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## News and Events

### **Much Ado About Pierre**



Pierre and the Bard

Pierre, GSU's traveling penguin, accompanied Rosemary Johnsen, associate professor of English, to Stratford, Ontario, for the 60th season of the Stratford Shakespeare Festival. Pierre enjoyed Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*, and *The Pirates of Penzance*, Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera. In the photo, he can be seen perched on the statue of William Shakespeare – and assisting the Bard's pen – outside the Festival Theatre.

This spring, Pierre gave his official "wing-tips-up" to International Penguin Day, April 25, during a fifth grade health class at James Hart School in Homewood. Jim

Murray, a GSU student studying Human Performance and Training, snapped a photo of Pierre standing on a jar containing contest slips; students who wore only black and white to class that day were entered in a drawing for a video or a poster.



A Day for Penguins!

Send your pictures of Pierre's summer travels to GSU View and you will be eligible for fabulous prizes in our Take Pierre on Vacation photo contest. For information on picking up your own GSU penguin for travels near and far, and how to enter the contest, visit [Pierre's webpage](#).

### **Take a Tour of E and F Wing Project**

You don't need a hard hat to see the steady progress in E and F Buildings, where crews have completed the first phase of their construction project. When the project is finished, GSU students will have state-of-the-art science classrooms and labs.

Follow [this link](#) for a video tour of the E and F renovation in progress.

### **Convocation 2012 Coming Next Week**

Members of the GSU community – students, faculty, and staff – are invited to Convocation 2012, on Tuesday, August 14, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

President Elaine P. Maimon will deliver the State of the University Address. Dr. Maimon will also announce winners of this year's Baysore Award and Excellence Awards.

### **Baysore Award Deadline is Tuesday**

President Maimon will present the Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Award at Convocation 2012 on Tuesday, August 14. The Baysore Award is awarded annually to a GSU employee who most fully demonstrates four qualities consistently and fully embodied by Dr. Baysore during his 18 years of service to the university.

They are:

- Absolute integrity
- Total competence
- Generous dedication
- Unfailing civility

Nominations for the Baysore Award must be received by Tuesday, August 7. Nominations should explain how the employee includes the above four qualities on a day-to-day basis at GSU.

Please send your written nominations to [Penny Perdue](#).

## **MILE Designated School Board Member Trainer**

Effective schools are successful because of a combination of factors that encompass every aspect of the education provided to students. Effective school leadership is one important element. The State of Illinois, in recognition of this factor, recently established the requirement that all school board members receive training in the various aspects of their positions as district leaders and decision makers.

The Metropolitan Institute of Higher Education, (MILE), at GSU was recently designated as a certified training entity for school board member and will begin conducting leadership training workshops in the fall.

In a recent letter to MILE Director Alicia McCray, State Superintendent of Education Christopher A. Koch wrote "...you are highly qualified and meet/exceed the application requirement to train school board members."

In its capacity as a designated trainer, MILE will lead workshops for school board members on leadership skills, which include fiduciary, ethics, and governance responsibilities.

"MILE has offered programs for school board members since its founding in 2006. We are delighted that we have been recognized with this certification and feel uniquely qualified to provide this service," said McCray.



Alicia McCray

For more information on the school board member workshops, contact 708. 534.4024.

## **Faculty Grading Workshops Start Today**

All faculty members will soon enter Summer 2012 grades into the myGSU portal. The Registrar's Office is holding workshops to demonstrate the grading process. All faculty are welcome to attend one of the sessions. Sessions run approximately 30 minutes.

Grading Workshops will be held in the Academic Computing Lab, Lab D2430:

- Monday, August 6, at 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 7, at 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, August 8, at 2 p.m.

Faculty members will also receive the Faculty Guidebook to the myGSU portal from the Registrar's Office via e-mail.

## **Library Friends Host Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Friends of the GSU Library will be held on Wednesday, August 8, at noon, in the Library administrative conference room. New officers will be elected. Nominations of current members for office will be accepted. Everyone is welcome.



Dr. Jon Carlson

New members are also welcome. Membership in the Friends is only \$5 for students, \$35 for faculty and staff, and \$100 for community members.

The Friends sponsor programs and events that support the GSU Library. They accept donations and host fundraisers, including the used book sale.

