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A newsletter for students, faculty & staff



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NEWS

GSU Master of Health Administration Program Recognized as Top 20 Affordable



Congratulations to GSU's Master of Health Administration Program, which has been named among the Top 20 Affordable Master's Degrees in Healthcare Administration for 2015, as reported by the website TopMastersInHealthcare.com.

"Providing affordable, accessible and high quality educational programming has long been the mission and top priority of Governors State University and the College of Health and Human Services," noted Elizabeth A. Cada Dean of the College of Health and Human Services and Dean of Graduate Studies at GSU. "We're delighted to receive this recognition."

Most recently, GSU's Department of Health Administration was named in the Top 50 Most Innovative University Healthcare Administration Departments, as reported by the same website.

Media Coverage for GSU's ACE Award

On March 15, GSU was named the winner of the ACE/Fidelity Investments Award for Institutional Transformation. Since then, a number of positive stories on GSU have appeared in the media. In the latest, GSU President Elaine P. Maimon interviewed in a Daily Southtown article written by Angela Denk. Read the article here: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/daily-southtown/news/ct-sta-gsu-award-st-0326-20150325-story.html>

ITC Co-hosts Chinese Logistics Group

Illinois SBDC International Trade Center (ITC) at GSU and Chicago Southland Economic Development Corp. (CSEDC) co-hosted 23 Chinese logistics professionals and investors on their visit to the Chicago Southland on March 10.

During their visit, the group toured the CN intermodal center, the Sauk Village Logistics Center, and South Suburban Airport. Sinovision, a Chinese Language TV program provider, also reported on the event. Liu Jie, head of the delegation, said that while China's logistics industry is in its adolescence, it is developing rapidly, and Chicago's intermodal center and business model are worth learning for China's logistics. Through this visit, the delegates will further expand the study, which will lead them to make a decision to invest in Chicago.



This is the first Chinese logistics group to come to the Chicago Southland. The ITC at GSU, under the direction of Mary Ma, and SBDC Director Priscilla Cordero look forward to bringing more business opportunities, as well as international education programs to GSU and the region.



Mary Ma, Director of the Illinois SBDC at GSU (right) joined Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle (seated, center) and Congresswoman Robin L. Kelly-Ill. 2nd, (seated, right) in welcoming Chinese logistics professionals and investors on their visit to the Chicago Southland.

SAAM Events at GSU Begin with Kickoff March 31



Leaders of GSU and YWCA Metropolitan Chicago will sign an agreement which will serve to provide training and advocacy services for sexual assault prevention on our campus. Illinois State Senator Toi Hutchinson (D)-40th, YWCA CEO, Dorri C. McWhorter, and University Park Mayor Vivian E. Covington will speak at the event Tuesday, March 31 at 4:30 p.m. to address the forward thinking of GSU and the community on issues relating to Title IX.

Come to Engbretson Hall to get your teal ribbons to wear throughout the month of April for SAAM.

BUZZ

Vacation Education at Governors State University



Take advantage of the ultimate summertime college opportunity...the chance to pick up a class you need to fill a General Education requirement while you have the time and none of the stress.

Vacation Education at GSU offers Gen. Ed. courses at convenient times—when you have the time. Our flexible summer schedule accommodates your need to work as well as your need to have a summer break by offering daytime and evening classes. [Click here](#) for more information.

Student Commencement Speaker Nominations

The Commencement Student Speaker Committee is currently accepting nominations for the commencement ceremony to be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015. There are two ceremonies; one at 10 a.m. and one at 5 p.m. ceremony. As a result, we will select two commencement speakers, one for the morning and the other for the evening ceremony. We will need candidates to represent all colleges, so please make a conscious effort to nominate deserving students for this prestigious honor.

Access the Student Commencement Speaker nomination form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SpringCommencementspeakernomination> and fill out both the nomination form and the recommendation form no later than April 3.

In order for students to be eligible they must be available for an interview on Friday, April 10, 2015 between 9 AM and 3PM. Please be sure to share the information with your nominee before you submit the nomination.

If you require additional information don't contact Sheree Sanderson, Assistant Dean of Students at: ssanderson@govst.edu.

