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News and Events

Meet the SharePoint Portal Team



Portal Team members have completed the first portion of their training and consulting. While still under construction, the portal -- myGSU -- is ready for a preview. On Thursday, December 2, at 1 p.m., the Campus Wide Advisory Group will see the portal for the first time. All GSU community members are also invited to attend.



The faculty and staff portal site is expected to “go live” in January. The student portion of the portal will have to wait for the completion of the Colleague Student Module before going live. The student portion of *myGSU* is likely to go live by April 15.

The hard-working Portal Team is comprised of three distinct sub-groups: Portal Technical, Portal Implementation, and Portal Governance. The Portal Technical Team is made up of IT personnel responsible for the portal. Portal Implementation Team members represent the various departments within the university. The Portal Governance Team sets the rules governing the site.

Team members are Eric Matanyi and Greg Kain, co-leaders; Ann Needham, Bruce Crooks, Diane Dates-Casey, Emma Ziems, Jane Siefker, John Stoll, Karen Stuenkel, Michelle Smith, Myisha Meeks, Nick Battaglia, Pete Mizera, Pulchratia Kinney-Smith, and Sheree Sanderson.

CAS Dean Candidates

Two candidates for the position of CAS Dean will be on campus in early December. Each will be on campus for a full day of interviews, including a public presentation on the topic of their vision for CAS. There will also be

time for the audience to ask questions of the candidate.

All students, staff, and faculty are invited to these presentation.

Monday, December 6 – Dr. Patricia Sullivan ([download vitae](#))

Tuesday, December 7 – Dr. James Payne ([download vitae](#))

On each day, the candidate will follow the same schedule, as listed below.

7:30 a.m. - Meeting with Provost Allison

9:30 a.m. - Meeting with President Maimon

10 a.m. - Meeting with CAS Faculty (CAS conference room, E2590)

11:15 p.m. - Meeting with CAS Chairs

12:05 p.m. - Lunch with Search Committee Members

1:30 p.m. - Public Presentation (Hall of Honors)

2:45 p.m. - Meeting with Academic Deans

4 p.m. - Meeting with Executive Vice President/Chief of Staff Ejigu

4:45 p.m. - Meeting with Provost Allison

5:15 p.m. - Meeting with President Maimon and Provost Allison

Please note that candidate Tamara Hunt has withdrawn for family reasons.

For questions or additional information, please contact Penny Perdue at ext. 4130.

Office 2010 Updates

Information Technology Services (ITS) will install Microsoft Office 2010 on computers across the campus over the semester break, December 17 through January 7.

To help prepare the campus community for the upgrade, ITS is offering classes to instruct users on the changes to the most commonly used Office applications:

- Access
- Excel
- Outlook
- PowerPoint
- Word



All classes will be held in the ACS Lab, and each will last an hour and a half. Space is limited. Reserve class time with [Maureen Bendoraitis](#) at ext. 3193.

Class Schedule

Monday, November 29

- Outlook: 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- Access: 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 30

- PowerPoint: 9 to 10:30 a.m.
- Word: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Excel: 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- Outlook: 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 1

- Outlook: 12 to 1:30 p.m.
- Access: 2 to 3:30 p.m.
- Word: 4 to 5:30 p.m.
- Excel: 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 2

- Excel: 9 to 10:30 a.m.
- PowerPoint: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Outlook: 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- Word: 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Friday, December 3

- Outlook: 9 to 10:30 a.m.
- Excel: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Word: 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- PowerPoint: 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Salute to Winter Grads

Students participating in the Winter Commencement Ceremony on February 5 are encouraged to attend Salute to Grads on December 1 and 2, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Students can be measured for cap and gown, have professional graduation photos taken, review class ring options, sign up for the graduate luau celebration, receive a discount on alumni items from Follett Bookstore, and benefit from additional services and information.

Table Tennis Success



The GSU Table Tennis Team performed beyond expectations at the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) Upper Midwest Regional Tournament held on November 20, at GSU. Fifty-nine players from six universities competed in the tournament.

Opening ceremonies included a welcome from Dr. Maimon, introduction of former world table tennis champion Guozheng Liu, and remarks by NCTTA regional director, Linda Leaf.



