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News and Events

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Board of Trustees Meets Friday

The Governors State University Board of Trustees will meet on Friday, October 14, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the Family Development Center.

Agenda materials are posted this week on the BOT Bulletin Boards, as well as on the GSU website. For more information, contact [Joan Maloney](#).

Wind turbine dedication



GSU's magnificent wind turbine, operational for the last few weeks, will be formally introduced to the university community during a dedication event on Friday, October 14. The dedication will take place in the early afternoon, immediately following the break for lunch at Friday's Board of Trustees meeting.

Members of the GSU community are invited to the ribbon-cutting event, which will be held in the play area behind the Family Development Center. Access to the site is limited to walking from the main university buildings and parking lots.

The wind turbine, built with assistance from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, is providing power to the Family Development Center.

Mark the Date for E & F Groundbreaking

Everyone is invited to help GSU kick off a new era in science education on October 18 with the groundbreaking ceremony celebrating the start of the renovation of the university's science facilities in the E and F buildings. Government, business, and community leaders will join university administrators, students, faculty, and staff at 10:30 a.m., in the F building atrium to mark the beginning of this long-awaited project.



The \$22.6 million, three-year renovation project will create state-of-the-art education facilities while providing more than 130 construction jobs. In addition to the positive impact the renovation project will have on the region's economy, the building renovation will better equip GSU to educate students for regional jobs in healthcare, computer science, scientific and mathematics research, and science and math education.

Upgrading its science facilities has been GSU's number one capital priority for the last decade. However, funds for this important, shovel ready, project were only recently released. The Capital Development Board, the state's construction management arm of Illinois' state government, has oversight responsibility for the design and construction of this project.

The groundbreaking ceremony is open to the public. For more information, contact [Penny Perdue](#).

National Coming Out Day

National Coming Out Day will be recognized at GSU with a panel discussion and sharing of stories on Wednesday, October 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact [Dr. Jim Howley](#).

Thinking and Writing in Psychology

Jean Johnson, Al Tuskenis, Glenna Howell, and Kim Jaroszewski of the College of Education faculty have published an article, *Development and Effects of a Writing and Thinking Course in Psychology*, in the October 2011 issue of *Teaching for Psychology*, the peer-reviewed journal for Division 2 of the American Psychological Association.

The article deals with GSU's new undergraduate psychology course, Thinking and Writing in Psychology. It includes a description of how the

course was developed using the APA learning goals, as well as results from an analysis of the course's effectiveness. The course has demonstrated a positive impact on the overall grade point average and thinking and writing skills of students within the course, and also in more advanced courses.

Implementing and requiring a thinking and writing course relatively early in the undergraduate psychology major was strongly endorsed by this study, which was originally supported by a GSU University Research Grant.

Social Work Honor Society Accepting Applications

Phi Alpha National Honor Society, Omicron Beta Chapter, an honor society for social work students, is currently accepting membership applications until January 27, 2012.

The 2012 Induction Ceremony will be held on Friday, March 23, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall.

For more information about Phi Alpha and qualifications on becoming a member, contact the faculty advisor, Dr. Maristela Zell at 708.235.2235 or society president Nina Lee.

GSU Crime Report Available Wednesday

Governors State University's "Campus Right-to-Know Crime Report" will be available online on Wednesday, October 12, 2011.

In accordance with the 1990 Campus Security Act (The Clery Act), this is a uniform report of crimes committed on the GSU campus, as well as in the village of University Park, from January 1 through December 31, 2008, 2009 and 2010. Criminal categories required under the Clery Act include murder, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, assaults/threats/harassment, intimidation, vandalism/criminal damage to property and motor vehicle theft, and statistics on arrests for drug and alcohol violations and weapons violations.

For further information, please contact the Department of Public Safety.

After Wednesday, you can view the Campus Right-to-Know Crime Report.

Village of University Park statistics are separate. They may be obtained at the University Park website.

On-Campus Job Fair Thursday

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair for people

interested in careers in business, communication, and public and business administration. In addition to employment opportunities, the fair will also include internship opportunities.

The 2011 Business/Administration/Communications Career and Internship Fair is on Thursday, October 13, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members are invited to attend. Potential employers are also invited to register as participants. This is an opportunity to match jobs and internships positions with qualified personnel.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974.

DrOT Information Session Saturday

The Department of Occupational Therapy will host an information session for the Doctor of Occupational Therapy (DrOT) degree program on Saturday, October 15, from 10 a.m. to noon, in Room G127.

Reservations are not required. For more information, contact [Dr. Melanie Ellexson](#), Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy, at 708.235.7622.

Hispanic Heritage Highlight

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

Nancy Lopez

Nancy Lopez is one of the greatest woman golfers of all time. She had an early start at greatness when she began to play golf at eight years old. She was only 12 when she won the New Mexico Women's Amateur tournament. One of the top pro golf money winners of all time, Lopez has won 48 titles. In 1989, she was inducted into the PGA World Golf Hall of Fame.

