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Through August 25

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2:30 p.m.
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Free

Alcoholics
Anonymous
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6 - 7 p.m.
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Ways of Making
Juried Art Exhibit
Through June 23
Reception
June 23
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Visual Arts Gallery

Pre-K Screening/
Registration/Tours
June 12, 13
9 a.m. to 2
Family Dev Cntr
708.235.7300

Sex in the Sand
Counseling Workshop
June 21
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Engbretson Hall
[Register](#)

New Perspectives on
Desire
Counseling Workshop
June 22
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
E Lounge
[Register](#)

News and Events

Make The Center Your Center (04-28-11)

The Center for Performing Arts will host an open forum on Tuesday, May 10, at 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The forum will provide GSU students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to voice their opinions regarding The Center's upcoming season. Center staff will lead a discussion focused on programming ideas and options for the 2011-2012 season. Everyone is welcome.

17th Annual Student Research Conference

The 17th Annual Student Research Conference will be held on Thursday, June 9. Graduate and undergraduate students will have the opportunity to present their research in either a paper or poster presentation. The conference offers students an opportunity to present their research and scholarly work before an audience of their peers, and will provide a forum to highlight research accomplishments at GSU. Faculty and advisors are asked to encourage students to participate in the conference.

Students may present their work in podium presentation or poster presentation format. Podium presentations are 15 minutes long followed by 5 minutes question/answer session. Podium presentations begin at 9 a.m. and continue in the afternoon. Posters will be displayed immediately after lunch. Displays are limited to posters no larger than 4' x 3'.

All abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings. Certificates of Merit will be awarded to all participants. Registration and abstract submission forms are available online at the [conference website](#).

SEA Bake Sale

Take a break from studying for finals and enjoy some delicious baked goods. The GSU Student Education Association (SEA) is sponsoring a bake sale on Wednesday, May 4, from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the cafeteria.

Scholarship Spotlight – Aaron Annas

Aaron Annas of Matteson received the Rich Township Community Scholarship.

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IDSS Portfolio Seminar
College Credit for Prior Learning
June 23
10 a.m. – noon
D1496
\$50
[Register](#)
708.534.4092



Aaron is a graduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences, working toward his MFA in independent film and digital imaging. He is currently an optician. He looks forward to a career in video film-making and sharing this art form with others.

Alt Cert Trains Educators

Learn how to earn elementary or middle school teacher certification and secure a teaching position through the Alternative Certification Program. Information sessions will be held on Wednesday, May 4, at 7 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

The program offers three ways to earn certification and embark on a new, rewarding career in education. The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) leads to a master's degree in education and teacher certification. TQP provides an opportunity to co-teach for a year with a certified teacher, a \$30,000 stipend, and a 25 percent reduction in tuition. TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Participants may qualify to teach full-time as they earn a salary and their teacher certification. In addition, there are unpaid internship opportunities, which can lead to teacher certification.

This program is open to college graduates with five years of work experience after receiving a bachelor's degree. The application deadline for the Alternative Certification program, beginning Spring 2012, is December 15, 2011.

For more information, call ext. 4399 or visit the [Alternative Certification website](#).

Get into Step

Dance your way to better health and fitness at the Recreation and Fitness Center.

Stepping lessons will be offered Wednesdays, May 4 through June 8, from noon to 1 p.m. Stepping promotes fitness, health awareness, and discipline for all ages. The class is taught by UniverSoul Steppers, which is dedicated to offering a creative form of modern art and dance that bridges cultural and generational gaps.

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No experience is necessary. The cost is \$10 for students, \$25 for Recreation and Fitness Center members, and \$40 for non-members. For more information and to register, call 708.534.4556.

Celebrate on Spirit Day (04-25-11)

Join the celebration of the GSU table tennis team's victory, on Spirit Day, Wednesday, April 27 from noon to 1:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The GSU team captured fourth place at the recent National Collegiate Table Tennis tournament in Rochester, Minnesota.

Show your spirit and pride in the success of the GSU table tennis team. Wear the school colors, black and white. Team members and the trophy will be on hand.

Volunteer Appreciation Day

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and GSU is showing its appreciation of the many people who give their time and energy to help make the university a success. Everyone is invited to attend an ice cream social in celebration of Volunteer Appreciation and Awareness Day on Tuesday, April 26, at 3:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Certificates will be given to the volunteers, volunteer opportunities will be presented, and ice cream will be enjoyed by all.

Earth Day Celebrated



The rain held off and the sun decided to shine on GSU's Earth Day celebration. GSU students, faculty, and staff as well as area middle school students and community visitors had the opportunity to learn from many displays and demonstrations.

Displays ranged from energy saving products provided by Menards and Home Depot to a Chevy Volt supplied by Phillips Chevrolet.

Demonstrations included bee keeping, composting, and wild animals from Big Run Wolf Ranch.



Free starter bushes, supplied by the GSU Sustainability Committee were given to anyone interested in adding greenery and beauty to their yards.

Musical entertainment was provided by GSU's own Eric Nicholson. Dr. Karen D'Arcy, Dr. John Yunger, and GSU student Rodney Balitewicz spoke about the history and purpose of Earth Day and the importance of conservation and preservation.

Associate Provost Candidate

On Wednesday, April 27, Dr. Shannon Dermer will be interviewed for the position of Associate Provost.

Dr. Dermer's open forum presentation will be from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., in D34050. The GSU community is invited to participate.

[View Dr. Dermer's vita.](#)

ScholarShip – Jeff Stevenson

Jeff Stevenson, university lecturer in CAS and Visual Arts Gallery director at GSU, recently completed a residency with the Ragdale Foundation. At Ragdale, visual artists, writers, composers, and interdisciplinary artists from around the world are given time and space to create new works as well as interact and connect with other artists in residence. Ragdale is located in Lake Forest.



The residency application process is competitive. Stevenson is honored to have been chosen and enjoyed the experience. During his residency, his main project was a 42-inch by 30-foot long paper canvas with drawing, collage, and acrylic paint, entitled *Finding the Line*.

