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A newsletter for students, faculty & staff

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President Maimon Welcomes Fall 2014 Students

President Elaine P. Maimon welcomes new and returning students back to campus with a special message.

View the President's [Welcome Message](#).

Friday's Convocation at Governors State not only welcomed the university's first freshman class – along with family and friends – but also recognized the work of three outstanding GSU faculty members and one staff member, as well as three area high school teachers.

Faculty Excellence Awards

Assistant Professor of Media Studies, Dr. Deborah James
Associate Professor of Physical Therapy, Dr. Dale Schuit
Associate Professor of Management, Dr. Stephen Wagner

Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Endowed Distinguished Service Award

Bettie Lewis of the GSU Procurement Department

The Educator's Legacy Award

With the arrival of GSU's first freshman class, the university presented the first Educator's Legacy Awards. The winners were nominated by entering freshmen as the high school educator who helped them focus their dreams of college and contributed to their academic achievement.

To read more about each award winner, [click here](#).

Then it was on to the ribbon cutting ceremony at Prairie Place. Cheered on by new residents, faculty, staff and guests – including Family Development Center students – President Maimon and GSU Board of Trustees Chair Brian D. Mitchell officially opened the university's first residence hall.



Prairie Place is Open! The Prairie Place Ribbon Cutting ceremony took place amidst great fanfare on August 22, 2014.

The GSU Library Opens Today

After months of renovation, the GSU Library is scheduled to be open at 8:30 a.m.

Library Welcome Week

All new and returning faculty members are invited to a reception in the library this Wednesday, August 27 from 4-6pm. It will be a good opportunity to learn more about the library and meet some of the library faculty. Refreshments will be served.

A student reception will take place in the library on Thursday, August 28 during the Campus Crawl from 3-6pm. We invite all students to make time to visit and get to know your library. Refreshments will be served.

What else is new at the GSU Library? Extended Hours

Monday - Thursday	8:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday	8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday*	1 - 5 p.m.

*Sunday hours - Fall and Spring Semesters only

In addition to an updated look, there are a number of coming attractions that students, faculty and staff can look forward to:

- 2 Group Study Rooms: That will be fully equipped with a podium, DVDs, white boards, podiums and more to enable students to also practice

presentations. While it is not necessary to do so, this room can also be reserved. More information about the process will be coming soon.

- Information Desk: As you enter the library, you will see an information desk that will allow you to get faster service. Next to the information desk you will also find computers that are dedicated to searching the GSU Library Catalog.
- Self Check-Out Station: Coming soon: The new self check-out station in the library will give you directions and guidance for using the self check-out.

"There are a number of enhancements in terms of service to the GSU Community that will be taking place in the library," said Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the GSU Library. "We look forward to a smooth transition into our new space, and ask for everyone's patience as we work to help you to meet your library information needs," she said.

Road Construction Update

MAIN ROAD

The contractor has finished the majority of the main road construction, but intermittent single lane closures will be necessary to complete all work.

INNER ROAD (near GMT building & West Lots 1&2)

Work is complete, except for striping.

A NORTH ENTRY

Pavement has been installed. Door replacement is finished. Striping and signage are still to be completed. We are anticipating a re-opening of the area on Wednesday, August 27, if weather cooperates.

GRANTS OFFICE / ALUMNI PATH

Substantial work has yet to be done. Parking and pedestrian travel will continue to be significantly affected. Excavation of the path will begin on Wednesday, August, 27; and path entrances will be fenced off for approximately three weeks. You are encouraged to find other routes.

We will provide additional information as construction progresses and details become available. Please use patience and extra caution when walking and driving on campus. For further information, please contact Facilities Development & Management at Ext.: 4515.

Planning to Graduate? Apply now online

If you plan to graduate this fall, you must apply in order to have your degree awarded. The application to graduate is now online in the myGSU portal under the "Academic Profile."

An application is required for each degree you receive from GSU. You can also pay the \$50 processing fee online – and save a trip to the Cashier's Office. You'll receive an email confirming that your application has been received and is being reviewed.

The deadline to apply for fall graduation is September 12, 2014. Here is your link

to the online graduation application: <http://www.govst.edu/gradapp.aspx>

Artwalk



This Thursday, August 28, is the day to immerse yourself in art at GSU.