Results of the competition reflected the skill of the GSU table tennis team. In co-ed competition, GSU came in first with five match wins, followed by University of Wisconsin-Madison with four match wins. In women's team competition, UW-Madison was first, Purdue was second, and GSU was third. It is important to note that in NCTTA ranking, UW-Madison was ranked fifth, UI-Chicago was 10th, and Purdue was 15th. The GSU co-ed team defeated them all.

The event was enjoyed by all competitors and audience members. Lunchtime entertainment included a performance by GSU student Eddie Rogers, who sang a Chinese rap song. The assistance of the many volunteers ensured the success of the tournament.

Tellebration! Success

The first *Tellebration!* at GSU was a huge success. More than 75 people enjoyed the stories of five storytellers. Dr. Maimon opened the event with a "Tellebration Proclamation."

Contributions filled a box with food and generated \$200 for the Rich Township food pantry.



Financial support for *Tellebration!* was provided by the GSU Spirit Committee. The event was coordinated by Lynne Clayton of COE with the help of many other volunteers.

Dr. Zhao Memorial

A memorial program will be held to honor GSU computer science professor Dr. Shensheng Zhao, who died on August 31. The program will take place on December 1, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Dr. Zhao was a professor in Computer Science in the College of Arts and Sciences. He began teaching at GSU in 1990. He earned the Faculty

Excellence Award in 2004. Everyone is welcome.

Celebrate the Season with The Center

Whether you're celebrating the holidays with family or searching for the perfect gift, The Center for Performing Arts has what you're looking for. Tickets are still available for December performances of *The Nutcracker*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *The Fantastic Toy Shoppe*. Or surprise your favorite rock and roll fan with tickets to Dennis DeYoung, Lurrie Bell's Chicago Blues Band, or *Blue Suede Shoes (The Ultimate Tribute)*. [Purchase tickets today!](#)

Dec. 1 - World AIDS Day

Information and discussion are the themes of GSU's World AIDS Day program, on Wednesday, December 1.

From 5 to 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall, the real stats, facts, and answers about HIV/AIDS will be presented. Additional information on regional, national, and international statistics and perspectives concerning AIDS will also be discussed. Presenters include Dr. Raven James of CHHS, Dr. Elizabeth Johnson of CAS, and ARC counseling interns Falesa Ivory-Vorhauer and Shoma Vyas.

In addition, several community organization will have talk briefly about the services they offer people and their families and friends coping with HIV/AIDS.

Information tables will be available from 3 to 7 pm. in Engbretson Hall with information about services and HIV/AIDS.

Participants include the Joliet Area/ South Suburban Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Chicago HIV Risk Reduction Partnership of John H. Stroger Hospital, Aunt Martha Health Services, Illinois Institute for Addition Recovery, and Proactive Community Services.

The event is sponsored by the Academic Resource Center, College of Arts and Sciences, and Student Life.

Waiting for Superman Screening and Discussion

The documentary film *Waiting for Superman*, by Davis Guggenheim, will serve as the spark for debate and conversation about education in the south suburbs. The GSU Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) is sponsoring a special screening of the film followed by a panel discussion of the issues on Wednesday, December 1.

The film will be screened at 5 p.m., at the Holiday Star Theater, 340 Main

Street, Park Forest. After the film, a panel discussion will be held across the street at the Tall Grass Art Gallery, 367 Artists Walk, Park Forest.

"We are not waiting for Superman to solve the education issues we face," says Alicia McCray, Director of MILE. "This is a good opportunity for people in the south suburbs to see the film, join the discussion, and be part of the solutions,"

Admission to the film only is \$10. Admission to the film, panel discussion, and refreshments is \$20. Advance registration is required. Please respond by November 29 to 708.534.4024 or registration-MILE@govst.edu.

GSU Holiday Celebration

Mark your calendars. It's time to celebrate a year of accomplishments at the holiday party! Join President Maimon and the Board of Trustees on Friday, December 10, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

RSVP to [Penny Perdue](#) at ext. 4130.

Go to the Movies

On Friday, December 10, GSU students, faculty, staff, and board members will have the opportunity to see *Chicago Heights*, a film made by GSU faculty and students, at the Gene Siskel Film Center in Chicago.

The film, based on *Winesburg, Ohio* by Sherwood Anderson, was made on a very limited budget. It has been featured at international and national film festivals and earned a "thumbs up" from Roger Ebert. For more information on the film, visit www.923films.com.

