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# Alumni E-Connections - June 2010

Dear

Summer is in full swing here on campus. Hopefully the rain won't slow you down and you'll all be able to enjoy the outdoors. Consider joining us at GSU Day to cheer on the Chicago the White Sox!

If you plan on visiting campus on a Friday this month or next, you might want to call ahead. GSU is currently observing "summer hours" where most departments are closed on Fridays.

The Alumni Awards program is underway. Be sure to submit your application or nominate a fellow GSU Alum. Winners will be announced at our Special Alumni Celebration on November 6. Save the date!

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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## See The White Sox in Style



Join the GSU Alumni Association, faculty, and friends during GSU White Sox Day at U.S. Cellular Field on Sunday, August 29. Wear your black and white colors to show support of both GSU and the White Sox as they battle the New York Yankees. Mingle with fellow alumni, faculty and staff during a 1.5 hour reception prior to the game where there will be unlimited food and drink including BBQ ribs, Cajun chicken, fried chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers and more, as well as wine, Miller and Pepsi products. Game seats are lower level box seats in section 109. The cost for both the reception and the game is only \$84.

To order tickets or for more information, call the Alumni Office at 708.534.4128 or e-mail [alumnirelations2@govst.edu](mailto:alumnirelations2@govst.edu).

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## Award Nominations Now Being Accepted

The Alumni Association will host the second annual Alumni Awards program, which honors graduates who have made significant contributions to society and whose accomplishments and careers have brought credit to the university. The *Outstanding Community Service Award* and the *Distinguished Professional Achievement Award* will both be presented at the Ailey II Reception and Show event on November 6, 2010. If you would like to nominate an alum or find out more about the award criteria, visit our website at [www.govst.edu/alumni](http://www.govst.edu/alumni).

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## Save the Date - Special Alumni Celebration - November 6, 2010

Join the Alumni Association on November 6 for a special Alumni Celebration and performance of Ailey II, the long-celebrated dance company that combines the hottest young talent with the creative vision of today's most outstanding choreographers. There will be a pre-performance reception featuring chili and fixings, soups, salad bar, fresh homemade rolls, desserts, coffee and tea.

The Celebration combo ticket is only \$58 per person and includes main floor seating. Reception time is 6 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128 to purchase tickets.

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## Coming up at GSU's Center for Performing Arts

### The Wedding Singer – July 31, August 1, 6 and 7

The Southland Area Theatre Ensemble (SLATE) presents The Wedding Singer Saturday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, August 1 at 2 p.m., and Friday, August 6 and Saturday, August 7 at 7:30 p.m. It's '80s night, so dig out the legwarmers and relive the Reagan era with this wildly popular tale of romance based on the hit 1998 film starring Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore. Nominated for five Tonys during its celebrated run on



Broadway, this musical comedy hits all the right notes. Student tickets are \$16 - \$19, available at [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net) or by calling the Box Office at 708.235.2222.

### **DRUMLine Live! – November 12 at 7 p.m.**



Back by popular demand following a sold-out 2009 engagement at The Center, [DRUMLine Live!](#), created by Don P. Roberts who was inspired by the 2002 film starring Nick Cannon and Orlando Jones, returns Friday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. to bring the raw energy and atmosphere of the movie to The Center's stage. The show features a large cast of performers from America's historically black colleges and universities, who storm the stage for performances ranging from colorful, choreographed routines to heavy doses of drum riffs and cadences. DRUMLine Live! is sure to be one of the highlights of The Center's upcoming season.

Subscriptions to The Center's 2009-2010 season are now on sale, and single show tickets to DRUMLine Live! will be available beginning Friday, Aug. 6 at 10 a.m. When purchased as part of a 3-show subscription package, DRUMLine Live! tickets are \$34-\$41. Single show tickets are \$39 - \$46. For more information or to purchase subscriptions, visit [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net), call The Center Box Office at (708) 235-2222 or stop by The Center Box Office.

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## **Job Hunters and Entrepreneur Boot Camp - July 8**

GSU is hosting a *Job Hunters and Entrepreneur Book Camp* on July 8. This event is sponsored by Congresswoman (and GSU Alum) Debbie Halvorson.

