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News

Next Week: Celebrating GSU's 49th Birthday!



On **July 17**, Governors State University turns 49 years old. Learn about the university's founding story and mission, which continues to guide it today, in "[GSU Celebrates 49 Years of Evolving Education.](#)"

Stay tuned for details on the 50th anniversary celebration.

Student Life to Offer Stipend for SAC Leadership Opportunities Effective AY 2018-19



Student Activities Council (SAC) leaders will [receive a stipend](#) beginning fall 2018. A stipend is a periodic payment granted to a student, meaning that executive board members and committee chairs will receive a paycheck. The Student Activities Council receives an allocation each year from Student Activity Fees that every student pays as part of their university fees. SAC receives a budget allocation each academic year which is managed by Student Life.

The stipend is a great way to promote effectiveness and improve morale within the leadership. Having an incentive to put the work in for each event makes it more fulfilling. Many institutions have paid student leaders who serve their universities through their work on program boards. A few goals will be met simultaneously because of the stipend. It helps to provide monetary appreciation for the hard work that students provide, and it helps to provide an incentive to continue to raise the bar for the quality and quantity of student programming provided for the campus community. All executive board and committee chair positions were volunteer up until this point.

For a full description of the stipend, including positions available and application information, click [here](#).

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 today, **July 11**. Email [Konya Sledge](#) for inquiries.

112 Pounds of Plastic Bags Collected Last Week



"It is with pleasure that I thank the entire GSU Community for helping us to collect 112 pounds of plastic bags last week," announced Ann Marie Nagel, President of the Friends of the GSU Library. "If we continue to get this type of support, we will collect the much needed 500 pounds of plastic bags so that we can get an all-plastic bench from Trex.Com. We will be putting the bench on the Alumni path to honor the memory of Eric Nicholson, whom many on campus know for his work in the library and his involvement with the Friends of the Library."

All are invited all to visit Trex.com to learn more about the recycling program. By visiting this site, one can learn what items are to be recycled, which are primarily plastic bags and containers.

"All are encouraged to continue contributing their plastic items. It is definitely less plastic that will go into landfills, and oceans, and most importantly, we will be honoring a colleague who himself was a great environmentalist," said Ann.

Questions? Email GSULibraryinfo@Govst.edu

Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Hosts Third Annual Excellence Awards



The [Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management](#) recognized the hard work and commitment to excellence of its staff members at its third annual Excellence Awards program.

More than eighty staff members were nominated by their peers to receive an award. [View a list of the twelve staff members who received awards.](#)

*(Please note a correction to last week's **Unsung Hero Award**: the winner is **Christina Seymour**, Admission and Records Officer.)*

STEAM Camp for Kids Registration Ongoing



Only a few spots remain for GSU's 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.

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.

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 Wound's 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, has 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 mini-series, 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.

Announcements and Events

GSU Honors Program Back to School Supply Drive

[GSU's Undergraduate Honors Program](#) will be hosting a back to school supply drive! All donated supplies will be given to a local elementary or middle school in need. Be on the lookout for donation bins labeled "SCHOOL SUPPLIES" throughout campus.

Bins will be located in the following areas:

- Library/CUBE Intersection
- D-Building Main Entrance
- Hall of Governors
- Financial Aid Office
- Prairie Place

The drive will take place on **July 23 – August 3**, and **August 27 – September 7**. Further specific details will be announced. For more information please contact Honors Program Student Council Chair [Juan Gutierrez](#) or Honors Program Graduate Assistant [Jonathan Cruz](#).

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** and **July 23 – 27**.

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.

[View more information.](#)

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!

Free or Discounted Exams Available at the Testing Center

The Testing Center at GSU is currently offering a special summer discount for non-GSU students to take the CLEP and DSST for only \$15! Governors State enrolled students get a free sitting fee if they wish to take the CLEP or the DSST!

Find out more [here](#).

Highlights

GSU Alumnae Becomes First Female Superintendent of Mackinaw



Michele Jacobs, a 2008 graduate of GSU's Master of Arts in Education Administration, has become the first female superintendent of the Deer Creek-Mackinaw school district near Peoria

"I absolutely loved my job as principal, but I always wanted to make a more global impact. As superintendent, I knew there was more that could be done on a bigger scale to help even more kids," she said in an article reported by the [Pantagraph](#).

Men's and Women's Golf: Year in Review



Recap the 2017 – 18 season of Jaguar golf: read the year-in-review stories for the [Men's](#) and [Women's](#) golf teams.

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?
[Click here to learn about our submission guidelines.](#)



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University Park, IL, July 09, 2018

GSU Celebrates 49 Years of Evolving Education

At the end of the '60s, a decade marked by war, racial tension, and cultural upheaval, Apollo 11's moon landing was a triumphant finish. Amid revolutionary firsts, shifting and changing values, Governors State University (<http://www.govst.edu/>) (GSU) was conceived as an upper division university without walls to serve as a new model (<https://opus.govst.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1060&context=anniv>) for transforming lives through education.

Today, GSU celebrates its 49th birthday as a full-service, four-year institution serving the Chicago Southland by living its mission (<http://www.govst.edu/vision2020/>) to be an "intellectually stimulating public square."



Even the university's triad in the school logo reflected the trajectory of the era, reminiscent of the Neil Armstrong's rocket. The pioneering moon walk and university spoke to a new trailblazing commitment to a better future for

all men and women.

By design, the school had no walls, no classrooms, and students, who did not receive grades, set their own standards for academic success.

However, the late '70s and early '80s brought more change, and leaders relented to pressure to educate students in a more traditional setting. Walls were erected to create traditional classrooms. A university provost was installed, and students swapped cumbersome binders of competency statements and portfolios for simple transcripts.

Even after the walls went up in 1975, GSU's evolution continued (<http://libguides.govst.edu/GSUhistory/milestones>) through the decades. In 2014, the university admitted its first freshmen students, opened Prairie Place, (<http://www.govst.edu/discover-prairieplace/>) a living and learning community, and Jax the mascot (<http://www.govst.edu/jax-the-jaguar/>) was born.



In 2015, the seven-sport Jaguars joined the 14-team Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (<http://www.ccacsports.com/>) (CCAC), and in 2018, the men's basketball team brought home a national championship (<https://gsunews.govst.edu/mbb-2017-18-championship-banner-unveiled/>) trophy months before GSU graduated four classes for the first time ever. "It has been such an immense pleasure, these last four years, to watch you grow, to become what you now are. And now, here you are," Faculty Senate President David Golland (<https://www.facebook.com/govstate/videos/10157618904389569/>), said during the historic ceremony.

Ironically, ongoing transformation remains the university's consistent thread. "One of the hallmarks of GSU has been that it constantly renewed and reinvented itself, just like students," said Tony Labriola (<http://www.govst.edu/dr-labriola-award/#.Wz55xNJKiUk>) GSU Professor Emeritus of Communication-Visual and

Performing Arts, in a 40th anniversary video, "[Linking Tradition with Innovation.](#)"

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-gh_joKkhM)



As GSU prepares for its 50-year anniversary in 2019, we pause to reflect on 49 years of renewal and re-commit ourselves to being a model 21st century university.

Happy Birthday, GSU. You look fabulous!

GSU archival information provided by the GSU Library.