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Board of Trustees Meet in Anticipation of Final Meeting of Fiscal Year

The Governors State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, May 4 in anticipation of this week’s final meeting of the fiscal year and approved the awarding of tenure of eight professors. Measures focusing on the long-term health of the university are under consideration, including proposals for a Voluntary Retirement Program (VRP) and functional reorganization. In addition, Dean Aurélio Valente led a study session on Student Enrollment Management.

Congratulations to the new members of our tenured faculty:

- Dr. Pragyan (Pam) Mohanty, Division of Management, Marketing, and Entrepreneurship
- Dr. Deborah James, Division of Communications
- Dr. Patrick Santoro, Division of Communications
- Dr. Ellen Walsh, Division of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Dr. Delawnia Corne-Hagans, Department of Health Administration
- Dr. Zo Ramamonjiravelo, Department of Health Administration
- Dr. Renee Theiss, Departments of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy
- Mr. Josh Sopiarz, University Library
- Dr. Timothy Harrington, Division of Education

The next BOT meeting will be held on Friday, May 12.

GSU Celebrates Second Annual College Signing Day

On Monday, May 1, high school students committed to #reachhigher as they submitted enrollment deposits to their chosen universities. Joining institutions nationwide, GSU reciprocated the commitment by awarding students who submitted their deposit with a celebratory event and, from the GSU Foundation, a $200 scholarship to the GSU bookstore—our times the value of the enrollment deposit! For more information about #CollegeSigningDay
GSU Partners with Kankakee Community College

Governors State University to partner with Kankakee Community College to offer coursework from our AACSB accredited Business Administration B.A. program at the Kankakee Community College North Extension Center. Through this initiative, students will be able to pursue coursework towards their Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration. Read more.

Dr. Mort Maimon: Sleuthing GSU

Inside Higher Ed published an essay on Monday, May 4 penned by Dr. Mort Maimon, husband of GSU President Elaine P. Maimon. The essay, titled "Breaking the Code," offers a humorous and heartfelt glimpse into how the presidential couple balances marital partnership with professional leadership. For more information, click here.

Announcements and Events

Style Your Profile for Commencement
Graduates, we have some exciting geofilters for your use at Commencement! [http://www3.govst.edu/commencement/index.html](http://www3.govst.edu/commencement/index.html) Be sure to snap yourself in cap and gown in our geofilter at the Tinley Park Convention Center. As a #GovstGrad 2017, you can also use our Twibbon [https://twibbon.com/Support/govstgrad2016](https://twibbon.com/Support/govstgrad2016) frame to personalize your Facebook profile.

Follow us on Snapchat @ Governors_State [https://www.snapchat.com/add/governors_state](https://www.snapchat.com/add/governors_state), to see our campus story, and use our filters around campus show your friends what it means to be a Jaguar!

#MyGSUStory

Because we know that GSU [http://www.govst.edu/](http://www.govst.edu/) has an extraordinary student population, we are featuring students’ stories on social media. To view videos, check the GSU Facebook [https://www.facebook.com/govstate/](https://www.facebook.com/govstate/) and Instagram. [https://www.instagram.com/governors_state/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/governors_state/?hl=en) Don’t forget to share your own #myGSUstory!

Scholarships Awarded to Future GSU Students

Six exemplary incoming freshmen from across the Midwest will join the GSU community in the upcoming Fall semester. Presidential, Provost, and Dean’s scholarships have been awarded to select members of the class of 2021. To read more about these notable incoming freshmen, click [here](http://gsunews.govst.edu/scholarships-awarded-to-high-school-seniors/).

Secretary of State Mobile Services Offered

Jesse White Secretary of State will offer mobile services on Monday, May 15 in the Hall of Governors from 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Swing by for renewal services, vehicle sticker sales, license plates, vehicle registration, and more!

STEAM Camp on Campus this Summer
Summertime fun can also be educational with the STEAM camp at GSU (http://www.govst.edu/). Registration for students ages 11 to 16 is currently open. Science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics are the building blocks for academic achievement. Through a series of highly enjoyable and interactive activities, students will learn the basic concepts of visual and performing arts, chemistry, engineering, mathematics, physics, and robotics.

Two sessions are available, **July 17 - 21** and **July 24 - 28**, both from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., for middle and high school students for $200 per session, per camper. STEAM Camp Plus activities are also available from 3 – 5 p.m. Monday to Thursday for an additional fee of $60 per session, per camper.

To register, click [here](http://www.govst.edu/steamcamp).

**ERT Seeking Bilingual Volunteers**

In an emergency, rapid response depends on effective communication across campus. The GSU Emergency Response team is seeking bilingual staff and/or faculty members who would be interested in providing support and assistance in case of a campus emergency. If you would like to volunteer, please email Randi Schneider (mailto:rschneider@govst.edu). Please specify the language(s) you speak and when you are usually on campus.

**Financial Aid Self-Service Now Available**

You can now access your Financial Aid information through the FA Self-Service module in your GSU portal (file://gsufilesrv/university_shared/Public%20Affairs/Editorial%20Content/GSU%20View/May%202017/May%208/mygsu.govst.edu). There you may view your current standing, as well as review your academic progress, view and print required forms, accept aid, and review award letters. This new module will be user friendly and a great help as you work through the financial aid process.

**Highlights**

**Congratulations to the New Upsilon Phi Delta Chapter Inductees**
On Friday, April 21, qualifying undergraduate and graduate health administration students were inducted into the GSU chapter of Upsilon Phi Delta, the national academic honor society for students in health administration.

