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News

President Maimon Accepts Mayor Emmanuel's Challenge to Support Star Scholars



GSU was the first public university to respond to Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel's recent challenge to join the University of Illinois Chicago in developing an alliance with Chicago City Colleges' Star Scholarship students. In a [Letter to the Editor](#) of the *Chicago Tribune*, President Maimon accepted the mayor's challenge and announced that GSU has already initiated talks with CCC to provide a special opportunity to the Star Scholars. The scholars are graduates of more than 100 Chicago public high schools. They earned scholarships to attend CCC for free because of excellent grades and demonstrated ability in college-level math and English courses. [Five other](#) area universities have joined GSU to support the Star Scholars.

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Intellectual Life Grants Available

Intellectual Life Grants for up to \$500 are being awarded for events that promote and increase awareness of the arts, humanities and other intellectual topics of universal interest. Possible events might include lecture series, faculty research salons, workshops, panel discussions, exhibits, presentations in local communities and field trips. The events must take place between January 19, 2016 and May 8, 2016.

The primary audience for these events is GSU students, although the events should be open to all members of the GSU community and the region.

GSU staff and faculty, as well as enrolled GSU students with a faculty collaborator, are invited to apply using the Intellectual Life Grant Application. Events must be promoted as sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee in addition to any other sponsors.

Selection Criteria include:

- Comparative analysis between grant projects presented,
- Value to the GSU community in terms of intellectual life,
- Strategies for promoting the event,
- Completion of the event within the Spring 2016 Semester,
- Feasibility of the project based on the support of this grant plus any other sources of funding, and
- **Grant funding may not be used to compensate GSU employees or purchase hardware or software.**
- **Grant funding may not be used to cover printing costs. Please consider electronic forms of notification.**

Submissions are due October 16. [Please fill out the submission form in Microsoft Word](#) and email it to LRuetten@govst.edu. Award winners will be notified by November 6, 2015. For more information, contact [Lydia Morrow Ruetten](#).

BUZZ

Students-Enter the Literacy Autobiography Writing Contest



Students enrolled in English 1000 this fall are eligible to participate in the Literacy Autobiography Award Writing Contest. As a required assignment in the first semester, the Literacy Autobiography assignment asks students to reflect on how writing and reading have shaped their lives.

Students enter the contest by submitting their Literary Autobiography by February 27, 2016. Winners will be announced by the end of March and honored at a luncheon. Entries will be judged by a committee appointed by the President's and Provost's offices.

Students are encouraged to continue revising their autobiography after it has been graded - in

preparation for the contest.

Awards:

- First place - \$200
- Second place - \$100
- Third place - \$50
- Honorable Mention - \$25

Awards are funded through the generosity of Dr. Elaine P. Maimon and Dr. Mort Maimon.

World Renowned Documentarian Gordon Quinn at GSU October 14



Gordon Quinn

A giant among American documentary filmmakers and world renowned expert on documentary ethics will be appearing at GSU on October 14 at 6 p.m. in Screening Room F1622. [Gordon Quinn](#) received an Emmy last week for his work as Executive Producer on [The Trials of Muhammad Ali](#), and his life's work extends into an array of influential social conscience films including [Hoop Dreams](#), widely regarded as the greatest documentary ever made. Mr. Quinn is Founder and Artistic Director for [Kartemquin Films](#) of Chicago. The event has been sponsored by the Committee for Intellectual Life, GSU's MFA in Independent Film program, CAS, GSU's student Media Society, and the GSU Film Series. Admission is free.

Reconstructed Accepting Submissions

Reconstructed, GSU's literary and visual arts journal, is now accepting submissions for the Fall 2015 issue. All creative work is welcome, including but not limited to: original artwork, fiction, creative nonfiction, poetry, and photography.

Reconstructed is published both in print and [online](#). All published artists will receive a copy of the print journal and will be published on the website. To submit your original artwork, [email](#) up to six attached documents by November 2.

Faculty-Led Program to Thailand Info Session Oct. 15

The Department of Psychology and Counseling is returning to Thailand to sponsor a 15-day faculty-led program that will include 10 full days of workshops presented by Dr. Carlson on Counseling Across the Lifespan and Marriage Counseling. This opportunity is open to masters and doctoral students and will take place from December 5-19, 2015.

Learn more at an information session on Thursday, October 15 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in room C3300 or contact [Dr. Sonya Lorelle](#).

Purchase Stepshow Tickets Today



The 2015 Stepshow will be held Friday, October 9 as part of Family and Friends Weekend. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for non-students in advance; \$5 students and \$20 non-students at the door. Tickets can be purchased [online](#) or at the Center for Performing Arts Box Office.

