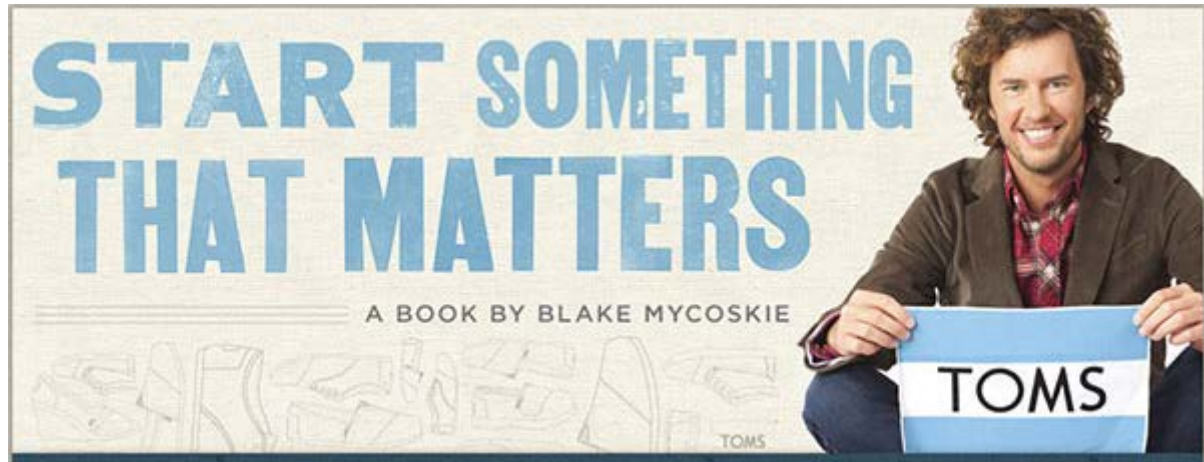
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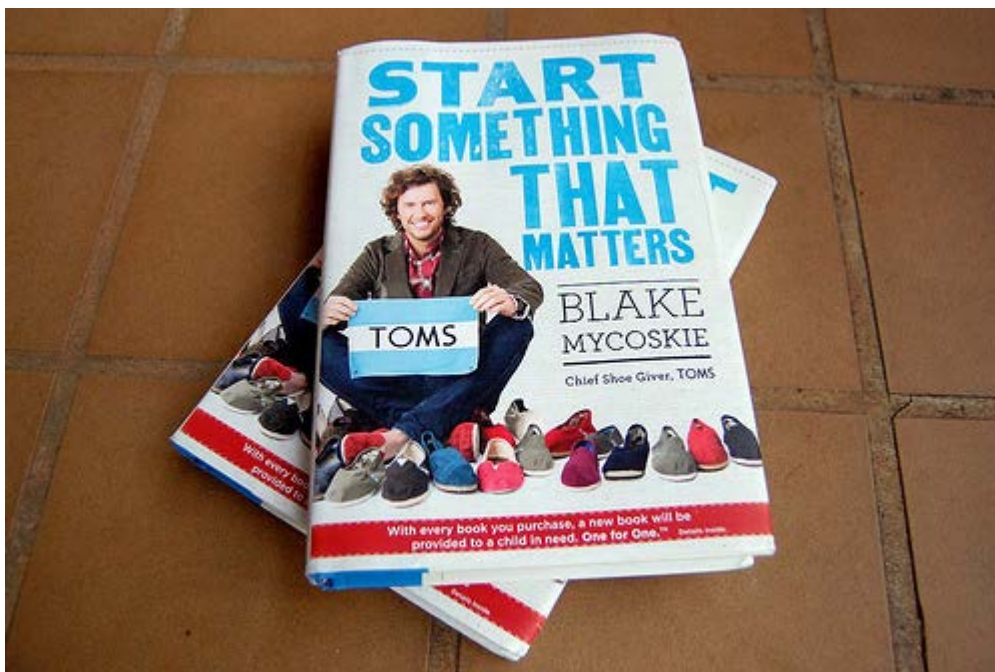
One Book, One University Selection: Start Something that Matters

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Mycoskie is the founder of Tom's Shoes, and the book highlights the story of Tom's and the "One for One" business model, which helps a person in need each time someone purchases the company's shoes, eyewear, clothing, or coffee. The book uses the story of Tom's as a blueprint to inspire readers and show them how to go about starting something that matters by offering insight and motivation



The purpose of GSU's One Book, One University program is to build a sense of common experience for students and encourage thoughtful discussion and reflection as they begin their academic lives. Each year, the committee selects a book for the program with the goal of bringing the GSU community together in dialog through lectures, book discussion groups, programs and class assignments. The [One Book, One University](#) site will showcase all events taking place.

"Having each freshman read the same book helps the student become more aware of his/her participation in an overall community and often opens the student up to a world distinct from their own through contemporary issues. It also offers opportunities to establish connections with faculty, staff, and fellow students because there is always a topic that you have in common," said Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the GSU Library and Chair of the Intellectual Life Committee. The book was also chosen because it relates to the three Cohort Themes at GSU: Civic Engagement, Global Citizenship, and Sustainability.

There are seven themes in "Start Something That Matters:" find your story, face your fears, be resourceful without resources, keep it simple, build trust, giving is good business, and the final step—moving from thinking about doing something to actually doing it. To that end, [Morrow Ruetten](#) is interested in learning how teachers are using the book in their classes and how people take a lead from the book to start something that mattered.

"It is the intention of the Intellectual Life Committee that this book will encourage students here at GSU to take their dreams, turn them into reality, and start something that matters," Morrow Ruetten said. Students will also be encouraged to share their stories of how the book has inspired them to go after their passions and not be hindered by finances, excuses, or even cynics.

Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Randi Schneider said that the book's message will have relevance across the university. "'Start Something That Matters' offers an opportunity for common intellectual and community experiences. One Book, One University helps create the high impact learning environment proven to make a difference in student success. For instance, in Student Affairs we will use the themes of the book to help first year students find and tell their personal story and set

goals for the future. Likewise, in the classroom, economics students can study the effect of the Tom's philosophy 'giving is good business' on the international business community. The book has relevance for the freshmen cohort themes, student engagement, as well as for upper division and graduate courses. The possibilities for 'Start Something That Matters' are limited only by our imagination," she said.

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The Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center and the Center for Online Teaching, who sponsor the annual Faculty Summer Institute, honored Dr. Wagner's achievement with a handsome GSU Exemplary Course Award plaque, and a \$500 credit toward faculty scholarship or training. The award was presented by Barbara Mandel of the [Center for Online Teaching and Learning](#).

The GSU Exemplary course award is open to all faculty. The applicant course must be a hybrid or online course that has been taught for at least one semester at GSU, and reflect Best Practices as measured by the GSU Blackboard Rubric. Each applicant is asked to review his or her course by rubric standards, and submit a narrative explaining how the course meets Best Practices. The winner of the award is selected by a committee of GSU faculty appointed to evaluate applications.

As a condition of the award, the winner is asked to present his or her course at next year's Faculty Summer Institute. At this year's FSI, Jennifer Boender, last year's award winner, presented her course on "Sex: What Everyone Wants to Know."

Faculty members are asked to consider submitting their hybrid or online course for the GSU Exemplary Course Award, 2016!