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Welcome First-Year Students at This Week’s R.O.A.R. Orientation

Pull out your GSU shirts, hats, and, most importantly, your enthusiasm ... it’s time to ROAR! On **Wednesday, June 13**, [R.O.A.R. New Student Orientation](https://www.gouv.edu/) will take place from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

We appreciate your help in welcoming the Class of 2022 (our newest first-year students) and their guests to campus. For more information, including a schedule of the day’s events, please visit our website.

The GSU community is invited and encouraged to share photos, memories, and stories through social media. For orientation sessions, we will be using the hashtag #new2gsu to connect everyone to the
GSU social media scene.

R.O.A.R. Orientations later this summer will take place Thursday, July 12 and Thursday, August 9. For questions, please contact New Student Programs at 708.235.6819.

President Maimon Named Among Chicago’s Notable Women in Education 2018

Crain’s has named GSU President Elaine P. Maimon in its inaugural edition of Chicago’s Notable Women in Education 2018. Crain’s states, “The 17 women featured . . . represent an impressive cross-section of Chicago-area colleges and universities, many of whom have served with distinction for decades.”

View President Maimon’s profile.

GSU Student Discusses Financial Aid with Bill Gates

Kyle Brodnick, a junior majoring in Political Science, was part of a recent group of first-generation college students who discussed the complexity of financial aid in higher education with Bill Gates in Washington D.C.
Brodnick was cited in a LinkedIn article by Gates, as well as featured in a video published by GatesNotes.

**A Conversation with George Kuh**

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[Read more . . .]

**Equity Research Team Presents at Ohio State University**
An undergraduate research team funded by an AAC&U Equity Grant presented a research study on Friday, June 8, at the Student Affairs Research and Assessment Conference at Ohio State University. The team, who presented “An Appreciative Study of Successful African American Women Collegians: Results from an Undergraduate Research Study,” was composed of students Akya Gossitt, Alexis Smith, Autumn Price, and Trauvel Crawford—the only undergraduate students selected to present at the conference.

Dr. Matthew Cooney, Assistant Professor of Education in the Interdisciplinary Leadership Doctoral Program and their faculty mentor, said, “A highlight for the students was presenting their work on Black Women Success in front of scholars whom they cited in their study. The audience, comprised mostly of faculty and senior student affairs administrators, were all keen on the possibility of the students’ research being published in the future.”

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View a listing of new and renewed DFI fellows.

GMA Construction Led by GSU Trustee Wins James Tyree Award
GMA Construction, whose President and CEO Cornelius Griggs also serves on the Governors State Board of Trustees, has won the 2018 James Tyree Business Leadership Award. The award is presented annually by the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, Mesirow Financial, and CIBC to a high-growth small business with a commitment to philanthropic values.

Read more about Trustee Griggs, GMA Construction, and the James Tyree Award.

Congratulations, Trustee Griggs!

Family Development Center Enrolling Now

GSU’s Family Development Center is currently enrolling new children ages six weeks to twelve years. Learn more about the programs offered at the FDC, which include Early Head Start, Preschool, and after-school care.

Call 708.235.7300 for more information.

New Stock of Books on the Library Book Sale Shelves

Looking for some summer reading? Stop by the GSU Library Used Book Sale to check out newly added books.

“We very much appreciate the support of the GSU Community. The income that we raise from our used book sale goes directly to supporting your GSU Library,” offered Lydia Morrow Rutten, Dean of the GSU Library.
The sale is open during library hours. Payment is on the honor system: deposit your money in the grey box to the left of the shelves. Hardcover books are $1, paperback nonfiction books are $0.75, children’s books, CDs, and DVDs are $0.50. Questions? Email GSULibraryInfo@govst.edu.

**Announcements and Events**

**Smart Phone Donations**

Do you have any old smart phones (Android or iPhone) that you want to get rid of? Put them to good use by donating them to the CAS STEAM Camp running this summer from July 16 – 20.

All devices will be wiped of data and will be repurposed for students to learn how to program and control drones. Your donation is greatly appreciated and will help students learn a new skill set!

