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GSU Student Leaders to Speak at 2019 Commencement

Two student leaders at Governors State University have been selected to address their classmates during the Commencement ceremonies to be held on May 18, 2019.

Athanasios “Tommy” Kolovos will speak during the 10 a.m. service, when graduates from the colleges of Business and Arts and Sciences will receive degrees.

When Tommy talks about GSU, he speaks of a place where people go to make their dreams come true.
“Governors State seemed like a school for people who wanted to change their lives and wanted to make an impact,” said Tommy.

The sentiment spoke to Tommy, the son of a working-class family who pushed him to follow his own path.

After earning an associate degree at Joliet Junior College, Tommy arrived at GSU in 2017 and was delighted to find the student body was focused and serious.

Tommy was just 18 years old when he transferred to GSU at the beginning of his junior year. His resolve reflected an uncommon maturity and drive and remains evident today.

As a student leader, Tommy has made a mark on campus as a student representative on the Student Conduct Committee, and as an office assistant in the Office of the Provost.

He’s left an impression off campus, too. In 2018, Tommy won a scholarship to take his first ever trip abroad. He traveled to Rome, where he presented a project on travel safety for members of the LGBTQIA community.

He was also awarded the Lex Fellowship in Madrid, Spain, where he learned about international business law. He then went to work with the Global Brigades in Panama City, Panama, conducting legal clinics to help poor and rural families address human rights violations, including human trafficking.

He admits traveling is a close second to his passion to help others. “I’m happiest when I’m boarding a plane with a carry-on over my shoulder,” Tommy said.

His work helping others won Tommy a trip to the state capitol in the fall to receive a highly selective award. As the 2018 **GSU Lincoln Laureate**, Tommy’s leadership and service in the pursuit of the betterment of humanity was recognized by the Lincoln Academy of Illinois.

The award was a much needed boost for Tommy. “I went from being a 16-year-old with a 2.2 GPA in high school to being in college to being the Lincoln Laureate. I felt like I had made it.”
Still, Tommy recognizes that when he graduates in May with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and Sociology, he is just beginning his journey.

With any luck, the first stop will be Madagascar off the southeast coast of Africa to serve with the United States Peace Corps. For those who question his drive to volunteer instead of earn money, he speaks with the wisdom of an older soul.

“I’m only 20, and I have my whole life to become an executive.”

Michelle Westergaard will speak at the 4:30 p.m., ceremony for colleges of Education and Health and Human Services graduates.

From the outside, it’s evident Michelle Westergaard was destined to be an educator.

While other little girls were playing with dolls, Michelle was pretending to run a classroom, complete with dry erase markers and white boards.

“That’s what I asked for, for birthdays and Christmas. I loved playing school, and I needed supplies,” she said.

Fast forward to 28-year-old Michelle, who is leading future teachers as part of Governors State University student organizations.

“My professors at GSU made it all possible for me. They believed in me and supported me,” Michelle said.

She found Governors State when possibilities seemed limited. By the age of 25, Michelle had studied at a larger university and was overwhelmed by its size and scope.

She welcomed the smaller class sizes at GSU and its professors who took a personal interest in her lifelong passion to work with elementary school children.
Professors encouraged Michelle to join groups, and through her involvement with organizations on campus such as the Student Education Association and the prestigious Kappa Delta Pi International Honors Society of Education, Michelle helped build membership and raise money and awareness for local schools and their needs. This year, she served as vice president and president, respectively.

For her gift of service, Michelle evolved as a leader and was rewarded with highly sought opportunities, including a chance to see the world.

For 12 days during the summer of 2018, she toured Slovenia, Croatia, and Italy with her College of Education classmates, cherishing her time with special friends she met in her early days on campus. Michelle was inspired by the beautiful architecture in the countries that provided higher education to students at no cost to them.

Today, Michelle reflects on how the trip helped her think more broadly about impacting lives from an early age. Studying abroad also helped Michelle form opinions about running her own classroom after she graduates in May with a Bachelor of Arts in Education.

Regardless of the lesson plan, each day in Michelle’s class will carry a theme of acceptance and tolerance, she said.

“My philosophy is heart based. In addition to helping students grow cognitively, I want to help them grow socially and emotionally—to know they are loved and that diversity is celebrated.”

It’s a message likely to be echoed throughout their elementary school years and well into high school, where teachers like Michelle’s new fiance—a 9th grade English teacher—will pick it up.