"The idea for the piece came out of my 100 drawings in 100 days project in which I challenged myself to develop a studio practice that reflected what I was teaching others in my creativity class and coaching," said Stevenson. "I continued this concept and applied it to a larger scale at Ragdale."

Stevenson's work at Ragdale will be on exhibit in the GSU Visual Arts Gallery in the summer.

Jim Kenney on Cultural Evolution

The University Honors Program's Community Speakers Series concludes on Wednesday, April 27 with a presentation by Jim Kenney, co-founder and Executive Director of Common Ground and Founder of the Inter-Religious Engagement Project. His talk on *Sea Change: Cultural Evolution in the Early 21st Century*, begins at 5 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

This event is free and open to the public.

SUAA Award

The State University Annuitants Association (SUAA) is sponsoring a textbook reimbursement award of \$250 toward a Spring 2011 book purchase for a GSU employee. The application deadline is May 13.

To be eligible, the employee must have purchased textbooks from the GSU Follett Bookstore for the Spring 2011 semester within the last six months and be a member of SUAA or apply at time of award application. Additional eligibility restrictions may apply.

Applicant must submit an application and a 200-word or less essay explaining what a college education means to you and provide proof of textbook purchase.

For more information contact the GSU Advancement Office at ext. 4128 or visit room D34200.

FDC Children Plant a Tree



Three and four year old children in pre-kindergarten classes at GSU's Family Development Center (FDC) cheer as a new tree is planted near their school in honor of Earth Day.

The GSU Facilities Development and Management Department directed the planting.

The FDC offers Early Head Start for infants, toddlers, and pregnant women, as well as full and half day pre-kindergarten for three to five year olds, and before and after school childcare. For more information about the FDC, call 708.235.7300 or visit the [FDC website](#).

Daniel Goleman Lecture

Noted author and educator Dr. Daniel Goleman will speak at The Center for Performing Arts, on May 2, at 5 p.m.

Dr. Goleman's presentation, entitled *How Understanding Emotional Intelligence Can Improve Results in Business and Education*, will draw on the research and conclusions presented in his best-selling book *Emotional Intelligence*.



According to Goleman, emotional intelligence is a greater determinant of success than IQ or graduate school. His presentation will impact members of both the business and educational communities.

COE's Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) and SPEED District 802 are sponsors of this event. Additional sponsorship is provided by Spraga Hauser, LLC; Bimba Manufacturing; and Querrey and Harrow.

Seating is limited. Tickets are \$25 advance registration is required. To register go to www.gsu-mile.org. For information, call 708.534.4024.

Face in the Crowd

The Visual Arts Gallery presents the ceramic sculptures exhibition of graduate student B.S. Farris from April 25 through April 29. A public reception celebrating the exhibit and the artist will be held on April 29, from 5 to 8 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

Face in the Crowd is a visual diary of ceramic bust portraits of both famous and lesser known artists. Farris believes that people tend to separate the artist from the artwork. In her series, she is trying to find out who they are.



Farris has a bachelor's degree in art with a minor in art history from Indiana University and a master's from GSU. She is the gallery coordinator and a board member at 119th Street Gallery in Whiting, IN and is currently a board member for the group 18 Artist, an online art gallery.

The Visual Arts Gallery is located in the E-wing. The gallery is open Monday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, from noon to 9 p.m. For more information please visit, GSUVisualArtsGallery.blogspot.com or call ext. 4021.

Let the Sun Shine In

Window washing will continue on campus this week, weather permitting.

In order to clean the inside windows in the Faculty Office Center, there must be a clear path to the window as well as a cleared window sill. Office residents are asked to ensure clear access for the crew so they can work safely and efficiently. If clear access is not available to these areas, the window washers will not enter the office. A GSU supervisor and sub-foreman will oversee the crew while interior work is executed.

The cooperation of the GSU community is greatly appreciated. For more information, contact FDM at ext. 4515.

Students Collect the Trash (04-21-11)

In preparation for Earth Day – and because it badly needed it – students from the Biology Club braved the pouring rain and chilly temperatures on Tuesday, April 19 to clean up the drainage ditch along Dralle Road and Thorn Creek, which runs through the campus.



The students filled bags with discarded bottles, plastic bags, cans, and paper – all of which they expected to find. They were surprised, however, when they hauled up a porcelain toilet complete with water tank, a queen size mattress, old tires, a hot water tank, and yards of metal fencing, fence posts, and coiled wire.

Perhaps the most surprising trash find, and most ironic, was a blue recycling bin, which wasn't even filled with recyclables. It was just tossed into the creek, blocking the flow of water and harming the natural environment.

“This is a part of the campus usually only seen by our biology students conducting field work, but all this trash has an adverse effect on the environment. It clogs the flow of water and impedes water run-off. This effects local farms as well as the animal and plant life in

the area that need the water," explained Dr. John Yunger, professor of biology who worked with his students to collect the trash.



The fruits of their labors – the piles of refuse – will be on display during today's GSU Earth Day celebration from 11 to 2 p.m., on the patio by the lake outside of the Hall of Governors.

Students who participated in the clean-up were Rodney Balitewicz of Chicago, Peter Gladstone of Park Forest, Angie Tapley of Homewood, Fannie Stanfa of Tinley Park, and Jessica Woodman of Country Club Hills.

Facilities Development and Management employees Kevin Barto, Percy Cornelious, Bill Lopez, Eri VillaGomez, Steven Turner, and Ron Bachus assisted the students with heavy equipment to haul large items from the creek bed and dispose of the items. Wherever possible, the trash will be recycled.

Weather Emergency Awareness



Recent events across the nation remind us that tornado season is upon us. According to the National Weather Service, tornado activity is most prevalent between March and June.

In the event of a tornado, the campus community will be informed via the hallway fire alarm public address system and the Berbee interoffice telephone system. Once a tornado warning is issued on campus, all students, faculty, and staff must move to their nearest shelter area.

Please take note of tornado shelter areas throughout campus, which are indicated by red signs. [Maps of all shelters](#) are also available on the [Emergency Response website](#).

