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## News and Events

### **Message to Faculty and Staff**

President Elaine P. Maimon welcomes faculty and staff to a new year at GSU with a special message.

Download Dr. Maimon's [Message](#)

### **Tad at the CPA**



*Tad in 5th City* comes to the Center for Performing Arts on Saturday, January 21, at 8 p.m.

*Tad in 5th City*, a production of MPAACT, is the second performance in the "One More Night" series, which is bringing the best in Chicago theater to GSU for one final performance. "One More Night" is made possible by a generous grant from the Chicago Community Trust.

Student tickets are only \$15. Tickets are available by calling 708.235.2222 or online.

Carla Stillwell, director of *Tad in 5th City*, and poet Orron Kenyatta will discuss the play today at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. *Tad in 5th City* is based on Kenyatta's works.

The conversation is free and open to the public.

### **Dean Hill Encourages Tad Participation**

CAS Dean Reinhold Hill is encouraging members of the GSU community to participate in today's discussion of *Tad in 5th City* and attend the play on Saturday night. The play is part of the One More Night Series.

Read Dean Hill's [letter](#).

## **Jesse White Visits Welcome Days**

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White helped usher in a new year – and a new semester – at GSU Tuesday by presenting President Elaine P. Maimon with a special license plate that, she said, reflects all the positive developments on the horizon in 2012.



Appearing at Welcome Days, White honored the university with a framed "GSU – 2012" license plate. The Secretary of State's Mobile Unit is a popular fixture at the beginning of each semester, and White lauded the success of the program at GSU.

The Secretary of State, who founded the renowned Jesse White Tumblers, described the functions of his office, which oversees motor vehicle programs in Illinois and also provides funds to libraries across the state. He concluded with his personal credo: "Do something nice for someone every day."

Dr. Maimon thanked White for providing important services to GSU students and staff and briefly recounted all the exciting developments taking place at the university this year. Construction of the new E and F wing science labs and classrooms is about to begin. Following approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, GSU is getting ready for its first freshman class in 2014. The university is bolstering its innovative Dual Degree Program with a generous grant from the Kresge Foundation. Plans for on-campus housing are steadily moving ahead.

Will County Executive Larry Walsh and University Park Trustee Larry Brown also attended Tuesday's appearance by the Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State's Mobile Unit comes to GSU three times a year providing services to the campus community and the region.

## **Reserving Event Space**

During the renovation of E and F Buildings, the assignment of class locations will be given priority over all other events. This includes the assignment of public function areas. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

## **Library Hours - 2012**

The University Library will be open on Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and on Sunday, from 1 to 5 p.m.

## **Find a Career**

Don't just get a job, find a career. Gain insight and learn important tools at *Careers for the 21st Century*, a series of free workshops for both career seekers and career counselors on Monday, January 30 and Thursday, February 2. Participants may attend the workshop(s) of their choice.

On Monday, the workshops include:

- *The New Careers Perspectives for the New Career World* - 10 a.m. to noon, E-Lounge
- *Intuition, A Long Overlooked Career Counseling Competency* - 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., E-Lounge
- *Personal Reflections on the Use of Intuition in Career Choices* - 5 to 7:30 p.m., Cafeteria Annex

The workshops on Thursday are:

- *Career Transitions and Life Management in the New Career Market* - 10 a.m. to noon, Cafeteria Annex
- *Navigating Uncertainty* - 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Cafeteria Annex
- *Passion Search: Find your Career Passion and Path* - 5 to 7:30 p.m., Cafeteria Annex

Workshop presenters include Dr. Byron Waller, Associate Professor of Counseling at GSU; Carol Vecchio, founder of Centerpoint Institute for Life and Career Renewal, a nonprofit educational organization; and Dr. Heather Zeng, core faculty member and subject matter expert in career counseling at Capella University.

Registration is not required. To reserve a seat or for more information, e-mail [Dr. Waller](#). Include the workshops you wish to attend as well as your contact information. These workshops are sponsored by the GSU College of Education and Department of Psychology and Counseling.

## **Join the Student Enrichment Program**

The Student Enrichment Program (SEP) helps you earn your bachelor's degree with programming, support, and resources. SEP provides qualified students with academic support services that aid in retention and graduation, create a supportive learning environment, and expose students to professional development experiences that promote self-esteem.

Currently SEP is accepting only 50 participants. To be eligible for SEP, you must be committed to participate in the program; be a current undergraduate GSU student who is low-income and first generation, as determined by documentation in the Office of Financial Aid; have at least two semesters until graduation; and sign a consent form for use of program data for research purposes.

SEP is at GSU to support you as you pursue your educational goals. Let SEP help you achieve success by degrees.

For more information and to apply, visit [www.govst.edu/arc](http://www.govst.edu/arc) or contact Tamekia Scott at 708.236.2228.

## **Forensics Team Looking for Members**

As the new semester begins, students can sign up for GSU's Forensics Team. Faculty Sponsor Arness Krause said team members learn the art of rhetoric, advanced public speaking, advanced research, communications analysis, and dramatic interpretation.

