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Smart Start—August 10 – 14, 2015



The first few weeks of college life are a crucial time for our students to get acclimated to GSU. During those early weeks student's transition from high school to college, create new social networks, find ways to manage the inevitable pressure of new and higher expectations, and establish new routines that support their success. We have created the [Smart Start](#) experience to ensure that students have faculty, staff and peer support student success and to learn what it means to be part of Jaguar Nation. We know that students are far more likely to persist and be successful when they feel welcome and immersed in their new community. As our hallways awaken to the sounds of new students remember that your enthusiastic welcome makes a difference in the student experience.

The Smart Start program begins Monday, Aug. 10 and runs through Friday, Aug. 21. Students in the Smart Start program were selected by faculty based on a combination of GPA, ACT scores and/or high school grades that suggested Smart Start would serve as the perfect way to get started in college. The program helps students strengthen their academic skills, develop a peer support network, and familiarize themselves with GSU and its resources. Smart Start students are enrolled in an English program and/or a mathematics program, as well as the first-year student seminar called Mastering College.

In addition to the academic programs offered, Smart Start students can participate in a variety of [fun and social activities](#).

Register Now for Fall Classes



[Registration](#) is now open for all admitted students (except freshmen, who register at freshman orientation). Use your Student Study Plan to assist you in selecting classes from the online schedule. Your acceptance letter included your GSU username, password and new student email account information. Please use this information to log in to your myGSU portal for registration and other online services. A [registration tutorial](#) is also available. Contact your academic advisor if you have not yet received your study plan or if you have any questions about registering for classes.

Nominations Requested for Baysore Award

The Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Award is presented to the GSU employee who most fully demonstrates the following four qualities so consistently and fully embodied by Dr. Baysore during his eighteen-year service to the university: absolute integrity; total competence; generous dedication; and unfailing civility.

The Baysore Award will be presented by President Maimon during Convocation on Friday, August 21 (please see the accompanying Convocation article below).

This award is given only when a candidate meets the strict qualifications as listed above. Nominators are encouraged to devote special time and attention to their written nominations. The length of the nomination is not as important as the quality, but enough information should be included so that the committee can make an informed decision.

You can submit your written nominations via email to pperdue@govst.edu.

The deadline for nominations is Monday, August 17, at 5 p.m.

BUZZ

It's that time of year again! Employee Picnic Fun!



"Hot Fun in the Summertime" is the theme for this year's [Employee Picnic](#), Friday August 7 from 11a.m.-3 p.m. Be sure to RSVP today!

There will be a photo booth sponsored by Civil Service Senate, and two new Foodie Attractions: Arise, GSU's new food vendor, and Zarlengo's Italian Ice. But get there early! Food will only be served until 2 p.m.

There will be an egg relay and a DJ who will have some games as well. Be sure to get your two-person team ready for the Bean Bag Tournament and email [Jim Zumerchik](#) to register. There are many more fun activities planned!

Be sure to wear bright, festive colors like lime green and yellow or your GSU Jaguar apparel.

Don't forget to print and sign your [risk waiver](#) and bring along with your tickets otherwise you will have to sign one that day.

A Reminder from Facilities

In the interest of personal safety as well as preservation of GSU property, Facilities Development and Management (FDM) would like to remind the GSU community that moving of furniture, equipment, or other permanent objects by persons other than FDM staff is strictly prohibited. Doing so may subject the college, unit, or sponsoring organization to a grievance charge with monetary consequences. Only items with rollers/casters may be moved within a classroom or office. For any concerns, please contact Facilities at Ext: 4515.

RSVP for Convocation August 21



You don't want to miss Convocation 2015, Friday, August 21 at 3 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts. Convocation is the official kickoff to the 2015-16 school year.

This year, all students who come to Convocation will receive a beautiful magnetic Convocation Pin that can be worn during Commencement. This is the **ONLY** chance you will have to get this pin. Be sure to [RSVP today!](#)

The three Excellence Award recipients will be announced, followed by the presentation of the Baysore Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a GSU employee.

For the second year at Convocation, one high school teacher and one community college teacher who were nominated by incoming GSU students will be presented with the Educators Legacy Award in recognition for their outstanding work.

GSU's traditional ice cream social will follow immediately after.

Here is a look back at the [2014 Convocation](#), a day that included [the dedication of Prairie Place](#).