The Annual Student Leadership Awards

The Student Leadership Awards will be held on Friday, April 24, in the Hall of Governors. This program is designed to highlight the achievements, of GSU Student Clubs and Organizations, as well as the staff, faculty, and administrators who support these groups. This year's event, will celebrate the students' many accomplishments, and remind them of the impact that their student clubs and organizations have on the university and campus community. Nominations are currently being accepted in the following categories:

- Outstanding Student Club/Organization Award
- Outstanding Graduate Student Award
- Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award
- Freshman of the Year Award
- Rising Star Award
- New Student Club/Organization of the Year
- Program of the Year

- Outstanding Club/Organization Advisor
- Outstanding Support Staff
- The Elaine P. Maimon Award

GSU Students, Faculty, Staff and Administration are eligible to nominate by using the link below. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/StudentLeadershipAwards2015>. DO IT TODAY!

How would you like to sing the National Anthem at Commencement?



Applications are now being accepted for the honor of singing the National Anthem at the GSU Commencement ceremony. Two graduating students (may be undergraduate or graduate) are needed.

Applicants must meet specific criteria. Applications are due by Thursday, April 9, 2015. Submit application to the Office of the Dean of Students, A2134 or by email to lcarra@govst.edu.

Auditions will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 from 3:30–4:30 p.m. The auditions will be performed acappella. The Commencement performance can either be acappella or with live band accompaniment. The selection of the singer will be based on quality of vocal ability, quality of presentation, academic record, and contributions to campus life.

To download the Commencement Singer Application, visit: www.govst.edu/dos

If you have any questions, please contact *Lisa Carra* in the *Dean of Students Office* at: 708.235.7595 or lcarra@govst.edu

2015 Student Senate Elections

Voting for the Student Senate candidates begins March 30 through April 3, 2015. Access the election website at <https://eBallot4.votenet.com/govst>

Online voting will remain open 24 hours during this time. To login, your Username is your last name, and the Password is your student ID number. Candidate position statements/bios are posted online. Please review the questions and choices then make your selections. A red star indicates that a response is required. Results of the election will be available April 9, 2015.

If you have problems accessing the ballot contact cberry@govst.edu.

Volunteers Needed!

Dr. Robbie O'Shea, Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy at Governors State University, is seeking individuals with a neurological impairment to participate as mock patients/clients for her students' final exam on Wednesday, April 29, at either 10 a.m.–Noon or 1–3 p.m. at GSU.

The 2nd year Doctor of Physical Therapy students have been studying Neuro PT for the past year and are to be tested on their neuro evaluation skills. All those serving as mock patients/clients will receive a free Physical Therapy Assessment and home program.

For more Information, please contact Dr. Robbie O'Shea, PT, DPT, Ph.D., at roshea@govst.edu or 708.235.3994 Participants must register in advance.

Get Growing with the Sustainable Garden!

