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A newsletter for students, faculty & staff



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News

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GSU President Elaine P. Maimon released a [statement](#) expressing solidarity with the University of Virginia community, denouncing the acts of hatred, and reinforcing GSU as a safe and welcoming community rooted in diversity.

Welcome, Smart Start Students!



Over 100 freshmen students from the Class of 2021 arrive to campus today with the beginning of [Smart Start](#). Students new to campus can get a jump-start by reading study tips [here](#).

Encourage students to stop by the Welcome Table in the Hall of Governors to receive a goody bag, sign up to get their *free* laptop, get help finding classes, and more! The Welcome Table will be open today and tomorrow from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Direct questions to [New Student Programs](#) or call 708.235.6819.



Smart Start students can also win a backpack of GSU swag by taking a tour of the [GSU Library](#). Tours will be held **Monday, August 21**, at 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. Receive a gift and sign up for a chance to win the backpack!

What's New at GSU

In the next few weeks, we are excited to welcome new students, faculty, and staff to [Governors State University](#). We are delighted that you've chosen to be part of our vibrant campus community. To those returning to campus after a restful (or busy) summer, welcome back!

The summer may have seemed quiet on campus, but several exciting projects have been unfolding. With the beginning of the new academic year, these new additions and updates to campus are officially ready for use.

[Read more . . .](#)

All Invited to GSU's 48th Annual Convocation Ceremony



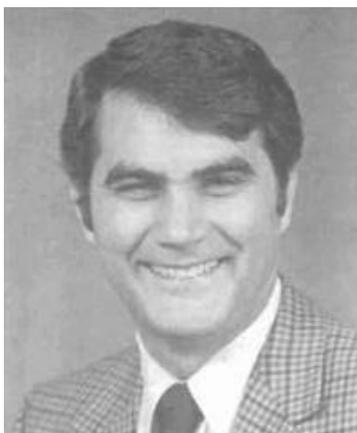
Kick off the new school year with GSU as the university celebrates its 48th annual Convocation. While Convocation is always exciting, this year holds a special significance: the first entering freshman class will take part in its final march before Commencement. These students are the first to complete a four-year undergraduate degree at GSU.

Arrive early – between 2:30 and 2:55 p.m. – to be entered in a drawing for GSU swag. Doors will close at 3 p.m., so be sure to arrive on time!

During the ceremony, students will receive commemorative Convocation pins, and following the ceremony is the annual ice cream social. Convocation 2017 also welcomes the Class of 2021 to GSU and recognizes the winners of the Faculty Excellence Awards and the Baysore Award.

The ceremony will take place **Friday, August 25** at 3 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts. Contact [Penny Perdue](#) or call 708.534.4130 for more information.

Nominations Requested for the Baysore Award



The Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Award is presented to the GSU employee who most fully demonstrates the following four qualities so consistently and fully embodied by Dr. Baysore during his eighteen-year service to the university:

- Absolute integrity
- Total competence
- Generous dedication
- Unfailing civility

The Baysore Award will be presented by President Maimon during Convocation on Friday, August 25.

This award is given only when a candidate meets the strict qualifications as listed above. Nominators are encouraged to devote special time and attention to their written nominations. The length of the nomination is not as important as the quality, but enough information should be included so that the committee can make an informed decision.

The deadline for nominations is **Friday, August 18** at 5 p.m. Submit your nominations to [Penny Perdue](#).

Announcements and Events

Campus Events Observing Solar Eclipse



On Monday, August 21, a [total solar eclipse](#) will darken the skies across America as it moves in its path of totality—a narrow range in which the sun will be completely obscured by the moon. While GSU lies just outside of this path, the region will experience a partial eclipse in which the moon obscures the sun by 87%.

GSU is observing the solar eclipse with two on-campus events. Click [here](#) for details.

Motorcycle Safety Training Now Available at GSU

RiderCourse motorcycle safety training courses, hosted by Harper College, are now open for registration and available for no charge with a \$20 refundable deposit. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to enroll in early offerings of the course, as the courses are likely to fill up quickly as they catch on in popularity. The first class begins this **Friday, August 18**.

Click [here](#) to register online using the University Park link or call 847.925.6300 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. To register as a walk-in on the first night of class, arrive 15 minutes before the start of class.