The Job Hunter and Entrepreneur Boot Camp will offer participants a chance to better prepare themselves for the changing job market with practical advice from a number of area professionals. Attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in workshops on topics ranging from navigating the job market online to finance and budgeting as well as a chance to have their resumes critiqued.

Veterans' in attendance will have an opportunity to work with the VA and IDES and the programs they offer to veterans of the armed services.

In addition to job seekers, small business owners and those looking to start their own will have an opportunity to learn from GSU's Small Business Development Center, the U.S. Small Business Administration, and others in attendance about the secrets to getting your business going and growing.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Space is limited. There is no cost to register for this event. Register at [halvorson.house.gov/bootcamp](http://halvorson.house.gov/bootcamp) or call 815.726.4998.

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## **Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park Event**

## Road Trip – Museum of Contemporary Art – July 17

Join park director, Geoff Bates on an all day road trip to the Chicago Museum of Contemporary Art to view the *Alexander Calder and Contemporary Art: Form, Balance, Joy* exhibit.



**Saturday, July 17**

**9:10 a.m. to 5:23 p.m.**

**\$12 (\$7 senior) museum admission; plus rail fares and meals**

**Pre-Registration not required**

Alexander Calder was a revolutionary 20th Century sculptor whose breakthrough mobiles changed art and design forever. This exhibition examines Calder's work in the context of a group of young sculptors who create work unabashedly influenced by this New England master. Our itinerary will include the Calder show at the MCA, lunch at The Elephant and Castle, a London style pub nearby, and a stop in the Federal Plaza to view Calder's monumental Flamingo (1973).

### **Our itinerary for the day will be:**

9:10 Depart Flossmoor Station (participants will meet at the train station)

9:57 Arrive Randolph/Water Street Station

Travel via the Red Line to the MCA

View exhibition, have lunch, travel on Red Line to Monroe Ave. stop and walk to Federal Plaza, then walk back to Metra's Van Buren station

4:40 Depart Van Buren station

5:23 Arrive Flossmoor Station

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## **Instant Decision Day - An undergraduate open house**

The Office of Admission is hosting an Instant Decision Day – an undergraduate open house. Prospective students are encouraged to bring their transcripts for on-the-spot admission to most programs. Discover GSU's undergraduate programs, learn about financial aid opportunities and tour the campus.

Saturday, July 31, 2010

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**RSVP today by calling** 708.534.4490 or e-mail [sevans@govst.edu](mailto:sevans@govst.edu). If you know someone that may be interested in attending GSU, send them this information.

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## Winners at Heart

The team competed in the Oak Lawn division “A” (competitive) championship tournament on June 17. The team won their semi final match in consecutive games. In the finals, GSU won the first match but lost the final two, resulting in a second place finish.



“We are disappointed by the final result, however we are not disappointed in the way the GSU women played,” said Dean Jennings Assistant Program Director of GSU’s Recreation and Fitness Center. “I would like to thank all those responsible for the first GSU volleyball team and their great success this season including coaches Jill Velazquez, Jennifer Finn, and our female athletes.”

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## Facebook Fan Base Continues to Climb



After just three months in existence, GSU’s Facebook page has 496 fans, and counting. We are always excited about new ways for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the university to stay informed, and stay in touch. We are looking forward to GSU’s 500<sup>th</sup> Facebook fan signing up – which will happen in the not-too-distant future – and the ranks of fans continuing to grow. Encourage everyone you know to “like” GSU today!

Visit GSU's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/govstate](http://www.facebook.com/govstate).

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## Honored Friends of the GSU Library

The Friends of the GSU Library honored three treasured friends at a reception recently.

Dr. Rachel O. Berg of Crete was acknowledged for her commitment to the library and her considerable donations that were sold at auction. The proceeds helped support the Friends efforts. Director of the GSU Department of Public Safety Debra Boyd of Park Forest was honored for single-handedly building the libraries books on tape collection and her donations for auction events. Nicole Hernandez of Manteno was recognized for her generosity at fundraising events and her abilities with her engraving machine.

