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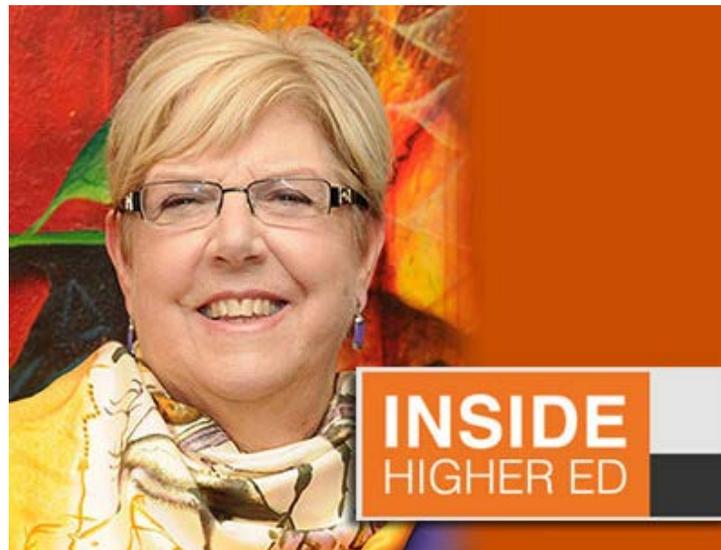
Celebrate the Season with a Toast to GSU



The Governors State University Board of Trustees and President Elaine P. Maimon invite you to Celebrate the Season with a Toast to Governors State University, Friday, December 11 from Noon-1:30 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. Cake and festive beverages will be served.

To RSVP contact 708.534.6364 or pperdue@govst.edu

Writing Across the Curriculum Spotlited in Inside Higher Ed



President Elaine P. Maimon was quoted in an [Inside Higher Ed](#) article last week on effective writing practices. The article cites President Maimon as a founder of the Writing Across the Curriculum movement, which promotes the importance of writing assignments in all classes. "Writing across the curriculum is the original high-impact practice. I would also endorse the point that the quality of interventions is more important than the quantity of pages written. Students should write a great deal to develop fluency, but they should 'go public' only after carefully revising material, with interventions from the instructor and peers. Submitting material for a grade certainly counts as 'going public,'" she said.

Website Changes Coming in the New Year



Governors State University is switching up its look in the New Year. In January, the university will introduce a completely refreshed website, with stunning new imagery, streamlined navigation, and a cleaner, look and feel.

In conjunction with the rollout of the new website, we are also introducing a new way to share the biggest news happening in the GSU community. The GSU Newsroom is the university's new online media publication designed to keep all of our audiences—internal and external—apprised of the important stories that make GSU a great university. Each Monday the news will be delivered to you with links to the latest stories, the same way subscribers receive CNN or NBC news updates. If you have a story idea or wish to contribute a story for consideration, please visit [Request a Story Placement in GSU Newsroom](#) and also see the Newsroom Submission Guidelines for specific procedures.

Student clubs and organizations will have an online presence too. "Jaguar Connection" is a long-awaited tool that features student clubs, organizations, and events. It's a place where students can start or join an organization, or make plans to attend an event. Club leaders can gather contact information, share event dates, and post-election processes for all clubs and organizations. The site also makes it easy for clubs to communication with each other. Jaguar Connection training for student club officers and advisors will start January 26 and 28, 2016.

And there's one more big change. In January, the GSU View will become a publication intended for *internal audiences only* and will be found in the GSU Portal. Examples of *GSU View* stories are: "FA Link

Allows Bookstore Purchases and Rentals with Financial Aid," "Emerging Leaders Program Accepting Nominations," and "Spring, 2016 Intellectual Life Grantees Announced." You will also be notified via email when a new *GSU View* is posted in the Portal. If you would like to submit a story for the *GSU View*, please visit the Request for [GSU View Promotion](#) page on the website.

Campus events will be promoted through 25 Live, the university's calendar and scheduling system. It is prominently featured on the new homepage of our website, but can also be featured within your department, college, or campus organization's website. 25 Live offers the opportunity to list and provide details of your event. Of course if there is an event or other significant development that you need to promote and publicize, we will be glad to help with that as well. Please visit the [How to Promote Your Event on Campus](#) page to see the full range of options available to you.

We're excited about the upcoming changes and we are looking forward to sharing GSU news with you in this new way.

Online MHS in Addictions Studies Program Acclaimed

GSU's online [Master of Health Science in Addictions Studies](#) degree program has been recognized by [OnlineColleges.net](#) as one of the best in the country. The program was ranked second among the top five programs in the nation!

According to the website, headed by distance education instructor and thought leader Melissa Venable, Ph.D., "We've carefully reviewed every college offering masters in substance abuse programs online, and Governors State University is one of the best choices for students in 2016. You've clearly put great emphasis on creating a program that prepares students for success, and that played a major role in our ranking.

Buzz

Emerging Leaders Program Accepting Nominations



The Emerging Leaders Program immerses freshman in a process of personal development that lays the foundation for the exploration of leadership at GSU. Students participate in workshops, activities, and discussions where they encounter various social issues, including but not limited to multiculturalism, diversity and gender roles, racism, sexism, and religious and socioeconomic issues.

By actively engaging in all program sessions, the students will reflect on a greater understanding of leadership development, communication style and how it impacts their role as student leaders; realize the necessary skills for maximizing their leadership performance; identify the exemplary leadership principles by which they might lead, and develop a coherent plan for their involvement and student leadership experience.

