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Fall Semester
Registration
Through August 25

Meditation
Thursdays
2:30 p.m.
D 34150
Free

Alcoholics
Anonymous
(AA)
Thursdays
6 - 7 p.m.
A2150

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

Armed Forces Tribute (05-26-11)

GSU is sponsoring a salute to United States Armed Forces today from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Hall of Governors.

The Armed Forces Fair includes a special program at 3:30 p.m., *From Struggle to Success: A Tribute to the Spirit*. A Color Guard will open the program, and President Elaine P. Maimon will welcome guests. The program also includes presentations by veterans, faculty, and community members.

The event is free and open to the public. More information is available at 708.235.2223.

Early Childhood Education Presentation

Vivian Gussin Paley has spent a lifetime teaching and learning from very young children. For her outstanding and influential work as an educator, Paley is receiving an honorary degree from GSU at Spring Commencement on June 4.

She will also share her knowledge during a public presentation, *The Ideal Early Childhood Education*, on Friday, June 3, at 3:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The lecture is free and open to the public.

With 37 years of experience as an early childhood educator, Paley is considered one of the nation's experts on the education and enrichment of very young children. Her work has influenced how children are taught and teachers are trained. Her presentation will include observations on the world of young children, academic and social growth, and the development of communication.



Very Cherry and Chilla' Vanilla

With warm temperatures on the way, the GSU Cafeteria is stocking up on refreshing frozen treats. Polar Shock flavors are now available in the cafeteria. Frozen treats will change on a rotating basis; the first offerings are Very Cherry and Chilla' Vanilla Cappuccino.

Prices are \$1.69 for a 16-ounce serving and \$2.29 for a 24-ounce serving.

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

Chicago Southland
Gospel Fest 2012
June 29
7:30 p.m.
Cntr Perf Arts
[Tickets](#)

DrOT Information
Session
June 30
2 p.m.
G127

In other cafeteria news, you can now choose a small soup or small salad as a side item when you order an entrée or deli special.

Friends Honoring Best Friends



Friends of the GSU Library acknowledged five Treasured Friends at a reception in their honor on May 19. Those recognized for their contributions were Diane Dates Casey, Beth Hansen, Carol Machura, Diane Nadler, and Jeffrey Slovak. Recipients were given certificates of appreciation and their names

are engraved on the plaque on display in the library.

For more information, visit the [Friends](#) of the GSU Library website or stop in the library for a brochure.

Youth Swim Program Starting

It is time to get those kids off the couch and into the pool. This summer is the perfect time for children to cool off in the water and use up some energy.

The GSU Recreation and Fitness Center Youth Swim Program is open to children five to 17 years old. Children receive 12 weeks of Saturday swim instruction. Classes begin on June 4, at 11 to 11:40 a.m. Parental presence poolside during swim times and a waiver signed by a parent or guardian are required. The fee is \$20 for the children of GSU students, \$25 for the children of Recreation and Fitness Center members, and \$50 for non-members.

Limited space is available so contact the Recreation and Fitness Center today at 708.236.7662.

Dr. Johnson Named to Committee

Dr. Jean Johnson, Assistant Professor of Psychology, was recently appointed to the Public Relations Committee of the Society for the Teaching of Psychology (STP). The Public Relations Committee is part of STP's Executive Committee.

Dr. Johnson continues to serve the Society for the Teaching of Psychology as a member of its Small Grants-Promoting Partnerships Committee. She is also chair of the STP Capstone Project for Undergraduate Psychology, for which GSU serves as the base institution.



STP functions as Division Two of the American Psychological Association. Its mission is to promote excellence in the teaching and learning of psychology.

Take Dad to the Ballpark

Father's Day is fast approaching. Why give dad another tie he won't

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use? Instead - take him and the whole family out for a wonderful day of baseball. The Grow Your Own South Suburban Consortium is sponsoring a fun evening at the ball park.

Tickets are available for the Joliet Slammers game on June 19 for only \$10 each. The Slammers play ball at Silver Cross Stadium and the first pitch is at 6:05 p.m.

Included with each ticket is entry into a drawing for an authentic Chicago Cubs jersey signed by pitcher Kerry Wood. The more tickets you buy the more chances you have to win the jersey.



All proceeds help the Grow Your Own South Suburban Consortium, which supports educating teachers from the community for the community.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact [Andrea DalPolo](#) at ext. 4582. Checks must be made payable to the GSU Foundation.

Scholarship Success - Nick Billone



Nick Billone of Tinley Park received the Dr. Daniel Bernd Endowed Scholarship in English and Literature. Nick is an undergraduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences' English Literature program.

His goal of teaching secondary English was reinforced while teaching a 10-week Creative Writing Workshop at a local middle school.

Alt Cert June Info Session

Learn how to earn elementary or middle school teacher certification and secure a teaching position through GSU's Alternative Certification Program. Information sessions will be held on Wednesday, June 8, in Engbretson Hall.

The Alternative Teacher Certification 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.

The Alternative Certification Program also offers the opportunity for teachers to teach full-time as they earn a salary and their teacher certification. In addition, there are also reduced salary teacher residency opportunities, which also 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 708.534.4399 or visit www.govst.edu/altcert.