Tickets are \$25 and include a special pre-theater reception, coach bus ride to and from the Siskel Film Center, and a theater ticket. For those not wishing to ride the bus, tickets for the reception and film only are available for \$10 each.

To reserve a seat, contact [Penny Perdue](#) at ext. 4130.

Student Life Food Drive

From now until December 19, there will be boxes located around campus, ready to be filled with non-perishable food items. Please check your cabinets or pick up a few items at the grocery store to help fill the boxes before the holidays.

All food items will be donated to local food pantries. The food drive is sponsored by Student Life. For more information contact [Vanessa Newby](#) at ext. 4551.

Student Senate Holiday Bash

All GSU students are welcome to share the food, fun, and good cheer at the 2010 Holiday Bash, on December 7, from 4 to 8 p.m., in the cafeteria Annex. Join the celebration of the to celebrate the holiday season and the end of the Fall semester.

In the spirit of the season, donations of non perishable food items for the Student Senate food drive will be gratefully accepted.

This event is sponsored by the Student Senate. For more information, contact Megan Clarke at ext. 4550.

Health Professions Career Fair

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a health and human services career fair on Tuesday, December 7, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Prospective employers in the fields of physical and occupational therapy, nursing, social work, and non-profit services will meet with job candidates.

The career fair is open to current students, GSU alumni, and members of the community seeking employment in these fields. There is no charge for job seekers. Participants are advised to dress professionally and bring resumes.

Representatives from both public and private institutions, organizations, and businesses interested in meeting job candidates are also welcome.

For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974 or e-mail career@govst.edu.

Follett's Appreciation

GSU's Follett Bookstore invites faculty and staff to its annual Appreciation Event, on Monday, December 6, from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. As a token of appreciation, the bookstore will extend a 25 percent discount on select merchandise during the event. Refreshments will be served and the bookstore staff will be available to assist customers. Call 708.534.4558 for additional details.

Fresh for You!

Did you miss the big brunch in the cafeteria last month? Make sure to

visit the cafeteria on Tuesday, December 7 to see what the buzz is about. Enjoy a delicious brunch with all the trimmings during regular lunch hours.

Be sure to read FSI's *What's Cooking Newsletter* for info on new, exciting menu options offered each month.

December specials include barbeque, a celebration of soups, and a holiday festival. Each edition of the newsletter also features valuable, money-saving coupons.

FSI also reminds the campus community that the cafeteria will be closed for holiday break at 2:30 p.m., on Friday, December 17 and will reopen on Tuesday, January 4.

HPT Meet and Greet

The Human Performance and Training (HPT) program is hosting a meet and greet party on Wednesday, December 8, from 7 to 9 p.m., in E1581, near E-Lounge. Prospective students interested in learning more about the HPT program as well as current HPT students are invited to interact with program alumni and faculty. Refreshments will be served.

For more information about this event, please contact [Dr. Mary Lanigan](#).

New Technology Grants

GSU faculty and students can apply to the newly-established Ronald Brubaker Memorial Fund for grants supporting innovations in computer hardware and software. Dr. Brubaker, a longtime GSU faculty member who was a pioneer in the university's computer science program, died in 2009.

Dr. Brubaker, a man of many interests and talents, joined the GSU faculty early in the university's history. He filled many roles at the university – as environmental science professor, division chair, dean, computer science professor and program director, network administrator, colleague, and friend.

An early advocate of personal computers, Dr. Brubaker developed and maintained the equipment for the computer science program, and attended to its practical necessities. He designed computer programs that benefitted the university, including software for the GSU Library.

The Memorial Fund was established to provide support for:

- Technological innovation utilizing computers
- Start-up projects requiring funds to purchase new software and

- hardware
- Opportunities for hands-on experience with new technologies

Applicants must submit their proposals by December 1. The Memorial Fund will award approximately \$1,000 to two recipients. To be eligible, projects must demonstrate the potential for subsequent external support, publication, or exhibit; the significance of the technological innovation; and clarity and quality in the project description and need, plan of procedure, measurable objectives, appropriateness of the requested funds for the work, qualifications of the applicants, and reference to existing literature.

Information on the grant deadlines and how to apply for grants is available on the [Foundation website](#).

For information on making a donation to the Ronald Brubaker Memorial Fund, contact [Rosemary Hulett](#), associate vice president for advancement, at ext. 7892.



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