The coincidence of a future educator marrying an educator is not lost on Michelle. “It was meant to be.”
There is networking, and there is networking. For Kyle Brodnick, 31, his top connection may always be the conversation he had with Bill Gates.

As he graduates from Governors State University in May, Brodnick says the most amazing opportunity he had working toward a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science was meeting with Gates, the founder of Microsoft and one of the richest men in the world.

At GSU, Brodnick connected with dozens of fellow students including a friend who told him about Young Invincibles, a political advocacy group for millennials.

“They were looking for stories of people who’d struggled with federal financial aid,” he said.

Brodnick’s path had been tricky. A first-generation college student, he enrolled at Prairie State College (PSC) right after high school. “I wasn’t sure what I wanted to do, so I just stopped going to class,” he said. By the time Brodnick was ready to return to school, following a six-year military assignment, he discovered that his decision to stop going to class had cost him.

He paid with time spent both on academic probation and on financial aid probation. That meant he could receive no federal loans for two semesters.

At Prairie State, he was seeking an elective class when a political science professor recommended his own class. Brodnick took it and was hooked, declaring political science his major. He grabbed the chance to get involved, from running for student trustee on PSC’s Board of Education to seeking the chairman’s seat on the Illinois Community College Board Student Advisory Committee, which drew him to Springfield to lobby legislators.

“That was the first time I really enjoyed political activism,” Brodnick said. “Before that, I really didn’t like politics.”

He also dove into Model Illinois Government, which gives college students from around the state a chance to spend a weekend in the capitol acting as legislators. Students from Prairie State joined those
from GSU and headed south to work together, introducing Brodnick to GSU students who convinced him to transfer and study for his bachelor’s degree.

“It was such a diverse group, especially since it included international students who bring in these different perspectives and experiences,” he said.

At GSU, he enjoyed working with faculty like Associate Professor Khalil Marrar.

“I’d turn on the TV and there he was on "PBS NewsHour." The next day I’d say, ‘You made it downtown pretty fast yesterday,’ ” he joked.

Brodnick also got real-world experience on the campaign trail while he took classes. He worked to help re-elect his local legislator, state Rep. Anthony DeLuca, and also organized volunteers in 13 towns for now-Governor J.B. Pritzker.

While he values all his connections, none can top Brodnick's talk with Gates. In 2018, Young Invincibles asked him to go to Washington, D.C., where he was one of four college students chosen to share his financial struggle with representatives from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. When Brodnick arrived, he was ecstatic to learn they would meet with Gates himself.

“It was just the five of us in a small room. I told him what a hard time I had with the deadlines and all the forms. As a nontraditional student, it was hard to know what was going on. He nodded and said, ‘We’re going to get that figured out.’ ”

The conversation still resonates deeply, Brodnick said. “Bill Gates doesn’t do anything without thinking about it. I feel like I’m part of something big.”

As Brodnick looks ahead, he is glad for his time at GSU. “I feel like everybody here cares about you,” he said. “I feel at home here. And the professors are incredible. They meet you where you’re at and open up your mind to move you forward.”
In a lot of ways, Professor Walter Henne’s story is one you can hear all over campus at Governors State University. His working-class parents went back to college when he was in junior high, inspiring him to earn a degree at a local community college.

He supported himself with a full-time job before starting on his bachelor’s degree at GSU, which he earned in 1996. And he made such a strong connection with his professors that he stayed on to earn a master’s degree in 1999.

What many people don’t realize is that Henne led the woman who would become his wife and several others to GSU.

“I lived in a house with her, my brother-in-law and my two sisters because we were all students at GSU at the same time. There was a total of five of us,” he said.

Studying chemistry, Henne discovered he loved doing research with professors Shelly Kumar and Joyce Mohberg. After receiving his Master of Science degree in Analytical Chemistry at GSU, Henne worked in the lucrative pharmaceutical industry, and then earned his doctoral degree at another university.

In 2009, Henne returned to GSU as Assistant Professor of Chemistry and now is the program coordinator. He won the GSU Excellence Award for the 2015-2016 academic year.

GSU Newsroom: Describe your circular path to GSU.

Henne: It began at home, where I grew up in a very hands-on family. I watched my father make precision auto transmission parts at a home-based shop for race cars. At about age 10, I was helping in the shop.

