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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.

Getting Social for Convocation and Welcome Back Week

Want to join in the fun? Use the [2018 Convocation social media toolkit](#) to join the GSU community in creating lasting Convocation memories. Snapchat filters will be available during Convocation, Move-In Day, and Welcome Week.



GSU Named “Best of the Best for Vets” Ranking for Fourth Year



For the fourth consecutive year, U.S. Veterans Magazine has ranked [Governors State University](#) among the 84 best schools for veterans across the country.

As part of the magazine’s *Best of the Best* list, the Top Veteran-Friendly Schools are identified based on services and supports offered to assist veterans, transitioning service members, disabled veterans, spouses and veteran business owners.

[Read more . . .](#)

Campus Safety: A Top Priority at GSU

Governors State takes campus safety seriously. In a [recent Daily Southtown article](#), Dr. Aurelio Valente, Dean of Students and VP of Student Affairs, discussed the university's emergency response plan, which has been created in conjunction with the Will County Emergency Management Agency and the National Weather Service.

In the article, Dean Valente says, "Since we embraced partnerships with them, we have become more confident and more prepared, exponentially."

Update Your Contact Information

To make sure GSU is able to reach you in the case of an emergency, update your contact information by taking the following steps:

If you are a student, please complete a Change of Student Information form and submit it to the Registrar's Office. You may submit the completed form, including a copy of your picture ID, via fax to the Registrar's Office at 708.534.1640, or you may drop it off in person at C1300. If you have any questions, please contact the [Registrar's Office](#) or call 708.534.4500.

If you are a faculty or staff member, please complete a Name/Address/Phone Change form and submit it to Human Resources. You may submit the completed form to the Human Resources department in person in C1360 or via [email](#). If you have any questions, please contact Human Resources at 708.534.4100.

Starting College Smart



As summer draws to a close, select GSU freshmen are getting a jump start on college life.

Students sporting back packs or crossbody bags and stylish sneakers can be seen walking around campus with their new laptops. They are in and out of math and writing classes, resume workshops, academic advising and the Jaguar Den.

This is [Smart Start](#) 2018, an empowering two-week opportunity for new Jaguars to boost their math and writing skills, while exploring the campus, meeting faculty, staff—and making new friends.

[Read more . . .](#)

Research by GSU Professor Reveals Damage of Smoking Images on Social Media



Students, be wary of posting selfies while smoking—they may have a greater impact than you realize. [Research recently published](#) by [Daniel Cortese, GSU Professor of Sociology](#), reports the widespread effect of the popularization of smoking in images of cigarettes.

Biospace reported, “These types of [smoking] social media posts glamorize smoking and may cause young people to view it as more common, serving to normalize the behavior and potentially resulting in imitation,” write the study’s authors, who include researchers from Truth Initiative®, Governors State University, the University of Illinois at Chicago and NORC at the University of Chicago.”

[Read the full Biospace article.](#)

Participate in the VDI Pilot Program This Fall

Students, faculty, and staff can be early adopters of a new technology on campus this fall. Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) is virtualization technology that hosts a desktop operating system on a centralized server in a data center.

Students: test VDI on computers located in the Cube, and then answer a brief survey about your experience after using the VDI computer; turn it in at the designated drop box.

Faculty and staff: If you are interested in participating, ITS will install a thin client at your workstation, which you will test for one week. Your computer will remain at your desk. Contact ITS for more information.

GSU Trustee Acquires Chicago-Based Law Firm

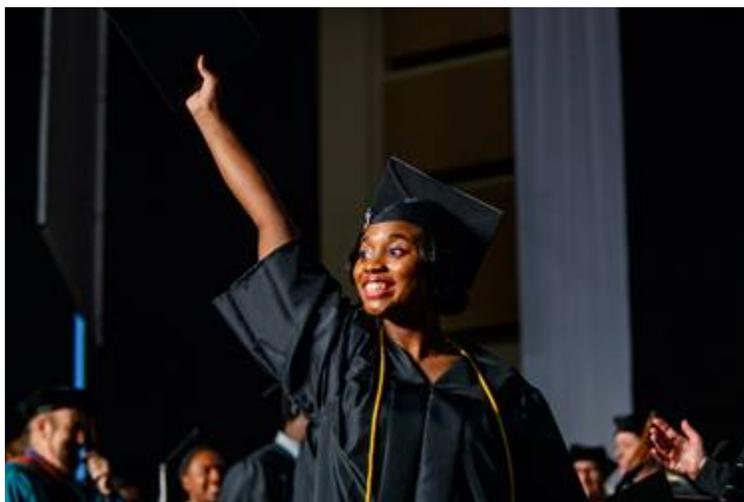


Trustee Masah SamForay of Homewood's Foray Firm purchased the River North-based NuVorce family law firm last week.

Impressed with NuVorce's innovative pricing structure, which does not bill by the hour, SamForay said in an interview with Crain's, "Like all family law attorneys, I am sick to death of chasing my clients. The tension that inevitably arises . . . is absolutely alleviated by this structure."

[Read the CRAIN's article.](#)

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 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!