Recently the Friends received a donation from faculty member Dr. Jon Carlson. Dr. Carlson donated his professional library to the GSU Friends of the Library. Dr. Carlson was recognized as a "Treasured Friend" for his generosity. His name appears on a plaque on display in the Library.

For more information about the Friends, contact [Pam Taylor](#) at ext. 7527.

## **Information on Alternative Teacher Certification**

Learn how to earn elementary or secondary (biology, chemistry, or mathematics) teacher certification and secure a teaching position through GSU's Alternative Certification Program. An information session will be held on Thursday, August 9, at 7 p.m., in E-Lounge.

The Alternative Teacher Certification program at GSU offers a way to earn a teaching certificate and embark on a new, rewarding career in education. The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) leads to a Masters of Art in Teaching in Urban Teacher Education in elementary or secondary (biology, chemistry, or mathematics). TQP provides an opportunity to co-teach for a year with a certified teacher, a \$30,000 stipend, and a 25 percent reduction in tuition. TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

This program is open to college graduates with a bachelor's degree. The application deadline for the Alternative Certification program, beginning Spring 2013, is November 15.

For more information, call 708.534.4399 or visit [www.govst.edu/altcert](http://www.govst.edu/altcert).

## **Orientation Welcomes New Students to GSU**

Student Life has been working for months on the first Orientation sessions at GSU. We hope this becomes a model program for introducing students to GSU.

Orientation for new GSU students on Thursday, August 16 and Saturday, August 18 will provide an introduction to student resources, services, and programs that will lead to a successful college experience.

Undergraduate Orientation is August 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts. Graduate Orientation is August 18, from 9 a.m. to noon, also in the CPA. The on-campus orientation is required for all new students -- graduates and undergraduates. New students must register for Orientation at <http://mygovst.govst.edu>.

Orientation features a welcome by President Elaine P. Maimon, an overview of services available to students, ITS overview, and breakout sessions in respective colleges. Information tables for more than a dozen university units will be set up to give further information on services available to students. Thank you in advance for your participation.

For more information on Orientation, contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) at ext. 4552.

## **Help Make Orientation a Success**

The New Student Orientation Committee is looking for faculty, staff, and student volunteers for the New Student Orientation on Thursday, August 16 (for undergraduates) and Saturday, August 18 (for graduate students). Volunteers are needed to serve as welcome ambassadors and help with setup, serving, registration, and clean-up on both days.

Please contact [Karen Caesar-Smith](#) at ext. 6360 by Friday, August 10 to sign up or for additional information.

## **Direct Deposit Faculty Staff Reimbursements**

Reimbursements for travel or other approved university functions by faculty and staff can now be deposited directly into designated bank accounts. Such reimbursements are separate from payroll direct deposits.

In order to take advantage of this easy and fast process, it is important that you provide your banking information. The university will be using this information to direct deposit any reimbursements to which you are entitled, and for no other purpose. This process must be followed even if you already allow direct deposit for payroll.

To provide or update bank information:

1. Log into the myGSU portal at <http://mygovst.govst.edu>
2. Click on Online Services and select Financial Information
3. Click on Bank Information (U.S.)
4. Enter your banking information, including account and routing numbers
5. Read and select I Agree to the Terms and Conditions
6. Click on the Submit button
7. You will receive an email confirmation that your submission was recorded

For questions on your myGSU user name and password, contact the GSU Help Desk at 708.534.4357. For questions on updating your bank information, contact GSU Accounts Payable at 708.235.7374.

## **Alumni Group Hosts Walk for Recovery**

Put your feet to good use and take a walk. The GSU Addictions Studies Alumni Club and the Alumni Association are sponsoring the Walk for Recovery on September 22. This event celebrates National Recovery Month. The Recovery Walk is a two-mile walk around the GSU campus and the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park.

In addition to the walk there will be door prizes, refreshments, music and entertainment, and a resource fair.

Featured speakers include Peter Palanca, GSU senior lecturer in addictions studies and Executive Vice President and COO of TASC, Inc. Theodora Binion, Director of the Illinois Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse; Dr. Groove, inspirational spoken word artist; and comedian Tommy Connolly.

Admission is free and there is no charge to participate in the walk. Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. The program begins at 9 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m.

To register online and to be entered to win a special door prize, visit [www.govst.edu/alumniwalk](http://www.govst.edu/alumniwalk).

For more information or to sponsor this event, call Alumni Relations at 708.534.4128.

