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A newsletter for students, faculty & staff



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## News

### President Maimon Praises AAC&U in Inside Higher Ed Article



*President Elaine Maimon*

President Elaine Maimon is quoted in an [Inside Higher Ed](#) article that illuminates the work of the Association of American Colleges and Universities ([AAC&U](#)). The AAC&U represents 1,300 institutions, ranging from community colleges to research universities, including GSU.

The article, "AAC&U's Moderate, Strong Voice on Competency-Based Education and Disruption," gives an inside look at the association, and its Liberal Education and America's Promise (LEAP) program, which promotes [Essential Learning Outcomes](#); [Principles of Excellence](#); [High-Impact Educational Practices](#); [Authentic Assessments](#), and [Student's Signature Work](#).

President Maimon praises the work of the AAC&U in the story, saying that "AAC&U really helps to translate some of the values and principles of the academy at its best."

## Convocation is Friday!



Are you ready for Convocation 2015? The official kickoff to the 2015-16 school year is Friday, August 21 at 3 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts, and you don't want to miss it! This year there is an extra incentive to attend. 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.

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 freshmen will be presented with the Educators Legacy Award in recognition for their outstanding work.

GSU's traditional ice cream social will follow immediately after. Be sure to [RSVP today!](#)

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Additionally, any person asking for applicants to deposit checks into their bank account, or request that money be transferred to their organization is not authentic and is a malicious attempt at monetary fraud. Please do not engage in any transaction or provide any personal information. Please know that GSU would **never** forward your information to an employer without your consent.

[Read More on page 10](#)

## The GSU Library—Our Campus Living Room



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"Our library at GSU provides the backbone of the university. Students, faculty, staff, and community members are able to expand their horizons and delve into new arenas of knowledge through the resources available there," said Dr. Deborah E. Bordelon, GSU's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. "The recent transformation of the physical space in the library has made the library even more inviting and the library faculty and staff is always willing to support the educational needs of our GSU community. The GSU library is a vital component of who we are as a university," she said.

[Read More, and see a guided tour of the Library with Dean Lydia Morrow Ruetten on page 11](#)

## "Professor Fraud" Will Address Southland Chamber; Appears on CBS



Professor William Kresse, a.k.a. "Professor Fraud" will present "Skimmers, Spoofer, Porters and Dump Shoppers: Professor Fraud Discusses the Latest Scams to Separate You from your Money" at the September lunch meeting of the [Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce](#). The meeting will be held at the Homewood Suites on LaGrange Road in Orland Park on Wednesday, September 16.

Professor Kresse also made an appearance on a CBS Chicago's "2 Investigators" piece called "[Fraudsters Can Steal Your Phone Number—And More—Through 'Porting.'](#)" In the report, he explained the new way scammers are getting consumers' information and stealing their identities.

## Registrar's Office Fall Semester Countdown; Summer Grades Available

The fall semester begins one week from today: Monday, August 24. Students should check their class schedules in [myGSU](#) (online services—academic profile) for course section information: meeting days, class times, and course drop deadlines.

Waitlists will be cleared by Thursday, August 20, allowing online registration for sections with open seats. Online registration will remain open through Monday, August 31 for classes that begin the week of August 24.

Also, summer 2015 final grades have been posted for classes that ended Aug 10. Students should log onto myGSU, online services, to view their grades. A [resource tutorial](#) is available.

Students with questions about grades should contact the course instructor or the division chair.