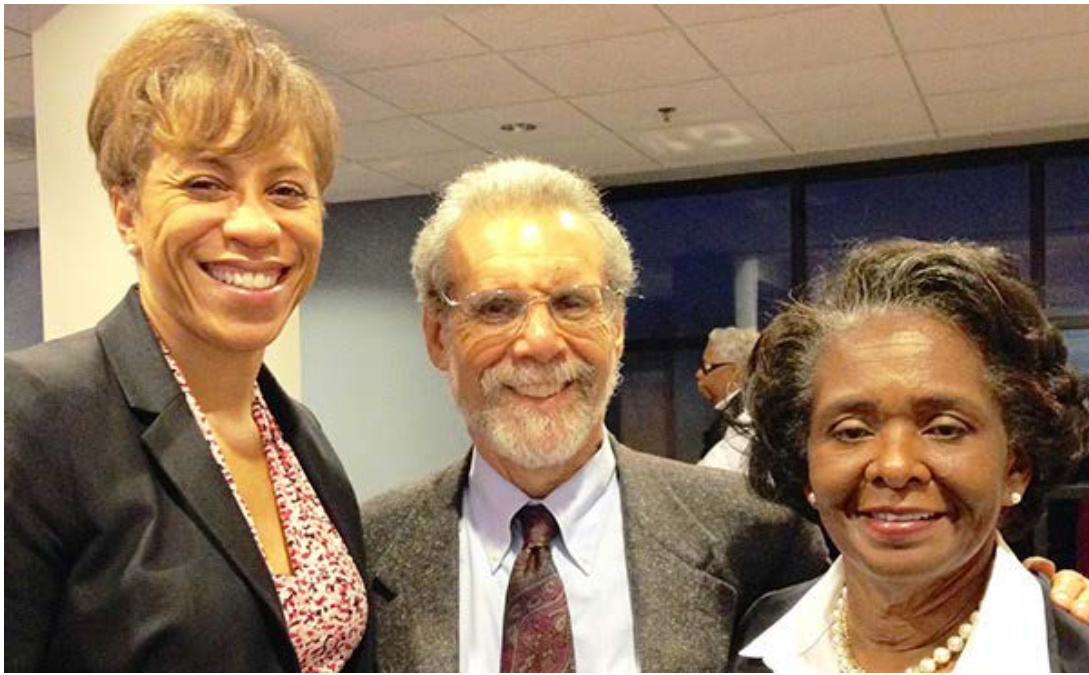


Begin preparing your gardening tools to use at the University Sustainable Garden! GSU will once again offer garden plots for the 2015 growing season. The University Sustainable Garden gives faculty, staff, students, and community members an opportunity to grow organic vegetables of their choice. Facilities Development & Management has expanded the size and number of plots based on demand. Make 2015 a healthier year for you and your family! Stay tuned for more announcements in the upcoming weeks.

Goleman Event a Big Success

Dr. Daniel Goleman, the renowned psychologist, educator and author, came to GSU March 23 for a series of events to promote his latest book, "*Focus: The Hidden Driver of Excellence*." Following a private discussion with students, faculty and administration, Dr. Goleman, took to the Center for Performing Arts stage for his presentation: Emotionally Intelligent Teaching and Learning, which was followed by a book-signing and a post-lecture reception on the CPA balcony.

Alicia McCray, Director of the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) at GSU, which sponsored the events, was more than happy with how the events turned out and grateful for the work of her staff and volunteers.



College of Education Dean Andrea Evans, Dr. Daniel Goleman and MILE Director Alicia McCray at the post-lecture reception held in the CPA balcony.

Poetry on the Prairie—GSU Celebrates National Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month and GSU is holding a number of events dedicated to poetry throughout the month. The events are co-sponsored by the GSU Library and the College of Arts and Sciences. "We look forward and invite all who are interested in poetry to participate in these events," said Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the GSU Library.

Events include:

- Weekly drop-in brown bag luncheons to discuss poetry and the poem-a-day found at Poets.org, each Tuesday in April from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., in the library, room D2401A except April 21st when it will be in the library conference room.
- A Poetry slam for students, TBA
- Drop in Poetry Read-In, TBA

"We encourage all who are interested to visit Poets.org and sign up for the poem-a-day and to come to the brown bag drop-in luncheon," said Rashidah Muhammad, Professor, English and Secondary Education.

Students' Silent Protest Shines Light on Missing Mexican Students



On Monday, March 23, ALAS, the Association of Latin American Students at GSU held a "die-in" in the Hall of Governors in solidarity of the 43 male college students from Ayotzinapa who went missing in Iguala, Guerrero, Mexico. According to official reports, the missing students were going to hold a protest at an event led by the mayor's wife. During the journey local police intercepted them. What exactly happened during the confrontation is unknown.

During the GSU protest, 43 students representing their missing Mexican counterparts, dropped to the floor as their number was called. Daniel Vergara, a graduate assistant in the Intercultural Student Affairs Department, wrote the scripts that were read during the protest. The event, Vergara said, raised awareness of the plight of the 43 students.

Intellectual Life Committee Is On the Move

People around campus often hear about the Intellectual Life Committee, but when asked, not many know what the committee really does.

The mission of the Intellectual Life Committee is:

- To expand the intellectual opportunities available to the GSU community
- To contribute to the enhancement of intellectual pursuits
- To increase the growth of and participation in intellectual endeavors.

As Dean of the GSU Library, Lydia Morrow Ruetten is Chair of the committee. "One of the ways that the Intellectual Life Committee seeks to accomplish its mission is to embrace the value and impact that literature has upon our daily life and culture. Our goal is to introduce meaningful literature as a catalyst for thoughtful discussion that expands throughout the campus," said Ruetten.

