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News and Events

Earth Day Celebrated Today

GSU celebrated Earth Day today, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with music, stories, informative exhibitions, and great food served on eco-friendly products.



Live folk music filled the air. The cafeteria offered a special Earth Day menu served on compostable products. Exhibits included demonstrations of GSU's proposed wind turbine, composting, and alternate fuel vehicles including the hydrogen bus from Bloom Township High School. Also on display were eco-friendly products such as rain barrels, garden stakes, and children's art exhibit. Information on the uses of manure and herb gardening was available. The GSU Biology Club displayed the unusual collection of garbage cleaned from one small section of Thorn Creek that runs through the grounds of the university. There were also stations for recycling

batteries and pharmaceuticals.

A tour of Natural History of GSU, took participants to the GSU environmental field station and a tour of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park and children's storytelling rounded out the afternoon. The event was sponsored by the GSU Sustainability Committee.

Don't forget to share how you're "going green" on GSU's [Facebook page](#).

Dr. Martin Stepping Down for HLC Post

University officials are lauding Dr. Eric Martin, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, who is leaving GSU for a senior position at the Higher Learning Commission.

Dr. Martin last week announced he is stepping down as CAS Dean to become Vice President for Accreditation Relations at the HLC's main office in Chicago. He assumes his new post in July.

"It has been my great privilege to serve Governors State University for the past 11 years," Dr. Martin said Thursday. "Those here know GSU is unique among institutions of higher education, and I am proud to have advanced this mission in modest ways by working with truly wonderful people."



President Elaine Maimon pointed out that Dr. Martin served in a number of leadership roles at the university, and was co-chairman, with Dr. Ann Vendrely, of the GSU Self-Study Committee that made preparations for last fall's HLC visit and successful 10-year reaccreditation.

"His success in each of these positions at GSU has prepared him for this next step in his career," Dr. Maimon said. "I am sure all of you join me in congratulating Dr. Martin and in wishing him every future success."

Dr. Martin first came to GSU in 1999 as director of Writing Across the Curriculum. He was later appointed Associate Provost and was named CAS Dean in June, 2006.

Dr. Maimon and Interim Provost David Curtis will establish the search procedures that lead to the appointment of an Interim Dean, who will serve while GSU looks for a successor to Dr. Martin. The university will conduct a national search for CAS Dean and will retain a national executive search firm to make sure GSU recruits the best and most diverse pool of candidates.

Commencement Student Speaker

The Commencement Student Speaker Committee is currently accepting nominations for the spring commencement ceremony to be held on Saturday, June 12. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to nominate a deserving individual to give the student commencement address. Students may also 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 Thursday, April 30. Applicants must be willing to meet for an interview on Friday, May 14, between noon and 5 p.m.

I Saw the Sign

GSU is embarking on a new campus signage improvement project to help students, faculty, staff, and visitors find their way around campus. The project will help make the campus more welcoming to prospective students, help the university to reach its enrollment goals, and ensure that the campus signage is more user friendly and accessible to community members attending special events.

Before final designs are completed, the university is seeking the input of the entire campus community. Presentation boards illustrating interior and exterior signage concepts are currently on display in the Hall of Governors.

There are several ways to provide feedback on this project:

1. Use the dedicated kiosk adjacent to the presentation posters in the Hall of Governors
2. E-mail suggestions to signage@govst.edu
3. Submit comments online at www.govst.edu/signage

Civil Service Town Hall

Civil Service staff are invited to a Town Hall Meeting with the President on Tuesday, April 27, at 1 p.m., in Cafeteria Annex. Attendees are asked to bring questions and ideas to continue the open conversation with President Maimon and other university administrators. Refreshments will be served. Contact [Penny Perdue](#), at ext. 4130, for more information.

Senators Announced

The new Student Senate was elected and will be sworn in on Friday, April 30, at 2 p.m., in the Student Commons, located in the A building.

The new senators include Jada Nettle and Michael Coglianese from the College of Arts and Sciences; Chengwei Yu and Justine Kline from the College of Business and Public Administration; Lisa Wallace from the College of Education, Sara Ionescu from the College of Health and Human Services; Betty Campbell and Denice Hill from the Interdisciplinary Studies program; and Senators at Large: Andre Barnett, CBPA; David Corcoran CAS; Richard Culbreath, CAS; Timothy Ackerman, CAS; Bryce Johnson, CAS; Carmin Garnica, CAS; and Ron Wojcik, CBPA.



The GSU representative to the Illinois Board of Higher Education is Dominique Taylor. The student representative to the Board of Trustees is Brendan Hollandsworth.

In addition to the candidates who applied to be on the ballots, several representatives were elected via the write-in process. Congratulations to the 2010 student representatives!

Occupational Therapy Information Session

Learn about entry level Master of Occupational Therapy and the post professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy programs offered at GSU at an information session on Saturday, April 24, in room G127. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. The program is from 10 a.m. to noon.

Attendees are encouraged to bring transcripts for preliminary advisement. For more information or to R.S.V.P., contact [Mary Tracy](#) at ext.7293.

Creek Clean Up



No one is quite sure how long the engine has been in Thorn Creek, but it isn't there any longer. Or how long the bowling shoes, bald tires, and coiled wire have blocked the water flow. But all that trash and truckloads more were hauled from the banks and bottom of Thorn Creek by members of the GSU Biology Club and GSU professors Yunger and D'Arcy.

