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Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park Featured in Art Book; WCIU Segment

Art & Place: Site-Specific Art of the Americas features art from the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, including: “Flying Saucer” by Jene Highstein; “Bodark Arc” by Martin Puryear; “Yes! For Lady Day” by Mark di Suvero; and “House Divided” by Bruce Nauman.

The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park was also featured on “You and Me in the Morning” on WCIU-TV26, June 9.

GSU is Tops in the Country in U.S. Cyber Challenge Participation

GSU students competed and earned the #1 title nationwide for having the most students from one single university participate in the year’s Cyber Quest competition. The 24-hour hunt for security flaws was sponsored by U.S. Cyber Challenge, a company whose mission is to reduce the shortage in today’s cyber workforce by “identifying, attracting, and recruiting the next generation of cybersecurity professionals.”

“it’s important that GSU students are participating in such competitions,” said GSU Computer Science Lecturer, Stephen Hyzny. Testing the skills being taught at GSU will help fine tune courses, Hyzny said and show students where to concentrate and improve their skill sets.

The Cyber Quests competition serves as the qualifier for students to be invited to attend the 2015 Cyber Camps. The Camps, offered across the country this summer, are weeklong workshops, labs, and competitions. Last year, GSU’s Jennifer Elenteny-mejia was on the winning team at the USCC-Cyber Camp for the state of Illinois. This year, GSU students Matthew Chase, Jason Jordan, Krishnaker Mogili, Jim Potulny, Ryan Ratkowski, Scott Rosenberg, Keshaun Tun-ke, Nathan Krishnas, Seth Millemann and Dustin Wondrasek will be attending the camp at Moraine Valley July 13-17.

GSU Recruiter Attends “Motivate Me” Conference
GSU Recruiting Specialist Kelvin Yarrington (2nd row, right) attended the Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling’s “Motivate Me” Conference at Loyola University. The May 30 event was for young men from Chicago area high schools who were completing their freshman year of high school in spring/summer.

The conference focused on empowering students from underserved areas and of diverse socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds to achieve academic success and pursue higher education. The day featured workshops led by adult males such as Kelvin who have used their education to achieve personally and professionally. Admissions counselors and recruiters from Illinois universities attended the event.

All New Books at the Paper Back Book Exchange on the Library Balcony

Looking for a relaxing place to study or just hang out? Why not visit the GSU Library balcony? While you are there, check out the Friends of the GSU Library Paperback Book Exchange where there is a new selection of books available.

“The Friends Paperback Book Exchange was created to give students a chance to relax in comfortable surroundings. Students can pick up a good paperback book that can be read on the balcony or they can even take it with them,” said Diane Nadler, Vice President of the Friends of the Library and Library Reference Desk Manager.

The balcony is open during regular library hours. For the GSU Library summer hours, please visit, www.govst.edu/library.

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 Camp click here to register. 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 to register.

Support GSU Officers in Torch Run for Special Olympics

Members of the GSU Police Department are in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Illinois Special Olympics Wednesday, June 10 on the GSU campus. The Torch Runs are held throughout the state and are the single-largest year-round fundraising event benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. GSU officers are trying to raise $50,000 for this year’s Torch Run Campaign. The runners started at the East Entrance and continued through campus to the Speedway station on Governors Highway.

To donate, please make checks payable to Special Olympics Illinois and send to the Governors State University Department of Public Safety at 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL 60484. Your donation is tax-deductible and all proceeds go to Special Olympics Illinois, which is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization (Tax ID: 36-2923811). Contact Officer Taylor at 708.534.4900 if you have any questions or special needs.

Do You Do Research Involving Human Subjects?

The Office of 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 June 14. Additional information can be found at http://www.ohrpjuly15.illinoisstate.edu.

Student Library Workshops in June

The GSU Library is holding two upcoming student workshops:

Online Library Resources: Journal Articles and Databases: Monday, June 15 from 3:15-4:15 p.m. in Library Room 2420. Learn how to select journal databases relevant to paper topics or assignments.

Online Library Resources: Books, E-Books, and the I-Share Catalog: Tuesday, June 16 from 3:15-4:15 p.m. in Library Room 2420. Learn how to search the online library catalog for print books and e-books at GSU and how to request books from other libraries in the I-Share System.