The One Book: One University selections for 2015-2016 are examples of literature to be used as a stimulus for meaningful discussion. The first selection, "Start Something that Matters," by Blake Mycoskie as the first year read for freshmen, incorporates GSU's initiatives of sustainability, global citizenship and civic engagement. The second selection, "Fahrenheit 451," is a classic. "With the Center for Performing Arts offering 'Fahrenheit 451' as one of their performances next fall, introducing the book allows us to extend the conversation," Ruetten said.

The recent announcement of the Intellectual Life Grants is another way that the committee contributes to the enhancement of intellectual pursuits. The grants are designed to support events that promote and increase awareness of the arts, humanities and other intellectual topics of universal interest. These events are primarily targeted for GSU students and open to the entire GSU community. For more grant information, please visit, <https://mygsu.govst.edu/studentresources/Library/Pages/Intellectual-Life->

[Committee.aspx](#).

Members of the Intellectual Life Committee, include: Melanie Ellexson, Jayne Goode, Elizabeth Johnson, Sang Lee, Sonya Lorelle, Daniel Nearing, David Rhea, and Patricia Robey.

For more information about the Intellectual Life Committee, please contact: lruetten@govst.edu.

EVENTS

Students Chat with the President March 30



Students, do you have questions or ideas you would like to share with GSU President Dr. Elaine P. Maimon? This is your chance! Join Dr. Maimon for a Chat with the President session on Monday, March 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. A pizza dinner will be served. No RSVP's required.

Questions? Contact Penny Perdue at pperdue@govst.edu or call 708.534.4130.

How to Advance Your Career Workshop

Join Park Forest Village Manager Tom Mick and Park Forest Human Resources Manager Denyse Carreras on Monday, March 30 from 6-7 p.m. in Lecture Hall F1622 as they discuss methods designed to help you advance your career.



Tom Mick and Denyse Carreras

Topics to be covered include:

- Advanced résumé and interviewing tips

- Important qualities of a good candidate
- Common mistakes applicants make
- How to impress and make the most out of the April 16 Career Fair at GSU
- Important considerations for a job with local government
- How to compete for a promotion

For more information, contact Matt Gentry: mgentry@student.govst.edu. Sponsored by the Graduate Professional Network and Office of Career Services.

Tuesday Deadline for Art of Science: H₂O Competition



STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF!! Tomorrow, March 31 is the deadline to submit your Art and Science Photo submission! You could win one of several prizes – top prize being \$400.00!!!!

For contest details and rules, visit: www.gsu.edu/cas/artofscience.

SAVE THE DATE

Spring Career Fair, April 16

The Spring Career and Internship Fair will be held Thursday, April 16, from 2-5 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts Lobby and Engbretson Hall. The fair is for people interested in jobs and internship opportunities in communications, technology, business and public administration, criminal justice, addiction studies, community health, and related fields.

Current students, alumni, and community members are invited to attend. Potential employers are also invited to register as participants. This is an opportunity to match jobs and internships positions with qualified personnel. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (708) 235-3974.

Dr. Sonia Nieto, April 16

The Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center and the College of Education with support from The Teacher Quality Partnership Grant Present: A Conversation with Dr. Sonia Nieto, April 16, 5:00 p.m. in the E-Lounge.



Dr. Sonia Nieto

Educator, researcher, writer, and teacher, Sonia Nieto is Professor Emerita of Language, Literacy, and Culture, College of Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She has taught students from elementary school through doctoral studies and her research focuses on multicultural education, teacher education, and the education of Latinos, immigrants, and other students of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Dr. Nieto will be speaking about her recently published book, *Why We Teach Now* (Teachers College Press, 2015). Other recent books include *Finding Joy in Teaching Students of Diverse Backgrounds: Culturally Responsive and Socially Just Practices in U.S. Classrooms* (2013); *Affirming Diversity: The Sociopolitical Context of Multicultural Education* (6th ed, 2012, with Patty Bode); *The Light in Their Eyes: Creating Multicultural Learning Communities* (2nd edition, 2010); *Language, Culture, and Teaching: Critical Perspectives* (2nd ed, 2010). Her memoir, *Brooklyn Dreams: My Life as a Public Educator* (Harvard Education Press) will be published in the fall.

