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GSU Family Development Center Wins Highest Quality Award

ExceleRate Illinois™, an organization that gives parents an objective way to choose a high quality early childhood education provider, has awarded the Gold Circle of Quality to the GSU Family Development Center. This is the highest ranking possible for education of children from birth to 12 years. The award is presented by the Illinois State Board of Education, The Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and the Illinois Department of Human Services.

The award comes after assessors visited the Family Development Center and then rated the FDC programs according to criteria and accreditation requirements of the National Association for the Education of Young Children and Pre-School for All, a federal-state partnership administered by the U.S. Department of Education. Additionally there was an onsite monitoring review by Early Head Start.

To enroll your child or get more information call the Family Development Center at 708.235.7300.

GSU Rocks the Vote



Are you registered to vote? It's one of our most important duties as a citizen. And GSU is making it easy to register.

Two ways to register

TurboVote: You can register online at <http://govst.turbovote.org/>. You can also update your voter registration or request an absentee ballot on the site.

In Person: Every member of the GSU Student Senate is a deputy registrar. Just come to Student Row, Room A2122, to register.

What will you need to register?

All you need is a current Illinois driver's license or Illinois state ID.

In Person Voter Registration Dates:

September 24
September 29
October 1
October 3

Encourage your friends and family to register too.

The GSU Civic Engagement and Community Center is recipient of a grant from the Illinois Campus Compact and the Campus Election Engagement project. The grant supports our campus-wide election drive.

It's time to register for the 1st Annual GSU Family and Friends Weekend, October 9 – 12



The October 9-12 weekend will be filled with family-oriented offerings. There will be something for everyone.

Start your weekend with the kick-off of the men's basketball game (GSU vs. Trinity International University). Friday night attend a performance by the family-oriented Hypnotist, Jim Wand. Saturday don't miss the national dance troupe Step Afrika. Then wind down Sunday with the Jazz Brunch with the President, music by Legacy.

Family and Friends Weekend is an opportunity to experience GSU's campus life. For many students, this special event provides the first opportunity to visit with family and friends since the beginning of the semester. Within the first two months of the fall semester, students have settled into the campus community and are actively immersed in the college experience. This exciting October weekend presents an important opportunity for families and friends to share firsthand in GSU student experience.

All participants must register for the overall weekend. Registration is free for parents, family members, alumni and friends of GSU. Space is limited for some events, and there is a minimal cost for some activities.

Don't delay. Register now at www.govst.edu/weekend and bring the family!

GSU Food Pantry - Food Drive

You can help a GSU student in need. The GSU Food Pantry is there to help any student experiencing financial difficulties. And now the Food Pantry can use your help.

From today through October 3 the Food Drive will help make sure every student who needs help gets it. Drop off your donations any time at the Civic Engagement and Community Service Center, Room A2130.

You could be a winner

A random drawing will be held to award Food Drive donors. You could win an *Unleash the Leader in You* water bottle or portfolio.



What should you donate?

Any foods that don't require refrigeration are appreciated. Plus that you can donate personal care items such as toothbrushes, razors or soap. And don't forget supplies for toddlers and infants including bottles, formula or diapers.

The food pantry is open on the every Tuesday from 12 p.m.-5 p.m. and is located in Student Commons on the second floor A2140.

If you have any questions, please contact Teneisha Palmer, our AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer, in the Civic Engagement and Community Service Center at 708.235.7454 or email civicengagement@govst.edu.

First Stop: The Library Information Desk



"Students, faculty and staff, if you are planning to use our newly renovated library, please make your first stop the Information Desk located to the left as you enter the library," suggested Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the GSU Library. "The Information Desk is staffed with students who are trained and there to welcome you. They can answer your library related questions or guide you to other locations in the library to get the information you are seeking," she said. There is also a dedicated computer at the Information Desk where you can check the library catalog directly. The Information Desk is manned from Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Regular Library Hours of Operation

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.

