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## News and Events

### **Students, Donors Honored at Scholarship Luncheon**

Last week's annual GSU Foundation Scholarship Luncheon gave scholarship recipients the opportunity to meet and thank their scholarship benefactors, and provided donors with an opportunity to see the life-changing effects of their generosity.



Radio personality Cliff Kelley, of WVON 1690, served as emcee and moderated a panel discussion of scholarship recipients. The students, representing each college, were Charles Archer, April Grammer, Sara Ionescu, and Shonté Truitt.

Cliff Kelley and student panelists

David Barr, Interim President of the GSU Foundation Board, thanked the donors on behalf of the Foundation

In her remarks, President Elaine P. Maimon encouraged the scholarship recipients to strive for success, remember the help they received to achieve their goals, and to return the favor for another student equally in need.

Will Davis, Interim Vice President for Development, honored alumni and donor Dr. Curtis Crawford and donor Great Lakes Bank with Distinguished Philanthropist Awards in recognition of their extremely generous support of scholarships and the university.

### **GSU Unveils New Look into the Future**

As spring arrives at GSU, the campus has a vibrant new look – and one that shows all the exciting developments that are taking place at the university. Check out recently-installed banners, display cases, an updated GSU history wall, and wrapped pillars announcing the university's first student housing.



GSU's New Vision Wall

The history wall, located in GSU's main entrance atrium, was first installed in 2009 for the university's 40th anniversary celebration. Its timeline of historic events has been replaced by a look into the future. The new history wall focuses on the coming of first year students and housing in 2014, the renovation of the E and F wing science facilities, and other Vision 2014 initiatives.

The other installations also look clearly into the future. New banners have been installed around campus, and the renovated display cases on the third floor of D building share the excitement of continuing developments at GSU.

## **Celebrate Earth Week 2013 at GSU**

GSU is celebrating Earth Week 2013. The overall theme for Earth Week 2013 is Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Replenish, Restore. Everyone is invited to participate.



Monday, April 22

- Recycling display throughout the day in Hall of Governors
- Family Development Center environmental education activity, Hall of Governors from 9 to 11 a.m.
- Earth Day menu by FSI using compostable serving ware
- Cooperative presentation between Facilities and NMSP featuring native restoration at GSU, Hall of Honors, from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

Tuesday, April 23

- Trash pickup, Environmental Research Preserve, 1 to 3 p.m. Volunteers meet at the south end of parking area, East Lot 2. Dress appropriately for weather.

Wednesday, April 24

- Tree planting, 10 to 11 a.m., Family Development Center

Thursday, April 25

- Book swap, Hall of Governors, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Bring in your

used books and swap them out for others that are new to you. All books left at the end of the event will be donated to the Friends of the Library.

## **Physical Therapy Professor Elected to National Post**

Robin D. Washington, PT, Ph.D., CRC, Assistant Professor in the College of Health and Human Services' Department of Physical Therapy, has been elected president-elect of the National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns (NAMRC). Dr. Washington's term as president will begin in 2014 and run through 2016.



The NAMRC is a professional association dedicated to promoting excellence and equity in rehabilitation research, education, and practice. The association's purpose is to create an understanding of the barriers, impact, and outcomes of cultural insensitivity; to ensure the provision of equitable and quality rehabilitation service; to provide professional development and enrichment of cultural competence; to promote cultural competence and social justice in educational programs; and to advocate, propose, and support legislation that addresses the needs of culturally diverse persons with disabilities and their communities. The NAMRC is a subdivision of the National Rehabilitation Association.

Dr. Washington

As president-elect of the NAMRC, Dr. Washington serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors. She also oversees the following standing committees: Membership and Coalition, Professional Development, and Public Relations and Marketing.

Dr. Washington joined the GSU Physical Therapy faculty in August, 2010. In 2011, she received the Sylvia Walker Education Award from the NAMRC. The award is named after the late Dr. Sylvia Walker, a professor, researcher, and director of the Center for Socioeconomic and Disability Policy studies at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

“Selection by my peers to serve and represent such a prestigious organization as NAMRC is truly an honor,” Dr. Washington said. “Empowering individuals with disabilities and educating society on multicultural-related issues in rehabilitation are supreme to the mission of the association. I look forward to serving as NAMRC’s president.”

