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## News and Events

### **Focus on Jobs**

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair featuring employers in the field of criminal justice, on Thursday, March 25, from 3 to 6:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members interested in finding employment in law enforcement, the criminal justice system, and related fields are encouraged to attend. Potential employers will be on hand from both public and private sectors.

For more information, call ext. 3974.

### **Thirsty?**

Safe drinking water does not just flow from the faucet. In many parts of the world, it is a rare and precious commodity.

The Office of International Services is sponsoring World Water Day 2010, *Clean Water for a Healthy World*, on Thursday, March 25, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Presentations will be on the current worldwide water supply, improvements to access and quality, and projections for the future.

This presentation is free and open to the public. Faculty are asked to encourage their students to attend. For more information, contact Vreni Mendoza at ext. 3087.

### **Start Your Day Off Right**

The cafeteria's breakfast buffet is back by popular demand. FSI will offer a hot breakfast buffet every morning from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Start your day off right with eggs, pancakes, bacon, and other delicious breakfast choices available every morning in the GSU Cafeteria.

### **Transformations Series Continues**

The Transformations Lecture Series continues with a presentation by Tom Tresser, community activist and creativity champion on Wednesday, March 31, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Tresser's topic will be "Championing Creativity and Change: Working from the Bottom Up, Outside In." Tresser is an instructor at DePaul University who believes creativity is America's most precious natural resource. He has a long history of local activism and is the 2010 Green Party candidate for President of the Cook County Board.

The University Honors Program and the College of Arts and Sciences at GSU are sponsors of the lecture. For more information, call ext. 4578.

## **Social Work Honorees**

The Department of Social Work at GSU hosted an induction ceremony for the newest members of Omicron Beta, the GSU chapter of the Phi Alpha Honor Society, the social work honor society, on Friday, March 19. ([Learn more](#))

## **Early Head Start at GSU**

The Family Development Center will offer Early Head Start, a free, comprehensive program for low-income families, beginning in June 2010. Early Head Start provides specialized support services to qualified pregnant mothers and children, up to their third birthday, who live in Will County, east of I-57. The immediate families of GSU staff and students regardless of where they live are also eligible. Participants need not be students at GSU.



A key component of the Early Head Start program is the childcare services provided free to parents who are working or in school, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Infants and toddlers in the Early Head Start Program attend the state-of-the-art, fully licensed Family Development Center. Formula, meals, snacks, and diapers are also included in childcare services. A registered nurse is on staff to monitor the children's healthcare needs.

Additional services of the program include a prenatal program for pregnant women, home visits from a child development specialist, educational opportunities for pregnant women and parents, and support services linking families to social services in the community.

Funding for the Early Head Start program at GSU comes from a two-year, \$1.7 million grant from the Department of Health and Human Services as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

For more information, call 708.235.7300 or visit [www.govst.edu/children](http://www.govst.edu/children).

## **Summertime Education**

Vacation Education at GSU provides a unique opportunity for current GSU students, college students home for the summer, and those wishing to learn more and add to their qualifications. The courses offered during this special summer program run from June 1 through July 15 and vary in subject and content. Students need not be previously enrolled in GSU. Vacation Education courses can be taken on a non-degree seeking basis. Prerequisites are dependent on the course and tuition is determined by undergraduate or graduate student status.

For more information, visit the [Vacation Education](#) website or call 708.534.4567.

## **Free Counseling On Campus**

Today's individuals and families face economic and social pressures as well communication difficulties that frequently disrupt family unity and the ability to cope.

Counseling is one of the most important tools for understanding and coping. Free and confidential individual, family, and vocational counseling is available through the Division of Psychology and Counseling at GSU as part of its training program for advanced graduate counseling students.

For more information, call 708.534.4545 or visit [www.govst.edu/counselinglab](http://www.govst.edu/counselinglab).

## **Sharing Success**

Save the date for this year's Faculty Summer Institute – Sharing Success. The workshops will take place on Tuesday, June 15 and Wednesday, June 16. Additional details will be available soon.

In the meantime, faculty are encouraged to start thinking about what they have been doing in their online, hybrid, or web-enhanced courses that would be valuable to share with colleagues. A call for presentation proposals will be distributed to faculty on April 5.

## **Civil Service Scholarships Available**

Applications for civil service scholarships are being accepted until May 8, 2010. Four applicants will be chosen to receive awards of \$250 each. Applicants need be enrolled in a minimum of three credit hours and must be a civil servant at GSU or married to or a dependent of a member of the GSU civil service.

For more information and an application, contact [Senantha Jenkins](#) at ext 4484.

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