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A newsletter for students, faculty & staff



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## News

### #GivingTuesday at GSU Tomorrow!

The Governors State University Foundation invites you to share its philanthropic spirit tomorrow by participating in **#GivingTuesday**, the global day of giving that seeks to transform the way we think about, talk about, and participate in the giving season. As we approach our 50th anniversary, the GSU Foundation encourages you to make a gift of at least \$19.69 to commemorate the founding of Governors State University in 1969.

As a GSU community member, demonstrate how much you care about this amazing place on **November 29**, and take advantage of a dollar-for-dollar match provided by Drs. Elaine P. and Mort Maimon through the [Match the Maimons Campaign](#). (see pages 8-9).

You can make an immediate difference in the lives of our students by supporting any program that fits your interest. Every dollar raised from new, increased, or additional gifts between now and December 16 will be matched with an equal donation from President and Dr. Maimon — up to \$54,000!

This year, with your help, we'll make a difference across our campus, demonstrate our Jaguar Pride, and provide a promising future for both our current students and generations to come.

[Beat the crowd: make your #GivingTuesday gift early.](#)

### Prof. Evans Elected to ACHE Council of Regents



Dr. Rupert M. Evans Sr. has been appointed to the Council of Regents, the legislative body of the American College of Healthcare Executives. The Council of Regents serves as the vital link between ACHE and members by approving governance and membership regulations as well as promoting ACHE programs, services, and activities within their respective areas.

Dr. Evans will take office at the Council of Regents meeting in March 2017, during ACHE's 60th Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago. He will represent ACHE's membership in Illinois – Metropolitan Chicago.

Dr. Evans has served as Professor, Chairman, and Program Director at Governors State University since 2006. Previously he was President and CEO of the Institute for Diversity in Health Management.

## Faculty & Staff Holiday Party



Please join us for the "Because We Can't Afford a Party" Holiday Gathering, with a festive, yet inexpensive, spectacle. Starring faculty, staff, and students (all who generously waived their performance fee for one afternoon only).

Euphoria will erupt on **Friday, December 9**, from 1 – 2:30 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. Refreshments will be served.

For additional information, contact Penny Perdue, 708.534.4130, [pperdue@govst.edu](mailto:pperdue@govst.edu)

## SEA Members Attend State-Wide Conference



The Student Education Association (SEA) at GSU is part of the Illinois Education Association (IEA), which supports and promotes networking among individuals from the education community. Twelve GSU SEA members spent November 18 – 19 at the IEA 2016 Fall Conference in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. They took part in a variety of professional development workshops, and pre-service teachers had the opportunity to attend information sessions on a variety of subjects pertaining to the teaching profession. Along with the sessions, SEA members had many opportunities to meet and socialize with fellow members from universities across Illinois. Overall, the fall conference was a great success that has led many SEA members to become more involved and knowledgeable in the field of education.

## **SEA and Division of Biology & Chemistry Host Young STEM Scholars**

On Wednesday, November 16, SEA teamed with the Division of Biology and Chemistry to provide engaging STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities for students from Foundations 4 AdvANCEment.

The children, ages 4 – 13, took part in a variety of activities that embraced learning, imagination, and creativity. They began with three art explorations that involved creating watercolor paintings with salt, building marble mazes, and creating toothpick structures using Play-Doh. Later, they explored equipment such as cameras, microscopes, and scales. The young guests also examined butterflies under a microscope and used air pressure gauges to blow up balloons. SEA members enjoyed a lunch with the students before they headed out for a tour of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park.

The event was a great success due to the partnership with Dr. David Sowa from the Division of Biology and Chemistry as well as the planning and preparation of SEA leaders Nicole Cristelli and Molly O'Shea.

## **FAFSA: What Happens After You Apply?**



Have you FAFSA'd? Yes? Congratulations! [Here's](#) a short overview of what happens next. If you haven't FAFSA'd, don't let the [myths](#) about FAFSA mislead you: last year many GSU students lost thousands of dollars in free money because they didn't [fill out their FAFSA](#).

If you could use a little (or a lot) of help paying for college, the FAFSA is essential, and for the best chance to secure all of the financial aid you are eligible for, your FAFSA should be [completed by November 30](#). The more you wait, the greater the chances are that someone else will receive money that could have been yours. If you skip it entirely, you will fail to be eligible for any funds at all.

