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News

Two More Accolades for GSU Health Programs



Two graduate programs in GSU's [College of Health and Human Services](#) have received rankings for affordability and excellence.

GSU's online [Master of Health Science in Addictions Studies](#) has been ranked [#1 in the Top 9 Low-Cost Online Master's Degrees in Addiction Counseling 2018 by BestCounselingDegrees.net](#).

Its curriculum, fully accredited by the Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association ([IAODAPCA](#)), provides the skills and background needed to meet the changing needs of clients and their communities. The program is also accredited by the National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC), which is the only accrediting body that represents addiction-focused educators and practitioners.

GSU's Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) – Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) has also been named one of just two Illinois programs for the [Best Value MSN-Family Nurse Practitioner Programs by State for 2019 – 20](#).

Congratulations, CHHS!

Don't Delay—#DoTheFAFSA Today!



The FAFSA—the Free Application for Federal Student Aid—has officially opened! #DotheFAFSA early to take advantage of all of the available aid to pay tuition and fees for the upcoming year, including grants, scholarships, and loans.

GSU's Office of Financial Aid offers weekly FAFSA Friday workshops to help you with FAFSA completion. Workshops take place in the Cube on Fridays from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., beginning **October 5**.

Learn more about FAFSA [here](#).

Save the Date: Fall All-Campus Symposium



Mark your calendar for GSU's Fall All-Campus Symposium to be held **Friday, October 19**. This semester's symposium theme is "The Adult Learner," and the guest speaker and facilitator is Dr. Catherine Marienau, Professor and Coordinator of MA in Educating Adults Program at DePaul's School for New Learning.

Dr. Marienau will be leading an interactive day of discussion and learning about GSU's service to the adult learner, which goes back to our founding in 1969. As we prepare for our 50th anniversary, it seems fitting to spend some time focusing on students who have always been essential to our mission.

The day will begin with an 8:30 a.m. continental breakfast followed by the start of the symposium at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served and the day's work will end mid-afternoon.

RSVP's are required and may be sent to [Penny Perdue](#) (x4130).

Undergraduate and Graduate Open House



On **Saturday, October 13**, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hall of Governors, GSU will be hosting its first Open House event of the fall. Representatives from undergraduate and graduate programs as well as other departments and divisions at GSU will be attending. [Register to attend](#).

For more information, contact [Julie Anderson](#) (708.534.4086).

GSU Housing and Hunger Initiatives in the News



Hunger and housing insecurity among college students is a growing problem—a recent study of 43,000 students found more than half of the 76 GSU students surveyed reported being homeless or hungry to

some degree. Governors State initiatives, including a food pantry developed in 2012 and newer resources such as GSU4U, have been recently featured in the news.

In [a story by the Daily Southtown](#), Aurelio Valente, GSU VP of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, called the study “an eye opener,” saying, “We knew this was an issue on our campus, and certainly the data supported that. But what we were really shocked by was how much more impacted our institution was compared to other four-year institutions that participated in the study.”

[WBEZ also reported GSU's efforts to assist students in need](#), along with the City Colleges of Chicago and other IL public universities.

For more information, contact [Civic Engagement](#) (x7454).

Writing to Learn



Professor [Kerri Morris](#) writes a popular blog about her life, academic research papers, and curriculum materials. Now the director of Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) at [GSU](#) wants to explore principles of writing with GSU faculty.

The Associate Professor of English is launching a Faculty Learning Communities program to assist professors who want to engage students in writing assignments, even though their primary discipline may be another subject.

“I want to provide my colleagues support as they deliver writing-intensive courses to students,” said Morris, who has led WAC at GSU since 2012. “Many of them have never been trained to teach writing—they may be a brilliant historian, but writing freaks them out. I want to make it easier for them.”

[Read more . . .](#)

Homecoming 2018 Seeks Faculty and Staff Volunteers



Faculty and staff: volunteer for this year's Jaguar Jamboree, a face-off between GSU alumni, staff, and faculty against current GSU students that will wind down Homecoming Week. Volunteer positions include a national anthem performer (one person or group), celebrity cheerleaders (as many as are willing), celebrity referees (up to 3—experience desired but not necessary), and players for the alumni/staff/faculty basketball team (10 spaces available).

The game will take place **Thursday, November 8** from 7 – 9 p.m. To volunteer or for more information, please contact [Sean Smith](#) (x7619).

Effective Recycling at GSU



Sustainability is a [core GSU value](#), and recycling is an easy way to decrease environmental impact—but it must be done correctly in order to be effective. Download and share these flyers on [how to sort smarter](#), [what can be recycled](#), and [the top nonrecyclables](#).

Honor Domestic Violence Awareness Month with Lambda Pi Eta



October is National Violence Awareness Month. Receive a purple ribbon honoring survivors of domestic violence on **Monday, October 8** from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. For more information, contact [Michelle Sebasco](#) (708.235.3983).