At the same time, my mom brought home anatomy specimens because she was studying to become a nurse. I followed her into the medical field, wanting to become a doctor, but a three-year stint as an RN working with terminally ill patients changed my mind.
Henne: As an RN, I worked in a rehabilitation center with many very ill patients—some were quite young with terminal illness. Many died, which is normal, but it's hard when you're only 21 years old. When I arrived at GSU for my undergrad degree, I was hired to be its first undergrad lab assistant because I had performed well in organic chemistry and there was a shortage of graduate assistants. It turned out I liked doing laboratory work and research as much if not more than medicine. And I realized I could potentially help even more people by coming up with a drug than I could as a doctor.

GSU Newsroom: What was your experience working in the pharmaceutical industry?

Henne: After I received my master's, I worked for about three years as an analytical chemist for a company that made vitamin E and steroids. When I went to Purdue University, the faculty were all working on developing patent medicines and I worked with them. Everyone was doing start-ups then, including biotechnology firms. It was a really exciting time.

After my wife received her PhD, she wanted to do a fellowship at St. Jude Children’s Hospital, so I went with her. For a year, we worked on projects like analyzing drugs for children with tumors. It’s gratifying work, but it’s hard.

I was ready to head back to industry but it was 2008, when the economy collapsed. Fortunately, I got a call that a job had opened up at GSU.

GSU Newsroom: What do you enjoy about teaching chemistry?

Henne: The class I teach, biochemistry, covers material the students will use directly in their next step, which is usually grad school. It’s very practical, and it’s really applicable to their lives inside the classroom and out. We’ll talk about things like cholesterol and obesity.

Often I’m repeating stuff I heard 30 years ago that will have a direct impact on their careers. About 80 percent of it is fundamental and won’t change. For instance, we know what glucose is and what it’s made of. But the application of that knowledge will change. In fact it’s changing all the time. My students help
keep me up to date on a lot of things, especially if they come from other countries. And we’ve got to think beyond our own borders because medicine is practiced very differently outside the U.S.

GSU Newsroom: What are you researching now? And where do you get your ideas?

Henne: We’re developing low-cost diagnostic agents for cancer and infections. Diagnostic agents are chemicals that enhance diagnostic imaging, like the barium shake you drink before a gastrointestinal test. Some agents go into humans. Some go onto tissue samples.

When I was an undergrad, I developed an infection behind my eye near my brain. I could’ve lost that eye or both eyes. It took 13 hours of surgery to remove the infection. I’d say that’s one of the reasons I’m so fascinated by diagnostic stuff.

College of Business Honors Reception

The 2019 College of Business Annual Honors Reception was held on April 17 to recognize the achievements of COB’s students, faculty and staff. COB Dean Dr. Jun Zhao introduced special guests, faculty and staff members, with a show of appreciation for their contribution to the success of COB’s students.

Corporate Relations Officer, Lauren Esolato Healy, presented the GSU Foundation awards to the 2018 scholarship recipients in recognition of their dedication and academic excellence.

Dr. David Green, division chair for AFME and Dr. Olu Ijose, Division Chair for MME presented high honors certificates of achievement to graduate students who maintained a 4.0 GPA while completing a minimum of 20 credit hours in graduate level courses. Additionally honors certificates of achievement were presented to the Dean’s List students who achieved a 3.7 GPA during one or more semesters of academic year 2017-2018.

Outstanding Faculty Awards were also presented to four faculty, selected by the Faculty Awards Committee, for their exceptional contribution to further the mission of Governors State University and the College of Business. Faculty recipients include:

- Faculty Outstanding Producer Award: Dr. Ting Jie (TJ) Wang
- Faculty Teaching Award: Dr. Ujvala Rajadhyaksha
- Faculty Research Award: Dr. Praggyan (Pam) Mohanty
- Faculty Service Award: Professor William Kresse

Social Work Students Support Roseland Hospital
Governors State University Social Work students collected toiletries and personal care supplies to help support patients at the New Roseland Community Hospital on Chicago’s South Side.

The semester-long drive was a runaway success, requiring two vans to deliver all the items.

Senior Lecturer Dr. Phyllis West said the project helped “Introduction to Social Work” students embrace their roles as global citizens.

“Collectively, our Introduction to Social Work Students learned what it means to conduct a needs assessment with a community hospital, work in groups, develop a strategic plan, and complete a service-learning project during spring semester 2019,” West said.

