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Library Jam: April 23 – 26

Students looking for help with research papers, preparing for finals, or seeking a stress-free study zone can visit the GSU Library during Library Jam, April 23 – 26 from 8:30 a.m. – 10 p.m. daily.

Writing and ARC tutors will be on hand, and events will include visits from Sandy the GSU Library Therapy Dog, a chair massage sponsored by the Psychology Club, games, coloring pages, group meetings, and much more. View a complete schedule of events.

All preowned books on the library balcony will also be sold 2-for-1 during Library Jam.

Email GSULibraryinfo@govst.edu for more information.

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Dr. Mort Maimon: “Make Sure Universities Remain Places of Hope”

In “A Bird on a Reed,” Dr. Mort Maimon admires the resolve of a small bird resisting strong winds on a
tree limb outside his window. The creature inspires the reflection on a recently resolved budget crisis which he likened to a destructive political climate that, among other damage, ruined prospects for many future students.

“With the restoration of a regular state budget, applications for Governors State University’s next fall freshman class have increased by 15 percent. Like my avian model, we must, in all ways imaginable, actively help shape our destinies and make sure that universities remain places of hope.”

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**GSU Biology Faculty and Students Represent at Field Museum Science Advocacy Day**

*Left to right: Professor Timothy Gsell (coordinator for the program); J.B. Pritzker; Professor Aparna Palakodeti; graduate student Snehal Chavda; Professor Xiaoyong Chen, and graduate students Axel Rutter and Jeegar Panchal*

GSU faculty members and students in the Biology Program joined scientists and science advocates in celebrating the one-year anniversary of the Science Advocacy March in the US. During the event, various organizations and universities displayed what science means for the particular institute.

GSU highlighted three major aspects: undergrad research (highlighting how we train our students to think in a scientific manner early in their academic career), graduate research studies focusing on Chicago and surrounding Great Lakes ecosystems, and interactive comparative anatomy and physiology models of wildlife and humans.

Participants also signed postcards that were sent to local, state, and federal officials outlining the importance of funding for scientific research support.

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University Sustainable Garden

The sustainable garden gives the university community and area residents a chance to use organic methods to grow vegetables of their choice. The university’s garden is an opportunity to put to practice
one of the themes that resonates throughout campus: sustainability. It also is an opportunity for gardeners to make healthy choices and achieve them on their own while building a sense of community with fellow gardeners.

The garden features water supplies at several locations, tall fencing for deer prevention, in ground fencing for rabbit prevention, and, new this year, all plots had landscape compost integrated to improve soil and growing conditions.

To be eligible for a garden plot, gardeners pay a nominal fee, from $10 to $25 depending on plot size, and agree to the rules and policies of the community garden by June 15. Garden plots are available on a first come, first served basis. The University Sustainable Garden will be open from dawn to dusk between May and October.

To apply for a garden plot, click here or contact the GSU Facilities and Development and Management Department at 708.534.4515.

2018 Graduates Tell Their #myGSUstories

Governors State’s 2018 Commencement will be historic, with the first freshman class graduating on May 19, together with an entire graduating class of more than 1,500.

Each graduating student has a unique story to tell about the journey that brought them to this culminating day of pride and achievement. There are those who have overcome profound hardships; those who are first generation college graduates; and those who traveled to GSU from around the globe. And all share one common goal — success.

To inspire others along their educational path, we’ve captured a few of those stories for you to view and share. Watch them here.

GSU Graduate Student Featured in Daily Southtown

The Daily Southtown recently featured the inspiring story of GSU graduate student Jerry Davis-EL.

“I found my voice at Governors State,” Davis-EL said in “Richton Park man says education freed him from a life of crime.”

The story also quotes Davis-EL’s mentors Aurélio Valente, GSU vice president of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, and Lorri Glass, associate professor in the Department of Social Work.
Davis-EL is a "passionate, driven person, student and professional," Valente said in the story. "He is dedicated to supporting and uplifting the lives of those who've had challenges."

Read more [here](#).

**Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)**

April is recognized nationally as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). [Attend (SAAM) events throughout the month](#), and stop by the B-wing display case to learn more about sexual violence awareness and prevention.

Events are sponsored by GSU's [Advocating for Sexual Assault Prevention (ASAP) team](#), which is committed to creating a campus culture that promotes sexual and relationship health through education and training to prevent sexual violence.

