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GSU4U: Assisting Students with Hunger and Homelessness Essentials

Attending class, completing homework, and studying for exams can be overwhelming when students must find a place to sleep and shower or are wondering where and when they will find their next meal. The Office of the Dean of Students has developed GSU4U to help students resolve these challenges by guiding them through the process of accessing social and healthcare services in the community, while also connecting them with on-campus resources such as academic and counseling services.

Student Life is also responding to student hunger and housing insecurity by offering the Jaguar Den, which will operate the established GSU Food Pantry and Operation Healthy, a new monthly fresh produce distribution program. Another measure will focus on making go-bags available to students that contain food, personal care needs, and clothing. In addition, Student Life is finalizing plans to soon open the Jaguar Career Closet.
Faculty members and staff can work on the front lines by referring students experiencing personal challenges to GSU4U and the Jaguar Den. Visit the Student Concerns program to submit a concern and see how the process works.

Pop-up food pantries will be available at many campus events in the near future, and students can already take advantage of locker and shower facilities available in the Athletic and Recreation Center.

All members of the GSU community are encouraged to contribute to the initiative. Monetary donations are welcome and can be made on this form with the specific designation to “Food and Housing Insecurities” under Impact Initiatives.

**Time to ROAR with the Incoming Jaguars**

Let’s greet the new Jaguars with a giant ROAR! R.O.A.R. New Student Orientation will take place this Wednesday, June 14 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. to welcome new freshmen and their guests to campus. The check-in table (between the Registrar Office and the D1 staircase) will remain staffed throughout the day, and you may refer guests there for assistance.

To connect the GSU community and its new members, use the hashtag #new2gsu on your social media platforms to share photos, memories, and stories of orientation.

If you have any questions, email New Student Programs or call 708.235.6819.

**Take a Summer Time-Out for Fun!**

Take a break from the office for Time Out for Fun (TOFF)! All GSU staff, students, and faculty are invited to get together, as schedules allow, between noon and 2 p.m. this Wednesday, June 14 for a variety of organized activities available on campus.

Bring your lunch and a friend, and come take part in outdoor games such as bags, bocce ball, volleyball, hula-hoops, board games, and more. If it is raining, pool, X-Box, and ping-pong are on the agenda.

TOFF activities are planned for the following Wednesdays during the summer: June 14, 21, and 28; July 12, 19, and 26; and August 2 and 9.

An e-blast with details about events and locations for this Wednesday morning is forthcoming. For more information, contact TOFF Committee members Karen Caesar, Dean Jennings, Marco Krcatovich, or
Announcements and Events

Wish You Were Here – A Postcard Exhibition

GSU’s Visual Arts Gallery has released a Call for Entry for handmade postcards from around the world. The gallery’s goal is to receive 500 or more standard sized postcards mailed through postal services to create a continuous line of postcards around the gallery walls. Suggested mail in dates are June 20 for international postcards and June 30 for domestic.

View the Call for Entry here or email Jeff Stevenson for more information.

Summer Film Festival

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend the Summer Film Festival, hosted by GSU’s School of Extended Learning and Intellectual Life Committee. The first film screening of the festival is An Unknown Country by Eva Zelig, which will take place on Tuesday, June 21 from 4 – 7 p.m. in F1622.

Reserve your seat here.

Yoga in the Park

Are you looking for a twist on your fitness routine? Practice your poses among sculptural giants outside in the prairie as you roll out your yoga mat, and connect with the beauty of art and nature.

Classes take place in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park at 10 a.m. on Saturdays: June 10, 17, 24, and July 1. Enroll in the 4-week boot camp for $50. Drop-in fee is $15 per class.

To register, email Gina Ragland or call 708.235.7559.

Equine Therapy Class
This fall, Addiction Studies is offering an Equine Therapy course to both undergraduate and graduate students. Taught by Dr. Raven Badger, Equine Therapy will include interaction with horses and take place on the GSU campus and on an off-campus farm. The class is scheduled Mondays from 4:30 to 7:20 p.m. Enroll in ADDS-5250.01 this fall. For more information email Dr. Raven Badger or call 708.235.2160.

Undergraduate Open House This Summer

Here’s your chance to show off GSU to friends and family interested in enrolling in one of our outstanding undergraduate programs. All are invited to GSU’s Undergraduate Open House on Saturday, July 15 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Tour the state-of-the-art housing at Prairie Place, meet leading professors, and enjoy music and refreshments. To register, click here.

Highlights

Workshop Addresses Student Hunger and Housing Insecurity
Last week, a workshop hosted by the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management addressed student well-being in times of personal challenge and crisis.

Following a keynote presentation by Dr. Casey Holtschneider, Assistant Professor of Social Work at Northeastern Illinois University, workshop participants heard panel presentations of GSU students’ experiences as well as community service providers. In break-out sessions, participants tackled issues of hunger and homelessness; sexual assault and domestic violence; and physical and mental health concerns.

The university is implementing the GSU4U initiative and the conversion of the Food Pantry to the Jaguar Den as measures to tackle some of the hardships students may experience.

**GSU Volunteers at the Celebration of Film, Homewood Science Center**
GSU faculty, students, and alumni volunteered at the Celebration of Film festival at the Homewood Science Center on June 6 – 10. Professor John Sowa, Division Chair of Chemistry and Biological Sciences, presented “How Film is Used in Science” and “How 3-D Imaging Works.” MFA alumnus Robert Mason operated a hands-on digital microscopy station, and GSU film student Holly Britton helped set up the demonstration. Professors Dan Nearing and Sang Lee of the Division of Communication-Visual and Performing Arts recruited volunteers.

