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President Maimon Joins President Obama, First Lady and Vice President Biden at White House College Opportunity Summit



On Thursday, December 4th, Maimon will join President Obama, the First Lady and Vice President Biden at the White House College Opportunity Summit. The Summit will bring together colleges and universities, business leaders, nonprofits and others that are committed to supporting more college opportunities for students across the country.

This year's summit will focus on building sustainable collaborations in communities with strong K-12 and higher education partnerships to encourage college going, and supporting colleges to work together to dramatically improve persistence and increase college completion, especially for first generation, low-income, and underrepresented students.

"I am honored to represent Governors State and the Chicagoland Alliance for Degree Completion at the White House College Opportunity Summit. Joining me at the Summit are presidents from two of our partner community colleges: Dr. Sylvia Jenkins of Moraine Valley Community College and Dr. Terri Winfree of Prairie State College," said President Maimon.

The Dual Degree Program, GSU's collaboration with 17 Chicago-area community colleges, is a national model for university/community college cooperation. Low-income, first generation, and

underrepresented DDP students study full-time to complete associate degrees in the community colleges and then move seamlessly to efficient completion of university bachelor's degrees.

"The White House Summit also recognizes GSU's highly structured four-year program to achieve the baccalaureate degree," Maimon added.

Dual Degree Program Students Receive GSU Promise and DDP Honors Scholarships

Nine area community college students have been awarded scholarships covering tuition, fees and books for four semesters at GSU.

The GSU Promise Scholarship was created by President Maimon to assist economically disadvantaged Dual Degree Program students to complete a bachelor's degree at GSU. The DDP Honors Scholarship is awarded to high-achieving, first-time transfer students who are enrolled in the DDP and have a cumulative 3.5/4.0 GPA.

GSU Promise Scholarships awarded to:

- Matthew Andersen, an Elementary Education major from Prairie State College
- Ted Bobak, a Psychology major from Richard J. Daley College
- Bridget Drury, a Psychology major from Joliet Junior College
- Tomika Fullilove, an Anthropology and Sociology major from South Suburban College
- Devan Kohn, a Communications major with a concentration in filmmaking from Joliet Junior College
- Alexander Lamas-Bautista, a Criminal Justice major from Kankakee Community College
- Melissa Mayerhofer, a Social Work major from Triton College

DDP Honors Scholarships awarded to:

- Allison Lowery, an Elementary Education major from Joliet Junior College
- Amanda Peterson, a Communications Disorders major from Joliet Junior College

"GSU is pleased to support these deserving students, who have completed associate degrees at partner community colleges and are now ready to continue full-time toward the achievement of bachelor degrees. Our goal is for DDP students to graduate without debt, ready to begin careers or to enter graduate school," said President Maimon.

THE GSU LIBRARY JAM Starts Today!!!!

Everything You Need to Rock Finals Week:



December 1, 2 & 3

The GSU library will be open and a stress free zone from 8:30 a.m. to midnight starting today and continuing through Wednesday. The CUBE also will be open from 8:30 a.m. until midnight.

And that's just the beginning of why successful exam-takers will make the Library the place to be:

- Warm beverages will be provided by the Library and food services.
- Snacks will be available at scheduled times outside of the Library.

LIBRARY JAM and keeping the library open during finals is a big idea that started with GSU students. "Students showed a great deal of initiative and leadership in making the request. Keeping the library open is in line with our goal of offering a number of resources to help all students be successful with their end of semester exams, papers and projects. We in the library see ourselves as a partner with students and faculty in achieving success and academic excellence," said Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the GSU Library.

"A special thanks also goes to the faculty and staff who have so generously agreed to give their time, energy and effort to helping students during LIBRARY JAM. Without them, LIBRARY JAM would not be possible," added Ruetten.

LIBRARY JAM Schedule of events

Monday

Get guidance from:

- Writing Center: 11-7p.m.
English Professors: 6:30-10 p.m.
- Arc tutors:
 - Math / Statistics / General chemistry: 12-4 p.m., 7:30-10:30 p.m.
 - Science: 4-8 p.m.
 - Writing professors: 11a.m.-12 p.m., 1-6 p.m.

Tuesday

- Relax with mindfulness yoga/meditation in library – 7,8,9 & 9:30 p.m.

(Bring your own mat or beach towel).

- Fuel up with late night breakfast from 9-11 p.m.in the cafeteria.
- Blow off steam with music/dancing/games in the cafeteria annex.

Wednesday

Get guidance from:

- Peer mentors: 5-11 p.m.
- Writing professors: 11a.m.-12 p.m., 1-2 p.m., 5-7 p.m.

Be sure to check out the GSU library web page for an updated Library Jam schedule and surprises.
www.govst.edu/library

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Questions? Contact Library Dean Lydia Morrow Ruetten at lruetten@govst.edu.

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