2-6-2019

GSU View, 2019-02-06

Office of Communications

Follow this and additional works at: https://opus.govst.edu/gsuview

Recommended Citation
https://opus.govst.edu/gsuview/920

This Newsletter is brought to you for free and open access by the University Newsletters at OPUS Open Portal to University Scholarship. It has been accepted for inclusion in GSU View by an authorized administrator of OPUS Open Portal to University Scholarship. For more information, please contact opus@govst.edu.
GSU Online Supply Chain Management MBA Ranked #5

GSU’s Online MBA in Supply Chain Management program has recently been ranked #5 nationally in Onlinemasters.com’s 2019 Best Online MBA in Supply Chain Management list.

This ranking was based on three criteria: academic quality, student success, and affordability. They reviewed every online MBA in supply chain management and consulted with industry experts, hiring managers, current students, and alumni.

Black History Month at GSU
Join in the celebration of Black History Month with programming throughout February. View events, discussions, and exhibits being hosted across the university [here](#).

For more information, contact [Robert Clay](#).

**Office of Marketing and Communications Now Located within Institutional Advancement**

Governors State University’s [Office of Marketing and Communications](#) has merged with Institutional Advancement. This structural alignment will create continuity in the university’s communications with all audiences, internal and external.

Marketing and Communications staff members will continue to support the university through channels such as the GSU View, the GSU Newsroom, social media, and other marketing requests.
The GSU Library has a collection of books, DVDs, and eBooks dedicated to Black History. Visit www.govst.edu/library or contact us at library@govst.edu for more information.

### Programs & Events

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

**HANDS UP, DON'T SHOOT: OPEN DISCUSSION**

3:30-4:30 P.M., ENGBRETSON HALL

Students will be able to have a safe space conversation about police brutality in the Black community and how to deal with the ever-present anxiety.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

**BLACK HISTORY TAUGHT THROUGH THE BIBLE**

6 – 8 P.M., ENGBRETSON HALL

This five part series will provide history lessons about the African American presence in the Bible.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

**BLACK HISTORY TAUGHT THROUGH THE BIBLE**

6 – 8 P.M., ENGBRETSON HALL

This five part series will provide history lessons about the African American presence in the Bible.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

**THE COOK OUT**

6:30 – 8:30 P.M., PRAIRIE PLACE

You’re invited to the COOK OUT! Join BSU for a night of games, music, and food.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

**JUST DANCE**

3:30 P.M., HALL OF GOVERNORS

Meet us in the Hall of Governors to experience various dances created by African Americans.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

**STATE OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY**

3:30 – 4:30 P.M., HALL OF HONORS

BSU will be hosting their version of the State of the Union Address. During this session they will be having open conversations with professionals on important topics in the Black community and ways for the students on the campus can play an active part in being progressive.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

**BLACK HISTORY TAUGHT THROUGH THE BIBLE**

6 – 8 P.M., ENGRETSON HALL

This five part series will provide history lessons about the African American presence in the Bible.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

**BLACK INVENTIONS**

1 – 5 P.M., HALL OF GOVERNORS

The purpose of this exhibit is to highlight the contributions of African American people to modern day society through inventions. Many of which contributed to the entrepreneurship of African Americans in a time that it was not widely accepted.

Please email diversity@govst.edu or visit www.govst.edu/diversity for updates.
Join in the celebration of Black History Month with programming throughout February. View events, discussions, and exhibits being hosted across the university here.

For more information, contact Robert Clay.

**Office of Marketing and Communications Now Located within Institutional Advancement**

Governors State University’s Office of Marketing and Communications has merged with Institutional Advancement. This structural alignment will create continuity in the university’s communications with all audiences, internal and external.

Marketing and Communications staff members will continue to support the university through channels such as the GSU View, the GSU Newsroom, social media, and other marketing requests.
Save-the-Date: Spring All-Campus Symposium

GSU’s spring all-campus symposium will be held on **Friday, March 29**.

