GSU wants to protect its students, faculty, staff, and visitors from measles, a highly-contagious infection caused by a virus that has recently seen outbreaks in the Chicago area. We also want to keep students from having enrollment issues because of a lack of immunization records.

As a residential campus, GSU must comply with the Illinois College Student Immunization Act. What this means is that transfer, graduate, doctoral and freshman students must submit documentation in order to be in compliance. All GSU students are required by Illinois Law to provide proof of immunity for tetanus/diphtheria, two measles doses, mumps and rubella.

Students who do not submit immunization records will have a registration hold placed on their records and will be unable to register until they have fulfilled this requirement; holds for summer registration will be placed on March 18 and holds for fall registration will be placed on April 15. Students can check their immunization status by logging into their portal, go to Online Services, click on Academic Profile, then Immunization Status. Prolonged noncompliance will result in a $25 charge assessed to a student's account.

If you have not submitted your immunization records to GSU, please do so immediately!

Immunization Records can be submitted to the Academic Resource Center by
For more information on GSU's immunization policy, questions about how and where to get your immunizations records, and to access the Immunization Form, please click here.

**GSU's Health Administration Department Named among Top 50 Most Innovative University Healthcare Administration Departments**

Hats off to the College of Health and Human Services’ Department of Health Administration for being named among the top 50 Most Innovative University Healthcare Administration Departments, as reported by the website, [www.topmastersinhealthcare.com](http://www.topmastersinhealthcare.com)

Serving as Chair and Program Director for the Department is Assistant Professor Dr. Rupert M. Evans, Sr., DHA, MPA, FACHE.

Among the Department's attributes that led to this honor include:

- A Master of Health Administration (MHA) program accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME). CAHME's rigorous review establishes the highest standard of excellence among MHA programs;
- A high student employment rate following graduation. Ninety-one percent of GSU's MHA graduates are employed within three months of graduation;
- Faculty members highly engaged in research in their field;
- A variety of educational programs, in addition to the MHA, such as a fully AUPHA-certified Bachelor of Health Administration (BHA) program and several certificate programs;
- A well-established student association (Student Healthcare Management Association–SHCMA), providing mentoring and professional development opportunities;
- An active honor society (Upsilon Phi Delta Honor Society);
- A diverse student population, traditionally underserved by the higher education community.
- GSU's Health Administration programs also feature the lowest tuition in Illinois.

"It's wonderful for the academic excellence and talent of our Health Administration Department to be recognized," noted Elizabeth A. Cada, Ed.D., OTR/L, FAOTA, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services and Dean of Graduate Studies at GSU. "The faculty works very hard to ensure that our students have everything they need to become leaders in this ever-changing health care environment."

**DNP Grad Contributes to PRISM® Award for Her Nursing Unit**

If you don't think it pays to pursue advanced practice nursing education, just ask Kelly Banks.

A recent Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) graduate from GSU, Banks was pleased to learn that her capstone project for the DNP program was one of several projects submitted as part of the application process for a prestigious PRISM® award by her nursing unit 5 East at the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System.
The 5 East Surgical Specialties and Rehabilitation Unit received the Premier Recognition in the Specialty of Med-Surg (PRISM) Award—the first in Illinois to receive this esteemed award—which recognizes exceptional nursing practice, leadership and outcomes in hospital medical-surgical units across the country. Unit 5 East serves patients recovering from acute episodes, such as stroke, gastrointestinal and urological surgeries; Banks cares for postoperative patients.

The PRISM Award is sponsored by the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses (AMSN) and the Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board (MSNCB), the certifying body of AMSN.

Banks’ DNP project focused on implementing an interprofessional learning module on the non-pharmacological approaches to pain management.

"My focus was the acute postoperative patient," Banks said. "Research shows that postoperative pain continues to be undermanaged. The staff was able to translate this project at the bedside by incorporating many non-pharmacological approaches which resulted in good outcomes and an increase in patient satisfaction."

Banks received her Master of Science in Nursing Degree from GSU in 2007, and her DNP in May of 2014.

"GSU’s DNP program was very challenging, but rewarding," Banks said. "Working at an urban academic institution, I value the lessons I learned from the DNP program about caring for vulnerable populations and translating evidence so that evidence-based practice can have its greatest impact at the bedside and across the population."