Members of the GSU Facilities department who operated a front loader to lift the heavy car parts and engine pieces out of the creek helped the students. They also provided trucks to cart the trash away. DPS assisted the students' efforts by ensuring the workers' safety along Dralle Roads.

Members of the Biology Club hope to make this clean up an annual event. The fruits of their labors - the piles of refuse - will be on display today during the GSU Earth Day Celebration.

Student Research Proposals Due

GSU will hold its 16th Annual Student Research Conference on Wednesday, May 26, 2010. The conference will provide students with an opportunity to present their research before an audience of their peers, and will provide a forum to highlight research accomplishments at GSU. All presentations will be made by students.

All students are encouraged to attend the conference, even if they are not presenting any paper.

The abstract submission deadline is Friday, May 12. Registration and abstract submission forms are available on the [conference website](#).

Understanding Economics Conference for Educators

The Office of Economic Education at GSU is sponsoring a daylong workshop for teachers to help them prepare their students for the future. *Understanding Economics in Civics and Government* will be held Friday, April 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Hyatt Lodge, McDonald's Corporation Headquarters, Oak Brook, Illinois.

Special speakers and hands on activities will provide explanations of the costs and benefits of government policies, the importance of the U.S. Census, and ways to make civics, government, and economics relevant in the classroom.

Registration is \$60. Participating teachers will earn six CPDUs. For more information or to register, contact [Sheryl S. Gallaher](#).

Why Not? Winter Winner Honored

Angela Phillips' suggestion to "Why Not?" will lead GSU to better customer services and netted Angela \$100 as the Winter trimester winner.



Angela suggested that the recent customer service training received by all GSU full time employees be extended to student employees. "I think we should have the same opportunity to take these classes so that we, too, can provide good customer service. After all, student workers interact with customers and other students all the time."

To celebrate her suggestion, Angela joined Dr. Maimon and GSU's incoming provost, Dr. Terry Allison, for a special lunch followed by cake in the cafeteria.

Constructive suggestions to "Why Not?" are always needed. Submit your ideas to www.govst.edu/whynot/ and you could be the next \$100 winner.

Reduced Childcare Fees at FDC

Evening childcare for the children of students who receive Pell Grants is available at the Family Development Center for a 75 percent discount. This grant-funded discount enables children of qualified GSU students, who are 3 to 12 years old, to enjoy the safe and enriching environment of the Family Development Center while their parents concentrate on their educations. Childcare is available Monday through Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m.

To take advantage of this discount, a copy of the student's financial aid award letter is required. For more information, contact the [Family Development Center](#) at 708.235.7300.

Support GSU Women's Volleyball

The GSU Women's Volley team is on the road and playing great ball with tough competitors. All games are played at the Oak Lawn Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

Student Life would like to gauge interest in bus transportation to and from GSU to the games. If you are interested in riding the fan bus, please contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) at saasnews@govst.edu.

GSU Women's Volleyball team schedule

April 22, 9:30 – 10:30 p.m.

April 29, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

May 6, 8:30 – 9:30 p.m.

May 13 bye week

May 20, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

May 27, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

June 3, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

June 10, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

June 17, Championship Tournament (Times - TBD)

See You on the Green

GSU's golf league is gearing up for summer fun. The informal group is open to all employees, regardless of their skill level. The group will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning on April 27. Twilight play will begin at 4:30 p.m. sharp, at Golf Vista, 5001 W. Augusta Boulevard, Monee.

The cost to participate is the same as last year: \$5 per round and \$10 per cart (carts can be shared between two people). Interested golfers should contact [Hollie Campbell](#) at ext. 7595.

Need a Transcript?

GSU recently announced that in addition to the in person and by mail methods, transcripts may now also be ordered online.

The online service allows currently enrolled students to order as many official transcripts as are needed online using any major credit card. Whenever a transcript is ordered, real-time order updates are emailed. Order tracking is also available on the transcript ordering website.

Students may request the release of their transcripts in three ways:

- By mail (\$10 per copy)
[Download Official Transcript Request Form](#)
Governors State University
Office of the Registrar
1 University Parkway
University Park, IL 60484

- In person (\$10 per copy)
Checks or money orders should be made payable to Governors State University.
- Online via the [National Student Clearinghouse](#) (\$12.25 per copy).

Transcripts of any type are not released to students with outstanding obligations (holds) to the university. Unofficial transcripts are available on the web to currently enrolled students and may be accessed through the [Student Web Information System](#).

Alumni and all other students can obtain unofficial transcripts in person only from the Office of the Registrar. A photo I.D. is required. Faxed or e-mailed requests cannot be accepted.

For more information, contact [Myeisha Grady](#), at ext. 4511, call the transcript information line at 708.534.4369, or visit www.govst.edu/transcripts.

Dancing Shoes

GSU's Recreation and Fitness Center has extended its popular belly and line dancing workshops. Please note the time and date changes.

The Belly Dancing Class will be held on April 21, 29, and May 6, 13, and 20. The sessions will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., in the Rec and Fitness Center.

Line Dancing classes will take place on Mondays, between April 5 and June 28, from 5 to 6 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Both classes cost only \$5 for students, \$15 for Rec and Fitness members, and \$25 for non-members. For more information, contact the Rec and Fitness Center at 708.534.4945.