**Dual Degree Program Inducts 39 Students**

Thirty-nine students were welcomed into the award-winning Dual Degree Program during this week’s induction ceremony. The students were visiting campus for the first time as members of the Dual Degree Program. They had the opportunity to learn more about the program and to meet other DDP participants and staff.

**CAS Student Achievement Reception**

CAS will host its annual BFA/CAS Student Achievement Reception on Thursday, May 2, from 2 – 4 p.m. in the E-Lounge. In addition to gallery talks with the BFA candidates, students will present the
2019 editions of “Reconstructed” and the newly redesigned CAS Newsmagazine. Both are original publications created by undergraduate Art and English majors and our English graduate students.

Please support CAS students and celebrate their work. We also invite you to spread the word to students. All are welcome.

**Beautification Day: Taking Care of Our World**

The Student Education Association (SEA) and Kappa Delta Pi Honors Society (KDP) hosted an event on Saturday April 13th, from 9:00am-12:00pm. This event was sponsored with a grant awarded to the SEA from the Illinois Education Association (IEA). SEA members, GSU faculty, Lions Club, and community volunteers beautified Smith Park in Chicago Heights. During the event volunteers planted bushes, spread mulch, painted a bench, and cleaned up trash and twigs.

**GSU Econ Students Visit Federal Reserve**

Economics—we hear about it every day, but how much do we actually know about it? GSU’s Principles of Microeconomics students recently learned the value and the history of the dollar.

The class visited the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank Money Museum to learn about the history of the Federal Reserve (Central Bank) and its connection to the worldwide economy.

The Federal Reserve’s Economic Outreach department explained the role of the Federal Reserve—money supply, monetary policy, maintaining the stability of the financial system, and supervising and
regulating banks—and the consumer’s role in it. The class also visited the Cash Exhibit where students saw real cash processed. Counterfeit bills, and those no longer in circulation, were shredded bagged and given to students as free souvenirs.

Cecil Mbolela, GSU Adjunct Professor, organized the trip. He said, "What the students saw and heard during the visit will obviously be invaluable experience if they are looking for careers in banking. Hopefully, hearing from my colleague, Ms. Cindy Ivanc-Lillig, from the Economic Outreach department, gave students the exposure they needed to understand the academic commitment required to pursue careers in financial institutions."

For students to develop good financial goals such as saving, budgeting, investing, build good credit, manage debt, and protect personal wealth/assets, they need the right information and exposure to financial institutions.

Hopefully, through this visit, students learned that it is possible to secure financial goals of tomorrow by at least starting to develop financial future goals today.

GSU students—Kyle Legrone, Daniel Perez Paliero, Joseph Homere, Deandria Wells and Corrine Lopez—attended the tour.

**Save the Date: GSU’s 50th Birthday/Day of Giving**

On **July 17**, celebrate GSU’s 50th birthday! Join the entire GSU community including employees, retirees, alumni and students for a free “family reunion” style festival, then drive or take the party bus to the Park Forest Main Street Nights for a free concert by Maggie Speaks and Theo Peoples + fun activities for all ages. The birthday will also become GSU’s annual Day of Giving, because what better way to celebrate a milestone than to support a great cause? For GSU’s 50th birthday, please consider donating $50 or more. You can make your donation at [www.govst.edu/donate](http://www.govst.edu/donate).

**STEAM Camp**
Governors State University is once again sponsoring hands-on science, technology, art and mathematics (STEAM) Camp fun for summer 2019! Through a series of fun, highly interactive activities students ages 11-16 will learn basic concepts in the visual and performing arts, chemistry, engineering, mathematics, physics, and robotics.

Session 1: Monday, July 15 to Friday, July 19, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Session 2: Monday, July 22 to Friday, July 26, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

STEAM Camp Plus activities available Monday to Thursday, 3 – 5 p.m. Additional fee of $60 per session, per camper applies.

Costs: $200 per session, per camper; limited number of partial scholarships may be available; please refer to website for more information.


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 by May 19, and learn more at www.govst.edu/CSIFF.

Announcements and Events

Fall 2019 Welcome Week Doodle Poll

Student Life has begun the initial planning phases for Welcome Week 2019. As we prepare to welcome students back to campus in the fall, departments, divisions, and student organizations are encouraged to plan events and activities that offer a festive and lively environment during the first week of classes, August 26—August 31. Requests are accepted via a Doodle Poll.

