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News

Save-the-Date: GSU's First Homecoming Premiering this Fall!



This fall, Governors State University will host its first Homecoming from **Sunday, November 4 – Saturday, November 10**. Moving forward, Homecoming will replace Family and Friends Weekend.

We are currently seeking students, faculty, and staff to serve on the planning committee as well as share programming ideas. Please forward your name, email, and phone to [Robert Clay](#) by **Friday, July 6** if you are interested in contributing.

Call for Programs: Welcome Week 2018

Student Life has begun the initial planning phases for Welcome Week 2018. As we are preparing to welcome students back to campus in the fall, departments, divisions, and student organizations are

encouraged to plan events and activities that offer a festive and lively environment during the first week of classes, **August 27 – August 31**. Requests are accepted via a [Doodle Poll](#).

Steps to access Welcome Week Doodle Poll:

1. [Click here](#) to access the poll.
2. Select an available time frame.
3. Include your name or department name in the participants field.
4. Click send.

Welcome Week is an exciting time of the year for the GSU community. Although departments are not mandated to program an event, Student Life is excited to offer the opportunity to make this year's Welcome Week one for the record books! Our goal is to have a jam-packed calendar of events that support student connections while making students' first days on campus memorable.

Requests are due by **July 11**. Email [Konya Sledge](#) for inquiries.

Reserve Your Seats for the CSIFF Feature Film Showcase



The Chicago Southland International Film Festival will screen two documentaries during its Feature Film Showcase on **Saturday, August 4**. Admission is free and open to the public. [Reserve your seats for the following film screenings:](#)

4 p.m.: [Little Wounded Warriors](#), produced and directed by Seth McClellan, an alum of GSU's Independent Film and Digital Imaging MFA program, is an hour-long documentary about Native American high school students born and raised on South Dakota's Pine Ridge Reservation. The film won the Best Public Service Award at the 2016 American Indian Film Festival in San Francisco, and has been called "[stunningly beautiful](#)" by [Time Out Chicago](#). In addition to making films, McClellan also teaches film history and video production at Triton College.

6 p.m.: [Minding the Gap](#), produced by Bing Liu, won the special jury award for breakthrough filmmaking at Sundance as well as the audience award at Full Frame. Liu is also a Story Director and DP for an upcoming Steve James miniseries, America To Me. Liu is a 2017 Film Independent Fellow and Garrett Scott Development Grant recipient.

This event is sponsored by the School of Extended Learning, Digital Learning & Media Design, Governors State University Library, and the GSU Friends of the Library, and funded in part by an Intellectual Life Grant.

Recycle to Help the Friends of the GSU Library Honor the Memory of Eric Nicholson



“Eric loved his walk from campus along the Alumni Trail to catch the train or simply to enjoy nature,” said Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the GSU Library. “We all miss him very much and wanted to honor him in a way that we know he would enjoy, with a commemorative park bench that will be placed along the Alumni Trail.”

For the next six months, the Friends of the Library will be collecting 600 pounds of plastic bags and wrappers that will be used to create the bench. Currently, there are two collection boxes: one inside and one outside of the library.

The following plastic items are being accepted: grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, Ziploc & other re-sealable bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags, and cereal bags. All materials must be clean, dry, and free of food residue.

For more details, click [here](#) or email GSULibraryInfo@govst.edu.

Library Offering Live Chat



Need research help in the evening after the library is closed? [Visit the library home page](#) from 8 - 9 p.m. Monday – Thursday and look for the Live Chat icon. Click on the icon, and you will be able to chat directly with a GSU librarian.

Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the GSU Library, said, “Our live chat service will be available at least through **Thursday, August 9** and possibly longer if the service proves successful.”

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



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!

Nursing New Student Orientation

On **August 18**, graduate and doctoral Nursing students entering in the fall semester will attend a New Student Orientation in the Hall of Honors from 10 a.m. – noon. Please join the Nursing department in welcoming its incoming students!

Highlights

College Pathways Program Director Attends 2018 AACRAO Hill Day



Last week, Kristy Goodwin, College Pathways Program Director at GSU, along with other higher education professionals from across the country, represented our universities and states for the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO). Kristy has served as the Black Caucus Chair for three years and was recently selected as the Chair for the High School Relations Committee for AACRAO.

Capitol Hill Day was the first time AACRAO or any higher education organization has attended the Capitol en masse to discuss priorities of the HEA Reauthorization, FERPA updates, and recently introduced Reverse Transfer Efficiency Act and the PROSPER Bill.

Epic Academy High School Students Toured GSU and Attended a Careers in Higher Education Panel Discussion Hosted by the School of Extended Learning



For a second year, GSU School of Extended Learning has participated as a proud partner of the EPIC Academy Career Intensives program. EPIC high school students recently toured GSU and attended a Careers in Higher Education panel discussion.

According to GSU alumna and EPIC Academy's Director of Development and Marketing Dr. Yani Mason, "Nearly all of our students are first-generation college students who come from lower income backgrounds. Having Governors State University's School of Extended Learning as a partner in Intensives, our signature career exposure and exploration program, is a huge win for our school. The panel introduced our students to careers in higher education administration that they previously never heard of or considered. Also, our students (who were not familiar with GSU prior to this experience) learned more about the GSU admissions process".

The School of Extended Learning's Director of Corporate and Community Education Dr. Felicia L. Townsend moderated the discussion at GSU. The panelists represented various GSU departments: Dr. Jessica Bonner, Interim Department Chair-Communication Disorders; Sylvia Ponce De Leon, Associate Director of Financial Aid; Paul McGuinness, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management & Director of Admissions; and Sean Smith, Male Success Initiative Program Coordinator. Dr. Townsend also had the opportunity to visit EPIC Academy to discuss her academic and career journey.

Business Administration Alumna Opens Cooking School



Kim Mahlum, a 2010 Business Administration alum, has partnered with longtime friend Kara Fanelli to open Farmhouse Academy in Mokena. The business is a collaborative effort: Mahlum brings her business and marketing expertise, while Fanelli inspires its culinary programming.

[Read the article.](#)

Communication Disorders Alumna Spotlighted in Arizona

Vicki Jensen-Vallejo, a 1991 graduate of [GSU's Master of Health Science in Communication Disorders](#), was recently [featured by a local Arizona publication](#) for her services offered at the Payson Care Center.

In the article, Jensen-Vallejo says, "Like most therapists, I was drawn to the field because I enjoy working with people . . . There is a satisfaction obtained when you see a person get better and you know you were able to help them in that process. It is fascinating to meet people from different backgrounds and each with their own story."

[Read the article.](#)

IFDI and Media Studies Alumni Featured in Voyage Chicago



Voyage Chicago recently profiled two alumni of GSU's [Master of Fine Arts in Independent Film and Digital Imaging](#) and [Bachelor of Arts in Media Studies](#) programs.

Lauren Lucille Barnes, who graduated from the IFDI program in May, was interviewed by *Voyage Chicago* for founding Lauren B Production, a student-based production company. [Read the full article.](#)

Voyage Chicago calls Felice Kimbrew, a 2016 Media Studies graduate with a concentration in Industry Production, a “trailblazer.” In the interview, Kimbrew describes her experience as Assistant Editor and Assistant Cinematographer in the sports media program, and her role as co-producer of This Week at GSU (TWAG). [Read the interview.](#)

Workshops & Trainings

A list of workshops for students, faculty, and staff, including CMS training for GSU webpage contributors, 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?

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