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## President Maimon Announces Leadership Changes in Marketing and Communications and Digital Learning and Media Design

Rhonda Brown, Assistant Vice President of Marketing and Communications will leave GSU at the end of October to become the Vice President of Advancement at the Chicago Theological Seminary. Charles Nolley, currently the director of Digital Learning and Media Design will serve as Interim Vice President for a unit that will consolidate the two departments.



[Read more](#)

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual GSU Family and Friends Weekend, October 9 -12 Are you registered?

You don't want to miss it. This weekend will be packed with sports, fun and family- oriented offerings. There will be something for everyone.

**GSU Jaguars Roar!**



The men's basketball kicks off the weekend as with its debut against Trinity International University.

3-5 p.m. Pep Rally in the Hall of Governors. Get your roar on!

6-8 p.m. Men's Basketball team tips off its inaugural season with an exhibition game against Trinity International University in the GSU gymnasium.

**Fan Tip:** Go directly from the pep rally to the GSU gymnasium. Space is limited to 500 fans. Can't get there on time? Just tune into the game on the GSU education channel on monitors all over campus.

If you can't make it on Thursday, the men's team has a quick turn-around and are back in action on Saturday, October 11th at 1:00pm

[Click here to see the entire Family and Friends Weekend schedule.](#)

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](http://www.govst.edu/weekend) and bring the family!

**Go Vote! Exercise Your Right!**

# **VOTE EARLY BY MAIL** IT'S EASY!

*In Illinois, any voter is eligible to vote by mail.*

**STEP 1:** If you haven't received an application to Vote By Mail, you can apply online:

Visit [chicagoelections.com](http://chicagoelections.com) and click on **Absentee ballot/Vote by Mail** in the voting section. Carefully read ALL instructions and fill it out. Be sure to sign and date the application.

**STEP 2:** Make sure you apply right away! Your application must be received no later than **October 24** to allow for processing.

**STEP 3:** When your ballot arrives in the mail, follow the instructions and vote in private using the absentee ballot. A completed absentee ballot must be postmarked on or before **Monday, November 3, 2014**.

## **GSU Transcripts Go Green**

The Registrar's Office now offers electronic transcript delivery. GSU has partnered with the National Student Clearinghouse for online transcript requests.

Electronic transcript ordering through the NSC provides official transcripts that are delivered quickly and securely. Transcript orders are normally process within 24 hours after the order is received.

If you are a current student you can order online through the myGSU portal Online Services. Alumni and former students can order online through the National Clearinghouse website at [www.nslc.org](http://www.nslc.org)

With electronic delivery, you can send transcripts anywhere around the world.

More information is available online at [www.govst.edu/transcripts](http://www.govst.edu/transcripts)

## **Celebrating 90 Years Young**



June Masek has been taking the GSU water aerobics class for more than 30 years. Next Monday, October 20, she and fellow students will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a lunch at Carlos Restaurant.

June says she looks at the water aerobics class as a job. Instead of pay, she gets good health. "She is the heart and leader of the class. One day we did 200 jumping jacks and she initiated 100. Oh, was she happy. She is our inspiration," said friend and fellow classmate Ruby Norton. The GSU Total Water Exercise class, as it's now called, is taught Monday through Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the GSU pool. The fee is \$25.

"We have all ages in this class. We have some new freshmen and, of course, now up to age 90," added Ruby. For more information, stop by the Recreation and Fitness Center Sales Office at A1106 or call 708.534.4556.

## **New Student Programs: How's it going?**

New Student Programs would like to know how the first semester at GSU is going for our new undergraduate students and how support for them can be improved. As part of this initiative, a survey is being conducted among new undergraduates about their early experiences at GSU. While this might be a busy time of year, the hope is that students will take a few minutes to participate in this brief survey.

The survey will focus on experiences with orientation, academic advising, student involvement and other areas that are critical for academic progress. The survey has been sent to new students' GSU email addresses and will be available until Friday, October 17, 2014.

## **Opening Soon: A New Way to Get to GSU**

### **Get your I-PASS**

The long awaited interchange to connect the Tri-State Tollway, or I-294, and I-57 is set to open this month. The new interchange will be all-electronic, with no cash accepted. You must have an I-PASS to use the interchange.



According to the Illinois Tollway Authority:

Customers who use the I-294/I-57 Interchange without I-PASS will have 30 days from the date of their unpaid toll to pay online – up from seven days on all other parts of the tollway system. This extended, limited-time offer will expire on December 31, 2014. Beginning January 1, 2015, customers without I-PASS who use the I-294/I-57 Interchange will have seven days to pay their unpaid tolls.

The regular toll rate will be \$1.50 for customers who pay their unpaid tolls online with a discounted I-PASS rate of 75 cents. Tollway customers who would like to pay cash to travel between I-294 and I-57 can still do so at the 159th Street Ramp Toll Plaza (40) or via the 163rd Street Toll Plaza (41) – these are the routes being used today.

For added convenience, the Tollway is opening a new temporary Customer Service Center at the Secretary of State Office in Midlothian, 14434 South Pulaski Road, from September through November 2014. This three-month satellite center located in the heart of the Chicago Southland will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and is intended to serve local residents who wish to obtain I-PASS, pay their unpaid tolls and receive other assistance.

For more information about [how to obtain](http://www.illinoistollway.com/tolls-and-i-pass/about-i-pass) an I-PASS go to: <http://www.illinoistollway.com/tolls-and-i-pass/about-i-pass>.

## **How Far We Have Come, How Far We Have Yet to Go**

**Help Commemorate the Civil Rights Act and Freedom Summer**



Policemen watch as Freedom Riders arrive in Jackson, Mississippi on a Trailways bus.

GSU will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act and Freedom Summer with a series of activities, including a Student Research Conference on November 6. This is an opportunity to reflect on both the accomplishments of the Civil Rights Act, and its subsidiary legislation, as well as what still needs to be done. The goal is to give voice and recognition to GSU students' scholarly and creative expressions on the status of Civil and Human Rights today.

The Commemoration Committee is planning both a student mini-conference on this theme as well as a creative arts magazine including essays, short stories, poetry, art and photography.

All student submissions for the conference will be considered. **The deadline for student proposals is October 15<sup>th</sup>** and should be submitted to Prof. Ben Almassi at ([balmassi@govst.edu](mailto:balmassi@govst.edu)).

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## GSU Students Show Off Their Artistic Side



The GSU All Student Art Exhibition begins tomorrow and runs through December 5, 2014. Student entrants can drop off their art on today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Visual Arts Gallery.

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



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

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.

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

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](mailto:LHelm@govst.edu).

## Annual Crime Statistics Report Now Online

[The GSU "Campus Right-to-Know Crime Report" is now available on the university website.](#) In accordance with the 1990 Campus Security Act, also known as The Clery Act, this is a uniform report of crimes committed on the GSU campus as well as in the Village of University Park from January 1 through December 31, 2011, 2012 and 2013. Criminal categories required under the Clery Act include murder, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, assaults/threats/harassment, intimidation, domestic, vandalism/criminal damage to property and motor vehicle theft, as well as statistics on arrests for drug and alcohol violations and weapons violations. For further information, please contact the Department of Public Safety at [dps@govst.edu](mailto:dps@govst.edu).

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



## INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER

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 Naperville office is open every Monday and Wednesday. It is located at 2244 W. 95th Street, Naperville, IL 60564. For more info, please contact Mary Ma, [hma@govst.edu](mailto:hma@govst.edu), 708.235.2158.



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