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Alumni E-Connections - April 2010

Dear

Summer is right around the corner and we're all looking forward to some nice weather!

I hope to see you at one of the many upcoming alumni networking receptions.

Check out the university's Vacation Education courses. Maybe there's a class you'd like to take this summer!

We're excited to announce that alumni and students who live in Indiana will receive in-state tuition beginning in Fall 2010!

I'll continue to send you monthly updates. Feel free to visit the [alumni website](#) to view past editions of the *e-connections* newsletter and our bi-annual print newsletter, *Alumni Connections*.

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Alumni Receptions

GSU alumni are invited to enjoy an evening of networking, friendship, and fun. Please join us at one of our many upcoming network receptions. We also invite you to bring any prospective students with you! Call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128 to RSVP or reply to this e-mail and leave your name, telephone number, and the reception you plan to attend.

College of Business and Public Administration Alumni Gathering – May 11

Jenny's Steakhouse
20 Kansas Street, Frankfort, IL
Tuesday, May 11
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Cash bar and light appetizers

Hosted by: James Grady III ('95, '98), Chief, Frankfort Fire District and
Sharon Filkins Jenrich ('78, '98), President, Jenrich Communications

Please RSVP by May 5 if you plan to attend by calling 708.534.4128 or replying to this e-mail. Please leave your name and phone number and state that you will be attending the CBPA Alumni Gathering.

College of Education Alumni Reception and Speaker –May 19

Hall of Honors, Governors State University
Wednesday, May 19
6 to 9 p.m.
Light appetizers will be served

Please RSVP by May 11 if you plan to attend by calling 708.534.4128 or replying to this e-mail. Please leave your name and phone number and state that you will be attending the College of Education reception.

Chicago Area Alumni Networking Reception –June 17

Beverly Arts Center
2407 W. 111th Street, Chicago (111th and Western Avenue)
Thursday, June 17
6 to 9 p.m.
Cash bar – Light appetizers will be served

Please RSVP by June 9 if you plan to attend by calling 708.534.4128 or replying to this. Please leave your name and phone number and state that you will be attending the Chicago area reception.

College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Networking Reception -- TBA

Coming soon in July. Stay tuned for more details to come.

Table Tennis Team Triumphs

In its first appearance in the NCTTA national championship competition, the GSU women's table tennis team made its presence known both on and off the court. Among the 14 women's teams in the competition, GSU had the lowest skill rating at the beginning of the competition, but that rating did not indicate how well the team would perform.

In the consolation round of matches, the GSU women's team beat 11th ranked Drexel

University in intense singles and doubles competition. Coach T.J. Wang and his players followed a strategy that accented their strengths and disrupted the opposing team's confidence. While the GSU women had never played doubles table tennis, they rose to the occasion, ultimately beating Drexel three games to two. As one observer noted, the cheers of joy and excitement from the GSU women filled the gymnasium where the competitions were held.

When not competing themselves, GSU team members served as volunteers assisting the NCTTA wherever they were needed.

The Center for Performing Arts

A Special Family Performance!

On Saturday, May 1, at 11 a.m., a special performance of *Patchwork - The Little House Life of Laura Ingalls Wilder* comes to The Center. Join the Ingalls family on an adventure as they face hardships and triumphs of a wondrous new land, with sometimes only their faith and love of family to sustain them. An affordable performance for the whole family

Special Offer for Alumni for Little House show! – 2-for-1 tickets available when you use code VIPCHILD at www.centertickets.net or call the box office at 708.235.2222. Regular ticket price \$10.50. Not valid on previously purchased tickets.

Glen Miller Orchestra



Saturday, May 15 at 3 p.m. – New matinee show time! The Big Band era is alive and well on The Center's stage with the best band in the business playing your favorites – *In the Mood*, *Chattanooga Choo Choo*, *Moonlight Serenade*, *String of Pearls*, and more! Plus, enjoy a special \$25 post-show menu at nearby Scrementi's in Steger.

Visit www.centertickets.net for more information on these upcoming May performances!

Vacation Education Returns this Summer

Vacation Education at Governors State University provides a unique opportunity for current GSU students, college students home for the summer, and those wishing to learn more and add to their qualifications. The courses offered during this special summer program vary in subject and content from trauma and addictions to the Illinois Writing Project and from the history of rock and roll to healthcare and politics. In other words, there is a course for everyone.

Students do not need to be previously enrolled in Governors State University. These courses can be taken on a non-degree seeking basis. Prerequisites are dependent on the course. Vacation Education courses run from June 1 through July 15.

All four colleges at GSU — Arts and Sciences, Health and Human Services, Business and

Public Administration, and Education — have scheduled courses during Vacation Education. Between one and three credit hours are offered per course.

To enroll in Vacation Education, students already enrolled at other institutions must be in good academic standing at their respective academic institutions. Application, submission of the \$25 application fee, and registration for specific courses may be completed simultaneously. Unless proof or prerequisite is needed, transcripts are not required. For non-degree seeking students, enrollment is accepted up to the first day of class.

For more information, call 708.534.4567.

Graduate Business Program Information Session – May 15

Learn about the many graduate programs offered in the College of Business and Public Administration at Governors State University at an information session on Saturday, May 15, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Faculty members and advisors will be available to discuss the Masters in Business Administration, the Master's of Science in Management Information Systems, the Master's of Science in Accounting, and the Master's in Public Administration degree programs offered at GSU. Information on admission requirements, taking the GMAT, and financial aid will also be provided.

Information session begins with a continental breakfast and registration at 9:30 a.m. and continues with a brief program and an opportunity to meet with advisors, faculty, and an admissions counselor. Tours of the university will also be available.

For more information or to RSVP call 708.534.4391 or e-mail bpa-info@govst.edu.