Students Have Access to GSU Portal (05-23-11)

If you were unable to attend one of the training sessions on the course schedule and registration, there is another session scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, at 4 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. All GSU staff and faculty are invited to attend. Training is focused on a general portal overview, the new online schedule of classes, and the new student registration system.



IRIS weekly update:

- The Student Portal is live today.
 - Letters were sent to existing students to inform them of their login change and new email.
 - If you receive calls from students that need help navigating the portal, please direct them to the help desk at 708.534.4357 or helpdesk@govst.edu.
 - This Wednesday and Thursday, over 30 students will participate in a pilot registration workshop in the Colleague system.
 - Registration in Datatel Colleague will GO LIVE on June 6.
 - The course schedule is live at www.govst.edu/schedule.
 - The faculty and staff portal website address is mygovst.govst.edu.
- View the portal today.
- New system training materials can be found in two places. If you would like to learn about the portal, please go to www.govst.edu/tutorials. Once you log into the portal, additional training documents are available in the portal. Click on Faculty and Staff Information and choose Colleague and myGSU Tutorials. The direct link is mygovst.govst.edu/facultystaffinformation/Tutorials/.
 - Tomorrow, GSU will join 50 Illinois Datatel Clients at an Illinois Datatel Users Group (iDUG) Conference. Forty-eight GSU staff members will trek to Elgin Community College to attend module-specific sessions and to network with the other Datatel Colleague users from throughout the state.

If you are experiencing any technical difficulties accessing the portal, please contact the [Help Desk](#).

Call Out for Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for Spring 2011 Commencement. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and retirees are all encouraged to volunteer to help make the ceremony a success. Commencement exercises are on Saturday, June 4, at 11 a.m., at the Tinley Park Holiday Inn Select and Convention Center.

Commencement volunteers must attend orientation on Wednesday, May 25, at 10 a.m., in The Center for Performing Arts.

Call ext. 4126 for more information.

Maintenance Postponed

Maintenance and upgrades on Jenzabar products in use at GSU scheduled for next weekend have been postponed.

For more information, contact the GSU Helpdesk at 708.534.HELP.

Behind the Wheel

Illinois Secretary of State's Mobile Service Unit will be at GSU on Tuesday, May 24, from 1:30 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Services available at the mobile service unit include driver's license renewal, replacement, and corrections; State ID card renewal, replacement, and corrections; vehicle sticker sales; passenger and b-truck license plates; vehicle title and registration; parking placards for persons with disabilities; and organ/tissue donor information. In addition, vision tests and the written driver's license exam can be taken. No driving tests will be given.

The services provided are available to all qualified Illinois residents. State law allows driver's license renewal up to one year in advance. Proper identification is required for new and duplicate driver's licenses and state ID cards. Acceptable forms of payment include personal checks, cash, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit and debit cards.

For information, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

Tee Time for GSU Golfers

The GSU Golf League plays every Tuesday, weather permitting, through September 6, at 4:30 p.m., at Golf Vista, 5001 W. Augusta Boulevard, Monee. The league is open to members of the GSU community and their friends.

The cost of nine holes is \$5. Add a cart for \$10, or share the cart fee to cut your costs. Contact [Hollie Campbell](#) at 708.235.7595 for more information.

Baker's Dozen Bargain

Faculty and staff can join the Recreation and Fitness Center for 13 months for the annual, 12-month membership fee of \$105. This baker's dozen bargain offer is good until May 31.

Additional adult household memberships can be added for \$120 each and they also receive the thirteenth month for free.

Visit room A1106 or call ext. 4556.

Nelda Connors on Board

GSU Foundation Board member Nelda J. Connors has been elected to fill an unexpired term on the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. She will join the board as a Class B (non-banker) director and will serve through 2011.

"All of us at GSU take special pride in Nelda's latest achievement. In the midst of her new responsibilities, we appreciate Nelda's willingness to devote time and energy to her role as Chair of the Finance Committee of the GSU Foundation Board. We could not ask for



better financial advice," said President Elaine P. Maimon.

Connors is president and chief executive of Atkore International, a galvanized steel manufacturer. Before joining Atkore in 2008, she held executive posts at Eaton Corp., Ford Motor Co., Chrysler Group, and Mogami Denki. She began her career as an engineer with Monsanto Corp. She has B.S. and M.S. degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of Dayton and completed post graduate studies in international finance and economics at the University of Tokyo.

Stepping Up

There is still room in the line. Join the stepping class at the Recreation and Fitness Center. The class is held on Mondays, May 23, June 6, 13, 20, 27, and July 11, from 7 to 8 p.m. Visit room A1106 or call ext. 4556.

Faculty and Friend

All faculty who register to participate in Spring Commencement on June 4 are eligible to receive one guest ticket for the ceremony. If you are participating and need a ticket, please contact [Lori Glass](#) at est. 4919.

Successful Entrepreneurial Boot Camp

Last week CenterPoint welcomed more than 90 military veterans to GSU's sixth Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp.

Participants, representing all branches of the military, learned from more than 30 CenterPoint staff and Southland business owners who volunteered their time to share their expertise in starting a business or improving an existing business. About half of the attendees own businesses and had opportunities to share their experiences with attendees wanting to start a business.

