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GSU Votes in Today’s Illinois Primary Election

Responsible citizenship is central to the GSU mission. Demonstrate your civic engagement by voting in the Illinois Primary Election today! Polls are open until 7 p.m.
18 Things to Do Before You Graduate

In less than two months, exactly 59 days, GSU seniors will be 2018 college graduates wishing for one last chance to quench the thirst of college youth.

Don’t miss out on these 18 Things to Do Before You Graduate in 2018.

Celebrating GSU Graduates of 2018: Jerry Davis El

Leading up GSU’s 2018 Commencement, the GSU Newsroom will be telling the stories of upcoming graduates. Soon to be a two-time graduate of Governors State with both undergraduate and graduate degrees in Social Work, Jerry Davis El kicks off the series.

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Learn more.

Civil Service Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Ashley Stewart, Housing Representative, who recently was named Civil Service Employee of the Month!

Is there a GSU employee who has gone out of their way for you, perhaps made your job easier or your day more pleasant? Please take the time to nominate someone who has made a difference.

Apply Now for a 2018 GSU Foundation Scholarship

Governors State University Foundation and Alumni Association scholarship funding recognizes academic excellence and is awarded to deserving students in pursuit of a GSU degree. More than 185
scholarships totaling over $200,000 in scholarship aid are being offered for the Fall 2018 semester to GSU students via this in-house program. Apply by Friday, April 13, for consideration.

View a full list of scholarships, as well as application guidelines here.

**Dean of Students to Participate in Panel for AAC&U Webinar**

Tune into an AAC&U Webinar: “A Vision for Equity: Campus-Based Strategies for Committing to Equity and Inclusive Excellence” on Thursday, April 19, at 2 p.m. to hear GSU Dean of Students Aurelio Valente participate on a panel of scholars sharing lessons learned about addressing equity gaps on college campuses.

Register and learn more here.

**Conversations with Leaders: Will Davis**

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Read more . . .

**Have Your Say - GSU Food Service Survey**

Have Your Say—provide feedback about the food service and vending program at Governors State University. Take the annual GSU Food Service Survey to let our dining partner, Arena Food Service, Inc., hear your thoughts.

The survey will be available beginning today through **March 30**.

**President Maimon Receives Acclaim for ACE Session**

GSU President Elaine P. Maimon believes higher ed leaders must do a better job of listening to their surrounding communities, partners, and each other.
In “Getting out of the ivory tower and into the public square,” Education Dive, a higher ed newsletter, reports Dr. Maimon’s comments to an audience assembled in Washington, D.C. for the American Council on Education’s 100th annual meeting.

“Every institution is in a community ... and these groups are so happy when the institution wants to not only tell them things and ask them things, but listen to them,” Dr. Maimon told the group. Read the full article here.

Arrow Payments also recently tweeted “We loved @epmaimon's session at #ACE2018DC "Transforming Academic Culture: An Imperative for Change."
View photos from Dr. Maimon’s ACE presentation here.

Announcements and Events

Today: GSU4U Link Card Application Workshop

[Image of a Link Card]

Illinois Hunger Coalition will be on campus to assist GSU students with Link Card applications today from 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in A2140. Bring a photo ID and information about your income.

Appointments recommended; walk-ins welcome. Questions? Contact GSU4U or call 708.235.2845.

Need food now? Visit the Food Pantry in the Jaguar Den (A2140).

Screening Tonight: Miss Representation

[Image of the movie poster]

Join the Students Activities Council and Mr. & Ms. GSU for tonight’s screening of Miss Representation—a film that explores how the media’s misrepresentations of women has led to the underrepresentation of
women in positions of power and influence—at 7:30 in F1622. Free hot dogs, popcorn, and drinks! RSVP here.

A panel discussion led by Dr. Lara Stache and featuring Mr. & Ms. GSU will immediately follow the screening.

**Graduate Student Negotiation Workshop**

All graduate students, CHHS graduate students in particular, please mark your calendars to attend Conflict Resolution Specialist Sheila M. Maloney's workshop *Successful Negotiation Strategies: How to Navigate the World with Finesse and Confidence* on March 21, from 3 – 4:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.