Please drop smart phones off at our division office in Suite F2401 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**A New Season of Entertainment at Center for Performing Arts**

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The Center for Performing Arts is excited to announce its incredible performance schedule for the 2018–19 Season! Enjoy the best of American entertainment, featuring some of Chicago’s award-winning actors and companies including The Second City, Lyric Opera Singers, Salt Creek Ballet, The Southland Area Theatre Ensemble, Hopera - A Hip Hop Opera. An Adrian Dunn Production, and GSU’s Theatre and Performance Studies emerging actors!

Touring sensations include Aaron Neville, The Hit Men, Brian Owens’ Valentine’s Special: Soul Royalty, and The Ultimate Queen Celebration with Marc Martel, thanks to the generosity of First Midwest Bank!

Flex package buyers (three or more shows) get to purchase early starting June 11. Single tickets go on sale June 25. GSU staff, faculty and students receive generous discounts at the Box Office.

**Children’s Day at NMSP**
It’s summer. The days are long, and the children are home! Get outside and get creative at our “Children’s Day” inspired experience on **Wednesday, June 20** from 9:30 a.m. – noon.

Visit seven large-scale sculptures, from Field Rotation to Paul, and then learn the Japanese art of Koinobori, carp streamers or carp banners that decorate the landscape of Japan from April through early May in honor of their national Children’s Day. RSVP to [Sherri Denault](mailto:sherri.denault@gmail.com) by June 13.

Children ages 5 – 12 can participate; the fee is $12. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration required by June 13. Meet at the main GSU entrance.

**Yoga and Walking Meditation in the NMSP**

Join Liz Smith for an opportunity to merge yoga, meditation, and creative expression on **Thursday, June 21** from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Begin with a 45-minute yoga class designed for individuals with all levels of yoga experience. Following class, you will be led through a walking meditation in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. Participants will stop at each piece of art for a guided meditation designed to inspire creativity, peace, and artistic inspiration.

Be sure to dress comfortably to move and walk. Participants should be able to bear weight in the hands and kneel. Bring water, a notebook, materials to write and sketch, and a yoga mat. If you do not have a yoga mat, extras will be available.

Meet on the lawn in front of Illinois Landscape No. 5. Donation of $10 per person is suggested.

*Event will be rescheduled in the case of rain.*
Prepare for the GRE at GSU School of Extended Learning

Please note correction from last week’s GSU View: dates are part of a six session course.

Applying for graduate school? Attend the upcoming GRE Preparation Course hosted by the GSU School of Extended Learning from 9 a.m. – noon on six consecutive Saturdays as follows: September 22, 29, October 6,13, 20, and 27. The fee is $399 and includes textbook, practice tests, and all course materials. Deborah Perez will be the course instructor.

Registration Details: First, sign in or create a new profile. Second, register here.

For more information, please contact Dr. Felicia L. Townsend, Director of Corporate and Community Education (708.534.3044).

Highlights

IDSS Professor Honored at All Stars Project of Chicago Benefit Luncheon

Crystal Harris, Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies, was honored at the recently hosted “Chicago Grows” luncheon hosted by the All Stars Project of Chicago. The luncheon recognized business leaders who are championing after-school programs in Chicago.

View a clip here.

GSU Alum Reviews Uses Social Media to Raise Awareness of Black-Owned Restaurants
Jeremy Joyce, a 2015 GSU Business Administration alum, was recently featured on ChicagoMag.com for his quest to raise awareness of black-owned restaurants in a media landscape where he believes they oftenreceive too little recognition. On his Instagram account Black People Eats, Joyce gives glowing reviews to Chicago-area establishments.

"I noticed that our restaurants fly under the radar," says Joyce. "It was rare that I would see primarily black-owned food and beverage companies being promoted. I wanted to create a channel to help fill that gap so the entire world can see this black culture and some of the great food products that we make."

Read the full article.

**DDP Attends White Sox Game**

Forty members of the Dual Degree Program, including community college partners, GSU, recent DDP alumni, and DDP staff headed to Chicago to enjoy a White Sox game on Sunday, June 3. Students brought a family member or partner to enjoy a beautiful day made even more so by a 6-1 White Sox victory over the Milwaukee Brewers!

**College of Business Alumni Reception**
The College of Business and Alumni Association co-hosted an alumni reception on Tuesday, June 5, at Flossmoor Station. About 40 alumni and current students in the Accounting, Business Administration, MIS, and MBA programs attended the event. Alumni who graduated in the 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, and early 2000s mixed and mingled with COB faculty and staff and learned about recent developments in the college and the university.

