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News

Open House

Learn more about Governors State at an upcoming Undergraduate and Graduate Open House on **Saturday, March 23**. Information will be provided about admission requirements, academic programs, campus resources, student activities, and on-campus housing at [Prairie Place](#).

[Learn more and register](#).
LiveSafe Forum

GSU’s new LiveSafe app 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. To introduce LiveSafe, GSU’s Emergency Response Team will be hosting its second forum on Monday, February 25 from noon – 1 p.m. in the Hall of Honors.

Please plan to attend one of these sessions to familiarize yourself with the LiveSafe app.
36 Pounds of Plastic Have Been Collected for the Michele McMaster Memorial Bench

The faculty and staff of the Division of Arts and Letters invite you to continue donating your plastic bags to reach the 500 pound goal in order to obtain a bench in honor of Michele McMaster.

You can recycle any of the following items:

Remember, no plastic bottles! Bring donations to the TREX BOXES located inside and outside of the Library, the CAS Dean’s Office (across from the E Wing Elevator on the second floor), and the F Wing Entrance on the first floor.

Questions? Email GSUnlibraryinfo@govst.edu.
Reverend Albert Sampson Returns to GSU

Reverend Albert Sampson—among the first GSU alumni, noted HistoryMaker, and the last minister ever ordained by Martin Luther King Jr.—returns to share highlights his journey with GSU on **Tuesday, February 26**, beginning with a reception held in the Visual Art Gallery at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Sampson’s talk will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Sherman Hall.

GSU Professor **Dr. Rashidah Muhammad** will lead the discussion.

**Register for the event.**

**RSVP Now for March 29 Spring All-Campus Symposium**
GSU’s spring all-campus symposium will be held Friday, March 29 on the stage of the CPA. This semester’s symposium—Action Plan: Removing Obstacles for Adult Learners—will continue our work from last fall.

Last fall’s symposium discussion focused on the barriers adult learners face. Since its founding in 1969, GSU has been dedicated to meeting the needs of adult learners. On March 29, we will explore action plans that will help us increase the opportunities and successes of this nationally underserved population. Pam Tate, formerly of CAEL and now chief national partnerships officer at Strada Education Network, will be our facilitator.

A continental breakfast will be available at 8:30 a.m., and we will begin promptly at 9 a.m. We will have a working lunch and plan to conclude in the early afternoon.

RSVPs, required for this event, should be sent to Penny Perdue (x4130).

**Spring Fest 2019—Host an Event**

Spring Fest is an end of the semester celebration recognizing the hard work and dedication of students prior to the week of final exams. Student Life invites GSU departments, divisions, and student organizations to host a Spring Fest event during the week of April 22 – 28. Event requests are accepted via a Doodle poll, an online calendar tool, through March 1.

Steps to submit an event via Doodle:
1. Click here to submit your request
2. Select a date that you would like to host your event
3. Type your name and GSU email address in the White participants field
4. Click Send

Once submitted, Student Life will follow up to discuss the specifics of your event. Spring Fest is an exciting time of the year for the GSU community. Although departments are not mandated to program an event, please consider hosting an event that helps manifest memorable experiences for GSU students. Requests are due by March 1.
Second Annual CSIFF Accepting Submissions

The Chicago Southland International Film Festival is accepting submissions for its second annual festival at Governors State University. The international short film competition featuring both student and professional films from around the globe will take place September 6 – 7, and the Feature Film Showcase (non-competition) will consist of feature film screenings on September 8.

Submit your film for consideration, and learn more at www.govst.edu/CSIFF.

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.
Announcements and Events

Study Abroad Fair

Explore new study abroad opportunities on **Wednesday, February 27** from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. Discover exciting study abroad programs and even learn about ways to finance your trip!

[Learn more.](#)

**2019 Spring Open Market**

Come out and shop with Vendors and Crafters at the Annual Spring Open Market, sponsored by the GSU Civil Service Senate. The event, open to the public, will be held **March 13 – 14** from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. in the Hall of Governors.

For more information, contact [civilservice@govst.edu](mailto:civilservice@govst.edu) or 708.534.4481.
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.

Legal Empowerment Brigade Symposium
On **Tuesday, February 26**, at 5 p.m. in Engbretson Hall, stop by the annual Global Brigade symposium to learn about GSU students’ unique experience volunteering abroad in Darien, Panama.

