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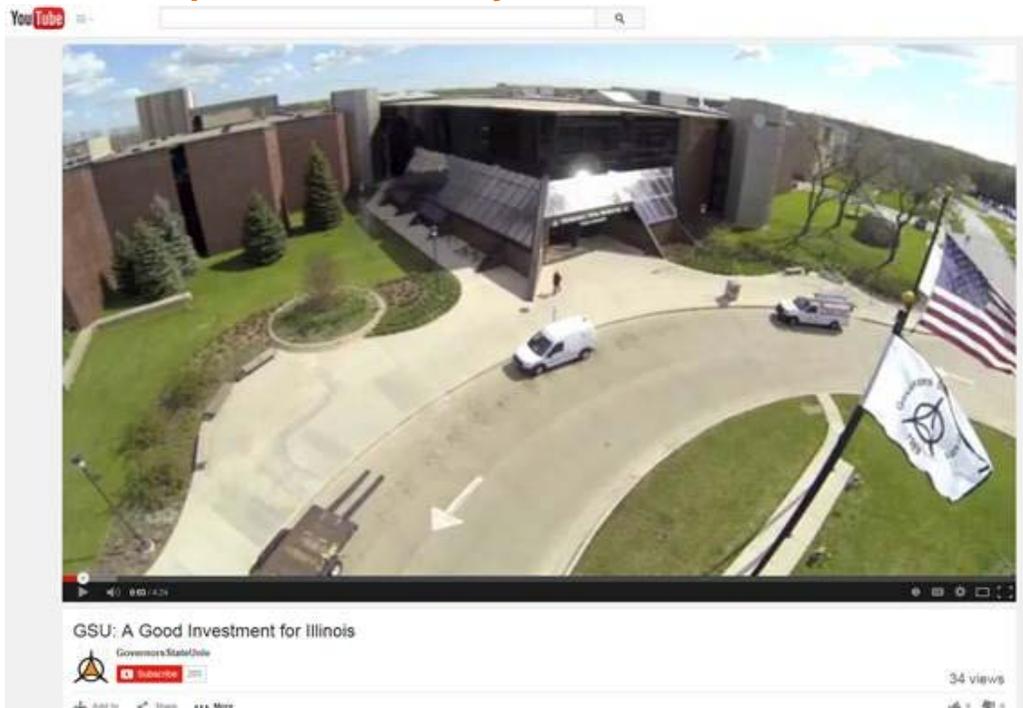
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## NEWS

### Videos Depict Student Rally; GSU as a Good Investment



Two new videos—one of the GSU Student Senate traveling to Springfield to rally against budget cuts for higher education, and one promoting GSU as a good investment for the State of Illinois—are available for viewing on YouTube.

The [#Save our Education](#) video shows the Student Senate-sponsored trip to Springfield to meet with legislators and the rally against the proposed budget cuts to higher education.

[GSU: A Good Investment for Illinois](#) shows how GSU is a solid investment for the state and how the university makes a difference in the lives of its students and is an important part of the community.

### GSU is a Smoke and Tobacco-Free Campus July 1



As of July 1, 2015, in accordance with (110 ILCS 64/) the Smoke-Free Campus Act, smoking and tobacco use will be prohibited at Governors State University indoors and outdoors on campus and in vehicles. Littering the remains of tobacco products or any other related waste product on campus property is further prohibited.

The purpose of the Smoke-Free Campus Act is to provide a healthy environment that promotes and encourages the health, well-being, and safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors at Governors State University by minimizing the negative effects of secondhand smoke; to improve safety; and to encourage a more sustainable environment.

A link to consequences for disregarding the law is: <http://www.govst.edu/communitystandards/>.

Current smokers are encouraged to attend Freedom from Smoking Cessation Classes, which will be held beginning May 11- June 22 at GSU. Workshop/classes are \$25 per person for the eight-week program. There is a minimum of 12 participants and a maximum of 20 per program and registration will remain open until the close of the second class.

To read the Higher Education Smoke-Free Campus Act.  
<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=3575&ChapterID=18>

## Professor is Keynote Speaker at Thai Conference

Associate Professor of Psychology, Cyrus Ellis will be the keynote speaker at a conference on addiction research and therapy, May 5-9 in Dusit Thani Hua Hin, Thailand. Professor Ellis will speak on day two of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Conference on Addiction Research and Therapy, conducted by the Addiction Studies Department of the ASEAN Institute for Health Development, Mahidol University, Thailand. The conference will bring together international experts from various fields of addiction research and therapy, leading universities, government organizations and rehabilitation centers.

