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Alumni E-Connections - October 2010

Dear

I hope you're enjoying the cooler fall temperatures! Even though Fall has just begun, we're looking forward to the Spring Semester. The GSU Foundation scholarships will be posted next week. If you are a student or know a student (or perhaps someone interested in becoming a student), visit the *Scholarships* website at www.govst.edu/scholarships.

GSU is bustling with a host of activities. We hope you'll join us of the special alumni event on November 6 featuring the Ailey II dance company, or try your hand at making a ceremonial rattle at the Alumni Artforum Club's Rattle and Drum Workshop!

Read on and stay connected to your alma mater. 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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Alumni Celebration - Ailey II - November 6 - 6 p.m.



You're invited back to campus for a special alumni celebration. Come and share your favorite GSU memories and mingle with fellow alums during an all-you-care-to-eat reception where chili and fixings, soups, salad bar, fresh homemade rolls, desserts, coffee and tea will be served. This year's Alumni Award winner will also be announced.

Then enjoy a spectacular performance of Ailey II, the junior company associated with world famous Alvin Ailey Dance Theater. Ailey II is universally renowned for merging the spirit and energy of the country's best young talent with the creative vision of today's most outstanding emerging choreographers. Ailey is known for promoting the uniqueness of the African American cultural experience and the preservation and enrichment of the American modern dance. We're excited to announce that they will be performing their signature act, *Revelations*. For a preview visit http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_emeASISa2E

Saturday, November 6

Reception: 6 p.m.

Ailey II Performance: 8 p.m.

The alumni celebration combo ticket is only \$58 per person and includes the reception and main floor seating at the performance. Reception time is 6 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Order tickets using the [Event Order Form](#), or call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128.

Alumni Artforum Club - Rattle and Drum Workshop - November 13

The GSU Artforum Alumni Club invites you to their Rattle and Drum Workshop on Saturday, November 13. Professor Arthur Bourgeois and participants will discuss rattles and drums as art expressions worldwide, then make and decorate their own percussion objects--if you have a drum, bring it. This will be followed by a candlelight drum ceremony where you will have an opportunity to perform using your own creations.

November 13

4 p.m.

GSU E-Lounge

Cost: \$10 (cash only)

Reservations required: 708.534.412

Open House - October 30

GSU Office of Admission and Student Recruitment is hosting an Undergraduate Program Open House

and Instant Decision Day on Saturday, October 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Representatives from the Offices of Admission, Financial Aid, and Career Services will be on hand to answer questions and guide prospective students through the application process.

Academic advisors will be available to answer questions about bachelor's degree programs offered in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business and Public Administration, Education, and Health and Human Services. Applications will be accepted and processed immediately. Attendees are asked to bring official or unofficial transcripts. The undergraduate application fee is \$25. Refreshments will be served.

The Undergraduate Program Open House and Instant Decision Day will be held in the Hall of Governors and the Cafeteria Annex. For more information, please call 708.534.4490.

Job and Internship Career Fair - November 4

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair for people interested in careers in business administration, public administration, and communications. In addition to employment opportunities, the fair will also include internship opportunities.

Current students, alumni, and community members are invited to attend. Potential employers are also invited to register as participants. This is an opportunity to match jobs and internship positions with qualified personnel.

The 2010 Business/Administration/Communications Career and Internship Fair is on Thursday, November 4, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974.

Save a Book

The Friends of the GSU Library is sponsoring a book sale on October 28, from noon to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Members of the Friends of the Library may preview the sale collection from 11 a.m. to noon. The sale collection includes donated books and media materials not added to the library collection.

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, November 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.

Tickets are \$39 - \$46. For more information visit www.centertickets.net, call The Center Box Office at 708.235.2222 or stop by The Center Box Office.

DanceArt Performance - October 26

DanceArt will kick off its 10 year anniversary serving the Chicagoland community with a performance at GSU on October 26. The mission of DanceArt is to bring high quality, inclusive dance education to children in the Chicago region, who would otherwise not experience the world of dance: its history, discipline, performance, and appreciation.

October 26

5 to 6 p.m.

The Center for Performing Arts at GSU

A reception will be held celebrating the 10th Anniversary of DanceArt immediately following the presentation. Both the performance and reception are free and open to the public. This event is supported by the College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Lecture Series and the GSU Intellectual Life Committee. For more information, please contact 708.534.4575 or charing@govst.edu.

Transforming Urban Education through the Art of Dance, illustrates how dance education can speak to the multicultural student body in enriching and enlightening ways. It includes commentary by founder and social entrepreneur, Maria Gebhard, and performances by DanceArt's classically trained dancers, students from Clinton Elementary School in Chicago, and accompanying musicians. The performance captures how DanceArt uses dance to motivate, instruct, and inspire school children in a way that fosters a lifelong appreciation for the arts.