**BUZZ**

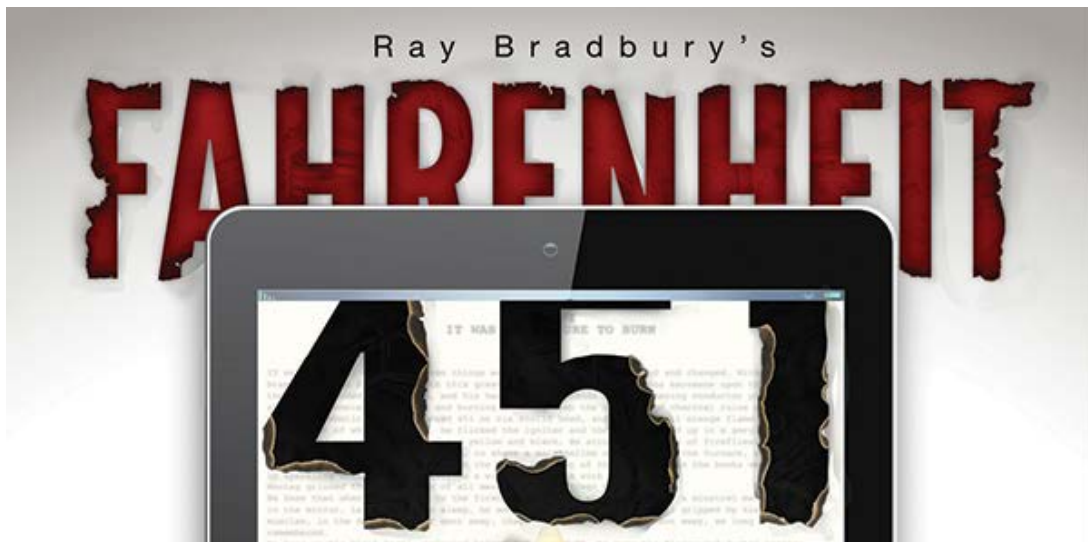
**Get Ready for Welcome Week August 24-29**



[Welcome Week](#) activities begin Monday, August 24, offering students the chance to get to know the university and each other. The excitement actually begins Sunday, August 23 with the 2nd Annual Fall Semester Opening Picnic for [Prairie Place](#) residents from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Prairie Place Courtyard.

The week officially 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, the kick-off to the women's volleyball season, and the Welcome Week Carnival. **You won't want to miss any of it!**

## **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.)

View the [audition promo video](#), [schedule an audition](#) or contact Dr. Patrick Santoro at 708.235.2842 or [psantoro@govst.edu](mailto:psantoro@govst.edu) for more information.

## **August 21 Deadline 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](mailto:diversity@govst.edu) or call x4551.

## 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.

## Stepshow Announcement



The 2015 Step Show will be held Friday, Oct. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts. This inaugural event is one of the many highlights of our annual [Family & Friends Weekend](#). We are currently seeking step teams from Greek lettered organizations to perform. There is a \$1000 prize for the best fraternity and best sorority. The registration fee for teams is \$100 and the deadline is September 18. Please visit [www.surveymonkey.com/s/GSUSstepshow](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GSUSstepshow) to register.

We are also looking for Greek lettered organizations to host an informational table that will be featured in the lobby of the Center of Performing Arts during the step show. If you know of vendors that sell Greek products or an agency who would like to be a sponsor we welcome their participation as well.

For more information, please call 708-235-4362 or email [slco@govst.edu](mailto:slco@govst.edu).

[Click here for the event flyer](#)

EVENTS

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## Swim Instruction Program

The Athletic and Recreation Center will hold a Swim Instruction Program for GSU students and Athletic & Recreation Center members. Registration for GSU students will begin Monday, August 17, and open registration will begin Monday, August 31. Classes will start on Saturday, September 5.

All class sizes are limited. Stop by to register in the Athletic and Recreation Center Sales office (A1106) or call (708) 534-4556 for more information. All courses are restricted to GSU students and unless otherwise noted. Current GSU students receive a \$5.00 discount per fee based course unless otherwise noted. Payment is due at the time of registration.

[Click here for full details and other programs offered at The Athletic and Recreation Center for Fall 2015.](#)

## Secretary of State Mobile Unit at GSU on August 25



The [Secretary of State's](#) Mobile Service Unit will be at GSU on Tuesday, August 25, from noon-6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Services available at the mobile service unit include driver's license and State ID renewal, replacement, and corrections; vehicle sticker sales; passenger and b-truck license plates; vehicle title and registration; parking placards for persons with disabilities; and organ/tissue donor information. In addition, vision tests and the written driver's license exam can be taken. No driving tests will be given. The services provided are available to all qualified Illinois residents.

