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## News and Events

### **Make The Center Your Center**

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.

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.

Belly dancing lessons will be offered on Wednesdays, May 4 through June 8, from 4 to 5 p.m. Participants will learn the ancient art of belly dance while toning their body. The six sessions include light calisthenics and belly dance moves to pop, R&B, and modern Arabic music.

Zumba, exercise inspired by a fusion of Latin and international dance led by Hip Quake, will be offered Wednesdays, May 4 through June 8, from 5 to 6 p.m. Zumba participants dance away their worries with salsa, merengue, cumbia, reggaetone, samba, and belly dancing. Each workout combines fitness interval training with dance and tones and sculpts while burning calories and fat.

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.



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