## **Doctoral Student Receives Fellowship**

Camille Humes, a doctoral student in Counselor Education and Supervision program, has been awarded one of 24 doctoral fellowships by the National Board of Certified Counselors from a grant by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The NBCC MFP provides up to 24 fellowships per year to diverse doctoral students in counseling. In this way, the NBCC MFP will increase the number of professional counselors who have received advanced training and who are skilled in providing effective services to underserved populations.

This program is made possible by a grant awarded to NBCC by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Dr. Cyrus M. Ellis is Humes' doctoral program advisor.

## **History Alive Presentation – April 24**

Watch history come alive when explorer Ponce de Leon, industrialist Andrew Carnegie, first lady and humanitarian Eleanor Roosevelt, and a 17th century guest pay a visit to GSU on Wednesday, April 24, from 7 to 8:15 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.

Teacher candidates John Dmitrasz, James Feulner, and Killeen McClowry, from GSU's elementary and middle school education program, will present their award-winning portrayals of these historic characters. The program host will be their social studies methods instructor, Dr. Dan Hechenberger. The doors will open at 6:30 PM. Snacks will be available.

The History Alive program is free and open to the public. It is appropriate for GSU students, as well as for families with children in fourth grade and above.

In Teaching Social Studies in Elementary Education, teacher candidates each prepare a 10-minute History Alive presentation for peers based on a person from a period in American history that they have chosen. The presentation must include a question and answer section both in character and out-of-character. The presenter is assessed by the instructor and receives feedback sheets directly

from class peers focused on strengths and areas to strengthen.

Funding for the awards and snacks was made available through a College of Education mini-grant.

## **Plagiarism in Spotlight This Week**

The University Library and the Writing Center are partnering to offer faculty and students webinars focusing on plagiarism during Plagiarism Education Week. The theme of the week is *Originality Matters: Helping Students Avoid Plagiarism*.

Plagiarism Education Week was created to:

- Foster student understanding that originality matters, and
- Support educators by presenting webinars offering tools and ideas for engaging students in thinking critically about conducting better online research, using sources appropriately, and doing work that reflects their original thought.

Starting today and continuing each day this week, a webcast from Turnitin will be available from noon until 1:30 p.m. in C2401, in the library. Bring your lunch and join us for the webcasts and conversation afterward. Also, you can find out how to sign up for Turnitin.com, plagiarism detection software.

Webcast topics include *Causes of Plagiarism*, on Monday; *Types of Plagiarism*, on Tuesday; *Responses to Plagiarism*, on Wednesday; *Approaches to Plagiarism*, on Thursday; and *Teaching Originality, Creativity, and Critical Thinking*, on Friday.

## **Clothesline Project and Silent Witness Demonstration**

In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April, the GSU Student Coalition for Diversity and Social Justice and the YWCA South Suburban Center are partnering to present the Clothesline Project and Silent Witness Demonstration on campus.

The exhibit will be on display on April 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The Clothesline Project features a display of t-shirts made by our volunteers, staff, and clients representing the

pain and healing of child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence.

The Silent Witness Project features life-sized figures honoring those who have lost their lives to violence in our community.

For more information, visit [www.govst.edu/diversity](http://www.govst.edu/diversity).

## **19th GSU Research Conference is Success**



The 19th Annual GSU Student Research Conference was held on campus recently. Twenty graduate and undergraduate students had the opportunity to present their research in either a paper or poster presentation. The conference provided students with a forum to highlight their research accomplishments in front of an audience, providing valuable experience and feedback.

Carol Adams Students also enjoyed a luncheon and received a certificate and recognition from President Elaine P. Maimon and conference organizer, Dr. Shelly Kumar. They also heard from keynote speaker Dr. Carol L. Adams, President and CEO of the DuSable Museum of African American History.

The research presented illustrated the wide range of student interest and expertise and included representatives from across the spectrum of arts, sciences, education, current events, and psychology.

