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Stuenkel Roadway is now open

Stuenkel Roadway is NOW OPEN. The construction of the Stuenkel Roadway project IS COMPLETE. We thank you for your patience in the past week.

Commencement 2014 a tremendous success

It was a glorious Saturday at the Tinley Park Convention Center when more than 1,100 GSU students crossed the stage, earning their bachelor's, master's or doctoral degrees and graduating to the next big stage in their lives. The pride, joy and sense of accomplishment felt by graduates, their families and friends filled the entire auditorium.

The morning's ceremony was shared with best-selling author and attorney Scott Turow, who received his honorary doctorate. The author of internationally acclaimed thriller "Presumed Innocent" told students that they will measure their success not by the material wealth they accumulate, but how well they meet the standards they set for themselves.



In the evening's ceremony, GSU awarded an honorary doctoral degree to musician and composer Orbert Davis. Davis stressed the importance of education and how learning matters throughout a person's life. He then treated the audience to an improvised trumpet solo in honor of the class of 2014.



Scott Turow



Orbert Davis

GSU president Elaine P. Maimon challenged graduates to keep learning throughout their lives, whether that is through continued formal education or bringing a heightened sense of curiosity to life's experiences. She also asked graduates to remember those who helped them get to where they are. Graduation means it's time for graduates to turn their attention to others and help them. Become involved in the community and work for the public good, she said. She concluded with the short but powerful motto "Make us proud; make us better; make a difference."

To see photos of both ceremonies, visit the GSU Facebook page at www.facebook.com/govstate. To hear about individual success stories of GSU graduates, visit #myGSUstory. Students talk about their successes in their own words. The first video is available now and more will be forthcoming.

Jaguar Nation apparel on sale at the bookstore

Want to show your allegiance to Jaguar Nation? Now you can. Jaguar t-shirts and posters are available in the campus bookstore. Show your school pride today.



Secretary of State Services at GSU

The Secretary of State's Mobile Service Unit will be at Governors State University on Tuesday, May 20, from 1 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Services available at the mobile service unit include driver's license and State ID renewal, replacement, and corrections; vehicle sticker sales; passenger and b-truck license plates; vehicle title and registration; parking placards for persons with disabilities; and organ/tissue donor information. In addition, vision tests and the written driver's license exam can be taken. No driving tests will be given.

The services provided are available to all qualified Illinois residents. State law allows

driver's license renewal up to one year in advance. Proper identification is required for new and duplicate driver's licenses and state ID cards. Acceptable forms of payment include personal checks, cash, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit and debit cards.

And the Student Leadership Awards are...

The Student Leadership Awards were announced on Tuesday, April 29. This program is designed to highlight the achievements of clubs and organizations recognized by Student Life, as well as staff, faculty and administrators who support them.

The event, hosted by Dr. Rupert Evans, drew an audience of over 125 people who walked the red carpet into the lavishly decorated plated dinner. Remarks from President Elaine P. Maimon, and Provost Deborah Bordelon celebrated the students' many accomplishments and reminded them of the impact that their clubs make on the university. About 100 nominations were received in the 11 categories offered.

The winners are:

Outstanding Support Staff: LaTonia Richmond

Outstanding Student - Graduate: Arriahn Tucker

Outstanding Student - Undergraduate: Ricca Louissaint

New Student Club/Organization of the Year: Masters of Public Administration Club - MPAC

Program of the Year: It Can Wait Campaign - Stop Texting While Driving

Rising Star Award: Manar "Mimi" Jaber

Outstanding Club/Organization Advisor: Steve Hyzny

Male Athlete of the Year: Penn Lin

Female Athlete of the Year: Sarah Wicklin

Sports Club of the Year: Volleyball Club

Outstanding Student Club/Organization: International Cultural Organization

The Student Leadership Awards is an annual program of the Student Life office. The event is held each spring semester. Winners are selected by committee and based on submitted nominations. For more information on this and other student centered programs visit the Student Life website at www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/Student_Life/

One Book One University FC14: "The Story of Stuff"

The Intellectual Life Committee announced that all freshmen will be given a copy of the book "*The Story of Stuff*," thanks to the support of Provost Deborah Bordelon.

"*The Story of Stuff*" focuses upon how Americans simply have too much stuff. Author Annie Leonard shares with the reader the problems with too much consumption by tracing

products from beginning to end. Most importantly, she offers concrete ways of eliminating our extreme consumption to ultimately enhance our health, improve our communities and perhaps even save our planet.

"*The Story of Stuff*" lends itself to engaging informal or formal classroom conversation, invites thoughtful imagining of activities and ways to change our day to day lives, and allows us to implement concrete activities that all members of the GSU Community can embrace.

As we all begin planning for our next school year, the Intellectual Life Committee invites students, faculty, club leaders and members of the GSU community to incorporate "*The Story of Stuff*" in your planning. Visit www.storyofstuff.org for ideas. Announcements will be forthcoming as more specific plans begin to unfold.

Please contact Dean Lydia Morrow Ruetten at lruetten@govst.edu with ideas, suggestions or questions.

GSU Library renovation and update

The library renovation is underway. Staff is doing its best to adjust to all of the changes while continuing to offer the best service to students, faculty and all in the GSU Community, said Lydia Morrow Ruetten, dean of the GSU Library.

"We want to let all know that the library can get noisy from time to time, and only library staff is able to go into the stacks to retrieve books, so if more than one book is needed, we ask that you come with a list of those books. We also ask that all using the library be considerate and cleanup your work area when you leave," she said.



Library summer hours

From Monday, May 19-Friday, July 18
Open Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Special hours for Memorial Day week, May 26-30

Closed Monday May 26
Open Tuesday-Friday
Tuesday, May 27, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 28, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 29, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
Friday, May 30, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Be a part of LGBT History Month



Interested in being a member of the planning team for LGBT History Month? Join us at the second of several planning team meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 29, at 11 to 1 p.m., in room A2110. To help make this month of events informative, meaningful and enjoyable for all, volunteer today.

All are invited to attend the meeting to share their ideas, list of events and open class/learn-in topics. For more information, contact Vanessa Newby at 708.534.4551.

Registration for University Sustainable Garden

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: www.govst.edu/garden/.



Help the library archive and preserve artifacts from FC14

The admission of the first freshman class this fall is an exciting time for GSU. Help the library collect important artifacts from FC14 for the archives as well as future GSU anniversary displays. Lydia Morrow Ruetten, dean of the GSU library, asks anyone with materials pertaining to FC14 that they think would be important to preserve to contact Erin Engelbrecht, (eengelbrecht@govst.edu) library operations specialist, or call ext. 7515.