As with other emergencies, movement toward shelter areas will be facilitated by GSU's Emergency Volunteer Corps.

Celebrate Table Tennis Success – April 27

In celebration of the table tennis team's victory, Thursday, April 27 has been named GSU Spirit Day.

Show your spirit and pride in the success of the GSU table tennis team. Wear the school colors, black and white, and attend a victory celebration from noon to 1:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The team will proudly display its trophy.



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Cultural Evolution Presentation

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Recyclemania Success

For the third year in a row, GSU shows it knows how to take out the trash. The university again competed in RecycleMania – a nationwide challenge for colleges and universities to increase awareness of waste reduction and recycling initiatives. And once again GSU came out on top.



Competing in the Waste Minimization category, GSU once again placed first among Illinois schools in the competition and ninth out of 180 schools at the national level – besting last year's placement.

The university's efforts were measured by adding the weight of our recyclables to the weight of our trash and dividing that number by the number of students and employees of GSU.

"We are very excited to have done so well this year," said Peggy Schiesher, Building Service Supervisor for Facilities Development and management. "We look forward to even more student involvement next year."

Congratulations to the GSU community for remembering to recycle whenever possible. Keep up the good work!

Le Nouveau Cirque Art Exhibit

The Visual Arts Gallery will exhibit the printmaking work of graduate student Diana Lynch in *Le Nouveau Cirque*. The exhibit will be on display from May 1 to 7. A public reception on May 5, from 5 to 8 p.m., celebrates the artist and her achievement. These events are free and open to the public.

Le Nouveau Cirque is a series of handmade prints primarily done through woodcut, lithograph, and screen print. Lynch explores female performers in traditional and contemporary circus. In a character driven approach, she shows the strong nature of sisterhood, performance outlet, and beauty.



Lynch has exhibited her art both locally and internationally. She holds a Bachelor of Art Degree from Northern Illinois University and Master of Art Degree from Governors State University. She is an oil painting instructor at the Orland Park Cultural Center and is the Art School Coordinator at Tall Grass Art Associations.

The Visual Arts Gallery is located in the E wing and is open Monday and Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, from noon to 9 p.m. For more information, visit GSUVisualArtsGallery.blogspot.com, call ext. 4021.

David and Barbara Barr Endowed Scholarship Winner



Mildred Andalvz of Chicago received the David and Barbara Barr Endowed Scholarship. Mildred is a graduate student in the College of Education's Counseling program. She hopes to become a school counselor serving the underserved Hispanic community where she can use both her education and bilingual skills to help others. She believes her culture and passion for youth will make her a great counselor.

Dance to Fitness

The Recreation and Fitness Center is encouraging everyone to dance their way to better health and fitness by offering three fun classes that teach dance steps while toning muscles and burning calories.

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No experience is necessary. The cost is \$25 for Recreation and Fitness Center members and \$40 for non-members. For more information and to register, call 708.534.4556.

Survey Research Workshop

Members of the GSU community are invited to attend a free workshop on Survey Research on Thursday, April 28, from 1 to 3 p.m., in room B2200. Boxed lunches will be provided at 12:30 p.m.

Conducting the workshop will be Young Ik Cho, Ph.D., Clinical Associate Professor, School of Public Health, Division of Health Policy and Administration, Research Associate Professor, Survey Research Laboratory with the University of Illinois at Chicago. Topics to be discussed include: issues in conducting surveys; advantages and

disadvantages of surveys; constructing the survey questionnaire, and analysis of survey results.

Space is limited. RSVP to [Penny L. Havlicek](#) at ext. 3982.

Writing Pedagogy Workshop

The South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium is sponsoring a workshop for high school and college writing instructors on how to evaluate student writing performance. The workshop will be held on May 6, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Moraine Valley Community College.

Participants are asked to bring samples of their writing evaluation rubrics so everyone can share and learn from each other.

For more information, contact [Nancy Maurer](#) at ext.3972.

Ready, Set, Go

It is time to run, bike, and compete in the second annual GSU Biathlon. The competition is from May 16 to 31 and is open to all GSU students and members of the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center.

In that time, competitors must run three miles on the GSU Center's Stex treadmill and bike two miles on the Center's SportsArt recumbent bike. All times must be verified by a Recreation and Fitness Center staff member.

There will be two age divisions of competition – 18 to 50 years of age and plus 50 years of age.

Prizes will be awarded for best time in each category and best overall time. The registration fee is \$15 and all participants will receive a T-shirt. Proceeds support the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

Registration is now open in room A1106 or call 708.534.4556.

Logo Conversations (04-18-11)

Your opinion is valued.

All members of the GSU community are welcome to participate in an informal charrette on April 18 and 19, in the Cafeteria Annex. Opinions are being sought on the final design stage of the rebranding effort involving development of a new GSU logo. Candid comments and feedback are important in choosing a logo that best represents the university.

Simantel, a marketing consulting firm working with GSU, is presenting three final logo options to the campus community. All three include the university's new accent color. To honor GSU's rich educational tradition, the logo options also maintain a version of the university's original triad mark.

The logo redesign is a component of the university's branding campaign, which was developed by Simantel. The campaign reflects the innovative and forward-thinking nature of the university.

IRiS Campus Wide Advisory Group Meets Wednesday

The IRIS Project Campus Wide Advisory Group meets this Wednesday, April 20, at 3 p.m., in E-Lounge.

Agenda items include updates from Dr. Gebe Ejigu, Executive Vice President of GSU, and Kurt Lehrmann, Datatel Onsite Project Manager. Eric Matanyi, Director of Public Affairs, will review the communication plan for registration in the new system. In addition, there will be a showcase of one of the functional team's efforts and successes, and an overview of the end user training plan.

Advisory Group leaders Dr. Beth Cada, Department Chair of Occupational Therapy, CHHS, and Dr. Jim Howley, Department Chair of Division of Liberal Arts, CAS, encourage anyone interested in the status of the IRIS Project to attend.

Conversations Scheduled

Civil Service staff members are invited to a Town Hall Meeting with the President on Tuesday, April 19, at 11 a.m., in the Hall of Honors.

