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# gsuview

A newsletter for students, faculty & staff



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## News

### President Maimon on DACA Ruling



GSU President Elaine P. Maimon released a memo to the university community in response to the Trump administration's rescinding of DACA.

"Our public square is open. We welcome all and will advocate for and protect your right to education."

You can read the memo in its entirety [here](#).

### GSU awarded "Best of the Best" Veteran Friendly School



For the third consecutive year, Governors State University has been awarded "[Best of the Best](#)" by [U.S. Veterans Magazine](#). GSU is one of only 100 colleges and universities in the U.S. to earn this prestigious award.

To view GSU's place in the list of top veteran-friendly schools, click [here](#).

## Combined Undergraduate and Graduate Open House



All prospective students are invited to attend the second annual combined open house hosted by Admissions and Graduate Council. Register [here](#) to attend the open house on **October 14** from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

At the open house, prospective students may attend sessions on financial aid, admission requirements, housing, and much more – including a waiver code for their application fee! (Programs requiring application through the Centralized Application Service are excluded.)

For more information, email [Julie Anderson](#) or call 708.534.4086.

## Announcements and Events

### Annual Fall Book Sale Begins Today



The annual GSU [Friends of the Library](#) Fall Book Sale is taking place on the Library balcony from September 5–7. The books are located at the rear of the balcony on shelves and carts. Books can be reviewed when the library is open. Following is a run-down of the cost of the books that are on sale:

Non-Fiction  
Hardback: \$1.00 per book  
Paperback: \$0.50 per book

CDs, DVDs, VHS  
\$0.50 each

All fiction is free.

The book sale is on the honor system. Please place your money in the coin box to the left of the bookshelves at the rear of the balcony. Contact [the library](#) with any additional questions.

## A Voyage into the Unknown with Two Chicago Legends

Stop by GSU's [Visual Art Gallery](#) to view its new exhibit [Vera Klement/Dan Ramirez: Body and Spirit](#). The exhibition explores a selection of works by two legendary Chicago artists whose contributions and reputations are firmly established in the history of art in Chicago.

The [Artists' Reception](#), open to the public, will take place on Wednesday, September 6 from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m., with a talk at 6 p.m. To read more about the artists, exhibit, and reception, click [here](#).

## LGBT History Month Submissions

October is LGBT History Month: a month-long annual observance held across the country in observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements.

Submit your program [here](#) by Friday, September 15.

## Volunteers Needed for 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.

The Library is seeking 15 – 20 volunteers to assist with activities such as directing cars with parking, helping with key points of contact such as the children's area, the food and vendor areas, and for general help where needed. Volunteers should be available from 3 – 8 p.m. and will be provided with a meal. To volunteer, contact [Alexis Sarkisian](#).

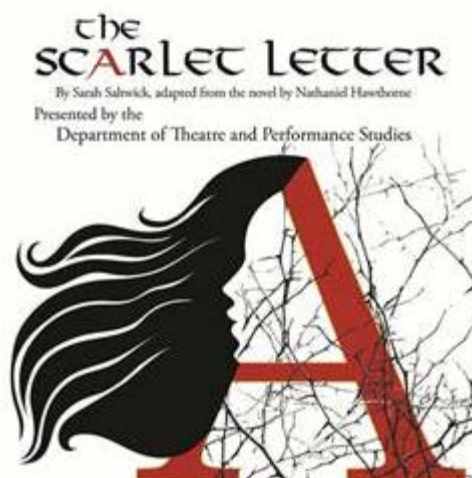
## 9/11 Day of Remembrance



In honor of **September 11**, the [Veterans Resource Center](#) is hosting a day of remembrance honoring those lost in the 2001 tragedy. From 11 – 11:30 a.m., join the VRC by the flagpoles in front of campus for a moment of silence and remembrance ceremony.

Following the ceremony, there will be events in the Hall of Governors from noon – 5 p.m. For more information, contact [Kevin Smith](#).

