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News

Wrapping Up a Successful Commencement



As [GSU](#) resumes its summer schedule following a successful Commencement, enthusiasm lingers on campus.

In a sincere [letter to the GSU community](#), President Elaine Maimon expressed her delight with the [2017 Commencement ceremonies](#), thanking all involved for their contributions.

"I can honestly say that this year's events were the best in my ten years as President," [Dr. Maimon](#) writes. Read her full letter [here](#).

Messages of diversity and inclusion were central to the ceremonies, highlighted through speeches and decorated regalia. To view a video compilation displaying the diversity of GSU, click [here](#).

Dr. Ned Laff Appears on WCIU's You & Me

GSU's Dr. Ned Laff, director of the Center of the Junior Year, appeared on WCIU's *You and Me* last Wednesday in "[5 Tips for College Success](#)." Dr. Laff discussed how college students can craft a well-rounded undergraduate experience by taking advantage of opportunities outside of their majors.

Watch the full clip [here](#).

Announcements and Events

Moving from surviving to thriving: Supporting our students



Alarming rates of homelessness and housing insecurity are being reported nationally. FAFSA applications reveal that 58,000 college students report being homeless, and in a 2016 study, 48 percent of responding college students reported food insecurity in the previous 30 days. How have the students of GSU been impacted by these staggering statistics?

Join the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management on **Tuesday, June 6** from 1 – 5 p.m. in the E-Lounge for “Addressing Hunger and Housing Insecurity in College Students,” a professional development program focused on raising awareness and providing resources that will support our students in their time of need.

All are invited to attend. If interested, please [RSVP here](#).

Pet-Palooza

Artists, musicians, animal trainers, and all-around lovers of fur babies are needed for Pet-Palooza! Bring your well-mannered and leashed pets for fun and games at the Orland Township Grounds on **Saturday, June 17** from 12 – 3 p.m. Hosted by Paul O’Grady and the Board of Trustees, the Pet Fair and Parade will benefit Orland Township’s Pet Food Pantry, which is in need of food and supplies.

Ways you can help:

- Volunteer to set-up/breakdown the event
- Contribute your musical, artistic, and animal training talents
- Help obtain donations from vendors such as pet stores, grocery stores, veterinarians, and restaurants
- Ask vendors to purchase a table at Pet-Palooza
- Donate a five-pound bag of dog-food or make a cash donation to the pantry

Pet-Palooza also serves as a fundraiser for GSU’s Student Education Association (SEA). For more information, contact student organizers [Gwen Medrano](#), [Samantha Allen](#), or faculty advisor [Dr. Katy E. Hisrich](#).

STEAM Camp at GSU



Science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics: these concepts are the foundation of modern education, and they're all a part of summer learning at GSU. Registration is currently open for [STEAM Camp](#) where students, ages 11 to 16, will take part in activities in the visual and performing arts, chemistry, engineering, mathematics, physics, and robotics.

There are two sessions: **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](#).

ERT Seeking Bilingual Volunteers

Rapid communication is critical for campus safety in the case of an emergency. The GSU Emergency Response team is seeking bilingual staff and/or faculty members who would be interested in providing support and assistance facilitating rapid response in the event of an emergency.

If you would like to volunteer, please email [Hollie Campbell](#). Please specify the language(s) you speak and when you are usually on campus.

Highlights

Following the GSU Honors Program through Italy



The [GSU Honors Program](#) is having a great time on its first seminar in Rome. Students have held classroom sessions at the American University of Rome, explored historical and cultural sites, and some even headed to Disneyland Paris to view the influence of American pop culture on Franco/European culture.

See photos of the group as they tour Europe through **June 10** on the [GSU Honors Study Abroad Facebook page](#).

Workshops & Trainings

Summer doesn't stop GSU from continuing its workshop and training offerings for students, faculty members, and staff, including the Office of Marketing and Communications Brown Bag Lunch. Click [here](#) for more information.

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.

Do you have a story or event you want to submit for the GSU View?

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