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News and Events

Students Have Access to GSU Portal

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. encouraged to volunteer. 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.