Through interactive exercises and a participator lecture, the program will feature interest-based negotiation theory and skills and will emphasize planning and executing successful post-graduation professional negotiations, including salary negotiations.

For more information, contact Dr. R. O'Shea. This program is presented by the [Physical Therapy](#) program in conjunction with the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

**Salute to GSU Women**

Hear messages of hope and success on **Thursday, March 22**, from 3 – 4 p.m. in the Hall of Honors as we celebrate the contributions of GSU women to our campus community.

For updates or more information, call x4551 or email diversity@govst.edu.

**Panera Fundraiser Hosted by Students of Addictions Studies Club**
Help support the Students of Addictions Studies Club by dining at Panera in Matteson on Wednesday, March 28, from 4 – 8 p.m. Show this flyer or an electronic version to the cashier for a portion of proceeds to benefit the club.

Panera is located at 4864 211th St., Matteson, IL 60443.

Registration Extended: S.H.E.R.O. Women’s Leadership Symposium

S.H.E.R.O. speakers, from left: Karen Evans, Dr. Isaura Pulido, Sharva Hampton-Campbell

The S.H.E.R.O. Women’s Leadership Symposium (Sharing Her story of Empowerment Resilience & Opportunity) allows women to share stories and experiences that will empower them, increase resilience, and promote opportunities in their personal and professional development. This year’s symposium will take place Friday, March 30 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. Speakers for this year’s symposium represent empowerment, resilience, and opportunity.

Register by March 23.

For updates or more information, call x4551 or email diversity@govst.edu.

Student IEA Conference

The Student Education Association (SEA) is part of the Illinois Education Association (IEA), which supports and promotes networking among individuals from the education community. The IEA hosts a conference each semester. This semester’s conference is at the Hilton in Lisle, IL (Chicago Suburbs) from Friday, April 6, through Saturday, April 7.
On Friday, the IEA has planned a Legacy Project, which will begin in the early afternoon. Saturday, members will take part in a variety of professional development workshops led by current teachers, professors, district administrators, and professionals in the field. Pre-service teachers have the opportunity to attend numerous high quality information sessions on a variety of subjects pertaining to the teaching profession. Along with the sessions, SEA members will have opportunities to meet and socialize with fellow SEA members from universities across Illinois. Pre-service teachers may also walk away with materials and prizes.

This professional development opportunity is only open to members of SEA. The conference costs a small amount in comparison to the meals, knowledge, and materials that comes with it. Registration deadline is April 2. For more information, contact the SEA Student Vice-President, Jessica Dunahoo.

View the agenda and register here.

Alcohol Awareness Month Kickoff: AAM Resource & Vendor Fair

Each year, since 1987, Alcohol Awareness Month is observed in April to increase public awareness and understanding, reduce stigma, and encourage local communities to focus on alcoholism and alcohol-related issues.

On Tuesday, April 3, from noon to 4:30 p.m. in the Hall of Governors, SASC will be hosting an Alcohol Awareness Month Kickoff event, featuring exhibits and activities geared toward increasing awareness on what responsible alcohol use is, the dangers of alcohol abuse, the disease of alcoholism, and available prevention, treatment, and recovery support resources.

Learn more and RSVP.

Financial Literacy 101
Join Brian McKenna, Associate Professor of Accounting and Tax, for a workshop on Budgeting, Borrowing, Investing, and Insurance.

There are two opportunities to attend: **Monday, April 9**, from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Hall of Honors, or **Monday, April 23**, from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.

**Registration** is free but required. The event is open to all GSU students and community members, and is brought to you by the GSU College of Business with support from a PNC Foundation Grant.

**Nursing Student Town Hall**

Those interested in learning more about nursing can ask questions about the field, as well as meet professors and members of the department, at the Nursing Open House **Tuesday, April 10**, from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.

This gathering also will allow current students from all Nursing programs (undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral) the opportunity to meet the director, clinical coordinators, and instructors.

**GSU Faculty: Call for Submissions for the 2018 Faculty Authors Reception**

The annual Faculty Authors and Sponsored Program Grant Recipients Reception will take place on **Wednesday, April 11**, from 2:30 – 4 p.m. on the library balcony. All faculty are invited to submit their works by **Thursday, March 29**.