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 additional information.

Fourth Place Win

Congratulations to GSU's Table Tennis Team! The four member co-ed team representing GSU came in fourth place at the National Collegiate Table Tennis tournament this weekend in Rochester, Minnesota.

Team captain Wenjie Nie, and members Yuefan Lin, Yuanfei Cai, and Lishun Lu were led by coach T.J Wang and cheered to this remarkable showing by four members of the team and Dr. Gebe Ejigu. According to Dr. Wang, their support encouraged the team to its outstanding performance.

"There was a significant and positive correlation between Dr Ejigu's presence as well as our cheerleaders' and our winnings," said Wang. "All four players conducted themselves well and demonstrated GSU spirit throughout the tournament. The most common question people asked during the tournament was, "Where is Governors State University?"

Thanks to the GSU Table Tennis Team – they now know!

Chicago Architecture Review

The GSU Honors Program continues its special community lecture series with *1909 Plan of Chicago: Burnham's Impact on the Architectural and Spatial development of the City*. Jennifer Masengarb, the Chicago Architecture Foundation's Senior Manager of Educational Research, will lead the free presentation on Wednesday, April 20, from 5 to 7 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

The GSU Honors Program community lecture series, *Rhythms and Currents: Changes and Directions*, is designed to provide information and encourage discussion of current global and regional issues and interests.

For more information, call ext. 4578.

Earth Day Celebration – Thursday

GSU's annual Earth Day celebration offers practical demonstrations in environmental sustainability as well as music, wild animal exhibits, children's theater, and organic food served on eco-friendly products.

The celebration takes place Thursday, April 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the patio by the lake or indoors in case of rain. All events and demonstrations are free and open to the public.

Philips Chevrolet in Frankfort will display the new Chevy Volt. Big Run Wolf Ranch will give demonstrations of its wild animals, including wolves and a bear. Food items include buffalo mini burgers, organic hot dogs and potato chips, and hummus on pita bread. Kidworks Touring Theatre will present a show on global warming and a GSU student will demonstrate beekeeping.

A number of demonstrations are planned on sustainability topics such as composting, organic and community farming, manure, and garden stakes. Jewelry made from recycled materials and other eco-products will be available.

Earth Day will include stations for recycling batteries, pharmaceuticals, and cell phones. Other activities throughout the week will focus on sustainability and environmental awareness. The Biology Club's Thorn Creek clean-up is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19. A recycled art show opens Wednesday in the Hall of Governors and young students at GSU's Family Development Center will help plant trees on Friday.

Earth Day is sponsored by the GSU Sustainability Committee.

Better Hearing and Speech Month

The GSU chapter of National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA) wished to remind the GSU community that May is Better Hearing and Speech Month. This annual event provides opportunities to raise awareness about communication disorders and to promote treatment that can improve the quality of life for those who experience problems with speaking, understanding, or hearing.

To increase awareness about communication issues, NSSLHA is sponsoring a bake sale and information table on April 27 and 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and May 2, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Members of NASSLHA will be on hand to answer questions about communication disorders, register people for hearing screenings and provide information on the Chicago Autism Walk 2011.

Instant Decision Day a Success (4-14-11)

More than 100 new students were admitted to GSU at last Saturday's

Instant Decision Day. A total of 157 prospective students completed registration slips and 105 students were admitted.

During the event, prospective students bring transcripts and any other necessary information that is needed to enroll at the university. After meeting with admissions counselors and other GSU staff members, they can be admitted on the spot.

Congratulations to everyone who took part in this successful Instant Decision Day.

Thorn Creek Needs a Make Over



With Earth Day fast approaching, it is time to clear Thorn Creek of the garbage and debris that has been dumped there. During last year's creek clean-up, sponsored by the GSU Biology Club, truckloads of trash were pulled from the creek bed and banks. This year, the target area of the creek holds even more trash. Just look at the pictures taken yesterday. This trash and debris impedes the flow and health of the

waterway.

The Biology Club is looking for volunteers on Tuesday April 19, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., or any part of the day, to help clear the creek along Dralle Road at the south end of the campus.

Facilities Development Management staff will be on hand with equipment to help with large items and trucks to haul the trash away. Collected trash will be on display at the April 21 Earth Day celebration.



Appropriate dress is encouraged; participants should wear knee high waterproof boots, long pants and sleeves, and work gloves. For more information contact Dr. John Yunger at ext. 4524.

A Conversation with President Maimon

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Good Luck GSU Table Tennis Team

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To follow the GSU team, view the competition at

www.nctta.org/champs/2011/video.html.

Join Your Classmates

Members of the graduating class of 2011 are leaving a legacy of their achievement and success at GSU by contributing to the GSU Promise. Their class gift will help provide educational opportunities for future GSU students.

Each 2011 graduate has been asked to give \$20.11 to the class gift. To help graduates save the amount, free piggy banks are available in the Development Office, room D34200 or at the graduate picnic.

Banks filled with the \$20.11 contribution should be returned to the Development Office by May 6. Members of the Class of 2011 may also contribute directly to the class gift at any time. Contributions are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

For more information, call 708.235.2188.

Chicago Architecture – Then and Now

The GSU Honors Program continues its special community lecture series with *The 1909 Burnham Plan Then and Today: Chicago Architectural and Spatial Development*. Jennifer Masengarb, the Chicago Architectural Foundation's Senior Director of Educational Research, will lead the free presentation on Wednesday, April 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. in Sherman Recital Hall.

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Nominations Still Accepted

Recognize a worthy, exemplary, soon-to-be graduating student! Nominations are now being accepted for Commencement Student Speaker for the Spring Commencement ceremony to be held on Saturday, June 4, 2011.

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Course Renumbering Session Slated

Faculty and staff are invited to the second open forum on course renumbering and resequencing. It takes place Tuesday, April 19 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Faculty Office Center Lobby.

The session will include an informal question and answer session on any potential issues that may arise from course renumbering. Dean Linda Samson and Dr. Rashidah Muhammad are co-chairs of the Course Renumbering Task Force, which is sponsoring the event.

