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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Alumni,

A lot is happening with your Alumni Association. The Alumni Association Facebook page is up and running. We hope you'll sign up and "like" our page.

Our Alumni Book club has set their schedule for the next three months; the Alumni Dance club is setting lesson dates and we have a **special invitation for Alumni Golfers**.

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.

If you plan on visiting campus on a Friday in June or July, you might want to call ahead. Beginning June 10, GSU is observing "summer hours" where most departments are closed on Fridays.

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

Calling for Alumni Volunteers -
We need your help on June 4

Special Alumni Association
Bookstore Discount

Check out the new Alumni
Association Facebook Page

Alumni Book Club News Page

Alumni Dance Club Meeting -
June 6

Alumni invited to participate in
GSU Golf League

Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park -
Autumn Art Odyssey: September in
St. Louis - September 9 -11

Honorary Degree Recipient to
Speak at GSU

GSU Upcoming Program
Information Sessions
Batter Up for Education

CenterPoint at GSU Announces
International Trade Resources

GSU Visual Arts Exhibit -
Brainstorm 2011 - May 23 through
June 26

E-mail: [Editor](#)

CALLING FOR ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS - WE NEED YOUR HELP ON JUNE 4

The 2011 Spring Commencement is fast approaching and volunteers are needed to help make the Saturday, June 4 ceremony a success. What better way to volunteer for your alma mater than to welcome students to our growing family of alumni!

If you would like information on volunteering, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128 or alumnirelations2@govst.edu.

SPECIAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOOKSTORE DISCOUNT

In honor of the 2011 graduating class, all alumni with premium membership status can purchase items from the GSU Bookstore at a 10% discount off the regular price from June 4 through 13. You must have a current premium membership card to participate. Items can be purchased in the bookstore by showing your alumni membership card.

You can also make a purchase through the Follett Bookstore website at www.govst.edu/bookstore. The online site will show the regular price, so you will need to call the Alumni Office at 708.534.4128 after ordering to request the 10% discount to be applied to your purchase.

If you do not currently have Premium Alumni Membership status, visit www.govst.edu/alumni for information or call the Alumni Office at 708.534.4128.

CHECK OUT THE NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FACEBOOK PAGE

The Alumni Association has launched its new Facebook page. Click [here](#) or click the "like" link on the right side of the facebook page to receive the most up-to-date information available about what's happening with the Alumni Association.

ALUMNI BOOK CLUB NEWS

The Alumni Book Club met in May and set future meeting dates and book selections for the next three months. Join the excitement. Call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128 to join the Alumni Book Club Now or e-mail alumnirelations2@govst.edu and say "sign me up for the Book Club."

Book Club Schedule:

Date: Book Being Reviewed:

June 16, 2011 *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield

July 28, 2011 *The Lost Symbol* by Dan Brown

August 26, 2011 *Black Dahlia* by James Ellroy

June 16, 2011 6:30 p.m. GSU Hall of Honors

The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield is a rich story about secrets, ghosts, winter, books and family. *The Thirteenth Tale* is a book lover's book, with much of the action taking place in libraries and book stores, and the line between fact and fiction constantly blurred. It is hard to believe this is Setterfield's debut novel, for she makes the words come to life with such skill that some passages even give chills.

July 28, 2011 6:30 p.m. Location to be determined

The Lost Symbol by Dan Brown is a masterpiece of storytelling—a deadly race through a real-world labyrinth of codes, secrets, and unseen truths all under the watchful eye of Brown's most terrifying villain to date. Set within the hidden chambers, tunnels, and temples of Washington, D.C., *The Lost Symbol* accelerates through a startling landscape toward an unthinkable finale. Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon believes he is here to give a lecture. He is wrong. Within minutes of his arrival, a shocking object is discovered. It is a gruesome invitation into an ancient world of hidden wisdom. All that was familiar is changed into a shadowy, mythical world in which Masonic secrets and never-before-seen

revelations seem to be leading him to a single impossible and inconceivable truth.

August 25, 20116:30 p.m. Location to be determined

The Black Dahlia by James Ellroy is an exquisitely written book of murder and obsession that takes the true details of the unsolved 1947 Elizabeth Short murder and creates a fictional story of a police detective determined to solve the case. *The Black Dahlia* is a page turning mystery novel, but it is also much more. Ellroy uses the story to delve into the dark recesses of the human psyche and force the reader to deal with obsession, evil, right and wrong.

