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GSU to Award Two Honorary Degrees to a Poet and a Journalist who Exemplify University Values

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President Maimon Addresses Association of American Colleges and Universities Conference

In her keynote address at the Association of American Colleges & Universities (AAC&U) Centennial Forum, GSU President Elaine P. Maimon asked the audience what it will take to braid equity and quality together in U. S. Higher Education. Her own answer? It will take vision and action.

The May 29 forum, "Bringing Quality and Equity Together: How Higher Education Leaders—Together—Are Tackling the Deepening Equity Divides," brought "educational, policy, and civic leaders together to examine the teaching all college students need to thrive in a knowledge economy." Participants explored emerging evidence on "what works" in supporting higher levels of underserved students. Read More.

SBDC at GSU Helps Couple Open their Dream Business

From left: Lansing Village Administrator J. Wynsma, El Refugio Food Market owners, Sandra and Ignacio Ortega, and Lansing Mayor Norm Abbott celebrate the opening of the Ortega's grocery store.

After years of working for others, Sandra and Ignacio Ortega dreamed of opening their own neighborhood Mexican grocery store. That dream became a reality when, with the help of the Small Business Development Center at GSU, El Refugio Food Market opened in Lansing in January.

The Ortega's realized they would need some professional help to guide them. That's when they turned to the SBDC. Read More.

Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park Featured in Art Book; WCIU Segment

Art & Place: Site-Specific Art of the Americas features four pieces of art from the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, including "Flying Saucer" by Jene Highstein; Bodark Arc by Martin Puryear; Yes! For Lady Day by Mark di Suvero; and House Divided by Bruce Nauman.

The book, which is called "The most ambitious summary of site-specific art in the western hemisphere to date," by Publishers Weekly, is a collection of 500 site-specific art in the Americas. There are 800 large-format images with in-depth descriptions of the art works in 60 cities. The book is organized geographically, with the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park on the pages next to Chicago's world famous outdoor art such as Millennium Park, the Picasso in Daley Plaza, the Marc Chagall in Chase Tower Plaza.

The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park was also featured on "You and Me in the Morning" on WCIU-TV26, June 9.

GSU is Tops in the Country in U.S. Cyber Challenge Participation

GSU students competed and earned the #1 title nationwide for having the most students from one single university participate in this year's Cyber Quest competition. The 24-hour hunt for security flaws was sponsored by U.S. Cyber Challenge, a company whose mission is to reduce the shortage in the country's cyber workforce by "identifying, attracting, and recruiting the next generation of cybersecurity professionals."

"It's important that GSU students are participating in such competitions," said GSU Computer Science Lecturer, Stephen Hyzny. Testing the skills being taught at GSU will help fine tune courses, Hyzny said and show students where to concentrate and improve their skill sets.

The Cyber Quests competition serves as the qualifier for students to be invited to attend one of the 2015 Cyber Camps. The Camps, offered across the country this summer, are weeklong workshops, labs, and competitions. Last year, GSU's Jennifer Eliotney-mejia was on the winning team at the USCC-Cyber Camp for the state of Illinois.

This year, GSU students Matthew Chase, Jason Jordan, Krishnaker Mogili, Jim Potulny, Ryan Ratkowski, Scott Rosenberg, David Shebun, Koushik Suresh, Shoten Tuke, Kenneth Krohn, Seth Millerson and Dustin Wrzesnek will be attending the camp at Marist College in Chester, New York. June 13-17.

GSU Recruiter Attends "Motivate Me" Conference
GSU Recruiting Specialist Kelvin Yarrington (2nd row, right) attended the NACAC Association for College Admission Counseling’s “Motivate Me” Conference at Loyola University. The May 30 event was for young men from Chicago area high schools who were completing their freshman year of high school in spring/summer. The conference focused on empowering students from underserved areas and of diverse socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds to achieve academic success and pursue higher education. The day featured workshops led by adult males such as Kelvin who have used their education to achieve personally and professionally. Admissions counselors and recruiters from Illinois universities attended the event.

