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News and Events

A Touch of M.A.G.I.C.

This year's Campus Community Campaign got off to a rousing – and magical – start at Tuesday's kickoff event. Donations to the campaign provide important funds for worthwhile initiatives such as the GSU Promise and other student



Jean Malloy, Sheryl Jones-Harper,
Tracy Sullivan, and Bettie Lewis

scholarships, college programs, the GSU Library, Nathan Manilow, Sculpture Park, and the Center for Performing Arts.

This year's theme is Making A Greater Individual Commitment – M.A.G.I.C. In keeping with the theme, a magician appeared at Tuesday's event. There was a high level of enthusiasm at the kickoff as campaign

coordinators were introduced from GSU's various colleges and departments.

Coordinators for this year are Clarrisa Anagnos, Margaret Brady, Colleen Buche, Lisa Carra, Lynn Dimaggio, Adrienne Gray, Patricia Guy, Rhonda Jackson, Elizabeth Johnson, Sheryl Jones-Harper, Bettie Lewis, Victoria Lloyd, Rashidah Muhammad, Laura Owens, Robert Sinclair, Jackie Small, Pamela Stipanich, Patricia Thompson, Michael Trendell, and Ayita Woods.

To make a donation to the Campus Community Campaign, or for more information, contact your departmental coordinator, or [Jackie Small](#) at ext. 2188.

2012 Candidates Coming to GSU

Political hopefuls seeking state and congressional offices will speak at the 2012 Candidates Forum on Thursday, October 18, in Sherman Hall. The forum, free and open to the public, is sponsored by GSU and the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce.



Learn what the candidates have to say about the economy, health care, education, transportation, and other issues of importance to our region.

To register for a seat at the forum, contact www.chicagosouthland.com.

New Director of Academic Engagement

The Office of the Provost is pleased to welcome Dr. Randi Schneider as the director of its new program for academic engagement. As the Director of Academic Engagement, Dr. Schneider will report to Dr. Sandra Mayfield, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.



Dr. Schneider will collaborate in the development of a framework for embedding High Impact Practices throughout GSU's undergraduate curriculum. In her role at GSU, Dr. Schneider will interface with activities that are currently under way in preparation for GSU's first cohort of freshmen in 2014.

Dr. Schneider comes to GSU from Kent State University in Ohio, where she returned to her position of Director of Student Success following a six-month assignment as Interim Special Assistant to the Provost. While at Kent State, Dr. Schneider also served as Director of Enrollment Management and Student Services. Her early career experiences were at Indiana University in Pennsylvania, where she directed University Health Services and assisted with the management of student housing.

Dr. Schneider is a Chicago native who completed her doctoral degree at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Muntu Brings Flash and Energy to GSU

Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago brings its electrifying synthesis of dance, rhythm, and song to GSU Center for Performing Arts on Friday, October 12, at 8 p.m.

Muntu, coming to GSU Center for one performance only, will feature dynamic works from its vast repertoire, highlighting

traditional dance and music rooted in West Africa and performed with its signature "flash and energy."

A colorful and dynamic company, Muntu brings audiences out of their seats and into the aisles with its authentic and progressive interpretations of contemporary and ancient African and African-



Muntu Dance Theatre

American dance, music, and folklore. Muntu is highly regarded for its innovative repertory, preserving traditional African dance while creating new works that build on African, Caribbean and African-American cultural traditions.

Tickets for Muntu Dance Theatre are \$15 to \$52. To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact the GSU Center box office at www.centertickets.net or 708.235.2222.

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Dr. Berger at GSU

In a special presentation, GSU will host Dr. Rony Berger, clinical psychologist, family and child therapist, and internationally recognized expert in dealing with the psychological preparation for and the aftermath of terrorism and other major disasters.

