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GSU View

The View

GSU reaches milestones for freshman admissions

This is one of the most exciting times in GSU's history. High school seniors are excited about coming to GSU and that is reflected in the number of applications and acceptances to the university's first ever freshman class, coming this fall.

Governors State has received more than 600 applications from more than 100 high schools and has admitted 270 freshmen. The university continues to receive more applications and confirmations every day.

"GSU is thrilled to have reached these milestones," said Courtney Sanders, vice president of enrollment management and marketing. "High school seniors understand that GSU offers an excellent education that's also affordable. So when they graduate, they have not only made a terrific investment in themselves and their careers, they aren't burdened with the amount of student loan debt many other students face."

Freshmen will be placed in three cohorts of 90 students apiece and will take at least three classes together each semester. The cohort model will give freshmen a chance to build personal and academic relationships with fellow freshmen.

The marketing department, in partnership with the Admission and Recruitment department, Digital Learning and Media Design, and GSU students, created a series of videos with confirmed freshman about why they decided to attend GSU. To see what inspired them to be a part of the First Class 2014, click on the videos below.

"GSU Undecided Campaign videos"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpOz_I1QH6c

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y132gqtKxM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5Kfxz0YRsU>

Who doesn't like clean windows?

Window washing will begin on Monday, May 12. The G building windows will most likely be cleaned towards the end of that week and/or the beginning of the following week.

In order for the work to be performed efficiently, all window sills must be clear of items. Further, any window adornments or added treatments must be removed. Workers must have clear access through the office to all windows. Offices not meeting the above requirements will be skipped. For questions or additional information, please contact Facilities at Ext: 4515 or 708-534-4515. We appreciate your help in providing the necessary accommodations to the workers.

Stuenkel road closure coming next week

Starting May 12, 2014 through approximately May 16, 2014, construction of Stuenkel Roadway project will require complete closure of Stuenkel Roadway west of Governors Highway to east of Crawford. Completion of this work is dependent upon weather.

Access to the GSU campus will be the east entrance off of Crawford/University Parkway but delays should be expected. Alternate routes are advised and signs indicating detour routes will be posted. GSU shuttle services to the Metra will not be affected.

For more information and alternate routes you can visit us on the web at <http://www.govst.edu/Directions/> and click on Alternate Routes at the bottom of the page. For additional information, contact the Department of Public Safety at 708.534.4900.

GSU to reveal first ever mascot Tuesday

The anticipation is reaching a fever pitch. Be sure to join students, staff and faculty in the Hall of Governors (next to the cafeteria) Tuesday, May 6 at noon to see what will be GSU's first ever mascot. This is a historic, can't-miss event.



The Reveal comes
May 6 at noon

- Enjoy the excitement, music and refreshments.
- The winners who first suggested the four mascot finalists will be announced.
- We anticipate the news media and reporters to attend, so show your school spirit!
- Wear your GSU gear
- Be part of a new era at GSU!

GSU thanks all who participated in choosing a mascot. We received hundreds of suggestions to start. And when it was time to vote for the four finalists, our community responded with over 30,000 votes cast online. Thanks to all who made Operation Mascot such a success.

President Elaine P. Maimon honored by Omega Psi Phi fraternity

The Chi Lambda Lambda Alumni Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity will honor GSU president Elaine P. Maimon at its 3rd Annual Mother's Day Brunch on May 10, 2014, from 10 a.m.— 2 p.m., at Georgio's Banquets, 8800 W. 159th Street, Tinley Park.

Each year, the Chi Lambda Lambda chapter honors outstanding women in recognition of the many contributions that women of excellence make daily to better our communities.

Past awardees include Congresswoman Robin Kelly and Illinois State Senator Toi Hutchinson. For more information, please visit <http://omegagospelbrunch2014.eventbrite.com/?aff=efbevent>.

GSU sculpture park named one of the 25 best in the world



Though it has been no secret to the GSU community how beautiful and vibrant the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park is to its visitors, the rest of the world is getting an idea now too.

A new addition
to the Nathan
Manilow

Sculpture Park
outside F wing

Last month, the park was named one of the “25 Most Amazing Sculpture Gardens in the World” as compiled by www.bestvalueschools.com. The list placed NMSP at #9.

NMSP not only joins beautiful sculpture parks throughout the United States, but others throughout the world from France, Australia, Lithuania, Japan, India, Italy and Hungary.

The website called NMSP “home to Chicago’s leading park of contemporary outdoor sculpture.” The 25 parks on the list were chosen for their “variety and popularity,” and that they were chosen for “their capacity to interact with and complement the surrounding landscape.”

“It’s gratifying to recognize that GSU’s Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park has been recognized as one of the top 10 presentations of outdoor sculpture in the world,” said Geoff Bates, the park’s director and curator. “While we are proud of the collection and the exhibitions we present for our public, sometimes it’s hard to know if anyone notices. Clearly, our program of exceptional works of art placed in a prairie setting has found an audience. We are happy to join other parks and gardens who share this distinction.”

