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A newsletter for students, faculty & staff



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News

Welcome, New and Returning Students!



Classes began this week, and with them, the return of students for the Fall 2018 semester!

An [exciting Welcome Week schedule is in store for the week](#), and students can also participate in a GSU Library Scavenger Hunt through **Friday, August 31** for a chance to win GSU swag.

Step 1: Enter the GSU Library on the second floor of the D-Building.

Step 2: Go directly to the Library Balcony to retrieve a “Spotted in the GSU Library” pin (located in a heart shaped basket by the balcony entrance).

Step 3: Find one of these three library locations.



Step 4: Take your photo with the “Spotted in the GSU Library” at one of the three locations.

Step 5: Email your photo to GSULibraryinfo@govst.edu along with your name.

You will be put in a drawing to win GSU swag. The two winners will be announced on Friday, August 31 at 4 p.m.

Questions? Email GSULibraryInfo@govst.edu.

Convocation 2018



GSU was abuzz during the [annual Convocation ceremony held Friday](#) as it welcomed new and returning GSU students and honoring the Excellence and Baysore Awards.

Winners of the Excellence Award included [Dr. Xiuging Ji](#), Professor of Finance in the College of Business at GSU; [Dr. Lara Stache](#), Professor of Communication in the College of Arts and Sciences at GSU; and [Dr. Katherine Atkins Wix](#), Professor of Psychology and Counseling in the Governors State University College of Education. [Patricia Guy](#), ticket sales supervisor in the Center for Performing Arts, was the winner of this year’s Baysore Award.

If you were unable to make it to this year’s Convocation, or if you would like to see it a second time, you can [view the full ceremony](#) or [photos from the event](#).

Words of Advice to First Generation College Students from Michelle Obama



Did you know that 42.6% of GSU's undergraduate students are first-generation college students? If you are a first-gen student, you are not alone in this journey!

Former First Lady Michelle Obama, a first-gen student herself, shares these words of advice and wisdom for navigating the college experience: "First, Don't ever doubt that you deserve to be thereSecond, don't be afraid to try new things...third, whatever you do, don't try to do this alone...[and] finally, never forget that there are so many people that believe in you. People that are cheering you on every step of the way."

[View the full clip.](#)

Get to Know GSU Campus Resources



Pete Cummings, a candidate in GSU's [MFA in Independent Film and Digital Imaging](#), has been working in conjunction with the Office of Marketing and Communications to develop a series of short videos highlighting student resources on campus. The GSU View will feature each video in a weekly series.

Get to know the [Office of Career Services](#) and its four-year career compass.

Audition for a TAPS Production of Alice in Wonderland



[Auditions will be held September 5 and 6](#) for *Alice in Wonderland* by GSU's Theatre and Performance Studies program will reimagine Carroll's classic world of Alice and Wonderland—where Alice plummets down the rabbit hole and becomes involved in a kaleidoscope of action, suspense, frustration...and madness—through the lens of recent cultural movements, such as #MeToo and #BlackLivesMatter. Our production will utilize experimental theatre techniques to tell a timely and unusual story based on Carroll's alleged erotic fascination with young girls. Here, Alice is portrayed as a survivor trying to find—fight—her way through the aftermath of childhood sexual abuse. Please consider the material before agreeing to participate.

Casting:

Casting a dynamic and diverse ensemble (10-15) of highly creative performers with depth and range—students and non-students, faculty and staff, novices and veterans. Versatile performers with comic *and* dramatic sensibilities, strong imaginations, an appreciation for the absurd, and a love for storytelling are highly encouraged to audition. This is a non-paying production.

Campus Safety: A Top Priority at GSU

Governors State takes campus safety seriously. In a [recent Daily Southtown article](#), Dr. Aurélio Valente, 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."

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

Update Your Contact Information

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.

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 Library Reaches Donation Goal for Eric Nicholson Memorial Bench

Many thanks to the students, faculty, and staff who have helped the GSU Library reach its 500-pound goal of recycled material to be used in the creation of a memorial bench for Eric Nicholson.

Look forward to details about the bench's installation, as well as a ceremony and reception, to take place in the fall.

The library will continue to collect and recycle plastic bags in the Trex donation boxes located inside and outside of the library.

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).

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.

Announcements and Events

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.

Secretary of State Mobile Services Offered

Jesse White, Secretary of State, will offer mobile services on **Thursday, August 30** from 10:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. Swing by for renewal services, vehicle sticker sales, license plates, vehicle registration, and more!