Several GSU leaders joined families and friends of the inductees at the ceremony. Read more.

Flanagan Nominated for Correctional Officer of the Year

Aleisha Flanagan

Congratulations to Aleisha Flanagan, a GSU student majoring in Psychology who works as a Correctional Officer for Statesville Correction Center! Aleisha has been nominated for the award of 2017 Correctional Officer of the Year by the Illinois Department of Corrections. Warden Randy Pfister has praised Flanagan for her “unbridled courage, fearlessness, teamwork, and professional attitude.”

Binge-watching dystopia: The Handmaid’s Tale on Hulu

Dr. Deborah James (Media Studies) curated a week-long online public discussion May 1-5 on The Handmaid’s Tale, Hulu’s original series which launched April 26 and airs weekly. The international discussion also featured GSU’s Dr. Rosemary Johnsen (English) and scholars from Canada and Ireland to round out the 5-person curatorial team.

Join the conversation: binge-watch Handmaids on Hulu and view the discussion here.

Workshops & Trainings

Many helpful and informative workshops and trainings for students, faculty, and staff are offered at GSU. New opportunities are added to the list every week. From a two-day workshop on Faculty Development in International Business and a development program addressing hunger and housing insecurity among college students to CMS Training opportunities and the next Office of Marketing and Communications Brown Bag Lunch, you can check out the complete list of options here.

Faculty: If you have not already done so, it's time to have a new headshot photograph taken. Please refer to the schedule to find a convenient time.
Chicago, IL, May 09, 2017

Congratulations to the New Upsilon Phi Delta Chapter Inductees

On Friday, April 21, qualifying undergraduate and graduate health administration students were inducted into the GSU chapter of Upsilon Phi Delta, the national academic honor society that recognizes, rewards, and encourages academic excellence in the study of healthcare management and policy.

The UPD officers elected in Spring 2017 are Ms. Linda Coleman, President; Ms. Talena Alexander, Vice President; Mr. Zachary Hood, Treasurer; Ms. Vashti Cannon, Secretary and Membership Coordinator; and Ms. Yara Oreo, Event Coordinator.

Inductees (pictured) are BHA students Lori Leahy, Bernestine Crowley, Luis Rubio, Nadia Suleiman, Naqulta Sanford, and Tania Flores; and MHA students Keshiha Bathani, and Kristina Pattanavicius.

The ceremony was honored by the presence of several GSU leaders, including Provost. Deborah Bordelon; Dr. Elizabeth Cada, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services; Dr. Sheree Sanderson, Assistant Dean of Students; Dr. Rupert Evans, Chair of the Health Administration Department; and Health Administration faculty members Dr. DeLawnia Comer-HaGans and Dr. Zo Ramamonjiarivelo, who is the UPD chapter coordinator. Families and friends of the inductees were also present at the ceremony.
University Park, IL, May 08, 2017

**GSU to Offer Business Administration B.A. Coursework at Kankakee Community College**

University Park, IL – Governors State University is partnering with Kankakee Community College to offer coursework from our AACSB accredited Business Administration B.A. program. Courses will be offered at the Kankakee Community College North Extension Center starting Fall 2017.

Governors State University Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Deborah Bordelon noted, “We are very excited to expand and build upon our partnership with Kankakee Community College; we strongly believe that the future holds additional collaborative opportunities with Kankakee Community College to benefit all of our students.”

Through this initiative, students will be able to pursue coursework towards their Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration while exploring concentrations such as Entrepreneurship, Finance, Human Resource Management, Management, Management Information Systems, Marketing, Operations, and Supply Chain Management.

In addition, students interested in GSU’s Business and Applied Science B.A., Manufacturing Management B.A., or Accounting B.S. can also take select courses towards these degrees as part of this partnership.

Michael Boyd, Vice President of Instruction and Student Success at Kankakee Community College, observed that “KCC and GSU share a commitment to student success and student development. Students pursuing coursework offered through this program will be confident that both schools are working together to guide them along a clear pathway towards success and achievement.”

Dr. Jun Zhao, Dean at GSU’s College of Business, also praised the initiative, observing, “KCC has been a long-term partner with GSU’s College of Business, and this initiative will take our partnership to a higher level.”
Chicago, IL, May 09, 2017

**Scholarships Awarded to High School Seniors**

Governors State University is awarding its most prestigious academic scholarships to six high school seniors from across the Midwest. The scholarships, funded by the GSU Foundation, are presented to students who have exhibited excellence in high school performance and civic engagement.

The elite Presidential Scholarship is awarded to high school seniors who have been notably engaged in their high school communities. This year, these full scholarships were awarded to Marina Ibrahim and Eunis Kukose, both of Tinley Park, IL. They will each receive tuition for four academic years, as well as a generous book store stipend and Silver Meal Plan each semester.

Provost Scholarship recipients are similarly based on superior high school performance. This year they were awarded to Megan Frick of Fulton, IL, and Alexandria Pavloski of Manteno, IL. These scholarships cover $4,000 of each student’s tuition annually and provide a bookstore stipend.

Also chosen for their success at the high school level, Dean’s Scholarships were awarded to Lexi Kavoric of Canton, OH, and Elise Moores of Chicago, IL. These students will receive $2,000 each year toward their tuition, as well as a bookstore stipend.

Set to graduate in 2021, these incoming students are recognized as exemplars of the fortitude and skills of a GSU scholar.