More than 400 veterans or family members have attended entrepreneurial boot camps at GSU in the last three years. Many attendees continue to access the consulting and educational services provided by CenterPoint, which also houses an Illinois Small Business Development Center, a recently opened Illinois International Trade Center, and several SBA sponsored loan guarantee programs.

EDAD Cohort in New Lenox

Certified teachers interested in earning a Master of Arts in Educational Administration with coursework leading to Type 75 Certification before upcoming ISBE Principal Redesign changes are implemented should

attend an information session hosted by Governors State University at Lincoln-Way Central High School. The session will be held on May 24, from 4 to 5 p.m., in Knights Round Table Hall, 1801 East Lincoln Highway, New Lenox.

Information will be provided on the GSU M.A. in Education Administration cohort program to begin in Fall 2011. The cohort format enables students enrolled in the program to complete their degree on a predetermined schedule. This cohort is open to any certified teacher in any public or private school with two years of experience.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call 708.534.4536 or e-mail [Dor Fitzgerald](mailto:Dor.Fitzgerald@gsu.edu).

Psychology and Counseling Awards

The Division of Psychology and Counseling recently awarded its highest honors to both students and faculty.



Dr. Elizabeth Ruiz, associate professor, was awarded 2011 Psychology and Counseling Faculty of the Year Award.

Kevin Houcek of Steger received the Psychology Undergraduate Student of the Year award. Dianna Evers of Park Forest was named Clinical Psychology Graduate Student of the Year. Christine Carlson of Oak Forest received the Theoretical Psychology Graduate Student of the Year award. Baochun (Jojo) Zhou of Richton Park was named Marriage and Family Counseling Graduate Student of the Year. Sarah Fortier of Romeoville earned the School Counseling Graduate Student of the Year. Cindy Fisher of Tinley Park was named Community Counseling Graduate Student of the Year.



Dr. Shannon Dermer, Chair of the Division of Psychology and Counseling, presented certificates to each of the honorees and the students were also awarded a gift card.

"These awards are given to students who have shown great dedication to their studies. We honored them today for their hard work and academic success," said Dr. Dermer. "Dr. Ruiz was recognized for her achievements as an educator and the depth of her knowledge. We are very proud of all this year's honorees."

Student Research Conference Registration

The 17th Annual Student Research Conference will be held on Thursday, June 9. The conference offers students an opportunity to present their research and scholarly work before an audience of their peers, and provides a forum to highlight research accomplishments at GSU.

Students may present their work in podium presentation or poster presentation format. Podium presentations are 15 minutes long followed by a five minute question/answer session. Displays must be no larger than four feet by three feet.

All abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings. Certificates of merit will be awarded to all participants.

The registration deadline is May 27. Registration and abstract submission forms are available online at the [conference website](#).

Brainstorm 2011

Brainstorm 2011, a national juried art competition at features 46 pieces selected from 167 entries. The exhibit includes artwork by 28 artists from around the nation. The show is open from May 23 through June 25, at the Visual Arts Gallery.



A closing reception and awards ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 25, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The reception and exhibit are free and open to the public.

Distinguished jurors were Allison Peters Quinn, Director of Exhibitions at the Hyde Park Art Center, and Whitney Tassie, Gallery Director of the Monique Meloche Gallery in Chicago. The jurors chose work that reflected the theme of the show - artwork that documents, analyzes, or is inspired by intellectual activity, the thought process, dysfunction, or problem solving by the human mind.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Monday and Wednesday, from 2 to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, from 5 to 9 p.m.; and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. by appointment. For more information, visit gsuvisualartsgallery.blogspot.com or call 708.534.4021.

Kristi DeLaurentiis (05-23-11)

Kristi DeLaurentiis recently announced that increased professional responsibilities have compelled her to depart from the GSU Board of Trustees. Originally appointed in 1996 by Governor Jim Edgar as a founding Board member, DeLaurentiis has served for 15 years as a strong, stabilizing force on the Board.



"Students, faculty, and staff have benefitted from Kristi's wisdom, attention to detail, fortitude, and willingness to fight for what is right," said Board of Trustees Chair Lorine S. Samuels. "She is truly an exemplary trustee."

President Elaine P. Maimon commented, "Kristi has brought the dedication of a GSU alumna to her service on the Board. She has been an exemplary trustee, principled, diligent, and forward-looking. While she may be leaving the governing Board, she is not leaving GSU. We are already talking with her about new ways to serve her university."

DeLaurentiis continues to serve the region as Government Relations Director for the Metropolitan Planning Council, an organization working to improve equity of opportunity and quality of life throughout the Chicago metropolitan area.

Access Interrupted

All Jenzabar products in use at GSU, including CX (Cars), MyGSU, Student View, and Faculty View, will be unavailable from Friday, May 27 at 6 p.m. through approximately 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 29 during system maintenance and required upgrade.

For more information, contact the GSU Helpdesk at 708.534.HELP.

Applications for Fall 2011

Students can no longer complete applications online for the summer 2011 session. Prospective students are encouraged to apply for the Fall 2011 semester.

Pensions in Peril

Understanding your pension system and the effects proposed changes may have on it is the purpose of retired GSU faculty member Dr. Addison Woodward's presentation *Illinois Pensions: Gold Plated Cadillac or Cadillac Clunker?* Dr. Woodward will analyze the validity of recent press coverage and review the intentions and actions of state legislators.

