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Graduate Addictions Studies Student Awarded Fellowship

Jimia D. Stokes

Jimia D. Stokes, a student in the Addictions Counseling Concentration track of GSU's Master of Health Science in Addictions Studies program, has been selected to receive an $11,000 fellowship from the NBCC Foundation, a nonprofit affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC).

Jimia is receiving the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC) award and she will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her addictions counseling service to underserved, minority, and transition-age youth. Upon graduation from GSU, Jimia plans to work with underserved youth between the ages of 18 and 25. This fellowship will help her to provide counseling services to individuals who have transitioned out of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and those who are involved in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

The fellowship is made possible by a grant awarded to NBCC by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The goal of the program is to reduce health disparities and improve behavioral health care outcomes for racially and ethnically diverse populations by increasing the available number of culturally competent behavioral health professionals.

Overnight Parking

Effective immediately, overnight parking has been relocated to West Lot #2, the lot adjacent to the GMT Building (previously the ITS Building).

Parking overnight is not allowed in any other GSU parking lot. The Department of Public Safety requires notification if a car is to be parked overnight. Call 708.534.4900 for more information or to register your car for overnight parking. Registered guests of Prairie Place residents who bring a vehicle will be issued an overnight parking permit when they register as a guest at the Prairie Place desk and must park in West Lot 2.

Please note that Prairie Place residents who bring a vehicle to campus and who are not paying to have a reserved spot in the gated Prairie Place lot must register their vehicle with University Housing. They will be issued a Residential Permit which must be displayed in the driver's rear window. Residential permit holders must park in the designated aisle of West Lot 2 between the hours of 10 p.m. â€“ 8 a.m. For more information about Residential Permits, contact housing@govst.edu or call 708.235.7110.

Summer Shuttle Schedule
The GSUXpress Shuttle schedule for the Summer Semester 2015 is now in effect. The shuttle provides service for students, staff, and faculty between the shuttle stop in front of the main entrance and Prairie Place, and to the Metra Station, seven days a week. The shuttle also provides service to the Matteson Walmart on Saturdays and Sundays. For the full Summer Shuttle Schedule, click here.

Program Will Cut GSU's Energy Costs, Help Reduce Area Blackouts

GSU is participating in a program this summer that will not only save the university money on its energy bill, but will relieve stress on the local power grid on days when energy demands are at their greatest. Through its participation, the university could save more than $50,000 over a five-year period.

The "demand response" program helps relieve stress on power grids by asking large electric users to scale back on their electricity use. GSU is partnering with energy management company EnerNOC to oversee the program. EnerNOC enlists its users to be on standby and asks them to reduce their electricity usage when weather is expected to be particularly hot. The program avoids the need to build excess power generation to meet demands and helps prevent blackouts.

GSU Chief Operating Engineer, Michael Sullivan said the university can meet EnerNOC's request by transferring to backup generators, shutting off lights and adjusting the air conditioning system. "Faculty and staff should also participate by doing things such as moving to laptop battery power, turning off lights and unplugging unused appliances," he said.

Facilities and Development Management will send out a notification when the university will be asked to cut back on energy usage. Sullivan said the notification is usually sent out early morning, and the university will cut down on usage later that same day.

For more information on the program, visit www.enernoc.com.

Education and Health Group's Video Features GSU Professor
The first in a series of videos partly shot at GSU on the Southland Education and Health Initiative, is now available for viewing. The Initiative is a partnership with the Illinois Education Association, Cook County and state pediatricians, and educational institutions, including GSU. The video features Professor Karen Peterson, a member of the Initiative's Steering Committee. You can view the video here.

The goals of the Initiative are to coordinate care and services between health care and education organizations. It also works to increase family and community wellness and access to preventative care, mitigate the impact of childhood trauma, and build resiliency in children and communities. The group works to identify results-based practices that could inform a policy agenda around these issues.

**Melvyn Muchnik Named Chair Emeritus of NUTN**

GSU Professor Emeritus Melvyn Muchnik has been officially appointed Chair Emeritus of the National University Technology Network (NUTN), a consortium of higher education institutions that provides a networking and professional development arena for the advancement of teaching and learning. Muchnik was commended for his "continued service, contributions, and fellowship to the organization" by Dr. Mark Sarver, Chair of the NUTN Advisory Board.

"I am honored by an official appointment with a title of Chair Emeritus to this wonderful national organization. NUTN has been a pioneer in distance learning, including now blended and hybrid
learning, and just simply teaching and learning, while being on the cutting edge of technology applications and support that cut across higher education in many ways," Muchnik said.

**BUZZ**

**Future Jaguars Summer Basketball Camps**

Boys and girls from grades 2-8 can experience basketball fun, skills, and drills this summer at the first-ever Future Jaguars Summer Basketball Camps at GSU.

The Boys Camp will be held June 15-19 and/or June 22-26 and will feature players from the GSU men's basketball team, led by Athletic Director and Head Men's Basketball Coach, Tony Bates and his assistant coaching staff. For more information on the Boys Camps [click here](#) or to register, [click here](#).

The Girls Camp will be held June 15-19 and feature players from the GSU women's basketball team, led by Associate Athletic Director and Head Women's Basketball Coach, La Toshia Burrell and her assistant coaching staff. For more information on the Girls Camp [click here](#) or to register, [click here](#).

**Installation of New Copiers**

Over the next two weeks, a new fleet of copiers will be installed campus-wide.