Questions? Contact Linda Geller, lgeller@govst.edu.

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On-Campus Student Employment Workshop

The Office of Career Services is hosting a free workshop to give students interested in on-campus work an inside view of the hiring process for Federal Work Study and Regular Student Employment on
Facebook Posts of the Week

Response to our Addictions Studies student Jimia D. Stokes to receiving the NBCC Foundation Fellowship post:
Jamelia Toya Hand
Congratulations, Jimia on behalf of The Addictions Studies Alumni Club. We hope that you'll keep us posted on all of your blessings!! We're proud of you!

Response to our GSU Professor Emeritus Melvyn Muchnik officially appointed Chair Emeritus of the National University Technology Network (NUTN) post:
Joyce Womble
A much deserved congratulations Mel!

Campus. "Employing Students Helps GSU, Students and You!" will be held in two sessions: Thursday, July 9 and Wednesday, July 15. Both sessions are from Noon - 1 p.m. Information will also be provided on registration for the upcoming August Student Employment Fair. For more information, call 708.235.3974.

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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President Maimon told attendees that to provide maximum benefits to underserved students, universities should reflect on what was done successfully in the past, employ proven and successful methods such as high-impact practices and writing across the curriculum today, and strive to emphasize foundational skills in problem-solving and communication in the future.

In the past, she said, vision and actions such as the G.I. Bill and the community college movement greatly expanded opportunities for equity and quality in higher education. But, “We are certainly losing ground when the highest achieving, lowest income students are less likely to complete a bachelor’s degree than the lowest achieving, highest income student.”

President Maimon told the audience how GSU is currently connecting the quality and equity chasm through its Dual Degree Program (DDP).

Noting that Moraine Valley Community College President Sylvia Jenkins spoke about the DDP in an earlier forum session, President Maimon said, “I’m particularly proud of what Sylvia Jenkins described as the ‘guided pathway’ of our Dual Degree Program. Moraine Valley is one of 17 community colleges partnered with Governors State University, with the goal of lighting the way for first generation students.”

In her conclusion, President Maimon said universities must continue to employ vision and action to benefit future generations of students. “We cannot abandon lower income students to technology-based instruction leading only to first jobs. We must braid quality and equity together, and we must commit
ourselves to doing it now,” she said.

GSU Provost Deborah Bordelon presented at the forum in a session called “How Can General Education—Vertical and/or Inverted Become an Empowering Pathway for Deeper Learning and Underserved Student Success?”

Dr. Bordelon spoke about GSU’s two guided pathways: our innovative freshman cohort program and the DDP, along with the Center for the Junior Year, which will bring together students who have followed different pathways—either starting college at GSU or transferring in – and will provide intensive mentoring and advising on choosing a major and transitioning to the junior year experience.

AAC&U President Schneider spoke enthusiastically about the Forum, noting “I myself have learned a huge amount from talking to leaders on this topic and listening to faculty, staff, and students on these issues. Elaine Maimon, for example, gave a wonderful synthesizing talk in Chicago that helped listeners think systemically about using learning to drive increased equity. It was great to see how she and many other leaders are incorporating LEAP in their own campus priorities, she said.
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June 10, 2015
Welcome to Governors State University in Chicago Illinois


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To help the couple reach their goal of business ownership, the SBDC developed a plan to make sure the roadblocks they were sure to face would be few and far between. “We worked with the Ortega’s on defining their market in Lansing and the surrounding suburbs, helped set up their social media pages,
and worked closely with the lender to ensure funding came through,” said SBDC at GSU Director Priscilla Cordero.

For the Ortega’s, the SBDC’s involvement was vital in helping to open their grocery store. “We could not have accomplished everything we did without the assistance and guidance of the SBDC at GSU. They were instrumental in helping develop our business plan and obtaining financing. It also helped tremendously that they spoke Spanish and understood the culture,” Ignacio Ortega said.

Even now, with the store open for a few months, the SBDC continues to work with the Ortega’s on marketing, pricing, and cash flow management. "We look forward to their success and continued growth for years to come,” Cordero said.

The Latest On Twitter

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