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News

GSU Named Among Best Colleges for Adult Learners



Governors State University has been recognized as one of the [best four-year colleges for adult learners nationwide by *Washington Monthly*](#).

Washington Monthly identifies the three categories of criteria used in its ranking as, “Social Mobility (recruiting and graduating low-income students), Research (producing cutting-edge scholarship and PhDs), and Service (encouraging students to give something back to their country).”

View the full list of [Best Colleges for Adult Learners – Four Years](#).

GSU Turns 50!



Let the countdown begin! January 2019, GSU will kick-off its 18-month celebration of teaching, learning, and serving for 50 years in Chicago's Southland. This is a unique opportunity to share the university's historic milestones, myriad achievements, and many innovative firsts since its founding in 1969. This is also an opportunity to build support for the future by re-engaging alumni, cultivating new and potential supporters, and making a powerful case for investing in the university's next 50 years.

Host a 50th Anniversary Event

The 18-month celebration will include lectures, galas, and much more! If you would like to host an event, activity, or initiative, we encourage you to [submit a proposal](#). Your proposals may be eligible for partial funding, and should be crafted to showcase the anniversary's theme and target outcomes. The deadline to submit a proposal is November 5 at 11:59 p.m. Communication guidelines for the 50th anniversary can be found [here](#).

GSU Jaguars Announce Tonishea Mack as New Head Coach of Women's Basketball Team



Governors State is excited to welcome back Tonishea Mack to the [GSU Jaguars](#) as women's basketball head coach and assistant athletic director! Mack served as an assistant coach when the women's basketball team first began as a club sport in 2014 and when it made its NAIA debut the following year.

Learn more in this [Daily Southtown article announcing Mack's appointment](#).

CN Rail Gift Supports COB



Special thanks to Canadian National (CN) Rail for its generous \$50,000 gift to the GSU College of Business' Supply Chain Management MBA program.

The gift, CN Rail's second to COB since 2012, will fund scholarships for Supply Chain Management online students and undergraduates studying the same subject. It will also support online course development, faculty development, and training.

[Learn more.](#)

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. This production 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.

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 [Center for the Junior Year](#).

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.](#)

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.

I-Share Now More Accessible



Actively enrolled students and GSU employees now automatically have an I-Share account created for them. The I-Share integrated library system serves as the online public catalog for 90 CARLI member libraries. I-Share provides participating libraries with an online catalog of their own collection as well as a merged, union catalog of the holdings of all I-Share libraries and supports resource sharing among all participating libraries. If the GSU Library does not have what you need, you can easily check the holdings of other libraries and have them delivered here for you!

To login to I-Share, click [here](#). In the upper right hand corner, you will see a place to login. Use your GSU barcode number (located on the back of your myOneCard) and your last name to login and request or renew library materials.

To learn more about I-Share and how you can access the resources in the 90 Illinois libraries that belong to the Consortium, visit [this webpage](#). Email questions to GSULibraryinfo@qovst.edu.

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.

Announcements and Events

GSU Staff and Faculty Summer Appreciation Picnic Survey



The 2018 GSU Staff and Faculty Summer Appreciation Picnic Committee would like to encourage all staff and faculty to [take this survey](#) to provide comments on this year's picnic, held Friday, August 10.

This brief survey asks for feedback regarding various aspects of the event, including the food, setup, games, activities, donations, volunteering, future planning and more.

Thank you in advance for your participation and candid feedback.

2018 GSU Staff and Faculty Summer Appreciation Picnic Committee

Karen Caesar, Anne Gill, Steve Hyzny, Stephanie Juarez, Marco Kratoch, Shondrae Lewis, Virginia Lionberger, Susie Morris, Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Gina Ragland, Alexis Sarkisian, Sean Smith

Sandy the Therapy Dog



Hi All!

I had the very best time yesterday seeing some old friends and meeting new ones! The library balcony looks great, and it seems even more comfortable than last year! I was able to see so many students studying, playing games, relaxing between classes, and collaborating with their friends. I will be on the balcony every Tuesday, except September 25, so be sure to mark your calendars.

Sandy,
Your Very Happy GSU Therapy Dog

Welcome Week Appreciation and Reflection



Student Life thanks the campus community at large for their support and contributions to the 2018 Welcome Week, particularly acknowledging FDM, DPS, and University Events for efforts to make all the events happen.

An appreciation social for FDM, DPS, and University Events will be held **Friday, September 7** at noon in the Jaguar Den. This will also provide an opportunity for campus community members to share their thoughts and provide insights on how to continuously improve Welcome Week for the future.