## 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](#).

## “Indigenous Conquistadors: Indigenous Allies to the Spanish Empire”

All are invited to observe Hispanic Heritage Month by attending “Indigenous Conquistadors: Indigenous Allies to the Spanish Empire,” a presentation by [Dr. Laura Matthew](#), a historian of southern Mesoamerica during the Spanish colonial era. The event takes place on September 19 at 5 p.m. and is co-sponsored by an Intellectual Life Grant, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Association of Latin American Students.

To read Dr. Matthew's bio, click [here](#).

## “We Are America”: Constitution Day at GSU

In commemoration of Constitution Day, the Dean's Office of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Division of Arts and Letters, and Student Life hosts “We Are America”: a day of events dedicated to exploring the First Amendment through student and expert perspectives starting at 10 a.m. on **Monday, September 18**.

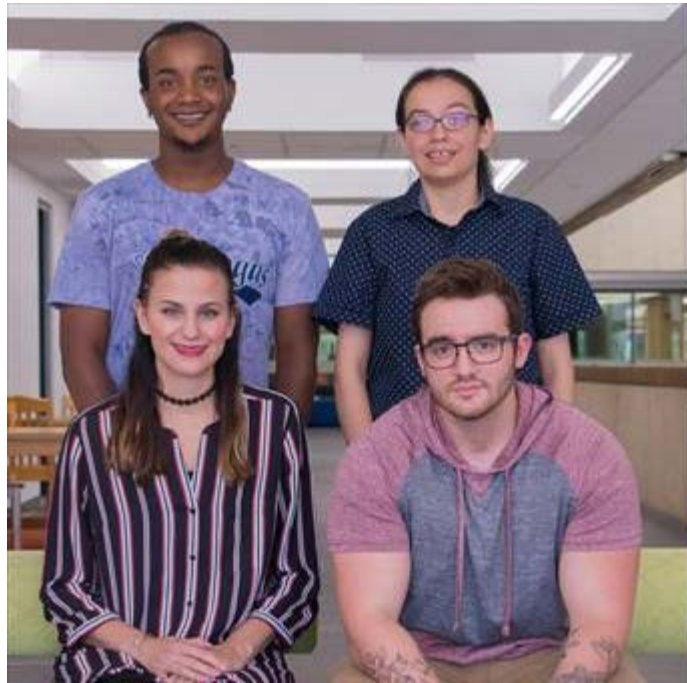
To view a [schedule of events](#), including a panel discussion among experts in their fields, a poetry slam, and a student narrative speech competition, click [here](#). For more information, contact [Jayne Goode](#).

## Highlights

### Pi Alpha Alpha Awarded Public Service Loan Forgiveness Grant

Congratulations to the GSU chapter of Pi Alpha Alpha, who have been selected to receive the 2017 Public Service Loan Forgiveness Grant from the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA). Tasha Baker, a GSU alum and a member of Pi Alpha Alpha since its 2014 inception, is the writer of the award-winning grant.

### Integrating Career Preparation Grant Interns complete a successful summer



The [Office of Career Services](#) congratulates the five Summer 2017 interns for their service as part of the Integrating Career Preparation and Liberal Education grant. The goal of this grant is to prepare liberal arts undergraduates for leadership careers dependent on critical thinking and communication skills. Interns gained first-hand experience in various areas such as social media, research, extended learning, writing, and program development. They completed projects that impacted their learning in their field of choice and connected their learning to real world experiences.

## Introducing the UAAC Advisors

The [Undergraduate Academic Advising Center](#) (UAAC) is a new service now available to all undergraduate students. To usher in the UAAC, the GSU View will feature weekly profiles of the advisors who provide guidance for students at every level of the undergraduate experience.



The first advisor of the series is Pamela Stipanich. She says,

*I have worked in higher education since 1991 and have been with Governors State University since 2001. I enjoy meeting face-to-face with students every day. The most rewarding aspect of my work is seeing students blossom, grow, and mature into confident, self-reliant college graduates eager to*

advance to the next phase of their career.

*I like to educate students on what academic advising is. Advising goes beyond assisting with class scheduling. Advising is a process in which the advisor and advisee enter a dynamic relationship, respectful of the student's concerns. The advisor serves as a facilitator of communication, a coordinator of learning experiences, a teacher, a guide in an interactive partnership aimed at enhancing the student's self-awareness and fulfillment, and an agent of referral to other campus agencies as necessary.*

## Thank You from the Friends of the GSU Library



Ann Manning Nagel, President of the [Friends of the GSU Library](#) (FOL), expresses her sincere thanks to the GSU community in the following passage.