The Second City's Latest Revue is Screwy Fun



You know The Second City by the many famous faces you see on TV, from Dan Aykroyd, Steve Carell, John Colbert, Tina Fey, and Julia Louis-Dreyfus to Mike Myers, Bill Murray, Amy Poehler, Gilda Radner, and many more! Now, meet the next generation of comedy greatness when The Second City's Blue Company brings *Made in America: Some Assembly Required* to Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University on **October 6** at 8 p.m. [Read more . . .](#)

Discounted tickets for GSU students (\$10) and faculty and staff (\$25) are available through the box office only and not offered online. Visit the box office Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (open until 6 p.m. on Thursdays). Call 708.235.2222 for more info.

Curious Campus: A Learning Community Project



A first-year learning community is curious—and seeking your perspective. In a project modeled from NPR’s Curious City, the students will be in the cafeteria area on **Monday, October 8** from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. seeking answers to the questions “Where on campus do you feel most anxious?” and “Where on campus do you feel most at peace?”

Students will create inquiry cards with the questions on either side that, once completed, will be displayed on the windows near the cafeteria. Common themes observed will be used to inspire a short video, written by the learning community students and produced by DLMD.

Students participating are enrolled in First Year Seminar, taught by Dr. Novia Pagone, and Writing Workshop 1, taught by Dr. Kerri Morris, within a learning community project sponsored by General Education and a part of a Media Across the Curriculum (MAC) pilot.

Announcements and Events

Films on Demand Free Trial Package



What do PBS, HBO, and Ken Burns all have in common? Their productions can be found on Films on Demand Master Academic Package being offered through the GSU Library. In addition, there is a trial offer to the Archival Films and Newsreels Collection dating back to pre-twentieth-century. To access these databases, click [here](#).

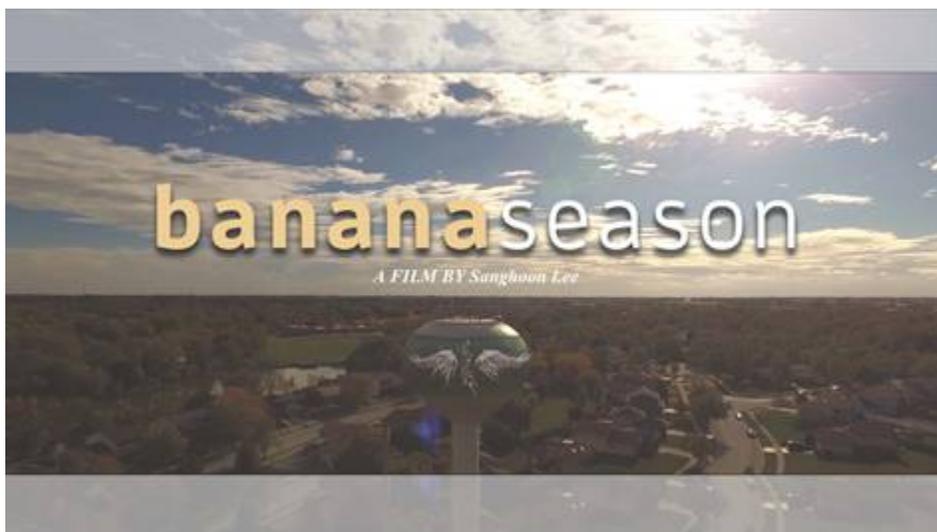
“We are pleased to be able to offer these trials to all in the GSU community,” offered Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the GSU Library. “Your feedback helps us assess the value of the databases. Is this something that you think we should purchase for our faculty and students? Please let us know by sending your thoughts to GSULibraryinfo@govst.edu.”

Latinx Identity in America



Alcohol consumption, popular culture, power, and resistance in Mexico: these are the topics that Dr. Áurea Toxqui explores to understand cultural identity. In her talk *From Mexico City to Peoria: A Scholar's View* on **Wednesday, October 3** from 3 – 4:15 p.m. in Room F1622, Dr. Toxqui will share how her personal and professional experiences in the U.S. led her to discover and develop her Latinx identity.

Attend the Premiere of “Banana Season”



GSU Professor of Film Sanghoon Lee invites members of the GSU community to attend [the Chicago premiere of his recently written and directed film “Banana Season”](#) at the Gene Siskel Film Center on **Friday, October 5** at 8 p.m. or **Sunday, October 7** at 5 p.m.

Banana Season was completed in the spring and is now in its festival circuit, which included its world premiere at Bentonville Film Festival in May and the Lighthouse International Film Festival in June. Both festivals are recognized by MovieMaker Magazine in articles such as [50 Film Festivals Worth the Entry Fee in 2018](#) and [The 25 Coolest Film Festivals in the World, 2018](#).

Listen [to an interview with Professor Lee about Banana Season](#), along with its actors and producer, to find out more about the film before attending the screening.

[Watch the Banana Season trailer.](#)

Careers in Technology: Expert Panel Discussion and Networking Reception



Tech leaders from different walks of life will present diverse points of view and career insights. Come listen, learn, and ask questions. Networking reception immediately following panel discussion. All GSU students and alumni who are interested in tech careers are welcome to attend.

The panel discussion will take place **Monday, October 8** from 6 – 8:30 p.m. [RSVP by October 4.](#)

Questions? Call 708.534.4977.

