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News and Events

[President Maimon Reflect on the Past and the Future](#)



In her recent column in the Northwest Indiana Times, President Maimon reflected on Governors State University's past and its future.

"Founded in 1069, the year of the moon shot, GSU developed a logo that captures the upward momentum of that hopeful time in our nation's history. This year, we are talking about Mission Forward, reaffirming GSU's mission to provide 'an exceptional and accessible education.'"

[Read Dr. Maimon's column.](#)

President Maimon

[Board of Trustees Meeting - October 4](#)

The GSU Board of Trustees meetings scheduled for Friday, October 4, 2013 have been cancelled. All meetings for this period will be held on Friday, October 11, 2013 in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors.

The meetings begin at 8:30 a.m. with the Academic Affairs Committee, followed by the Budget and Finance Committee, the Human Resources Committee, and the Full Board Meeting. The meetings are open to the public.

For more information, contact [Joan Johns Maloney](#) at 708.534.4131.

[Civil Service Town Hall – October 15](#)

President Maimon and GSU administrators will host a Civil Service Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, October 15, at 10:30 a.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

You are encouraged to be part of the conversation. Bring your questions, concerns, and suggestions. Join the discussion.

To RSVP, or if you have questions, please contact [Penny Perdue](#) at ext. 4130

[Intellectual Life Grants for Spring Semester 2014](#)

The Intellectual Life Committee is again offering Intellectual Life Grants. The Intellectual Life Grants will be awarded for up to \$500 for events taking place between January 21, 2014 and May 11, 2014 that promote and

increase awareness of the arts, humanities and other intellectual topics of universal interest. Possible events might include lecture series, faculty research salons, workshops, panel discussions, film screenings, exhibits, presentations in local communities and field trips.

The primary audience for these events is GSU students, although the events should be open to all members of the GSU community and the region.

GSU staff and faculty, as well as enrolled GSU students with a faculty collaborator, are invited to apply using the Intellectual Life Grant Application. Events must be promoted as sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee in addition to any other sponsors.

Submissions are due October 18, 2013. Contact [Lydia Morrow Ruetten](#) for more information. Award winners will be notified by November 8, 2013.

LGBT History Month Kick-off Event - October 2

From Accessing to Shaping: Re-Thinking Trans Inclusion on College Campuses*, a presentation by T.J. Jourian is a self-identified pansexual queer Middle Eastern Armenian Trans* man, will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Café Annex. The discussion will focus on how the lack of knowledge of the diversity of realities of trans* students, coupled with binary lenses and an accommodationist perspective, mean that even the best intentioned efforts are not improving the college-going experience for trans* students.

This event is part of GSU's celebration of LGBT History Month and is sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Students.

For more information about LGBT History Month, please visit www.govst.edu/diversity.

Volleyball GSU Style

The GSU women's club volleyball team has begun its competitive season. The team plays on Monday evenings at the Orland Park Sportsplex (11351 West 159th Street Orland Park, IL 60467) through December 2013.

2013 Fall Women's Volleyball team includes Arriahn Tucker, Kirstie Cua, Karesa Charles, Anita Kunkes, Amber Dybala, Maricela Vega, Cezanne Shannon, Rachel Matthews, Kristie Nieman, Katie Limberopoulos, Critisha Ashley, Andrea Johnson and Sarah Wicklin.



Student Success Calendar and Academic Advising Syllabus

Are you as student looking for a workshop to help you on your educational journey? Or are you an instructor, seeking an informative activity or workshop to help your students succeed? Perhaps you have developed a seminar and want to get the word out to students? Whether you are a student, faculty or staff, you can access and share information about a workshops, seminars and activities offered by various GSU departments at the Fall 2013 Student Success Calendar.

The Fall 2013 Student Success Calendar was created in collaboration with GS2U (Giving Support 2 U), Career Services, the Student Enrichment Program, the Writing Center, Library and the Academic Resource Center.

See the calendar at www.govst.edu/studentsuccesscalendar. Or visit the Academic Resource Center to see the calendar attached to the Academic Advising Syllabus. Find the workshop that will help you succeed at GSU.

Helping Students Avoid Plagiarism - October 9

Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center is hosting a workshop to help faculty effectively instruct students on how to recognize and avoid plagiarism. The workshop will also cover how to identify plagiarized materials in student work, and introduce participants to key services and people at GSU who support successful student writing.

Presenters include Becky Nugent, Writing Center Coordinator; Nell Rose Hill, ESL Coordinator; Barbara Mandel, Center for Online Teaching and Learning; and Dr. Kerri Morris.

For further information, contact [Dr. Teri Sosa](#) at ext. 7567.

Civil Service Senate Sends Staff to CPA Shows – For Free!

If you're a civil service employee, you just hit the jackpot. You might get to attend performances at the Center for Performing Arts, free of charge.

The Civil Service Senate has initiated a new program where civil service employees who are interested in getting more involved at the Center for Performing Arts, can reserve tickets on a first-come first-served basis, at no cost to the employee.

Here's how the program works:

- Civil Service Senate will email Civil Service Employees monthly with a list of upcoming shows, dates and times.
- The first 10 employees to RSVP to Lauren Esolato at lesolato@govst.edu will receive a pair of tickets to one of the upcoming events that month.
- Civil Service Senate picks up the tab for the tickets; limit one pair of tickets per Civil Service staff member per season.

