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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Alumni,

A lot is happening with your Alumni Association. For example, check out the new look of this alumni e-newsletter!

I am also excited to announce that the Alumni Association will launch a Facebook page starting May 1.

We hope you'll sign up and "like" our page.

Plans are under way for a few alumni summer events. Stay tuned for more details. Our Alumni Book and Dance clubs have begun and with warm weather just around the corner (we hope) the Alumni Golf Club will be starting soon.

If you don't already have Premium member status in the Alumni Association, I hope you will consider joining/renewing. Your support helps us bring these programs and much more to you.

I also wanted to give you advance notice that the Alumni Association, along with most other offices on campus, will once again be reverting to summer hours effective June 6. This means that we will be closed on Fridays through mid-August.

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,

Rosemary D. Hulett
Associate Vice President
Advancement and Alumni Relations

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO LAUNCH FACEBOOK PAGE

We're excited to announce that we will be launching an Alumni Association Facebook page on May 1st. Once the page is launched, you can view the page or "like" it to receive the most up-to-date information available about what's happening with the Alumni Association.

♦ E-mail: [Editor](#)

ALUMNI BOOK CLUB MEETING - THURSDAY, MAY 5

The first meeting of the Alumni Book Club will take place on Thursday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m., in the GSU Library balcony. Join fellow book enthusiasts as we discuss the types and titles of books we would like to read as our first club project. We will also be scheduling future meeting times and places, and the format of the club. You don't want to miss this important meeting. Please RSVP by Monday, May 2 at 708.534.4128. Can't attend but would like to join the Book club? E-mail alumnirelations2@govst.edu and say "sign me up for the Book Club."

ALUMNI DANCE CLUB UNDER WAY

Dates and times for the Alumni Association's Dance Club lessons will be announced soon. In the meantime, the Recreation and Fitness Center at GSU is offering classes you might be interested in taking.

Belly Dance

Days: Wednesdays

Time: 4 - 5 p.m.

Dates: May 4, 11, 18, 25 and June 1 and 8

Fee: \$40 Non-member of the Fitness Center; \$25 member of the Fitness Center. Course includes 6 sessions.

Description: Learn the ancient art of belly dance while toning your body. You will do light calisthenics between learning belly dance moves to Pop, R&B and modern Arabic music. This workout will tighten and tone your body from your arms, stomach to thighs. You will also learn a simple routine which will encourage you to take your new skills from the classroom to other parts of your life.

Zumba

Days: Wednesdays

Time: 5 – 6 p.m.

Dates: May 4, 11, 18, 25 and June 1 and 8

Fee: \$40 Non-member; \$25 member. Course includes 6 sessions.

Description: A fusion of Latin and international dance and fitness inspired movements. Zumba allows participants to dance away their worries by experiencing the following: Salsa, Merengue, Cumbia, Reggaetone, Samba, Belly Dancing and more! Each workout combines fitness interval training with dance designed to tone and sculpt the body while burning calories and fat. Ditch the workout and join the party!!

Stepping

Days: Wednesdays

Time: Noon-1 p.m.

Date: May 4, 11, 18, 25 and June 1 and 8

Fee: \$40 Non-member; \$25 member. Course includes 6 sessions.

Description: Promotes fitness, health awareness and discipline among youth and adults through dance. There is a very active and dedicated stepping community already located in Chicago and it is growing nationally. UniverSoul Steppers is dedicated to the following: offering a creative form of modern art and dance that's sweeping the nation and also to bridging cultural and generational gaps. No experience necessary.

For information on how to join the fitness center, call 708.434.4128.

ADULT LEARNING EXCHANGE PARTNERS WITH GSU

The Adult Learning Exchange is a partnership program of JCC (Jewish Community Center) Chicago and Governor's State University designed to provide an opportunity for adults in the south suburban and northwest Indiana region to find pleasure in intellectual challenges and the acquisition and sharing of knowledge.

Classes, which are peer led by guest lecturers, meet on Fridays at GSU for eight week sessions. The cost is \$73 per class/a second course is discounted at \$28. Current and future courses include *Great Decisions; Socrates Café; In Search of Justice; Cinema Studies/Film Series; Introduction to Geology; Gardening in the South Suburbs; Music History of the 20th Century; Abraham Lincoln-a personal study; Topics in U.S. History; Topics in Science; Hands-On Color Theory; Meteorology/Climatology - a study of global weather and climate; Great Books; The New Yorker: discussion group; Short Stories; A History of Iran.*

For more information or to register, contact Suzanne Patterson at spatterson@gojcc.org or 708.420.0563. For Web information and on line registration: visit the Registrations and Payments tab at www.gojcc.org and search for Adult Learning Exchange.

Spring 2011 Sessions

APRIL 8TH - MAY 27TH (all classes are on Fridays):

(Note: Class prices can be pro-rated since you would be joining after the start date.)