The presentation will be held on Thursday, May 26, from noon to 1:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Originally this presentation was given as was given as part of a forum sponsored by the University of Illinois-Chicago chapter of SUAA.

For more information or to reserve a seat, contact [Lynne Hostetter](#) at ext. 8043.

Auditors Welcome

The auditing firm of E.C. Ortiz & Co. LLP will be working on campus through the end of the year. The audit team is led by Gilda Belmonte, a partner in the firm. She will be assisted by manager Lyn Baluga, Netzyl Miraflores, and Nuthatai De Castro.

The GSU community should respond to the auditor team's requests for information and data in a timely fashion. Although this may take time away from daily work, it is necessary to complete the audits in a timely fashion. The auditors will be located in room D1430.

For more information, contact the university's audit liaison, [Karen Kisse](#), Associate Vice President of Financial Services and Comptroller at ext. 4054.

Scholarship Spotlight - Nina Bell

Nina Bell of Flossmoor received the Leo and Margaret Goodman-Malamuth Scholarship in Media Communications Technology. Nina is a graduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences. She is currently director of marketing and communications at



a non-profit organization that she started. Her goal is a career in sports marketing and communications.

Summertime Meditation

Meditation sessions will be offered throughout the summer at GSU on Thursdays, from noon to 1 p.m., in room D34090. Sessions will be facilitated by Dr. Timothy Pedigo. All sessions are free and everyone is welcome. Sessions begin May 26 and continue through August 4.

Cafeteria Special

You don't have to wait for Sunday to enjoy a barbecue. The cafeteria is putting one on just for the GSU community on Tuesday, May 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the outdoor terrace. Enjoy a steak sandwich or an all natural hot dog with pasta salad, Kettle Chips, corn-on-the-cob, and lemonade for only \$6.25.

Vending Menu Expansion

The GSU vending machines will feature new products to tantalize your taste buds. Now you can enjoy Salami Sticks, TGI Friday cheddar and bacon, white cheddar popcorn, Cheetos BBQ, sunflower kernels, Lays Kettle Spice Rubbed Chips, Limited Edition Mountain Dew Pitch Black, and Lipton Blueberry/Mango and Lipton Mango/Passion Fruit teas.

Off-Campus Library Database Login Changes

Beginning June 6, off-campus library database login procedures will change.

To login, students will use their myGSU Portal username and password. Faculty and staff will use their GSU email/network username and password.

For assistance in recalling forgotten usernames or passwords, contact the GSU Help Desk at 708.534.HELP. Library staff cannot access individual usernames and passwords.

Area Educators Develop Principal Evaluation System

In the culmination of a three month project, approximately 15 school district administrators and principals recently met at Governors State University to finish developing a new design framework for a principal performance-based evaluation system. The redesign was necessary in response to the State's required system changes effective in 2012. The project is part of the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education/Teacher Quality Partnership (MILE/TQP) grant at GSU.

"We made significant progress in creating an evaluation system that measures the aspects of

leadership and principal effectiveness that are deemed important at not only the state level but also at our local, regional level," said Dr. Karen Peterson, co-director of the TQP grant.



The educators worked closely with Dr. Joseph Murphy from Vanderbilt University. Dr. Murphy is the leading policy expert in the field of educational administration in the country. He has worked with four education departments at the state level in the design of their evaluation systems. Dr. Murphy will continue working with MILE/TQP for the remaining four years of the TQP grant.

Participating in the project from GSU were grant co-director and faculty member Dr. Pam Guimond, faculty members Dr. Joe Matula and Dr. Lora Knutson, Assistant to the Dean of the College of Education Dor Fitzgerald, Director of MILE Alicia McCray, and Sue Rasher, evaluator.

MILE/TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

SUAA Luncheon 2011

The Annual SUAA Luncheon will be held on Thursday, June 30, from noon to 2 p.m. at GSU. SUAA members are invited to attend. A short business meeting will be held at 11 a.m.

The luncheon is sponsored by the GSU President's Office.

To R.S.V.P., contact [Lynne Hostetter](#) at ext. 8043 by June 23.

Training Scheduled as Portal Goes Live (05-16-11)

The new [myGSU portal](#) is LIVE!

All GSU staff and faculty are invited to attend one of the portal training sessions this week. Training focuses on a general portal overview, the new online schedule of classes, and the new student registration system. Come see what our students will see.

Sessions will be held in the Hall of Honors, on Wednesday at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., and Thursday at 9 a.m. Also, if you would like more information or would like to work in the portal, please come to the ACS Computer Lab on Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon.



Training sessions last week focused on general portal overview, the new online schedule of classes, and the new student registration system.

Letters have been sent to existing students, informing them of changes to their e-mail and login procedures.

A few facts about the portal:

- The faculty and staff portal website address is mygovst.govst.edu.
- For portal overview tutorial documents and web demos, go to www.govst.edu/tutorials.
- Students will have access to the myGSU portal on May 23;
- If you are experiencing any technical difficulties accessing the portal, contact the [Help Desk](#).

For a Fall 2010 course schedule, go to www.govst.edu/schedule. The pilot registration scheduled for May 25 and May 26 now has 30 participating students confirmed.

In other IRiS Project news, the Financial Operations Team has completed its first live simulation, testing a number of financial processes throughout the university.