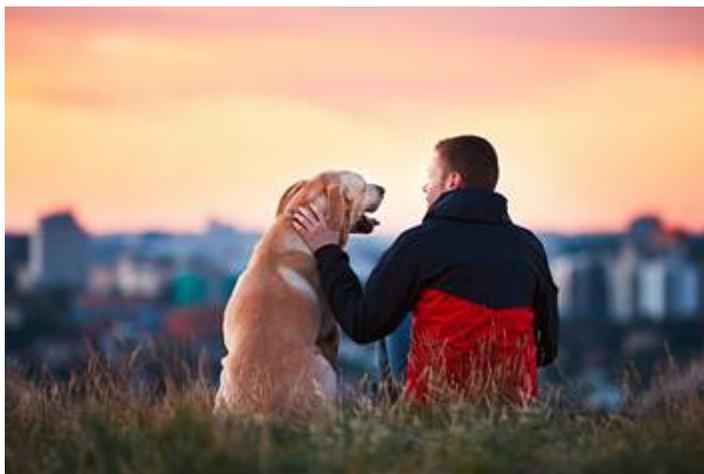
The SCC is a university committee composed of students, faculty, and staff that hear alleged violations of the Student Code of Conduct. As a committee member, you will hear cases for students who may have violated the Student Code of Conduct, determine if violations occurred, and recommend sanctions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

Questions? Contact [Nikki Witt Penwell](#), Director of Community Standards & Student Advocacy (708.235.2845, C1310).

Call for Photos: National Dog Day 2018



Calling all puppy parents! The Office of Marketing and Communications is collecting photos of students, faculty, and staff with their canine buddies for a social media montage to be aired on National Dog Day this **Sunday, August 26**.

[Email your photos](#) by **Thursday, August 23** to be featured.

GSU Library Nearing the Recycling Goal for Memorial Bench



"The GSU community has rallied in a most outstanding manner to collect plastic for the Eric Nicholson Memorial Bench," said Ann Nagle, President of the Friends of the GSU Library. "In less than three months, the GSU community has collected more than 475 pounds of plastic."

500 pounds is the magic number to collect, and Trex will provide a free bench which will be placed on the Alumni Path in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. Once the goal of 500 pounds is reached, it will take about a month to receive the bench. A reception to celebrate Eric will be announced when the bench is firmly placed in the sculpture garden.

"Eric Nicholson was a treasured member of the GSU Library staff, and a man who believed in and actively recycled a variety of items in the library. This effort is one we know that he would have greatly appreciated. We all give a big thanks to our GSU Community," offered Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the GSU Library

Questions? Email GSULibraryinfo@govst.edu

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

GSU Wilds Out – Join or Volunteer!



The Student Activities Council is seeking volunteers and participants for GSU Wilds Out with Comedian Darren Brand from MTV's Wild N Out on **Monday, August 27** at 8 p.m. in Sherman Hall. Bring your A-game to compete head to head with students, faculty, and staff.

There will be a same-day volunteer/participant meeting at 5 p.m. in the Jaguar Den. For more information or to sign up [email Konya Sledge](mailto:Konya.Sledge@gsu.edu).

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](#).

Welcome Week Block Party

Come learn about student clubs and organizations, visit vendor tables, enjoy free food, games, and live broadcast by 103.5 KISS FM at this year's Welcome Week Block Party.

The block party will be held **Thursday, August 30** from 2 – 6 p.m. in the Traffic Circle Carillon Area located in front of the main D entrance, where the clock tower is located. Traffic will be rerouted that day from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. (The Pace pickup and drop-off location will remain the same.) [Contact DPS](#) (x4900) for more information about traffic rerouting.

Cultural Heritage Month Planning Committee

Intercultural Student Affairs and the College of Arts and Sciences are looking for faculty, staff, and students who are interested in serving on the inaugural Cultural Heritage Month planning committee for the 2018 – 19 academic year. The planning committee coordinates development of each of the heritage month calendars, develops additional educational and celebratory events for campus, and works with cultural organizations to produce a unified experience of cultural celebrations for campus.

Please forward your name, email, contact number as well as a brief expression of interest to diversity@govst.edu by **Friday, August 31**.

Sandy Returning to the GSU Library



Hi Jaguars,

Sandy here. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer. Mine was fabulous, but I've missed seeing all of my old friends and look forward to meeting new ones here at GSU!

Every Tuesday this semester, from 1:30 – 4 p.m., I'll be in the library balcony for some quality time with some of my favorite humans.

See you on September 4!

Sandy

The Library Therapy Dog

Homecoming 2018: Submit Your Programs and Events

GSU is hosting the 2018 Homecoming on **Sunday, November 4 – Saturday, November 10**. This year's theme is "Salute to the Past, Cheers to the Future," which embodies the essence of the university 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.

Student Life invites your club/organization or department to host a program during Homecoming. You must submit a request for each program you would like to host to allow us to provide more opportunities for collaboration and minimize overlap, ensuring we are able to support all sponsored activities. (Please note you are responsible for securing your location and logistics associated with your program.)

[Submit your program](#) by **Friday, September 7**. Please email studentlife@govst.edu or call x7362 with questions.

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.

CSIFF Student Feature Film Showcase



[Reserve your seats](#) to attend two day screenings of the student finalists for the first annual Chicago Southland International Film Festival. Seats are free, but registration is required.

[Learn more.](#)

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

Humans of GSU: Lisa Campos



“For the past ten years of my life, there has always been a struggle, whether getting through financial hardships or losing a loved one. I sought closure through this series of paintings, which is why I incorporated myself into them: they represent the past, present, and future of myself. The experience has been very much like art therapy, where the resulting work does not matter as much as the feeling it gives you. I wanted to tell my story, become closer to myself, and to inspire others—all by continuing to do what I love, which is paint.” – Lisa Campos, [Bachelor of Fine Arts](#), Graduating Senior.
#HumansofGSU #GovState

View Lisa's BFA showcase outside of the Center for Performing Arts until **September 30**.

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



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