Each member of the faculty has received instructions for submitting works, along with the submission form. The Faculty Authors Reception is co-sponsored by the Governors State University Library, the Friends of the Governors State University Library, and the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research. Email Alexis Sarkisian with questions.

**GSU Library to Host Microsoft Access Workshops in April**

Attend a two-part workshop series offered by the GSU Library in April to learn the basics of Microsoft Access, a database management system.

“Access The Basics, Part 1” will be held **Tuesday, April 10**, from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. and **Wednesday, April 11**, from 10 a.m. – noon, and will cover the very basics of Access and will focus on creating a table.
and querying data. This is a hands-on workshop. Participants are encouraged to bring a USB drive to save their database for future, more advanced sessions. Class size is limited to 15 people. Please register by emailing Cynthia Romanowski. The Access workshop is open to all in the GSU community.

“Access The Basics, Part 2” will take place **Tuesday, April 17** from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. and **Wednesday, April 18**, from 10 a.m. – noon, and will cover the very basics of Access and will focus on sorting, dates, and querying between two tables. This is a hands-on workshop. Participants need to bring the USB drive containing their Access the Basics Part 1 database. Class size is limited to 15 people. Please register by emailing Cynthia Romanowski. **This Access workshop is open to only those GSU Community members who took Access the Basics Part 1.**

**Two-Day Comprehensive Suture Training Workshop**

A Comprehensive Suture Training Workshop will be held on **April 21 – 22**, starting at 8 a.m., in the G-Wing Nursing Simulation Lab.

This two-day (16-hour) course is directed to nurse practitioners and physician’s assistants. This course provides broad exposure to various types of procedural suturing. Learners at any level of experience will gain knowledge using integrated lecture and hands-on training under the expert guidance of experienced suture training instructors using surgical-grade instruments.

The program cost is $300 and includes the two-day course tuition, 16 CE contact hours, and training materials for home practice.

For more info or to register, click [here](#).

**Joliet Slammers Fundraiser**

The Student Education Association (SEA) and Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society (KDP) are hosting a social and fundraiser at an upcoming Joliet Slammers game on **Wednesday, May 30**, at 7 p.m. on the Silver Cross Field in Joliet. The Slammers, a professional baseball team, will be battling the Washington Wild Things in one of the first games of the season. Their mascot, the Jailbird, dances with the crowd between innings and brings a lot of cheer to the game.

There was a great turnout at this event last year; SEA leaders, faculty, and staff from GSU brought their family and friends. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Tickets are $10 per person; portions of proceeds of ticket purchases will go to both organizations. Contact any leader of the SEA to purchase tickets (tickets must be purchased for cash from a student leader). For more information, contact Hannah Gruben.

**Content Marketing Fellowship Opportunity in Vienna**
GSU students pursuing a career in marketing can now apply for a two-month content marketing fellowship in Vienna, Austria. The successful applicant will hone their skills under the leadership of marketing specialists, obtaining an invaluable international work experience that will set them apart from competitors in their field.

The applicant will be individually mentored by content writers, performance marketing analysts, and social media marketers. Housing for the duration of the fellowship and a stipend of $1,200 (USD) per month is provided.

Apply here by May 25.

GSU Summer STEAM Camp for Kids

GSU is once again sponsoring hands-on science, technology, art, and mathematics (STEAM) camp fun for summer 2018. Through a series of fun, highly interactive activities, students (ages 11 – 16) will learn basic concepts in the visual and performing arts, chemistry, engineering, physics, and robotics. Registration begins Friday, March 16, and space is limited.

STEAM Camps are held on two different weeks and students may register for one or both sessions. Camp fees are $200 per child, per week.

Week One: July 16 – 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Week Two: July 23 – 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

STEAM Camp Plus: Activities are also available Monday to Thursday, 3 to 5 p.m. Additional fee of $60 per session, per camper applies.

Scholarship Opportunities: A limited number of partial scholarships for Governors State University’s Summer 2018 STEAM Camp are awarded on a first-come, first-served, need-basis.