Pam Tate, chief national partnerships officer at Strada Education Network and former President/CEO of CAEL, will be facilitating this interactive symposium where we will continue to explore our service to adult students.

RSVP’s are required and should be sent to Penny Perdue at pperdue@govst.edu or x4130.

GSU Launches LiveSafe Mobile App

Download the [LiveSafe app](#) today to help keep Governors State University’s campus one of the safest in the state.

LiveSafe allows the Jaguar community to communicate with individuals and departments on campus, including Public Safety and Prairie Place, to report safety tips, provide real-time virtual escorts, and access emergency resources.

“The LiveSafe app provides students, faculty, and staff with a direct connection to campus safety. Its easy-to-use features help you stay safe every day and enable university police to better protect you,” said James McGee, Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police.

Read [more](#).
University Park IL, January 15, 2019

GSU Launches LiveSafe Mobile App

Governors State University’s safe campus just got safer with a LiveSafe mobile app that puts safety at the fingertips of students, staff, and faculty.

Beginning January 22, LiveSafe will allow the Jaguar community to communicate with individuals and departments on campus, including Public Safety and Prairie Place, to report safety tips, provide real-time virtual escorts, and access emergency resources.

“The LiveSafe app provides students, faculty, and staff with a direct connection to campus safety. Its easy-to-use features help you stay safe every day and enable University Police to better protect you,” said James McGee, Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police.

LiveSafe’s four handy features scale up to allow the university to broadcast emergency notifications to the community while allowing individuals to report 12 categories of concerning activity to department or other users.

GPS-enabled features empower users quick access to emergency help, and a Security Escort feature allows Campus Safety to escort users via dashboard mapping.

A popular feature, SafeWalk, allows users to watch in real time map as friends travel to their destination.

Learn more about the app and download it [here](#).

In the coming weeks, the university will launch contests and activities to promote the use of the mobile app that helps students take responsibility for their own safety.

The university was recognized for its efforts to create a secure campus in 2015.

The Annual Security and Fire Report, a publication of information and statistics required by federal law, named it among the safest campuses in the state. The same year, GSU was honored again that same year when it was ranked 9th in the 50 Safest Colleges in America for schools with at least 5,000 students by BackgroundChecks.org, a website devoted to public safety and knowledge.
“We are so pleased to have had the opportunity to screen Bing Liu’s documentary ‘Minding the Gap’ at the Feature Film Showcase that was part of the inaugural Chicago Southland International Film Festival (CSIFF) last fall,” announced CSIFF co-chairs Suzanne Patterson and Josh Young. “Minding the Gap” has been nominated for the 2019 Academy Award in the Best Documentary Feature category.

This year, the second annual Chicago Southland International Film Festival will take place at GSU from September 5 – 7. All are encouraged to visit Film Freeway on or after February 15 to submit entries in the festival.

For more information, email Josh Young.

Announcements and Events

Master of Occupational Therapy Program Information Session

The Master of Occupational Therapy Program will be holding information sessions at 5:30 p.m. in G-157 on the first Wednesday of each month. The first session of the spring semester is Wednesday, February 6.

Learn more.
All semester, tutors from the Writing Center will be available during scheduled hours to help you develop fundamental writing skills—no appointment needed.

Tutors can be found at the library service desk across from the library balcony on the following days and times throughout the semester:

Monday: noon – 4 p.m.
Tuesday: 5 – 9 p.m.
Wednesday: noon – 4 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Saturday: noon – 4 p.m.

For an in-depth session, you are invited to make an appointment with staff in the Writing Center. Visit govst.mywconline.com to schedule an appointment.

Questions? Email GSUlibraryinfo@govst.edu.

GUIDE Project Internships Available for Juniors & Seniors

Are you looking for a summer research opportunity? Consider becoming a GUIDE Project Scholar!

GUIDE stands for GSU-UICC Disparities Education and is a cancer research training grant between GSU and the University of Illinois Cancer Center. The GUIDE project is focused on cancer health disparities and has paid summer research internships available for juniors and seniors. Some of the research activities include attending workshops or conferences, conducting literature reviews, and preparing research poster presentations.

