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News and Events

Chicagoland Alliance for Degree Completion

Twelve presidents from Chicago-area institutions of higher learning met at GSU on Friday to announce the formation of an alliance aimed at boosting community college and baccalaureate graduation rates. The Chicagoland Alliance for Degree Completion will engage in collaborative programs, efforts, and activities that facilitate and enhance student success toward matriculation and degree completion.

President Maimon and regional community college presidents agreed to hold their next meeting in June at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills. They will work together to simplify the transfer process for bachelor's degree completion by engaging in curricular articulation, dual admission, and the establishment of degree completion centers.



By establishing the alliance, Dr. Maimon said, the presidents were creating an access road for students. "Let's build that road so students can travel wherever their success takes them," she said.

Community college presidents taking part in Friday's summit were: Dr. John Avendano, Kankakee Community College; Dr. Jose Aybar, Richard J. Daley College, Chicago; Ghingo W. Brooks, Malcolm X College, Chicago; Dr. Crawley; George Dammer, South Suburban College, South Holland; Clyde El-Amin, Olive-Harvey College, Chicago; Dr. Charles P. Guengerich, Wilbur Wright College, Chicago; Dr. Gena Proulx, Joliet Junior College; Dr. Eric Radtke, Prairie State College, Chicago Heights; Dr. Lynn M. Walker, Truman College, Chicago; and Dr. John R. Wozniak, Harold Washington College, Chicago.

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Senate Officers

The new Student Senate was sworn in last week, and elected new officers. The new senate president is David Corcoran of CAS. Vice president is Lisa Wallace of COE. The new secretary is Betty Campbell from CAS, and the treasurer is Michael Coglianese of CAS.



Congratulations to the new Student Senate officers.

Breathing Deeply



The Recreation and Fitness Center is sponsoring a free Meditation Class, which is open to all students, employees, and community members. The workshop series, taught by GSU professor Dr. Maristela Zell, will be offered on May 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 and June 1 and 3, from noon to 12:30 p.m., in room B2203. Attendees are asked to arrive on time as each session will begin promptly at noon.

For more information, contact the Recreation and Fitness Center at 708.534.4556.

Symposium Presentations

Retention and Diversity, a free symposium sponsored by the Title V Latino Center for Excellence is open to students, faculty, and staff from across the region. The symposium will be held on May 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The symposium will address the issues and concerns facing Latino and other students from diverse backgrounds.

Among the many presenters, are GSU faculty members who bring their expertise to the discussion of student retention and diversity.

- Carlos Cantu (LCE), Susan L. Gaffney (CBPA), and Elizabeth Ruiz (COE) will present *Latino Center for Excellence Student Survey*.
- Cynthia Carr and Prisca M. Collins (CHHS) will discuss *Left Behind, A Snapshot of the Marginalized Potential Workforce in PT and OT*.
- James R. "Chip" Coldren and Caron Jacobson (CAS) will present *Hispanics/Latinos and the Justice System*.
- Sandra Gandy (COE) will discuss *Academic Vocabulary*.
- Linda Huerta (CHHS) will discuss *Recruitment and Retention of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students in the Field of Speech Language Pathology*.
- Rosemary Johnson, Rashidah Muhammad (CAS) and Kim Brian Lovejoy (Indiana University) will conduct a panel discussion on *Latino Retention and Diversity in the English Curriculum*.
- Larry Levinson (CAS) will present *Cross-Cultural Mentoring in Academic Development*.
- Maristela Zell (CHHS) will present *Achieving a College Education, The Psychological Experiences of Latina/o Community College Students*.
- Jason Zingsheim (CAS) will discuss *Performance Pedagogy and the Intersectional Workings of Whiteness*.

The goal of the higher education symposium is to increase awareness of the social, economic, and cultural barriers that negatively impact student success in higher education. Increased understanding will lead to more effective teaching and academic advising at both the community college and university levels.

This event is sponsored by the Title V Cooperative Grant with Morton College, the Latino Center for Excellence, Student Affairs, and the GSU Faculty Development Committee.

For more information, contact [Monica Teixeira](#) at ext. 7609 or visit the [symposium website](#).

I Get Around

Getting around GSU is about to get easier. The university is embarking on a new campus signage improvement project to help students, faculty, staff, and visitors navigate the 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.

You can submit your comments by e-mail to signage@govst.edu or online at www.govst.edu/signage. The deadline to submit feedback is Friday, May 7.

