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President Maimon: Behind every college-bound student is a line of quality teachers

President Maimon believes that student success is the legacy of outstanding elementary, middle school and secondary teachers. In her guest commentary in the Northwest Indiana Times, President Maimon talked about the new GSU Educators' Legacy Awards.

"Because teachers are so important to our society, we intend to present these awards every year at convocation. We read a lot – too much – about problems in the schools. I wish that those who criticize educators would realize teachers are the solution, not the problem. Classrooms, in fact, can be magic places where students' lives are transformed," wrote President Maimon.

[Click here to read President Maimon's column.](#)

Chat with the President



GSU students are invited to "Chat with the President" on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, at 6 p.m. in the E Lounge. Pizza will be served.

Bring your questions, thoughts, concerns and suggestions to this lively discussion with President Maimon and other GSU administrators.

Questions? Contact Penny Perdue at 708-534-4130 or pperdue@govst.edu.

Model United Nations Team: We're looking for a few good students!



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The American Model United Nations Conference will be November 22 to November 26 in Chicago – and GSU will be there.

The GSU Model United Nations Team will host its first meeting on Monday, October 6, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the College of Arts & Sciences Dean's Conference Room, E2579.

This is a great opportunity to spend time in downtown Chicago with students from GSU and other universities. You'll learn about:

- Different cultures/ countries/ subjects/ positions
- Efficient research techniques
- Complex problems and solutions
- Coalition building and networking
- The art of compromise
- Public speaking (extemporaneous, prepared remarks, networking, etc.)

There's another big benefit: enhance your portfolio for graduate school or your job-hunting resume.

Interested students should be registered for at least one credit hour and in good standing for Fall 2014. For answers to your questions, contact Luke Helm, lhelm@govst.edu.

No Surprises in Jimmy John's Data Breach



GSU Professor William Kresse has become the trusted source for Chicago media whenever there's a hack, data breach or just about any kind of online fraud. See his interview in on WGN-TV where he explains why we're likely to see more incidents like last week's data breach at Jimmy John's locations.

[Click here for the video](#)

Raising Funds for Scholarships at Friends & Family Weekend: GSU Foundation Presents Grammy-winning Rebirth Brass Band



From the streets of New Orleans to the stage—the sounds of funk, soul, hip hop, jazz and second line funeral marches will fill GSU's Center for Performing Arts in a scholarship benefit concert is presented by the GSU Foundation on October 11th at 8 p.m. The performance will benefit GSU Scholarships. Last year, the foundation awarded approximately \$100K in student scholarships.

The event is open to the community, alumni, students and their families and friends.

Ashley Floyd, Director of Development at Governors State University says, "Rebirth Brass Band is a New Orleans institution, upholding traditional jazz and creating a funky sound that is evolving daily. I am

honored to share with Governors State University a true gem from my hometown of New Orleans to the inaugural celebration of Family & Friends Weekend 2014."

Tickets are \$40 and \$20 for seniors and students. A VIP ticket experience is available for \$100, which includes a tax-deductible contribution; preferred seating and a pre-performance reception featuring amazing cuisine by local restaurants, wine and beer.

The event is sponsored by Wintrust Wealth Management, Country Financial, The Cottage on Dixie and Narski Music Productions, Inc.

The CPA box office is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and two hours prior to performances. For more information, contact the box office at www.CenterTickets.net or call (708) 235-2222.

The winners are GSU Theatre and Performing Arts Students



GSU Theatre and Performing Arts students Lois M. Nemeth, Rebecca Townsend and Deirdre L. Webb performed at the Illinois Communication and Theatre Association convention - and took home the top panel award. Their panel, "Raising Consciousness, Performing for Change," consisted of performances from last spring's Performance and Social Change course. Panelists were presented with a certificate and cash award.

Introducing: The GSU Employee Recognition Program



Have you witnessed a colleague being awesome at work lately? The Human Resources Department's new Employee Recognition Program for all faculty and staff can help shine a light on great performance.

The purpose of this program is to recognize and reward employees and/or a team for a job well done and the collective contributions of every employee to the overall mission and strategic plan of the University. The program has been designed to encourage opportunities for these efforts to be acknowledged on a regular basis and to summarize all Employee Recognition Programs and Awards.

Opportunities for awards and recognition will include

- Fillable Certificate Templates for Achievement, Appreciation, Teamwork, Star employee, You Make a Difference.

Some examples of selection criteria for giving certificates include:

- Teamwork
- Going the Extra Mile
- Excellent Customer Service
- Professional Development
- Award for Excellence
- Creativity and Innovation
- Performance Excellence
- Leadership
- Commitment
- Flexibility
- Innovation

Also included in the program will be:

- Card Templates - Formal and Informal thank you cards.
- New to GSU- Staff Appreciate week (Second week in March).
- The Baysore Award: This award is intended for a GSU employee who fully demonstrates the following four qualities: absolute integrity, total competence, generous dedication and unfailing civility.
- Faculty Excellence Award: This award is in recognition of outstanding achievement in teaching, research and service to the University.