For additional information, click here or call 708.534.4088.
Looking back, Governors State University College of Business Finance Professor Xiuling (Susan) Ji had her first inkling that she would pursue a career in finance in middle school. “When a friend asked what I wanted to study, Finance just jumped into my mind,” she said. Throughout grade school and high school, Ji continued to build a strong foundation in math, but at China’s Tianjin University, Ji started looking for ways she could apply it in real life. “I thought about what I could do with math. In application, finance is an area where I could use my aptitude perhaps the best.” At Arizona State University, where Ji earned a Ph.D. in finance, she decided academia was her path to make a difference in the world.

C200 Scholarship Recipient Obtains Internship through Organization

Eman Samra, an undergraduate Accounting student at GSU, was awarded a $5,000 scholarship in October 2017’s C200 event held at GSU. In addition to the scholarship, recently she was selected by
C200 for a competitive and prestigious internship with the organization of the nation’s premier women leaders in business.

In this position, Samra will work with a collaborative team helping to advance women’s leadership in business on behalf of the members of C200. She’ll gain experience in non-profit program implementation, fundraising best practices, and strategic planning and communications.

David Green, Division Chair for Accounting, Finance, MIS, & Economics, congratulated Sutra, saying, “We are very proud of Eman’s achievement and recognition from such an influential organization.”

Doing Business in Eastern Europe

On Friday, March 9, GSU’s College of Business hosted its fourth annual "Doing Business in..." seminar for businesses in the region. This year's focus was Eastern Europe. Consuls General and trade commissioners from Poland, Bulgaria, and Serbia spoke about the business opportunities in their countries. Representatives from SBA, DOC, and IL DCEO also discussed resources and services the state and federal government provide to businesses. Keynote presenter, Dr. Sheila Puffer of Northeastern University, discussed cultural differences in Eastern Europe, and an afternoon business panel shared with audience best practices and lessons learned in the region.

About 55 people attended the event, including representatives from area businesses including Frigid Fluid, MedGyn, Metro Chicago Exports, Northwestern Indiana World Trade Alliance, and Lake County International Trade Center.

View more photos from this event.

Visited by [an] Angel
Hi All!

Sandy here. Today is Tuesday, March 20, and I missed everyone so much last week during Spring Break. I’m happy to be back!

Angel stopped by today—this was my first time meeting her! She is working on her bachelor’s degree in Psychology. She told me that she and her husband have eight children and two dogs. She mentioned that she wanted to stop by because she is a big dog lover. She wanted me to tell you all that if you love animals, then you need to stop by the balcony to see me. I am very relaxed, peaceful, and love to meet new GSU faculty, staff, and students.

I also overheard some conversation about having a birthday party for me on Monday, April 2 for my fifth birthday. It sounds like it will be lots of fun. Mark your calendars!

Sandy, Your GSU Therapy Dog.

If you have any questions, please write to asarkisian@govst.edu.

Workshops & Trainings

A list of workshops for students, faculty, and staff can be found 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.
JALEN MILLER EARNs NAIA ALL-AMERICA HONORS

Men's Basketball - Thu, Mar. 15, 2018

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A 6-foot-5 forward, Miller earned All-Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference First Team honors and was named CCAC Player of the Year this season. He averaged 15.3 points and 6.0 rebounds in 32 games and finished his three-year career as GSU's all-time leading scorer (1,490) and rebounder (578), setting more than 15 school records in the process.

The team captain helped lead GSU (25-9) to the CCAC regular season and tournament championships and a berth into the NAIA National Tournament. The Jaguars finished ranked 14th in the nation.

A Riverdale, Illinois native, Miller is working towards a master's degree in business administration.

"I'm very excited for Jalen to receive this recognition," said GSU Head Coach Tony Bates. "He has worked very hard during his time at GSU to become the best player possible. It's difficult to express just how much he has meant to our program."
University Park, IL, March 19, 2018

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“I look forward to a day when GSU is the anchor institution uniting the Southland in public/private partnerships that benefit everyone: GSU students and faculty, corporations, municipalities, and the community at large.”