Recently, the park added three works from sculptor Chakaia Booker. They can be seen just outside F wing, in the meadow across the lake (which can be seen from the Hall of Governors patio) and on the patio outside E lounge.

Get the latest information on commencement

Commencement will take place in a few weeks. Graduates, be sure you have everything you need. The last commencement preparation event is ticket pickup, May 7 and 8, from 11 a.m.—7 p.m., in the cafeteria annex.

Participants may come on either day to pick up their tickets and parking passes. Caps and gowns can be picked up for those who ordered online. Doctoral students do not need to attend ticket pickup.

For up-to-date commencement information, check the commencement page at www.govst.edu/commencement.

Best-selling novelist and attorney to give guest lecture

Acclaimed novelist and attorney Scott Turow will present a guest lecture, "How I Got to be Two Things Friday, May 16 at 3 p.m. in Sherman Music Hall.



Author and attorney Scott Turow

Turow is a best-selling author and attorney. He has written 10 works of fiction, including his first novel "Presumed Innocent," and the sequel, "Innocent," published in 2010. His latest novel, "Identical," was published in 2013. He has also written two non-fiction books about his experiences practicing law. Since 1986, Mr. Turow has been a partner in the Chicago office of Dentons, (formerly Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal), an international law firm, where he concentrates on white-collar criminal defense. He is a member of the Illinois Executive Ethics Commission, of which he was the first chair, and served as a member of the Illinois Commission on Capital Punishment, whose recommendations led to substantial reforms of the Illinois death penalty.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

Associate provost named to IBHE post

The Illinois Board of Higher Education has appointed GSU's associate provost, Dr. Sandra Mayfield, to the board of the program for Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois. Her responsibilities include reviewing fellowship applications and attending board meetings approximately three times per year. The purpose of the program is to increase faculty diversity in Illinois by increasing the number of minority, full-time tenure track faculty and staff in the state's two- and four-year public and private institutions.

Congratulations to Dr. Mayfield.

Illinois International Trade Center at GSU participates in the U.S. Export-Import Bank annual conference

The Illinois International Trade Center at GSU participated in the U.S. Export-Import Bank 2014 annual conference at Washington D.C. on April 24-25. Ex-Im Bank is an independent federal agency that creates and maintains U.S. jobs by filling gaps in private export financing. The bank provides a variety of financing mechanisms, including working-capital guarantees, export-credit insurance and financing to help foreign buyers purchase U.S. goods and services.

The 2014 annual conference focused on the global business environment and prospects for growth. The event featured prominent members of the business and government community including Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker, Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and former Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers.

In fiscal year 2013, Ex-Im Bank approved more than \$27 billion in total authorizations to support an estimated \$37.4 billion in U.S. export sales and approximately 205,000 American jobs in communities across the country.

Prior to the annual conference, the ITC director Mary Ma was invited to participate in the Ex-Im Bank City/State partners meeting. The meeting has provided the extensive information of export promotion programs from the federal agencies, including the International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, the Small Business Administration, and OPIC.

More than 40 Ex-Im Bank City/State partners participated and learned about the updated export financing program of Global Credit Express and Trade Credit Insurance, which particularly focusing on small business exporters. They also discussed how to strengthen the cooperative partnership with Ex-Im Bank by regular training and communication.

The Illinois International Trade Center at Governors State University has been appointed as the originator for the Ex-Im Bank Global Credit Express program since 2013. There are 54 originators nationwide, including banks, brokers and export finance agencies. The ITC at GSU is the only SBDC international trade center designated as the originator. The ITC has been working very closely with Ex-Im Bank to support Illinois small businesses to strengthen capital competency for increasing exports to global market.

Intellectual Life grants announced

The Intellectual Life Committee and chair Lydia Morrow Ruetten announced the recipients of \$500 Intellectual Life Grants last week.

The recipients and a short description of their programs include:

Yevette Brown of Communication, Visual and Performing Arts/CAS
“Respond to Violence Youth Forum – How Long Will I Cry” readers theater with follow-up panel discussion between GSU student performers and local high school students.

Sarah Ezell, Darlene Wright and Crystal Blount, psychology and counseling,
Life-Span to Financial Literacy Fair. The structure of the event includes a presentation of brief talks as well as a financial resource fair on each stage of an individual’s financial decisions across the developmental life span.

Andrae Marak, CAS/HSS
2014 Midwest World History Association Conference: “Human Rights in World History”,
Keynote Address by Juan Gonzalez, author of Harvesting Empire and co-host of
"Democracy Now."

Patricia Robey, COE/Division of Psychology and Counseling
“Twelve Life Changing Lessons from the Airport.” The content of this presentation is designed to help the participants assess if they are on the course in life that will take them where they really want to end up.

Patricia Robey, COE/Division of Psychology and Counseling
“How to Balance School, Work and Life.” This workshop will help students/participants look at their priorities and strike a healthy balance between what’s most important.