The Civil Service Senate asks is that ticket winners RSVP that they actually attended the show. The Senate wants everyone to enjoy this benefit so please only respond if you can attend the show. The program will be continued on a monthly basis all season long, based on availability and participation.

Transitioning Students with Disabilities from High School to College

On October 3, from noon to 1:30 p.m., the Academic Resource Center will sponsor a webinar: *Transitioning Students with Disabilities from High School to College: Understanding the Related Laws and Developing the Transition Plan*.

Help students transition to post-secondary education by understanding the laws, recognizing the issues, and creating an effective plan. Every year a growing number of students with disabilities graduate from high school and go on to some form of post-secondary education, including two or four-year colleges, or trade or vocational schools.

Students and their parents, however, tend to make at least two important mistakes in planning for the transition from high school to college. First, they begin planning far later than they should, and second, they may be unaware that the same level of services that they received in high school may not be available in college. This is where both high school and college administrators and special education educators play a crucial role.

To RSVP or for more information, please contact [Lisa Carra](#).

Save the Date for New Student Orientation

Mark your calendars for New Student Orientation, January 16, 2014, from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Welcoming new students to the campus is a university effort so the Academic Resource Center wanted you to know early the date for the upcoming Spring semester orientation. In the event of inclement weather, Friday, January 17, 2014 is reserved as a snow day.

New Student Orientation provides students with information about university resources and programming, an opportunity to meet with academic advisors, future classmates, faculty members and university administrators and a tour of the campus. For more information contact [LaTonya Holmes](#) or visit the [orientation website](#).

Econometrics Working Group – October 4

The Econometrics Working Group will meet on Friday, October 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in C-3380. They will cover the fundamentals of univariate and multiple regression (Chapters 1-3 in the *Wooldridge Text: Introductory Econometrics - A Modern Approach*). If you wish to be placed on the Econometrics Working Group BlackBoard page, please contact [Mike Williams](#).

Faculty Development Opportunities

The Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center wishes to invite faculty to participate in several upcoming development opportunities:

Digital Storytelling Using Primary Sources to Achieve Common Core State Standards, October 5 and 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn to weave images, music, and narrative voice to create digital stories. For more information, contact [Lucianne Brown](#).

[Click to register](#).

Pitching your Research Ideas: A Practical Workshop on Writing the Concept Note. In two sessions (October 4 and October 11 or 24), this workshop will present how to write and successfully use a concept note, a one page document developed to help market your idea to a potential funder when no specific proposal has been solicited. Call [Jennifer Morehead](#) at ext. 2846 for more information.

PT Student Help Others

In conjunction with National Falls Prevention Awareness Day on September 22, five Doctor of Physical Therapy students, along with two faculty members from the Department of Physical Therapy, recently provided screening activities for 29 older adults to determine their risk for falls.

The DPT students – Alex Bennett, Rebecca Smith, Katie Taylor, Steven Tijerina, and Maria Wondra – were joined by Joyce Sligar, PT, MBA, MA, CEEAA and Rebecca Wojcik, PT, Ed.D., GCS, Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy, at the Rich Township Senior Center in Park Forest and Golf Vista Estates in Monee on Friday, September 20, for the screenings.

Scholarship - Dr. Michael Williams

Dr. Michael Williams, Assistant Finance Professor in the College of Business and Public Administration, had a recent white paper featured on MrTopStep.com, a news and investment-advice aggregator.

The white paper, titled "The Impact of Quantitative Easing on US Treasury Markets", describes the Federal Reserve's extraordinary stimulative measures over the last five years and what various asset markets can expect when the Federal Reserve begins withdrawing the stimulus.

Dr. Williams warns that general stock market indexes could decline more than 33% when the stimulus programs are ended. Additionally, interest rates will likely increase making it more difficult for some firms and individuals to service their debt obligations.

The white paper received 341 views within 48 hours of being published. [View the paper.](#)

Technology, Learning, and Leadership

Join the GSU Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education for an important workshop focusing on the latest significant instructional technology research and provides a framework for leveraging technology tools to support student achievement. The workshop will be held October 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Learn the latest significant instructional technology research and gain understanding of technology tools that can be leveraged to support student achievement. Bring your own digital: participants need a laptop computer with Word and Excel.

This special workshop is presented by GSU alum Dr. Stacey Gonzales, Director of Instructional Technology, Indian Prairie School District (Naperville 204), who brings her years of experience in educational technology to this presentation. Her areas of expertise include the National Technology Education Standards, best-practices in educational technology; teacher technology self-efficacy; technology alignment and integration across disciplines, and implementation of successful teaching strategies.

Registration is only \$50. Register at <http://mileprograms.eventbrite.com/>. For more information, call 708.534.4024.

[There's Something New in the Library](#)



The Library has just made your group meeting more effective, your brainstorming sessions more enlightening and your breaks from studying more fun. Use the *Wheasel*, a double-sided mobile dry erase easel, to take notes and help coordinate ideas at your meetings in the Library – or to give yourself a doodle break from studying.

The library has three available for use located outside of the balcony, in the atrium and just outside of the classrooms. Feel free to wheel them to where you are working.

Remember, the GSU Library is your research resource 24/7.

Visit the [GSU Library website](#).

[MOT Program Information – October 11](#)

The Department of Occupational Therapy will host an Information Session for individuals interested in learning more about the Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) degree program on Friday, October 11, from 5 to 6 p.m. in room G127.

For more information, contact [Patricia Kalvelage](#) at 708.534.7294 or visit the [MOT website](#).



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