## Emergency Readiness

### New Emergency Alert System

Rave Alert is the new official emergency notification system used to communicate with students and employees during severe weather and campus emergencies. GSU recently licensed this service to offer the quickest and most reliable communications possible.

Students and employees are automatically subscribed to the Rave Alert system through their GSU email account; however, we rely on you to make sure we have your most up-to-date contact and emergency contact information, so please take a moment to make sure we can reach you or your emergency contact in case of an emergency, a university closing, or some other event requiring rapid, wide-scale notification of the community.

#### **For Students**

To update your personal contact information, please complete the [Change of Student Information](#) form and return it to the Registrar's office.

You can update your emergency contact information in the myGSU portal. The information provided is stored directly in our database and will be used only in case of emergency. Click [here](#) for a [tutorial](#) on how to update your emergency contact information. The process takes less than 10 minutes.

#### **For Faculty and Staff**

Update your contact information by sending an email to [Human Resources](#) with a subject line that reads "Update My Contacts."

To update your emergency contact information, go to the myGSU portal. Under Online Services, select

"Employees," then select "Employee Profile" and "Emergency Information." You will be able to add and/or edit your contacts. After you enter the information, click "Add Contact." After editing or changing your emergency contact information, choose "Confirm" to save your changes. A confirmation notification message will appear on the top right of your screen to confirm your edits. [Click here for a tutorial.](#)

## Announcements

### Sculpture Restoration in Process



Christine Tarkowski's "Working on the Failed Utopia," the dome-shaped sculpture just outside of D-Wing entry, will undergo conservation over the next several weeks. The artist will remove all of the fiberglass panels in order to resurface them. "This is just one of many conservation projects the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park is undertaking this year," said Director and Curator Geoff Bates. "With the artist's participation in this project, we insure the most positive possible outcome."

Students and staff are asked to please refrain from entering the geodesic dome while the panels are absent, since any change in the angles of the structure might cause problems with their re-attachment.

### Holiday Schedule for GSU View

Please note that the final 2016 edition of GSU View will appear on **Monday, December 19.** Publication will resume on January 9, 2017.

## Deals

### Holiday Basket Sale



Be sure to stop by the Friends of the Library [Holiday Basket Sale](#), **Wednesday, November 30**, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the D Wing Atrium. There will be a variety of baskets and gifts from which to choose. Funds raised through the efforts of the [Friends of the Library](#) go directly to supporting initiatives that enhance the GSU Library.

## Faculty & Staff Appreciation Day Sale at the Bookstore

In honor of Faculty & Staff Appreciation Day on **Thursday, December 1**, from 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. you will enjoy 25 percent off on your clothing and gift purchases at the bookstore,

If you can't make it to the bookstore in person, [shop online](#) and receive the discount by using promo code FSA2016.

## Events

### Library Jam is November 28 – December 1

Students: Do you need help preparing your final writing assignments, or with math or science? Check out the [schedule of tutors](#) who will be in the library offering assistance each day from **Monday, November 28 – Thursday, December 1**. Tutors will be on the library balcony or in the Skylight Gallery. Just drop in.

Don't forget the [special events](#) in the library during Library Jam, too! Join Dr. Maristela Zell for some mindfulness meditation and the GSU Improv Club will be performing some comedy to help relieve stress.

### Lunch-and-Learn Fishbowl Discussion Series

Join the Black Student Union and Generating Hope on **Wednesday, November 30**, from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. in the Hall of Honors for a lunch-and-learn discussion of "The Status of Our Civil Rights: Where are We Today?"

Students and members of the Fishbowl will discuss a variety of civil rights topics from marriage equality, racial/ethnic equality, and religious rights, to immigrants' rights, education equality, voting rights, and

more.

Fishbowl discussions offer observers and participants the gift of being able to listen to broad range of discussions as well as join the discussion by sharing their valuable perspectives.

Free pizza and refreshments will be served!

## 2016 Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration

Come celebrate and be a part of the inaugural Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration. This event will be held on **Friday, December 2**, at 7:30 p.m. in Sherman Hall. Highlights will include keynote speaker Dr. Lasana Kazembe, traditional African dance performances, vendors, and other activities. This celebration will reflect a key element of Kwanzaa: bringing the community together so that it can collectively reflect on “the rich resource(s) and meaning of a people’s culture” and to individually and collectively affirm how they will contribute to enhancing the culture (according to Malauna Karenga, the creator of Kwanzaa).

