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News and Events

Announcing the GSU Fun Facts Contest

Do you know something fascinating about GSU that almost no one else knows? Are you the keeper of a quirky piece of trivia about our campus, our traditions, our people, our history?

If so, you could be the winner of the first annual GSU Fun Facts Contest. You'll win two tickets to a Chicago baseball game. But wait, there's more: We'll give you credit for your Fun Fact on the new GSU website, now under development. Second and third place winners will also have their facts published on the new website, along with credit for their submission.

Winners will be judged on:

- Ability to make the judges laugh or
- "Wow, who knew?" factor or
- And the power to differentiate GSU from all other universities in the region or
- All of the above

All facts included in entries must be verifiable.

Email your submission to M.A. Rood at mrOOD@govst.edu no later than Wednesday, August 15. Winners will be announced on September 2 at a location inspired by the winning entry.

Normal Working Hours Resume - August 5

While the weather may still feel like summer, the university has resumed our normal work hours after eight weeks of the summer hours schedule. All employees who participated in the Summer Hours Program should return to their normal work hours today, August 5.

If you have any questions, please contact Human Resources at extension 4100.

Graduation Applications Available Online

The Fall 2013 Graduation Application is available online at the Registrar's Office website.

Students who will complete degree requirements this fall must complete the graduation application in order to earn their degree.

An application must be completed for every degree a student earns.

Students who are unsure if they are eligible to graduate this fall should consult with their academic advisor before completing the graduation application.

The deadline to submit a Fall 2013 Graduation Application is September 6, 2013. A \$50 non-refundable processing fee will be applied to a student's account for every graduation application.

[View the application.](#)

MOT Research Day - August 7

The GSU community is invited to attend the Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) Research Day on Wednesday, August 7, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. The event is sponsored by MOT students working in partnership with OT faculty.

MOT students will present findings from their research projects during a poster presentation.

The program will begin at 11 a.m. with a welcome address from Dr. Catherine Brady, Interim Chair of the Occupational Therapy Department. Dr. Beth Cada, Dean of CHHS, will present the keynote address.

Occupational Therapy practitioners can earn up to two CEUs for attending this event.

Baysore Award Nominations Due August 12

Students, faculty and staff are invited to Convocation 2013, on Tuesday, August 20, at 3 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts. President Elaine P. Maimon will deliver the *State of the University* address. The event will also feature the naming of this year's Excellence Award winners and the Baysore Award.

The Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Award is presented to the GSU employee who most fully demonstrates the following four qualities

- absolute integrity
- total competence
- generous dedication
- unfailing civility

Nominations for the Baysore Award must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, August 12, in order to be considered. This award is given only when a candidate meets the strict qualifications as listed above. Nominators are encouraged to devote special time and attention to their written nominations. The length of the nomination is not as important as the quality, but enough information should be included so the committee can make an informed decision.

Submit written nominations to [Penny Perdue](#) in G334.

Student Success Webinar- August 14

The Office of the Dean of Students invites those interested to participate in a webinar, *Supporting*

Student Success of Undocumented Students: Implications of Federal Policy for Student Affairs, on Wednesday, August 14, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

This webinar is sponsored by NASPA, the leading association for student affairs professionals, and the National Forum on Higher Education for the Public Good at the University of Michigan. A panel of three presenters will address the fluid policy context facing institutions and student affairs professionals serving undocumented students, with a central focus on the political, legal and practical implications of the Department of Homeland Security's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Process (DACA), the DREAM Act provisions of the pending immigration bill, and insight regarding other pending policy actions.

RSVP to [Lisa Carra](#) by Monday, August 12.

August Menu and Coupons Online

Check out the Food Service [website](#) for its calendar of daily hot entrees and two dining service coupons that are valid during the month of August.

Illinois International Trade Center Receives Export Award

At a reception on July 31, at the Union League Club of Chicago, Governor Quinn presented the State of Illinois "2013 Governor's Export Award" for Export Awareness and Development to Mary Ma, Director of the Illinois International Trade Center at GSU. In congratulating the award recipients, the Governor praised the efforts of the honorees as "proof that globalization brings with it well-paying jobs, economic growth and cultural exchange; all of which are necessary for Illinois to continue to grow and lead in the 21st century".

"It's quite an honor that the International Trade Center at Governors State University, under the leadership of Mary, has received this recognition from Governor Quinn. Mary and several of our trade center clients have been recognized nationally and internationally for their contribution to increasing U.S. and Illinois exports" said Priscilla Cordero, Director of the Illinois Small Business Development Center at GSU.

Two International Trade Center at GSU clients were also honored by Governor Quinn as "Exporter of the Year": Transco Products, Inc. of Chicago and Automated Design Corporation of Romeoville. Transco's products and services are used at over 160 nuclear power plants worldwide. Automatic Design Corporation is a world leader in designing and manufacturing sports research and development testing equipment.

The Illinois International Trade Center at GSU was established in 2011 as part of the National Export initiative with the purpose of providing trade assistance and resources to Illinois exporters. In the past two and a half years, the ITC at Governors State University has served more than 150 clients with export sales of \$3.5 billion and has helped companies create 115 new jobs and retain 422 jobs.

"A... My Name Is Alice" Auditions - September 7

Auditions for the GSU Fall production of "A... My Name Is Alice," is a musical revue conceived by Joan Micklin Silver and Julianne Boyd, will be held on September 7, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. or 6 to

7:30 p.m. To reserve an audition timeslot, sign up at room E1541D. Callbacks will be held on Tuesday, September 10, from 8 to 10 p.m.

"A... My Name Is Alice," is sophisticated, bawdy, funny and insightful. It consists of a series of songs and sketches portraying women of all ages and types in a variety of situations and relationships. The show dates are November 6 through 8, in the Center for Performing Arts.

The production is looking for women and men of different ages and types with skills in any combination of singing, acting and basic jazz and tap dancing. Auditioners should prepare 16 bars of a song (bring sheet music or sing a cappella), a 1-minute published or original monologue, and be prepared to move.

Auditions are open to students, staff, faculty and community members, both experienced and novice.

For more information, contact Dr. Patrick Santoro at psantoro@govst.edu or 708.235.2842.

Redeploy Illinois Recognized

In a recent report by the National Juvenile Justice Network and Texas Public Policy Foundation, Illinois was named one of the "Comeback States" for reducing the rate of juvenile incarceration based on the juvenile justice reform initiative – Redeploy Illinois.



Dr. James "Chip"
Coldren

Dr. James "Chip" Coldren, Director of OSPR and Professor of Criminal Justice, worked on the original policy and legislation, and has served as the evaluation expert for the Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board for the past eight years.

According to the report, the number of youth confined in public facilities in Illinois decreased from 3,003 in 2001 to 1,949 in 2010, a 35 percent decline. The establishment of Redeploy Illinois was cited as the "milestone moment and cornerstone of Illinois' leadership in reducing youth incarceration."

Redeploy Illinois uses used a phased realignment between state and county funding for juvenile justice to reduce incarceration of low-risk youth and enhance the use of community based alternatives for those youth.