- Start with the ARTWALK Artists' Reception at 4:30 in the E-Lounge and have an appetizer
- 5 p.m. In the ceramics classroom see a live demonstration with LeeAnn Cambric.
- 6 p.m. Meet Sergio Gomez, curator of the **I AMERICAN** Exhibit in the Visual Arts Gallery.
- Finish the walk with an artists' reception in the Library Skylight Gallery for Art Gathering: Ceramic Artists Throw and Build.

And along the way stop to appreciate the Art on Campus Exhibit, Dimitre : Photojournalism. All exhibits will be open from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Fore! Scholarships GSU Foundation's Scholarship Scramble is September 7



Calling all golfers, and those who prefer to watch from the gallery – the GSU Foundation's Scholarship Scramble Golf Outing is rapidly approaching! Join us at University Golf Club on Sunday, September 7 for a day of supporting, networking and enjoying! Proceeds from the Scholarship Scramble will provide merit and financial need scholarships to deserving GSU undergrads. Golf will be followed by a dinner buffet and awards presentations, including the Dave Drechsel Award to the member of the GSU Golf League with the most outstanding score for the league season. Then break open your piggy bank for the chance to win some fabulous raffle prizes:

- 2 roundtrip airline tickets anywhere Southwest Airlines flies
- An overnight stay and dinner at the Hyatt Regency Chicago
- 2 weekly admission passes to the 115th U.S. Amateur Championship at Olympia Fields Country Club
- and much more!

\$120/individual golfer (tax deductible portion - \$37)
\$480/foursome (tax deductible portion - \$148)
\$50/person – dinner only (tax deductible portion - \$7)

Details and registration form at www.govst.edu/golfouting . Or secure your spot by calling Gina Ragland at extension 7559.

Student Employment Job Fair

August 27 — 3 to 6 p.m.
Hall of Governors

Earn While You Learn. Don't miss the chance to meet on-campus and off-campus employers, interview, network and find student employment or a federal work-study job*. You'll find all of that and more at the Job Fair on Wednesday, August 27.

For more information, call 708.534.4480
Please bring your GSU myONECARD (required) and resumes (highly recommended).
Sponsored by the GSU Office of Financial Aid and Office of Career Services

*The Federal Work-Study program provides opportunities for students to work part time to assist with education costs.

For a listing of employers who will be attending the Job Fair, [click here](#).

Calling All Leaders

Governors State University, Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity and Kankakee Community College are co-sponsoring "Master Keys to Unlock Doors for Leaders Conference: Navigating Change" on Friday, September 19 from 8:30 a.m. to noon, in Sherman Hall.

"Master Keys to Unlock Doors for Leaders" is an ongoing professional development initiative to reveal, explore and strengthen definitions and descriptions for performance-driven leadership. Quarterly gatherings offer an opportunity to ignite and sustain awareness of issues critical to our region, as well as opportunities to learn, develop and implement best practices for all levels of leadership.

Speakers for the event include Dr. Edward Piatt, State of Illinois-DCEO; Dr. Bert Jacobson, Kankakee Community College and Dr. Stephen Wagner, Governors State University.

Cost for the event is \$20 for community members. Also available are 3.0 CEU for Social Workers and Counselors and 3.0 CPDU for Teachers. (Fee waived for GSU faculty, staff and students).

For more information please contact Amy Barsha, Executive Director, Continuing Education at abarsha@govst.edu. For registration details, speaker biographies and other information, please visit <http://www.govst.edu/oce/masterkeys/>

GSU Open Access Task Force Rollout

Public Act 098-0295 or the "Open Access to Research Articles Act" requires that

GSU (along with all public universities in Illinois) establish a Task Force to design a proposed policy regarding open access for the scholarly articles produced at the university.

The Act specifies a number of issues that the Task Force must consider when recommending such a policy, with a final report issued by January 2015.

Members of this Task Force are: Deborah Bordelon (co-chair), Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs; Lydia Morrow Ruetten (co-chair), Dean of the Library; Elizabeth Cada, Dean, College of Health and Human Services and Dean of Graduate Studies; Carlos Ferran, Associate Professor, Management Information Systems; David Golland, Assistant Professor, History; Walter Henne, Assistant Professor, Chemistry; and, Michael D. Springer, Senior Vice President, Business and Publishing, American Dental Association.