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, email [diversity@govst.edu](mailto:diversity@govst.edu) or call 708.534.4551.

## Workshops & Trainings

### Looking for GSU workshops and training opportunities?

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This week's list of opportunities — including Faculty Profile Page update information, Safe Zone Training, Mail Merge and Intro to Excel Workshops, and the Global Lunch Lecture Series — can be found on pages 10-12.

**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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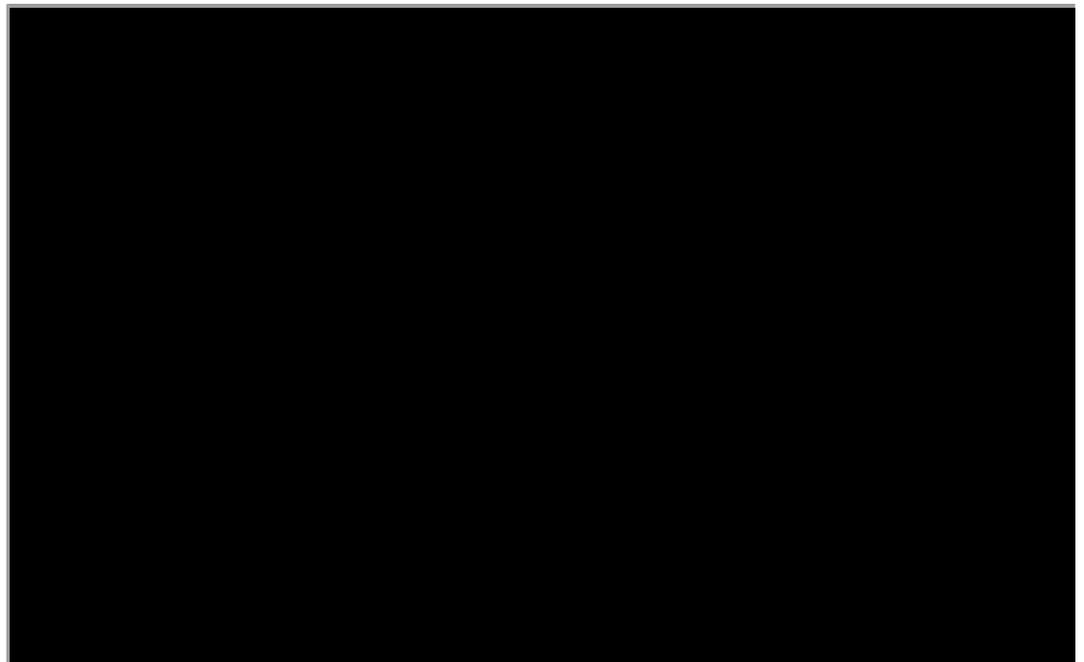
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GSU President Elaine P. Maimon and Dr. Mort Maimon are committed to ensuring that every student has the resources they need to succeed. As lifelong educators, the Maimons have seen firsthand the positive outcomes when there is a long-term sustainable commitment to improving student success. The achievement gap narrows, momentum builds, lives change, and communities flourish.

[Join the Campaign  
and Match the  
Maimons](#)

To ensure the continued progression towards academic excellence and achievement, Drs. Elaine and Mort Maimon are providing donors with a unique opportunity to double their impact through the Match the Maimons Campaign. You can make an immediate difference in the lives of our students by supporting **any program that fits your interest**. Every dollar raised from new, increased, or additional gifts between now and December 16 will be matched with an equal donation from President and Dr. Maimon — up to **\$54,000!**

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No matter how you choose to invest in GSU, you will be part of a group of committed alumni and friends helping to create transformational experiences at GSU for generations to come.

**Thank you.**

To make a gift today, click on the “Accept the Challenge” button below.

**[Click Here to Join the Campaign and Match the Maimons](#)**

# Workshops and Training Opportunities

## Faculty Profile Page Update Made Easier

Faculty members: did you know posting your profile on the GSU website can yield higher search engine results for you? Since GSU's website employs Google Search as its engine, posting your profile means any searches for you, your areas of expertise, or even keywords within your CV will result in a higher search engine listing result for your profile.

This also means that academic colleagues, as well as those within your research community with shared fields of interest, can learn more about you and the breadth of your work in one centralized academic location. In addition, your areas of expertise will be easily discernable to media members seeking subject-matter experts for commentary and insight.