If you’re interested in this amazing opportunity, please contact Dr. DeLawnia Comer-HaGans for an application and more information. Be sure to request your application early, as applications are due February 28.
Submit your Creative Work to “Reconstructed”

Calling all creators at GSU! “Reconstructed,” the university’s literary and visual arts journal, is accepting submissions through Friday, February 15 for its annual print issue.

Submit your photos, stories, poems, drawings, sculptures, ceramics, short films, plays, essays, reviews, interviews, flash fiction, novel excerpts, original songs, and any other creative endeavor to reconstructed@govst.edu. Visit reconstructedjournal.com for submission guidelines and more information.

30th Annual National African American Read-In

Join over a million readers from all backgrounds in celebration of literacy and Black History Month for the 30th Annual National African American Read-In on Monday, February 25, from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Hall of Honors.

To sign up, contact Dr. Rashidah Muhammad (708.534.6974) or Merri Wilkerson (708.534.4012). Sponsored by College of Arts and Sciences, English Department, Student Life, and the Black Caucus of NCTE (www.ncte.org). Endorsed by the International Reading Association.

Improve Your Health This Spring with Yoga and Tai Chi
Governors State University’s School of Extended Learning will offer 12-week sessions for $99 each in yoga and tai chi this spring.

Yoga is a great way to increase flexibility, improve health and physical fitness, and reduce stress. This 12-session class takes place in the GSU gymnasium on Tuesdays, February 5 through April 30, from 6 – 7 p.m.

Register here.

Tai chi is an ancient Chinese tradition that involves movements performed in a slow, concentrated, and intentional way with a deep focus on breathing. Students will learn sequences of movements, basic body alignments, the 70% rule of moderation, coordination, and how to protect your joints. The class takes place in the GSU gymnasium on Thursdays, February 7 through May 9, from 6 – 7 p.m.

Register here.

**Superhero Literacy Night with Families**

The Student Education Association (SEA) and Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society (KDP) are taking part in a Literacy Night on **Wednesday, February 27** from 5:30 – 7 p.m. at Monee Elementary School District 201. The theme for the literacy activities for the event is “Superheroes.” The activities will give students the opportunity to use their reading and writing skills in an engaging and fun way.

Click for more information.
Superhero Literacy Night with Families

The Student Education Association (SEA) and Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society (KDP) are taking part in a Literacy Night on Wednesday February 27th, 2019 from 5:30-7pm at Monee Elementary School- district 201. The theme for the literacy activities for the event is “Superheroes.” The activities will give students the opportunity to use their reading and writing skills in an engaging and fun way. Stations that will be set up for the students include: a cupcake station, creating a comic strip, writing a job description of a superhero, creating a book marker, creating your own super hero and writing about the hero using alliteration, etc.

SEA & KDP are looking for volunteers to help at the event for set up, facilitating an activity table/station, and clean up. GSU students, faculty, and staff are welcome to volunteer. For further questions and to RSVP, email Aimee York aminette@student.govst.edu.

---

Pre-blurb

Literacy Project
Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Story written by: Keelin Crotty, 1.8.19
Hosted by the School of Extended Learning, the GRE and LSAT Preparation Courses will begin on Saturday, March 30 from 9 a.m. – noon at GSU. Registrations are still being accepted and the deadline is March 18.

Register here for the GRE Preparation Course.
Register here for the LSAT Preparation Course.

For more information, please contact Dr. Felicia L. Townsend, Director of Corporate and Community Education at ftownsend@govst.edu or 708.534.3044.

Avoiding Pitfalls in Public Speaking

Hosted by the School of Extended Learning, the Avoiding Pitfalls in Public Speaking workshop will take place on Wednesday, April 10, 9 a.m. – noon at GSU. During a recent Training News interview with Dr. Felicia L. Townsend, workshop instructor, Jeanne Sparrow highlighted topics that will be covered during the workshop. Register for the workshop here. GSU staff, faculty, students, and alumni use discount
code GSU55 during checkout. For more information, please email Dr. Felicia L. Townsend, Director of Corporate and Community Education or by calling 708.534.3044.