Interim DPS Director Named

Lieutenant James McGee has been appointed Interim Director of the GSU Department of Public Safety and Chief of Police effective immediately.

[Read the announcement](#) from Gebe Ejigu, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff.

IT Power Improvements



Power improvements are scheduled for the system data center in the IT building between Tuesday, May 17, at 7 p.m., and Wednesday, May 18, at 5 a.m.

The improvement is necessary in order to ensure continued service in the event of a power outage. This implementation will affect all GSU systems, including e-mail, the GSU website, Jenzabar CX, and Colleague.

There will be some delays and rejections of sent e-mails in the faculty and staff e-mail system. It may be necessary to resend e-mail messages. If possible, please avoid sending e-mails during the implementation period.

If you have any questions, please contact the GSU Helpdesk, at 708.534.HELP.

Tee Off with the Golf League

The GSU Golf League hit the greens for the first round of the season last week and everyone had a great time. The league is open to everyone interested in chasing a little ball around the glorious outdoors with the company of friends and colleagues.

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Commence Volunteering for Commencement

The 2011 Spring Commencement is fast approaching and volunteers are needed to help make the Saturday, June 4 event a success. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer - students, faculty, staff, and retirees are all welcome.

Commencement volunteers must attend orientation on Wednesday, May 25, at 10 a.m., in The Center for Performing Arts. Please complete the [volunteer sign-up sheet](#) and return it to [Sabrina Slocum](#) by Friday, May 20. For more information, call ext. 4126.

HP&T Program Open House

The graduate degree program in Human Performance and Training is sponsoring an open house on Tuesday, May 17, from 5 to 7 p.m., in room D34115.

Professors and practitioners will be available to answer questions about the program and discuss the skills needed to become instructional designers, trainers, and performance technologists. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a more than 20 percent growth in careers in these fields. Program graduates will receive a Master of Arts in Communication and Training.

The open house is free, open to the public, and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact [Nancy Kaczmarczyk](#) or visit the [HP&T website](#).

Induction Mentoring Partnership Members Meet



On Tuesday, May 10, the GSU Induction/Mentoring Partnership grant held its annual program development meeting for partner districts participating in the grant.

Each spring, district teams meet to plan program improvements for the upcoming year and to discuss their induction programs with other school districts.



Dr. Mary Elin Barnish of the Illinois New Teacher Consortium co-facilitated the session on utilizing the State Induction Standards for Continuous Program improvement with Dr. Karen Peterson, project coordinator. Ten area school districts were represented at the meeting with 45 educators participating.

Nominations for the Best at GSU

The Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Award is presented each year to the GSU employee who most fully demonstrates the following four qualities that Dr. Baysore consistently and fully embodied during his 18 years of

service to the university:

- Absolute integrity
- Total competence
- Generous dedication
- Unfailing civility

The Baysore Award will be presented by President Maimon during Convocation on Thursday, August 18. Nominations must be received by Tuesday, May 31 and should explain how the employee includes the above four qualities in their day-to-day work.

Please send your written nominations to [Penny Perdue](#), G334.

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For more information or to reserve a seat, call 708.534.4536 or e-mail [Dor Fitzgerald](#).

Student Presentation Opportunity

The 17th Annual Student Research Conference will be held on

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The services provided are available to all qualified Illinois residents. State law allows driver's license renewal up to one year in advance. Proper identification is required for new and duplicate driver's licenses and state ID cards. Acceptable forms of payment include personal checks, cash, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit and debit cards.

For information, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

Reconstructed (05-12-11)

Reconstructed, GSU's new online literature and visual arts journal, is now accepting submissions for its premiere issue. All GSU students interested in seeing their work of short fiction, creative non-fiction, poetry, or visual artistry published and shared with the GSU community are welcome to submit.

Questions and submissions should be sent to: Reconstructed@govst.edu. Literary submissions should be attached as .doc files. Visual art should be submitted in jpeg format. Students may submit one work of short fiction or creative non-fiction with no more than 5,000 words, six poems, or five visual art images. Additional required information includes name, email address, phone number, year, and degree program.

Healthy Bargain

The GSU Recreation and Fitness Center has a healthy bargain for you. Faculty and staff can join the center and get a full month membership for free when they sign up for an annual membership. This baker's dozen bargain gives you 13 months for the 12-month price of \$105.

Additional adult household memberships can be added for \$120 each and they will also get the 13th month for free.

This is a limited time offer, available only from May 16 through 31. For additional information, call ext. 4556 or visit the sales office in room A1106.

Scholarship Spotlight - Shawanna Beard



Shawanna Beard of Chicago received the Dr. Curtis J. and Mrs. Gina Crawford Scholarship in Business.

Shawanna is an undergraduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration. She is pursuing a degree in marketing and would like to become a buyer for a retail company.

2011 Class Legacy

Dora Hope, Class of 2011, is proud to leave a legacy of hope by donating \$20.11 to the GSU 2011 class gift. Hope will receive her Master in Public Administration at Spring Commencement. She also received her Bachelors in Business Administration from GSU.



Members of the graduating class are donating in support of the GSU Promise. Their class gift will help provide educational opportunities for future GSU students.