Students may now [register](#) for the program through January 22, 2016. Faculty and Staff are also encouraged to [nominate a student](#), by sending their name. The program launch is set for January 28, 2016.

Semester Break Library Hours

The hours in the GSU Library will be changing during the semester break. From Monday, December 7-Monday, January 18, 2016, the hours are as follows:

Monday—Friday 8:30a.m.-5p.m.*

Saturday—Sunday Closed

*Please note that the library will be closed

Wednesday, December 16 from Noon-2 p.m.

The library will be closed when the GSU campus is closed. Those dates include Thursday, December 24-Sunday, January 3, 2016, and Monday, January 18, 2016.

Holiday Lunch Special in Café

Hungry? Arena Food Services has a delicious, affordable holiday food menu in the GSU Café. A special Holiday Lunch will be served Friday, December 11. The menu includes Dijon roasted beef tenderloin or apple braised pork loin with your choice of three sides: oven roasted potatoes, baked sweet potato, rice pilaf, peas & carrots, cinnamon-nutmeg apples, or sautéed fresh mushrooms. All this for \$6.25.

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—November 30, 2015 – February 6, 2016

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

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, 2016 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.

Is Your Contact Information Up to Date?



It's critical that your contact information is up to date so we can keep you informed. 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.

Winter Weather Means De-Icers Used on Campus

With winter weather around the corner, sidewalks and roads around campus will be treated with an environmentally-safe, organic de-icer made from a by-product of sugar beet production. The de-icer gives the treated surfaces a "tea colored" hue. GSU has been using this de-icer since 2009, and it's perfectly safe. Still, many people have questions about the product's consistency and whether it stains or damages clothing. Campus Facilities Management has addressed some frequently asked questions regarding the de-icers. [Click here for that De-Icer FAQ.](#)

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 autobiographies after they have 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.

GSU Seeking Public Comments

Governors State University is seeking comments from the public about the University in preparation for its mid-cycle comprehensive review by its regional accrediting agency. The University will host a mid-cycle comprehensive visit February 22-23, 2016, with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission. Governors State University has been accredited by the Commission since 1975. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the university:

Public Comment on Governors State University

The Higher Learning Commission
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604-1411

The public may also submit comments on the Commission's Web site by [clicking here on this link](#).

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing.

All comments must be received by January 22, 2016

Events

Scholastic Book Fair

The [Family Development Center](#) is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair December 7–11 from 9 a.m.–6 p.m. each day. All proceeds will contribute to building school and classroom libraries at the FDC. Cash, check or charge cards will be accepted.

MILE Education Administrators Workshop

The Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) at GSU is hosting a professional development opportunity for education administrators offering Administrators' Academy credits or CPDU's. The program, A Framework for Understanding Poverty AA1100, will be held on Thursday, December 10, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in the cafeteria annex.

The program will focus on designing schools and classrooms for students from diverse cultural backgrounds with highly regarded educator Lynda Byrd. This workshop is designed to help

administrators better understand the research-based information on generational poverty and examines the inherent social and academic challenges that students raised in a culture of general poverty face.

The cost of the program is \$50 per person. Call 708.534.4024 or register at the [event website](#).

An Evening with Take 6



As winners of 10 Grammy Awards and 10 Dove Awards, the multi-platinum selling a cappella group, [Take 6](#), is beloved throughout the musical universe. These six virtuosic voices unite in crystal clear harmony for an intoxicating brew of gospel, jazz, R&B, and pop. With praise from such luminaries as Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder, Brian Wilson, Ella Fitzgerald and Whitney Houston, the multi-platinum selling sextet is recognized as the preeminent a cappella group in the world.

Join Take 6 on Saturday, December 12 at 8 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts for an evening of holiday favorites including "White Christmas," "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year," "Christmas Time is Here," "Jingle Bells," "You're a Mean One Mr. Grinch," and man more! [Tickets](#) are \$48/\$43/\$38. Come early for a [pre-show cocktail party](#) and get a six sip pass of tasting wine and light appetizers for \$20.

Save the Date

Do You Have Program Ideas for Black History or Sexual Assault Awareness Month?



Submit your program ideas today for the 2016 Black History Month Calendar and for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The 2016 theme for Black History Month is "Black Lives Matter." Cultural heritage months are an excellent way to expose and increase understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity for faculty, staff and students. Black History Month will provide shared learning opportunities designed to increase awareness, acquire knowledge, and develop competencies that will strengthen our campus community, broaden our understanding of diversity, and promote mutual respect and multicultural sensitivity. Please [submit](#) your program today. The deadline is Friday, December 11. For [more information](#) or inquiries please call x4551.

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.

Nominate a Black Woman who Rocks!

"Black Women Rock" (BWR) celebrates 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. The 4th Annual Black Women Rock will take place Saturday, February 27, 2016. We invite you to [submit a nomination](#) for the 4th Annual Black Women Rock Awards. The deadline for nominations is Friday, January 22, 2016. For more information or inquiries, please call x4551 or [email](#).

Sports

Basketball Doubleheader on Tap for Tuesday



The [men's](#) and [women's](#) basketball teams will be in action Tuesday, December 8 in a doubleheader against Purdue University Calumet in the GSU Gym. The women tip things off at 5 p.m., followed by the men at 7 p.m. The women will back in action at home Saturday, December 12 at 1 p.m. against Cardinal Stritch University.

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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