## Highlights

### Empowering Women in Darien, Panama

On January 4, 18 excited GSU students set forth on an incredible journey to volunteer in Darien, Panama, with Global Brigades. This Legal Empowerment brigade consisted of seven days of empowerments through legal clinics, empowerment summits, and cultural exchanges.

The students also had the rare honor to be educated by community leaders on the cultural practices of Wounaan society. Led by faculty members Dr. Phyllis West and Dr. Nicole Koonce, the students were not only able to empower the indigenous Wounaan community of Darien, but also themselves by completing tough assignments and practicing nightly, self-reflections amidst the challenging cultural shock. These 18 vibrant students bonded over games, dancing, singing, and their daily yoga sessions at 6 a.m. It’s safe to say that this experience is one they’ll never forget!

To read more about their Global Brigades experience, visit gsustudyabroadblog.wixsite.com/gsuabroad.
Jasmin (Jas) Garner wants to be the next Shonda Rhimes, and she’s well on her way. At Governors State University, Garner is everywhere, exploding on stage with the GSU Dance Company and singing with the Trans4mation Gospel Choir. A film student, Garner shines in leading roles, serving on the Student Senate, and the Honors Student Council, plus she’s a Resident Assistant at Prairie Place.

Read more.

Workshops & Trainings

A list of workshops for students, faculty, and staff, including Mindfulness and Meditation workshops and the spring 2019 faculty headshot photography schedule, 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.
First Generation Student: Jasmin Garner

Jasmin (Jas) Garner wants to be the next Shonda Rhimes, and she’s well on her way. At Governors State University, Garner is everywhere: exploding on stage with the GSU Dance Company and singing with the Trans4mation Gospel Choir. A film student, Garner shines in leading roles, serving on the Student Senate, and the Honors Student Council, plus she’s a Resident Assistant at Prairie Place.

Here’s what Garner shared about her experience as a first-generation student:

“When I first started at Governors State University, I didn’t know what to think. I’m the type of person who goes on YouTube and watches the videos about horrible dorm mates or people talking about their horrible experiences with their professors, and I freak myself out.

But when I doubted myself and what I was doing, my dad was always there to encourage me. “Fizzel, everything will be OK,” he’d tell me. “You’ve got this.”

I’d think to myself, really? I’ve got this? OK.

Then the confidence would settle in: Yeah. I’ve got this.

My dad is my biggest cheerleader and supporter. I’m lucky to have him as my best friend. Although he didn’t go to college, he is my mentor. He is genuinely interested in my experiences and helps keep me focused on my goals.

I have found support in faculty and friends at Governors State University as well. The smiles you see from people here are not fake. People care.

No one in my family has gone on to college. And while I’m setting a new trail, I know it’s OK to break down those walls and to be a different person than the family standing behind me. They’re proud of me and who I’ve become.

I have been surprised at the opportunity at GSU for someone who had nothing to come here and create something. A little bit of networking on campus can make a big difference. It can lead to jobs, scholarships, and friends. I’ve been pleasantly surprised with all the opportunities for students here.

I have enjoyed finding my place here. I am in so many organizations and leadership roles where I help people. This semester, I want to do a podcast to give students a voice about issues on campus, but in a respectful way.

But the best part of college life has been the learning process. The professors and staff in my department are hands on and eager to teach. You can see the fire in their eyes. It helps push me to continue to pursue my dreams and be a better student and person.”
Jasmin (Jas) Garner wants to be the next Shonda Rhimes, and she’s well on her way. At Governors State University, Garner is everywhere, exploding on stage with the GSU Dance Company and singing with the Trans4mation Gospel Choir. A film student, Garner shines in leading roles, serving on the Student Senate, and the Honors Student Council, plus she’s a Resident Assistant at Prairie Place.

Read more.

Workshops & Trainings

A list of workshops for students, faculty, and staff, including Mindfulness and Meditation workshops and the spring 2019 faculty headshot photography schedule, 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.