**Stock Up on Spring Flowers and Benefit Friends of the GSU Library**

You can preorder flats of flowers and plants now through [Thursday, May 3](#) at 5 p.m. to benefit the Friends of the GSU Library.

All flowers are sold in full flats of 48 plants per color only (no mixing). Flowers include petunias, impatiens, dianthus, marigolds, vinca, begonias, dusty miller, and salvia. The cost is $12 per flat, or $11 per flat for four or more. Orders and payment must be received by 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 3.

Flowers will be delivered by Sunrise Greenhouses on [Monday, May 7](#) and all flowers MUST BE PICKED UP between 2 and 6 p.m.

Please contact [Cheri Garey](#), x7892, for more information.

**Prerequisite Checking Begins for Fall 2018**

A prerequisite is an academic course that students must complete before enrolling in the next desired or required course—and they’re put in place to ensure your academic success.
Starting with fall 2018 registration, which began yesterday, your prerequisites will be checked through the electronic registration system to ensure that you’ve fulfilled the requirements of the next course in which you plan to enroll. Learn more.

Make an appointment to meet with your advisor to determine if you have satisfied all prerequisites for your fall courses.

Reach Your Goals Faster with Vacation Education at GSU

Summer courses can help you stack on track for graduation and lighten your course load during the fall and spring semesters. View the summer schedule for your degree requirements—or consider taking an elective outside of your major to explore other areas of interest.

And starting this year, you may be able to cover summer tuition costs using your Pell Grant!

Announcements and Events

Mix, Mingle, and Build Your Own Sundae!

Finals Week is almost here . . . bust some stress with ice cream and friends at an Ice Cream Social on today, April 24 from 2 – 4 p.m. in the Game Lounge (located in the A building). Come out to enjoy ice cream, games, and more! Beginning at 3 p.m., join a pool tournament directly beside the Ice Cream social. Buy-in is $5, and the pot goes to the winner!

Can’t make it to Tuesday’s events? You’ll have additional chances to have some pre-finals fun throughout the week, including a ping-pong tournament on Wednesday, April 25 at 2 p.m. ($5 buy-in, with pot to the winner), o a 3 on 3 basketball tournament on Thursday, April 26 at 4 p.m. in the gym ($2 buy-in).

These events have all been designed by First-Year Writing students as part of their Community Engagement projects. All in the GSU community are invited, so come out to enjoy a treat and get to know your fellow Jaguars!

OIS Paint Party

Join the International Culture Organization and the Office of International Services for a Paint Party on Wednesday, April 25 from 1 – 4 p.m. in the Lakeside Lounge.
RSVP [here](#) – seats are limited!

#EndtheRedZone Sheds Light on Hunger Awareness

Team Food Fighters, a group of GSU Honors Seminar students, are hosting #EndtheRedZone: a Community Project on Hunger Awareness on April 26 from noon – 2 p.m. in E1540 and E1551. All members of the GSU community are invited for games, popcorn, a bake sale, pie-in-the-face, and more!

**Chipotle Fundraiser to Benefit GPN**
Have dinner at Chipotle (4815 W. 211th St., Matteson) on **Tuesday, May 2** from 4 – 8 p.m. to benefit GSU’s Graduate Professional Network. [Print or bring an electronic version of this flyer](#) for GPN to receive 50% of the proceeds.

**Glitter for Graduates!**

On **Saturday, May 5**, all upcoming graduates are invited to a cap decorating party, and we are looking
for supply donations. Do you have a bottle of glue? Some puffy paint or sequins left over from a project? Please consider donating them to the next class of alumni from GSU!

Email Angela Denk or call 708.235.2188 to arrange a donation or get more details.

**Joliet Slammers Fundraiser**

The Student Education Association (SEA) and Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society (KDP) are hosting a May 30 social and fundraiser at the 7 p.m. Joliet Slammers game 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.

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.

**Highlights**

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On **Tuesday, April 17**, students recognized for high academic achievement were inducted into the Gamma Sigma Upsilon Chapter of the Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society. The Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society was founded to recognize the academic achievements of adult learners. The criteria for membership in to the Gamma Sigma Upsilon (GSU) Chapter include being among the top 10% of adult learner scholars with no prior degree from another institution.