***ALUMNI DANCE CLUB MEETING -
JUNE 6***

The next meeting of the Alumni Dance Club will be Monday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m., in GSU's E-Lounge. Dance lesson locations, dates and times will be decided. Light refreshments will be served. Please e-mail alumnirelations2@govst.edu or call 708.534.4128 and let us know if you plan on attending.

***ALUMNI INVITED TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE GSU GOLF LEAGUE***

It is time to separate the green from the rough, dust off those golf clubs, and get swinging. The GSU Golf League has started its season. Whether you signed up to join the Alumni Golf Club or not, All GSU Alumni are invited to join the fun. The group golfs every Tuesday through September 6 at 4:30 p.m., at Golf Vista, 5001 W. Augusta Boulevard in Monee, weather permitting. Arrive by 4:15. Groups will be assigned.

Identify yourself as a "GSU Golf League" member to receive the special rate of \$5 for nine holes (walking), add a cart for \$10, or share the cart fee and cut your costs.

The league is open to all university students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community. The golf season culminates with the

GSU Dave Drechsel Annual Golf Outing, which will be held at University Club in September.

Contact the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128 or alumnirelations2@govst.edu if you would like to join the Alumni Golf Club (there is no charge to join Alumni Clubs).

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

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. [Get all the details here.](#)

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT TO SPEAK AT GSU

Vivian Gussin Paley has spent a lifetime teaching and learning from very young children. For her outstanding and influential work as an educator, Gussin Paley is receiving an honorary degree from Governors State University.

She will also share her knowledge during a public presentation, *The Ideal Early Childhood Education*, on Friday, June 3, at 3:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors, at GSU. The lecture is free and open to the public.

With 37 years of experience as an early childhood educator, Gussin Paley is considered one of the nation's experts on the education and enrichment of very young children. Her work has influenced how children are taught and teachers are trained. Her presentation will include observations on the world of young children, academic and social growth, and the development communication. Join us for the special lecture.

GSU UPCOMING PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSIONS

Multicategorical Special Education Cohort – June 6

Certified teachers interested in earning a Master of Arts in Multicategorical Special Education with coursework leading to LBS 1 Unlimited Certificate are invited to attend an information session hosted by GSU. The session will be held on June 6, from 3 to 4 p.m., in the Washington-McKinley School Spartan Center, 25 West 16th Place, Chicago Heights.

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Information will be provided on the GSU M.A. Multicategorical Special Education cohort program to begin in Fall 2011. The cohort format enables students enrolled in the program to complete their degree on a predetermined schedule. This cohort is open to any certified teacher from any public or private school. All classes will be held at Washington-McKinley School. Twenty participants are required,

For more information or to reserve a seat, call 708.534.4536 or e-mail dfitzgerald@govst.edu.

Alternative Teacher Certification – June 8

Learn how to earn elementary or middle school teacher certification and secure a teaching position through Governors State University's Alternative Certification Program. Information sessions will be held on Wednesday, June 8, in Engbretson Hall, at Governors State University.

The Alternative Teacher Certification program at Governors State University offers three ways to earn certification and embark on a new, rewarding career in education. The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) leads to a master's degree in education and teacher certification. TQP provides an opportunity to co-teach for a year with a certified teacher, a \$30,000 stipend, and a 25 percent reduction in tuition. TQP

is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The Alternative Certification Program also offers the opportunity for teachers to teach full-time as they earn a salary and their teacher certification. In addition, there are also reduced salary teacher residency opportunities, which also lead to teacher certification.

Since it began more than 12 years ago, the program had helped more than 250 participants change careers to become some of the most well-trained, supported, and effective educators in the south suburbs and Chicago.

This program is open to college graduates with five years work experience after receiving a bachelor's degree. The application deadline for the Alternative Certification program, beginning Spring 2012, is December 15, 2011. For more information, call 708.534.4399 or visit www.govst.edu/altcert.

Master of Public Administration – See schedule below

Governors State University will host several degree program information sessions in June throughout the region. The graduate application fee will be waived for qualified Master of Public Administration students who complete an application at one of the sessions.

An information session on the Master of Public Administration will be held on Wednesday, June 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Illinois State Police District 5 Headquarters, located at 16648 South Broadway, Lockport, Illinois.

