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Dear Alumni,

Summer is upon us and many exciting things are happening here 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 the Motown Greats

Take a trip back in time...

...when Motown was king, as talented Chicagoland vocalists perform classic hits, such as:

- Marvin Gaye's *What's Going On*
- Smokey Robinson & The Miracles' *Tears of a Clown*
- Stevie Wonder's *Uptight (Everything's Alright)*
- Gladys Knight & the Pips' *Midnight Train to Georgia*
- and many more!

"The way they throw down gives the audience a realistic flashback to the days when no party was complete without the sounds of Motown." - *Richard Steele, Chicago Public Radio, WBEZ 91.5 FM*

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 the 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 calling the Office of Alumni Relations at 708.534.4128.



Alumni Association News

Alumni Club Activities

Alumni Addictions Studies Club

The Addictions Studies Club met on June 10 and discussed the latest in LCPC licensing. Their next meeting will be in September. Date to be determined.

Alumni Artforum Club - The group's next meeting will be Monday, September 21, where club members are invited to bring a piece of their own art for peer review. Want to become a member? Call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128 for details.

TRiO Alumni Club and the Master of Public Administration Club are joining together for a Summer Celebration Scholarship Fundraiser, *Beautiful Black and Dazzling White*, on Saturday, August 15, from 5 p.m. to midnight, at GSU. Donation is \$10 per person. Join them for food, fun and dancing. Attire is black and white (no athletic wear or gym shoes). For ticket information or to donate, contact Mattie Payne-Mallory at 708.235.2103.

The TRiO Alumni Club meets the second Thursday of every month, from 4 to 5 p.m., in the Student Commons lounge at GSU.

Alumni Dancers Club and Alumni Book Club – both clubs are in the works and will become active soon. Make sure you're on the mailing list to receive invitations to these events. E-mail alumnirelations2@govst.edu to be placed on the mailing list.

Call the Alumni Office at 708.534.4128 to RSVP or 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.

Upcoming Campus Events

Fall Registration Information

Registration for Fall 2009 classes opened on Monday, July 13. For complete registration instructions, visit www.govst.edu/register.

Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park to host Steinunn Þórarinsdóttir's Horizons



An exhibition of 12 life-sized figures by the Icelandic artist Steinunn Þórarinsdóttir (pronounced **Stay**-nun **Thorens**-daughter) arrived at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park during the first week of July. The work, entitled **Horizons**, consists of 'ungendered' figures cast in iron. Each figure features an insert of polished glass. The work will remain on view at Governors State University until September of 2010.

Horizons has been seen in New York and Texas and will continue to travel after its stay in University Park. The work was featured in an April, 2009 article in Sculpture Magazine and a documentary **Horizons** by independent filmmaker Frank Cantor, which won the CINE Special Jury Award in Washington as the best short documentary of 2008.



Steinunn Þórarinsdóttir has been selected as the Distinguished Lecturer for the Fall semester and will be visiting the University Park campus in October. For more information on programs and **Horizons**, please contact the sculpture park line at 708.534.4486 or email staff at sculpture@govst.edu.

Join us for an all-day adventure:

Take your time: Olafur Eliasson

Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago

Saturday, August 8

8:57 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Bring \$16 for admissions plus money for rail transportation and meals

We'd need a count, so if you plan on attending, please email: sculpture@govst.edu and let us know.

Olafur Eliasson is the Swedish installation artist whose works seek to transform spaces and visitors' perceptions of their world. His **Waterfalls**, placed in several parts of the New York Harbor and East River last summer, were audacious in both concept and engineering. After we experience the contemporary world of Olafur Eliasson at the Museum of Contemporary Art, we'll have lunch at **Elephant and Castle**, a British style pub, and then walk a few blocks to Loyola University Museum of Art. There, we'll have an encounter with the *beginning* of modern sculpture and view **Rodin: In His Own Words, Selections from the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation**.

Our group will leave the University Park Metra Station at 8:57 a.m., arriving at the Randolph/Water Street station at 9:57 a.m.. We'll take the Red Line subway to the Chicago Avenue stop and walk to our destinations from there. The group will return home on the 5:38 p.m. train from Randolph/Water Street station (arriving University Park 6:38). Or, make you can make an evening of it and return on your own.

Family Development Center Enrolling for Fall Pre-K

The Family Development Center (FDC) is now accepting enrollment in both its new three-day a week, half day pre-kindergarten program, as well as its five-day a week, either full or half day, pre-kindergarten program. Both year-long programs serve the educational needs of three, four, and five year olds.