The program includes a reception and book signing. Books will be available for purchase at event.

For further information about Dr. Nieto, please see her web page <http://www.sonianieto.com>. For further information about this workshop, please contact Teri Sosa, Director Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center, tsosa@govst.edu.

Fundraiser for Sertoma Centre, April 18

The GSU Chapter of the National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association (NSSLHA) will host a Spring Bowl fundraiser for Sertoma Centre, Inc., on Saturday, April 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Oak Forest Bowl and The Park, 15240 Cicero Avenue, Oak Forest. NSSLHA members are graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in Communication Disorders at GSU.

In addition to bowling, a Silent Auction featuring evening gowns, sports tickets and more will be held. All proceeds will go to Sertoma Centre, Inc., a not-for-profit agency headquartered in Alsip that serves individuals with developmental disabilities.

Children age 11 and under may bowl for free. Adults and children age 12 and older who want to attend the event (but not bowl) will be charged \$5. Adults and children age 12 and older who would like to bowl will be charged \$10. Admission for senior citizens is \$5; senior citizens who want to bowl will be charged \$7.

Additional information and updates are available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/804621752920545/>

Faculty Research Salon April 24: Impact of Environments on Children with Disabilities

Nine faculty members from the College of Health and Human Services and the College of Education will discuss their evidence-based scholarship relating to the role that physical, social, cultural, political and economic environments play in the daily lives of children with disabilities.

The event will commence with a continental breakfast at 8 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2015, and will end at 1 p.m. All GSU students, faculty, staff members and the general public are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Katie or Melissa at chpintern@govst.edu or call 708.235.3981.

21st Annual Student Research Conference

GSU will hold its 21st Annual Student Research Conference on Tuesday, April 28.

Conference: The conference will provide students an opportunity to present their research work before an audience of their peers, and will provide a forum to highlight research accomplishments at GSU. All the presentations will be made by students only. All students are encouraged to present their research and other scholarly work in this conference.

Registration and Abstract Forms: The registration and the abstract submission forms are [available here](#). Please send the filled forms electronically by email to skumar@govst.edu.

All attendees are required to register using the registration forms. Students are encouraged to attend the conference even if they are not presenting any paper. Faculty, invite your students to attend the conference and join for lunch. There is no registration fee, however, students must be registered before the deadline of Friday, April 17, 2015.

Deadline: Registration and Abstract Submission Deadline: Friday, April 17, 2015.

Program: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The conference will begin at 9 a.m. and will have morning and afternoon podium presentations. The posters will be displayed right after the lunch, which will be provided to all registrants. Certificates of Merit will be awarded to all student participants.

Conference Format: Students may present their work in podium presentation or poster presentation formats. The podium presentations will be 15 minutes in duration followed by a five minute question/answer session. In the poster presentations students will display their work in small posters which will cover an area of 4' W x 3' H.

Conference Proceedings: All abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings.

Kimberly Akimbo, April 24-25



GSU Theatre and Performance Studies will present "Kimberly Akimbo" Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25 at 8 p.m. in the Sherman Recital Hall.

This hilarious play follows a teenager with a rare condition causing her body to age faster than it should. When she and her family flee Secaucus under dubious circumstances, Kimberly is forced to reevaluate her life amidst dealing with a totally dysfunctional family, her own mortality, and, most terrifying of all, the possibility of first love. [Click here](#) for tickets and more information.

Facebook Posts of the Week



Response to our President Maimon meets with Governor Bruce Rauner post:

Robert Mason Thanks for being on the frontline for our students and our institution!!!

Shaquita McFall-Jarrett GSU has a president that knows the needs of the students and what's needed to get the job done. She is a voice for the masses.

Patonna Davis I too earned a degree at GSU. The vision is awesome!

Michael Bowman I earned my Bachelors from GSU, continued on to earn my Masters of Health Science (Addictions Studies) and have returned to earn yet another Masters of Education (Multi-Categorical Special Education) and will continue on to begin my Doctorate in Education. I guess I'm a lifelong learner and dedicated to GSU

Do you have a story or event you want to submit for the GSU View?
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