Alternative Spring Break 2016-Puerto Rico



Are you interested in making a difference and volunteering during your spring break? Try going on

Alternative Spring Break 2016 to San Juan, Puerto Rico. Students will be immersed into the Puerto Rican culture and volunteer their time to help the country's social and environmental issues. To find out more, attend an information session in Room A2110 on either Monday, October 12 from 3:15-4:30 p.m., or Wednesday, October 21 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Gym Shoes and Cupcakes



The [Community Service Council](#) is sponsoring a used gym shoe donation drive October 5-23. Gym shoe PAIRS ONLY will be accepted in large donation boxes that will be located near the elevators across campus. The Council is also hosting a Bake Sale on Thursday, October 15 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Hall of Governors.

2016 Inclusive Leadership Conference Committee

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to serve as committee members for the 2016 Inclusive Leadership Conference at GSU. The conference is designed to help students create an understanding and appreciation for cultural differences through self-awareness while encouraging them to be free of misconceptions and prejudices through social justice education. The conference is scheduled to take place Friday, January 29, 2016. Please [submit your interest](#) in serving on the committee by Friday, October 9.

EVENTS

Professional Image and Career Conference

The Office of Career Services is hosting a Professional Image and Career Conference through Thursday, October 8. "Preparation is the key to a successful Career" will feature such beneficial career advice as Job Search Tips for International Students, S.T.A.R. Interviewing Skills, and How to Find an Internship. No registration is necessary. Visit the [Office of Career Services](#) website for a complete schedule. For more information, [email](#) or call 708-235-3974.

National Depression Screening Day October 8

To increase awareness and encourage early intervention for mood and anxiety disorders, GSU is hosting a campus-wide [National Depression Screening Day](#)® event Thursday, October 8 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. "Increasing numbers of college students are arriving on campus with mental health issues," said Emily Petkus, clinical mental health counselor in the [Academic Resource Center](#). "Our goals for this event are to help identify students who may be struggling with depression or

other mood disorders and connect them with quality treatment options early on."

Similar to many physical illnesses, early recognition and treatment offers the best opportunity for recovery from mental illness. The anonymous and confidential screening tool is designed to help students examine any thoughts or behaviors that may be associated with depression, generalized anxiety disorder, bipolar disorder, or posttraumatic stress disorder. After completing the self-assessment, students will be able to talk to a mental health professional and receive treatment information through the Student Counseling Center if necessary. Contact [Emily Petkus](#) for more information.

LGBT History Month Events



The [Office of Intercultural Student Affairs](#) is celebrating Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) History Month with a series of events during the month of October. This week's events include an artist reception and discussion featuring [Lorenzo Triburgo](#), creator of [transFORMATION](#): photographic portraits of transgender men on Thursday, October 8 from 4:30–7:30 p.m. in the [Visual Arts Gallery](#). On Friday, October 9, join us for a National Coming Out Day Celebration from 11 a.m.–2 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. It's a celebration of coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBT) or as an ally. Hear stories from the LGBT community, their families and allies about their experiences and learn how to support those who came out.

Social Inequalities Exist, Now What?

Join us to discuss what you can do to address social injustice. A free symposium where social action will be discussed will take place Friday, October 9, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in room D34104. Learn about the experience of two activists, Jen Wallin-Ruschman and Perry William Green III. They will discuss their engagement in various forms of social action to address social inequities.

Everyone is welcome to attend this free symposium sponsored by GSU's Intellectual Life grant. For additional information contact [Dr. Mazna Patka](#).

Documentary Screening October 12



Lambda Pi Eta is hosting the premiere of the documentary film [S.O.S. Scars of the Soul](#), Monday, October 12 at 4:30 in Sherman Hall. The film features the narratives of women who have experienced rape trauma. A question and answer session and a discussion on ways to minimize the long-term effects of rape will be held led by Dr. Nefertiti Nowell, PhD, LCPC after the free screening.

Study Abroad in South Africa



How would you like to study abroad in South Africa? The GSU College of Business is sponsoring a 12-day study trip that will include visits to companies and universities, cultural activities and tourism sights. Learn more at an information session Monday, October 12 from 6 - 7 p.m. in the Hall of Honors. [RSVP](#) by October 8 or call 708.534.4930 for more details.

Stutter Support Group Meeting October 13

A new chapter of the [National Stuttering Association](#) (NSA) Support Group now meets under the sponsorship of GSU's [Department of Communication Disorders](#). The support group is open to adults who stutter, as well as their family members. The group will meet Tuesday, October 13, at 7:15 p.m. in the Communication Disorders Department, Room F-1409. Refreshments will be provided. For additional information, please contact Assistant Professor [Dr. Eileen Brann](#).

