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News

Hoverboards Banned from GSU Campus

Many of you are aware of recent news reports regarding serious safety concerns across the United States involving self-balancing personal scooters, or "hoverboards." There have been numerous cases where certain makes and models of these devices have caused fires and property damage.

At this time the Consumer Product Safety Commission is investigating ten of these cases. They have yet to issue any formal report and recommendation. However, most major airlines have banned them from being taken on flights and many higher education institutions across the country have banned these devices from being used on campus and or within residence halls.

In light of the potential fire hazard issues with hoverboards, the University has made a decision to immediately BAN them from the GSU campus until they have been deemed to no longer be a fire/safety hazard.

Please know that you will not be able to have it on campus and if it is found, it will be confiscated.

Is Your Contact Information Up to Date?

It's critical that your contact information is up to date so we can keep you informed in case of events or changes that happen on campus. Please make sure that GSU has your current contact information.

If you are a student: Please complete a [Change of Student Information](#) form and submit it to the [Registrar's Office](#). You may submit the completed form including a copy of your picture ID via fax to the Registrar's Office at 708.534.1640 or you may drop it off in person at C-1300. If you have any questions, please contact the Registrar's Office at 708.534.4500 or by email at Regoffice@govst.edu.

If you are a faculty or staff member: Please complete a Name/Address/Phone Change [form](#) and submit it to [Human Resources](#). You may submit the completed form to the Human resources Department, C-1360 or electronically send the form via email. If you have any questions, please contact Human Resources at 708.534.4100.

Nursing Honor Society Earns Two Awards

Lambda Lambda, GSU's local chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) – the Honor Society of Nursing – recently received two awards from STTI. At the organization's biennial convention held in November in Las Vegas, the group won the Chapter Key Award. The award honors chapters that excel in activities such as membership recruitment and retention; publicity and programming; professional and leadership develop; and local, national and international collaboration. "This is a prestigious award for any STTI local chapter," said Nancy MacMullen, Chair of the Department of Nursing at GSU.

In September, the GSU chapter won the Regional Showcase of Excellence Award, which acknowledges the efforts of local and regional chapters. Lambda Lambda was recognized for the transformative growth

of the local chapter. "I can't think of a nicer present to receive from STTI during our 25th anniversary year," said Shirley Comer, University Lecturer in the Department of Nursing and Lambda Lambda President.



Pictured, left and right, are Shirley Comer, President of GSU's Lambda Lambda Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International and Yvette Roberts, President-Elect, with the Chapter Key Award they received at the STTI convention in Las Vegas in November.

Spring 2016 Welcome Week Events Announced

The GSU campus comes alive with the start of the Spring 2016 semester. Welcome Week activities begin on January 18 and offer students the chance to get to know the university and each other. Here are some of the scheduled events:

Monday, January 18- MLK Day of Service Projects-Pacific Mission Garden, and in collaboration with [ILCC](#) the [Civic Engagement and Community Service Center](#) will provide multiple service opportunities around Chicagoland, for more information or to reserve your spot, [email](#)

Tuesday, January 19—The Student Leadership Exchange- Meet student leaders from various campus organizations and enjoy hot beverages and snacks between classes, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Hall of Governors

Wednesday, January 20—Obstacle Course- Test your physical skills in a fun obstacle course and participate in a variety of games and activities for FREE prizes

Thursday, January 21—Club and Organization Fair- Learn valuable information about the registered GSU Student Clubs and Organizations, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Hall of Governors

Friday, January 22—Welcome Back Party- 10 a.m.-2 p.m., GSU Gym

Saturday, January 23—FAFSA Workshop – Receive assistance in completing your FAFSA forms, registration is required, for more information, please [email](#)

Monday, January 25—MLK Commemorative Program- Celebrate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in this annual celebration, 10 a.m., Center for Performing Arts.

ERT Faculty Forum

The Emergency Response Team (ERT) is hosting a Faculty Forum Wednesday, January 13 from 1-3 p.m. in F1622 (F-Lecture Hall).

The purpose of this forum is to discuss the Emergency Preparedness statement recently approved by

Faculty Senate and required in all syllabi, address any questions the faculty may have, and provide faculty members with information that will help them to respond to questions or concerns their students may have regarding Emergency Preparedness. For any questions or concerns, please email ert@govst.edu.

Athletic Department Honor Roll Named

Congratulations to the 18 student-athletes who were named to the GSU Athletic Department Honor Roll. This academic acknowledgement is given to athletes who earned a minimum GPA of 3.00 for the semester, with High Honors going to those with at least a 3.50 GPA. A total of 5 student-athletes achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA for the semester.

Honor Roll for 2015 Fall Semester (min. 3.0 GPA)

Men's Basketball:

Jalen Miller, sophomore; Shane Roberts, junior

Women's Basketball:

Achuynnua Robinson, junior; Zaporla Smith, junior

Men's Cross Country:

Richard Gray, junior

Men's Basketball; Men's Cross Country:

Willie Lipsey, junior

Men's Golf

Kevin Holtz, junior

Volleyball

Briana Clark, senior; Briana Holden, sophomore

High Honor Roll for 2015 Fall Semester (min. 3.50 GPA)

Women's Basketball:

Raven Phillips, senior; Kanitral Averhart, junior; Rachel Distor, freshman

Men's Golf:

Tony Roop, senior

Women's Golf:

Avalon Marciniak, senior; Nicole Brusich, junior

Volleyball

Savik Salgado, junior; Haley Wacker, junior; Erika Halverson, freshman

Nominate a Black Woman who Rocks!

On Saturday, February 27, Governors State University Presents: The 4th Annual Black Women Rock Awards Ceremony (BWR) celebrating the outstanding achievements of black female students, faculty, and staff at GSU. Inspired by BET's Black Girls Rock, BWR aims to empower women to pursue their personal aspirations, encourage women to support others who are making positive strides and enlighten women on tools for success. We invite you to [submit a nomination](#) for the 4th Annual Black Women Rock Awards. The deadline for nominations is Friday, January 29, 2016. For more information or inquiries, please call x4551 or [email](#).

"Seasons of Song" at CPA



The [Center for Performing Arts](#) presents its "Opera Up Close" Series on Sunday, January 24 at 4 p.m. "Seasons of Song" features the music of Carlisle Floyd, George Gershwin, Samuel Barber, Franz Schubert, Stephen Sondheim, Oscar Hammerstein, and many others. The event brings local artists from the Lyric Opera to the southland for intimate performances where patrons are seated on the stage in the midst of the action. This is the final performance in the series for 2016. Tickets are \$38 and are available online at [CenterTickets.net](#); by phone: 708.235.2222, or in person at the CPA box office Monday- Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (open to 6p.m. on Thursdays) and two hours prior to all performances.

FA Link Allows Bookstore Purchases and Rentals with Financial Aid

Students, making purchases at the GSU bookstore is easier than it's ever been with [FA Link](#). You can use your GSU ID to purchase school supplies and text books and more!

FA Link will be available prior to the first financial aid disbursement of each semester. You will be able to purchase or rent books using FA Link during the following time periods:

Spring 2016—Through February 6, 2016

Summer 2016—April 30, 2016 – June 4, 2016

Submit your program ideas today for Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Sexual Assault Awareness Month is April 2016, but ideas for programs are now being accepted. The 2016 theme is "Prevention Is Possible." Please [submit](#) your program idea soon. The deadline for submission is Friday, January 29. For more information please contact [Kelly McCarthy](#) at or call x3966.

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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