"We welcome all students at all levels interested in learning more about the art of forensics," she said.

In the past year, the Forensics Team has competed in state-wide competitions. GSU's team has hosted two debates on campus and participated in celebrations honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Krause said team members are not required to compete and can join the team to participate in on-campus events and for personal improvement.

Interested students can contact Arness Krause to sign up for the Forensics Team, or for more information.

## **Navigating the Library Website**

Learn valuable research skills as the GSU Library explains the academic resources readily available – and accessible – on its website.

Library orientation sessions take place Monday, January 23 through Thursday, January 26, at 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., and 6 p.m.

Topics include:

- Finding books at GSU and other I-Share libraries
- Finding relevant databases for your discipline
- Finding the librarian for assistance in your discipline
- Finding course reserves
- How to access resources from off-campus

Question and answer opportunities, along with library tours, are also available.

Stop by the reference desk for room numbers before each session.

## **Acappella Auditions**

Do you love to sing? Can you stay true to your part? Consider becoming a member of GSU Acappella.

GSU Acappella is looking for all voice types. The ensemble is open to GSU staff, faculty, and students. Rehearsals take place twice a week at noon.

Auditions will be held Wednesday, February 1, and Thursday, February 2, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts Green Room. Be prepared to sing a song acappella.

To reserve an audition time, contact [Lynne Clayton](#) at 708.534.3075.



## **Discussion of The Color Purple**

Copies of *The Color Purple*, by Alice Walker, are available in the GSU Library. *The Color Purple* is this semester's selection in the One Book, One University series.

A discussion of *The Color Purple* takes place Tuesday, February 7, from 11:30 to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Panelists include Rashidah Muhammad, professor of English and secondary education; Elizabeth Johnson, assistant professor of history; Elizabeth Todd-Breland, assistant professor of social science; and Byron Waller, associate professor of counseling. The discussion is sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

If you attend the discussion, you'll be eligible to win a ticket to the stage production of *The Color Purple*, to be presented Wednesday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m., in the GSU Center for Performing Arts.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Lydia Morrow Ruetten at 708.534.4116.

## **Password Changes**

Under a mandate from the Illinois Auditor General, faculty and staff will be required to change their network login password once every 60 days. Students will be required to change their password once every 120 days. This mandate, designed to ensure the security of campus data, is now in effect.

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 the 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 will assist users in retrieving forgotten passwords.

After the initial password reset, users will receive a daily password change notice starting seven days before their expiration date. If faculty and staff passwords are not reset every 60 days, users will be locked out of GSU systems.

The ITS Helpdesk, can be reached at helpdesk@govst.edu or 708.534.HELP (4357).

## **Zumba Returns**

The GSU Recreation and Fitness Center is again offering Zumba. You can

dance your way to fitness at GSU with the number one cardio workout.

Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., from January 24 through April 19. GSU students pay only \$10. Center members pay only \$40 and all others pay \$100.

Currently enrolled students are reminded that they are full members of the Recreation and Fitness Center and may use the facilities for free and join classes at drastically reduced rates.

For more information about the Recreation and Fitness Center visit [www.govst.edu/recfit](http://www.govst.edu/recfit).

## **Kids Can Swim**

It is time to get the kids off the couch, away from the Xbox, and into the pool. Winter is the perfect time for children to learn how to swim, master an important skill, have fun in the water, and use up some energy.

The GSU Recreation and Fitness Center Youth Swim Program is open to children 5 to 17 years old. Participants receive 12 weeks of swim instruction. Classes begin on Saturday, January 21, from 11 to 11:40 a.m. Poolside parental presence during swim times is required along with a waiver signed by a parent or guardian. 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. Contact the Recreation and Fitness Center today at 708.534.4556.

## **Blackboard Tips**

Tips on using Blackboard are still available online. This valuable information will help you make your online courses more successful. See all the Blackboard tips on the Center for Online Teaching and Learning's [website](#) under Preparing for the New Semester.

## **Reading Together**

Join over a million readers from all ethnic backgrounds in celebration of Black History Month. The African American Read-In will be held on Monday, February 20, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. The event celebrates literacy and is endorsed by the International Reading Association.

Volunteers are being sought to participate in this remarkable event and everyone is welcome to attend. Readers choose an excerpt from a book, poem, or other literary work by an African American author to read aloud at the Read In.

Contact Dr. Rashidah Muhammad at 708.534.6974 to sign up or receive additional information.

## **2012 Student Senate Candidates Sought**

Students are encouraged to get involved, have an opinion, and make an impact. Elections for GSU Student Senate positions will be held from February 20 to 24.

More information and applications are available in the Student Life Office or online at [www.govst.edu/studentsentate](http://www.govst.edu/studentsentate).

## **Scholarship Spotlight – Lisa Adams**



Lisa Adams of Blue Island received the Accelerated Rehabilitation Centers Physical Therapy Scholars Award. Lisa is a graduate student in the College of Health and Human Resources' Doctor of Physical Therapy Program.

Lisa has always found joy and fulfillment in helping others. She has a strong work ethic and is confident she will be a good leader and excellent physical therapist.

