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News and Events

Summer Hours

GSU will roll out its trial Summer Hours Program beginning next week. Full details are available in the [original memo from HR](#) and the [program FAQ](#).

Basic details regarding GSU's innovative new program are as follows:

- The program is a trial undertaken in the belief that many employees prefer to have a 4-day week during the summer. The outcome of this trial will help determine whether such a schedule is feasible in the future.
- The Summer Hours Program will begin on Monday, June 8 and continue through Friday, August 7.
- The university will be "open" on Fridays in the same sense that it is now "open" on Saturdays. Most offices will, in fact, be closed. However, the university is open for classes which will be conducted as scheduled. The Library, Academic Computing Center, and Office of Public Safety will maintain their usual Friday hours. Those three areas will arrange hours for employees to assure they meet the needs of students and others.
- Each participating employee will work 37.5 hours per week, Monday through Thursday, within the range of time between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. Units and Departments will determine the hours for specific units. All timesheet related questions should be directed to individual unit heads/supervisors.
- It is important that such schedules be designed and implemented in such a way that support for and delivery of essential academic services are not diminished or compromised in any material way. As such, participation in the four-day work week Summer Hours Program will be determined by each department head based upon the operational and programmatic needs of that department. Summer hours may be suspended or modified by a unit head in order to accomplish a specific project.
- Exception requests from employees due to hardship will be considered by supervisors and unit heads on a case-by-case basis. Supervisors are encouraged to exercise flexibility and address specific employee needs as appropriate.

IBHE on Campus



The Illinois Board of Higher Education held its bi-monthly meeting at GSU this week. Attending the meeting were the presidents of Illinois colleges and universities. A reception on Monday evening included a visit to the Visual Arts Gallery, a tour of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park and E and F wings.

Dr. Maimon welcomed the visitors from around the state. In her remarks, Dr. Maimon voiced the universal hope that a capital budget would be passed and implemented in Springfield for the benefit of all institutions of higher learning in Illinois.

Michigan Art Tour



While the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park boasts of one of the most remarkable groups of artwork in our region, other sites in the Midwest also offer significant displays of contemporary sculpture. The NMSP invites you to explore these showcases of artwork during a weekend sculpture tour to Michigan on September 12 and 13.

The trip includes a study guide of the sites to be visited prepared by Dr. Nina Corazzo, holder of the Walter E. Bauer Chair of History at Valparaiso University. She will lead a tour of the collection in the Grand Rapids Art Museum. Participants will also see a bronze pour demonstration at FireArts, the sculpture workshop established in South Bend, Indiana, by artist Tuck Langland.

Through special arrangement, a special pre-opening tour of the Frederick Meijer Sculpture Gardens will be led by Joseph Becherer, Director of Sculpture and the Lena Meijer Professor of History at Aquinas College. The weekend trip concludes with a docent lead tour of the Krasl Art Center in St. Joseph, Michigan.

Overnight accommodations at the Grand Amway Hotel in Grand Rapids include a cocktail reception and a presentation by Geoffrey Bates, Director and Curator of the NMSP.

The cost of the trip is only \$265 until June 12 and \$279 after. This fee covers bus transportation, breakfast and box lunch on Saturday, complimentary hors d'oeuvres at the cocktail reception, and all entry fees. A \$100 deposit is required, which is refundable through August 1.

For more information or to register, visit the [website](#), call ext. 4486, or [email](#).

Lecture by Beschloss



Don't miss the distinguished lecture by presidential historian and best-selling author, Michael Beschloss on Friday, June 5, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in Sherman Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public. Books by Michael Beschloss are also for sale in the GSU bookstore, which will remain open during and after the lecture.

On June 6, Beschloss will be awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the university at the graduation ceremony. Commencement will be held at 11 a.m., at the Holiday Inn Select and Convention Center in Tinley Park.

Business Card Sale

Business cards ordered during June come with a host of advantages. Most importantly, all June business card orders are discounted 20 percent. Business cards ordered now will also include the new Zip Code, (60484), which is effective as of July 1. And best of all, a new ordering system using the GSU Intranet makes the process simple and convenient.

To create and order your business cards:

- Visit the **GSU Intranet**, <http://gsunet/> which is accessible to faculty and staff logged onto campus computer terminals.
- Visit **Departments** and click on the **Print Shop** under **Procurement**.
- Click on the link [Order Business Cards](#), and follow the prompts.
- You will need to enter the following GSU-specific account number and password to begin the ordering process:
Account number: 40333494
Password: gsu

In addition to the client's approval, all business card proofs will be referred to the Office of Public Affairs for approval before printing. Beginning June 4, all business cards should be ordered through this convenient, online process.

For more information, contact the [Office of Public Affairs](#) at ext. 4044.

Summertime Tours of NMSP



Summertime is the ideal time to discover the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. Free guided tours of the park will take place on the first and third Sundays of the month.

Tours on June 7, July 5, and August 16 highlight the sculptures on the north section of the park. Tours on June 21, July 19, and August 16 feature the artwork on the south section. Tours begin at 2 p.m. and last from one and a half to two hours.

Visitors are asked to gather on the patio outside the Hall of Governors. Comfortable footwear is recommended as there is extensive walking and occasionally the paths are uneven.

Visit the NMSP website www.govst.edu/sculpture or call ext. 4486 for more information.



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