For more information about Alpha Sigma Lambda, click [here](#).

**College of Business Annual Honors Reception**
The College of Business Annual Honors Reception was held on Wednesday, April 18 to recognize the achievements of COB’s students and faculty.

Dr. Jun Zhao, Dean of the College of Business, introduced special guests, faculty, and staff members, with a show of appreciation for their contribution to the success of COB’s students. Lauren Esolato Healey, from Corporate Relations, presented the GSU Foundation awards to scholarship recipients in recognition of their dedication and academic excellence. High Honors certificates were presented by Dr. David Green, division chair for AFME, to graduate students who maintained a 4.0 GPA while completing a minimum of 20 credit hours in graduate level courses. Additionally, honors certificates of achievement were presented to the Dean’s List students who achieved a 3.7 GPA during one or more semesters of academic year 2016 – 17.

Outstanding Faculty Awards were also presented to three faculty selected by the Faculty Awards Committee for their exceptional contribution to further the mission of Governors State University and the College of Business. Faculty recipients for academic year 2016 – 17 include:

- Professor Chelsea Vanderpool; Faculty Service Award
- Professor Alice Keane; Faculty Teaching Award
- Professor Susan Ji; Outstanding Producer Award

School of Extended Learning In Partnership with Thornton Fractional District 215 presented STEAM Conference 2018
In early April, the School of Extended Learning, in partnership with Thornton Fractional District 215, presented STEAM Conference 2018. Approximately 100 students from TFD215 attended the full-day event. During a panel discussion, STEAM experts from higher education, business, and industry shared their academic and career journeys in various STEAM professions. Students participated in demonstrations led by experts from different STEAM professions and toured GSU’s production studios. During lunch, former Chicago Bears cornerback Ray McElroy gave a dynamic and inspiring speech that challenged the students to plan and map out their big goals and big dreams.

The conference was co-sponsored by National Tube Supply, Robinson Engineering, The Horton Group, and Dot Foods. According to the event organizer, Dr. Felicia L. Townsend, “The generous support of our co-sponsors and presenters shows their dedication to provide the needed resources to expose Thornton Fractional District 215 students to STEAM and the diverse careers that one can pursue.” Townsend further states, “We look forward to furthering our partnership with Thornton Fractional District 215 by continuing to expose students to the vast career opportunities in STEAM and other fields.”

For an event recap, view this video excerpt.

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**Sandy Doubles Up Visits for Finals Week**

Hi fellow Jaguars,

Sandy here! It’s been a great day on the balcony watching everyone study, write papers, and get ready for finals! I know that these last weeks of the semester can be tough, so to support my student pals, I’ll be here for the second time this week on Wednesday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. As always, you can find me in the Library balcony.
I'm making such good friends here at GSU! If you'd like to keep up with me regularly, follow my Facebook page. You can even view my puppy photos there!

With Jaguar Pride,
Sandy
GSU Therapy Dog

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.
University Park, IL, April 23, 2018

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On April 28, they will present their findings at a regional gender conference to be held at University of Notre Dame, which is expected to draw participants from 15 different colleges and universities.


Visiting Spanish Professor Novia Pagone teaches the students in her Introduction to Gender and Sexuality Studies course and has helped them with the study.

She said the young women have achieved a milestone most students don’t hit until junior or senior year when they are preparing for graduation. “It’s rare for first-year and second-year students to be able to put together an abstract. It’s a real accomplishment.”

Earlier this semester, Pagone assigned a project for the Gender and Sexuality Studies course and was so impressed by Jones’s and Basham’s that she suggested they present at the conference in Indiana.

Pagone has since worked closely with the students to craft their study and the resulting 15-minute presentation.

Early on, the students, both psychology majors, stood out, she said. “They are always extremely prepared and look for evidence for the topics we discuss outside the classroom.”

The students say they are “deeply connected” to issues of gender and sexuality, and as newly elected president and vice president of the Gender and Sexualities Club (GNSX) (https://govst.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/gnsx), Basham and Jones, respectively, are committed to raising awareness about gender and sexual identities.

For the conference presentation, their research focused on youth 11 to 16 years old, an age when many are just entering or completing puberty and are subjected to intense peer pressure.
Jones said the mental health of this vulnerable group is at stake with limited family and community support. “They don’t have anyone to help them figure out who they are, and that’s such a big part of growing up.”

