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News and Events

[Dr. Maimon Welcomes Fall Students](#)

President Maimon welcomed students to the fall semester with a special message discussing the new semester schedule, campus improvements, university goals, and an invitation to convocation on September 15.

Download Dr. Maimon's [Letter to Students](#).

[And a One, And a Two](#)

It is time to face the music, toot your horn, tickle the ivories, get in the mood. It's time to join the GSU Spirit Band.

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to help add music to the GSU community. The GSU Spirit Band is seeking players of all instruments interested in performing a mix of classical, contemporary, and standards with friends and colleagues.

Musicians at all skill levels are asked to take a [brief survey](#) designed to determine interest, instruments, and a possible practice schedule. Be sure to include your contact information. No strings attached.

[Threat Assessment = Safety](#)

GSU recently formed a Campus Threat Assessment Team (CTAT). CTAT is concerned about the safety, health, and well-being of students, faculty, and staff. Policies concerning behaviors that are threatening, potentially harmful to self or others, or disruptive are in place to ensure the safety of the campus community.

All GSU students, faculty, and staff members are encouraged to visit the [CTAT website](#) to familiarize themselves with the purpose of CTAT, helpful resources and tips, threat reporting options and procedures, and contact information. Learn how to recognize and report potential threats to the health and well-being of both individuals and the community as a whole.

Please participate in [Kognito's At-Risk Online Training](#). Training will help you learn how to recognize potential threats to safety and how to report concerns using a [Red Flag Report](#). The training requires only 45 minutes and can be completed in multiple sittings.

If you have questions or suggestions for CTAT, email ctat@govst.edu.

Baysore Award, Faculty Excellence, and Convocation

There is still time to nominate the best GSU employee you know for the coveted Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Award, to be announced by President Maimon during Convocation, on September 15, at 2:30 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Nominations must be received by Tuesday, September 7. Nominations should explain how the employee demonstrates the qualities of absolute integrity, total competence, generous dedication, and unfailing civility in their day to day work.

Written nominations should be sent to [Penny Perdue](#), G334.

In addition to the Baysore Award, Dr. Maimon will also address the state of the university and present the winners of the Faculty Excellence Awards at Convocation. Students, faculty, and staff are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Try Outs Next Week

There is still time to sign up for try outs for the GSU Table Tennis Team. Try outs will take place on Wednesday, September 8, from 9 to 11 a.m., in the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center gym. Graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to pick up a paddle and join the game. There is no limit to the number of players on the team.

To participate in the try outs, candidates must complete and submit an [application form](#) to [TJ Wang](#) by Friday, September 3.

Fresh Foods



Today is the day to check out the GSU Farmers Market. The market is now located along the west lane of Carillon Drive. Hours are 1 to 6 p.m., every Thursday through September.

The GSU Farmers Market has fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables, fresh-baked breads, delectable desserts, and yummy pizza as well as natural products, jewelry, and crafts.

National Suicide Prevention Day at GSU

The Academic Resource Center will host a presentation National Suicide Prevention Day, September 8, on the warning signs of suicide and the facts and myths about suicide and prevention measures. The presentation will be from 4 to 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

An information table, located in the Hall of Governors from 2 to 5 p.m., will offer suicide prevention cards that include warning signs, and contact information for the national suicide prevention lifeline. Brochures on depression and stress management will also be available.

Academic Resource Center sponsors GSU's National Suicide Prevention Day activities. Activities are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served during the presentation.

For more information, call 708. 235.2228.

Twenty Questions Plus One

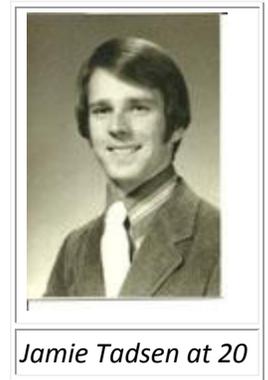
Jamie Tadsen

Assistant to the Interim Vice Provost of Sponsored Research and Graduate Studies

- **Who was your most inspirational teacher?** My most inspirational teacher was Donna Middaugh, strangely enough an

Amish spinster who loved math. She taught gifted Calculus and Trigonometry in my junior and senior years in high school. She lived on the farm and taught in town, having one foot firmly planted in one world and the other foot firmly planted in another.

- **A really great night out for me is...** Going out to enjoy live music - acoustic, bluegrass, or C&W - with my wife and another couple.



Jamie Tadsen at 20

- **My favorite spot in the Chicago area is...** Right next to my wife.
- **What's the best book you've read in the last year?** I am partway through *Perelandra*, the second book in the C.S. Lewis' *Space Trilogy*. It strongly reminds me that one can travel anywhere by diving into a book. Reading does not require one to stay on this planet, thankfully.
- **Right now I am driving a...** 2002 Chevrolet Silverado ¾ ton truck. We truck farm for fun. We also love going to auctions, especially farm auctions, so it comes in very handy both for produce transport and to haul treasures home.
- **Do you have a favorite piece in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park?** My favorite "pieces," in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park are the living ones. They fall in two groups. The first group consists of the biped visitors. I love watching people look at a sculpture, then read the descriptive plaque, and then step back a couple of paces and take a good, hard, second look at the piece. The second group consists of dragonflies. They own the path between Hantack House and the main campus building.
- **What's your most memorable moment at GSU?** I am taking post-graduate courses in art. On a whim, I entered two three-dimensional pieces in the Spring 2009 Student Art Show. One of them took second place. I was overjoyed, shocked, and amazed that the jurist, a professor and professional painter, chose a sculpture over some really excellent, two-dimensional work. I was even more amazed that he asked me to sell that piece to him.

- **At the end of the day, I like to listen to...** Inside or driving: WBEZ. A different kind of reality check. At home: The birds and pond frogs in the spring; the bugs in the fall.
- **My five all-time favorite movies are...** *Out of Africa* – Streep and Redford. What else to say? *A Clockwork Orange* – Kubrick got to me. *Field of Dreams* – Absolute proof of heaven on earth. *The Bridges of Madison County* – Go to Winterset, Iowa. It's worth the trip. *Schindler's List* – The strangest things happen in war.



- **What's a vacation spot you'd recommend to others?** Amish Country in Ohio. Go to Holmes County. Accommodations are clean and inexpensive and there is lots of history and culture to see. Antiques are very inexpensive compared to the Chicagoland area. There are many inexpensive restaurants serving quality, traditional American dishes. It is a known cheese and chocolate-making area.
- **The Final Question: Tell us something about yourself that hardly anyone on campus knows.** I have jumped out of a perfectly good airplane more than 1,000 times.
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To participate in GSU View's Twenty Questions Plus One, contact Tom Houlihan at t-houlihan@govst.edu.

Pierre Sees the Sights



Open wide. Right in the middle of vacation season, Pierre had to visit the dentist. Lydia Morrow Ruetten, of the University Library, took him to see Dr. Ralph Ginn, past president of the Friends of the Library and new member of the Library Advisory Board, announced Pierre cavity free and fit to take more trips.

And Pierre did just that. With Linda Proudfit of COE, Pierre enjoyed the view of the Sangre de Cristo mountain range from Westcliffe, Colorado.



John Conrad, a graduate student in CAS, also took Pierre west. They visited the Grand Canyon and Hoover Dam.



Don't forget to submit your vacation photos of Pierre to the [GSU View](#) before the September 7 deadline to be eligible to compete in the *Take Pierre on Vacation* contest. Photos submitted after the deadline will still be eligible for display in the GSU View and on the [GSU FaceBook fan page](#).

