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News and Events

Holiday Celebration

Dr. Maimon and the Board of Trustees invite the GSU faculty and staff to celebrate the holidays together on Friday, December 11, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Employee of the Year

As part of the Civil Service Day celebration, the Employee of the Year is announced. The 2009 honoree is Julia Jamison, Human Resource Associate in the Human Resources Department. Jamison was recognized for her development and management of *Let's Get Fit*, a campuswide program encouraging exercise and healthy habits.



"I am humbled by this great honor," said Jamison. "It is wonderful to be honored by your peers."

Jamison was chosen by employee ballots from among the 11 Employee of the Month recipients. Other monthly winners included Ruby Williams, Office Support Specialist, College of Business & Public Administration; Carol Machura, Administrative Aide, University Library; Colleen Buche, Police Telecommunicator, Department of Public Safety; Mike Sullivan, Assistant Chief Operating Engineer, Facilities Development Management; Jane Gardner, Staff Clerk, Student Development; Laura Owens, Administrative Clerk, School of Extended Learning; Judy Ferneau, Business Administrative Associate, Information Technology Services; Mona Douglas, Office Manager, College of Education-Psychology & Counseling; Jennie Buhs, Admissions Records Representative, School of Interdisciplinary Learning; and Cynthia Matthias, Office Support Specialist, College

of Business of Public & Administration.

Cracking Nuts and Slapping Rulers

The Center for Performing Arts is offering buy one get one free tickets for The Salt Creek Ballet's performance of *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, December 12, at 5 p.m. Tickets are limited and are normally priced at \$40. The sale begins on Friday, at 10 a.m., and ends on Saturday, at 4 p.m.

If you're in the mood for something totally different, try a dinner and comedy combo featuring the classic show *Late Nite Catechism*. This event will be held on Saturday, December 12, at Jenny's Steak House in Frankfort, IL. Dinner is at 7 p.m. At 8 p.m., you'll become part of the Sister's class. She'll take you back to the days of the Latin Mass, meatless Fridays, and remind you about that good old ruler across the knuckles! The dinner and show are package priced at an affordable \$40. Call Jenny's Steak House in Frankfort for reservations 815.464.2685.



Old Out, First In

The university is changing banks from Old Second Bank to First Midwest Bank. As part of this transition, the existing ATM will be replaced with a new machine on Monday, December 14. The new First Midwest Bank ATM machine should be fully operational by Wednesday, December 16.

The university Cashier's Office is available to cash personal checks in an amount up to \$50 at no charge to faculty, staff, and students with proper identification.

We are sorry for any inconvenience.

Civil Service Day Celebration '09



Civil Service Day was celebrated with song, dance, laughs, and more laughs. The combined talents of many GSU employees and their families entertained a large audience in Sherman Hall on Wednesday, December 9.

After the show, lunch was served up by GSU administrators and enjoyed by Civil Service employees. Raffle prizes and more laughs were shared before it was time to get back to work.

Student Commencement Speaker Nominations

The Commencement Student Speaker Committee is currently accepting nominations for the winter commencement ceremony to be held on Saturday, February 6, 2010. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to nominate a deserving individual to give the student commencement address. Students may nominate themselves.

To nominate a student, complete the [Commencement Faculty-Staff Recommendation Nomination](#) form. Nominated students should submit the [Commencement Student Nomination](#) form. All forms should be submitted to [Vanessa Newby](#) (room A2104) no later than Wednesday, December 16. Please note that student nominees must be available to meet for an interview on Friday, January 8, between noon and 5 p.m.

Black History Month Committee

It may be December, but February and Black History Month is fast approaching. The Black History Month Planning Committee is currently recruiting members to help create a month of activities commemorating black history and involving both the GSU community and the wider region in enjoyable and meaningful activities and celebrations.

Membership in the planning committee is open to students, faculty, and staff members. People interested in joining are encouraged to contact [Vanessa Newby](#) at 708.534.4551.

Final Day of the FDC Book Fair

Today is the final day of the Family Development Center Book Fair. Visit the wide selection of books to please every child today, December 10, from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the D-Wing main entrance atrium.

Recycling Tons!

GSU and the surrounding communities reached a milestone last month with the collection of 1.17 tons of recyclable paper products for the first time since collection bins were installed on campus seven months ago. Everyone is encouraged to continue using the bins – especially during the holiday season, with the collection of ads, catalogs, gift boxes, and wrapping paper.

The two large recycling collection containers are located in the Wagner House parking lot, on the south side of Stuenkel Road, adjacent to the railroad tracks, and in the E parking lot off Exchange.

The recyclables are picked up by Abitibi Bowater, North America's largest newspaper manufacturer and newspaper recycler. In addition to holiday paper waste, newspaper, magazines, catalogs, mail, office paper, and paperback books are also accepted. Cardboard and phone books are not recyclable at this location.



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