## Students Present Research via Video Conference

On April 24, five students from Professor Andrae Marak's "Hispanic Experience in the United States" course presented their work at the 9th Annual Intersections: Undergraduate Research Conference, hosted by Robert Morris University (in Pennsylvania). The conference highlights the various intersections between disciplines, research, and methodologies from undergraduate students. The GSU students presented their work in the category "Then & Now: American Culture" via video conference and received feedback on their work from undergraduate students at RMU. The students and their presentations:

**Lori Herrera:** *The Power of a Sign*

**Caitlin Amescua and Ata Alaraj:** *Latinos vs. Latinos*

**Latrese Lewis:** *Zorro: The Unsung Hero*

**Daniel Vergara:** *The Mental Health Challenges of Unaccompanied Migrant Children*

## Management Professor has Papers Published

Congratulations to Dr. Chelsea Vanderpool, Assistant Professor of Management, College of Business and Public Administration, on her publication in the *Journal of Applied Psychology*, one of the top journals in her field, and her upcoming presentation at the annual meeting of the Academy of Management, for which she has won a Best Paper award.

*Journal of Applied Psychology* is published by the American Psychological Association and is on the list of the Financial Times list of top 45 journals used to rank research quality of business schools.

The Academy of Management is the largest academic association of researchers in the management fields. Her paper: "Does one size fit all? How high commitment systems impact the effectiveness of work-family practices," will be published in *Academy of Management Proceedings* and presented at the organization's 2015 annual meeting in Canada in August.

## Protecting One's Hearing and Health



Monica Herrera (above), a student in the MHS in Communication Disorders program, was one of three graduate students who performed the hearing screenings.

Students and faculty from the Department of Communication Disorders hosted a Prevention Fair concerning Noise-Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL) and stroke in young adults recently in GSU's F lobby. More than 20 hearing screenings were administered by students in the Master of Health Science in Communication Disorders program. Screening participants included GSU students, faculty and staff.

## Prospective GSU Students Visit Prairie Place



On April 29, the Office of Admission invited the prospective GSU class of 2019 for an evening filled with games, conversation, BBQ, prizes and the unique opportunity to meet many current GSU student leaders. The Prairie Place courtyard was transformed into a playground with volleyball, bean bag toss, plenty of space for munching burgers and laughing with friends both old and new. All Prairie Place residents were invited to attend the program to show prospective students that life at GSU is a unique blend of outstanding classroom opportunity, a supportive community, and time to just kick back and enjoy the Jaguar spirit. Jax even made a special appearance to ensure guests of all ages had a great time!

Students were invited to bring up to two guests with them to show off their potential new school. Parents took advantage of Prairie Place tours as well as conversation with Student Ambassadors. Five new students enjoyed their visit so much they “sealed the deal” by paying their enrollment deposit before leaving campus that same evening.

## Poetry Slam on the Library Balcony



*Student Shahenaz Ahmad reads her poetry during the Poetry Slam in the GSU Library.*

On Monday, April 27, a group of students and faculty celebrated the finale to GSU's Celebration of National Poetry Month with a Poetry Slam on the library balcony. Participants read and shared their poetry with the audience. “I’ve loved poetry since I was five years old,” said student Shahenaz Ahmad. “My mom writes poetry and she influenced me to begin writing. I wanted to participate in the poetry

slam so that I could express my thoughts and share my great passion for poetry," she said. Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the GSU Library, said the Poetry Slam and all the National Poetry Month events were an excellent way to get students involved in poetry. "We are looking forward to celebrating National Poetry Month next year," she said. If you have any ideas for next year, please send them to Dean Ruetten at [LRuetten@govst.edu](mailto:LRuetten@govst.edu).