Savings Plan

John Olson of VALIC will be on campus Tuesday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the Library conference room. Appointments are not required for retirement planning.

VALIC is one of four vendors Governors State University has authorized under its Tax Deferred Annuity Plan under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code to handle new business with its employees. The others are TIAA-CREF, Fidelity, and The Legend Group.

Graduate Party

Graduates and their families will be treated to a picnic celebration on Saturday, May 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

The luau will feature great food, a DJ and karaoke, caricature and balloon artists, and a professional photographer who will take personal and family portraits.

There is no charge for graduates and up to three guests. For additional guests there is a \$7 charge for adults and \$4 for children between 4 and 12 years of age.

Graduates can register until May 17 at the GSU Welcome Center or by calling 708.534.4550.

Dr. Reinhold Hill Named CAS Dean (04-11-11)

Dr. Reinhold Hill has accepted the position of Dean, College of Arts and Sciences. He will begin at GSU in mid-June.

"Dr. Hill is an excellent match for GSU and the College of Arts and Sciences. He brings significant experience in building programs, growing enrollment, and in fostering quality. I look forward to working

with Dr. Hill as well as the faculty, staff, and administrators of the College of Arts and Sciences as we implement Strategy 2015 and a new Academic Master Plan," said Provost Terry Allison.

"I also would like to thank Acting Dean, Dr. Karen D'Arcy for her exceptional leadership in this time of transition. I extend my warm wishes for a happy return to her faculty position as Professor of Chemistry, co-principal investigator of the National Science Foundation construction grant, and positive, engaged faculty leader."

View Dr. Hill's [biography](#) and [vitae](#).

Meet the ITS Support Team

The Information Technology Services Support Team is involved in every aspect of the IRiS Project. Two team members sit on each Colleague implementation team for software support. Among the main tasks ITS members perform for each team are creating translation tables for data migration and ensuring permissions for each environment are in place.

In addition to those basic team support tasks, the ITS Support Team works on many other features of the Colleague system. Team members are completing installation of new components: an LDAP single sign-on that would allow us to sign in once and gain log-in status for all environments, a new e-mail system for students that will increase their mailbox size, configuring all the "online services" items and setting permission levels in the new myGSU portal, and setting up "Book Look" for Student Online Services.



Led by Co-Leaders, Peter Mizera, AVP for Information Technology, and Marge Godowic, Associate Director of Application Development, the ITS Support Team is also busy updating infrastructure; attending many IT specific training sessions to learn Business Objects, Crystal Reports and working in an ODS Database; and completing the Colleague interface with Blackboard, Online Orientation, R25, and the Student Messenger System.

Team members are Pete Mizera, Marge Godowic, John Buenger, Bruce Crooks, Raphael Ferreira, Jeanne Hagen, Debbie Kappel, Michael Madl, Heidi Yousef, Emma Ziems, and Judy Ferneau.

Help Choose GSU's New Logo

Governors State University is currently undergoing a full re-branding effort with the assistance of Simantel, a marketing consulting firm.

After conducting significant qualitative and quantitative research, Simantel has developed a branding campaign that reflects the innovative and forward thinking nature of the university.

The final design stage of the rebranding effort involves development of a new GSU logo.

Simantel has presented three final logo options to the campus community. All three include the university's new accent color. The

logo options also maintain a version of the university's original triad mark, to honor GSU's rich educational tradition.

All members of the GSU community are welcome to participate in an informal charrette on April 18 and 19, in the Cafeteria Annex.

Candid comments and feedback are important in choosing a logo that best represents the university.

Early Head Start Expanded

Early Head Start (EHS) at the GSU Family Development Center is now open to the entire GSU community – students, employees, family, and friends.

The Early Head Start program at GSU is a free, comprehensive program for low-income families. It provides low cost daily childcare for infants and toddlers to three years old, pre-natal services for expectant mothers, home visits, and links to support services for families.

Childcare at the state-of-the-art Family Development Center is offered Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. All formula, meals, snacks, and diapers are included. The ratio of children to adults is four to one. Each room is limited to only eight children and is staffed by a fully qualified early childhood educator.

Funding for the Early Head Start program at GSU comes from a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

For more information about the Early Head Start Program at the GSU Family Development Center, call 708.235.7300 or visit www.govst.edu/children.

A Successful Gender Matters Conference



The first Gender Matters Conference at GSU was held on April 8. The conference featured presenters representing universities from across the nation and throughout Illinois. More than 130 registered attendees heard from presenters highlighting research on gender, women, and sexuality.

The day-long conference brought together students, activists, community members, and researchers to discuss the ongoing role of gender in structuring society. The research presented included academic disciplines and historical periods and strove to clarify how gender matters in today's world.



The keynote address was given by Dr. Karma Chávez, assistant professor in the Department of Communication Arts at the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

The GSU Gender Matters Conference was sponsored by CAS, the Interdisciplinary Studies degree program, and the GSU Intellectual Life

Committee.

Assert Yourself

Learn how to communicate assertively at today's Assertiveness Training Workshop, scheduled from 6 to 7 p.m., in Room B1215.

Participants will learn about the quality and characteristics of assertive communication. The session will include a discussion about assertiveness and how it differs from passive, aggressive, and passive-aggressive communication.

The Assertiveness Training Workshop is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. The session is sponsored by the Academic Resource Center. More information is available at 708.235.7334.

TPS-GSU Teacher Honored

Four times a year, the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) highlights an educator who participated in Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) professional development and uses primary sources from the Library of Congress in the classroom. The Library of Congress TPS Winter 2011 Quarterly Review selected Sharon Murphy, a science teacher at Heritage Middle School in Lansing and TPS-GSU program graduate, from all the nominations submitted.



Murphy was nominated by the TPS program at GSU for her effective classroom use of primary sources in science instruction. Murphy has taught for 17 years and went through the TPS-GSU program in 2009.

The TPS-GSU program will soon begin its eighth year. It has successfully trained more than 400 educators, including K-12 classroom teachers, library media specialists, GSU professors, and students in the Alternative Certification and Grow Your Own programs.