Students experience a wide variety of activities ranging from morning meetings to enjoying music and stories, drama, and movement activities. Children also have gym or atrium time where large motor and social interaction skills are developed through sand and water play. Children build things, color, draw, paint, sculpt with clay, solve puzzles, and use manipulatives. Tuition adjustments are based on eligibility.

Special programs for newborns to three year olds and their parents are also available. For more information, visit www.govst.edu/children or call 708.235.7300.

Center for Performing Arts

The new 2009-2010 Center for Performing Arts schedule has been announced! A wonderful array of shows are scheduled and money saving subscription tickets are now available. Single tickets will be available on August 1. For a complete schedule of events, visit www.centertickets.net. Call the Box Office at 708-235-2222 for tickets and information.

Southland Area Theatre Ensemble (SLATE) – *Into the Woods*

The Southland Area Theatre Ensemble (SLATE) will present *Into the Woods* -- Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's amazing musical about magical enchantment blends the stories of the Brothers Grimm fairy tales, Jack and the Beanstalk, Rapunzel, Cinderella - and more - into an exciting, intertwining show for all ages!

Performances will be held at Governors State University's Center for Performing Arts on Friday, August 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, August 15, 2009 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available (\$21/\$18 - Adults and \$19/\$16 - Students). For ticket information, call the box office at 708.235.2222, Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

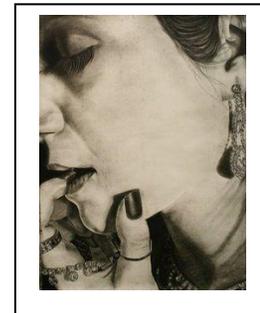
GSU Visual Arts Gallery

The GSU Visual Arts Gallery is free and open to the public. Gallery Hours are Monday – Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The following are exhibits for the remainder of July. For more information, call 708.534.4021.

Elizabeth Farnesi - Sinful Serenity

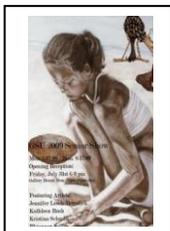
Sinful Serenity, an exhibition of paintings and drawings by Elizabeth Farnesi, will be on display from July 13 to July 23.

Farnesi's Catholic upbringing made her particularly aware of the presence of the Seven Deadly Sins in life. Although it wasn't until she personally experienced the sins first hand that she began to look for prime examples of vanity, lust, greed, anger, envy, sloth, and gluttony in everyday life. The constant bombardment of media, pop culture, high end fashion and corrupt role models numbs the public to the sins. Each sin intertwined into one another has seemingly become mainstream, accepted, and forgotten.



Farnesi's images are a look at human behavior and how she believes an over indulgence of one sin can lead to another sin which, in turn, can result in the destruction of one's self. This series of work is her journey and exploration into the sins and it's through her eyes in which the sins are rendered.

Undergraduate Exhibit



The Visual Arts Gallery at Governors State University is happy to present a group exhibition of four graduating students from July 27 - August 17. There will be a public reception on the evening of Friday, July 31, from 6 to 9 p.m. This exhibit will feature the work of Jennifer Lesch-Benedick, Kathleen Rush, Rhiannon Sallas, & Kristina Schmitt.

Just for Kicks

The GSU Soccer Club is currently playing weekly games and is looking for new members. Men and women are welcome to join, regardless of skill.

Weekly games take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 4:45 p.m. The club also participates in soccer tournaments and trips to Chicago Fire and international games.

Members of the Soccer Club enjoy camaraderie and a unique chance to interact with individuals from a variety of cultures and backgrounds. Plus, playing soccer is a great cardiovascular workout. Alumni are invited to join the GSU Soccer Club. There is no cost to join. For more information, contact Jose Reyes at 708.534.4494.

Summer Hours

Beginning June 8 through August 7, the university will be on a summer schedule. Many departments throughout campus will be closed on Fridays. Classes will, of course, be conducted as scheduled. But if you're planning on visiting campus on Fridays for other reasons, you might want to check that department's schedule first.

Alumni Office Summer Hours:

Monday through Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday – 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Friday – Closed
Phone: 708.534.4128

Normal Monday through Friday hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. will resume on August 10.

Summer Construction



The first of three phases of summer construction work began on June 1, and include reconfiguration and construction of the D-Main entry walkway, the adjacent circular round-about road, and the connecting roads on the east and west sides of the bell tower carillon.

These roads will be closed until approximately mid-August. D-Main entry will also be closed with anticipated completion of the walkways by mid-July.

Alternate entries to the building and traffic flow directions are designated with signage. Pace Bus pick-up and drop off will be temporarily relocated to the F-wing entry. The GSU Shuttle pick-up and drop off will be temporarily relocated to the north end B Parking Lot. For more information, call 708.534.4515.

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.

Many more events are being planned. I'll 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