## Students Participate in Sertoma Fundraiser



*Undergrad and graduate members of NSSLHA, back row: Danny Surdyk, Heather Groetzenbach, Jessica Wians, Anna Rogowski, Ashley Moultrie, Laura Brink, Brianna Morrow, Britnee Rubio, Julie Lee, Sheryl DeBoer and Laura Gardner, Volunteer Coordinator from Sertoma Centre. Front row: Pam Ortiz, Stephanie Diaz, Aja Jackson.*

Graduate and undergraduate students in GSU's Communication Disorders program held their annual fundraiser on Saturday, April 18 at Oak Forest Bowl. The bowling fundraiser and silent auction benefited the Sertoma Centre, a not-for-profit organization that provides support services to individuals with disabilities.

Eighteen members of the student organization National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) gathered with family, friends, and staff and patrons from Sertoma for a great day of bowling and bidding. The event raised more than \$2,000 for the Sertoma Centre.

Sertoma Volunteer Coordinator, Laura Gardner, said, "The students put together a wonderful, organized fundraiser — and that's saying something, because I do this for a living! I'm looking forward to continuing the collaboration between NSSLHA and GSU."

A special thanks to the NSSLHA executive board and all members who solicited donations, prepped auction items and supported the event.

## Humanities Students Visit Hull House



Students in Professor Andrae Marak's first year seminar interdisciplinary humanities class went to the Jane Addams' Hull House Museum on April 24. The class focuses on ethnic and racial history of Chicago. The students had a chance to engage with a range of exhibits at Hull House, including a temporary exhibit focusing on the settlement house's promotion of play as a right for all children. Hull House was one of the country's first settlement houses. The museum website calls Hull House a "place where immigrants of diverse communities gathered to learn, to eat, to debate, and to acquire the tools necessary to put down roots in their new country." The trip was sponsored by Student Affairs.

## COMMENCEMENT MAY 16

### Graduates Encouraged to Tell #MyGSU Story



For the next few weeks, the *GSU View* will be running a special Commencement Section. During that time and through the Commencement Ceremonies, graduates are encouraged to share their stories about what GSU has meant to them by posting to #myGSUstory on Facebook and Twitter. Let us know how GSU has changed your life and what you will be doing now that you are a Governors State alum! We will feature some of your Facebook and Twitter posts in the *View* and on our social media sites. You can also email the *GSU View*. [Tell us your GSU Story!](#)

### Student Commencement Speakers Announced



*Dorian Harris*

The student speakers for the May 16 Commencement Ceremonies have been announced. Speaking at the 10 a.m. ceremony will be [Dorian Harris](#), who earned his graduate degree in Communication Disorders.



*Jason Vignone*

Speaking at the 5 p.m. ceremony will be [Jason Vignone](#), who is receiving his B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in History, Cultural Anthropology and Global Politics.

### **Commencement Questions? [CLICK HERE!](#)**

Do you have questions about Commencement? If you are you worried about ticketing, parking, what time to be there, or anything else that crosses your mind, chances are the answers can be found at the [Graduation and Commencement](#) webpage. From driving directions to the Tinley Park Convention Center to videos on how to wear your regalia during the ceremonies, the webpage is your go-to place for everything GSU Commencement.

## **BUZZ**

### **Freedom from Smoking Classes at GSU!**

The Will County Health Department, along with GSU is offering the American Lung Association's Gold Standard Freedom from Smoking Program to all GSU students, staff, and faculty beginning Monday, May 11. The program includes eight sessions and features a step-by-step program for quitting smoking. The program is \$25 per person and will be held in Room C2316 from noon-1:30 p.m. To register, contact Julia Jamison at [jjameison@govst.edu](mailto:jjameison@govst.edu). For more information, including all the session dates, click here.

### **The GSU Sustainable Garden Continues to Grow**



Begin preparing your gardening tools to use at the University Sustainable Garden! Plot rental for the 2015 growing season is underway. The University Sustainable Garden gives faculty, staff, students, and community members an opportunity to grow organic vegetables of their choice.