- Civil Service Award: This award program will acknowledge civil service employees that demonstrate exemplary performance and inspire others to do their best.
- Years of Service: This is an annual opportunity to acknowledge our staff and faculty who have been a part of the University community for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years or more.

If you are interested in learning more about this new program or want to take advantage of the many certificates available so that you can recognize a colleague for being awesome at work and "Living the Core Values" at GSU, please visit:

<https://mygsu.govst.edu/facultystaffinformation/HR/Pages/Employee-Recognition.aspx>

Show Off Your Artistic Side



Entry forms for the GSU All Student Art Exhibition are now ready for pick up in the Printing Studio, Room E 1527. The show will run from October 10 through December 5, 2014. Student entrants can drop off their art on Monday and Tuesday, October 6 and 7 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Visual Arts Gallery.

Applications for Intellectual Life Grants Now Open

GSU staff and faculty, as well as enrolled GSU students with a faculty collaborator, are invited to apply for the next cycle of Intellectual Life grants," announced Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the GSU Library and Chair of the Intellectual Life Committee. "The Intellectual Life Grants will award up to \$500 for events taking place between January 20 and May 10, 2015 that promote and increase awareness of the arts, humanities and other intellectual topics of universal interest," she said.

Events can include a lecture series, faculty research salons, workshops, panel discussions, film screenings, exhibits, presentations in local communities or field trips. The primary audience for these events is GSU students, although the events should be open to all members of the GSU community and the region.

GSU staff and faculty, as well as enrolled GSU students with a faculty collaborator, should apply using the Intellectual Life Grant Application located on the Intellectual Life Committee page at, <https://mygsu.govst.edu/studentresources/Library/Pages/Intellectual-Life-Committee.aspx> .

Selection Criteria include:

- Comparative analysis between grant projects presented
- Value to the GSU community in terms of intellectual life

- Strategies for promoting the event
- Completion of the event within Spring 2015 Semester
- Feasibility of the project based on the support of this grant, plus any other sources of funding

All applications should be sent to lruetten@govst.edu. The deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, October 17, 2014. Award winners will be notified by November 7, 2014

GSU Alum Turned GSU Lecturer Learns Important Lesson for Entrepreneurs

Michael Larson earned his MBA at GSU and is now a GSU College of Business & Public Administration lecturer, teaching Macroeconomics and Managerial Economics, as well as Principles of Financial Management. But as Chief Financial Officer of Helical Robotics, an Oregon, Wisconsin-based company, he's making his mark as entrepreneur.

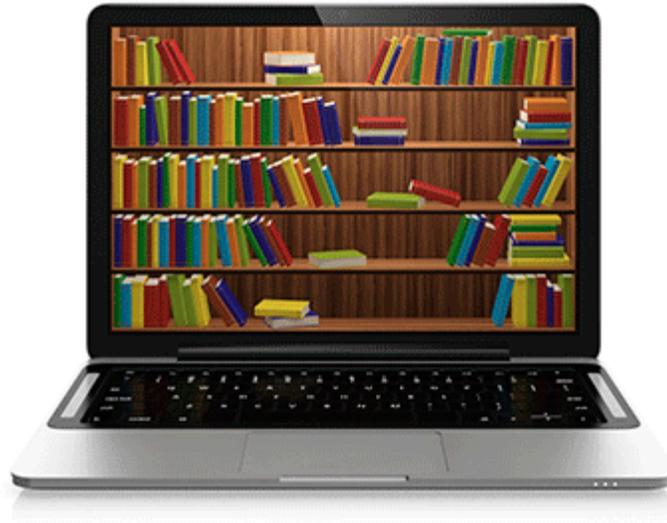
Recently his company announced it had granted [Lincoln Electric Company](#) an exclusive worldwide license for their proprietary magnetic robotic technology. This agreement expands Lincoln Electric's automation solutions to include the industry's first trackless automated arc welding and cutting solution. The technology and platforms Helical Robotics develops allow for integrating industrial equipment into mobile magnetic robotic systems.

For Larson and his company the licensing process taught an important lesson: Nothing succeeds like success.

"We have experienced the frustrations of having what you believe is an excellent idea, having been told by major corporations that it's a great idea and then told that due to either budgets, risk or any other reason, that they just aren't ready to invest in new methods," he said. To Larson and his company it seemed that, as much as people want to say their companies are forward thinking, most are still not rushing to be first in line for new technology or methods of doing things. While the company is cutting edge, if managers feel that their reputations or job reviews might reflect poor decisions, it is very hard to get ideas past them.

But media attention can change all that. "Once a press release announcing the licensing agreement was issued, we have received a lot of inquiries from companies that we had already tried approaching in the past, with renewed interest," Larson said.

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 October 1, 2014, 2-4 p.m. (D1496). This will begin with a video viewing of Prof. Lynne Thomas' Open Access presentation followed by an open discussion.