Counseling Doctoral Student Wins Major Scholarship Award

Congratulations to GSU Counselor Education and Supervision (CES) doctoral student Paula Franklin for being selected for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program. The fellowship supports a commitment to the counseling profession and to improving the mental health of the underserved.
Paula will receive a $20,000 award, research assistance, and a mentor in Counselor Education.

"I am appreciative of Dr. Sori and Dr. Robey who wrote letters of recommendation and of the CES Department for encouraging students to apply. I am excited about this opportunity," she said.

**GSU's International Trade Center Featured on Chinese Television**

Illinois SBDC International Trade Center (ITC) at Governors State University recorded an interview with Sinovision, a Chinese Language TV program provider. Mary Ma, Director, Illinois ITC at GSU, was interviewed. After receiving a press release from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity regarding Illinois' Exports reaching the new record in 2014, Sinovision wanted to discuss more about exports to China and the ITC's export promotion services. ITC at GSU has recently set up the ITC satellite office in Naperville, is part of the working group of the White House Initiative on Asian American and Pacific Islanders, which promotes the expansion of U.S exports to the Asia Pacific market.

According to Sinovision, its Nightly News has millions of viewers and is the place where the Chinese community tunes in to keep informed about what has happened in the neighborhood, the country, and the world. Click here for a video of the interview (in Chinese). Click here for the English transcript of the interview.

For more information, please contact ITC director, Mary Ma, at 708-534-6976 or email: hma@govst.edu. The Naperville satellite office is located at GSU Naperville Education Center, 2244 West 95th Street, Naperville, IL 60564.
First Honors Pinning Ceremony Held January 2015

by Students in Honors Writing Studies II

On January 30th, history was made when GSU held the first Honors Pinning Ceremony to officially induct the freshman honors students into the Honors Program and to acknowledge the ongoing achievements of the upper-division honors students. Family members and friends came to honor students' hard work and to witness this inaugural event at GSU.

Freshman honors student Kendall Wright, happily receiving her pin.

In a candlelighting ceremony that preceded the pinning, an upper division student symbolically passed the "light of knowledge" to a freshman student to represent the four-year honors legacy that began this year.

In addition to candlelighting and the pinning, Dr. David Rhea, director of the Honors Program and the ceremony's keynote speaker, gave an encouraging speech explaining the history of the program at GSU and its transition to a four-year program. He also spoke of his vision to build on the legacy of the current program by inviting the new honors students to bring their interests, ideas, and input to help shape and create the future of the Honors Program.

Following the distribution of pins, students and their guests enjoyed a dinner reception where they celebrated their achievements.

Upgraded Wired and Wireless Infrastructure Project in Phase 2

The final phase of the project began March 2 and will be completed by June 30. During this timeframe contractors will be working throughout campus buildings installing cables and mounting wireless access points for the new infrastructure. Once the installation is complete, detailed information will be available on how to connect to the new wireless infrastructure. For the duration of the final phase, the existing wireless system will remain available.

Phase 1–The wired portion of the Wireless & Wired Infrastructure Upgrade Project began during the holiday break and has just been completed. This work involved upgrading the campus wired network infrastructure to improve performance of network traffic on campus. As a result of the completed work, the university will be operating with a 10GB backbone.

Phase 2–The wireless portion of the project will begin March 2, 2015. A cabling contractor will be installing cables to support the additional 280 new wireless access points. These access points will support all wireless standards including the latest 802.11AC.

GSU Participates in Recycle Mania
For the sixth consecutive year, GSU is competing in Recycle Mania. This competition encourages students from over 250 schools to reduce, reuse and recycle. Waste receptacles will be checked weekly to determine just how much GSU students are recycling. Last year, GSU took first in the Waste Minimization Category for Illinois universities. This year, GSU is hoping to uphold its title, and make the planet a little greener in the process. Students and faculty are encouraged to bring reusable water bottles, use double sided printing, and utilize appropriate recycling bins for easy removal. For further information, please contact pschiesher@govst.edu.

EVENTS

A Chance of a Lifetime: Reintegrative Justice and the Role of Higher Education

What are the best practice strategies for institutions of higher learning to engage and support students who have a criminal background? What are the collateral consequences facing these students? How can higher education play a role in decreasing recidivism and transforming lives?

