A Celebration Combining the Past, the Present, and the Future! Join the Festivities as Governors State University Marks the 20th Anniversary of Its Founding

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Governors State University was established on July 17, 1969, when Governor Richard Ogilvie signed the law effecting its creation. GSU has evolved into a regional public university serving more than 5,000 students each academic trimester.

An institution for its time, the university took as its symbol a modernistic star-like tripod superimposed with a circle. According to the designer, the circle represented the never-ending range of knowledge and its quality of infinity in encompassing man and his environment. The three points of the star symbolized the need for the university to extend teaching, research and service to individuals, communities and nations. The tripod also represented the lunar-landing module being used at that historic time for the research of space, and the founding president of the university also reflected that the three legs of the tripod were symbolic of the institution's three levels of instruction: junior, senior and graduate. Finally, the inward arcs of the triangle were thought by some to show the influences on the university that were to come from the communities it was established to serve.

Created as an "experimenting" institution, Governors State University has grown during the 20 short years of its lifetime to embrace both tradition and innovation as equal components of the quest for knowledge it was established to stimulate. Today's institution is a tribute to the exciting developments of the past 20 years and a testimony to the wonders of intellectual pursuit for scores to come.

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FOUNDER'S DAY, JULY 17

9 a.m. Breakfast honoring Dr. William E. Engbretson, Founding President. Hall of Honors. Dr. Engbretson’s return to the campus is sponsored by the Governors State University Alumni Association. In addition to honoring Dr. Engbretson as special guest, the breakfast also will recognize the original Directors of Academic Development (DADS) who worked with him to prepare the university during the two years prior to the first classes in September 1971. Following the breakfast, a tree in honor of Dr. Engbretson will be planted in a special Presidential Grove on the campus. The breakfast is for invited guests and persons purchasing tickets at $10 each; limited to maximum of 110 attendees.

3:30 p.m. "Happy Two Decades, GSUP" Birthday Party in Hall of Governors. All members of the GSU community are invited to participate in a special cake cutting and toast to Governors State University’s two decades of service.

JULY 20

9 a.m. Special Meeting of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities. University Theatre. As a portion of the program, President Goodman-Malamuth will provide a light look at "The Way We Were" through old television and film footage and photographs, followed by a retrospective by a senior faculty member.

JULY 29

8 p.m. 20th Anniversary Midsummer's Ball. Hall of Governors and Environ. The Governors State University's social event of the decades, the ball will feature music by the Big Band Machine and the Eddie Baker Jazz Quintet. An elegant buffet and a silent auction of GSU memorabilia and other items will add to the affair.

AUGUST 12

8 a.m. 5K "GSU's Race Into the Next Decade." Governors State University Campus. Sponsored by the Governors State University Civil Service Senate, this 5K run/walk and 1 mile fun run will include a trip through the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park on the GSU campus.

Afternoon 20th Anniversary Summer Picnic. Governors State University Campus. Sponsored by the Governors State University Civil Service Senate in cooperation with the Faculty Senate and the Student Senate, the picnic is a family affair with softball finals as a highlight of the festivities.

Evening 20th Anniversary Folkfest. Governors State University Campus. Sponsored by the Governors State University Office of Student Life, the annual Folkfest will take on a special flavor to mark the university's anniversary celebration. Another event for the entire family.

SEPTEMBER 15

9 a.m. 20th Anniversary Convocation, "GSU: The Third Decade." Governors State University Theatre. Former Governor Richard Lamm of Colorado will speak on "GSU and A Brave New World in Public Policy." The convocation is designed as a major event to launch the academic year and to continue the 20th Anniversary celebration. Responses to Governor Lamm's remarks will be made during follow-up faculty colloquia held throughout the Fall and Winter.

SEPTEMBER 26

9 a.m. 20th Anniversary Fall Planning Conference "Planning for the Third Decade: Focus on Partnerships" Engbretson Hall. Sponsored by the Governors State University Division of Administration and Planning, the annual planning conference will involve members of the university community and community at large in an examination of GSU's service to the region in the 1990s.

OCTOBER 6, 13, 20

9 a.m. "Vision '90, The Southern Suburbs Growing With You: Communication, Transportation, Education." Governors State University campus. Co-sponsored by the Governors State University Office of Conferences and Workshops and Illinois Bell Telephone, in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce of the Southern Suburbs, the three Friday conferences will focus on changing aspects of the GSU communities of the next decade.

FALL 1989

20th Anniversary Collegial Colloquia. Governors State University campus. Emanating from Governors State University's four colleges, the colloquia will provide faculty responses to the challenges issued by Governor Richard Lamm in his address at the 20th Anniversary Convocation.

SPRING 1990

20th Anniversary Community Open House and Recognition Ceremony. Governors State University campus. Sponsored by the Governors State University Office of University Relations, the community open house and recognition ceremony will close the 20th Anniversary year with a fitting connection between the university and the region it serves.