## **Summer Language Therapy for 10- to 14-year-olds**

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The Building Complex Language Project is offering free individual language therapy for complex sentence development as part of a clinical study. The program is designed for students between 10 and 14 years old who have a history of speech/language delay/impairment or learning disability, normal hearing, and no intellectual impairment/developmental delay.

Your child or student may be eligible for this program if he or she has difficulties with understanding or using spoken or written

sentences. Screening and enrollment are taking place now through June. The program will involve pre- and post-testing and one or two hours of individual lessons per week for nine weeks, beginning in May or June.

All schedules will be arranged individually with families and the program's licensed, certified speech-language pathologists, but typically sessions are arranged on weekday afternoons and evenings. Vacation and camp schedules can usually be accommodated. Transportation will not be provided.

This program is being offered at several convenient locations, including the GSU Naperville Education Center, Governors State University, Rush University Medical Center, and Elmhurst College. Additional sites may also be arranged. This program is supported by a grant from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communicative Disorders.

Contact [Dr. Catherine Balthazar](#) at 708.534.4592.

## **The Freshmen Are Coming!**

In coming months, the GSU community will have the opportunity to explore what the FC14 students might be like, and what the implication might be for designing and delivering a high quality four year education with a series open to the entire community.

Staff and faculty are invited to join the conversations in preparation for one of the biggest institutional changes the university has faced.

The discussions scheduled are

- *The Millennial Student*, by Darcie Campos, Wednesday, May 22, at 10 a.m., in B2203.
- Book discussion and roundtable review of *Generation on a Tightrope: A portrait of today's college student*, on Wednesday, May 29, at 10 a.m., in the Café Annex
- Presentation by Dr. Diane Dean, co-author of *Generation on a Tightrope: A portrait of today's college student*, on Wednesday, June 12, at 10 a.m., in the Café Annex.

## **2013-2014 Catalog Now Online**

The 2013-2014 GSU Catalog is now posted at [www.govst.edu/catalog](http://www.govst.edu/catalog).

## **Help Save a Life at Thursday's Blood Drive**

Students, faculty, staff, and everyone else are encouraged to donate blood on Thursday, April 25, from 3 to 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. The drive is sponsored by the Dual Degree Program and Heartland Blood Center. Volunteers in the DDP program will assist in passing out refreshments and registration information, as well as recruiting others to donate blood.

The event will be coordinated by DDP Peer Mentor and GSU student Sharita Walker with the assistance of other DDP mentors and students. Like all the activities in the DDP community service project, the April 25 blood drive addresses a vital need in the community. By giving blood, healthy individuals can donate the gift of life to others. The need is constant and donations are important for a healthy and reliable blood supply.

For questions about eligibility, or for other information, contact the Heartland Blood Center at [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org) or 708.633.0101.

## **Overcoming Violence for Peace - April 25**



Anita Alvarez

Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez is the keynote speaker at *Overcoming Violence for Peace: Community Forum*, on Thursday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Alvarez will discuss *Successful Youth Diversion Programs and Current Successful Strategies*.

The event will include discussions led by Dr. Christopher Easley, Associate Professor of Management, and Tio Hardiman, CEO of Cure Violence (formerly Ceasefire), on coping with and deterring violence.

This event is sponsored by Area P District 6450 Rotary Clubs and GSU Students for Peace and part of *Enough is Enough*. The event is open to the public. For more information, call 708.925.4227.

## **Mindfulness and Higher Education Symposium – May 4**

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CHHS and COE are co-sponsors of the 2nd Annual Symposium on Mindfulness and Higher Education on Saturday, May 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Research shows that mindfulness practices lead to greater calmness, enhanced concentration, reduced stress, strengthened immune functions, and decreased depression and anxiety.

Participants will learn how to incorporate mindful meditation and practices into academic, clinical, and social settings through presentations, panel discussions, workshops, and experiential exercises.

Meals are not included. Six CEUs will be available for psychologists, counselors, and social work professionals.

RSVPs are required by April 26. [Click here to RSVP](#). For more information, contact [Dr.Maristela Zell](#).



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