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Alumni E-Connections - September 2010

Dear

Campus is bustling as we welcome back our students for the Fall term! There are many reasons to visit GSU. You might like to attend an event at the Center for Performing Arts. Or maybe you'd like to take your summer exercise program indoors at the Campus Recreation Center. If art is what you are interested in, you might like to visit the Visual Arts Gallery. There's almost no end to the activities on campus every day.

The Alumni Association has several events coming up as well, so read on and stay connected! Feel free to visit the [alumni website](#) to view past editions of the *e-connections* newsletter and our bi-annual print newsletter, *Alumni Connections* and to get up-to-the-minute details.

Sincerely,

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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. Award criteria and an application are available online, so if you would like to nominate yourself or a fellow alum, visit our website at www.govst.edu/alumni.

Wisconsin Alumni Gathering – September 10

All alumni are invited to attend a special reception in Milwaukee. Meet other alumni and members of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park *Pathfinders* group during an evening of cocktails, culture, and lively commentary at this complimentary event.

Pfister Hotel – Rouge Room
424 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Friday, September 10, 2010 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Cash bar and light appetizers

Geoffrey Bates, Director and Curator of the Park, will discuss the nature of art and architecture as he previews this year's NMSP Autumn Art Odyssey visit to the Milwaukee Art Museum and Lynden Sculpture Gardens.

Please RSVP immediately if you plan on attending by calling 708.534.4128 or email alumnirelations2@govst.edu. Please leave your name and phone number.

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.

Sad News - Computer Science Professor Passed Away

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Shensheng Zhao on August 31. Dr. Zhao was a professor of Computer Science in the College of Arts and Sciences. He began teaching at GSU in 1990. He earned the Faculty Excellence Award in 2004.

Friends and colleagues in the GSU community offer Dr. Zhao's family our support and sympathy during this difficult time.

Coming up at GSU's Center for Performing Arts

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, call The Center Box Office at (708) 235-2222 or stop by The Center Box Office.

Golf Just Fore Fun - September 19

All Governors State University alumni, faculty, staff, and their family and friends are invited to participate in the First Annual Dave Drechsel Golf Outing. The event is named after Dave Drechsel, former HR benefits manager and the founder and longtime member of GSU's summer golf league.

Don't miss an afternoon of golf, friendly competition, great food, and camaraderie. Everyone is encouraged to take part regardless of skill level or golfing experience.

The outing will take place on Sunday, September 19, at the University Golf Club in University Park. Registration begins at noon with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The cost is only \$75 per person and includes 18 holes of golf (four-person, best ball format), a golf cart, lunch at the turn, dinner banquet, golf contests, trophies, a goodie bag, and door prize tickets.

The event is sponsored by the university's SPIRIT Committee. For full information and to register, contact Hollie Campbell at ext. 708.235.7595 or e-mail hcampbell@govst.edu.

Visual Arts Gallery Current Display – September 12-22

The photography of Jeremy Spence will be on display at the Visual Arts Gallery at GSU. *The Hidden Splendor of Color* is about the side of life that is usually passed on a daily basis. Through the usage of artificial light, landscapes at night take on a different persona. Color has been used to turn ordinary landscapes and architectural structures into something that can only exist at night.



For more information visit: <http://gsuvisualartsgallery.blogspot.com> or contact the Visual

Spence's panoramic works turn everyday landscapes into vivid habitats that become eye candy for the viewer. Through the use of richly saturated colors, one can appreciate the beauty of hidden colors that exist only at night. There will be a closing reception on Wednesday, September 22 from 5 to 8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Jeremy Spence is a graduate of Governors State University and recently received a Master in Fine Arts in Digital imaging/design at Governors State University.

Gallery Hours:

Monday & Tuesday 11-4 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday 2-7 p.m.

or by appointment

For more information, contact the Visual Arts Gallery at 708.534.4021 or artsgrad@govst.edu.

Zone in on Literacy

Governors State University's Graduate Program in Reading is again sponsoring The Literacy Zone, a reading tutorial program for students in grades six through high school, on Tuesdays, from September 14 through November 30, from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m. This one-to-one program brings students experiencing reading problems together with teachers who have the skills to help them. Students meet on campus with certified, experienced teachers enrolled in the Master of Arts Reading Program at GSU.

Enrollment is limited and based on the number of tutors. Students will be accepted in the order in which the completed application and registration fee are received. There is a \$100 registration fee. A refund of \$30 is made to the parents/guardians of those students who complete the program with good attendance and return all Literacy Zone materials. Snacks are provided at each session. Transportation is not provided.

GSU Historical Society

The [GSU Historical Society](#) meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at noon in the Library conference room. The organization is dedicated to preserving the history of GSU and the surrounding communities.

One of the society's current projects is digitizing and transcribing the land surveys of the 19th century of Will County, Illinois, specifically Monee Township. Although quite a bit of work still needs to be done, visible progress in this project has been accomplished in the past year.

The Friends of the GSU Library recently started a local history and genealogical collection of books at the GSU Library. If you are interested in joining the GSU Historical Society, contact Eric Nicholson at 708.235.7508 or enicholson@govst.edu.

All the Right Moves

Learn the etiquette skills needed when meeting potential employers and clients in social settings at an Etiquette Luncheon at GSU. The Office of Career Services is again sponsoring this very informative lunch workshop on Tuesday, September 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Receive manners instruction as you enjoy a full meal. Learn about appropriated and professional attire. Gain tips on social etiquette – a valuable skill set needed for professional settings.

Registration for the Etiquette Luncheon at GSU is required and the fee is \$5. Contact the Office of Career Services for more information at 708.235.3974.