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## **News and Events**

### **Holiday Party Reminder**

It is time to celebrate the season, each other, and the start of the yearlong 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary GSU observance. The GSU Holiday Reception, hosted by Dr. Elaine P. Maimon and the Board of Trustees, is on Friday, December 12, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

### **Monday's Campus Evacuation**

The university's Emergency Response Team (ERT) thanks the entire university for their cooperation and understanding during Monday's power outage and campus evacuation.

A major electrical cable in the A-wing power plant faulted, causing smoke discharge and a power failure. Our mutual aid emergency partners from surrounding communities arrived within 10 minutes of the fire alarm. An electrical contractor immediately began working on remediation of the faulty cable and completed the work around 1:30 a.m. the following morning. An investigation has been initiated to determine the cause of the electrical fault.

The ERT welcomes feedback from the university community regarding the event. All input will be considered, as emergency procedures are refined to help ensure that GSU remains well prepared in emergency situations. Please e-mail comments to the [Emergency Response Team](#).

### **Dance with the Sugar Plum Fairy**

You may not know the moves, but you know the music and the wonderful feeling it brings during the holiday season. The Salt Creek Ballet with Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra presents "The Nutcracker" at The Center for Performing Arts with performances at 1 and 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 13.

Buy one, get one free tickets are available for the 5 p.m. performance, platinum seating only. The special offer begins at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 12, and ends at 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 13. Regular price tickets are available for the 1 p.m. performance.

Visit the box office or call x 2222 for tickets.

### **Final Two for Tuesday in 2008**

The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park's last Two for Tuesday of 2008 looks to be a great one. Don't miss the opportunity to discuss two of the park's most interesting angular sculptures – Charles Ginnever's *Icarus* and John Payne's *Mock II – V Form*.

The lively, half-hour media presentations will take place at 12:30 and 3:45 p.m., on Tuesday, December 16, in room D1497 (just past the bookstore).

## **It's a Small World After All**



As part of an international exchange, GSU and the College of Business and Public Administration hosted a delegation of 24 university presidents, vice presidents, and other top administrators from China. The Beijing-based group is visiting several Chicago area universities and businesses in the month of December. GSU provided their first exposure to a public university.

The delegation met with Provost Jane Rhoades Hudak, CBPA Dean Ellen Foster-Curtis, and CBPA professor David Curtis on Tuesday, December 9. As the group partook of a truly American breakfast of donuts, coffee, and orange juice, they eagerly listened to Dr. Hudak tell the GSU story. After presenting a brief overview of the university, she opened the session to questions.

The truly engaged group asked a litany of questions on topics ranging from the budget to accreditation and from student life to the tenure system. There is no doubt that both the GSU and Chinese representatives learned much from one another. The meeting ended with the exchange of gifts and a group photo commemorating the event. As a model university for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, GSU was proud to be part of the visit and share our unique educational model.

## **Every Little Bit Helps**

Civil Service employees are reminded that applications are still being accepted for the Winter 2009 Civil Service Scholarship/Educational Assistance Fund Award. Winter applications will be accepted through Monday, January 5.

Scholarship applications for the Spring/Summer trimester will be accepted from January 6 through May 4.

GSU Civil Service Employees, with at least two years of service as well as their spouses and dependent children may apply for the award. The Civil Service Senate provides two scholarship/educational assistance fund awards per term to promote career advancement, continuing education, tuition, books, and other educational costs. Each scholarship is awarded in the amount of \$500.

Contact [Diane Jones](#) at ext. 7470 with questions.

## **Alumni Spotlight - Kevin B. Brookins**

Kevin B. Brookins has been working his way up the ladder at ComEd since 1983. Kevin began his career as a corporate planning analyst and was promoted recently to Vice President of Distribution System Operations for ComEd. He is responsible for operating one of the largest electrical distribution systems in the nation. Earlier this year, Kevin was selected by *U.S. Black Engineer & Information Technology* magazine as one of its "100 Most Important Blacks in Technology." Kevin earned a master's degree in Business Administration from the College of Business and Public Administration.

