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News and Events

Instant Decision Day a Success

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

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.

Good Luck GSU Table Tennis Team

The GSU community is rooting for the co-ed Table Tennis Team competing this weekend at the National Collegiate Table Tennis Tournament. Team captain Wenjie Nie, and members Yuefan Lin, Yuanfei Cai, and Lishun Lu will be led by coach T.J Wang. The tournament is taking place in Rochester, Minnesota.

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.

The final program in the lecture series is *Sea Change: Cultural Evolution in the Early 21st Century*. Jim Kenney, co-founder and executive director of Common Ground and founder of the Inter-Religious Engagement Project, will lead the discussion on Wednesday, April 27, 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.

For more information, call ext. 4578.

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.

Nomination forms are available at the [Student Life](#) website. Both nomination forms must be completed and sent to [Sheree Sanderson](#) no later than Friday, April 15. Students must be available for an interview on April 29, from noon to 5 p.m.

Be Friendly - Buy a Book

The Friends of the GSU Library will sponsor a book sale on Thursday, April 14, from noon to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Pre-sale, open to members of the Friends, begins at 11 a.m.

The book sale consists of a collection of paperback novels; books on religion, business, management, psychology, nursing, and much more. Prices start at 50 cents. Pick up a book and pick up a great deal.

Friendly E-Reader Raffle

The Friends of the GSU Library are sponsoring a drawing for an E-Reader during the April 13 Book Sale, from noon to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Everyone is welcome to enter. Current Friends who encourage a new member to join the Friends of the GSU Library are eligible for two entries.

Membership in the Friends is only \$35 per year for current staff, faculty, and administration of Governors State University. Current students who join the Friends of the GSU Library organization only pay \$5 per year. Membership forms will be available at the book sale. The drawing will be held on Thursday evening at the conclusion of the Book Sale.

Daniel Goleman Coming to GSU

Noted author, economist, 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, call 708.534.4024 or www.gsu-mile.org.

Pre-Lecture on Mindfulness and Emotional Intelligence

In addition to Dr. Daniel Goleman's presentation, a free pre-lecture on *Mindfulness and Emotional Intelligence* will provide an opportunity to learn more. The lecture will be given by Dr. Jon Carlson, GSU professor, counselor, and author. The pre-lecture will be held at 4 p.m., in Sherman Hall.



Two-and-a-half CEUs and CPDUs are available for people attending both lectures. Goleman will sign books and CDs following the presentation.

COE's Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) and SPEED District 802 are sponsors of this event.

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.

