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News and Events

[Light the Path to Success](#)

The GSU community will be "lighting the path" to success by degrees in this year's Campus Community Campaign. Each donation is another step toward helping our students attain their educational goals and the university to fulfill its mission.

The 2011 Campus Community Campaign kickoff is on Wednesday, October 5, at noon, in the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome. Enjoy some delicious treats and meet with the campaign representatives who will be happy to explain the various options for giving. From payroll deductions to specified gifts – there are many ways to support the university.

For more information, contact [Jackie Small](#) at ext. 2188.

[Skies Clear for Dave Dreschel Golf Outing](#)



The Second Annual GSU Dave Dreschel Golf Outing, held Sunday at University Golf Club, was a huge success. Following a brief sprinkle at the beginning of competition, skies cleared and the outing was rain-free for the rest of the afternoon.

The golf outing was established in memory of Dave Dreschel, who was Human Resource benefits director and a longtime member of GSU's Golf League. Two of Dave's daughters and their family friends took part in this year's

contest. The Dave Dreschel Trophy is awarded each year to the season's winner in the GSU Golf League.



Winners at this year's golf outing were:

- All-male team – Gebe Ejigu, Kevin Barto, Kurt Lehrmann, James McGee
- All-female team – Tracy Dreschel, Patty Gorski, Julie Durante, Denise Durante
- Mixed team – Hollie Campbell, Willie Campbell, Leroy Coleman, Kristen Coleman
- Male longest drive – Leroy Coleman
- Female longest drive – Julie Durante
- Men's closest to the pin - Ken Johnson
- Women's closest to the pin - Denise Durante'
- Dave Dreschel Trophy winner – Willie Campbell

[Criminal Justice Student Society Meets Tuesday](#)

The Criminal Justice Student Society (CJSS) meets Tuesday, September 27 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. The meeting agenda includes election of officers, development of a CJSS website, and discussion regarding an international educational trip.

The CJSS is dedicated to understanding and promoting awareness of criminal justice issues. All GSU students are welcome to attend. Membership is not contingent upon a specified field of study.

For more information, contact Professor [Caron Jacobson](#) at 708.235.2136.

CenterPoint Highlights Grant Strategies, Intellectual Property

CenterPoint at Governors State University is hosting two valuable, informative seminars on Wednesday, October 12 -- *Intellectual Property Strategies* and *SBIR/STTR Grants for Researchers and Entrepreneurs*.

The two seminars, free and open to the public, are part of Business Accelerator Week, during which CenterPoint and other small business development centers are focusing on strategies that expand economic opportunities throughout Illinois.

During *Intellectual Property Strategies*, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in GSU's Engbretson Hall, speaker Nancy K. DuCharme will discuss how to protect and make money from ideas and breakthroughs. DuCharme will explain the hows and whys of the four protective categories for intellectual properties. Participants will learn the steps to take to protect their intellectual property.

SBIR/STTR Grants for Researchers and Entrepreneurs takes place from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Hall of Honors at Governors State. Dr. Mike Skeiner will show the sequence of steps participants need to strategize and develop compelling proposals for federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grants, with individual awards as high as \$1.15 million.

For more information about CenterPoint's October 12 seminars, contact [Don Brozek](#) at 708.235.7635.

E-Blast Guidelines Reviewed

Today's technology offers many ways to promote university events. Internal e-mail blasts are a convenient way to share your message with a large group of students, faculty, and staff. In order to assure that e-blasts are accessible by all members of the GSU community, the university's Web Oversight Committee has developed guidelines pursuant to ADA regulations.

Download the [Internal E-Blast Procedure](#).

Please note that all internal e-blast must have the approval of a department/division supervisor before distribution. For additional information or assistance with the new procedure, contact the [Office of Public Affairs](#) at ext. 4044.

Honoring Hispanic Heritage

During Hispanic Heritage Month, Student Life is recognizing important achievements in this special month-long feature in GSU View.

Ellen Ochoa

Ellen Ochoa is the first Hispanic woman to become an astronaut. A veteran of two space flights, she first flew in space on the shuttle Discovery in 1993. Sally Ride, the first woman astronaut in the U.S., was one of her role models. Ochoa is not only an astronaut but also an inventor, holding three patents. When she is in space, Ochoa says she loves "looking out the window at the Earth."

Meditation Continues at GSU

Develop your ability to meditate during free meditation sessions, offered on campus throughout the semester to help students, faculty, and staff bring a sense of peace to their lives. Research shows that meditation helps reduce stress, anxiety, and depression, and increase creativity.

- Mondays, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., in room C3380, with Dave O'Donnell
- Tuesdays, from 3 to 4 p.m., in room C3380, with Barb Gormely
- Thursdays, from 8:30 to 9:20 a.m., in room D34160, with Tim Pedigo

- Thursdays, from 3:30 to 4:20 p.m., in room C3380, with Maristella Zell

All sessions are free. Everyone is welcome.

