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GSU Success Grabs Media Attention

Chicago media outlets have been trumpeting the great things—and people who are making GSU a success story.

President Elaine Maimon was featured in a "Women in Leadership" segment on WCIU's "You & Me This Morning" on Monday, August 10. In the segment, President Maimon talks about the opportunities that GSU provides for students, and the importance of providing opportunities for low income students.

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at GSU was featured in a story in the Chicago Citizen. The story is about how the SBDC Resource Center helps minorities launch businesses in the community. SBDC Director Priscilla Cordero is quoted in the article, which highlights the various
resources and benefits the organization provides for its clients. The Weekly Citizen publishes editions for Chicago's South Side, as well as an edition for the south suburbs.

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Tickets Now Available for Center for Performing Arts 20th Anniversary Season-Watch the Video
Tickets for the 20th anniversary season of The Center for Performing Arts are now on sale. Now is the time to secure the best seats to comedy, music, drama, and dance performances commemorating two decades of great entertainment.

A video on the upcoming season is available as well as an online listing of all the shows. Tickets can be purchased at the box office, online, or by phone at 708.235.2222.

**Dreamers Eligible for Foundation Funds**

GSU's support for college access for undocumented students, or "Dreamers" has made a significant advancement. Enrollment Management and Student Affairs (EMSA) leadership, with the support of GSU Foundation Chief Executive Officer Will Davis, and the endorsement of Provost Deborah Bordelon, and Vice President Aurelio Valente, has announced that Dreamers will now have access to private funds available through the GSU Foundation. These awards do not require the FAFSA, which determines eligibility for federal financial assistance.
Dr. Randi S. Schneider, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management is proud of the new development, which will make it easier for Dreamers to reach their educational goals. "EMSA leadership believes that the lion's share of our responsibility is to build bridges, dismantle barriers, and fiercely advocate for access and success. No greater responsibility exists for EMSA colleagues than to create pathways. We can be proud of the work we have done this year to educate ourselves about serving and supporting Dreamers as well as finding ways to say 'yes' when others say 'no.'"

**Employees Enjoy 'Hot Fun' at Picnic**

"Hot Fun in the Summertime" was the theme for this year's GSU Employee Picnic, held Friday August 7, and attendees had no problem enjoying themselves with food, games, and even Karaoke!

The Civil Service Senate sponsored a photo booth, which included a variety of costumes for people to express themselves. GSU's new food vendor, Arena Food Service, supplied the burgers, chicken sandwiches and other tasty treats, and Zarlengo's came through with Italian Ice on a beautiful day outside the E Lounge. President Maimon and Provost Bordelon were among the guest servers who made sure the masses didn't go away hungry!

An egg relay and a two-person team bag tournament kept the competition levels high. Congratulations to the bag tournament winners: Mark Kundla and Heather Penn!

**Nominations Requested for Baysore Award**

The Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Award is presented to the GSU employee who most fully demonstrates the following four qualities so consistently and fully embodied by Dr. Baysore during his eighteen-year service to the university: absolute integrity; total competence; generous dedication; and unfailing civility.

The Baysore Award will be presented by President Maimon during Convocation on Friday, August 21 (please see the accompanying Convocation article below).

This award is given only when a candidate meets the strict qualifications as listed above. Nominators are encouraged to devote special time and attention to their written nominations. The length of the nomination is not as important as the quality, but enough information should be included so that the committee can make an informed decision.
You can submit your written nominations via email to pperdue@govst.edu.

The deadline for nominations is Monday, August 17, at 5 p.m.

**Register Now for Fall Classes**

[Image of a register button]

Registration is now open for all admitted students (except freshmen, who register at freshman orientation). Use your Student Study Plan to assist you in selecting classes from the online schedule. Your acceptance letter included your GSU username, password and new student email account information. Please use this information to log in to your myGSU portal for registration and other online services. A registration tutorial is also available. Contact your academic advisor if you have not yet received your study plan or if you have any questions about registering for classes.