Steps to access Welcome Week Doodle Poll:
1. Click here to access the poll.
2. Select an available time frame.
3. Include your name or department name in the “participants” field.
4. Click send.

Welcome Week is an exciting time of the year for the GSU community. Although departments are not mandated to program an event, Student Life is excited to offer the opportunity to make this year’s Welcome Week one for the record books! Our goal is to have a jam-packed calendar of events that support student connections while making students’ first days on campus memorable.

Requests are due by July 11. Email Konya Sledge for inquiries.

Bench for Michele McMaster
We’re almost halfway to our goal: approximately 230 pounds of plastic have been collected to date; 270 pounds are remaining to reach the goal of 500 pounds to make a bench in honor of Michele McMaster. The faculty and staff of the Division of Arts and Letters and College of Arts and Sciences welcome you to continue collecting plastic bags to reach the goal. Remember, you can recycle any of the following items:

![Recyclable Items](image)

Bring them to the T-Rex 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. Please, no plastic bottles.

Questions? Email gsulibraryinfo@govst.edu.

**New Study Rooms, Charging Stations in the Library**
Looking for a place to charge your phones or computers? Looking for a group study area complete with computers, wide screen monitors, VHS/DVD players, Blu-ray, white boards and more? The library is the place for you. Three group study rooms are available—students can click here to reserve a room.

Plus, the library now has a charging station for apple and android phones and computers and two plug-in charging towers. One of the towers is available in the library and the other is on the library balcony.

"We are so happy to be able to offer students services that they have requested," said Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the GSU Library. "Being able to support our GSU students, faculty and community is one of our key goals here in the GSU Library!"

Remember, the Library is Your Research Resource 24/7. Contact the library with any questions.

Films on Demand Available at the GSU Library

Films on Demand are just a click away. Celebrate the 100th birthday of the American icon Jackie Robinson with the two-part documentary series produced by legendary producer Ken Burns; or check the offerings on HBO, TED, or films that are exclusive to Films on Demand.

Click here to find Films on Demand. Click on the Streaming Video link located in the center box, and that will take to you the Films on Demand Link.

If you have any questions, please contact the library.

Support Red Nose Day
Watch Red Nose Day special TV event on **Thursday, May 23**. From now until May 23, join SEA & KDP to help raise awareness for childhood poverty across the globe. Get your red Nose Day gear at Walgreens. To support this cause, post pictures in red noses (with hashtags), donate money, and watch the TV event special on NBC.

**LSW-LCSW Preparation Course**

The School of Extended Learning will offer a two-day LSW-LCSW Preparation Course on **Saturday, June 1** and **Saturday, June 8** from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

This review course will use the most up-to-date examination materials and will reflect the latest diagnostic publication (DSM-5™). Attendees will receive a comprehensive study guide with current practice questions, test-taking strategies, information on what to expect on the day of the exam, as well as reference materials at the end of the study guide.

The course will be taught by Dr. Giesla Grumbach and Dr. Lydia Falconnier. Please register [here](#). For more information, please email [Dr. Felicia L. Townsend](mailto:Dr.Felicia.L.Townsend@uw.edu) or call 708.534.3044.

**June 2019 IDOC State Testing**

The Illinois Department of Corrections is taking applications for the position of Correctional Officer Trainee. All who are interested, [click here](#) to fill out a brief application. You will then be contacted with an invitation to attend the screening, which will take place on **Monday, June 10**, and **Tuesday, June 11**. For more information, please contact the Office of Career Services at 708.235.3974.

For questions, contact [Cynthia Staples](mailto:Cynthia.Staples@iowaseniors.org).
Celebrate the Life of Tim Fisher with a Night Out at the Ballpark

The late Tim Fisher was a student in the College of Health and Human Services pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Health Administration. Tim was also the husband of Katie Frossard Fisher, a graduate of the College of Business, an employee in Financial Services and a Civil Service Senator. Tim was also a huge fan of the Joliet Slammers.

Tim passed away in 2017 after a brief illness. To celebrate his love for the Slammers as well as his passion as a GSU student, the Civil Service Senate and the GSU Foundation are sponsoring a night out at the ball park with profits from the ticket sales being donated to the Civil Service Senate Scholarship funds that benefit employers, their spouses, and their dependents. The game will take place **June 15** at 6 p.m. at 1 Mayor Art Schultz Drive in Joliet, IL.