A portal team site has been established to solicit your questions, comments and concerns about Open Access. Please feel free to visit that site for more information: <https://mygsu.govst.edu/organizations/openaccess/default.aspx>

Open forums are scheduled to discuss open access and the proposed policy on:

- **September 22, 2014 2-4 p.m.** (Location TBA – Lynne Thomas from Northern Illinois University will be presenting on Open Access.
- **October 1, 2014 11 a.m.-1 p.m.** (Location TBA) – This will be an open meeting to field and answer questions about the proposed Open Access policy for GSU.

Meetings of the GSU Open Access Task Force are open to the public and a schedule of the meetings is posted on the [Provost's website](#).

Center for Performing Arts Voted Best of Chicago's Southland for 2014



The SouthTown Star's annual list of the best – everything from antiques to women's clothing and everything in between as voted on by their readers – includes the Center for the Performing Arts as best live entertainment venue. The award is for the list's East Zone.

September is Recovery Month

The GSU Counseling Center will provide six outreach workshops to help educate the campus community on prevention, treatment and recovery for mental and substance use disorders.

This year's Recovery Month theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Speak Up, Reach Out," encourages people to openly speak up about mental and substance use disorders and the reality of recovery. The theme also stresses ways to

recognize behavioral health issues and to reach out for help. All month you'll learn positive messages – that behavioral health is essential to overall health, that prevention works, treatment is effective and people can and do recover. Don't miss these events:

Warning Signs of Suicide

Monday, September 8

3:30-4:30pm

ARC Workshop room, B1215

As The Counseling Center observes National Suicide Prevention Week, this one-hour workshop will teach the warning signs of suicide. Coping skills and strategies for reaching out to those who may be experiencing suicidal thoughts will also be discussed. Contact the Counseling Center at x7334 with questions.

Self-care

Tuesday, September 9

3:30-4:30pm

ARC Workshop room, B1215

As the demands of the semester grow it is very easy to forget to take care of yourself. Self-care is an important strategy to help manage stress and anxiety, prevent burnout and even improve overall health. This workshop will offer tips and suggestions on how to take care of yourself during the school year and in everyday life. Contact the Counseling Center at x7334 with questions.

World Suicide Prevention Day

Wednesday, September 9

3:30-4:30pm

ARC Workshop room, B1215

Every year, more 800,000 people die from suicide; roughly one death every 40

seconds. World Suicide Prevention Day marks the release of the World Health Organization's World Suicide Report. The International Association for Suicide Prevention envisions "One World Connected" as a suicide prevention effort committed to reducing suicide rates by 10% by 2020. Join The Counseling Center as we honor this effort. "Together we can shine a spotlight on this major public health problem." Visit www.iasp.info/wspd for more information. Contact the Counseling Center at x7334 with questions.

Managing College Stress

Monday, September 15

3:30-4:30pm

ARC Workshop room, B1215

Stress in college is almost inevitable, but it does not have to keep you from doing your best. This workshop will help you identify strategies to turn your negative stress into positive stress that can help you stay motivated and on top of all of your responsibilities. Contact the Counseling Center at x7334 with questions.

Substance Abuse as an Escape

Thursday, September 18

3:30-4:30pm

ARC Workshop room, B1215

When we experience an increase in pressure and stress we sometimes turn to unhealthy or even damaging ways to cope. Using or abusing substances of any kind is very common under challenging circumstances. The Counseling Center strives to help participants of this workshop understand how to replace using substances as an escape from external stressors with healthier choices. Contact the Counseling Center at x7334 with questions.

RAINN Day

Thursday, September 25

3:30-4:30pm

ARC Workshop room, B1215

RAINN Day is the Rape Abuse and Incest National Network's annual day of action to raise awareness and educate students about sexual violence on college campuses. It is a grassroots program designed to empower college students to educate their peers about risk reduction and recovery resources on their campus. RAINN Day can help motivate the GSU campus to take a stand against sexual violence. Contact the Counseling Center at x7334 with questions.



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