GSU students, faculty, staff and members of the community are invited to attend a free symposium to discuss these issues on Monday, March 9, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.

Dr. Kirk Anthony James, DSW

Dr. Kirk Anthony James, DSW, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Columbia University, New York is the featured speaker. Dr. James is a noted writer, educator, clinician and social justice advocate, known for developing and directing the Goldring Reentry Initiative (GRI), which prepares social work students to work with incarcerated individuals (pre- and post-release) to reduce recidivism for individuals transitioning from Philadelphia jails.

The event is sponsored by the GSU Social Work Student Organization (SWSO) and GSU's Generating Hope Support Network. Generating Hope is designed to provide support, mentoring, networking, information and resource linkage for the formerly incarcerated, their families and friends. The group is free and open to the public.

This event is made possible through a Governors State University Intellectual Life Grant. For additional information, contact Dr. Lorri Glass, Associate Professor of Social Work, at lglass@govst.edu.

Higher Education Diverse Business Opportunity Fair, Thursday March 12

GSU is hosting an Illinois Public Higher Education Cooperative (IPHEC) Higher Education Diverse Business Opportunity Fair Thursday, March 12, from 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. in the Center for the
Performing Arts.

Minority, woman, disabled, veteran and small business owners that want to do business with State of Illinois Public Universities are encouraged to attend. GSU's Assistant Vice President for Procurement Tracy Sullivan will be making a presentation with the CPO's office to teach vendors how to use the Illinois Procurement Gateway & the Higher Education Procurement Bulletin, as a method of registration for their diverse firms.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet university buyers from across the state in one convenient location, where they will learn about procurement opportunities, how to become certified as a diverse vendor with the State of Illinois, and how to register with the Illinois Procurement Gateway (IPG) and Higher Education Procurement Bulletin. They will also be able to network with attendees from across many industries.

To register and for more information visit: www.obfs.uillinois.edu/opportunity-fair or contact Donna Ingersol at 312.996.2971 or donnai@uillinois.edu.

Dr. Daniel Goleman, Monday, March 23

Join us for a free lecture and presentation followed by a Q & A with Dr. Daniel Goleman Monday, March 23, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts. Dr. Goleman will also participate in a free pre-lecture discussion with students, faculty and administrators at 3:30 p.m. on the CPA stage.

Dr. Daniel Goleman, author of "Emotional Intelligence"

Dr. Goleman is the author of the best-selling and influential book "Emotional Intelligence." He will present his new book "Focus: The Hidden Driver of Excellence" followed by a book and CD signing.

The presentation is sponsored by the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE), College of Education, Teacher Quality Partnership Grant, College of Health and Human Services, and College of Arts and Sciences.

For more information, call 708.534.4024 or visit www.govst.edu/mile.

Art of Science Competition: H2O
The inaugural Art of Science Competition: H2O will highlight the inherent beauty that exists at the interface between art and science. This juried photo competition is open to students, staff and faculty of Governors State University. Original photographic images incorporating concepts related to the scientific theme H2O will be judged based on:

- Relationship between art and science
- Visual impact and aesthetic value
- Adherence to theme

Prizes for students and faculty and staff are:

Students
1st Prize: $400; 2nd Prize: $100; 3rd Prize: $50

Faculty and Staff
1st Prize: $400; 2nd Prize: $100; 3rd Prize: $50

Original artwork accompanied by a narrative (100 word max) that describes the photograph and how the work relates to science must be submitted and received by March 31, 2015 at www.govst.edu/cas/artofscience.

2015 Womens History Month

March is Women's History Month and GSU has a full lineup of events celebrating women. Below are events scheduled for this week. You can download the full event calendar in this link.

EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS
Womens History Literary Works & Resources
GSU Library
Are you seeking historical information regarding great women throughout history? GSU Library has a collection of books, DVD's and eBooks dedicated to women's history. Visit www.govst.edu/library and select the Library Catalog located under Library Resources. Type in Womens History Month for your keyword and you will find a listing of items that are currently available in the GSU Library. Visit the library or contact us at library@govst.edu.

March 9th
Film Discussion: Women's Life After Prison
5pm, Center for Performing Arts
Join us as we view a documentary on life after prison for women and their challenges and successes of re-acclimation to civilian life.