Make Bookstore Purchases with Financial Aid through FA Link

Using your financial aid to purchase school supplies, text books, and more at the [GSU Bookstore](#) has never been easier. [FA Link](#) is available now through September 12. Completion of the financial aid process and other conditions must be met before students can use FA Link.

Follow us on Instagram



Instagram

The GSU [Instagram](#) page had a successful official first week of posting with pictures of STEM Camp and the third and final ROAR freshman orientation event. The online mobile photo-sharing, video-sharing and social networking service enables its users to take pictures and videos, and share them on a variety of social networking platforms. GSU students and staff can use the GSU page to share their own GSU stories and images. We encourage you to share pictures of yourself around campus and in GSU gear!

GSU's Instagram photo-taker, sophomore Lauriel Butler will be shooting pictures all semester—either with a camera or with her trusty iPad. If you see her, say hello! She might make you our next Instagram celebrity.

Bookstore Summer Clearance Event Through August 30



The [GSU Bookstore](#) is having a Summer Clearance Event through August 30. Take an additional 40 percent off already reduced items while supplies last. The offer is not valid on food items, Starbucks products, or graduation items, and cannot be combined with any other offer. See store for details.

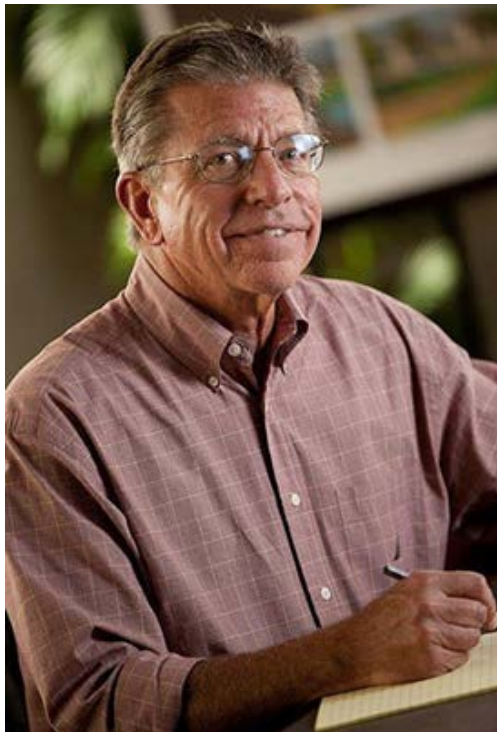
EVENTS

Master of Occupational Therapy

The Department of Occupational Therapy will host an information session for its Master of Occupational Therapy degree program Wednesday, August 5, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., in room G-157.

For additional information, contact janderson13@govst.edu or pkalvelage@govst.edu.

Creating a Culture of Employee Ownership



Phil Moeller

The School of Extended Learning will present a workshop called "[Creating a Culture of Employee Ownership](#)," Thursday, August 6, from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. The workshop will be presented by Phil Moeller, past president of Holland Company. The fee for the workshop is \$150 and includes a copy of Moeller's book, "Employees Becoming Owners."

Call for Latino Heritage Month Programs

Friday, August 21 is the deadline to submit programs for Latino Heritage Month. Celebrated September 15-October 15, Latino Heritage Month recognizes the history, culture, and contributions of Latinos in our global society past, present, and future. September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively.

Please submit your program, including title, description, program date, and type (lecture, service, social, visual arts, performing arts) online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LatinoHeritageMonth>. For more information or questions, email diversity@govst.edu or call x4551.

SAVE THE DATE

Welcome Week August 24-29



The GSU campus comes alive with the start of the fall 2015 semester. [Welcome Week](#) activities begin on August 24, offering students the chance to get to know the university and each other. The excitement kicks off Monday with a Jaguar Welcome in the Café from 10 a.m.-noon, and again from 3-6 p.m. There will also be concerts, movies, an open-mic night, and the Welcome Week Carnival. You won't want to miss any of it!

Friends of the Library Book Sale



Looking for a place to donate some of your new or gently used books, CD's, DVD's, and artwork? Look no more! The GSU Friends of the Library are planning for the next book sale on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 25 and 26.

Bring items that you would like to donate to the Library during [regular business hours](#). The Friends of the GSU Library table is on the library balcony. You can place your items for donation in one or more of the Green bags, and leave them on the table; and

1. Fill out the Donations/Gifts to GSU Library Form that is on the table. Please be sure to note whether you would like a letter of acknowledgement.
2. Place the Donations/Gifts to GSU Library form in one of the books where it can be found.