A former big pharma sales leader, Davis is responsible for strategic partnerships and advancement in the areas of corporate and individual giving to the university. He has moved in corporate and political circles for more than two decades, so it is with confidence that he tells potential donors it makes economic sense to support Governors State University students.

“I believe education is a holistic solution to many problems within communities. I grew up in integrated communities and schools and benefited from learning in diverse classrooms and having stability. I want to see that here—for Governors State to be that example of diverse excellence.”

His message is resonating in all the right places.

In 2017, Davis brought C200, a group of powerful women (members’ companies generate more than $1.2 trillion in combined revenue), to campus for a daylong seminar to network with several students, three of whom received $5,000 each in scholarships.

Bringing in C200—which has committed to return to GSU annually over the next four years—has been one of Davis’ many bright moments since he arrived in 2012. Since then, he has amped up fundraisers and prioritized alumni. “I’m looking for relationships, not transactions.”

Davis is proud of his relationships with students, especially those who are part of the national model Male Success Initiative (http://www.govst.edu/msi/) (MSI), led by GSU’s Robert Clay, Director of Intercultural Student Affairs, and MSI Coordinator Sean Smith. “They are doing a great job with MSI, allowing students to see what they can be. The students show up at my door, and they bring others. I’m grateful that I’ve been able to steer a few in the right direction.”

The iconic Chicago Defender newspaper recently recognized Davis among its selected 2018 Men of Excellence for his contributions to the community.
“Through proven success and selfless dedication to the community, these exemplary men are lauded as role models for the next generation,” reads a plaque given to Davis and other honorees.

Always quick with a powerful message packed in a soundbite, Davis has one for the students as well. “I tell them, ‘Right now, you have a business. Your business is you. Your brand is you. You have a budget, you have a reputation, and you need a strategy and an economic development plan.’”

For the university’s 50th anniversary in 2019, Davis looks forward to the return of former students, retired faculty, and “those whose shoulders we stand on,” he said. With more than 48,000 alumni, Davis is working to build and renew, relationships. “We have a powerful network but we need more engagement. No matter how they connect, when alumni and current students share, everyone benefits.”

As a leader in higher education, Davis sees the current benefit of working at Governors State, as well as the return on his investment.

“When I walk through these halls at night and see someone’s son or daughter sitting outside the classroom while the parent is inside — it resonates; that used to be me. And that memory is what inspires me to drive one way for 55 minutes with my daughter, my car pool buddy. I can make a difference here at GSU, and I have hope in the possibilities that we can all provide for these students, and that GSU can move them forward personally and professionally.”
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GSU Newsroom: What advice do you give students to carry into the workplace?

Ji: Be professional. Even though it’s class, I try to implant the idea of being responsible for their actions. For example, exams — if they have to go to the airport to pick up friends or family and they have an exam, I tell them, “You have to make alternative arrangements. You are a student, so you have to prioritize scholarly work.” I try to have them develop the professionalism and be responsible for their actions and their work. I hope they’ll carry it into their career; it will be good for their long term success.

GSU Newsroom: What have you found the most rewarding in your career?
Seeing that I can make a difference. I see from the students’ comments and feedback that they enjoy the classes. I can see I’m influencing their lives and that’s the reward that makes me want to continue to make some positive changes.

GSU Newsroom: What motivates you to be involved beyond the classroom?

Ji: I’m at a career stage where I can be more involved and devoted to serve this community. It takes everybody’s effort to move the university forward and I do want to make my own contributions.

GSU Newsroom: Do you have a motto or mission statement that you live by?

Ji: Life doesn’t have to be perfect to be wonderful. I used to be—and still am, I think, to a large extent—a perfectionist. I used to think everything had to be perfect. But then over time I realized nothing is perfect. You have to be accepting of that fact. It doesn’t have to be perfect to be great— to be wonderful. You don’t have to have everything to be happy or to be grateful.

GSU Newsroom: What is something your students may not know about you that they would find interesting?

Ji: I’m a sports fan— I used to be an amateur athlete on school teams. Running was my expertise. Here I learn about other sports. We didn’t have baseball in China. We didn’t have hockey in China. So I got to see new things. Just watching sports is a lot of fun. Chicago is such a wonderful city and has great sports teams.