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## News and Events

### [GSU Named 'Great College to Work For'](#)



Governors State University learned today that it has been named one of 2009's Great Colleges to Work For by the Chronicle of Higher Education. The honor is a remarkable accomplishment given the competitive field of colleges and universities nationwide.

"This well-deserved honor proves GSU's commitment to its employees and acknowledges their strength as a team," said President Elaine P. Maimon. "By investing in and recognizing the accomplishments of our employees, we help ensure that they, in turn, provide the best service to our students and the community."

GSU received this well deserved recognition after a confidential, random survey of employees from across the campus by the Great Colleges Team at Modern Think, LLC. As part of the honor, the university will get to use the Great Colleges logo on its materials during the coming academic year.

Full details of the survey will be announced online and in the print version of the Chronicle of Higher Education on July 10. At that time, GSU will learn the specific categories of its high scores and its comparison with peers. In addition, the university will receive a specialized report which will assist the university in understanding its strengths and challenges.

Congratulations GSU!

### [Course Schedule Goes 100 Percent Electronic](#)

Beginning with the Fall 2009 trimester, the university will no longer produce a printed version of the on-campus course schedule. The decision was based on the fact that the information in the hard-copy document became quickly outdated, that all course registrations must be completed online, and per best industry practices.

Each trimester, students will receive a postcard in the mail reminding them about online registration and where to find information previously available in the printed document.

An electronic copy of the registration instructions and university information is still available for download on the main [Registration](#) page.

## HLC News



Drafts of the self-study introduction and chapters 1 through 4 are available for review online at the [GSU HLC 2009 website](#). The university community is encouraged to send any questions or comments to the [HLC steering committee](#).

## Jenzabar Interrupted



The Jenzabar application will be down for maintenance on Friday, June 12, from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. All Jenzabar related services will be unavailable: CX, CX 8.1, Student View, Faculty View, online admission application and status checking, online schedule, and online faculty/staff directory. Issues or concerns should be directed to the [GSU Help Desk](#) at ext. 4357.

## Business Cards – Procedure Clarification

Last week's rollout of the new online business card ordering system yielded more than 100 orders. Please note that per Print Shop policy, all individuals ordering cards must still submit a standard print shop order form to accompany their online order.

During the month of June, all business card orders will be discounted 20 percent.

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.

## **Temporary Freeze**

The University Library catalog and all of the services that are linked to it (interlibrary loan, accessing your library account, and texting call numbers) will be temporarily frozen from June 14 through approximately June 17 for much needed upgrades. The call number texting service will not be working for an undetermined time while the proper functioning of the new library catalog is established.

During this short time period, all users of the library online catalog will continue to have access to search the library catalog and be able to check out materials, but library records will not be updated to show what books are available/unavailable. Those files will be updated when the upgrades are finished.

Requests for materials from other universities through interlibrary loan service electronically will be allowed. However, users will not be able to access library accounts through the online catalog, and there will be periods of slowness in the library catalog. During this time period, access to all of the library's online academic journals will be available.

Questions on the upgrade should be emailed to the [Digital Library Services Department](#).

## **Sound Mind & Body**

The Let's Get Fit leaders remind the campus community about the importance of exercise and stretching, especially with the longer summer workdays. Remember to sit up straight and stretch at your desk – including your neck, chest and biceps, triceps, shoulders, and torso.

To qualify for Let's Get Fit in June, participants must exercise on campus at least three times per week for 30 minutes.

Also, stop by the HR office and pick up a copy of the new Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park walking tour maps. Enjoy world class art and get in shape at the same time!

## **Scholarship Sails On – Palanca Elected Vice Chair**

Addictions Studies lecturer Peter Palanca was recently elected vice chairman of the National Association of Children of Alcoholics. The association is a national membership organization with a mission is to advocate for all children and families affected by alcoholism and drug dependencies.

Palanca has had a distinguished career in the field of substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery. He currently serves as vice president of Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities, a nonprofit that provides services across Illinois for thousands of individuals with substance abuse problems who are referred by the criminal courts, prisons and the child welfare system.

Palanca also served as regional vice president with the Hazelden Foundation in Chicago and executive director of Parkside Behavioral Health Services.



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