[RSVP for the event.](#)

**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.](#)

**GUIDE Project Internships Available for Juniors and 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.

**Respond to Violence "Speakers Corner"**

Do you have a story about how violence has impacted your life? If so, we want to talk with you. The Respond to Violence initiative is taping student stories as a part of our ongoing “Speakers Corner,” designed to give voice to those affected by violence.

Some of the final videos will be shared on the Respond to Violence webpage. Taping will take place Monday, March 4, from 9 a.m. – noon and Wednesday, March 6, from 1 – 5 p.m. in Digital Learning and Media Design.

For more information or to sign up for a taping slot, please email Yevette Brown.

**SHERO Women’s Leadership Symposium**

The S.H.E.R.O. Women’s Leadership Symposium inspires women to seek their highest level of personal and professional development through a greater understanding of leadership and the acquisition of new ideas to optimize and sustain personal potential. S.H.E.R.O. stands for sharing her story of empowerment, resilience and opportunity.

The annual SHERO Women’s Leadership Symposium has been rescheduled to Friday, April 5. Register here by Friday, March 22.

**GRE and LSAT Preparation Courses**
Hosted by the School of Extended Learning, the GRE and LSAT Preparation Courses will begin 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](mailto:ftownsend@govst.edu) or 708.534.3044.

**Nurse Practitioner Skills Day**

Advanced Practitioner Skills Day will be held **Saturday, April 6**, at 8 a.m. in (lower-level) Nursing Classroom #G015. Attendees will learn to suture: covering all common outpatient techniques, when and what to suture, and to select best practices for anesthesia; interpret 12-Lead EKG: covering all fundamentals of heart attack identification, rapid interpretation of injury patterns, and advanced diagnostics, and X-Rays: chest and abdominal course covers all common findings from plain-films that would routinely be identified in family practice, and include audience polling for real-time anonymous feedback.

The enrollment fee of $175 includes 8.0 ANCC-approved nursing contact hours; all materials needed for course completion, and suture trainer for home-use.

Contact [Dr. Josephine McCaskill](mailto:), or [Dr. John Russell](mailto:) with Skills On Point, LLC.
Avoiding Pitfalls in Public Speaking

Hosted by the School of Extended Learning, the Avoiding Pitfalls in Public Speaking workshop will take place **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**

**Project Wild: Training & Certification**

The Student Education Association (SEA) and Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society (KDP) hosted the Growing Up Wild training workshop on Monday, February 4.

GSU Associate Provost Colleen Sexton facilitated the training workshop. The seventeen attendees received the Growing Up Wild book that includes twenty-seven field-tested, hands-on, nature-based activities for children, ages 3 – 7. Dr. Sexton presented four of the activities from the Growing Up Wild guide and then participants used materials provided to make the activities. The activities were both fun and informative. The future educators who attended this workshop have an amazing science resource they will be able to use in their classrooms.

The leaders of SEA/ KDP would like to thank Dr. Sexton for her time and commitment to making this event a success!
Governors State University College of Business Accounting student Brittany Sims recently attended a day of professional coaching, interactive sessions, and fashion at the Chicago campus of KPMG, a global firm that provides audit, tax and advisory services.

The firm hosts Advance with KPMG Chicago 2019 to encourage traditionally underrepresented students who are have expressed an interest in pursuing an internship or full-time opportunity with KPMG, which generously provided transportation from the student’s campus to the Chicago office or reimbursements for cost of transportation.

KPMG provided a light breakfast and lunch during which students were coached on proper table etiquette. A KPMG employee was seated at every table and shared coveted tips to eager students. After lunch, employees hit the runway dressed in fashionable business attire modeling to beats provided by a fashionable KPMG auditor.

Employees ended the day by rotating students through sessions where they learned about networking and social media. They also were treated to professional head shots.

Brittany joined students from schools across the Midwest, including two other Governors State University students—Kajal Shah and Jared Dandridge—and a few Brittany had met at the Mary T. Washington Wylie Internship Preparation Program in January.
Workshops & Trainings

A complete list of workshops for students, faculty, and staff can be found [here](#). Check out the Thought Leadership Workshop Series or workshops from Career Services.

**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.

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