Piggy banks filled with the \$20.11 suggested donation are still being accepted. No gift, however, is too large or too small to give to the 2011 class gift. Piggy banks are available in the Development Office, room D34200 or at the graduate picnic on May 21. Contributions are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

For more information, call 708.235.2188.

2011 Class Picnic

There is still time to join the fun. 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 picnic 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.

GSU Salutes the Armed Forces

GSU will honor the U.S. Military on May 26, in the Hall of Governors. The Salute to the Armed Forces includes an Armed Forces Fair from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

From Struggle to Success: A Tribute to the Spirit, a special program honoring service members, will begin at 3:30 p.m. It will feature welcoming remarks by President Maimon and presentations by students, staff, and faculty. For more information, call ext. 4551.

ScholarShip – Psych Faculty and Grad Students

GSU Psychology faculty and graduate students presented recently at the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association in Chicago.



Teaching Ethics and Values in Undergraduate Psychology, a symposia presentation, was presented by Albert Tuskenis, Ph.D.;



E. Jean Johnson, Ph.D.;

Christopher Dyslin, Ph.D.; Crystal Blount, Ph.D.; and Matthew Covic, M.A.

Posters presentations included *A Preliminary Evaluation of the Effect of Media Exposure on Narcissism* by graduate student Donelle A. Wilkin (Feld) & Dr. Johnson.



Outcomes of a New Capstone Course in Undergraduate Psychology was presented by graduate student Jennifer Miroballi, and Drs. Johnson, Dyslin, and Tuskenis.

GSU also serves as the base institution for the National Capstone Project for Undergraduate Psychology, funded by a grant from the Society for the Teaching of Psychology. Dr. Johnson is the project chair. Drs. Johnson, Dyslin, and Tuskenis participated in a capstone team meeting at MPA.

Presentation by Honorary Degree Recipient

Vivian Gussin Paley has spent a lifetime teaching and learning from very young children. For her outstanding and influential work as an educator, Paley is receiving an honorary degree from Governors State University.

She will also share her knowledge during a public presentation, *The Ideal Early Childhood Education*, on Friday, June 3, at 3:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.



The lecture is free and open to the public.

With 37 years of experience as an early childhood educator, Paley is considered one of the nation's experts on the education and enrichment of very young children. Her work has influenced how children are taught and teachers are trained. Her presentation will include observations on the world of young children, academic and social growth, and the development of communication. Paley's research on the importance of storytelling and imaginative play has been cited as an argument against the strict adherence to teaching methods mandated by the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

The honorary degree will be awarded during commencement exercises on Saturday, June 4, at 11 a.m., at the Tinley Park Holiday Inn Select and Convention Center. More than 650 graduates will participate in Commencement. Tickets are required to attend the ceremony.

IRiS On the Move (05-09-11)

The IRiS Project is moving forward at a quick pace. In the past couple of weeks, members of the project have completed many milestones:

- Human Resources Payroll ran the first parallel payroll on April 30 and expect to run four more prior to July 1
- Registration in Datatel Colleague is on schedule to 'go live' on June 6
- All student demographics have been migrated to Datatel Colleague
- All student programs have been migrated to Datatel Colleague
- Students will have access to the myGSU portal on May 23
- Portal training for faculty and staff began the week of April 25
- From April 25 through May 4 over 200 faculty members have been introduced to the Portal and Faculty Information Online Services Screens through training sessions
- Information Technology Services has installed upgrades to our email system
- A pilot registration (for 25 selected students) has been scheduled for May 25
- Portal training web demos and documentation are posted to www.govst.edu/tutorials
- Student Course Schedule in Datatel Colleague is available now at www.govst.edu/schedule



The first training session focusing on a general portal overview, the online schedule of classes, and the new student registration system will be held on May 11, at 10 a.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Beneficial Fair

Employees will benefit by attending the GSU Benefits Fair on Wednesday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Information will be available from Cigna, EyeMed Vision, Delta Dental, Minnesota Life Insurance, Flexible Spending Accounts MCAP/DCAP, SURS Retirement, The Legend Group, VALIC, Bright Start, Magellan Behavioral Health, Deferred Compensation, and State Universities Annuitants Association. No HMO vendors will be present at this event.

Come All Ye Volunteers!

The 2011 Spring Commencement is fast approaching volunteers are needed to help make the Saturday, June 4 event a success. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer - students, faculty, staff, and retirees are all welcome.

Commencement volunteers must attend orientation on Wednesday, May 25, at 10 a.m., in The Center for Performing Arts.

Please complete the [volunteer sign-up sheet](#) and return it to [Sabrina Slocum](#) by Friday, May 20. For more information, call ext. 4126.

HPT Graduate Degree Info Session

The graduate degree program in Human Performance and Training is sponsoring an open house on Tuesday, May 17, from 5 to 7 p.m., in room D34115.

Professors and practitioners will be available to answer questions about the program and discuss the skills needed to become instructional designers, trainers, and performance technologists. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a more than 20 percent growth in careers in these fields. Program graduates will receive a Master of Arts in Communication and Training.

The open house is free, open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact [Nancy Kaczmarczyk](#) or visit the [HPT website](#).

ECE Student – Student Teacher Spring 2011 Social

Recently, student teachers with a full Spring 2011 semester of in-class teaching experience to draw on, met with students in EDEC Lab 3 who will student teach during Fall 2011. The informal gathering provided student teachers an opportunity to learn what to expect during full time field experience.



