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Next Monday, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., the GSU Library will be hosting a Smart Start Open House for all Smart Start students. All students are invited to come to the library for tours taking place hourly from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“Students will have a chance to learn more about the library and the many services and locations that are available to them in the library,” offered Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the GSU Library. At the end of the tour, students will have refreshments and receive some library giveaways.

Questions? Email GSUlibraryinfo@govst.edu.

President Maimon Calls on Higher Ed to Change Narrative



Higher Education leaders must change the narrative by breaking down hierarchy within universities' faculty ranks and calling out snobbery, Governors State University President Elaine P. Maimon told the Chronicle of Higher Education in a recent interview.

In *A Veteran President Calls on Colleges to Stop the Snobbery*, President Maimon also discussed the inspiration for “Leading Academic Change: Vision, Strategy, Transformation.”

“My book is very much a call for all of us in higher education to work together to educate this new majority. This does cost money. So from a political standpoint, the powers that be need to understand how important it is to invest in the institutions that are really committed to the new majority.”

Read the full interview [here](#).

GSU's Online-Learning Programs Earns High Marks



Governors State has earned two recent rankings that highlight the university's commitment to an excellent and accessible education.

BestColleges.com has selected Governors State University as one of the [Best Online Colleges in Illinois for 2018](#). The ranking placed GSU as #12 in Illinois overall and #2 when accounting for affordability.

GSU's online [Master of Health Science in Addiction Studies](#) has also earned a spot on a recent nationwide ranking of the Five Best Online Master's in Addiction and Recovery Degree Programs.

15 to Finish Success Plan: Completing Your Degree Has Never Been More Important!



Taking 15 credit hours or more each semester will help you graduate on time, allowing you to enter the workforce or get started on a graduate degree sooner.

To help students near 15 credit hours achieve their goals faster, GSU will give a \$200 myONEcard credit to the first 160 students who add three or more credit hours to reach a total of 15 credits for the Fall 2018 semester. (Students must already be enrolled in 9 – 14 credit hours and remain enrolled in 15 or more credit hours through September 14, 2018, to qualify.)

If you have a questions, contact [Paul McGuinness](#). Students should check with their Academic Advisor to ensure the additional course(s) will count toward their program of study. Please email advising@govst.edu or contact your advisor directly.

Apply for a Student Leadership Position on the Student Conduct Committee



[Community Standards](#) announces openings for students to serve on the Student Conduct Committee (SCC) starting in Fall 2018!

The SCC is a university committee composed of students, faculty, and staff that hear alleged violations of the Student Code of Conduct. As a committee member, you will hear cases for students who may have violated the Student Code of Conduct, determine if violations occurred, and recommend sanctions for students who are responsible for violating policy.

Membership on the SCC is a great privilege, and offers many positive and challenging experiences to the students, staff, and faculty that serve. Interested students are strongly encouraged to review the [Student Handbook](#) and the [Community Standards website](#) for more information on the conduct process.

[More information and applications are available through Jaguar Connection](#). Priority application deadline is **Friday, August 31**, but applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.

For questions, contact [Nikki Witt Penwell](#), Director of Community Standards & Student Advocacy (708.235.2845, C1310).

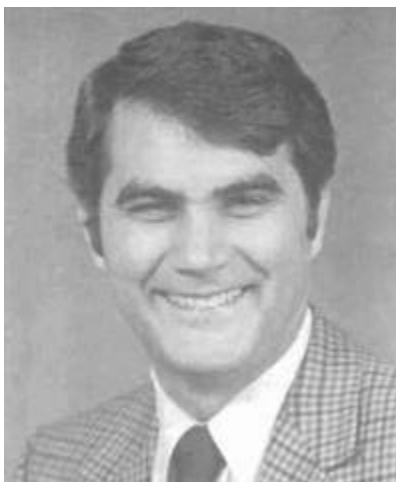
Convocation 2018 – Next Friday!



Convocation is a university tradition that welcomes new and returning classes to Governors State. Convocation also is when the winners of the Faculty Excellence Awards and the Baysore Award are announced.

The ceremony will take place **Friday, August 24** at 2:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts. Contact [Penny Perdue](#) or call 708.534.4130 for more information.

Nominations Requested for the Baysore Award



The Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Award is presented to the GSU employee who most fully demonstrates the following four qualities so consistently and fully embodied by Dr. Baysore during his eighteen-year service to the university:

- absolute integrity
- total competence
- generous dedication
- unfailing civility

Anyone may nominate any GSU employee for this award. Eligibility is not limited to any one employee classification.

The **deadline** for nominations is **Monday, August 20** at 5 p.m. Submit your nominations to Penny Perdue, G334 or pperdue@govst.edu. The Baysore Award will be presented by President Maimon during Convocation on Friday, August 24.

Please note: this award is given only when a candidate meets the strict qualifications as listed above. Nominators are encouraged to devote special time and attention to their written nominations. The length of the nomination is not as important as the quality, but enough information should be included so that the committee can make an informed decision.

Save-the-Date: Homecoming 2018



GSU is excited to announce the 2018 Homecoming, to take place **Sunday, November 4 – Saturday, November 10, 2018**.

Homecoming will replace Family and Friends Weekend moving forward. This year's theme is "Salute to the Past, Cheers to the Future," which embodies the essence of GSU as we continue to build upon our great legacy and celebrate our transformation towards higher heights and deeper depths of being a public square for our rich diverse community of students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

Stay tuned for more details. For questions, contact [Dr. Robert Clay](#) (x4551).

Take the GSU Virtual Tour



You can now tour Governors State in virtual reality with the [newly launched virtual campus tour](#)! The tour offers a glimpse into many locations on campus and is a great way to show off Governors State to friends and family who haven't had a chance to visit in person.

