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University Park, IL, May 14, 2010 – Community college counselors help their graduating students succeed by guiding them to the educational opportunity that best fits their interests, goals, and financial situation. To provide area community college counselors with accurate, up-to-date information, Governors State University recently sponsored a daylong information session for the counselors.

Presentations covered a wide range of topics pertinent to community college counselors. Changes in the GSU academic calendar, improvements to existing degree programs, and introductions to new programs were discussed. Counselors had the opportunity to ask questions of school administrators and degree program coordinators.

"It gives me greater credibility with my students if I know about new developments at GSU. It also helps to develop relationships with the people to whom I am sending our graduates," said Anna Coco, a counselor at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills.

"Bringing us to campus like this lets us provide more accurate information to our students and helps us prepare them for the transfer process," said Delitha Love of Kankakee Community College in Kankakee.

"We had an excellent turn out of representatives from community colleges in the region, including northern Indiana. It gave us an opportunity to showcase the educational opportunity offered at GSU and the revised transfer process from community college to the university," said Jose Reyes, Director for Dual Admission and Transfer Articulation at GSU.

Community colleges represented included Harold Washington College in Chicago, Illinois Valley in Oglesby, Ivy Tech Northwest Indiana Region, Joliet Junior College in Joliet, Kankakee Community College in Kankakee, Kennedy King in Chicago, Malcolm X in Chicago, Moraine Valley in Palos Hills, Morton College in Cicero, Olive Harvey in Chicago, Prairie State in Chicago Heights, Richard J. Daley in Chicago, Triton College in River Grove, Truman College in Chicago, and Wilbur Wright in Chicago. Also present was a representative from the Chicagoland Regional College Program, the United Parcel Service (UPS) college program based at Moraine Valley.