Not sure if the Sustainable Garden is right for you? **Suzanne Patterson** of the School of Extended Learning wasn't sure either when she started her first plot in 2013. [Click here](#) to read Suzanne's story:

## FA Link Allows Bookstore Purchases and Rentals with Financial Aid

Students, making purchases at the GSU bookstore is easier than it's ever been with FA link! You can use your GSU ID to purchase school supplies and text books and more! FA Link will be available prior to the first financial aid disbursement of each semester beginning for the Summer 2015 semester. You will be able to purchase or rent books using FA Link during the following time periods:

**Summer 2015**--April 20, 2015 – May 9, 2015

**Fall 2015**--June 1, 2015 – August 15, 2015

For more information on FA Link:

<http://www.govst.edu/FAlink>

## Social Media and APP Directory



The Marketing Department is putting together a GSU Social Media and APP Directory. The directory will list all social media accounts related to GSU departments, organizations, clubs and colleges in one online site. If you are a social media account administrator, please email Keisha Dyson at [kdyson@govst.edu](mailto:kdyson@govst.edu) with the link to the site(s) you oversee.

## 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.

## EVENTS

### Retirement Celebration for Jon Carlson



The College of Education, Division of Psychology & Counseling invites everyone to join us in sharing congratulations and best wishes to Psychology Professor Jon Carlson as he retires after 26 years of service to GSU, Tuesday, May 5, from 3–5 p.m., on the Library Balcony.

### Heels of Business Breakfast Promotes Women Business Ownership



Join the discussion as two panels of women business owners share their challenges and successes at the Second Annual Heels of Breakfast, Tuesday, May 19 from 7:45-10:30 a.m. in the E-Lounge.

Discover ways to grow your business and overcome the barriers women face.

This is your opportunity to network with other business owners; obtain valuable information on free resources and services available to female business owners; discuss the myths and truths behind a successful work/life balance, and participate in the peer-to-peer mentorship program.

There will be breakfast and plenty of time for networking, so bring your business cards.

Space is limited and reservations are encouraged. Register online at: [www.govst.edu/sbdc](http://www.govst.edu/sbdc)

Sponsored by: Illinois Small Business Development Center at GSU, MB Financial Bank and American Family Insurance.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Call for Applications: Fisk Technology Mini-Grant

The Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center and The Center for Online Teaching and Learning announce the call for applications for the Fisk Mini-grant for Technology in Education. The grant program supports faculty in improving instruction for online, hybrid and web-enhanced courses.

Purpose: Purchase of hardware and/or software to improve or augment instruction for online, hybrid or web-enhanced courses.

Amount: Maximum award equivalent \$400

For more information, contact Barbara Mandel, [bmandel@govst.edu](mailto:bmandel@govst.edu) or Center for Online Teaching & Learning Room D1445 by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 15. The number of awards will be determined by concept merit and availability of funds.

Grant recipients will be announced at the Faculty Summer Institute on Wednesday, June 3.

### Run4Rehab May 30

GSU's Physical Therapy Student Association (PTSA) will hold its 5th Annual **Run4Rehab** 5k run and 2-mile walk/roll on Saturday, May 30, at GSU. This year's event will be a "Buddy Run" — a 5k run or a two-mile walk/roll. Participants are invited to support someone who has had a brain injury. All funds raised will support the Brain Injury Association of Illinois.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. The walk/run/roll kicks off at 9 a.m. from the Main Entrance to the University (D Building). Registration fee is \$25. Children under age 10 are free. Families, children, strollers and wheelchairs are welcome. The event will be held, rain or shine.

To register online, visit this website: <http://www.active.com/university-park-il/running/distance-running-races/run-4-rehab-2015>. If registering on race day, cash or check only will be accepted.

For additional information, contact [Run4Rehab@gmail.com](mailto:Run4Rehab@gmail.com), or visit us at [www.facebook.com/run4rehab](http://www.facebook.com/run4rehab).

### OHRP Research Community Forum

The Office for Human Resource Protections will present a Research Community Forum: "Human Subjects Research: Current Challenges in the Modern Research World at GSU Tuesday, July 28. Elizabeth Buchanan, Ph.D., Endowed Chair in Ethics and Director of the Center for Applied Ethics at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, will give the Keynote speech, "A New Internet Research Ethics Program." Early registration is \$110 through July 14. Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.ohrpjuly15.illinoisstate.edu/>.

#### Facebook Posts of the Week



*Response to our Addictions Studies Students Take 2<sup>nd</sup> in State Competition post:*

**Jamelia Toya Hand** LOVE THIS!! I'm proud of the ladies.



*Response to our Save Our Education Rally in Springfield post:*

**Yvette Cantrell** That rally was absolutely courageous and commendable!!! GO GSU!!!

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

[Click here to learn about our submission guidelines.](#)



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