19th Amendment Film and Panel - October 27

The right to vote was not always available to everyone. Celebrate the 90th anniversary of passage of the

19th Amendment on Wednesday, October 27 from 5 to 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

A film on the fight for the vote, *Iron Jawed Angels*, will be screened and a panel discussion on voting rights for women will follow. Participants include Dr. Chelsea Haring, assistant professor of political science; Dr. Terri Pantuso, assistant professor of English; and Dr. Jason Zingsheim, assistant professor of communications.

Refreshments will be served. The event is sponsored by the Diversity Advisory Council and the Gender Studies Steering Committee.

Parent University at GSU - November/December Seminars

The Family Development Center and the COE Department of Psychology and Counseling are sponsoring *Parent University*, a series of workshops pertaining to families, parenting, and raising children. The workshops are offered **free** to the community through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education and are held at the Family Development Center, located on the main campus.

Several workshops will be offered each month. Topics include dealing with technology, bullying, step-parenting, coping with stress as a parent, nutrition, and much more.

Here is a list of upcoming workshops:

<i>Eating well & living well: Good nutrition for kids and family</i>	Tina Mussleman	Monday, November 1	5 to 7:30 p.m.
<i>Motivating Your Child</i>	Jon Carlson	Wednesday, November 10	5 to 7:30 p.m.
<i>Bullying and Cyber Bullying</i>	Jen Beebe	Monday, December 6	5 to 7:30 p.m.
<i>Positive Parenting</i>	Julia Yang	Wednesday, December 8	5 to 7:30 p.m.
<i>Dangers of Technology</i>	Collette Blakely	Saturday, December 11	1 to 4 p.m.

For a list of all the Parent University workshops, visit www.govst.edu/children.

Regional Art Faculty Exhibition 2010 - Through October 28

Area art professors and educators will have the opportunity to show off their creative endeavors at the 2010 Regional College and University Art Faculty Exhibition at the Governors State University Visual Arts Gallery through October 28.

Local college and university art instructors will be exhibiting their current work, including photography, painting, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, digital imaging, drawing and mixed media.

Art faculty from Trinity College, Lewis University, Prairie State College, Saint Xavier University, Joliet Junior College, College of DuPage, South Suburban College, University of Saint Francis, Olivet Nazarene University, Kankakee Community College, Moraine Valley Community College, and Governors State University will exhibit their work.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. The Visual Arts Gallery is open Monday and Tuesday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday, from 2 to 7 p.m. It is located adjacent to E Lounge at GSU. For more information, call 708.534.4017.

6th Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp at GSU - November 17

Save November 17 for a full day of activities at Governors State University including small business speakers, seminars, panelists, and individual networking sessions designed to promote Veteran business start-up, growth and development of existing Veteran owned businesses. Hear the latest on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, learn to market your business on a shoestring, and learn about doing business with government agencies. Meet the small business experts for one-on-one afternoon networking sessions. This all day event is **free** to Veterans! ***Business partners of veterans and family members pay only \$25 for this \$99 value.*** Call Marlene Lees at 708.534.4929 for more information or visit www.centerpointgsu.com for more information or to register for the boot camp.

Blowin' in the Wind



GSU recently got the green light for an important environmental initiative when Warren Ribley, director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, announced a \$153,000 grant for a 50 kilowatt wind turbine, to be located on campus. With the installation of an on-campus wind turbine, GSU will continue reducing its greenhouse gas emissions, and move toward its goal of becoming Illinois' greenest university.

“Sustainability and efficiency have gone far beyond being buzzwords,” Ribley said. “They are now part of our way of life. We need to develop an energy policy that recognizes and takes care of the environment.”

The wind turbine will provide a clean, renewable source of energy, and also be incorporated into the university’s academic programs, said GSU President Elaine P. Maimon. Students in GSU science classes will be able to monitor the turbine’s performance through a television hookup, and learn about renewable technology.

Dr. Maimon said GSU’s wind turbine exemplifies the university’s commitment to sustainability. She noted that children attending the Family Learning Center, adjacent to the wind turbine site, will see it every day, and learn a valuable lesson about sustainability and environmental stewardship early in their lives.

State Senator Toi Hutchinson, D-Olympia Fields, said she is pleased to be a partner in GSU's environmental initiatives. GSU, she said, is a center for positive, forward-thinking action in the Southland region.

"We can make anything, grow anything, that we need and we can do it right here," Hutchinson said. "A university is supposed to be a portal to the future. When GSU opens doors, you can go anywhere you want."

Construction of the 120-foot-tall wind turbine will begin in January 2011 and is expected to take six to nine months. When operational, the turbine will provide 35 percent of the power for the Family Development Center and save about \$14,000 a year in energy costs, according to Susan Rakstang, associate vice president for facilities development and maintenance.

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