SAVE THE DATE

Interdisciplinary Leadership Info Session October 15

The [Interdisciplinary Leadership](#) Doctoral Program is holding an informational session Thursday, October 15, from 6-7:30 p.m. in Room G261. To RSVP for this event, contact [Carla Johnson](#). Please include your desired concentration (Higher Education Administration, Not for Profit/Social Entrepreneurship, Public Safety Administration or Superintendency) area in your rsvp email.

SafeZone Training October 20

A SafeZone training session for staff and faculty members ONLY will be held Tuesday, October 20 from 1-3:30 p.m. in the Hall of Honors. The goal of this program is to raise awareness about the dynamics of gender and sexual orientation while exploring different ways to embody inclusive allyship for people of all orientations, genders, sexualities, identities, and levels of being out. This program is limited to 25 participants only. For more information email diversity@govst.edu or call 708-524-4551.

Community Health Degree Information Sessions

A degree in Community Health is your ticket to the world. Whatever your interest—healthy aging, wellness promotion, treating chronic illness—your career path in Community Health can take you in many different directions.

Meet our faculty, alumni and current students to find out more at two information sessions on Thursday, October 22: 10-11:30 a.m. in the Hall of Honors, or 6-7:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.

For additional information, contact [Dr. Joseph Day](#) or 708.235.7389.

CASEL Workshop October 28

A workshop for education administrators hosted by Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education ([MILE](#)), will be held Wednesday, October 28 from 8 a.m. -3 p.m. in E-Lounge. "Implementing Social and Emotional Learning to Improve Student Achievement" is designed to provide the research and strategic tools needed to implement academic, social, and emotional learning throughout buildings and districts. Attendees will learn how to improve conditions for learning and student achievement.

The workshop will be presented by Ruth Cross, Senior Illinois Consultant for the Collaborative on Academic, Social and Emotional Learning, (CASEL). Ms. Cross brings significant experience working in defining and aligning best practices for effective SEL in public school districts. [Register online.](#)

Strut for the Cure October 23

The [Social Work Student Organization](#) will hold its Strut for the Cure for cancer, Friday, October 23, at 7p.m. in Sherman Hall. Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5. For Tickets, please contact [Johnsie McAuley-Davis](#) or 708.235.3997.

S.H.E.R.O. Women's Leadership Symposium



Please join us for the 2nd Annual S.H.E.R.O. (Sharing Her story of Empowerment Resilience & Opportunity) Women's Leadership Symposium to facilitate students' professional leadership development on Saturday, November 14 from 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

This year's theme, ***E3: Empower, Enrich, Engage*** will inspire and encourage attendees to seek their highest level of personal and professional development. Participants will gain a greater understanding of their own approach to leadership and identify personal leadership strengths that contribute to one's advancement. The symposium will include a luncheon, keynote, and breakout sessions open to all women and women-identified community college students, GSU undergraduate and graduate students interested in a day of professional development and networking.

If you are interested in attending, please fill out the online [registration form](#) by October 16. If you have any questions, contact [Jessica Specht](#) or [Kyrie Kirkland](#).

Sports

Jaguar Cross-Country, Golf Teams in Action

GSU's men's and women's [cross country teams](#) were in action on October 2. At the Olivet Nazarene University Illinois Collegiate Classic, the men were led by Willie Lipsey III, who finished the 8k race in 32:21.9. Junior Richard Gray finished the race in 33:59.8, and was followed by freshman Terrell Littles and senior Steven Scott, finishing in 36:28.5 and 38:16.6, respectively. At the St. Francis University Twilight Invitational, the GSU women were led by sophomore Dominique Hunt, who finished the race in 26:57.8. She was followed by freshman Jayla Lewis, making her first appearance of the season, who finished in 28:44.4.



Kevin Holtz

On the links, the men's [golf team](#) competed in the 3rd Annual Troll Classic at Calumet Country Club in Homewood. Junior Kevin Holtz led the Jaguars with a team low of 81. Kevin was in the hunt for the championship after in the first 10 holes, at one over par. Finishing second for GSU was senior Anthony Roop with an 86. Freshman Joshua Janeic also competed.

Facebook Posts of the Week



Response to our post Governors State University Graduates Get the Biggest Bang for their Buck:

Jamelia Toya Hand I earned a BA and MHS from GSU which has served me well! I have a career that I LOVE, great salary but the MENTORSHIP and friendships were the biggest benefits for me.