**BUZZ**

**Auditions for Fahrenheit 451 at CPA**

[Image of Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451]

Auditions for Ray Bradbury's "Fahrenheit 451" will be held September 1 & 3 at the Center for Performing Arts. Producers are casting a large ensemble of high energy, versatile, and creative performers—women and men, students and non-students, faculty and staff, novices and veterans of all ages—interested in creating science fiction magic. Those interested in auditioning should prepare a one-minute monologue showcasing intensity (focus, power, force, etc.)

Schedule an audition or contact Dr. Patrick Santoro at 708.235.2842 or psantoro@govst.edu for more information.

**Convocation is Just Around the Corner!**
Are you ready for Convocation 2015? The official kickoff to the 2015-16 school year is next Friday, August 21 at 3 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts, and you don’t want to miss it! This year there is an extra incentive to attend. All students who come to Convocation will receive a beautiful magnetic Convocation Pin that can be worn during Commencement. This is the ONLY chance you will have to get this pin.

The three Excellence Award recipients will be announced, followed by the presentation of the Baysore Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a GSU employee.

For the second year at Convocation, one high school teacher and one community college teacher who were nominated by incoming GSU freshmen will be presented with the Educators Legacy Award in recognition for their outstanding work.

GSU’s traditional ice cream social will follow immediately after. Be sure to RSVP today!

**Stepshow Announcement**

The 2015 Step Show will be held Friday, Oct. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts. This inaugural event is one of the many highlights of our annual Family & Friends Weekend. We are currently seeking step teams from Greek lettered organizations to perform. There is a $1000 prize for the best fraternity and best sorority. The registration fee for teams is $100 and the deadline is September 18. Please visit [www.surveymonkey.com/s/GSUSstepshow](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GSUSstepshow) to register.
We are also looking for Greek lettered organizations to host an informational table that will be featured in the lobby of the Center of Performing Arts during the step show. If you know of vendors that sell Greek products or an agency who would like to be a sponsor we welcome their participation as well.

For more information, please call 708-235-4362 or email slco@govst.edu.

**Make Bookstore Purchases with Financial Aid through FA Link**

Using your financial aid to purchase school supplies, text books, and more at the GSU Bookstore has never been easier. **FA Link** is available now through September 12. Completion of the financial aid process and other conditions must be met before students can use FA Link.

**A Reminder from Facilities**

In the interest of personal safety as well as preservation of GSU property, Facilities Development and Management (FDM) would like to remind the GSU community that moving of furniture, equipment, or other permanent objects by persons other than FDM staff is strictly prohibited. Doing so may subject the college, unit, or sponsoring organization to a grievance charge with monetary consequences. Only items with rollers/casters may be moved within a classroom or office. For any concerns, please contact Facilities at Ext: 4515.

**The Office of International Services has moved!**

The Office of International Services has re-located to the Goodman-Malamuth Technology Building, GMT 168, which is located between the main campus and Prairie Place. The Office of International Services assists international students, study abroad students, visiting scholars and faculty, faculty-led programs, and more.

**EVENTS**

**Deadline Nearing for Latino Heritage Month Programs**

Friday, August 21 is the deadline to submit programs for Latino Heritage Month. Celebrated September 15-October 15, Latino Heritage Month recognizes the history, culture, and contributions of Latinos in our global society past, present, and future. September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively.

Please submit your program, including title, description, program date, and type (lecture, service, social, visual arts, performing arts) online at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LatinoHeritageMonth](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LatinoHeritageMonth). For
more information or questions, email diversity@govst.edu or call x4551.

Bookstore Summer Clearance Event Through August 30

The GSU Bookstore is having a Summer Clearance Event through August 30. Take an additional 40 percent off already reduced items while supplies last. The offer is not valid on food items, Starbucks products, or graduation items, and cannot be combined with any other offer. See store for details.

Secretary of State Mobile Unit at GSU on August 25

The Secretary of State’s Mobile Service Unit will be at GSU on Tuesday, August 25, from noon-6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Services available at the mobile service unit include driver's license and State ID renewal, replacement, and corrections; vehicle sticker sales; passenger and b-truck license plates; vehicle title and registration; parking placards for persons with disabilities; and organ/tissue donor information. In addition, vision tests and the written driver's license exam can be taken. No driving tests will be given. The services provided are available to all qualified Illinois residents.

