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## News and Events

### **GSU Makes History**

GSU this week announced two historic, unprecedented steps toward becoming the national model of the 21st Century University.

The university moved forward with its plan to admit its first freshman class in 2014 when the Illinois Board of Education Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) voted to approve the proposal by the GSU Board of Trustees to add lower division programming to the university's upper division and graduate offerings.

Read the [freshmen admission](#) press release.

GSU was also honored to announce that the Kresge Foundation approved a grant of \$875,000 to support the Dual Degree Program, which provides students with a state-of-the-art transfer pathway from community college to a bachelor's degree.



Read the [Kresge grant](#) press release.

In her memo to the campus on Wednesday, President Maimon noted, "In order to fulfill the goals set forth by the Illinois Public Agenda and Complete College America, modern universities must focus on both designing an outstanding four-year baccalaureate experience and creating state-of-the-art transfer pathways from community colleges to the bachelor's degree and beyond. GSU leads the way in taking a both/and approach rather than an either/or approach."

She also thanked the entire GSU community for making the historic developments possible.

### **BOT Meets Friday**

The GSU Board of Trustees will meet on Friday, December 9, at 12:30 p.m., in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors.

For more information, contact [Joan Johns Maloney](#) at 708.534.4131.

## **Celebrating the Holiday Season**

GSU President Elaine P. Maimon and the Board of Trustees invite faculty and staff to celebrate the holiday season at a reception on Friday, December 9, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

RSVP to [Penny Perdue](#) at ext. 6394.

## **Holiday Schedule for the GSU Xpress**

The GSU Xpress Metra shuttle will operate by request only from December 19 through December 22. Transportation will not be provided during times when the shuttle does not usually operate.

Requests for transportation must be made 30 minutes prior to a regularly scheduled departure/arrival time. To request transportation from December 19 through 22, call the Department of Public Safety at 708.534.4900 or ext.4900.

From December 23 through January 2, GSU Xpress service will not be available.

GSU Xpress scheduled service will resume on Tuesday, January 3.

Public Transportation (P.A.C.E) will operate under normal scheduled routes and times.

For more information, call the Department of Public Safety.

## **New Login Passwords**

Under a mandate from the Illinois Auditor General, faculty and staff are required to change their network login password once every 60 days. Students will be required to change their password once every 120 days.

To assure a smooth transition, the password change requirement will be rolled out in phases. ITS will provide faculty, staff, and students with information on their first password change date and other details about this program. When users change their password for the first time, they will be prompted to answer a set of security questions. These questions will assist users in retrieving forgotten passwords in the future.

After the initial password reset, users will be notified when the next password update is required. Starting seven days before the expiration of their current password, users will receive a daily reminder to change their password. If faculty and staff passwords are not reset every 60 days, users will be locked out of GSU systems.

The ITS Helpdesk, which will remain staffed throughout the semester break, can be reached at [helpdesk@govst.edu](mailto:helpdesk@govst.edu) or 708.534.HELP (4357).

## **Cafeteria Holiday Hours**

The cafeteria will close at 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, through December 16. The cafeteria will be closed Saturday and Sunday, December 10 and 11, and from December 17 to January 3 except to fill catering orders. All catering orders must be placed by December 15.

## **Ways of Making: Photography Exhibit**

The Visual Arts Gallery will present *Ways of Making: Photography*, featuring the work of artists Myra Green and Cecil McDonald, Jr., from January 9 to February 3, 2012. A closing reception celebrating the exhibition will be held on Thursday, February 2, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The exhibit and the reception are free and open to the public.



Myra Greene received her BFA from Washington University in St. Louis and her MFA in photography from the University of New Mexico. Her work uses photographic processes to engage issues about the body, memory, the absorption of culture, and African-American identity.

Cecil McDonald Jr. grew up on the South Side of Chicago where an appreciation of art was encouraged by a creative mother, and influenced by the burgeoning DJ culture, House music, and the dance club scene.

*Ways of Making: Photography* is the second in a series of exhibitions highlighting the art-making practices taught in GSU's art program. The series began with an exhibit on *Ways of Making Paper*. Additional exhibits exploring the intricacies, methods, and some of the secrets of artistic creativity are planned. This series is made possible in part by a grant from the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.



The Visual Arts Gallery is open Mondays and Wednesdays, from 5 to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1 to 9 p.m.; Fridays, from 5 to 9 p.m.; and by appointment.

For more information, call 708.534.4021 or visit [www.govst.edu/gallery](http://www.govst.edu/gallery).

## **Scholarship Spotlight - Rachael Severance**



Rachael Severance of Oak Lawn received the Lorraine Fontana Endowed Memorial Scholarship. Rachael is an undergraduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration's finance program.

After receiving her degree, Rachael plans to continue her education and earn her master's degree. Rachael wants to become a financial advisor.

## **Scholarship Spotlight - Seweryn Skibinski**



Seweryn Skibinski of Burbank received the Donald W. Hansen Memorial Endowed Scholarship. Seweryn is a graduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences' Master of Arts in Political and Justice Studies program.

He received his undergraduate degree with a double major in Criminology, Law, and Justice, and Spanish and Hispanic Studies.



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