Finally, you can facilitate contact through other channels by presenting your professional personal website or social media presence as part of your profile.

[Click on this link for the online submission form](#) and we will have your profile up within a matter of days.

In addition, The Office of Marketing & Communications will be taking headshots in E1522, between noon and 2 p.m. on December 1 and 16.

## Global Lunch Lecture Series

The Office of International Services continues to provide enrichment to the GSU community by sponsoring its Global Lunch Lecture Series. Please join us for the following lecture.

Wednesday, November 30, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the E-Lounge  
Peace Corps Ethiopia: "Yechallal!" (It is possible!)  
Former Peace Corp Volunteer and Foreign Credential Evaluator, Shelley Tekeste

## Safe Zone Training

Wednesday, November 30, 2016, 2 – 4 p.m., B2203

SafeZone is a training program open to faculty and staff ONLY at this time. 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. Participants must RSVP at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/safezonefall16> by November 28th.

For updates and/or more information, call 708.534.4551 or email [diversity@govst.edu](mailto:diversity@govst.edu)

## Mail Merge and Excel Workshop Opportunities

On Friday, December 2 Diane Nadler, Library Reference Desk Manager, Social Media Coordinator, and First Year Student Contact will be leading a Mail Merge Workshop as well as an Intro to Excel Workshop in the GSU Library. Please note, The Mail Merge workshop will require that all in attendance have a working knowledge of Excel.

- Mail Merge: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Room D2401B [dnadler@govst.edu](mailto:dnadler@govst.edu)
- Intro to Excel: 1 – 3 p.m., Room D2401B [dnadler@govst.edu](mailto:dnadler@govst.edu)

Space is limited, so please email the instructor to let her know if you will be attending or if you have any questions.

## Student Employees: Attend Three Career Service Workshops, Receive Your Certificate of Professional Development, Get a Chance at a \$50 Gift Certificate from the GSU Bookstore!

Although the 2017 Student Employee Recognition Reception takes place April 18, 2017, when you receive your Certificate of Professional Development (from President Maimon) you will receive an additional entry in the drawing. (Winner must be present.) To obtain the certificate, you must be a student employee and attend at least three approved career activities or workshops during the 2016 – 17 academic school year.

Below are several opportunities, and registration is NOT required for any of these activities.

Watch your email for more information, and feel free to contact the Office of Career Services for more information via phone (708.235.3974) or email: [career@govst.edu](mailto:career@govst.edu)

### SPRING CAREER SERVICES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES:

Walk-In Open Hours, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.: Tuesdays in Room C3380, Thursdays in the Atrium Hallway

How to Destress in the Workplace – Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Hall of Honors

Black Inventions – Wednesday, February 8, 2017, noon – 5 p.m., Hall of Governors

Natural Hair in the Workplace – Wednesday, February 15, 2017 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Hall of Honors

Bullying in the Workplace – Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Hall of Honors

Getting the Best Out of Career Fairs/Resume Prep Lab – Thursday, April 6, 2017, 2 – 3:30 p.m., B1241

2017 Spring Career and Internship Fair – Thursday, April 13, 2017, 2 – 5 p.m., Center for Performing Arts Theatre Lobbies and Hall of Governors

Job Search Strategies – Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 2 – 5 p.m., Hall of Honors

Diversity in the Workplace – Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Hall of Honors

### **Student Evaluations of Instruction**

Please attend upcoming training sessions (in D2430F, The Cube) or contact Institutional Research ([oir@govst.edu](mailto:oir@govst.edu)) if these times do not work for your schedule.

December 5, 10 – 11 a.m.

If you have questions about the Educational Policy governing Student Evaluations of Instruction (SEI Policy – Policy 39), please contact Andrius Tamulis and the Education Policy Committee (EPC). If you have any questions about procedures, please contact Institutional Research at [oir@govst.edu](mailto:oir@govst.edu).

### **Make It Happen: Join Program Council**

Make your mark in GSU history and develop leadership and professional skills. The GSU Program Council is seeking innovative and creative students. Members plan, promote, and present events from a student perspective for the GSU campus and community. If you enjoy planning social, recreational, and co-curricular activities, join us in A2110 from 3 – 4 p.m. every Thursday. GSUPC is open to all Governors State University students. Contact [ksledge@govst.edu](mailto:ksledge@govst.edu) with questions.