*The Friends of the GSU Library would like to offer a huge THANK YOU to all in our GSU community who purchased baskets yesterday during our Back to School Basket Sale. It was our most successful to date. We are also pleased to be able to share partial proceeds from this basket sale with our friends who have been victimized by the ravages of Hurricane Harvey.*

*Supporting the FOL allows us to in turn support your GSU Library in a variety of ways. In addition to purchasing books and materials over the years, recently the FOL were able to provide shelving for our new Archives Room, provide furniture and carpeting for the Skylight Gallery in the Library, and upgrade furniture on the Library balcony for the Paperback Book Exchange area.*

The Friends of the Library encourages students and members of the faculty and staff to become Friends of the Library. Click [here](#) to find out how.

## Workshops & Trainings

A list of workshops for students, faculty, and staff can be found [here](#), including Academic Resource Center Workshops and Orientations.

**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.

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**Do you have a story or event you want to submit for the GSU View?**  
[Click here to learn about our submission guidelines.](#)







University Park, IL, September 05, 2017

## Statement on the Rescinding of DACA

Dear GSU Community,

This morning Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the Trump administration's decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), initiated by President Obama's Executive Order in 2012. Today's announcement delays the rescission for six months to give Congress time to remedy the situation. Many Illinois Congressional leaders have already been taking an active role to protect DACA students and others who were brought to this nation as children and are now contributing valuably to this democratic society. I urge the GSU community to contact U. S. lawmakers with a message to act promptly to set things right. Let me say clearly that Governors State University will do all in our power to protect DREAMERS.

In 2016, I joined more than 450 other college and university presidents in [signing a statement supporting DACA](https://www.pomona.edu/news/2016/11/21-college-university-presidents-call-us-uphold-and-continue-daca) (<https://www.pomona.edu/news/2016/11/21-college-university-presidents-call-us-uphold-and-continue-daca>) and undocumented immigrant students, and I stand by that statement today. Our public square is open. We welcome all and will advocate for and protect your right to education. As a member of the Board of Directors of the American Council for Education (ACE), I [vow to continue this fight](http://www.acenet.edu/news-room/Pages/Statement-by-ACE-President-Ted-Mitchell-on-the-Trump-Administrations-Reported-Decision-to-End-DACA.aspx) (<http://www.acenet.edu/news-room/Pages/Statement-by-ACE-President-Ted-Mitchell-on-the-Trump-Administrations-Reported-Decision-to-End-DACA.aspx>), both at Governors State and at the national level.

As we persevere across this political landscape, we offer all students support. Our [Student Counseling Center](http://www.govst.edu/counselingcenter/) (<http://www.govst.edu/counselingcenter/>) is open to you. If you need legal help, [GSU4U](http://www.govst.edu/gsu4u/) (<http://www.govst.edu/gsu4u/>) has created a bridge between our campus community and many social service agencies, including [legal aid](https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/search?state=IL) (<https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/search?state=IL>).

Unity, respect, and compassion are antidotes to divisiveness.



University Park, IL, September 05, 2017

## **"We Are America": Constitution Day at GSU**

Schedule of Events: September 18, 2017

10 – 10:50 a.m. Hall of Honors

*Panel Discussion on the First Amendment*

Dr. Kerri Morris, Association Professor of English

Dr. Novia Pagone, Visiting Assistant Professor of Spanish

Angela Denk, Senior Writer and Communications Manager

11 – 11:50 a.m. Hall of Honors

*Speak-off – Narrative Presentations on "We Are America"*

COMS1160 Public Discourse and Freshman Writing Studies Courses

1 – 1:50 p.m. Hall of Governors

*"We Are America" Slam Poetry/Rap Contest*

Patrick Santoro, Associate Professor of Theatre and Performing Arts, GSU students and members of the community

Sponsored by the Dean Office of the Division of Arts and Letters and Student Life