Before Columbus: Art and Archaeology of Mexico and Guatemala



All are invited to join Dr. Arthur P. Bourgeois, Professor Emeritus, for a talk about the artifacts on display in the Skylight Gallery and their history while enjoying some Mexican-style snacks in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

This event, supported by a GSU Intellectual Life Grant, will take place **Wednesday, October 10** at 12:30 p.m. in the Skylight Gallery, located within the GSU Library.

For more information, email GSULibraryinfo@govst.edu.

CPR for the Community and Workplace



The School of Extended Learning presents the CPR for the Community and Workplace workshop on **Saturday, October 13** from 1:30 – 4 p.m. After successful completion of the 2.5 hour workshop, participants will earn their CPR-AED card. GSU students, staff, and faculty will receive a \$10 discount. Enter promo code **CPR10** during check out.

Register [here](#). (Please note the corrected link from last week's GSU View).

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

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).

South Suburban Family Shelter



Lambda Pi Eta will host keynote speaker Kerry Hill on behalf of the South Suburban Family Shelter on **Wednesday, October 17** from 6 – 8 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. Toys will be collected for the resident children at the event (new toys only, please).

For more information, contact [Michelle Sebasco](mailto:Michelle.Sebasco@ssfs.org) (708.235.3983) or [Merri Wilkerson](mailto:Merri.Wilkerson@ssfs.org) (708.534.4012).

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 manages 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](mailto:Michelle.Sebasco@ssfs.org), 708.235.3983.

Nursing Graduate Students Present Health Promotions and Health Fair

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) concentration students of the Master of Science of Nursing (MSN) graduate program will conduct a Health Promotion Fair on **Thursday, October 25** from noon – 7 p.m. in the Hall of Governors, presenting poster presentations in outcome of researched topics designed to educate and enlighten.

For more information, contact [Debra Sbalchiero](mailto:Debra.Sbalchiero@ssfs.org).

Highlights

Chris Tweddle



If you raise an eyebrow at the idea of math being fun or enjoyable, spend some time in a classroom with [Chris Twedde](#). The Assistant Professor of [Mathematics](#) at [Governors State University](#) knows just how you feel.

“Math gets a bad rap and makes people feel nervous,” he said. “But I hope to get students to stop thinking about the way they experienced math before, to see that math can be fun and that you can solve interesting problems with it. It’s not just manipulating symbols and solving for X.”

[Read more . . .](#)

COB Professor Publishes Research on Improving Consumer Memory under Time Pressure



[Praggyan \(Pam\) Mohanty](#), GSU Professor of Marketing, has recently published “[Mitigating the adverse effects of response deadline on recognition memory: Differential effects of semantic memory support on item and associative memory](#),” in the *Journal of Memory and Language*, a premier journal in the field of psychology, language, and linguists.

The research demonstrates that prior knowledge helps improve people’s memory under time pressure conditions, and that this improvement is larger in the type of memory receiving greater support. Dr. Mohanty says, “This research was conducted over several years and couldn’t have been possible without the help and support of graduate assistants, staff, and administrators. High quality empirical work needs a host of entities supporting and facilitating the process.”

This research was partly funded by the University Research Grant, Governors State University, 2012–13. Dr. Mohanty seeks student researchers and faculty collaborators for future research projects on

consumer psychology, learning and cognition, and information processing. Please contact her at pmohanty@govst.edu.

Online MBAReport.com Interview with Dr. Olu Ijose



Earning a MBA degree from [Governors State University](#) represents a significantly high value for money proposition, [Olu Ijose](#) said in a recent interview with OnlineMBAReport.com.

"The College of Business at GSU offers AACSB accredited MBA degree programs. This means that students earn their degree from one of the just 5% of universities worldwide that are accredited by the gold standard of business education."

[Read more . . .](#)

2018 Election Opinion



It may have been a childhood dream: one day you would do something, or become someone, truly great. The mere prospect of this happening may have inspired or propelled you through moments in your childhood and adolescence. Invariably, however, life intruded and the moments devolved into the very real routine of managing one's own self. In an instant, the moments passed, and the dream was back-burnered.

However, once more greatness is knocking at our door and inviting each of us to step forward and be counted.

On **November 6**, we will face a moment when we will be judged by what we do—or fail to do.

[Read more . . .](#)

Addictions Studies Alumni Club Recovery Walk a Success



The Seventh Annual Addictions Studies Alumni Club Recovery Awareness Walk, which took place on September 15, was a huge success. More than 200 community members, alumni, and students attended. Thanks to our many sponsors and resource fair participants, attendees received important information on the path to recovery. Many attendees shared their thoughts with Alumni Affairs staff members:

“Thank you to GSU for putting on such a powerful event during recovery month.”

“The keynote speaker was truly grounded in his recovery. Made me feel like there are people that understand what it takes to be sober and on the road to recovery.”

“The recovery event did a great job to affect negative stigma about getting help.”

Workshops & Trainings

A list of workshops for students, faculty, and staff, including Writing Center workshops, SafeZone training, CMS Web Editor training sessions, faculty profile updating sessions, Workzone training sessions, and more 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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