Each honoree received a framed certificate of appreciation and their names were engraved on the Treasured Friends plaque on display in the library. For more information on the Friends of the GSU Library or pick up a brochure in the library.

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## Storming The Gates – documentary and panel discussion

*Storming the Gates*, a 25-minute documentary film on minority access to higher education,

will be screened on July 14, at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. A panel discussion will follow to investigate the issue further.

The Illinois African American and Latino Higher Education Alliance (IALHEA) produced the film, which chronicles the African American and Latino quest for access and equity in Illinois colleges and universities. Minority presence on college resulted from tremendous struggle and sacrifice, and the struggle continues. *Storming the Gates* illustrates the links between access and the civil rights movements of Blacks and Latinos in the sixties and seventies. It highlights the importance and the central role Illinois played in the national struggle for access and equity.

A panel of education leaders and experts, many who appear in the documentary, will discuss the contemporary significance of the struggle. Panel members will include IALHEA members Dr. Michael Toney, Executive Director, Urban Health Program - University of Illinois at Chicago and D.J. Wells, adjunct GSU faculty and Director of Public Relations and Marketing, Urban Health Program - University of Illinois at Chicago.

The event is free, open to the public, and sponsored by Access to a College Education Student Support Services (ACESSS) and Student Life at GSU. For more information, contact [Vanessa Newby](#) at ext. 4552.

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## Free Computer Workshops

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

<i>Basic PowerPoint</i>	July 13 from 3 to 4 p.m.	D2401B
<i>Formatting an APA Style Paper</i>	July 14 from 2 to 3 p.m.	D2401B
<i>Formatting an APA Style Paper</i>	July 27 from 2 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.

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## Outdoor Farmer's Market at GSU

GSU's first-ever outdoor Farmers Market kicked off on June 3 with fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables, honey, and other healthy products. Hours of the farmers market are 1 to 6 p.m., rain or shine, on Thursdays through September.

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## Visual Arts Gallery Current Display – August 2-12

GSU graduate student Monique Doyle will be exhibiting her thesis work August 2 through 12. Doyle's series of work, *Remnants*, captures the remnants of once habited structures and

discarded personal possessions.

The images are a documentary of neighborhoods, homes and personal possessions that were once a part of a full and functioning life, now left as part of the present landscape. These “Remnants” have become part of the landscape due to our present economic recession, and shows the deprivation of land and life.

Doyle’s collection of images includes businesses and homes whose inhabitants are now just “Remnants” of past time. Doyle’s intent was to document areas such as Harvey, Illinois as well as the southeast side of Chicago. The facades of the buildings no longer have any redeeming qualities; they simply exist as an eyesore to most passer-byes. Doyle’s images are the scars that are left due to the harsh economic times these areas endured.

Monique Doyle is a Graduate from Governors State University with her BA in the Board of Governors and is working towards a Master of Arts from Governors State University in University Park, Illinois. Monique Doyle currently resides in Harvey, IL.

Gallery Hours:

Monday, 2 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact the Visual Arts Gallery at 708.534.4021 or [artsgrad@govst.edu](mailto:artsgrad@govst.edu).

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## Chicago Bulls Youth Basketball Camp

Registration is under way for this summer’s Chicago Bulls Youth Basketball Camp, co-sponsored by Governors State University (GSU) and the Village of Matteson. The camp takes place July 12 to 16, at GSU in University Park.

The weeklong camp is a great opportunity for boys and girls, ages 6 through 14, to improve their fundamental skills in ball handling, shooting, passing, defense, and rebounding. Players will be divided into two groups, Rookies (ages 6 to 8) and Veterans (ages 9 to 14) so that every child receives appropriate attention and instruction.

Sessions are scheduled from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on every day of the camp. Participants will receive a Chicago Bulls Training Academy basketball, gym bag, T-shirt, player evaluation, and graduation certificate. The Chicago Bulls are the only NBA team to sponsor a youth basketball program.

Space is limited and registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. The registration deadline is July 10. Cost is \$205. Registration forms are available in GSU’s Recreation and Fitness Center. Registration information is also available by calling 708.748.1080.