Introduction to Geology

Facilitators: Myras Osman & Erma Amstadter

10 a.m. – Noon / Room B2200 Fee: \$73

Using the acclaimed History Channel Series *How the Earth Was Made* we will explore the physical earth. The videos feature spectacular on-location filming with interviews from world renowned geologists who explain the origins of the best known places in the world. After each film we will discuss the topic in further detail. Topics will include the formation of the earth, the origin of rocks and minerals, mountain formation, earthquakes, volcanoes, and the great ice ages. Find out where you can see fascinating geology right here in Illinois.

Film Series: Faith and Morality in Cinema

Facilitator: Suzanne Patterson

9:30 a.m. – Noon / Room B2203 Fee: \$73

This class will explore the various ways in which faith and morality form the core of some of the most stirring and powerful films. A moral or spiritual dilemma often being the driving force behind a protagonist's "journey", we will examine films that reflect this conflict through various genres and styles. Films to be shown include Michael Tolkin's *The Rapture*, Denys Arcand's *Jesus of Montreal*, Danny Boyle's *Millions* and David Volach's *My Father My Lord*.

Hands-On Color Theory

Facilitator: Diane DuBois

1 – 3 p.m. / Room B2215 Fee: \$73

Explore your creative side. Learn color theory by experimenting with Procion Dyes on fabric and paper. Lab fee of \$10 includes dyes, cotton fabric, one silk scarf, and paper. Participants are asked to bring zip lock plastic bags, foam brushes (from Menards, Home Depot or a Dollar store), scissors and a dishpan from home.

Abraham Lincoln

Facilitator: William Mitchell

1 – 3 p.m. / Room B2201 Fee: \$73

Much of what is generally known about Lincoln is clouded with legend and mythology. This class will attempt to separate fact from fiction. Lincoln felt his destiny was shaped by the events in

his life; therefore it is imperative that one analyzes the effects of abolitionism and civil war and how they shaped Lincoln's politics and presidency.

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE LECTURE - MAY 2

Noted author, economist, and educator Dr. Daniel Goleman will speak at The Center for Performing Arts, on May 2, at 5 p.m. Dr. Goleman's presentation entitled *How Understanding Emotional Intelligence Can Improve Results in Business and Education* will draw on the research and conclusions presented in his best-selling book *Emotional Intelligence*.

According to Goleman, emotional intelligence is a greater determinant of success than IQ or graduate school. His presentation will impact members of both the business and educational communities.

Seating is limited. Tickets are \$25 and advance registration is required. To register, visit www.gsu-MILE.org or www.SPEED802.org, call 708.534.4024 or email registrationMILE@govst.edu.

COE's Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) and SPEED District 802 are sponsors of this event. Additional sponsorship is provided by Spraga Hauser, LLC and Bimba Manufacturing.

In addition to Dr. Daniel Goleman's presentation, a free pre-lecture on *Mindfulness and Emotional Intelligence* will provide an opportunity to learn more. The lecture will be given by Dr. Jon Carlson, GSU professor, counselor, and author. The pre-lecture will be held at 4 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Two-and-a-half CEUs and CPDUs are available for people attending both lectures. Dr. Goleman will sign books and CD's following the presentation.

COE's Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) and SPEED District 802 are sponsors of this event.

VETERANS ENTREPRENEURIAL BOOT CAMP - MAY 18

Sign up now for the Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp on May 18 at Governors State University. This full includes speakers, seminars, expert panel discussions designed to promote Veteran business start-up and growth, and development of existing Veteran owned businesses. Click [here](#) for more information.

NATHAN MANILOW SCULPTURE PARK - AUTUMN ART ODYSSEY: SEPTEMBER IN ST. LOUIS - SEPTEMBER 9-11

You've probably heard about the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park's Autumn Art Odyssey overnight tours – last year's excursion sold out and we expect this year's weekend trip to St. Louis to be the same. Join Park Director Geoffrey Bates and your friends for a weekend packed with new places, new sights, and new ideas. September is a wonderful time to visit St. Louis – twilight lingers and evening temperatures are warmer than Chicago and the fall color will have just commenced.

SLATE TO PRESENT REGTIME AT GSU

The Southland Area Theatre Ensemble (SLATE) at GSU announced it will present the musical *Ragtime* as its 2011 summer production.

Auditions will take place May 18 and 19 in Sherman Recital Hall. *Ragtime* has roles for a diverse cast of between 40 and 50 players. There are roles for six principal cast members, 10 supporting players, and 23 ensemble members. Persons wishing to audition should be prepared to present a one minute song selection that demonstrates their vocal range. A dance call will follow the vocal audition.

Ragtime, based on the best-selling novel by E.L. Doctorow, is the powerful story of three groups of people coming together in early 20th Century America – well-off WASPs, African Americans, and Eastern European immigrants. Coalhouse Walker, a brilliant Harlem musician, is at the center of the story, which also includes historical characters like Henry Ford, Booker T. Washington, and Harry Houdini. Following its 1998 Broadway debut, *Ragtime* won Tony awards for Best Book and Best Score.

Performance dates are July 30 and 31, and August 5, 6, and 7 in The Center for Performing Arts.

SLATE was established in 2009 as an artistic collaboration between the Center for Performing Arts, local theater educators, and veterans of area community theater companies. SLATE has produced two critically-acclaimed summer productions, *Into the Woods* in 2009 and *The Wedding Singer* in 2010.