The study starts the conversation, they said. “We can’t make changes if we don’t start educating people,” Basham said. The students are grateful to Pagone, who sought them out. “GSU has really give me the tools to succeed here,” Jones said.

Pagone is excited to see her students flourishing.

“Doing research, presenting, and getting feedback will help them grow as professionals no matter what they do. It is also good for people to learn about GSU and the kind of student we attract.”
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Throughout McKenna’s more than 20 years in academia, he has taught dozens of courses ranging from accounting and law to tax and finance. McKenna focused much of his legal career on tax litigation and has published articles dealing with tax law and public employee unions.

When GSU needed a tax law professor, it seemed like a natural fit for someone who loves the classroom and the courtroom, and shares a connection with the students, he said.

McKenna came from a family of five, where three of the children—including himself — were first-generation college students.

“I like working with the students we draw to Governors State. They are some of the hardest working and most dedicated that I’ve seen.”

In addition to teaching students about tax law, McKenna shares his finance know-how in financial literacy workshops on debt, budgeting, insurance, and spending.

**GSU Newsroom: What is your top budgeting tip offered in financial literacy workshops?**

**McKenna:** Create a budget and put it in practice. Sit down with either pencil and paper or an Excel spreadsheet and do it—don’t just do it in your head. It’s extremely valuable to memorialize your thoughts in a way that you can see the big picture.

**GSU Newsroom: What piece of advice do you give your students?**

**McKenna:** My wife and I came from relatively modest backgrounds and we feel like our education has served us very well over the years. We both are strong advocates of education; it’s a critical element in upward income mobility.

I tell my students there are two pieces of paper most closely related with my upward income mobility. The two documents are a college degree and a marriage certificate. I can’t help with the marriage certificate, but I can help with the college degree.

I tell them to never give up on education. You may not see where it’s an immediate benefit, but at some point in your career you’ll look back and be grateful that you have those additional skill sets.

I also tell them to try to learn as much interdisciplinary material as you can because that makes you a more valuable contributor to society and as an employee.
McKenna: I have found that online teaching is a more effective tool. My students are far more engaged and ask more precise questions than I typically would get in class.

In online classes, the students carve out a time of the week that they want to work on this and it works very well. Many of our students are working or have other family commitments. Offering the flexibility of online learning is a significant benefit for them.

GSU Newsroom: What is the best way to learn tax law?

McKenna: Small bites. Take small bites and restart the material a few days later, so it makes sense. The online environment is particularly helpful to this kind of learning.

GSU Newsroom: What are you researching with the new tax code?

McKenna: As a result of the 2017 tax legislation, there is a plethora of research opportunities. The legislation includes changes to itemized deductions, which triggers the question, ‘Will there be less charitable giving because donors are not seeing a tax advantage?’ or, ‘Will there be less home ownership because the standard deduction is more beneficial than taking the itemized deduction?’

There are questions about the corporate tax reforms, as well and how that might affect U.S. businesses. It’s those kind of things—the unintended consequences and how that will affect the marketplace—that I find interesting. How do individuals or businesses change their behavior as a result of the tax law changes?

GSU Newsroom: What is something your students would be surprised to know about you?

McKenna: My four-year old granddaughter and I play Barbies. She gets to play the star, producer, and director. I’m just a bit player who makes the scenes work.
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**Conversations with Leaders: Elizabeth "Betsy" Joseph**

Elizabeth "Betsy" Joseph, director of Auxiliary Services & University Housing, is wrapping up her 40-year career in higher education, the last six of which have been at Governors State University ([http://www.govst.edu](http://www.govst.edu)) (GSU).

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The long-term goal, in 2011, was to have 1,200 students living in four residential buildings supported by a revamped full-scale state-of-the art dining facility. Those plans have been delayed by the two-year budget crisis.

Though the vision has not fully materialized yet, what Joseph and her team of nine has created in Prairie Place inspires her. “For me, that building truly represents the diversity of who our student body is, and I think that’s something special.”

Formerly an upper division institution that primarily enrolled students whose average age was 33 and who attended school part time in the evening, GSU was undergoing a transformation to bring in 17 and 18 year olds who would live on campus.