GSU at Triton: Information Technology Essentials: Skills for IT Bachelor's Degree & Workplace Advancement Course



Beginning Fall 2019, Governors State University will offer the Bachelor's in Science in Information Technology at Triton College through the university center partnership. An "Information Technology Essentials: Skills for IT Bachelor's Degree & Workplace Advancement course" will be offered this fall to prepare students for entry to the program.

[Learn more.](#)

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 are located in the following areas:

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

The drive will take run through **September 7**. For more information, please contact Honors Program Student Council Chair [Juan Gutierrez](#) or Honors Program Graduate Assistant [Jonathan Cruz](#).

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 2 – 6 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

LGBTQ+ History Month Program Submissions

October is nationally recognized as LGBT History Month: a month-long annual observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements.

[Submit your program suggestions](#) by Friday, September 7.

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.

Get Your Free Tickets To Attend the First Annual Chicago Southland International Film Festival



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

[Learn more.](#)

GSU's School of Extended Learning Welcomes the Workforce Services Division of Will County for a Workshop Innovation & Opportunity Act Information Session



Please join the School of Extended Learning on **Tuesday, October 16** from 10 – 11 a.m. (location TBD) for an information and Q&A session on [WIOA](#). WIOA may lead to unique funding opportunities to continue your education & graduate. Learn about GSU programming that qualifies for funding. GSU's School of Extended Learning will discuss continuing education opportunities that are WIOA approved, as well as WIOA approved degree programming. GSU's Veteran's Resource Center and Office of Career Services will be present for questions.

All are welcome, and refreshments will be served at this free event.

For more information, visit the [Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act at GSU](#), [Workforce Services Division of Will County](#), or contact [Michelle Sebasco](#) (708.235.3983).

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 – 7:30 p.m. Fee is \$10. For more information, please contact [Michelle Sebasco](#), 708.235.3983.

Highlights

Yvette Brown



If you want a passionate explanation of “fake news,” just ask [Yvette Brown](#). According to the Emmy Award-winning television producer and professor of [Media Studies](#) at [Governors State University](#), “The truth is the truth. You have gray areas sometimes but facts are facts. There is no such thing as alternative facts. There’s no such thing as fake news.”

Over 22 years, Brown’s career took her from CBS Television Chicago newsroom of legendary reporters Bill Curtis and Walter Jacobson to NBC, then to WTTW public television, on to Johnson Communications, and then to a successful career as a freelance writer and producer. Joining the GSU faculty 20 years ago enabled her to keep working at a profession she loved, but also to share her considerable passion and train the next generation.

[Read more . . .](#)

Taking Time for Tea



Afternoon tea is a constant theme flowing through the six major novels penned by English novelist Jane Austen, and the centerpiece for a recent gathering of [Governors State University](#) faculty.

“Welcome to Chez Maimon, where we enjoy a tradition of high tea and good conversation while we make new friends,” said GSU President Elaine P. Maimon to about 55 guests at the annual Faculty Tea. Husband Mort Maimon was a gracious co-host.

In the intimate setting of the Maimon home, faculty from all four colleges, university administrators, and trustees mixed and mingled while enjoying finger sandwiches and tasty treats, sharing ideas and ideals.

[Read more . . .](#)

National Dog Day 2018



Dr. Novia Pagone and Stanley

GSU may be the home of the Jaguars, but we still love our doggos! View a social media montage GSU puppy parents [here](#).

The School of Extended Learning Presented Communications and Mental Health Workshops During TFD215’s First Annual Convocation



The [School of Extended Learning](#) presented workshops during Thornton Fractional District 215’s (TFD215) First Annual Convocation. The convocation consisted of a day of professional development sessions for teachers and all staff. The School of Extended Learning secured the expertise of GSU’s Dr. [Ujvala Rajadhyaksha](#) from the [College of Business](#) to present “Managing Conflict & Dealing with Difficult

People and Mental Health Awareness” presented by Januari Wilson from the College of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Rena Whitten, TFD215 Executive Director of Student Services, states: "The convocation was an opportunity to bring teachers, staff, and administrators together from all over the district to serve as a reminder of the core motivations behind the profession of teaching and the ability teachers have to empower students and others. Partnering with Governors State University School of Extended Learning provided us with access to innovative learning and training opportunities to improve and enhance the effectiveness of our team."

For more information about customized training, please contact [Dr. Felicia L. Townsend](#), Director of Corporate and Community Education (708.534.3044).

[Click here to view video slideshow.](#)

Workshops & Trainings

A list of workshops for students, faculty, and staff 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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