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News and Events

Webinars for the New Semester

There is something for everyone in two upcoming webinars sponsored by the Office of the Provost and the Center for Online Teaching and Learning.

Reaching First-Generation College Students will be held on August 21, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The webinar is presented by AAC&U and Inside Higher Education. The discussion features the authors of *First Generation College Students: Understanding and Improving the Experience From Recruitment to Commencement*. They will talk about a range of topics from recruitment to successful degree completion and a holistic approach to serving these students.

The Flipped Classroom: Rethinking the Way You Teach will be offered on August 23, from 1 to 2 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The presenters will explore the types of active learning possible when lectures can happen outside of face-to-face class time. They will put the flipped model in context with what is known about how learning works in the brain.

Mark your calendars and reserve your seat. For more information, contact [Tony Labriola](#).

Welcome Days 2012 Start Today

Students, welcome to GSU's 2012-2013 academic year. We know you are excited about the new school year, and so are we.

Get your new semester off to a good start with Welcome Days today and Tuesday, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. This is your opportunity to learn about departmental and student resources. Information about the Academic Resource Center, Student Life services and activities, the Recreation and Fitness Center, the University Library, and veterans' services will be available. Students can get IDs validated and TWAG will be recruiting new hosts for the show.

The Illinois Secretary of State's Mobile Services Unit will be in the Hall of Governors on August 21, from 1 to 7 p.m., providing services such as driver's license renewal and vehicle title and registration.

Student clubs and organizations will be showcased on August 22, from 11 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Getting involved has never been easier. Discover the student club that is right for you.

Students will have the opportunity to learn about community resources and services at a Community Fair on August 23. Vendors from the community will be present to provide information from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Power 92 radio station will broadcast live from GSU.



Welcome Days 2012

Carts & Cocktails Returns September 8

GSU is celebrating the 30th anniversary of Martin Puryear's installation of Bodark Arc, at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park (NMSP). BMO Harris Bank is pleased to present this annual benefit fundraiser, Carts & Cocktails, offering guests an engaging afternoon featuring a conversation with Michael Darling, James Alsdorf Curator at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago, cocktails, and a tour of the park in golf carts. Carts & Cocktails will be held on Saturday, September 8, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Martin Puryear, one of the world's elite African American sculptors, lived in Chicago when his work gained international recognition. In February, 2012, President Barack Obama presented Puryear with the National Medal of Arts, the highest award given to artists and arts patrons by the United States Government.

Following cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in a lakeside tent, guests at the event will take a motorized tour of the sculpture park, where a breathtaking prairie landscape is home to 27 monumental works by some of the world's greatest artists. Stops are planned at Bodark Arc and two other sculptures. After the tour, Carts & Cocktails concludes with desserts in the tent.

Tickets for the event are \$100 per person. For tickets or more information, contact NMSP at www.govst.edu/sculpture or 708.534.4486.

Carts & Cocktails is presented by BMO Harris Bank. Bimba is an event patron. Sponsors are Rich Township, AAA System Rentals, Leona Calvin, Debra Hooks, Jacqueline Lewis, and The Music Connection.

First New Student Orientation



Dr. Maimon

New students began their first semester at GSU by attending a lively, informative orientation designed to introduce them to the university and all it has to offer. Student Life organized and hosted the orientation sessions attended by more than 600 undergraduates on Thursday and 200 graduate students on Saturday.

Students were greeted by President Maimon and heard from Courtney Kohn Sanders, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing; and Dr. Aurelio Valente, Dean of Students and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs.

They had an opportunity to speak with program advisors and learn about the many academic support services available to

help them, as well as student clubs and organizations active on campus.



Undergraduate Orientation

The students were made to feel welcome with packets of helpful information and useful give-aways to help them get started at GSU. Feedback from the students was very positive. They were eager to learn about the university and asked excellent questions. Participating departments such as the Academic Resource Center, Library, and Career Services were pleased to have the opportunity to introduce their services to new students.