It was a critical shift that required extensive experience to pull off. Joseph had led robust housing programs on three campuses from Virginia to Pennsylvania to Ohio and was excited to bring 30-plus years of experience and industry knowledge of best practices to bear as she designed Prairie Place and the auxiliary programs in her areas of responsibility, which also include the book store ([http://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/Bookstore - GSU Follet](http://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/Bookstore - GSU Follet)), myONECARD ([http://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/myONECARD](http://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/myONECARD)) and Campus Dining ([http://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/Campus_Dining](http://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/Campus_Dining)) (GSU Café and Prairie Place Convenience Store).

What resulted is a unique facility housing intergenerational, international, and interdisciplinary interests under one roof. Where most institutions group students by academic year, major, or even lifestyle, Prairie Place residents co-exist in one three-story building.

The hall offers two- and four-bedroom fully furnished apartments, as well as suites, and a robust array of activities to engage students. A living and learning community, Prairie Place also offers student residents access to full-time on-site faculty members as part of the Faculty-in-Residence ([http://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/University_Housing/Living_and_Learning_Community](http://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/University_Housing/Living_and_Learning_Community)) program that integrates learning inside and outside of the classroom. “The program provides students with an opportunity to get to know a faculty member who can serve as a resource person and assist with issues the students might have.”

Having faculty in the residence hall around-the-clock is central to the larger vision of successful students, Joseph, said, pointing to research that shows students who live on campus are more likely to graduate. “It gives students an opportunity to become more self-reliant and independent.”
Because Prairie Place is the only residence hall on the campus, it meant students had to be grouped somehow by age. The older students are on the top floor where it’s quieter and the younger students are on the first two floors.

Still, there have been challenges.

There were the expected personality clashes between roommates living away from home for the first time, and flare-ups as students learn what it means to live in a residential community. “That was all normal,” said the unflappable Joseph.

What Joseph was not expecting was the effect of her older residents—one student was in her 50s—on traditional younger students. “There were complaints about the freshmen being loud and rambunctious, which we anticipated, but having the older students there actually brought a calming influence.”

Each passing year, the growing pains have lessened as Joseph’s team has tweaked policies and programs to meet residents where they are. And, the students have also learned to live and work together.

“One of things I learned was if I was going to be successful at GSU, I couldn’t just take a program that I created somewhere else and expect it to work here without tweaking it to meet the needs of the GSU community.”

Flexibility was the key.

Joseph had to bend more on the terms of housing contracts and student disciplinary matters—both of which were non-negotiable in other universities. Instead of removing one young woman from the hall for disciplinary infractions, Joseph found herself mentoring the student.

Even with six fully engaged resident assistants, Joseph still personally emails, texts, and calls students with reminders about deadlines, academic support, and personal issues.

“Like everyone else here, I do what it takes for students to succeed, and I’m excited that I have helped create a campus culture where we give GSU students every opportunity to graduate, and that includes living on campus.”

As she prepares to retire in May, Joseph said she is proud to have been part of a community that looks at each individual’s circumstances. She thinks back to the one troubled student who she worked with as a freshman in Prairie Place. “I was really worried about her. She had so many challenges here and at home, but she is graduating next month. It’s a real GSU success story.”
CRETE, IL — The Governors State women's golf team saw its first action in six months with a second place showing at the Jaguars Spring Invitational held at Lincoln Oaks Friday. Inclement weather this spring forced the cancellation of two tournaments for GSU, which last played October 21. Trinity Christian won the three-team event with a score of 372, easily outdistancing GSU (448) and IU Northwest (498).

Trinity golfers captured first, second and third place as Merina Miner took home medalist honors with an 82. GSU’s Kendall Paris placed fourth overall with a round of 95, finishing as the team’s low scorer for the seventh time this season. Megan Kirn claimed fifth with a 104, followed by Emily Bell, who shot a 113. Gabriella Pierre-Louis (136) and Hollie Campbell (137) rounded out the Jaguar lineup.

Today’s 18-hole event signaled the last home event for the Orange and Black.

"It was nice to get out and play with all the cancellations we’ve had this spring," stated GSU Head Coach Mark Haines. "I thought the team shot well; we’re just gearing up for conference with the goal of improving on last year’s performance."

Up next for GSU: the CCAC Championships, April 26-27, at Ravisloe Golf Club in Homewood.

Results