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University Park, October 5, 2006 - Governors State University recently hosted high school counselors representing 97 different high schools at a conference during which they learned about the many different academic programs offered at the twelve Illinois state universities.

"The counselors had the opportunity to learn about new degree options and changes in existing academic programs directly from representatives of the universities," explained Dr. William Craig, Associate Director of Admissions at Governors State University.

"It is important for high school guidance counselors to have this current information as their advice impacts the lives of so many young students trying to decide which university to attend and what to major in," adds Craig. "This is also one of the few opportunities that representatives from Governors State University have to meet and talk to high school counselors."

Unlike the other state universities, GSU is an upper division university for degree seeking undergraduate juniors and seniors. In addition to its 22 bachelor's degree programs, GSU also offers 24 master's degree programs and the new Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

"We enjoyed the opportunity to familiarize counselors from local high schools such as Thornton in Harvey, Homewood-Flossmoor, Frankfort's Lincoln-Way Central, and Tinley Park's Andrew High School with our programs," said Craig. "Their students are not ready for GSU yet, but they will be someday, and we want them to know what we have to offer."

According to Craig, similar conferences are conducted throughout the state to ensure that as many high school representatives as possible learn about the state university system. "They hear updates from all 12 universities about alterations in programs, new freshman admissions and transfer policies, and new scholarship opportunities. It is a valuable conference for our local high school counselors."