Pierre Travels to Israel

This summer, Pierre the GSU Penguin, the unofficial GSU mascot, is enjoying a fantastic summer full of trips, adventures, and new sights and sound.



Pierre in Tel Aviv, Israel

Recently, Pierre accompanied Leah Chapman on a trip to Israel. Chapman, a graduate student in the MFA in Independent Film and Digital Imaging program, worked on her thesis during the trip. Pierre had fun tagging along. He had a great time touring numerous locations, including the Mediterranean beaches, Tel Aviv, and Jerusalem, where he visited the Wailing Wall.

Send your pictures of Pierre's summer travels to the 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](#).



Sunset on the Mediterranean

Tee Up Dave Drechsel Golf Outing

Golfers, there are only three weeks left to perfect your long and short game for the Third Annual GSU Dave Drechsel Golf Outing. This year's outing will be held Sunday, September 9, at University Golf Club in University Park. Participants are encouraged to register for the event by this Friday, August 24.



GSU faculty and staff, along with family and friends, are invited to take part in an afternoon of golf, friendly competition, great food, and camaraderie. Everyone is welcome.

Registration for the golf outing begins at noon, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The banquet begins at 6 p.m. The fee for the entire day's events is \$75 or \$25 for persons only attending the banquet.

The golf outing was established in memory of Dave Drechsel, who was Human Relations benefits manager and a longtime member of the GSU summer golf league.

To register for the event and submit payment, contact [Hollie Campbell](#) at 708.235.6813.

New Season at CPA Begins with a H!T

"A spontaneity, wit and inventiveness that must be seen to be believed!" – New York Post

Join us on Friday, September 21 as we open our the 18th season of the Center for Performing Arts. The hysterical *Broadway's Next H!T Musical* is the only unscripted theatrical awards show.

Using suggestions from the audience, master improvisers create a spontaneous evening of music, humor, and laughter. The audience votes for their favorite song and watches as the cast turns it into a full blown improvised musical - complete with memorable characters, witty dialogue, and plot twists!



Tickets are \$15 to \$50. Bring your GSU student ID to the box office to enjoy student discounts all year round. For tickets and information visit the box office or www.centertickets.net or call 708.235.2222.

"At last! A musical of, for, and by the people...That's entertainment!" – Time Out NY

Art on Campus Accessible to All



Tibia by Karen DePirro

Artist Karen DePirro has loaned eight realistic symbolist oil paintings to GSU's Art on Campus program. The exhibition is on view through October 12 in the Atrium Gallery, located in the D Main Entrance of the campus.

Art on Campus exhibition venues are in public areas on GSU's campus and can be enjoyed any time the university is open.

A reception honoring DePirro, of St. John, Indiana, will take place on Wednesday August 29, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Visual Arts Gallery and E Lounge. This event coincides with the closing reception the current Visual Arts Gallery exhibit, *SO REAL*.

"I am excited to have Karen's work on campus to augment the exhibition in the gallery which is also art work that uses realism in symbolic ways," said Gallery Director Jeff Stevenson.

De Pirro studied art at The School of The Art Institute of Chicago, The University of Chicago, The Cranbrook Academy of Art, and is represented by the Steeple Gallery in St. John.

Association of Computing Machinery Comes to GSU

Extracurricular offerings for GSU computer science clubs have just climbed to a new level.

Tamisha Rose, president of the university's Computer Science Club, applied to the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) to start a new student chapter at GSU, and her request was approved. ACM is the world's largest educational and scientific computing society and will provide students at GSU many opportunities to expand their enjoyment of computers and academic interests.

The CS Club and new ACM chapter will begin holding regular meetings in September and will have many events and speakers throughout the year. October is *National Cyber Security Awareness Month* and the club is planning a number of activities.

Last year the CS Club participated in the Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (CCDC) and defended a computer network from attack for eight hours. This year the team will compete in February and will begin recruiting team members. If you are interested in the CS Club, ACM student chapter, or CCDC, contact [Steve Hyzny](#).