The current student teachers shared situational stories, academic updates, and assessment experiences as well as offered advice and encouragement to the student teaching candidates.

Dr. Jeannine Klomes, associate professor of early childhood education, posed the questions and left the experienced student teachers to lead the discussion. Topics covered included lesson plans, classroom management, use of manipulatives, and the student teacher-classroom teacher relationship.



"We implemented this social last year and found it to be a very effective way to introduce students to the realities of teaching," said Klomes.

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Be Safe

In the interest of personal safety as well as preservation of GSU property, FDM would like to remind the GSU community that moving of furniture, equipment, or other permanent objects by persons other than FDM staff is strictly prohibited. Doing so may subject the college, unit, or sponsoring organization to a grievance charge with monetary consequences. Only items with rollers/casters may be moved within a classroom or office.

myGSU Portal (05-05-11)

The university's IRIS Project team will make the myGSU portal available to all faculty and staff on Friday, May 13.



Over the past few weeks, many faculty and staff have attended portal training sessions. Additional sessions will be held over the next few weeks, and throughout the course of the IRIS Project, as additional features are added to the system.

An open training session focusing on a general portal overview, the online schedule of classes, and the new student registration system will be held on May 11, at 10 a.m., in the Hall of Honors.

In the meantime, you are encouraged to access the portal tutorial webpage at www.govst.edu/tutorials. The page contains video and written tutorial documents to help you become familiar with the new

system. Your understanding of the portal will be extremely important as you begin to address student inquiries about the new system.

Students will have access to the myGSU portal on May 23 and priority registration begins on June 6. The Fall 2011 online Schedule of Classes is available at www.govst.edu/schedule.

Special Ticket Price for Mama's Night Out

Mama's Night Out at The Center for Performing Arts is the perfect night out for the whole family. The show begins at 8 p.m., on Saturday, May 7. A free pre-show party begins at 6:30 p.m. in the CPA lobby.

To make the evening even more affordable, The Center for Performing Arts is offering two-for-one platinum tickets to GSU students, faculty, and staff. Tickets in this main floor seating are normally \$44. Two-for-one tickets are available from 10 a.m. on Friday, May 6, to one hour before show time.

Visit the CPA box office or call 708.235.2222.

Free Concert Today

The American Cancer Society is presenting a free concert in The Center for Performing Arts today at 5:30 p.m. Students, staff, faculty, and the public are welcome. No tickets are required.

The concert is part of the *Music Saved MY Life Series* and features hip-hop artist MIKE E. Through music, the series promotes healthy lifestyle choices. For concert details, visit AfroFlow.com.

Associate Provost Candidate - Dennis Rome

On Monday, May 9, Dr. Dennis M. Rome will be interviewed for the position of Associate Provost.

His open forum presentation will be from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. in the Hall of Honors. The GSU community is invited to participate.

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

GSU Golf League Tees Off

It is time to separate the green from the rough, dust off those golf clubs, and get swinging. The GSU Golf League tees off for the first game of the season on Tuesday, May 10, at 4:30 p.m., at Golf Vista, 5001 W. Augusta Boulevard, Monee.

The cost of nine holes is \$7, add a cart for \$12, or share the cart fee and cut your costs.

The League is open to all university students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community. Golfing is scheduled every Tuesday weather permitting. The golf season culminates in the GSU Dave Drechsel Annual Golf Outing, which will be held at University Club in September.



Contact [Hollie Campbell](#) at 708.235.7595 for more information.

Scholarship Spotlight - Valicienne Arnold



Valicienne Arnold of South Holland received the Community Service Scholarship Honoring Ronald Bean. Valicienne is a graduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration.

Valicienne has a strong commitment to the children in her community and serves as president of her school district's Parent Teacher Association.

Give your Baby a Head Start

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 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.

Funding for the Early Head Start program at GSU comes from a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services.

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.

Baysore Nominations Now Being Accepted

David Curtis once said, "Jerry Baysore, simply, was the best man I've ever known."

Who is the best GSU employee you know?

The Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Award is presented each year to the GSU employee who most fully demonstrates the following four qualities that Dr. Baysore consistently and fully embodied during his 18 years of service to the university:

- Absolute integrity
- Total competence
- Generous dedication
- Unfailing civility

The Baysore Award will be presented by President Maimon during Convocation on Thursday, August 18.

Nominations must be received by Tuesday, May 31 and should explain how the employee includes the above four qualities in their day-to-day work.

Please send your written nominations to [Penny Perdue](#), G334.

Stepping Class Rescheduled

Stepping class will be offered Mondays from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Recreation and Fitness Center. Class meets on June 6, 13, 20, 27, and July 11. Spaces are still available.

Stepping promotes fitness, health awareness, and discipline for all ages. For more information, visit room A1106 or call 708.534.4556.

Film Student and Faculty Success

The Independent Film and Digital Imaging (IFDI) program at GSU has a lot to be proud of according to Dan Nearing, Associate Professor and Academic Coordinator of the program.

IFDI student Shelly Hokanson will move from graduating with an MFA to an assistant professorship in the School of Media Arts and Design at James Madison University in Virginia.