For more information about *Ragtime* or SLATE, visit www.slatetheatre.org.

NEW DEAN OF COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES NAMED

Dr. Reinhold Hill has accepted the position of Dean, College of Arts and Sciences. He will begin at GSU in mid-June.

"Dr. Hill is an excellent match for GSU and the College of Arts and Sciences. He brings significant experience in building programs, growing enrollment, and in fostering quality. I look forward to working with Dr. Hill as well as the faculty, staff, and administrators of the College of Arts and Sciences as we implement Strategy 2015 and a new Academic Master Plan," said Provost Terry Allison.

"I also would like to thank Acting Dean, Dr. Karen D'Arcy for her exceptional leadership in this time of transition. I extend my warm wishes for a happy return to her faculty position as Professor of Chemistry, co-principal investigator of the National Science Foundation construction grant, and positive, engaged faculty leader."

PTSA SPONSORS RUN FOR REHAB - MAY 7

Get ready for the Run for Rehab, a 5K run and 2-mile walk sponsored by the Physical Therapy Student Association (PTSA). Events take place at GSU on Saturday, May 7, beginning at 9 a.m.

The Run for Rehab will raise funds for the Miami-Marquette Challenge, a national competition between physical therapy schools to collect and distribute money for physical therapy research grants around the country, and PTSA.

Awards will be given to the overall male and female finishers as well as the top three finishers in each age group. Every participant will receive a t-shirt. Registration is \$20.

PARENT UNIVERSITY AT GSU CURRENT FREE SEMINARS

The Family Development Center and the College of Education's 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.

Parent University Workshops- April-June

<i>Grief and Loss for Children</i>	April 4 6-7:30 p.m.	Darlene Wright
<i>Dangers of Technology</i>	April 13 6-7:30 p.m.	Collette Bakley
<i>Serious Business of Play: Using Non-directive Play to Help Your Children Laugh, Love, and Grow</i>	May 11 6-7:30 p.m.	Kate Sori
<i>CPR for Parents and Grandparents</i>	May 28 1-4 p.m.	Martha Gainer
<i>Rewards and Challenges to Step-Parenting</i>	June 8 6-7:30 p.m.	Kim Snow
<i>Winning the Whining War with Your Kids</i>	June 27 6-7:30 p.m.	Shannon Dermer

To register to attend a workshop or for a full list of all the Parent University workshops, visit www.govst.edu/children.

EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM EXPANDED

Early Head Start (EHS) at the GSU Family Development Center is now open to the entire GSU community – students, employees, family, and friends. The Early Head Start program at GSU is a free, comprehensive program for low-income families. It provides low cost daily childcare for infants and toddlers to three years old, pre-natal services for expectant mothers, home visits, and links to support services for families.

Childcare at the state-of-the-art Family Development Center is offered Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. All formula, meals, snacks, and diapers are included. The ratio of children to adults is four to one. Each room is limited to only eight children and is staffed by a fully qualified early childhood educator. Funding for the Early Head Start program at GSU comes from a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. For more information about the Early Head Start Program at the GSU Family Development Center, call 708.235.7300 or visit www.govst.edu/children.

FOURTH PLACE NATIONAL WIN FOR OUR TABLE TENNIS TEAM!

Congratulations to GSU's Table Tennis Team! The four member co-ed team representing GSU came in fourth place at the National Collegiate Table Tennis tournament this weekend in Rochester, Minnesota.

Team captain Wenjie Nie, and members Yuefan Lin, Yuanfei Cai,

and Lishun Lu were led by coach T.J Wang and cheered to this remarkable showing by four members of the team and Dr. Gebe Ejigu. According to Dr. Wang, their support encouraged the team to its outstanding performance.

"There was a significant and positive correlation between Dr Ejigu's presence as well as our cheerleaders' and our winnings," said Wang. "All four players conducted themselves well and demonstrated GSU spirit throughout the tournament. The most common question people asked during the tournament was, "Where is Governors State University?"

Thanks to the GSU Table Tennis Team -- They now know!

GSU VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT - MAY 1-7

The Visual Arts Gallery at Governors State University is pleased to present new printmaking work from "Le Nouveau Cirque," the thesis exhibition of graduate student Diana Lynch. The exhibit will be on display from May 1 to 7. A public reception on May 5, from 5 to 8 p.m., celebrates the artist and her achievement. These events are free and open to the public.

In "Le Nouveau Cirque," a series of handmade prints primarily done through woodcut, lithograph, and screen print, Lynch explores the female performers of traditional and contemporary circus. In a character driven approach, she shows the strong nature of sisterhood, performance outlet, and beauty.

Lynch of Orland Park has exhibited her art both locally and internationally. She holds a Bachelor of Art Degree from Northern Illinois University and Master of Art Degree from Governors State University. She is an oil painting instructor at the Orland Park Cultural Center and is the Art School Coordinator at Tall Grass Art Associations.

The Visual Arts Gallery is located on the campus of Governors State University at 1 University Parkway, University Park, Illinois. The Gallery is located in the E wing and is open on Monday and Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, from noon to 9 p.m.

For more information, call 708.534.4021.