Response to our post ONU-GSU see record high enrollment:

Monique D Tolliver Love it. My alma matter.

Do you have a story or event you want to submit for the GSU View?
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"If you include public university campuses in northwest Indiana, we're still number one. Safety is a big priority here," said James R. McGee, Chief of the GSU Police Department.

Information about crime is gathered from University Police crime statistics, University employees, campus judicial records, Governors State University Police, and University Park Police.

Chief McGee said that he is proud of the role the GSU Police Department has played in keeping the campus safe, but stressed that everyone at GSU should be credited with being diligent regarding

safety. "Community involvement is the key to reducing crime," he said.

For more information on how you can help GSU continue to be a safe campus, visit the [Campus Safety](#) website.

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The agreement forming the DDP-MSI was signed by GSU President Elaine P. Maimon and Prairie State College Terri L. Winfree at the summit in the Center for Performing Arts attended by GSU and PSC students, faculty, staff, and administrators.

The DDP-MSI expands the DDP partnership between the two schools to link the [Male Success Initiatives](#) on both campuses to multiply their impact. The goal of the new endeavor is to increase the number of men of color who enroll in the DDP at Prairie State, help them to earn their associate degrees, then transfer to GSU (or any other university that best meets their academic needs) and graduate with their baccalaureate degrees.

“You have an opportunity to inspire the nation,” said Harper, the Executive Director of the Center for the Study of Race and Equity in Education at the University of Pennsylvania, and a leader in research and practice in this field. He has published 12 books and more than 90 peer-reviewed journal articles and other academic publications. His [Eight Standards for Black Male Campus Initiatives](#) were used in the year-long process of developing the comprehensive DDP-MSI Strategic Plan. “If we could get more colleges to spend a year developing an initiative the way you have, we would close the male success gaps that exist today,” he said.

Harper said he is encouraged by the GSU-PSC initiative because of the commitment shown by the leaders of both institutions. “So many times male success initiatives fail because leadership is not intimately involved. That is not the case here. This is what happens when institutions work from a hopeful place.”

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On Friday from 6:30-9 p.m., the colleges have joined together to create the “Generation Meet and Greet: All College Alumni Social,” a festive and exciting evening for our alumni. Also on Friday, at 7:30 p.m., join us for GSU’s first-ever [Step Show](#) featuring Power 92 “The Hot Boys.”

Saturday’s events feature something for everyone: the Athletic and Recreation Center will be open all day; join us from 8:30-10 a.m. for “Run, Walk, Stroll, Roll,” a non-competitive, go-at-your-own-pace look around GSU’s grounds, or enjoy an Open Swim from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

From 10 a.m.-noon, join President Maimon while listening to the smooth sounds of live jazz for the President’s Brunch in the E-Lounge.

Be sure to bring the kids because Saturday’s events also feature Story Time Wonderland in the GSU

Library from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Open House at the Family Development Center from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., and Face Painting, a Photo Booth, Caricature Artist, Magical Balloons, and a Stuff-a-Bear workshop, all from noon-5 p.m. There is also a screening of the movie "Minions" at 3 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.

There is plenty of adult fun scheduled too! From 1-3 p.m., there will be BINGO in Engbretson Hall, a Quiz Bowl Game Show in F-1622, and a Library Scavenger Hunt that will keep everyone involved in the fun.

Be sure to "Make Your Move" beginning at 2 p.m. in the gym for Steppin', Salsa, and Line Dancing. From 1-4 p.m., head out to the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park for "Reclaim the Prairie." Sow seed, view modern sculpture, and warm up with hot cider and pumpkin squares.

Don't miss the Student Variety Show hosted by Comedian "Just Nesh," Saturday night at 7 p.m. in the CPA.

[Registration](#) is free for parents, family members, alumni, and friends of GSU. Participants will also be able to register on site. Space is limited for some events, and there is a minimal cost for some activities. Download a copy of the [event brochure](#).

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Dr. Zhao spoke to the students about the new [Bachelor of Arts in Manufacturing Management](#) (BAMB) program offered by GSU. The BAMB program is designed for graduates of the various Associate of Applied Science (AAS) manufacturing programs at community colleges. It builds on those programs' technical specialty and practical experience in various manufacturing fields, and provides a solid

foundation in business knowledge. It also provides students with the skillsets needed to advance their careers in the manufacturing sector.

Dr. Zhao encouraged students to start their journey in manufacturing today by enrolling in internship programs at their high schools, and start taking courses that will transfer to community colleges. She welcomed the students to explore the seamless transfer opportunities GSU has created with its partner schools such as PSC and SSC, and take advantage of the dual degree program offered to qualified students at GSU.