MSI National Bowtie Day



The Male Success Initiative invites the entire GSU community to participate in National Bow Tie Day by wearing a bow tie on **Monday, August 28**, to show support for the MSI. All are invited: males, females, students, staff, faculty, and administration. Dress up, dress down, dress funky... just rock your bow tie on National Bow Tie Day.

For more information, contact [Sean Smith](#).

Call for Programs – Latino Heritage Month

The [Office of Intercultural Student Affairs](#) wants your ideas for Latino Heritage Month! Students, faculty, and staff members are invited to submit events to help GSU celebrate the history, culture, and contributions of Latinos in our global society past, present, and future.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15.

Submissions and questions can be directed to [Robert Clay](#). Deadline for event proposals is **August 25**.

MSI Fall Kickoff Retreat



The Male Success Initiative invites students to attend its Second Annual Fall Kickoff Retreat, taking place at Camp Manitoqua from **Thursday, August 24 – Friday, August 25**. The off-campus retreat, free to all attendees, is designed to orient new and returning male students of color to MSI and GSU campus culture.

Participants will engage in team building, bonding, and socializing. This year's retreat will include sessions from returning students, outdoor team activities, and individual consultations dedicated to identifying attendees' personal strengths.

Space is limited. Click [here](#) to register by **Friday, Aug 18**. For more information, contact [Sean Smith](#).

Student Employment and Part-time Job Fair

Career Services is hosting the [Student Employment and Part-time Job Fair](#) on **Wednesday, August 30** from 2 – 5 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. The fair is open to all students looking for part-time federal work-study and student worker jobs at GSU, as well as some external employers offering part-time employment.

In preparation for the fair, Career Services will offer drop-in resume review services on **Monday and Tuesday, August 28 – 29** between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Career Services is located in the Student Success Commons in B1215.

For additional information, please contact the [Office of Career Services](#) or call 708.235.3974.

Workshop Proposals Requested for IDEAS Labs

[Intercultural Student Affairs](#) presents Intercultural Development for Equity and Success (IDEAS) Labs: an innovative program designed to engage faculty, staff, and students in a think tank acknowledging campus inequities that may limit student success. IDEAS Labs will serve as professional development for faculty and staff and leadership development opportunities for students. IDEAS Labs are an opportunity for our community to develop resolutions regarding these matters in a holistic, inclusive manner.

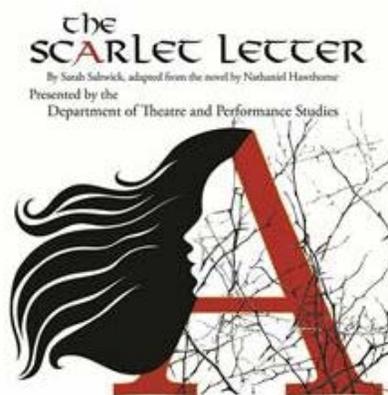
Students, faculty, and staff are invited to facilitate an IDEAS Lab. Please submit your proposed workshop [here](#) by **Friday, September 1**. For more information, email [Intercultural Student Affairs](#) or call 708.534.4551.

GSU First Annual Department of Public Safety Car and Motorcycle Show

In cooperation with the [GSU Library](#) and University Events Office, GSU's [Department of Public Safety](#) is hosting its first Car and Motorcycle Show on **Friday, September 8** from 4 – 8 p.m., rain or shine. Enjoy a fun and memorable evening with the show's awards, goodie bags, dash plaques, and door prizes.

A donation of \$10 is required to display your vehicle, and all proceeds benefit the Special Olympics Illinois. No admission will be charged for spectators. Contact [Lee Taylor](#) for more information.

Auditions for Adaptation of the Scarlet Letter



GSU's [Theatre and Performance Studies](#) (TAPS) and [Center for Performing Arts](#) (CPA) are seeking an inclusive, dynamic ensemble of six female-identified and four male-identified actors for a modern theatrical adaptation by Sarah Saltwick of Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*. To sign up, click [here](#).

Rehearsals for this production will begin the week of **September 11**; tech weekend is **October 28 & 29**; and performances are **November 3, 4, and 5**. To see the full audition notice and read more about Saltwick's adaptation, click [here](#).

Sculpture, Wine, and Dine

Join [Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park](#) for a unique dining experience among the arts at Sculpture, Wine, and Dine, hosted by Wayne Johnson, host of *NBC5 Wayne's Weekend*. Dinner will take place on **Saturday, September 9** from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. Following the dinner, attend the Afterglow party at 6:30 for live music, drinks, and dessert in the E-Lounge and Visual Arts Gallery, featuring the work of Vera Klement and Dan Ramirez.