Student Art Exhibit – Brooke Nicholson

The Visual Arts Gallery presents *Impressions of Reality*, a graduate thesis exhibition by Brooke Nicholson, through Wednesday, September 28.

"My watercolor paintings depict the change, growth, metamorphosis, duality and balance that exist in life. I am interested in finding order among the chaos of everyday living," explains Nicholson.

The Visual Arts Gallery is located adjacent to E Lounge. It is open Monday and Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m., Tuesdays from 1 to 9 p.m., and Thursdays and Fridays from 5 to 9 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

Discover Your Inner Samurai

In conjunction with Mental Health Awareness Week, Governors State University is offering informational sessions and confidential depression screening at a series of events that are free and open to the public.

"Our events are designed to help people discover their inner strengths and nurture their emotional health," said Tamekia Scott, Outreach Counselor at GSU's Academic Resource Center (ARC). "We want the public to know conditions like depression and anxiety are highly treatable and that people with these illnesses can lead productive, fulfilling lives."

Activities during the week include "Fight or Flight," a workshop on stress management, on October 3, from noon to 1 p.m. and again from 5 to 6 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

Achieving inner wellness is the topic of "Revealing Me to Me," a presentation on October 4, from noon to 1 p.m. and again from 5 to 6 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

"Discovering Self," on October 5, investigates self-empowerment from noon to 1 p.m. and again from 5 to 6 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

On October 6, information on depression and related concerns will be available from noon to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Confidential depression screening will be offered in the ARC, adjacent to the Hall of Governors.

Depression screening involves completing a brief questionnaire and a conversation with a mental health professional. Questionnaire results are anonymous and confidential. If warranted, the mental health professional will offer next-step suggestions.

ARC is sponsoring Mental Health Awareness Week activities. The center provides ongoing counseling services to GSU students.

For more information, contact [Tamekia Scott](#) at ext. 2228.

ScholarShip Sails On – Dr. Steven C. Russell



Dr. Steven C. Russell, professor of Multicategorical Special Education will serve as co-editor of *Learning Disabilities: A Multidisciplinary Journal*. The journal is a peer reviewed publication published by the Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA). It is designed for professionals in the field of learning disabilities.

Dr. Russell was appointed by LDA President Patricia Lillie to join Co-Editor Dr. Janet Lerner and Managing Editor Lynne Cannon.

Dr. Russell is a recipient of the LDA Award, the highest honor given by LDA in recognition and

appreciation of outstanding leadership in the field of learning disabilities. He has also served as consulting editor for the *Journal*, a member and chair of LDA's Professional Advisory Board, and as chair, member, and representative on several LDA committees and at several conferences.

Economics Education Workshops



GSU's Office of Economic Education (OEE) is sponsoring professional development opportunities for educators in the south suburban region. Teachers will learn how to incorporate economics education into the classroom curriculum and how it enhances important skills and coincides with mandated learning outcomes.

The Stock Market Game workshop will be offered on October 5, from 1 to 5 p.m. The Stock Market Game is an on-line investing simulation for students in grades five through 12 sponsored by the Illinois Office of Economic Education. There is no fee to participate in the Stock Market Game or the workshop. Teachers who have never used the Stock Market Game as an economic education tool are invited to attend the workshop at GSU. Refreshments will be served. CPDUs are available.

Teachers of grades six through 12 are invited to attend the annual meeting of the Council for Economic Education at the Westin Hotel in Chicago on Oct. 13 to 15. During the meeting, the OEE will host a conference featuring information about the European economy, from 9 a.m. to noon, on October 13. Illinois educators are eligible for a special one-day registration fee of only \$40 and are encouraged to attend on October 13.

The OEE is sponsoring "Real World Learning," a series of day-long workshops focusing on ways to apply skills in reading and math to topics in economics and financial literacy. The first workshop is Nov. 19. There is no charge for these workshops. CPDUs and stipends are available.

For more information, contact [Sheryl Szot Gallaher](#) at 708.534.4926.

GSU to Share Restorative Justice Grant



GSU will participate in a grant that supports the development of community-owned restorative justice programming to lower the numbers of youth entering the juvenile court system. The Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice Project recently received a \$300,000 grant from the First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park.

GSU is contributing to the technical assistance component of this project. University faculty will also monitor the project's activities, evaluate progress in spreading the use of restorative justice practices, and identify ways to sustain the practices beyond the two-year grant period.

"We are pleased to participate with the Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice Project in a program that has the potential to generate positive change by encouraging community ownership of local crime and delinquency problems," said Dr. James "Chip" Coldren, Interim Assistant Provost at GSU. "Restorative justice practices have strong potential to improve the safety and welfare of the region, and in cost-effective ways that place less burden on taxpayers."

Schools and communities in Illinois and across the nation have already adopted restorative justice tools such as peer juries, victim-offender mediation, and peacemaking circles. These strategies help resolve conflicts among students and residents, reduce the need for police intervention, reduce the number of youths sent to juvenile court, and hold youths accountable for their decisions by giving them an opportunity to repair harm caused by their actions.

For more information about the project, call 217.778.3351.



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