SAVE THE DATE

Get Ready for Welcome Week August 24-29
It’s almost time for Welcome Week, a time for students to get familiar with GSU organizations, and participate in the exciting activities taking place campus wide. Beginning August 24, the GSU campus comes alive with a cornucopia of activities, offering students the chance to get to know the university and each other.

The excitement kicks off Monday with a Jaguar Welcome in the Café from 10 a.m.-noon, and again from 3-6 p.m. There will also be concerts, movies, an open-mic night, the kick-off to the women’s volleyball season, and the Welcome Week Carnival. You won’t want to miss any of it!

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Looking for a place to donate some of your new or gently used books, CD's, DVD's, and artwork? Look no more! The GSU Friends of the Library are planning for the next book sale on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 25 and 26.

Bring items that you would like to donate to the Library during regular business hours. The Friends of the GSU Library table is on the library balcony. You can place your items for donation in one or more of the Green bags, and leave them on the table; and

1. Fill out the Donations/Gifts to GSU Library Form that is on the table. Please be sure to note whether you would like a letter of acknowledgement.
2. Place the Donations/Gifts to GSU Library form in one of the books where it can be found.

If you have any questions, please send them to friendsofgsulibrary@gmail.com.

Attention Hiring Managers

The Student Employment Job Fair is fast approaching. Get registered today! The Fair is Wednesday, August 26, from 3-6 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. Contact the Office of Career Services if you have any questions.

DPT Information Session/Open House
The Department of Physical Therapy will host an Information Session/Open House for its entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree program Wednesday, Sept. 9, from 4-7 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 newly-renovated 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.

Sports

Jaguar Basketball Lands Two Recruits

The Athletic Department has announced the signing of two student athletes leading up to GSU's first season in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Jordan Fisher, a 5'10" small forward from Thornton Township High School, will join Coach LaTosha Burrell's women's basketball team. At Thornton, Jordan averaged 10 points per game and 8 rebounds per game all while maintaining an honor roll student status during all four years.

On the men's basketball side, Jomarri Jones, a 6'2" guard from St. Anne Community High School will join Coach Tony Bates' squad. Jomarri averaged 13.3 points per game and 4.7 assists per game at St. Anne where he was First Team All-Conference, First Team All-Area, and Honorable Mention All-State.

Facebook Posts of the Week

Response to our first family moving into Prairie Place post:
Jackie Greene Tart #SoCool
Kevin Kredens It's a great day to be a Jaguar!
Response to our post remembering the Hantack Barn:

Dave Erickson So sad that we lost such an iconic building on campus.
Mary Beth Kwain-Lunter The campus will not be the same without the barn. It is so sad that we have lost this iconic building.

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

Read More content from the GSU website follows.
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As a Peer Mentor, sophomore Juan Gutierrez knows he has a responsibility to answer questions, give guidance and support, and generally make the freshmen students he meets feel at home.

It was Juan's own experience as a freshman last year that made him want to become a Peer Mentor. "My Peer Mentor was Derek Brown and he really helped me to fit in here at GSU. He inspired me to want to help the freshmen this year," Juan said. Derek apparently did a good job of making Juan feel at home at GSU. Juan was a recipient of the Rising Star Award in last spring's Student Leadership
Awards Banquet sponsored by Student Senate.

As for the Peer Mentor experience, Juan said he would definitely recommend it to the freshmen he is helping today. "I think being a Peer Mentor is helping me develop as a person. I've made a lot of friends through the program and I'm making a lot of new freshmen friends today," he said.

The Smart Start program began Monday, Aug. 10 and runs through Friday, Aug. 21. Students in the Smart Start program were selected by faculty based on a combination of GPA, ACT scores and/or high school grades that suggested Smart Start would serve as the perfect way to get started in college. The program helps students strengthen their academic skills, develop a peer support network, and familiarize themselves with GSU and its resources. Smart Start students are enrolled in an English program and/or a mathematics program, as well as the first-year student seminar called Mastering College.

In addition to the academic programs offered, Smart Start students can participate in a variety of fun and social activities.