"We invite you to the library and look forward to welcoming you at the Library Information Desk, and remember either in person or online, the GSU Library is your research resource 24/7," said Dean Morrow Ruetten.

*Sunday hours – Fall and Spring Semesters only.

Do you know a Wicket from a Wag? Get to know cricket



Or do you know a Sunball or a Swish? Learn these terms and more at the video presentation, cricket demonstration and friendly matches this Thursday and Friday, September 25 and 26.

OIS and the new India Student Club will sponsor both. Start learning the game of cricket with the video presentation and commentary in the Hall of Honors at 2 p.m. September 25. Then, from 3 to 6 p.m., walk across campus to the new cricket field (next to baseball fields and Prairie Place) for a live demonstration. The next day from 2 to 6 p.m., you can watch friendly matches.

The Illinois SBDC International Trade Center at GSU opens Naperville satellite office



The Illinois SBDC International Trade Center celebrated its new satellite office grand opening with a roundtable. As part of working group of the White House Initiative on Asian American and Pacific Islanders, the new ITC office is committed to promoting the U.S exports expanding to Asia Pacific market and to providing more services and outreach programs to Asian American business communities.

The opening event featured distinguished guests including George Mui, senior advisor for the White House AAPI and market access team lead, MBDA, the U.S. Department of Commerce Washington D.C. as well as Theresa Mah, Ph.D., Senior Policy Advisor & Director of Asian American Outreach Office of Governor Pat Quinn.

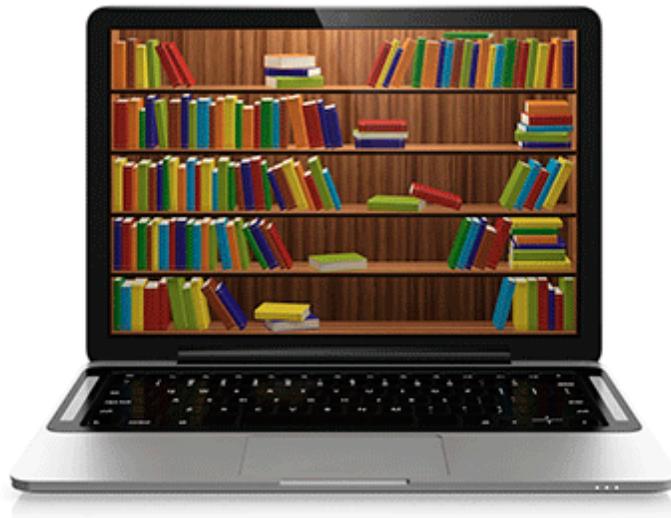
Mary Ma, Director of Illinois SBDC International Trade Center at GSU, hosted the roundtable and expressed appreciation for the support from the White House and Governor's office.

George Mui, praised the International Trade Center at GSU new project, saying "It is so great you have a Doing Business in Asia project. It will fit perfectly with the WHIAAPI and MBDA doing business in Asia initiative. It is also great that you have the support of the Governor's office. I am looking forward to working with you for any startup activities for this project."

During the meeting plans for future training in international trade were discussed by, Amy Barsha, Executive Director of GSU Continuing Education; Jan Ulner, External Programs Manager at the GSU Naperville Education Center and Tricia Kerns, GSU College of Business and Public Administration faculty.

The Naperville office is open every Monday and Tuesday. It is located at 2244 W. 95th Street, Naperville, IL 60564. For more info, please contact Mary Ma, hma@govst.edu, 708.235.2158.

GSU Open Access Task Force Rolls Out



Public Act 098-0295 or the "Open Access to Research Articles Act" requires that the Governors State University, 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 the Task Force must consider when recommending such a policy. The Task Force must be put in place by January 2014, and the final report must be issued by January 2015.

Members of GSU 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 regarding Open Access. Please feel free to visit that site for more information on open access at:

<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](#).



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