For more information or for tickets, please contact [Katie Frossard Fisher](mailto:Katie.Frossard.Fisher@gsu.edu) in Financial Services at X7411.

Emerald City Theatre Summer Camp
Emerald City Theatre returns to the Center for Performing Arts this summer with an immersive, week-long, summer camp June 17-21. Combining some of Broadway’s biggest hits from classics like Newsies, Into the Woods, and Sound of Music with contemporary smash hits like Hamilton, Wicked, Dear Evan Hansen and more. Campers will focus on the finer details of performing musical theatre with an emphasis on dancing and vocal technique to hone their skills and challenge them as performers. The final showcase on June 21 at 7:30 p.m. will feature a number of Broadway hits, connected with characters created by the students.

Register your camper through the box office at 708.235.2222. Camp registration fee is $250. Limited to 60 campers.

**CAPM® Exam Preparation Course 100% online**

Starting July 15, the School of Extended Learning will offer the CAPM® Exam Preparation Course 100% online. The course breaks down complex topics for anyone who is interested in or are just starting out in project management.

By successfully completing this course, participants will earn the required 23 contact hours needed to meet the credential application requirements for the PMI CAPM® Certification Exam. GSU is a Registered Education Provider (R.E.P) with the PMI® with all material approved through the PMI®.
The course will be taught by Richard Manprisio. GSU students, faculty, staff and alumni can register at a special rate of $550. Please register at this link.

For more information, please contact Dr. Felicia L. Townsend at 708.534.3044.

**Join Us This Fall for Line Dancing Lessons**

Dawn the Dancin’ Deeva is committed to having fun while striving for excellence in dance. Dawn believes everyone has the ability to increase physical and emotional wellbeing through dance. Participants will enjoy quality instruction from Dawn in a relaxed environment that promotes self-confidence, self-respect, inner strength, discipline, and appreciation through dance.

Join us this fall to learn the latest line dance steps. Classes will take place on Wednesdays from 1 – 2 p.m., **September 18 – October 9.** No partner required. The fee to join is $25 with advanced registration, or $10 at the door per session.

[Register here.](#)

**Mindfulness Practice in the Library Every Thursday**
Join Dr. Tim Pedigo every Thursday afternoon from 3:20 – 4:20 p.m. for a meditation session and mindfulness practice in the GSU Library. “These are challenging times, but an amazing opportunity to practice mindfulness,” offered Dr. Pedigo.

Questions? Email GSULibraryInfo@govst.edu.

Workshops and Training Opportunities

Meditation Session And Mindfulness Practice
Thursdays, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Drs. Tim Pedigo and Maristela Zell host a meditation session and mindfulness practice every Thursday for students, faculty, and staff in the library. Come to the library, walk beyond the balcony and the Quiet Study Area to find the Mindfulness Practice location.

Career Services Drop-In Hours

Are you a student in need of help with your resume, cover letter, job search, or more? The Office of Career Services has staff available to help you navigate every path leading to your success.

Take the first step by visiting drop-in hours: no appointment is necessary.

Tuesdays, 2 – 4:30 p.m., B1215 in the Student Success Commons
Thursdays, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Library Technology Desk

Drop-in hours are on a first-come, first-served basis. Email Career Services for more information.

Faculty Profile Page Update Made Easier

Faculty members: did you know posting your profile on the GSU website can yield higher search engine results for you? Since GSU’s website employs Google Search as its engine, posting your profile means any searches for you, your areas of expertise, or even keywords within your CV will result in a higher search engine listing result for your profile.

This also means that academic colleagues, as well as those within your research community with shared fields of interest, can learn more about you and the breadth of your work in one centralized academic location. In addition, your areas of expertise will be easily discernable to media members seeking subject-matter experts for commentary and insight.

Finally, you can facilitate contact through other channels by presenting your professional personal website or social media presence as part of your profile.

Click on this link for the online submission form and we will have your profile up within a matter of days.

In addition, the Office of Marketing & Communications will be taking headshots in E1522, between 1 and 2 p.m., on the following days this spring:

Friday February 1
Monday February 18
Friday March 1
Monday March 18
Monday April 1
Tuesday April 16
Wednesday May 1
Thursday May 16
Monday June 3
Monday June 17