The equipment is very similar to the existing copiers, with one exception. For the new equipment, users will need to log in by using the same sign-in as they do with email. For example, if your email address is JSmith@govst.edu, you will log in as user JSmith and use your email password.

Copier usage will be tracked and billed per user to the account which funds your payroll. Training will be scheduled and reviewed as requested. For more information, contact John Adducci in the University Print Shop at x4498.

**New Commuter Benefit Program**
A new, pre-tax transit/commuter benefit for all employees will go into effect beginning with the July 1, 2015 pay period. Employees who enroll in the RTA Transit Benefit Fare Program will be able to have funds deducted, pre-tax, through a payroll deduction. The money will be loaded to a MasterCard issued to the employee and is then used to purchase transit fares. Employees could save up to 40 percent through the reduction of taxes normally paid through payroll. There must be at least 25 participants enrolled to offer this benefit.

For detailed information, please visit http://mytransitbenefit.com. Interested employees should email Benefits Manager Julia Jamison. If you have questions, please call 708.235.7468. The deadline to sign-up for this new benefit is June 15.

**EVENTS**

**Faculty Summer Institute June 2-3**

The GSU Faculty Summer Institute 2015 Conference will be held at GSU Tuesday, June 2-Wednesday, June 3. This year's conference will focus on "Collaborative Innovation."

The keynote speaker for Tuesday's session is Michelle D. Miller, Ph.D., who will present "Design for the Mind: Strategies from the Psychology of Learning." Dr. Miller is the Director of the First Year Learning Initiative and Professor of Psychological Sciences at Northern Arizona University, and the author of "Minds Online: Teaching Effectively with Technology."

Wednesday's Keynote speaker is Patrick Green, Ed.D, who will present "Models for Community Involvement: Integrating Civic Engagement into your Curriculum." Dr. Green serves as the Founding Director of the Center for Experiential Learning (CEL) at Loyola University Chicago, and is a clinical instructor of experiential learning.

For additional information and to register, please visit the FSI 2015 website: https://mygsu.govst.edu/facultystaffinformation/COTL/Pages/FSI-2015.aspx

**Stroke Support Group**

A new Stroke Support Group has been established at GSU. Survivors of stroke and their family members are invited to attend monthly meetings beginning Friday, June 5, 2015, from 4 to 6 p.m., in F1405. The group is designed to provide social support, interdisciplinary educational programming, wellness programming and other resources. For more information, contact Dr. Jessica Bonner at 708.534.4591, 708.534.4590, or jbonner@govst.edu.
The Fishin' Buddies! Walk-A-Thon June 6

The Fishin' Buddies! Walk-A-Thon is a one-of-a-kind fun, recreational, art-inspired and nature-connecting outdoor event, Saturday, June 6 at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. Participants will see the beautiful sculptures along the park trails on the campus of GSU while raising funds to support S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Programs for Chicagoland at-risk youth.

Check-in time is 9 a.m. with the Walk-A-Thon scheduled from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, including registration and donations, please click here.

SAVE THE DATE

International Business Workshops for Faculty

The College of Business and Public Administration is hosting two workshops on Faculty Development in International Business this summer.

On Wednesday, June 10, "Management in the Changing Global Environment" will focus on understanding national cultures, global leadership and team management, managing social responsibility in a global context, and global human resource management.

"Global Financial Economics" on Thursday, June 11 will explore international financial markets, exchange rates, and international diversification.

Both workshops will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Hall of Honors. Cost is $50 for one day, $75 for both, and breakfast and lunch is provided. To register, visit: http://www.govst.edu/oce/FDIBworkshops/ or for more information, call the School of Extended Learning at 708.534.3044.

Communication Disorders Workshop

The Department of Communication Disorders in the College of Health and Human Services is offering a two-day workshop on Social Skills Group Intervention Strategies at GSU on Sat., June 20, and Sat., June 27, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Click here to read more.

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/.
Response to our post about Illinois public university presidents and chancellors meeting with legislative leaders in Springfield:

Cheryl Hague Thank you, Elaine, for leading the charge on behalf of our fabulous students. I am humbled to have a leader who truly puts students first.

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University of Illinois President Timothy L. Killeen arranged the meetings to make the case that proposed funding reductions for public universities would damage a key engine for the state’s economic growth and competitiveness.

The fact that public universities are large-scale incubators of the human capital was reiterated during a
series of meetings with House Speaker Michael Madigan; Senate President John Cullerton; House Republican Leader Jim Durkin; Chief of Staff to Gov. Bruce Rauner, Michael Zolnierowicz; and Education Secretary Beth Purvis.

Combined, public universities in Illinois enroll nearly 200,000 students and send about 50,000 graduates into the workforce every year. In a letter addressed to state leaders, the presidents wrote “We believe that maintaining a robust, sustained, and predictable level of state support for our universities is absolutely essential for the future wellbeing and economic prosperity of our state.”

A budget proposal by Gov. Bruce Rauner would reduce funding for higher education by $387 million for the fiscal year that begins July 1. Lawmakers did not reach agreement on the state budget by what was to have been the adjournment of the spring legislative session May 31. Members of the Illinois House will return to Springfield on June 4, and senators will return on June 9 in an effort to reach an agreement.

In addition to Maimon and Killeen, university officials attending last Tuesday’s meetings with legislative leaders were Chicago State University President Wayne Watson, Eastern Illinois University Acting President Blair Lord, Illinois State University President Larry Dietz, Northeastern Illinois University President Sharon Hahs, Southern Illinois University President Randy J. Dunn, and two board chairs representing university presidents of Northern Illinois University and Western Illinois University.