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Monthly Announcement

Dear Alumni,

As we head into the holiday season, I like to think about all I have to be thankful for. I hope each of you will give thanks to family and friends as you enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday.

A new semester will begin before we know it. The GSU Foundation recently announced scholarships that are available for the upcoming semester. If you know any GSU students, encourage them to review the scholarship offerings at www.govst.edu/foundationsscholarships. If you are a student, take a look at what is available.

I'd like to encourage you all to join the Alumni Clubs. There is something for everyone. Visit www.govst.edu/alumni for club information. Stay connected with your alma mater and get involved.

For more information, call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128. Feel free to visit the [alumni website](http://www.govst.edu/alumni) to view past editions of the *e-connections* newsletter and our annual print newsletter, *Alumni Connections* and to get up-to-the-minute details.

Sincerely,

Cheri Garey
Interim Director of Alumni Relations

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Consider GSU

As we approach the end of the year, I encourage you to consider including GSU among your philanthropic priorities. There are lots of creative ways to make gifts that will change lives of students, support the Alumni Association, encourage research, and provide resources that will help GSU become even more successful. For example, did you know that you can use your mandatory retirement distribution to make a gift directly to GSU and avoid taxes on the distribution? Be sure to contact Joan Vaughan at 708.534.4977 for details since there are strict requirements on making the transfer.

You can also make gifts in memory of or as a tribute to someone who helped you reach your goals. Your investment in GSU will change lives! Visit www.govst.edu/donate to make a gift today.

Alumni Clubs

As a GSU alum, you are welcome to join as many of our Alumni Clubs as you like, free of charge. For a list of Alumni Clubs visit www.govst.edu/alumni or call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128.

Alumni Book Club Reviews Water for Elephants - December 22

Join other book enthusiasts in a lively discussion. Books to be reviewed are chosen by the Alumni Book Club members. Call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128 to join or e-mail alumnirelations2@govst.edu and say "sign me up for the Book Club." Meeting invitations and notices will be sent via e-mail. Visit the website at www.govst.edu/alumni for details and book descriptions.

Book Club Schedule:

Date:

December 22, 2011

Book Being Reviewed:

Water for Elephants
by Sara Gruen

2012

- **Alumni Awards Nominations Now Being Accepted**
- **GSU New Food Pantry**

January 26, 2012

*Mountain Windsong: A
Novel of the Trail of Tears*
by Robert Conley

Alumni Communications Club Now Forming

The Alumni Association is in the process of starting its Alumni Communications Club. If you would like to be a member - it's free to all alumni -- please call the Alumni Office at 708.534.4128 or e-mail alumnirelations2@govst.edu and let us know. The first meeting will be held sometime in January.

Alumni Artforum Club Hosts Alumni Art Show - May 2012

The Alumni Artforum Club will be hosting an Alumni Art Show in May. A call for submissions will be posted on the Alumni website as soon as the information is finalized. To be on the mailing list, contact the Alumni Office at 708.534.4128 or alumnirelations2@govst.edu.

Veterans in the Government Workshop - December 2

Many veterans are fully qualified for careers in government. GSU's Office of the Coordinator of Veterans and Military Personnel is sponsoring a free, interactive workshop to help veterans find jobs in government and develop rewarding careers. The workshop is on Friday, December 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in B1241.

Bill McClinton, operations staff supervisor of the Center for Human Resources, Chicago Region, Social Security Administration, will present at the workshop. Topics to be covered include creating a government resume; government hiring processes; navigating government employment websites; and gaining concise feedback from governmental HR departments.

The Office of the Coordinator of Veterans and Military Personnel also offers individual consultations. Contact [Keith White](#) at 708.235.2223.

Celebrate the Holidays at the Center for Performing Arts

"The Nutcracker" - Saturday, December 10 at 1 and 5 p.m.

Salt Creek Ballet brings its magnificent sets, costumes and talented cast of more than 75 dancers from throughout the Chicago area. The production also features guest soloists, Ilya Kozadayez and Emily Bowen, from Houston Ballet. Set to Tchaikovsky's splendid score, "The Nutcracker" is a classic fairy tale ballet about young Clara and her magical Christmas Eve journey. Salt Creek Ballet's production of this holiday favorite has won the hearts of GSU Center audiences for several years.

The Chicago Tribune has called Salt Creek's "The Nutcracker" production "a plum performance," and the Naperville Sun has heralded Salt Creek Ballet as "a first-rate dance company that should be seen and enjoyed by all."