Sculpture Park Events

Road Trip – May 1, 2010

The third annual NMSP road trip to the ArtChicago and NEXT art fairs is becoming a tradition, so why not join us for an informal day full of exceptional art, artists, and gallery commentary?

ArtChicago and NEXT Art Fairs

Chicago's Merchandise Mart

Saturday, May 1

9:10 a.m. to 5:46 p.m.

\$20 admission *plus rail transportation and meals*

Pre-Registration not required

NEW – Travelers meet at the Flossmoor Metra Station

Park Director Geoffrey Bates will escort the group through the fair during the morning with pre-arranged stops at several galleries and commentary by their staff. The afternoon is spent exploring the two full floors of this massive presentation on your own.

This year, we're changing the itinerary up a little by departing from and returning to the Flossmoor Metra Station. The plan is to linger at the station, enjoy a meal, and discuss your impressions at the end of the day. Itinerary:

9:10 a.m. Depart **Flossmoor** Metra station
9:57 Arrive Randolph/Water Street Station
Travel via the El to the Merchandise Mart
4:30 p.m. Depart Merchandise Mart
5:05 Depart Randolph/Water Street Station
5:46 Arrive Flossmoor Station, those who wish can stay for dinner

Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park Bicycle Tour

Saturday, May 22

2 p.m.

FREE

The tour begins behind the Hall of Governors at GSU. All riders must wear helmets. Some riding will be on public roads.

“*This* is the only way to see the sculpture park!” exclaimed one of the bikers last year, as the group pedaled throughout the park. Spend two hours and see the entire collection of work – north and south. Park Director and Curator Geoffrey Bates will lead this popular tour.



Summer Sol-a-Bration 2010

Wear your play clothes! Bring the entire family out for the Summer Sol-a-Bration 2010. We'll have numerous activities for children and adults to enjoy on this year's summer solstice, June 19, from 2 to 5 pm. Fly a kite! Build a sculpture! Compete in our Body Roll Derby! The day has been designed to celebrate the outdoors and our collection. Music will be provided by the Illinois Philharmonic's Brass Quintet, the Prairie State College Jazz Band, and the South Suburban Dulcimer and Folk Music Society. Parking and admission is free. Some activities will have nominal fees. Mark your calendar and join the fun!

GSU Alumni, friends gather in Arizona



Alumni and friends got together during a recent spring training game between the Chicago White Sox and the Kansas City Royals. President Elaine Maimon and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Joan

Vaughan attended the GSU sponsored event at Camelback Ranch, the White Sox spring training facility in Glendale, Arizona.



This is the second year we have enjoyed what looks to be an annual gathering. Here's hoping for a great baseball season this year!

Alumni Club Activities

Addiction Studies Alumni Club – May 17

The Addictions Studies Alumni Club is having an executive committee meeting on Monday, May 17, at 6 p.m. If you are interested in becoming an officer in this club, this is the meeting to attend. Club members will be planning upcoming events.

Alumni Artforum Club – Open Studio: Creativity Day -- May 23

The Alumni Artforum Club is hosting Open Studio Creativity Day. Alumni and their guests are invited to join the Artforum Club as they enjoy a special indoor-outdoor event. Studios will be open to try your creativity in lighting, painting, ceramics, sculpture, print making, digital labs, and more. Bring your own supplies.

Sunday, May 23

1 to 5 p.m.

Governors State University E-Lounge and Art Studios

Refreshments will be served.

\$5 charge to cover refreshments

Please RSVP by May 17 if you plan on attending by calling 708.534.4128 or replying to this email. Please leave your name and phone number and state that you will be attending the Artforum Creativity Day.

Veteran's Entrepreneurial Boot Camp

On Wednesday May 19, 2010, CenterPoint at Governors State University will be hosting its popular Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp, a one-day event of intensive entrepreneurial training and programming. This event is offered at no cost to Veterans (There is a \$25 fee for family members or business partners.) This is one way in which GSU says "thank you for your service." Spread the word! For information, call 708.534.4929.

Free Computer Workshops

The University Library is offering computer workshops. Classes take place on campus and are free and open to the public.

<i>Starting Your Family Tree</i>	May 20 from 1 to 3 p.m.	D2401B
<i>Favorite Free Genealogy Websites</i>	June 3 from 1 to 3 p.m.	D2401B
<i>Using FamilySearch.org in your Family Research</i>	June 17 from 1 to 3 p.m.	D2401B
<i>Using Google in your Family Research</i>	June 24 from 1 to 3 p.m.	D2401B

Classes are free and open to the public. Advance registration is recommended, but not required. For more information and a complete schedule of workshops, visit the [library website](#) or call 708.534.7514.

Rippin' The Runway –May 21

On January 13, 2010, Haiti was devastated by one of the most devastating earthquakes in history. It's estimated that it may take more than a decade of international support to rebuild this country, where more than two million individuals were left without food, water, and shelter.

The Black Student Union and the Department of Social Work are hosting the All Nations For Haiti Fashion Show fundraiser. All proceeds support the Joseph Assignment's efforts in Haiti.

Friday, May 21

7 to 9 p.m.

Governors State University Sherman Music Hall

\$10 in advance; \$15 at the door

For tickets and information call 312.476.0047 or visit Room A2126 on campus.

Visual Arts Gallery Current Display – April 19-26

The Redemption of Brokenness, Photography by Sharon L. Burrink.

In this series of photographs, inspired by the courageous stories of abused women, Burrink takes the viewer on a journey from the depths of despair to hope and healing by using stirring images that reflect the sorrows and beauty of life. Burrink's message reflects her spiritual beliefs that no matter how broken a life might be, God can restore and heal.

For more information, contact the Visual Arts Gallery at 708.534.4021

or artsgrad@govst.edu.