Wednesday is Tamale Day

The Association of Latin American Students and the Latino Center of Excellence are sponsoring a tamale sale fundraiser on April 13, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5:30 to 8 p.m., in the cafeteria annex.

Pork, chicken, and cheese tamales will be for sale for \$12 per dozen. Dinner plates with two tamales, tortilla chips, pico de gallo, and a beverage will also be for sale for \$5. Single tamales will also be for sale.

SLATE to Perform Ragtime at GSU

The Southland Area Theatre Ensemble (SLATE) at GSU announced it will present the musical *Ragtime* as its 2011 summer production.

Auditions will take place May 18 and 19 in Sherman Recital Hall. *Ragtime* has roles for a diverse cast of between 40 and 50 players. There are roles for six principal cast members, 10 supporting players, and 23 ensemble members. Persons wishing to audition should be

prepared to present a one minute song selection that demonstrates their vocal range. A dance call will follow the vocal audition.

Ragtime, based on the best-selling novel by E.L. Doctorow, is the powerful story of three groups of people coming together in early 20th Century America – well-off WASPs, African Americans, and Eastern European immigrants. Coalhouse Walker, a brilliant Harlem musician, is at the center of the story, which also includes historical characters like Henry Ford, Booker T. Washington, and Harry Houdini. Following its 1998 Broadway debut, *Ragtime* won Tony awards for Best Book and Best Score.

Performance dates are July 30 and 31, and August 5, 6, and 7 in The Center for Performing Arts.

SLATE was established in 2009 as an artistic collaboration between the Center for Performing Arts, local theater educators, and veterans of area community theater companies. SLATE has produced two critically-acclaimed summer productions, *Into the Woods* in 2009 and *The Wedding Singer* in 2010.

For more information about *Ragtime* or SLATE, visit www.slatetheatre.org.

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Thorn Creek Clean Up

With Earth Day fast approaching, it is time to clear Thorn Creek of the garbage and debris that has been dumped there. Last year, the GSU Biology Club sponsored clean-up day pulled truckloads of trash from the creek bed and banks. This year, the target area of the creek holds even more trash, such as old tires, couches, carpet pieces, bottles, and plastic bags, impeding the flow and health of the waterway.

The Biology Club is looking for volunteers on Tuesday April 19, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., or any part of the day, to help clear the creek along Dralle Road at the south end of the campus.

Facilities Development Management staff will be on hand with equipment to help with large items and trucks to haul the trash away. The trash collected will be on display on Earth Day, April 21.

Appropriate dress, which includes knee high waterproof boots, long pants and sleeves, and gloves are encouraged. For more information contact Dr. John Yunger at ext. 4524.

Earth Day Celebration – April 21

GSU's annual Earth Day celebration offers practical demonstrations in environmental sustainability as well as music, wild animal exhibits, children's theater, and organic food served on eco-friendly products.

The celebration takes place Thursday, April 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the patio by the lake, just outside GSU's Hall of Governors. All events and demonstrations are free and open to the public.

New events have been added to this year's Earth Day. Big Run Wolf Ranch will give demonstrations of its wild animals, including wolves and a bear. Food items include buffalo mini burgers, organic hot dogs and potato chips, and hummus on pita bread. Kidworks Touring Theatre will present a show on global warming and a GSU student will demonstrate beekeeping.

A number of demonstrations are planned on sustainability topics such as composting, organic and community farming, manure, and garden stakes. Alternative fuel vehicles will be on display. Jewelry made from recycled materials and other eco-products will be available.

In addition, tours of the area's natural history including a visit to the university's biology field station and tours of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park will be offered.

Earth Day will include stations for recycling batteries, pharmaceuticals, and cell phones. Other activities throughout the week will focus on sustainability and environmental awareness. The Biology Club's Thorn Creek clean-up is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19. A recycled art show opens Wednesday in the Hall of Governors and young students at GSU's Family Development Center will help plant trees on Friday.

Earth Day is sponsored by the GSU Sustainability Committee.

Clean Windows

During the week of April 18, window washers will begin work on campus. Weather permitting, they will be working in the Faculty Office Center during the week of the week of April 25.

In order to clean the inside windows, there must be a clear path to the window as well as a cleared window sill. Office residents are asked to ensure clear access for the crew so they can work safely and efficiently. If clear access is not available to these areas, the window washers will not enter the office. A GSU supervisor and sub-foreman will oversee the crew while interior work is executed.

The cooperation of the GSU community is greatly appreciated. For more information, contact FDM at ext. 4515.

In the Mood (04-07-11)

GSU buy one get one free tickets will be available for In the Mood, one of the greatest Big Band 1940s musical revues, playing at The Center for Performing Arts on Sunday, April 10, at 3 p.m.



Tickets are normally \$37 and are on the main floor. This offer is good from Friday, April 8, at 10 a.m. to Sunday, April 10, at 3 p.m.

Visit or contact the box office at 708.235.2222.

GSU Seminar on Civic Engagement

GSU is hosting the Civic Reflection Seminar, an opportunity for service professionals and community members to discuss civic engagement, service learning, and how they can make a positive impact on the Chicago Southland.

A number of area service organizations will participate in the seminar, which takes place Tuesday, April 12, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Hall of Honors. Topics will include *What are the needs of the community?*, *What can service agencies do to increase civic engagement?*, and *How can community members become engaged?* Service organization exhibits will follow the seminar.

Officials and organizations participating in the panel discussion are: Bryan K. Echols, Metropolitan Area Group for Igniting Civilization, Inc. (MAGIC); Barbara McCormick-Sommerville, South Suburban YWCA; Vicki Sline, Rich Township Food Pantry; Diane Bedrosian, South Suburban Family Shelter; Carl Wolf, Respond Now.

GSU is a participant in the Project on Civic Reflection, sponsored by the Illinois Campus Compact and funded by the McCormick Foundation. The GSU Civic Reflection Team is made up of Dr. Larry Levinson, Dr. Lorri Glass, and Sheree Y. Sanderson.

For additional information, contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) at ext. 4552.