Single tickets to The Nutcracker are \$15 to \$40 for adults and \$15 to \$35 for children 16 and under. For subscription and single ticket information call GSU Center's box office at 708.235.2222 or visit www.centertickets.net.

"Junie B. Jones: Jingle Bells, Batman Smells!" - Especially for Kids series - Saturday, December 3 at 11 a.m. and Sunday December 4 at 1 p.m.

Emerald City Theatre's adaptation of the best-selling children's book series by Barbara Park was written by Allison Gregory and is directed by Jacqueline Stone. This show is ideal family entertainment and is part of the GSU Center's "Especially for Kids" series. Tickets for the show range from \$10.50 to \$15.50. "Junie B. Jones in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells!" runs approximately 60 minutes and is appropriate for children 3 and older.

Chicago's Emerald City Theatre is presenting this adaptation of Barbara Park's popular Junie B. Jones children's books. In Junie B. Jones' world, things are very clear. Christmas means you get presents, elf costumes are awesome, and May is a blabbermouth tattletale. Things in first grade, and approaching holidays, are going well until Junie B. pulls May as her Secret Santa. With Santa watching her like a hawk, what will Junie B. do? "Junie B. Jones in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells" explores how families can practice being generous and giving, even when it can be challenging during the holiday season.

Following the show, you can host a birthday party in a private room at Governors State University. For just \$8 per person, you get a birthday cake, soft drinks or juice, tablecloth, paper plates, napkins, and plastic cutlery. For \$10 a person, you get all those items, plus pizza for lunch. For more information on "Especially for Kids" birthday parties, call the GSU Center's box office at (708) 235-2222. (Parties must be ordered and scheduled no later than five working days in advance of any event.)

Single tickets to the Junie B. Jones are \$10.50 to \$15.50. For ticket information call the GSU Center's Box Office at (708) 235-2222 or visit www.centertickets.net.

Special Ticket Offers

Patrons who purchase single, regular price tickets for three or more shows (Mainstage, cabaret, opera and/or Especially for Kids series) in GSU Center's 2011-2012 season will receive a \$10 gift certificate to be used for future ticket purchases. Limit one voucher per household, and additional restrictions may apply.

Health and Human Services Career Fair - November 28

The GSU Office of Career Services is holding a Health and

Human Services Career Fair on Monday, November 28 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Lobby at GSU.

Prospective employers in the fields of physical and occupational therapy, nursing, social work, and non-profit social services will meet with job and internship candidates. There is no charge for job seekers. Participants are advised to dress professionally and bring plenty of resumes.

Confirmed Participating Employers: American Senior Communities, ATI Physical Therapy, Consonus Healthcare, Cook County Health & Hospital Systems, CSL Behring, Elim Christian Services, FHN Memorial Hospital, Genesis Rehab Services, Home Bound Healthcare, McDonald Physical Therapy, METT Therapy Services, Olivet Nazarene University, Palos Community Hospital, Riverside Medical Center, Therapy Staff, LLC, and Uhlich Children's Advantage Network (UCAN).

For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974 or e-mail career@govst.edu.

Alumni Annual Valentine Dinner and Show - The Color Purple - February 8, 2012

Join the Alumni Association for our annual Valentine dinner and show on Wednesday, February 8. Following the buffet dinner, enjoy a performance of the widely acclaimed play, "The Color Purple," in GSU's Center for Performing Arts. What a great way to celebrate an early Valentine's Day, mingle with fellow alumni and enjoy a wonderful show all in one.

Tickets: \$58 (Alumni with Premium member status and their guests)

\$65 (All other alumni and their guests)

Tickets include a buffet dinner, dessert, coffee and tea, and main floor seating at the performance. Cash bar. To order tickets, mail in an [order form](#) or call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128.

Alumni Awards Nominations Now Being Accepted

The Alumni Association will host the third annual Alumni Awards program, which honors graduates who have made significant contributions to society and whose accomplishments and careers deserve to be recognized. The *Outstanding Community Service Award* and the *Distinguished Professional Achievement Award* will be presented at the Alumni Dinner Theatre event on Wednesday, February 8, 2012. The [Alumni Award Criteria](#) and the [Alumni Awards Nomination](#) forms are now available. Deadline to nominate or apply for these prestigious awards is January 7, 2012.

GSU's New Food Pantry

The GSU Student Senate is committed to helping its students. The GSU Food Pantry has opened its doors to students in need. They are sponsoring the food pantry to assist fellow students during these difficult economic times.

The Student Senate is also asking for donations of non-perishable food donations for the food pantry. If you would like to donate to GSU's Food Pantry, contact the Alumni Office at 708.534.4128 for drop off assistance.

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