GSU Library Memorial Bench: Only 50 More Pounds of Recycled Material to Go!

“Our GSU Community has done an outstanding job of supporting our plastic bag collection,” said Ann Nagel, President of the Friends of the GSU Library. “With only 50 pounds of plastic to go, we should be reaching our goal by the time school starts.”

Once the goal of 500 pounds is reached, the memorial bench to honor the life of Eric Nicholson can be ordered and will be received in 3 – 4 weeks. The Friends of the GSU Library are planning on a special ceremony to honor Eric. (Stay tuned for details.)

“We ask that all of you continue saving your plastic bags and deposit them in the bins inside and outside of the GSU Library,” said Ann.

Questions? Email GSUlibraryinfo@govst.edu.

GSU's Paul Bunyan Listed on List of Must-See Illinois Oddities



GSU's Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park was recently named on the Chicago Tribune's [Bicentennial bucket list: 20 must-see oddities in Illinois](#) for its large-scale work of Paul Bunyan.

The article reports, "This XXL lumberjack—a larger-than-life Paul Bunyan—is the most eye-catching of the nearly 30 artsy installations that populate Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park on the grounds of Governors State University. Chicago artist Tony Tasset created the monumental woodsman, who looks downright exhausted from all that deforestation."

Easily Update Your Faculty Profile

Faculty members, did you know posting your profile on the GSU website can yield higher search engine results for you? Since GSU's website employs Google Search as its engine, posting your profile means any searches for you, your areas of expertise, or even keywords within your CV will result in a higher search engine listing result for your profile.

This also means that academic colleagues, as well as those within your research community with shared fields of interest, can learn more about you and the breadth of your work in one centralized academic location. In addition, your areas of expertise will be easily discernable to media members seeking subject-matter experts for commentary and insight. Finally, you can facilitate contact through other channels by presenting your professional personal website or social media presence as part of your profile.

Please fill out [the online submission form](#), and we will have your profile up within a matter of days.

Announcements and Events

Jaguars Booster Club Membership Drive



Show your school spirit by joining the Jaguars Booster Club. The JBC is made up of alumni, friends, and fans of Governors State whose financial contributions support the needs of GSU Athletics.

Three different membership levels are available: Platinum, Gold, and Silver.

For more details, click [here](#).

GSU's Honors Program Hosts Back to School Supply Drive

[GSU's Undergraduate Honors Program](#) is 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 **August 27 – September 7**. For more information, please contact Honors Program Student Council Chair [Juan Gutierrez](#) or Honors Program Graduate Assistant [Jonathan Cruz](#).

Call for Programs: Latino Heritage Month

Latino Heritage Month celebrates the history, culture and contributions of Latinos in our global society past, present, and future. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting September 15 and ending October 15. It was enacted into law August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402. September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively.

[Please submit your program suggestion online](#) by **Friday, August 17**. For more information, or if you have questions, email diversity@govst.edu or call x4551.

The Civil Service Education Assistance Award Gets a Makeover

The Civil Service Educational Assistance Award has been changed to two separate awards: one for civil service employees only and one for civil service employee spouses and dependent children. The FA18 application for the Eric Nicholson Civil Service Employee Award is available now. The deadline is Friday, August 24. The FA18 application for the Educational Award for Civil Service (for employee spouses and dependent children) is also available, with a deadline of Friday, September 14. Contact either [Rebecca Vowell](#) in HR or civilservice@govst.edu for either application.

Juicing 101: Juicing for Life



Adding juicing to your lifestyle is a healthy practice, delicious, and life changing. Dawn Haley, Nutritional Health Coach, will share her own juicy story about her determination to nourish her body back to better health after a cancer diagnosis.

Dawn continues to manage her health and speaks on the benefits of juicing and healthier eating. [In this course](#), you will learn how to juice, why you should, and what benefits you can expect, as well as sample refreshing, freshly squeezed juices, including orange, leafy green, carrot, and carrot apple juices.

[Join us](#) on **Wednesday, October 24** from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, please contact [Michelle Sebasco](#), 708.235.3983.

Highlights

David Green



Living your life online in 2018 is easy. It's where we work, connect with friends and shop—especially shop. But setting up each new account can feel like it takes forever, not to mention the aggravation of coming up with another new password and trying to remember it.

[David Green](#), Associate Professor of [Management Information Systems](#) (MIS), understands the frustration.

“It’s important for security purposes, but it can’t be so aggravating to the consumer that the person thinks, ‘I’m not going to order things from this company anymore,’ or ‘I’m going to switch to a different bank,’” said Green, also Division Chair of Accounting, Economics, Finance and Management Information Systems.

[Read more . . .](#)

Humans of GSU: Douglas King



“The shoes you wore was a big thing where I grew up. But my mom didn’t have money to buy Jordans, so I started selling candy and saving my money. When I was 16 years old, I bought a pair of Nike Air Force 1s for \$140 after tax. Then I messed them up, and I couldn’t buy another pair. In 2016, I found a YouTube video on how to dye the suede and bring the shoe back. I’ve been doing that now—buying old Jordans off eBay and restoring them—for a year. I am studying accounting at GSU so I can start a business and help kids who want to be stylish but don’t have \$200 for shoes.” —Douglas King, Junior, accounting major.

Staff and Faculty Appreciation Picnic



On **Friday, August 10**, GSU employees gathered at the annual Staff and Faculty Appreciation Picnic in a fun-filled day of food, games, music, and prizes. View more photos from the event on the [GSU Facebook page](#).

Workshops & Trainings

A list of workshops for students, faculty, and staff, including a Civil Service Workshop 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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