If you have any questions, please send them to friendsofgsulibrary@gmail.com.

Students, are you Looking for Employment?



Students, if you are looking for employment, the [Office of Career Services](#) is hosting a Student Employment Job Fair, Wednesday, August 26, from 3-6 p.m. in the Hall of Governors.

Need a resume refresher before the fair? Be prepared: Attend the OPEN RESUME LAB on Thursday, August 20 from 3-5 p.m. in room D2430C, for direct assistance with updating your document.

For more information, contact [Cynthia Staples](#) in Career Services by August 19, or call 708.235.3974.

Sports

Men's Sports Sign Three Student-Athletes



Johnny Dancy (center, front row) signs with GSU's Men's Basketball Team

The Athletic Department had a busy week signing student athletes leading up to GSU's first season in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). The men's golf team signed [Courtland Keyes](#), a freshman from Harrison High School in West Lafayette, IN. Courtland was a two time varsity letter winner who earned a spot on the All-Sectional Team, and won the 2014 Harrison Most Improved Award, and was also a state finalist.

The men's basketball program signed two players to help Coach Tony Bates' squad. [Jalen Miller](#), a 6'5" small forward from Chicago, is a transfer student from Prairie State College. He was named First Team All-Conference at-large while at Prairie State, where he averaged 17.1 points per game. The

men's team also added [Johnny Dancy](#), a four time varsity letter winner from Rich Central High School. Johnny was a 40 percent shooter from three-point territory in high school and also a leader in the classroom, participating in Student Council, Mock Trial Club, and Year Book Club.

Facebook Posts of the Week



Response to Chi Towner's ecstatic post that he was accepted into GSU:

Derrick Garcia Robinson Congrats fellow alumni, you will not be disappointed with this university. Absolutely the best instructors in Illinois! Shots out to professor Jones, Palcu, Reid, Thompson, Gardiner, Wilson, and the rest of GSU criminal justice professors. Radjosevic from math, haven't forgotten about you.



Response to our post about ROAR Leader Brittany's photo on parents at Prairie Place learning what students can expect during the first year at GSU:

Sharon Phillips It's great that GSU is involving the parents.



Response to our post about System Administrator Day:

Amber Trainor I don't know what I'd do without their support. Well I know a couple things. I wouldn't be able to log into my email. Thanks for the endless temporary passwords. I would have failed a paper for an online course, I worked countless hours on, if Joe hadn't let my professor know there was a problem with the server. I was on vacation trying to submit my paper and it simply was bouncing back. Very grateful they are always very friendly and courteous.

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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"DREAM is a coalition of students dedicated to mentorship; disability advocacy; and the achievement of equal access, inclusion, diversity, and non-discrimination, in all education programs and in every

profession," she said.

President Elaine P. Maimon, who spoke at the resource fair's opening, noted that the ADA fits well with GSU's mission, as the university has spent its history removing barriers to education and empowering students.

DREAM President Haynes told the group the power of the ADA is in the belief that everyone, regardless of their disability, has the right to be treated with respect and encouraged to achieve their best. "All of us are here today because we believe in equality – the same rights, the same social status, the same education and the same job training. We believe in alternate accommodations. We believe in DREAM."



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DREAM also presented an award to GSU public affairs specialist Lindsay Gladstone for her work in developing and promoting ADA compliant email blast procedures that ensure equal access to the information. Tom Bierdz, a lecturer in the College of Education and DREAM sponsor, who presented Gladstone with the award, lauded the work being done at the university, especially by the Marketing Department. "We have come a long way in ADA compliance in a few years, and Lindsay is a big reason why that has happened," he said.

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[Tickets](#) for the 20th anniversary season go on sale to the public Monday, August 10, and CPA Executive Director, Lana Rogachevskaya says everyone will find something to enjoy. "There will be something for every family in the Southland. Whether you are moved by electrifying dance, soulful music, thought-provoking theatre, or family-friendly events; we've got it live at the Center, and it's affordable and

close to home."

