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Alumni Association

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Dear Alumni,

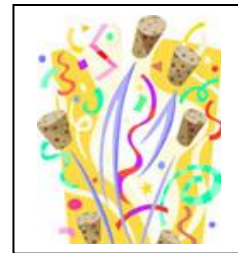
Fall semester has arrived and much is happening on campus.

GSU 40th Anniversary

We're celebrating GSU's 40th Anniversary through a yearlong series of events. Each month our e-blast will keep you up to date on events and programs being held on campus. Here's what's coming up:

40th Anniversary Celebration – November 7 – A Tribute to Motown Greats

Join us as we celebrate GSU's 40th Anniversary at this special event on Saturday, November 7, at 6 p.m. The evening begins with a reception consisting of light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, followed by a special *Tribute to Motown Greats* concert at The Center for Performing Arts. The evening will culminate with an exciting after-party featuring a cast meet and greet, dancing, and camaraderie.



Tickets are \$50 per person. Order your tickets today by credit card by calling the Office of Alumni Relations at 708.534.4128 or visit www.govst.edu/alumni for a ticket order form.

Celebrating the Past and Charting the Future – November 6

Join the celebration recognizing GSU's 40th Anniversary. The 40th Anniversary Celebration embraces the theme of *Celebrating the Past and Charting the Future*.

Join us on Friday, November 6, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Music Hall, where panelists will discuss the birth, growth, and future of the university. Panelists include Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, current president, GSU; Dr. Leo Goodman-Malamuth, former president, GSU; Dr. Blondean Davis, Superintendent, Matteson School District 162; and Dr. Paul Green, Director, Institute for Politics and Arthur Rubloff Professor of Policy Studies at Roosevelt University. Following the discussion, the new history wall, commemorating 40 years of educational excellence, will be unveiled in the D Main Entrance Atrium. A reception will follow.

Alumni Association News

Alumni Awards Program - Deadline September 30

The Alumni Association is hosting the 2009 Alumni Awards, 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 40th Anniversary Celebration on November 7, 2009. Nominating deadline is September 30, 2009. For more information and a nomination form, visit our website at www.govst.edu/alumni.

Alumni Club Activities

Alumni Artforum Club - The group met on September 21 and did a peer review of those bringing a piece of their own artwork. The group will be joining *Art Fest* on October 14th here at GSU. Please RSVP if you plan on attending. Want to become a member? Call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128 for details.

Call the Alumni Office at 708.534.4128 for more information on any club activities. Alumni Association members may join any (or all) of the alumni clubs at no additional cost.

Are you a member of the Alumni Association?

If you are, you know the many benefits! If not, why not join today? There are many benefits associated with being a member of the Alumni Association. Visit www.govst.edu/alumni or call the Alumni Relations office, for more information.

Campus Happenings

You're Invited to the 3rd Annual ArtsFest at GSU

The 3rd Annual GSU ArtsFest will take place on October 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., offering interactive open studios where visitors will create prints, paintings, sculptures, and digital images. They will also get to use some of the materials and equipment to create their own works of art.

Art professors will be available to answer questions about the graduate and undergraduate degree programs in art and fine art. Portfolio reviews will also be offered. The Visual Art Gallery will be open with exhibits from a visiting artist and ArtsFest concludes with a reception in E-Lounge. ArtsFest is free and open to the public. For more information, call 708.235.3956. Visit www.gsuvisualartsgallery.blogspot.

Rattle and Drum Art Workshop

A special *Rattle and Drum Art Workshop* will be held on Saturday, November 14, at 4 p.m., in GSU's E Lounge. Participants will survey rattles and drums as art expressions worldwide, then make and decorate their own objects. A firelight drum circle, chat, and dance performance will follow in the evening. This event is free and open to the public. Reservations required: 708.534.4128.

Upcoming Enrichment Seminars

The Latino Centers for Excellence is sponsoring a series of enrichment seminars on campus. Learn about career opportunities, network with professionals, and learn about scholarship and grant opportunities.

Elementary Education/Early Childhood Education Enrichment Seminar

Monday, September 28

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

GSU Hall of Honors

Presenters include Rosetta Gibson, Academic Advisor, and Meredith S. Byers, Student Program Director, Illinois Education Association.

Call 708.235.7609 to RSVP.

You're Invited

Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez will speak at a free lecture at GSU. Alvarez is Cook County's first female and first Latina State's Attorney. Her presentation is part of the university's observance of Hispanic Heritage Month. Alvarez' comments will offer perspective from her 22-year career serving in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. A question and answer period will follow. The Distinguished Lecture Series is free, open to the public, and sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Date: Thursday, October 1

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Center for Performing Arts

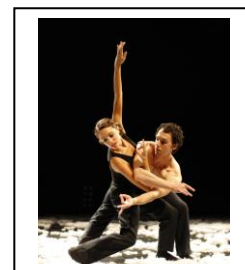


Contact Sheree Sanderson at 708.235.3956 or by email s-sanderson@govst.edu

Center for Performing Arts Special Offer to Alumni

The Center for Performing Arts celebrates 15th Anniversary Season in 2009-2010!

We thank GSU Alumni for being part of our audiences over the years and we invite you to join us this year. To say thank you for your support, The Center is extending its 15th Anniversary offer through Oct. 3. Simply purchase 3 Mainstage or Cabaret shows and you will receive a FREE ticket* to the Jan. 23 Hubbard Street Dance Chicago performance and another FREE ticket will be donated in your name for a child to attend the company's Jan. 22 school show through The Center's education program. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to support the Center and our community! Visit www.centertickets.net for details.



New this year!

The Center's Box Office has made a special customer service line available for GSU Alumni. Call 708.234.2244 today for more information about the 15th Anniversary Offer and all your ticket needs for the 2009-2010 season!

* Cannot combine alumni discount and season discount. "A Tribute Motown Greats," 40th Anniversary Celebration ticket holders may add two shows to receive this subscription offer.

Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park Recognition Dinner

You are cordially invited to attend our inaugural Recognition Dinner acknowledging the support of volunteers, docents, staff and constituents. The evening will include remarks by Steinunn Thorarinsdottir, whose work *Horizons* is on exhibition loan to the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park.

- Tuesday, October 13, 2009
- 6–8:30 p.m.
- Governors State University's E Lounge
- \$40 per person/ \$300 table of eight

Contact Geoffrey Bates at 708.534.4848 for more information.

Pusan International Film Festival

The Pusan International Film Festival to be held this October in Pusan, South Korea, announced that its 2009 line-up will include *Chicago Heights*, a quirky, experimental, micro-budgeted film shot last summer by a small army of GSU students and faculty. *Chicago Heights* will compete for a \$20,000 prize with ten other films in the *Flash Forward* section. The Pusan Festival is the largest film festival in Asia.

Chicago Heights was shot and edited locally, outside of class hours, with no formal financing or budget apart from the equipment support kindly provided to the MFA program on an annual basis by the Division of Liberal Arts in the College of Arts & Sciences. All services were provided by an unpaid cast and crew, some of whom received production internship credit for their efforts.

Donations to the GSU Foundation are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. Go to www.govst.edu/foundation/DonateIntro.asp, if you are interested in making a donation.

I'll continue to send you updates from time to time to keep you up to date. But feel free to visit our website at www.govst.edu/alumni for up-to-the-minute details.

Sincerely,

Rosemary D. Hulett
Associate Vice President for Advancement and Alumni Relations