GSU student film director Jason Knade, whose strikingly beautiful short film, *Cyclicity*, not only won Best in Show at GSU's recent Art Student Exhibition, but it has also been accepted in several international festivals, including the San Francisco International LGBT Film Festival, which is the largest and longest-running LGBT film event in the world. IFDI and MCOM students Rachel Rozycki, Robert Beshara, Leah Chapman, Megan Anstrom, Archie Cocke, and Robert Williams also worked on the film. For more information, visit the [Cyclicity website](#).

Cyclicity has also met the standard of artistic merit to be placed in the non-competitive Short Film Corner at the Cannes Film Festival next month. It joins *Goalie*, another GSU film, which has been placed in the same category at the Cannes Film Festival.

Goalie is a short film shot over the winter break by IFDI faculty Sanghoon Lee and Daniel Nearing, along with MFA students Rachel Rozycki, Leah Chapman, Aaron Daniel Annas, Blake Labriola, and Benny Stewart. To learn more, visit the [Goalie website](#).

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Portal Training Starts for Faculty (05-02-11)

The IRiS Project conducted more than 20 portal training sessions for faculty members last week. As portal training began, faculty personnel from all colleges were invited to attend one of the sessions.

Participants learned how to access the portal, viewed how students will “search for sections,” and heard about the Online Services Faculty Information screens they will use.



The portal is scheduled to go live for faculty and staff this Thursday, May 5.

Six additional portal sessions are taking place this week for faculty members who did not attend the earlier training. Portal Introduction training is slated Tuesday and Wednesday at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the Hall of

Honors.

In the next few weeks, the IRIS Project will offer training to the university community-at-large. Training sessions will consist of an introduction to the portal as well as student registration functions. Staff can plan to attend sessions beginning the week of May 9. Announcements will be made regarding the time and place of sessions.

As the project moves ahead, training sessions will be announced regularly. Faculty and staff can find portal login training documents on the GSU Website at <http://www.govst.edu/tutorials>.

Scholarship Celebration Lunch

Scholarship donors and scholarship recipients celebrated together at the annual GSU scholarship luncheon on April 29.



Attendees heard from Tony Fontana, lecturer in the College of Business and Public Administration who established the Lorraine Fontana Endowed Memorial Scholarship, and from three scholarship participants. Mildred Andaluz, a COE student and recipient of the David and Barbara Barr Endowed Scholarship; Nick Billone, a CAS student and recipient of the Dr. Daniel Bernd Endowed Scholarship; and Asmeen Radee, a CBPA student and recipient of the Wilbur L. Morrison Endowed Scholarship, each spoke of how the scholarships

they received helped them in the pursuit of their degrees.

In addition to the gratitude expressed by these students, a video of scholarship recipients expressing their thanks was also shown.

Human Performance and Training Open House

Learn about the Human Performance and Training master's degree program at an open house on Tuesday, May 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. in Room D34115.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment growth for training and development specialists will grow 22 percent between 2008 and 2018. Job prospects for instructional designers will grow 23 percent during that same period.

To RSVP or for additional information contact [Nancy Kaczmarczyk](#) at 708.235.3983.

ScholarShip – Dr. James Coldren

Dr. James "Chip" Coldren recently attended the *Keeping Our Communities Safe* conference in South Bend, Indiana. On the invitation of Jim Mesterharm, Law Enforcement Coordinator in the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Northern District of Indiana, Coldren presented information on the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Smart Policing Initiative. Coldren serves as the National Project Director for training and technical assistance for this project.

Coldren also gave a presentation about the history and core concepts pertaining to Smart Policing, as well as a review of Smart Policing Initiative implementation in several currently funded sites.

In early May, Coldren will be in Vancouver, B.C., at the Spring Symposium of the International Association of Crime Analysts. He will be co-presenting with Nathan Ong, Senior Crime Analyst in the Los Angeles Police Department, on the role of the crime analyst in Smart Policing.



In mid-May, Coldren will attend a meeting in Washington, D.C. to participate in a working group convened by the Bureau of Justice Assistance on the future of policing in America, and the agency's role in supporting police innovation, performance measurement, and evidence-based solutions.

Spring Open Market

There will be many interesting and unique items for sale at the Spring Open Market, sponsored by the Civil Service Senate. The one-day shopping event takes place Wednesday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Mama's Night Out

Mama's Night Out at The Center for Performing Arts is the perfect present for Mother's Day for your mom or for yourself.

On Saturday, May 7, three finalists from Nick at Nite's *Search for the Funniest Mom in America*, Karen Morgan, Nancy Witter and Sherry Davey, will entertain with jokes and sketches ideal for celebrating Mother's Day. Everyone in the family will enjoy the show.

The show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are still available and cost from \$15

to \$44. Call 708.235.2222 or visit www.centertickets.net.

Friends in Bloom



The Friends of the GSU Library are sponsoring a plant sale just in time for Mother's Day. Buy your mom, auntie, sister, friend – even yourself – a plant on Thursday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current members of the Friends may take advantage of the presale by contacting [Pam Taylor](#) at ext. 7527 before 3 p.m., on May 4.

On Your Mark

There is still time to join the Run for Rehab, a 5K run and 2-mile walk sponsored by the Physical Therapy Student Association (PTSA, on Saturday, May 7, beginning at 9 a.m., at GSU.

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](#).

Time to Parté

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