Beware of Office Creepers

Spring brings warmer weather and the welcome rebirth of all things green. But balmy temperatures can also bring unwanted *office creepers* onto campus.

GSU Director of Public Safety Debra Boyd this week asked members of the university community to be on outlook for office creepers, professional thieves who attempt to blend into office buildings and other settings by looking and acting like employees, students, or visitors.

Office creepers may claim to be vendors, or persons who are lost and looking for directions, or engage in other role-playing as they attempt to locate things that are easy to steal. They look for items in unsecured drawers, wallets, cash, keys, equipment, and laptop computers.

To guard against office creepers, persons who are legitimately at GSU – staff, students, and faculty – should report anyone to the Department of Public Safety who is going from office to office, or

hanging around in office hallways or wandering through common areas for long periods of time, or who engages in "head popping" behavior – moving quickly into a room or opening a wrong door, pretending to look for a specific office or person.

For further information, contact DPS at 708.534.4900.

PTSA Sponsors Run for Rehab

Get ready for the Run for Rehab, a 5K run and 2-mile walk sponsored by the Physical Therapy Student Association (PTSA). Events take place at GSU on Saturday, May 7, beginning at 9 a.m.

The Run for Rehab will raise funds for the Miami-Marquette Challenge, a national competition between physical therapy schools to collect and distribute money for physical therapy research grants around the country, and PTSA.

Awards will be given to the overall male and female finishers as well as the top three finishers in each age group. Every participant will receive a T-shirt. Registration is \$20.

[Download the registration form.](#)

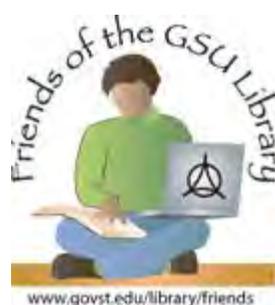
Change in Business Reply Format Required

The U.S. Postal Service is making an important change to the format of its business reply mail that will impact many campus departments. Beginning in May 1, 2011, all currently printed business reply and courtesy reply envelopes will no longer be useable by the university or its constituents.

The format changes include the addition of an Intelligent Mail Barcode above the address block. The USPS will also not accept modifications to older envelopes (i.e. placing labels over the current design elements).

Please begin working with your department heads immediately to take stock of current inventory and plan for redesign and reprinting needs. Once you've determined your needs, please contact the Office of Public Affairs to begin the redesign/reorder process. GSU's Public Affairs, Graphics, and Auxiliary Services departments will work to ensure that the campus' needs are met prior to the May 1, 2011 deadline.

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Day of Mindfulness

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Participation will offer an opportunity to spend the day advancing meditation skills and practicing different forms of meditation. Participants are asked to bring their own lunches and yoga mats and dress comfortably.

For more information or to register, contact [Dr. Tim Pedigo](#) at 708.220.2696 or [Dr. Maristella Zell](#) at 708.235.2235.

E-mail Update

The faculty and staff e-mail system (Exchange/Outlook/OWA) will be upgraded to the latest Microsoft 2010 version. ITS will begin the upgrade process during the overnight hours. Each evening a block of mailboxes will be upgraded. To upgrade everyone will take several weeks.



Faculty and staff will be notified in a separate e-mail one business week prior to their scheduled mailbox upgrade. During the upgrade, no e-mail will be lost.

The upgrade to Microsoft Exchange 2010 will improve e-mail performance and security and increase storage capacity. There will be no visible change to Microsoft Outlook 2010. Outlook Web Access (OWA) will be improved and will nearly mirror the appearance and performance of MS Outlook 2010. In addition to this, the default mailbox size storage limit will be increased to 1GB from its current size of 300MB.

iPad/iPhone/Blackberry or Android users

Special attention may be required in order to keep e-mail pushed to these mobile devices. Please contact the helpdesk (708.534.HELP) and a technician will help users reset mobile device connection after you have been migrated.

Mac computer/laptop users

Entourage e-mail client will not be supported after this upgrade. There is an Outlook client available with the latest version of MS Office 2011 for Mac. If you have an older version of Office, please contact the ITS Helpdesk to arrange for an upgrade prior to your mailbox being upgraded.

Outlook Web Access

Access to web based email will appear differently. You will now see a form-based authentication page. Enter your username only and password. Once logged in, the interface will look similar to your current Outlook 2010 client.

For more information, contact the GSU Helpdesk at ext. 4357.

Omicron Beta Induction Ceremony

The Department of Social Work recently hosted an induction ceremony for the 24 new members of Omicron Beta, the GSU chapter of the Phi Alpha Honor Society, the social work honor society.

To be considered for the Phi Alpha Honor Society at the bachelor's level (BSW), students must be enrolled in the social work program, have completed eight semester hours of required social work courses, and achieve a 3.25 grade point average in social work courses. Master's level (MSW) students must be enrolled in the social work program and achieve a 3.5 grade point average.

The purpose of the Phi Alpha Honor Society is to provide a closer bond among social work students and promote humanitarian goals and ideals. Inductees must also serve their community or the social work profession and have demonstrated service to or leadership in the community or university in the last two years.

Meet the Recruitment and Admissions Team (4-4-11)

The Recruitment and Admissions Team is gearing up to begin admitting Fall 2011 students in the Colleague System this week. Preparation for this event began in September 2010 via the team members' first training session. Since then, the team has worked with its Datatel Consultant to set up Colleague to process prospective students and applicants.



Leader Yakeea Daniels, Admissions and Records Supervisor, co-leader Sharon Evans, and team members have learned how to create, maintain, rate, and process student applications as well as how to manage recruitment activities and evaluate equivalencies.

In addition to Colleague, the Admissions Office has begun planning for the installation and setup of Datatel Recruiter. Recruiter is a software program that will greatly enhance the recruitment capabilities of admissions offices and their staff members. This will be accomplished by adding greater prospect management capability, enhanced event marketing and management, operational reporting for both management and recruitment staff, and better communication tools.

Team members are Yakeea Daniels, Sharon Evans, Nick Battaglia, Vreni Mendoza, Jose Reyes, Luke Helm, Emma Ziems, and Raphael Ferreira.