Two sessions detailing Master of Arts in Public Administration, Master of Arts in Political and Justice Studies, and Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration will be held on the Wednesday, June 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m., at the Michael A. Bilandic Building, located at 160 N. LaSalle Street (Room N-502), Chicago, Illinois.

Information on the Master of Public Administration program will also be available on Thursday, June 30, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the South Suburban University Center, located at 16333 Kilbourn Avenue (Room 5160), Oak Forest, Illinois.

For more information and to RSVP, please call 708.534.4088.

BATTER UP FOR EDUCATION

Father's Day is fast approaching. Why give dad another tie he won't use? Instead - take him and the whole family out for a wonderful day of baseball. At the same time, you'll be supporting GSU students. GSU's College of Education, working through the GSU Foundation, is sponsoring this fun filled evening at the ball park with The Grow Your Own South Suburban Consortium.

Tickets are available for the Joliet Slammers game on June 19 for only \$10 each. The Slammers play ball at Silver Cross Stadium and the first pitch is at 6:05 p.m.

Included with each ticket is entry into a drawing for an authentic Chicago Cubs jersey signed by pitcher Kerry Wood. The more tickets you buy, the more chances you have to win the jersey.

All proceeds help to provide scholarships for GSU students participating in the Grow Your Own South Suburban Consortium program, which supports educating teachers from the community for the community.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact [Andrea DalPolo](#) at 708.534.4582.

CENTERPOINT AT GSU ANNOUNCES INTERNATIONAL TRADE RESOURCES

GSU recently announced its new Illinois International Trade

Center and additional educational opportunities for regional businesses. The programs are designed to help firms that are already involved in exporting to expand their markets and introduce additional Illinois products and services to overseas markets.

The Illinois International Trade Center will provide targeted, high-impact services for export-ready companies, including free one-on-one consulting, market research, technical assistance in trading and logistics, and seminars. The International Trade Center is part of a grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to expand the existing Illinois Small Business Development Center services at CenterPoint at Governors State University.

Hongxia (Mary) Ma has been named director of the new International Trade Center. Ma has extensive experience in international trade and global logistics management as an executive with a Fortune 500 Chinese oceanic shipping company, and has worked in China, New Zealand, and Chicago before taking the position at GSU.

According to the Illinois Office of Trade and Investment, Illinois exports totaled nearly \$49.8 billion in 2010, a 19.6 percent increase over 2009. The state's top five exports are machinery, electronic products, chemicals, transportation equipment, and agricultural products. "Chicago's Southland has the potential to significantly increase its exports, which will positively affect economic development statewide," Ma added.

CenterPoint is also working with the GSU College of Business and Public Administration to develop new education programs and opportunities to meet the needs of the business community. These programs will ensure that businesses have access to an educated workforce with a global perspective.

"Developing programs and using our resources to help our business community is an integral part of the university's mission," said Ellen Foster Curtis, Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration. "These initiatives ensure

the university's continuing role as an active partner in regional economic development."

For more information on the CenterPoint International Trade Center visit www.centerpointgsu.com. For information on programs offered through GSU's College of Business and Public Administration, visit www.govst.edu/cbpa.

(CenterPoint at Governors State is a unique collaboration between Governors State University, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), and the U.S. Small Business Administration. They provide expert management assistance to 600 entrepreneurs a year as they develop, grow, finance, and improve their businesses.)

GSU VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT - BRAINSTORM 2011 - MAY 23 THROUGH JUNE 26

Brainstorm 2011, a national juried art competition at features 46 pieces selected from 167 entries. The exhibit includes artwork by 28 artists from around the nation. The show is open from May 23 through June 25, at the Visual Arts Gallery.

A closing reception and awards ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 25, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The reception and exhibit are free and open to the public.

Distinguished jurors were Allison Peters Quinn, Director of Exhibitions at the Hyde Park Art Center, and Whitney Tassie, Gallery Director of the Monique Meloche Gallery in Chicago. The jurors chose work that reflected the theme of the show - artwork that documents, analyzes, or is inspired by intellectual activity, the thought process, dysfunction, or problem solving by the human mind.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Monday and Wednesday, from 2 to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, from 5 to 9 p.m.; and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. by appointment. For more

information, call 708.534.4021.

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