## 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.

**SAVE THE DATE**



## 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](mailto:friendsofgsulibrary@gmail.com).

## Attention Hiring Managers

The Student Employment Job Fair is fast approaching. Get registered today! The Fair is Wednesday, August 26, from 3-6 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. Contact the [Office of Career Services](#) if you have any questions.

## DPT Information Session/Open House

The [Department of Physical Therapy](#) will host an Information Session/Open House for its entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree program Wednesday, Sept. 9, from 4-7 p.m. in Room F 2505. GSU offers an on-campus entry level Doctor of Physical Therapy degree for those interested in starting a career in Physical Therapy. Information about admission criteria and course curricula will be available.

Join us to get your questions answered, meet faculty and students, and tour our newly-renovated classroom/laboratory spaces. Advisors will be available for individual consultation. Light refreshments will be provided. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Mary Tracy at 708.534.7290 or [mtracy@govst.edu](mailto:mtracy@govst.edu).

## Clean Energy Town Hall



Illinois Sen. Toi Hutchinson (40th), Rep. Anthony DeLuca (80th), and members of the Illinois Sierra Club are scheduled to attend a Clean Energy Town Hall Forum, Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 6:30-8 p.m. in Sherman Hall. A panel of experts will discuss clean energy in Illinois, job training in the clean energy sector, and ways you can save money on your electric bill with clean technology. The event is free and open to the public. Pizza and light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact [Melinda Elliott](#).

#### Facebook Posts of the Week



*Response to our post about Sister Ida Green, who completed an M.A. in counseling from GSU in 1999, celebrating her 60 year anniversary in religious life:*

**Jamie Hofrichter** Love Sister Ida Green she was one of my Nursing Instructors!!



*Response to our post about our Small Business Development Center featured in the Chicago Citizen highlighting the resources and benefits it provides:*

**Paula Frank** I started w GSU Small Business Development Center. They supported me from the Business Plan to the Grand Opening. I've been in business about 6 years now. Thanks GSU

**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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Sadly, email spam, phishing and such is quite common world-wide and is difficult to prevent. We recommend using precaution whenever asked to provide personal or financial information to an unknown source. In addition, the Information Technology Services Department at GSU has been informed of the issue and has provided helpful links for students to use to better understand the dangers and "red flags" regarding malicious email.