The mission of the Intellectual Life Committee is:

- To expand the intellectual opportunities available to the GSU community and South Suburbs,
- To contribute to the enhancement of intellectual pursuits, and
- To increase the growth of and participation in intellectual endeavors.

“The primary audience for Intellectual Life events is GSU students, although the events are open to all members of the GSU community and the region,” said Ruetten. “With our new class of incoming freshmen, we look forward to introducing them to the work of the Intellectual Life Committee and the events that we assist in supporting,” she said.

GSU to host Chicago Community Trust “On the Table” event

On May 12, thousands of Chicago-area residents will participate in intimate, mealtime conversations about how we can build and sustain strong, safe, dynamic communities as part of a region-wide initiative called On the Table, spearheaded by The Chicago Community Trust.

GSU is participating in this initiative and encourages all students, faculty and staff to host a gathering. See what President Maimon has to say about the project [here](#) and visit www.onthetable2014.com to learn more.

One of GSU's own makes it to WTTW



The first part of an initiative created by GSU professor Yvette Brown to address violence in the Chicagoland area will be aired next month on WTTW, Channel 11.

Yvette
Brown's

"Respond to
Violence" will
air May 18 on
WTTW

“Respond to Violence: Communities in Crisis” will air May 18 at 2 p.m.

The program explores the devastating impact of violence on families and neighborhoods and how they are fighting back. The program panel consists of: U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly Democratic of the 2nd Congressional District of Illinois; Attorney Irv Miller, legal correspondent for Channel 2 News Chicago; and Marlita White, director of the Office For Violence Prevention for the City of Chicago's Department of Public Health. The program is moderated by Robert Jordan, weekend anchor for WGN-TV.

The show was taped in front of a studio audience of community organizations, educators and the families of violence victims Hadiya Pendleton and Blair Holt. Support one of GSU's own and watch on May 18.

Thank you to students at the GSU Foundation Scholarship Luncheon

On Friday, April 25 Governors State University celebrated student successes and big ideas at the GSU Foundation Scholarship Luncheon.

The GSU Scholarship Luncheon is the university's annual stakeholder event celebrating and acknowledging the achievements of GSU student scholarship recipients. The luncheon provides an opportunity to connect recipients with their donors to personally express their appreciation for the rich opportunities and experiences made possible thanks to their financial support. The luncheon also honors the philanthropic support of corporate, private, alumni and community partners, who make higher education attainable for GSU students.



Students at the 2014
GSU Foundation
Scholarship
Luncheon

The GSU Foundation awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships to GSU students during the 2013-2014 school year.

To students, the foundation thanks you for exemplifying excellence in the classroom, leadership in the GSU community, and responsibility in the community at large. You are GSU's most important asset.

Campus dining – May menu and newsletter available online

Check out the Campus Dining website at http://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/Campus_Dining/ for its calendar of daily hot entrees at lunch and at dinner as well as the May newsletter describing specials planned for the month.

Save money and time ordering toner

Do you need toner for your printer? The GSU print shop is now stocking HP brand toner, which is most frequently purchased for printers.

You can now order all of your HP toner through the GSU print shop. You will not need to enter a requisition. Simply place your order by going to the print shop portal page at the link provided below, complete the appropriate form and fax to the print shop. All HP toner is now to be ordered in this manner, whether stocked or non-stocked. This will save time and money for your department.

Click on the link "Stocked Items," print and complete the form and fax to the print shop.

If your HP toner is not on the list of stocked items, they will expedite your order. Click on the link “Non-Stocked Items,” print and complete the form and fax to the print shop.

In either case, your toner will be delivered quickly by just clicking on <https://mygsu.govst.edu/facultystaffinformation/procurement/printshop/Pages/default.aspx>.

For additional information, call the print shop at ext. 4498.

Information session for occupational therapy degree

The GSU Department of Occupational Therapy will sponsor an information session for the Master of Occupational Therapy degree program at GSU on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

The information session will be held in Room G127. Find more information by contacting Loren Buckley at lbuckley2@student.govst.edu.

Benefits fair comes to campus this week

Governors State University invites you to attend our Benefits Fair Wednesday, May 07, 2014, in the Hall of Governors, from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Come and get information regarding your benefits.

Representatives from the following organizations will be there to answer questions: Blue Cross Blue Shield, Coventry, Health Alliance, Health Link, CMS, Express Scripts, Cigna, Eye Med Vision, Delta Dental, Minnesota Life Insurance, Flexible Spending Accounts MCAP/DCAP, SURS Retirement, SUAA, The Legend Group, VALIC, Bright Start, Magellan Behavioral Health, Deferred Compensation, State Universities Annuitants Association.

When new benefits information becomes available, you will be notified.
www.benefitschoice.il.gov.

Sustainable garden plots available



Registration is now open for gardeners interested in obtaining a plot at the University Sustainable Garden. The garden provides space for individuals or families to grow their own healthy food using fully organic methods. All participants, including returning gardeners, must complete a 2014 application, rules agreement and payment to reserve their plot. For further information, please see the university sustainable garden website at www.govst.edu/garden/.