March 11th
International Fashion Show
2:50pm, Hall of Governors
Come celebrate women of all cultures and diverse backgrounds. There will be a panel discussion with international women and their American experience as well as a fashion show showcasing cultural outfits.

Library Workshops for March 2015

Don't miss great learning opportunities provided by the GSU Library. New workshops continue throughout the month. Visit the library homepage to get the detailed schedule with full workshop descriptions. Upcoming library workshops include:

- Introduction to Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel
- Introduction to citation management programs EndNote and Zotero
- Introduction to publishing in peer reviewed journals and open access journals
- Introduction to OPUS, our institutional repository for GSU scholarship

All GSU students, faculty, and staff are welcome at Library Workshops, and we look forward to seeing you there!

For more information contact: lgeller@govst.edu.

Volunteers Needed

GSU, in partnership with YWCA will be hosting several events throughout April for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. We need you help to assist with programs and events to ensure we are providing resources to promote awareness for a safer campus and brighter future at GSU. Please sign up by visiting: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZFQK3SL.

There will also be an informational session on all events Wednesday, March 11th at 10am in A2110. For more information, email: diversity@govst.edu.

SAVE THE DATE

edTPA Lectures for Students and Faculty

GSU Faculty and students are invited to attend "Getting Connected with edTPA," Lectures and Presentations by Kip Téllez, Ph.D.

Dr. Téllez is professor and former chair in the Education Department at University of California at Santa Cruz. He has been working with PACTtpa, the California version of the edTPA, since 2000. This includes preparing K-12 candidates and supporting faculty, conducting research, facilitating presentations, and scoring PACTs.

Join us as Professor Téllez shares his findings and research in two separate presentations: one for faculty and one for students.

Faculty: Thursday, March 12, 2015
9 a.m.–3 p.m. E-Lounge

Students: Friday, March 13, 2015
9:00 a.m.–Noon E-Lounge

RSVP to Joann Zambrano at jzambrano@govst.edu. Sponsored by the GSU TQP Grant.
**Make Your Spring Break Matter**

Would you like to make a difference for those less fortunate than yourself? You can Make Your Spring Break Matter by spending a day of your break (March 18) with your Dean of Students, Assistant Dean of Students, and The Community Service Council at the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago. The Mission is located at 1458 South Canal Street, Chicago, IL 60607.

Members of the GSU community will be at the Mission from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch and transportation is provided. To register for this event please sign up at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ASBSeriveDay2015](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ASBSeriveDay2015)

**Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program Open House March 25**

The Department of Physical Therapy will host an Information Session/Open House for its entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree program on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, from 4 to 7 p.m. in Room F 2505.

GSU offers an on-campus, entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy degree for those interested in starting a career in physical therapy. Information about admission criteria and course curricula will be available.

Join us to get your questions answered, meet faculty and students, and tour our classroom/laboratory spaces. Advisors will be available for individual consultation. Light refreshments will be provided.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Mary Tracy at 708.534.7290 or mtracy@govst.edu.

**GSU Center presents acclaimed Dance Theatre Production Addressing Violence**

Hip-hop and ballet? The music of OutKast and Michael Jackson. The 1920's and the 1980's. These
odd couples combine to create an undeniably unique performing arts experience—and one with a message about violence. The Cotton Mouth Club, presented by Chicago Dance Crash, brings its characteristic fusion of dance styles, known widely on the Chicago contemporary dance scene, to GSU's Center for Performing Arts, Friday, March 27 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are $25 for adults and $10 for students with valid I.D. Adults 65+ save $5. For tickets and more information, [click here](#), or call: 708.235.2222.

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**Facebook Posts of the Week**

*Response to our In Case You Missed It This Morning, GSU Was on the U! post:*
**Marcos Barajas** Love it there!!! Great to see Dr Gsell working hard :)

*Response to our Dr. Khalil Marrar Interviewed on Fox 32 Chicago News post:*
**Ben Lawrence** GSU is incredibly lucky to have a professor of his caliber. Marrar is incredibly knowledgeable and capable of teaching effectively. If you have the opportunity to take one of his classes, don't hesitate!

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Do you have a story or event you want to submit for the GSU View? [Click here to learn about our submission guidelines.](#)