All New Books at the Paper Back Book Exchange on the Library Balcony

Looking for a relaxing place to study or just hang out? Why not visit the GSU Library balcony? While you are there, check out the Friends of the GSU Library Paperback Book Exchange where there is a new selection of books available.

"The Friends Paperback Book Exchange was created to give students a chance to relax in comfortable surroundings. Students can pick up a good paperback book that can be read on the balcony or they can even take it with them," said Diane Nadler, Vice President of the Friends of the Library and library Reference Desk Manager.

The balcony is open during regular library hours. For the GSU Library summer hours, please visit, www.govst.edu/library.

Future Jaguars Summer Basketball Camps

Boys and girls from grades 2-8 can experience basketball fun, skills, and drills this summer at the first-ever Future Jaguars Summer Basketball Camps at GSU. The Boys Camp will be held June 15-19 and/or June 22-26 and will feature players from the GSU men’s basketball team, led by Athletic Director and Head Men’s Basketball Coach, Tony Bates and his assistant coaching staff. For more information on the Boys Camp click here or to register, click here.

The Girls Camp will be held June 15-19 and feature players from the GSU women’s basketball team, led by Associate Athletic Director and Head Women’s Basketball, Coach La Toshia Burrell and her assistant coaching staff. For more information on the Girls Camp click here or to register, click here.

Support GSU Officers in Torch Run for Special Olympics

Members of the GSU Police Department ran in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Illinois Special Olympics Wednesday, June 10 on the GSU campus. The Torch Run is held throughout the state and is the single-largest year-round fundraising event benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. GSU officers are trying to raise $50,000 for this year’s Torch Run Campaign. The runners started at the East Entrance and continued through campus to the Speedway station on Governors Highway.

To donate, please make checks payable to Special Olympics Illinois and send to the Governors State University Department of Public Safety at 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL 60484. Your donation is tax-deductible and all proceeds go to Special Olympics Illinois, which is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization (Tax ID: 36-2923581). Contact Officer Taylor at 708.534.4900 if you have any questions or special needs.

Do You Do Research Involving Human Subjects?

The Office for Human Resource Protections will present a Research Community Forum: “Human Subjects Research: Current Challenges in the Modern Research World” at GSU Tuesday, July 28. Elizabeth Buchanan, Ph.D., endowed chair in Ethics and Director of the Center for Applied Ethics at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, will give the Keynote speech, “A New Internet Research Ethics Program.” Early registration is $110 through June 14. Additional information can be found at http://www.ohrpjuly15.illinoisstate.edu/.

Student Library Workshops in June

The GSU Library is holding two upcoming student workshops:

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Online Library Resources: Journal Articles and Databases: Monday, June 15 from 3:15-4:15 p.m. in Library Room D2420. Learn how to select journal databases relevant to paper topics or assignments.

Online Library Resources: Books, E-Books, and the I-Share Catalog: Tuesday, June 16 from 3:15-4:15 p.m. in Library Room D2420. Learn how to search the online library catalog to find books and e-books at GSU and how to request books from other libraries in the I-Share System.

Questions? Contact Linda Geller, lgeller@govst.edu.

On-Campus Student Employment Workshop

The Office of Career Services is hosting a free workshop to give students interested in on-campus work an inside view of the hiring process for Federal Work Study and Regular Student Employment on
Facebook Posts of the Week

1. Response to our Addictions Studies student Jimia D. Stokes to receiving the NBCC Foundation Fellowship post:
   Jamelia Taya Rheed Congratulations, Jimia on behalf of The Addictions Studies Alumni Club. We hope that you'll join us and keep us posted on all of your blessings! We're proud of you!

2. Response to our GSU Professor Emeritus Melvin Muchnik officially appointed Chair Emeritus of the National University Technology Network (NUTN) post:
   Joyce Workman A much deserved congratulations Mel!

Campus. “Employing Students Helps GSU: Students and You!” will be held in two sessions: Thursday, July 9 and Wednesday, July 15. Both sessions are from Noon–1 p.m. Information will also be provided on registration for the upcoming August Student Employment Fair. For more information, call 708.235.3974.

Do you have a story or event you want to submit for the GSU View? Click here to learn about our submission guidelines.