GSU Honors Program Returns Home

The GSU Honors Program returned to the U.S. this weekend after an exciting seminar in Europe. In their final week abroad, they represented GSU’s core value of civic engagement by serving lunch to the local community at the Caritas Diocesana soup kitchen. Participants also visited the Colosseum in Rome and received the Papal Blessing at the Vatican.

View photos and videos of the Honors students’ European adventure by following the GSU Honors Study Abroad Facebook page.
Workshops & Trainings

Check out the Writing Center’s workshop offerings, as well as the next Office of Marketing and Communications Brown Bag Lunch and WorkZone training. For the complete list of options, click 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.

Do you have a story or event you want to submit for the GSU View?
Click here to learn about our submission guidelines.
Upcoming Exhibitions

Wish You Were Here

A postcard exhibition

Call for ENTRY:
The Visual Arts Gallery at Governors State University is organizing an exhibition of hand made postcards from all around the world. Our goal is to receive 500 or more standard sized postcards mailed by United States Postal Service (USPS) to create a continuous line of postcards around the gallery walls.

There is no entry fee; simply the price of postage.

The front/image side can be anything: drawing, painting, collage, photography, etc as long as it can be mailed through USPS:

To qualify for mailing through USPS First-Class Mail, it must be:
*Rectangular
*At least 3-1/2 inches high x 5 inches long x 0.007 inch thick
*No more than 4-1/4 inches high x 6 inches long x 0.016 inches thick

The back/message side will be addressed to:

Jeff Stevenson, Director
Visual Arts Gallery
Governors State University
1 University Parkway
University Park, IL 60484

The message area should contain the artist's signature, printed artist name, title of the piece, medium, year, email, website info, and any other message from the artist desired, although it may not be visible while on display.
Each postcard will be received as a donation from the artist to the Visual Arts Gallery and will not be returned. The postcards will be auctioned/sold to raise funds for the gallery. There is no limit to the number of submissions.

2017 Wish You Were Here timeline:
June 7 Call for entry announced
June 20 suggested mail in date for international postcards
June 30 suggested mail in date for domestic postcards
July 7 all postcards received and installation begins
July 10 exhibition open to the public
July 27 exhibition ends

Theme: Wish You Were Here

In the tradition of mailing postcards while on vacation, the artists submitting art for this exhibition can consider: summer vacation, rest, rejuvenation, time to dream and reflect, and the value of having a change of scenery.

The popular phrase “wish you were here” could indicate a longing for the recipient’s company, or a desire to stir up envy by pointing out that they are not in the location from which the card is sent. All postcards will be on display unless deemed inappropriate for general audiences.

By mailing us a postcard, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions explained here and on record with the Visual Arts Gallery and Governors State University.

Please forward to friends, artists, groups, anyone who might be interested. Mail early and often! You don't have to be an artist, but it doesn't hurt.

watch our Facebook page for an online photo album of all the entries and the opportunity to bid in the auction!

questions? contact Jeff Stevenson jstevenson@govst.edu
Chicago, IL, June 14, 2017

Workshops and Training Opportunities

**The Writing Center presents: APA Workshop Series: June 6 – June 27**

Stop by the Student Success Commons to learn the ins and outs of using APA style for your research paper over the course of four sessions. All workshops occur Tuesdays from 6 – 7 p.m. in Workshop Room B1215 in the Student Success Commons. Registration is not required, but please contact Jarrett Neal (mailto:jneal2@govst.edu?subject=APA%20Workshop) at 708.235.2105 to secure your seat!

**Workshop 1: Getting Started**
Tuesday, June 6, 6 – 7 p.m.

**Workshop 2: Mastering APA Documentation Style**
Tuesday, June 13, 6 – 7 p.m.

**Workshop 3: How to Use Your Sources without Plagiarizing: Paraphrasing Without Pain**
Tuesday, June 20, 6 – 7 p.m.

**Workshop 4: Finishing Touches**
Tuesday, June 27, 6 – 7 p.m.

**Office of Marketing and Communications Brown Bag Workshop**

Join the Office of Marketing and Communications for an Hour of Power, our brown bag workshop series, on the second Wednesday of every month. We’ll discuss topics such as writing, brand management, and web content design. The workshops will take place in room C1317 from 12:05 to 12:50 p.m. Please RSVP to Blake Edwards (mailto:bedwards6@govst.edu?subject=Brown%20Bag%20Lunch%20Reservation) and remember to bring a lunch!

The next workshop is:

**Wednesday, June 14**

“Social Media 101: Leveraging Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to Engage Your Audience.” Ammanuel Ayalew, Social Media and Digital Content Strategist, will discuss what social media is, why it is important, and, perhaps most critically, how your department / program can best leverage social media to engage your audience.

**WorkZone Training Tuesday, June 20**

WorkZone is Governor State University’s project management system. It helps you, and the Marketing and Communications team, keep workflow flowing more efficiently. At this training session we will explain what you need to know to start working in WorkZone and also discuss key best practices for ensuring your jobs are executed successfully.

The next training session is **Tuesday, June 20, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in D2430 (The Cube)**

To register, or if you have any questions, please contact Blake Edwards, Advertising & Marketing Coordinator, at bedwards6@govst.edu.

**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 (http://www.govst.edu/faculty-profile-form/) and we will have your profile up within a matter of days.

**Faculty Headshot Photos**
The Office of Marketing & Communications will be taking headshots in E1522, between noon and 2 p.m., on the following days this semester:

Friday June 16