Opera fans won't want to miss [Viva Italia](#), on Sunday, September 20. Complete with a sampling of Italian favorites like pasta and wine, this Opera Up Close experience visits Italy, the birthplace of opera, with a program that features five singers performing Act 3 of La Boheme, Puccini's timeless love story, as well as Neapolitan songs, arias, duets and ensembles from operas by Verdi, Donizetti and Rossini. Patrons are seated on the stage with the performers for this intimate taste of Italy.

October showcases comedy, dance, and family fun. Join Emmy-nominated Ryan Stiles and other TV comedy stars for some hilarious improvised comedy and song, or bring the family to see the inquisitive, lovable little monkey, [Curious George](#). If you like Alvin Ailey dance, try [PHILADANCO! at 45](#), celebrating Joan Myers Brown and James Brown, pioneers in dance and music.

November celebrates [The Big Read](#), as GSU's Theatre and Performance Studies program presents Ray Bradbury's science fiction tale, [Fahrenheit 451](#). GSU is one of 75 nonprofit organizations nationwide to receive a grant to host a Big Read project. Fahrenheit 451 is a gripping story that is at once disturbing and poetic. Bradbury takes the materials of pulp fiction and transforms them into a visionary parable of a society gone awry, in which firemen burn books and the state suppresses learning. Bringing to light the dangers of censorship, Fahrenheit 451 is more relevant today than when Bradbury wrote it. The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

Concluding November will be [Chévere de Chicago](#), a leading Latin/Jazz band, mixing Afro-Cuban, Brazilian, Jazz, Blues, and just about everything else together into an exciting and unique collage of sound. This performance will feature Grammy award-winner Howard Levy and special guest trumpeter Grammy-nominated Victor Garcia (of CAJJE Chicago Afro-Latin Jazz Ensemble) and nine talented band members. Celebrate the holidays in December with Salt Creek Ballet's [The Nutcracker](#) and [Take 6](#).

The second half of the season highlights Chicago-based artists and local actors in a mix of shows including Porchlight theatre's tribute to the music of Fats Waller in [Ain't Misbehavin](#), Sweet Home Chicago Blues, baby Broadway [Seussical](#), and Southland Area Theatre Ensemble's [Sondheim on Sondheim](#). You can even go on an epic journey through Spain when Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater presents [A Night of Spanish Dance](#) featuring "Bolero" and "Mil Clavos." This 40th anniversary tribute for the company highlights Maurice Ravel's most popular work, The Bolero, and combines flamenco and contemporary dance styles. A sampling of food and wine native to the region will be offered as an add-on ticket.

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- In the [myONECARD](#), [Campus Dining](#) & [Bookstore Services](#) on the GSU Campus session, freshmen heard how these areas will help GSU students get through their day;
- A session on fitness, called Get Fit. Stay Fit @GSU focused on the [Recreation and Fitness Center](#) and how it can help with fitness goals;
- Pointing You in the Right Direction for Career Success, had staff from the [Office of Career Services](#) discussing the [Four Year Career Compass](#), and how this model will guide students through a process that will lead them to success;
- Self-Advocacy: Know How to Get What You Need and Want to be Successful was a workshop that introduced self-advocacy skills specifically for [students with disabilities](#);
- In the University Honors session, students learned how the [GSU Honors Program](#) can be an excellent opportunity to enhance their academic experience;
- The [Study Abroad](#) session showcased the opportunities to study abroad through GSU, application requirements and procedures, financial aid options, and the overall benefits to studying abroad;
- Building Better Men for Greater Success session featured the Director of [Intercultural Student](#)

Affairs speaking on how men can be part of the Male Success Initiative designed to help male students, particularly men of color, create a game plan to fulfill their destiny.

Each of these sessions was developed to allow incoming freshmen the opportunity to become more familiar with GSU and feel more involved in their educational opportunities. "Our goal for students at the end of ROAR is to make sure that they feel welcomed, informed, and supported. Our student evaluation assessment showed that over 99 percent of our students who submitted evaluations felt that the Overall ROAR program was effective," said Nicholas Hyer, Cohort Advisor and New Student Programs Coordinator.

The feedback from the incoming freshmen is encouraging, but Hyer added that there will be more assessments to look for ways to make ROAR even better next year. "While we are proud of the efforts we have made to orient our students we know that there is always room for improvement. We will continue to push the realm of possibilities moving forward."

If you have suggestions or comments about your experience with orientation please feel free to fill out the following survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QVZC5WP>.