For more information email studentlife@govst.edu or call x7362.

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 to be held **September 15 – 16**. The seats are free, but registration is required.

[Learn more.](#)

Latino Heritage Month 2018



Latino Heritage Month, a nationally recognized celebration of Latino culture, takes place annually from September 15 – October 15. This year’s program highlights include an El Grito Celebration, learning about policies impacting the Latino community, visit to the Mexican American History Museum, and more.

[View a listing of Latino Heritage Month events](#). For more information email diversity@govst.edu.

Faculty: You’re Invited to a “Taste of the Library”

Faculty are invited to join GSU librarians for refreshments and to learn about library resources specifically for faculty members. The Taste of the Library will take place **Thursday, September 20** from 3 – 5 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.

Please RSVP to GSULibraryInfo@govst.edu.

Save-the-Date: 2018 Men’s Leadership Summit



Mark your calendars. The 2018 Men’s Leadership Summit will take place on **Friday, November 16** in Engbretson Hall starting at 9 a.m. This year’s theme is C.R.E.E.D., which stands for “Creating Rules of Engagement to Excel Daily.” Using the backdrop of the movie CREED to be released this Fall, this year’s

theme speaks to the importance of leaders maintaining a posture of confidence and assurance to overcome unforeseen challenges and circumstances that will position for greatness similar to boxing through their creed. [Submit your proposals for the 2018 Men's Leadership Summit](#) by **Friday, October 5**.

Learn more about this year's Men's Leadership Summit [Keynote Speaker Dr. Calvin Mackie](#).

[Registration](#) for the Men's Leadership Summit is open through **Friday, November 2**. This event is free to GSU students and \$25 for non-GSU students. For more information, please email diversity@govst.edu.

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](#). GSU's School of Extended Learning will discuss continuing education opportunities that are WIOA approved (which may lead to unique funding opportunities to continue your education), as well as WIOA approved degree programming. GSU's Veteran's Resource Center and Office of Career Services also 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

The World According to Patrick Santoro



Set against the backdrop of the [Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park](#), [Governors State University](#) Theater and Performance Studies students explore social and cultural issues on a stage cast as a modern day public square.

In this community forum, literary works are examined to study explosive topics of class, race, gender, and sexuality in a societal scene dominated by a white, male patriarchy.

Last semester, GSU's innovative [Theatre and Performance Studies](#) (TAPS) program thrilled sold-out audiences with a rendition of playwright Ntozake Shange's "for colored girls who have considered suicide/when the rainbow is enuf." This semester, it is Lewis Carroll's "[Alice in Wonderland](#)" that Director [Patrick Santoro](#) reimagines with dark themes. The director engages experimental theatre techniques to tell an unusual story based on Carroll's alleged erotic fascination with young girls, particularly the real 11-year-old Alice Liddell, who became the object of Carroll's affections and imagination.

[Read more . . .](#)

President Maimon Joins Higher Ed Leaders in Interdisciplinary Leadership Event



GSU President Elaine Maimon recently joined other Chicago area higher education leaders and advocates for a leadership series, part of a twice-annual event for GSU's [Interdisciplinary Leadership](#) students.

Lessons in Leadership: Insights on the Challenges and Opportunities for Success as a Public Agency Leader was a series of roundtable discussions led by doctoral candidates that explored topics such as career decision-making, organizational change and growth, taking chances, financial strain, and personal development.

GSU faculty and staff were joined by administrators from Northwestern University; Moraine Valley Community College; Illinois Action for Children; and Youth Guidance.

Professor Fraud Weighs In on Hotel Reservation Hijacking



Governors State Professor of Accounting [William Kresse](#), also known as [Professor Fraud](#), weighs in on recent hotel reservation hijacking in this report by [ABC News](#). Kresse calls the occurrence a “fairly common scam,” and offers advice on how to protect your identity when checking out of a hotel.

Recent Graduate Wins Local Singing Competition



Nicolette Giblin, a recent GSU graduate and singer at this year's Commencement ceremony, has been [named the winner of Merrionette Park singing competition "The One"](#)—earning her not only bragging rights but a significant cash prize. Congratulations, Nicolette!

HF Chronicle Highlights NMSP in Op-Ed



Recently published in the Homewood-Flossmoor Chronicle, ["Aretha, Lady Day and great art that brings us together"](#) highlights *Yes! For Lady Day* as an example of a work of art made in tribute to a great American musician, predicting that a similar work will be made in memory.

[Read the article.](#)

Workshops & Trainings

A list of workshops for students, faculty, and staff, including 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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