Tickets are \$125 per person and benefit the [Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park](#). RSVP by **August 29**. For ticket information, contact Gina Ragland at 708.235.7559.

Men's Leadership Summit 2017 – Call for Workshops



The Men's Leadership Summit is seeking workshop proposals for its 2017 conference held on **November 17**. This year's theme is "From Reasonable Doubt to 4:44: The Evolution of Maleness, Masculinity, and Manhood." Using the musical career of Jay-Z as a backdrop, the conference theme speaks to men discovering the influence of maleness, masculinity, and manhood on their journey to be leaders.

Click [here](#) to submit your workshop proposal by **October 6**. For more information, click [here](#), email [Intercultural Student Affairs](#), or call 708.534.4551.

Emergency Preparedness for Faculty and Staff

To help ensure that campus safety remains at the forefront, whether you are a faculty or staff member, the Emergency Response Team would like to share with you a preparedness check-list and website for your review. Click [here](#) to view.

Highlights

Fall 2017 Intellectual Life Grant Recipients Announced

The [GSU Library](#) has announced the Fall 2017 Intellectual Life Grant recipients. "The committee is looking forward to the wonderful activities that will take place on campus this semester as a result of these grants," said [Lydia Morrow Ruetten](#), Dean of the Library. Click [here](#) to view the list of grant recipients.

Successful Library Amnesty Food for Fines Program



The GSU Library received a great response for its Food for Fines amnesty program. Thanks to all who participated!

Expert Voices from GSU

GSU has a long history of representing and defining best practices, and our faculty and staff have a history of sharing that with the higher ed community. *Peer Review*, a prestigious academic journal published by the Association of American Colleges & Universities, accepted two written by GSU faculty and staff members recently. Both demonstrate the university's methodological approach to serving students through the highest academic standards.

[Read more . . .](#)

Orientation Welcomes New Faculty to GSU



New Faculty Orientation took place last week as GSU welcomed more than 13 new members to its full-time, unit A & B, and adjunct faculty. Participants were introduced to many aspects of campus, including resources, research, the grounds, and more.

Fall Into Good Habits

Welcome to Fall 2017! It's time to buckle down and settle in. Are you ready to study? We know you are.

But in case you aren't, in case you still have a glaze of summertime laying over your spirit, in case you can't believe it's already August and you just don't know how you're going to get yourself in gear, we have some advice to help you along.

[Read more . . .](#)

Workshops & Trainings

A list of workshops for students, faculty, and staff can be found [here](#), including the next Office of Marketing & Communications WorkZone training, 25Live training, and Faculty and Advisor Open Labs for GSU STAR.

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.](#)



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From noon – 2 p.m., the College of Arts and Sciences is hosting an eclipse-viewing event in Lot E. Solar filters and pinhole projectors will be available for use by participants to safely view the eclipse. Viewers are strongly encouraged to bring their own safety glasses if they wish to see the eclipse outside of the provided scopes.

Additionally, [Dr. Maristela Zell](http://www.govst.edu/Site_Navigation/Contact/Directory/mzell/) (http://www.govst.edu/Site_Navigation/Contact/Directory/mzell/), Professor of Holistic Social Work, will lead a mindfulness meditation at 1 p.m. in the library. “Solar and lunar eclipses are about deepening consciousness,” says Dr. Zell. All are invited to the meditation.



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This weekend, America witnessed tragic acts of violence on the University of Virginia campus. White supremacists, neo-Nazis, and Ku Klux Klan members asserted messages of bigotry and fanaticism that are inimical to everything we stand for in higher education. The GSU community stands in solidarity with our university colleagues and all those in Charlottesville and elsewhere who are speaking out against hatred. We send condolences to the families of the three people who died and messages of support to those who were injured.

GSU is a safe and welcoming community rooted in diversity. True to our mission, we see our sense of inclusion as a great strength. Universities are public squares, places designed to encourage the free exchange of ideas. It is our responsibility to speak up when those who hate target the most vulnerable: African Americans, immigrants, Muslims, Jews, and LGBT individuals. We must confront and condemn racism and fascism every time they threaten.

Governors State University will never stand passively by and allow evil to win. We will speak out against hatred in all its insidious forms.