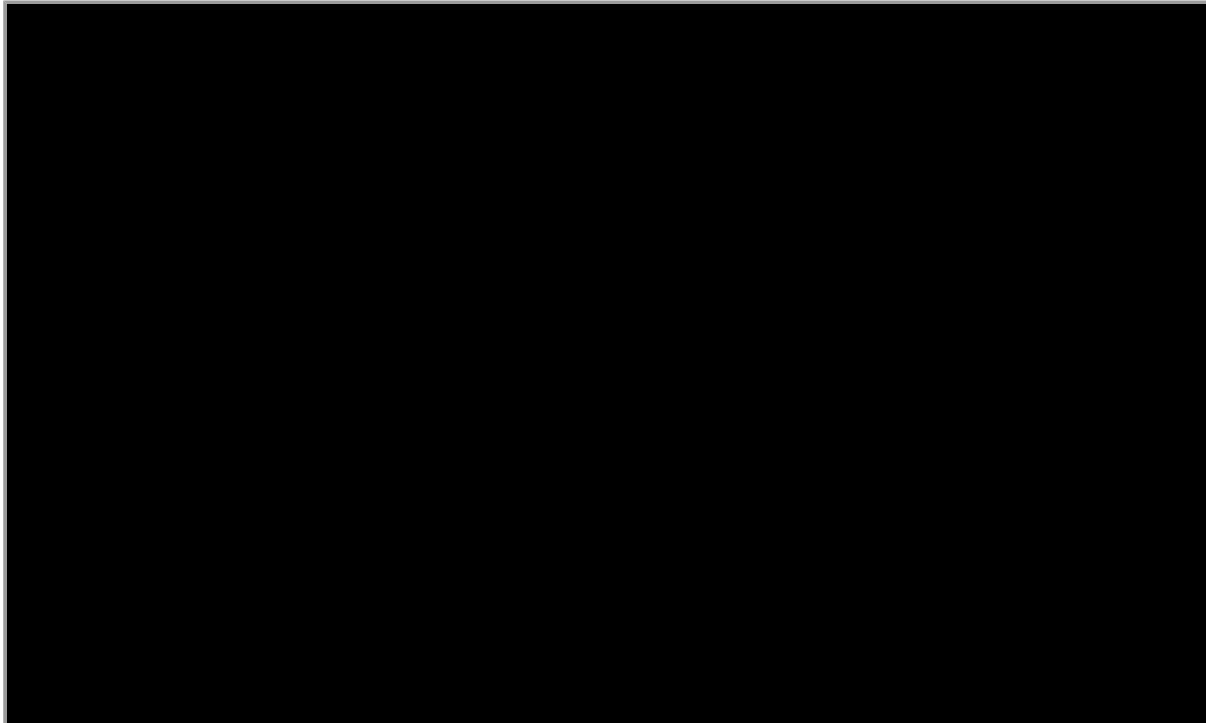
We believe this could be a result of a couple of fraudulent employers who gained access to our vendors' Jobs for Jaguars database in recent months in order to gain trust and attempt monetary fraud. We urge you to exercise caution and common sense, and please remain on the lookout for scammers. We have implemented a new verification process with the hopes of eliminating this from happening again in the future, but that will not stop attempts from those who are attempting to commit monetary fraud.

Email scam resources can be found in the links below for your reference:

- <https://www.getsafeonline.org/protecting-yourself/spam-and-scam-email/>
- <http://www.pcworld.com/article/2683898/three-warning-signs-that-email-is-malicious.html>

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Collaborating with highly skilled library faculty and staff dedicated to supporting the educational needs of our community, Library Dean Lydia Morrow Ruetten is focused upon providing service that meets the needs of all in our GSU Community. "Having worked in our new space for a year, our team took some time to evaluate how we might better serve our community," she said. As a result, changes have been made in library hours and service desk configuration.

New fall semester hours begin August 25, for those who want to get into the library earlier. They are:

**Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.**

**Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Sunday, 1-5 p.m.**

The library will also be open Saturday and Sunday August 29-30.

On Labor Day weekend, the library will be open Saturday, Sept. 5, and closed Sunday and Monday, Sept. 6 & 7.

There is also a change in the library service desks. Upon entering, the first desk to the left of the entrance is the Reference Desk. This is the first stop for reference assistance as well as information. The Circulation Desk will remain the same, and the third service desk to the right of the entrance is the Library Technology Assistance desk. This is also where one will find the Writing Center representative.

"In addition to supporting the educational needs of our community, through our library services, instructional visits to classrooms, liaison librarian student meetings and consultations, group collaboration rooms, and more, fall will also be a busy time for us," added Ruetten.

Adding to the activity will be events surrounding GSU's [Big Read](#) grant. The library will be partnering with the [Center for Performing Arts](#), six public libraries, and others in the GSU community interested in participating. The focus of this grant is inspired by Ray Bradbury's, *Fahrenheit 451*. The Skylight Gallery in the Library will also be dedicated to *Fahrenheit 451*.

The library will also be partnering with a number of departments at GSU regarding the [One Book One University](#), *Start Something that Matters*. Additionally, [OPUS](#), the GSU Open Portal to University

Scholarship will also be formally introduced.

President Elaine Maimon's comments about the library offers us all vision and inspiration about the role of the GSU library within our community, "Each and every student should know how to use a university's best resource – its library, our campus living room. A comfortable place to study, private rooms to work on group projects, librarians available for all types of help, the library is a special place. Even in today's digital age, the GSU library has never been more relevant."