Dr. Berger will discuss *Fostering Psychological Healing in the Aftermath of Terrorism and Other Major Disasters*, on Monday, October 15, from 5 to 6 p.m., in Sherman Hall. The event will also include a screening of the trailer for the film, *10-Percent: What Makes A Hero? – A Documentary*, which is currently in production, concerning Dr. Berger's collaborative research with Stanford Professor Philip Zimbardo. The film, by noted director Yoav Shamir, is produced by Michael Moore.



Dr. Rony Berger

This event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee, Department of Psychology and Counseling, and Division of Communications, Visual, and Performing Arts.

Family Feud!



A game show star in our midst? Professor Yevette Brown from the Division of Communications, Visual, and Performing Arts, will appear soon with her family on the television game show, *Family Feud*.

Yevette Brown "It was the dream of my son Kyle and his wife Carla, so my husband Michael, daughter Elise, and I went along," she said. "We tried out and made it! Though it's harder than it looks, it was lots of fun and host Steve Harvey was amazing."

Of the five show maximum, Yevette and her family played four. The airdates for the Brown family are: October 19 to 24 and December 21 to 26 on WPWR-Channel 50, a Fox-affiliated station, at 5 and 5:30 p.m.

Essentials for First Year Success

All GSU faculty and staff are invited to *The Essentials of First Year Student Success: Planning for 2014*, an informational forum, on Friday, October 19. The event, taking place on the Center for Performing Arts stage, begins with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. The program will start at 9 a.m.

Two nationally known experts from the John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education, Betsy Barefoot and John Gardner, will speak at the event.

The campus-wide discussion regarding planning for GSU's first freshman class in 2014 began with last March's forum featuring Carol Geary Schneider. The October 19 event will continue that conversation.

Lunch will also be served. The day's activities should be finished by 4:30 p.m.

RSVPs are required for this event. To RSVP, contact [Joan Johns Maloney](#) at 708.534.4131.

Class Wait Listing: New for Spring 2013 Registration

The Colleague Project Office is happy to announce a new registration system function: Class Wait Listing.

Class Wait Listing is a fully automated process that will allow students to join a wait list if a class is at capacity. Students who add their names to wait lists will automatically be notified via their GSU student e-mail accounts if and when seats become available. They will then have 24 hours to respond to the e-mail and register for classes.

The project was led by Colleague Curriculum Team Leaders Colleen Rock, Director of Academic and Technological Support in the Provost's Office, and Bonnie Simpson, Assistant to the Registrar.

CS Students Honored

The Illinois Technology Foundation (ITF) will honor two GSU students at its sixth annual *50 for the Future* ceremony, which recognizes exceptional students in technology. Tamisha Rose and Donald Washington were nominated by University Lecturer Steve Hzyny for their achievements at GSU and potential in their fields.

The ceremony on Tuesday, October 23, will be attended by many of

Illinois technology industry leaders along with the winners and their families.

Rose, president of the Computer Science Club, and Washington, president of the MIS Club, have demonstrated great capabilities at GSU in both their academic pursuits and extracurricular activities.

Winners of *50 for the Future* go through a rigorous judging process and are chosen for their interest in and potential to use technology. ITF offers free membership to Illinois students and free job search tools.

Wellness Club Hosts Shoe Collection

You can donate new and gently used shoes to the Kids Wish Network on Wednesday, October 17, from 1 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The shoe collection is a Wellness Club community service project.

The Kids Wish Network is an international charitable organization dedicated to infusing hope, creating happy memories, and improving quality of life for children experiencing life-altering situations.

Monetary donations will also be accepted. For further information, contact Vanessa Newby at 708.534.4551.

Colleague Users Group October Meeting

The next meeting of the Colleague Users Group (CUG) is Wednesday, October 17, at 2 p.m., in D34115.

CUG provides a monthly forum for GSU community members to share and discuss their experiences using the system. Membership in CUG is open to all faculty and staff.

The forum will include a demonstration of Automated Class Wait Listing. Please come to learn about this new registration enhancement and to share your comments and questions.

Contact the Colleague Project Office with any questions about the meeting.

Handicap This!