It's Up to Voters

An editorial contributed by Dr. Elaine P. Maimon appeared in the Northwest Indiana Times on April 3, encouraging everyone to vote on election day, April 5.

[View Dr. Maimon's editorial.](#)

Meetings on Academic Master Plan Slated

Two meetings on GSU's proposed Academic Master Plan will take place this week. The meetings are scheduled in Sherman Hall, on Wednesday, April 6, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., and Thursday, April 7, from 3 to 4:15 p.m.

Provost Terry Allison announced the meetings last Wednesday in an e-mail to GSU faculty and staff. The e-mail also included a tentative draft of the Academic Master Plan, which proposes changes in GSU's academic program between 2011 and 2020.

At the meetings, Academic Master Plan Committee members will present an overview of the planning process, including our external scan of other universities, a Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats (SWOT) analysis, how the colleges engaged in tentative priority-setting, and where discussions within and across colleges are continuing.

Salute to June Grads

Students participating in the Spring Commencement Ceremony on June 4 are encouraged to attend Salute to Grads on April 6 and 7, 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 picnic celebration, receive a discount on alumni items from Follett Bookstore, and benefit from additional services and information.

Join Your Classmates - Leave a Legacy

The Class of 2011 is leaving a legacy of their achievement and success at GSU. Their class gift will help provide educational opportunities through the GSU Promise.

Each 2011 graduate is asked to give \$20.11 to the class gift. Free piggy banks will help graduates save the amount. Banks can be picked up at Salute to Grads, on April 6 and 7, in the Hall of Governors, and in the Development Office, room D34200, from April 8.

Banks filled with the \$20.11 contribution should be returned to the Development Office by May 6.

Members of the Class of 2011 may also contribute directly to the class gift at any time. Contributions are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

For more information, call 708.235.2188.

Cinema Speaks with Ignatiy Vishnevetsky

The GSU Honors Program continues its special community lecture series with Cinema Speaks to Change, a presentation by Ignatiy Vishnevetsky, film critic and co-host of Ebert Presents on WTTW, on Wednesday, April 6, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

The GSU Honors Program community lecture series, *Rhythms and Currents: Changes and Directions*, is designed to provide information and encourage discussion of current global and regional issues and interests. The lecture is free and open to the public.

PT Program Open House

The Physical Therapy Department will host an open house for individuals interested in learning more about the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) and Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy (t-DPT) degree programs on Thursday, April 7, from 4 to 7:30 p.m., in room D34000 on the university's main campus.

GSU's entry level DPT degree is targeted to students interested in starting a career in physical therapy. The advanced t-DPT is for clinicians who are already licensed and have at least one year of clinical experience.

Advisors and faculty will be available for individual consultation and laboratory tours will be available. Light refreshments will be provided.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting [Mary Tracy](#) at 708.534.7290.

Writing-Related Resources

Join the discussion when faculty members discuss writing-related resources for GSU students.

The discussion takes place Thursday, April 14 from 3 to 4 p.m. in Room D34115. Discussion facilitators are members of the HLC Assessment Academy Team: Terry Allison, Carlos Ferran, David Green, Rosemary Johnsen, Jean Johnson, Sandra Mayfield, Colleen Sexton, and Rebecca Wojcik.

Topics include:

- What campus writing resources do you know about?
- Which writing-related resources do you use to assist students and assess writing in GSU undergraduate courses?
- What are the benefits and limitations of GSU's writing-related resources?
- What additional writing-related resources would faculty find useful?

No preparation or RSVP is necessary. Just show up ready for a lively discussion – and bring a colleague. The discussion is sponsored by the Committee of Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes (CASLO).

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Substitute Teacher Prep

To help develop successful substitute teachers, GSU is sponsoring a daylong Substitute Teacher Academy with Resources on Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Many school districts are in need of qualified substitute teachers. This workshop will help experienced and new substitutes increase their knowledge and skills.

The academy will teach substitute teachers what to expect when they take over a classroom, what to do in an emergency, how to maintain classroom control, and how to follow the teacher's lesson plans. It will also provide ideas and activities both new and experienced subs can adapt and use in any school and any grade.

The registration fee is \$50, which includes lunch and all materials. Seating is limited to 40 registrants. Advance registration is required. Call 708.534.4024.

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Annual All Student Exhibition

Art Forum, the Governors State University art student organization, and the GSU Visual Arts Gallery are hosting the annual All Student Exhibition, from March 30 to April 15.

Distinguished juror Joyce Owens judged the students' work and

monetary prizes were awarded. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

The juried competition was open to all students enrolled in GSU art courses during the Spring/Summer 2010, Fall 2010, and Spring 2011 terms. The goal of the exhibit is to showcase the best work of GSU graduate and undergraduate students from all disciplines.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Monday and Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, from noon to 9 p.m., or by appointment. It is located adjacent to E Lounge.

For more information, visit gsuvisualartsgallery.blogspot.com or call ext. 4021.

Tasty Tamale

The Association of Latin American Students and the Latino Center of Excellence are sponsoring a tamale sale fundraiser on April 13, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5:30 to 8 p.m., in the cafeteria annex.

Pork, chicken, and cheese tamales will be for sale for \$12 per dozen. Dinner plates with two tamales, tortilla chips, pico de gallo, and a beverage will also be for sale for \$5. Pre orders of tamales will be taken until April 8. To ensure that you have the tamales you want, contact Dan at DPaz@mail.govst.edu or 708.374.8008 with your order.

Adult Enrichment Classes at GSU

The Anita M. Stone JCC, with the co-operation of GSU, will offer T.A.L.E. (The Adult Learning Exchange) enrichment classes for adults on campus this spring. The eight-week classes begin Friday, April 8, and registration is currently being accepted. Classes meet Friday mornings and afternoons.

Course topics include *Introduction to Geology*, *Faith and Morality in Cinema*, *Hands On Color Theory*, and *In Search of Justice II*. Space is still available.

For more information, contact [Suzanne Patterson](#) at 708.420.0563.