Will Davis, VP of Institutional Advancement and CEO of the GSU Foundation, and Dr. Jun Zhao, Dean of the College of Business, spoke at the gathering. They both encouraged alumni to remain engaged with the college and the university, and thanked them for their contributions to their professions and communities.

Artists Work “En Plein Aire” in Successful NMSP Event

A dozen artists attended an event hosted on Friday, June 8 by the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. Working on independent projects, the artists enjoyed the refreshing experience of working outdoors adjacent to the Laniew Demeure No. 4 sculpture (Henri Etienne-Martin), which has been the subject of a recent student-led project to restore and relocate the work.

Meet Jacob: A GSU Business Student Success Story
Jacob JeJe is a true inspiration for students following his path to higher education and degree completion. Jacob started his journey at Kankakee Community College before transferring to GSU to earn his Bachelor of Arts in Business with a concentration in Operations and Supply Chain Management in the Class of 2018. Now, he is taking it a step further, starting his MBA at GSU in Supply Chain Management in the fall. Read and share his inspiring story on Facebook.

Did you know? GSU partners with KCC to offer coursework from our Business programs at KCC’s North Extension Center in Bradley, Illinois. For more information, contact Michelle Sebasco 708.235.3983.

Workshops & Trainings

A list of workshops for students, faculty, and staff, including the LGBTQ+ support group schedule and Career Services drop-in hours, 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, June 11, 2018

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Drawn to the light were more than 70 administrators and educators from 18 advocacy groups, colleges, and universities who traveled from as far as California to hear from Kuh. He engaged guests in a presentation style modeled after the television series, “Inside the Actors Studio.”

Among the institutions represented were nine of GSU’s community college partners who form the foundation of the [Dual Degree Program](http://www.govst.edu/DDP/), first funded by The Kresge Foundation, in 2011. In 2016, Kresge awarded GSU an additional $450,000 to disseminate the program nationally and to expand the [Male Success Initiative (DDP-MSI)](http://www.govst.edu/DDP-MSI/).

Leaders from Northern Arizona University and its partner Maricopa Community College participated in the event—as did administrators from University of California, Santa Cruz, and Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida.

“People came from all over the country to learn about the DDP from us,” said President Maimon.

In the interactive presentation, Kuh reminded educators of the key principles for success outlined in his popular books. He encouraged leaders to always be “positively restless,” improving policies and systems while also using data judiciously to impact student success. “We should be collecting data on what we value. Not everything that can be measured should be,” he told the group.

There were questions for Kuh, as well.

“What does it take for institutions to be student ready?” asked Sam Dosumu, Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at Maricopa Community College. He noted the changing demographics of students enrolling. “For years, we’ve been looking at how to get our students ready but now traditional students are the minority, so to speak.”

Kuh reflected on the growing number of non-academic related issues that create challenges for students such as homelessness and hunger on campus and deferred to a national agenda. “I can imagine a world where priorities are different.”

The first in his family to attend college, Kuh studied at Luther College, where in his senior year he had an impromptu conversation with a professor who encouraged him to attend graduate school—a notion Kuh had never entertained.
Years later, as Kuh was completing his master’s degree, he saw the professor and reminded him of the exchange years earlier. The professor didn’t remember encouraging young Kuh.

Still, he told the group gathered at GSU, it was a “culminating moment” that clarified the magnitude of student engagement at all levels of the university.

“From the Bursar’s office to the Registrar, we all have the power to open up a crack that a student has never contemplated or to slam the door shut. Take advantage.”

See you next year at the Summer Institute (http://www.govst.edu/SummerInstitute/)

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Congratulations to the 2018 Governors State University recipients:

New Fellows:
1. Paulette Eason-Williams
2. Jeanetta Brown
3. Ronald Strugess
4. Jamarious Andrews
5. Araceli Herrera
6. Monica Teixeira
7. Jada Curry

Renewal Fellows:
1. Linda Coleman
2. Derrick Brown

Additionally, GSU congratulates Konya Sledge of Student Life, a doctoral student at NIU, who also is a renewed fellow for the DFI program.