The GSU community is invited to attend a free, live stage show, *Handicap This!* on Wednesday, October 17, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts.

The show stars 23-year-old Mike Berkson, a funny, optimistic genius who, while living with Cerebral Palsy, refuses to "dwell on limitations. Instead I

ponder unlimited possibilities.”

Joining Berkson in this stage show is his former middle school teacher and now friend, Tim Wambach. With music and humor, Berkson and Wambach share their inspirational message of challenging stereotypes, breaking down barriers, coping with handicaps, and living up to one’s potential – and beyond.

This event is sponsored by the Intellectual Life Committee, CAS, CHHS, ARC, and the GSU Office of Student Life.

For more information, contact [Dr. Robbie O’Shea](#).

Throwaways Screening and Discussion

Students in the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice degree program are hosting a special program to encourage discussion and understanding of the adjustment problems facing women after incarceration. The program begins at 6 p.m., on October 17, with the screening of *Throwaways*, a documentary film made by GSU students. The film follows the lives of several women as they adjust to life after prison.

Immediately following the film, the students and the women featured in *Throwaways* will participate in a discussion of the film’s message and a question and answer session.

The program will be held in the Center for Performing Arts. It is free and open to the public. To help the women transition to community life, donations of gift cards for groceries, gas, and household goods will be gratefully accepted.

This event was coordinated by Caron Jacobson of the GSU Criminal Justice Department. The project was funded by Andrea A. Raila & Associates and a GSU Intellectual Life Grant. Special thanks to the Cook County Commission on Women’s Issues Districts 5, 6, and 12.

For more information, contact [Caron Jacobson](#) at 708.235.2136.

Learn About Healthier Food Choices

Take the right turn on the road to health by attending the Nutritional Health Summit on Thursday, October 18, from 1 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Learn the 12-step path to a healthier lifestyle, how to count calories and make healthier selections, and how to incorporate exercise into your life.

The summit is sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee. For further information, contact Vanessa Newby at 708.534.4551.

Undergraduate Instant Admission Day – October 20

The Office of Admission and Student Recruitment is hosting an Undergraduate Program Instant Admission Day on Saturday, October 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Representatives from the Offices of Admission, Financial Aid, and Career Services will be on hand to answer questions and guide prospective students through the application process. Academic advisors will be available to answer questions about bachelor's degree programs offered in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business and Public Administration, Education, and Health and Human Services.

Applications for all undergraduate degree programs, except art and nursing, will be accepted and processed immediately. Attendees are asked to bring official or unofficial transcripts. The undergraduate application fee is \$25.

The Undergraduate Program Instant Admission Day will be held in the Hall of Governors. For more information, please call 708.534.4490.

LGBT History Month Continues

The GSU Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) is sponsoring several events during October, LGBT History Month.

National Coming Out Day Forum will be held today, at 3 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. The forum will include gay, lesbian and ally speakers who relate their personal coming out stories followed by a question and answer session. Refreshments will be served.

GSA meetings are held every Wednesday, at 3 p.m., in E2590. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact gsa.govst@gmail.com or visit <http://gsagsu.weebly.com>.

Get Your Flu Shots

Free flu shots for state employees and retirees will be administered Thursday, October 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 pm in Engbretson Hall.

Free flu shots will be available to state employees, retirees, and university staff with health insurance through the Quality Care Health Plan (QCHP) or State-sponsored managed care plan.

To receive the seasonal vaccination at no charge:

- Each employee must present his/her state health insurance card and his/her state ID card.
- Each retiree must present his/her state health insurance card and another form of ID.

The following are not eligible for free flu shots: dependents, spouses, contractual workers, consultants, and students. Employees who have opted out of health coverage through the state are not eligible.

Goey Treats and CRCP Information

The Chicago Regional College Program (CRCP) has information that can help you pay for your education. Stop by the information table on Monday October 15, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. You can learn valuable information and get a gooey fudge puppy treat.

For more information on CRCP, visit www.crcprogram.com or call 866.501.2727.



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