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## News and Events

### Q and A with the President

Tomorrow, President Maimon will answer questions during two separate discussions.

A conversation with members of the GSU staff will take place at the Civil Service Town Hall Meeting, on October 19, at 1 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Students are also invited to ask questions and share ideas at a special, student-focused discussion on October 19, at 6 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

### IRiS Update 10-18-10

As the IRiS Project moves ahead, the Data Standards Support Team has started addressing a number of important questions: Which of the tables from the current CX database should be transferred to the new Colleague system? What about data that doesn't conform to what's allowable, such as a misspelling listing a faculty member as an "adunct" instead of an "adjunct"? What data is being extracted from the current system and how do we ensure it is accessible after the transition to Colleague is finished?



The Data Standard Support Team began its work long before Datatel Colleague was chosen; team members started meeting weekly in April. Their main goal is to maintain an orderly centralized function to maintain data integrity and security.

The team is currently focusing on four projects:

- Data cleaning oversight, including the preparation of translation tables so GSU codes can be mapped to those that will be used in the new system.
- Completing the Datatel-provided CORE workbook, which includes identifying GSU's hierarchical structure for the new Colleague

system and how all university offices fit together.

- Creating a master list of GSU abbreviations and acronyms to help users maintain consistency in the new system.
- Creating a report inventory in which every current CX user indicates what data they're extracting from the current system. Team members can then work to ensure that this information is available after the transfer to the Colleague system.

While all of this adds up to a huge amount of work, team Chair Linda Buyer is delighted to report that members have risen to the tasks at hand and are working to resolve issues as promptly as possible. Their team is already well ahead of the Datatel migration schedule. As important questions are answered, other IRiS teams will be able to proceed with the transition to Colleague.

Team members are Omolola Adesanya, ITS Support Associate, Financial Aid; Nick Battaglia, Assistant Vice President, Enrollment Management; Buyer, Director of Institutional Research; Marge Godowic, ITS Associate Director, Application Development; Sandi Gieson, IRiS Project Director; Jeanne Hagen, IT Technical Associate; Lisa Hendrickson, Administrative Coordinator, CAS Dean's Office; Greg Kain, ITS Director, Application Development; Bonnie Lunde, Coordinator, CBPA Dean's Office; Jean Malloy, Director of Advancement Services; Kathy Miller, Institutional Research, Data Coordinator; Colleen Rock, Assistant to Associate Vice President, Student Affairs; Linda Samson, Dean, CHHS; and Veronica Williams, Director, Extended Learning.

### **Campus Community Campaign Raffle**

Beginning today, October 18, and every Monday until November 30, Institutional Advancement will draw a raffle ticket from the Campus Community Campaign raffle bowl. A winning ticket entitles the winner to two free tickets at any performance in The Center for Performing Arts this season - with one exception. There are no tickets available for Dennis DeYoung's performance.

Remember to see your Campus Community Campaign volunteer for your raffle ticket or stop by the Development Office on the third floor. Good luck!

### **Haunted Trail and Harvest Fest**

It will be a frightful night at GSU with haunted trails, ghosts, goblins, and eerie things! As well as lots of good food, good music, and good times with laser tag, games, costume contests, prizes, and a deejay to keep things hopping. The GSU community is invited to enjoy a spookily good time at the Haunted Trail and Harvest Fest on October 29, from 5 to 9 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Wear your costume. Join the fun, and please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to a local Food Pantry.

### **19th Amendment**

The right to vote was not always available to everyone. Celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment on Wednesday, October 27 from 5 to 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

A film on the fight for the vote, *Iron Jawed Angels*, will be screened and a panel discussion on voting rights for women will follow. Participants include Dr. Chelsea Haring, assistant professor of political science; Dr. Terri Pantuso, assistant professor of English; and Dr. Jason Zingsheim, assistant professor of communications.

Refreshments will be served. The event is sponsored by the Diversity Advisory Council and the Gender Studies Steering Committee.

### **COE Program Open House**

The College of Education is hosting an open house on Wednesday, October 20, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the cafeteria annex.

Program information will be offered on bachelor's degrees in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and Psychology; and master's degrees in Counseling, Reading, Educational Administration, Early Childhood Education, Education, Multicategorical Special Education, and Psychology. Information will also be available on the new doctoral program in Counselor Education and Supervision.

Admission requirements and financial aid opportunities will be discussed. There will be ample opportunity to meet with advisors and administrators and have questions answered. Attendees are encouraged to bring official or unofficial transcripts for review. Applications will be accepted. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 708.534.4050.

### **Veterans Assistance Webinar**

A webinar on student veterans and the problems they may face as first-time or returning students will be discussed at a webinar on October 27, from 2 to 3 p.m., in room B2203.

The free webinar, *Student Veterans: Alcohol and Substance Abuse*, is sponsored by Student Life. Student veterans, faculty, staff, and students studying in related fields are encouraged to attend. The webinar will be

lead by William Smith, health educator at the University of Kansas City – Missouri.

Additional topics include identifying risk factors associated with veterans and alcohol/substance abuse and strategies to address these issues, the structure of the U.S. Armed Services and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the potential impact a vet's military experiences have on academic success.

## **Workplace Readiness Workshop**

The GSU Psychology Club sponsored *Workplace Readiness Workshop* on October 25, at 3 p.m., in room D2442. The event is open for all students. Topics include the transition from college to the workforce, skills employers look for, how to stand out from other applicants, and how to navigate the admissions process to a graduate program.

## **Save a Book**



The Friends of the GSU Library is sponsoring a book sale on October 28, from noon to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Members of the Friends of the Library may preview the sale collection from 11 a.m. to noon. The sale collection includes donated books and media materials not added to the library collection.

Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Those interested in donating an hour of their time should contact [Pam Taylor](#).

## **Alumni Spotlight – Jill Wokurka-Hagan**

Jill Wokurka-Hagan recently won the *Outstanding Leaders under the Age of 40* award from the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce. Jill is currently Vice-President for the Government Banking Group at Charter One Bank. Prior to that she spent 13 years at MB Financial Bank (formerly Oak Brook Bank) and was named "Rookie of the Year" in 2002 for Business Development and "Top Sales Performer" in 2003.

Jill received her bachelor's degree in 1995 from the College of Business and Public Administration. She is an active member in the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association, South Suburban Mayors and Managers, Will County Governmental League, and holds board positions for Rich Township Food Pantry and the Chicago Chamber of Commerce.

## **Civic Reflection Project**

A three-member team has been formed at GSU as part of the Civic Reflection Pilot Project, a component of the Illinois Campus Compact. The

team will develop a discussion series that will involve students, faculty, and staff. The series will encourage civic reflection on service learning and volunteerism. A major component of the discussion series will be to encourage faculty to develop ways to include service learning in their curricula. The discussions will also strive to promote volunteerism in the community by students.

Ultimately, the committee will establish an on-going steering committee, which will include GSU faculty, students, and community organizations. The steering committee will assist the underserved in the region and create volunteer opportunity partnerships for GSU students.

Members of the team are Dr. Larry Levinson, professor of political science, academic coordinator of political and justice studies, and director of the University Honors Program; Dr. Lorri Glass, assistant professor of social work; and Sheree Sanderson, director of student engagement and college relations.

