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Meanwhile, the Chicago Citizen ran a story on GSU becoming a four-year university. President Maimon is quoted in this article as well, which also features Justin Smith, a member of the first class of GSU sophomores. Justin, who is president of the International Cultural Club, talks about his experiences as a freshman and how GSU gave him the opportunity to attend a four-year university.

Our faculty and staff have also been making the news. Assistant Professor of Accounting, Finance, and Management Information Systems, William “Professor Fraud” Kresse, turned up on the WGN-TV Midday News on a segment offering safety tips for college students. He was also named the “#2 Accounting and Tax Professor on Twitter” by The Accounting Path, an informational website for the accounting field. Mary Ma, director of the Illinois SBDC International Trade Center at GSU, was featured in a Daily Herald article about how the Chinese currency devaluation affects local manufacturers.

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**Alternate Routes to Campus During Construction**

If you drive to and from GSU from the west, you have probably seen the construction taking place to widen Stuenkel Road between Cicero Ave. and Governors Highway. The new construction is part of a larger project that will include the East/West section of University Parkway on the northern edge of campus and will eventually extend University Parkway/Stuenkel Road all the way to the new interchange currently under construction on I-57.

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BUZZ

Check out the New Marketing and Communications Webpage

The Office of Marketing and Communications has debuted a brand new web presence designed to help you with all your communications needs. The site includes a full listing of the department's services—from ad creation and media relations, to photography and video production services. You will also find contact information for the marketing and communications staff, a link to the GSU Visual Style Guide and downloadable images, and a section on Marketing Consultation and Strategic Planning. Also featured on the site is a directory of all the GSU social media pages and apps. The directory lists all social media accounts related to GSU departments, organizations, clubs and colleges in one online site.

Community Standards Student Handbook Online
The Community Standards Student Handbook is now available online. The Handbook provides the GSU community with the shared expectations about acceptable behaviors on and off campus. The handbook also provides the procedures that guide the student conduct system that holds students accountable for violations of university's policies and speak to our community standards.

The Office of the Dean of Students – Community Standards and Student Advocacy (CSSA) is responsible for publishing, distributing, and enforcing the standards in the handbook. If you would like to learn more about the services and/or support within the CSSA, please stop by A2129.

Have you Downloaded the MyGSU App?

The MyGSU app, available through iTunes and Google Play is your one-stop mobile app for all things GSU. The app includes sections on grades, courses, an event calendar, and important phone numbers. It also has links to admissions, the GSU library, bookstore, campus maps, and GSU athletics. GSU social media on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube are represented, along with a news section for on-the-go reading of the GSU View and viewing of This Week at GSU.

Women's Leadership Symposium Seeks Presenters

Coordinators of the S.H.E.R.O. Women's Leadership Symposium (Sharing Her story of Empowerment Resilience & Opportunity) are looking for people who are interested in facilitating a small program during the event on Saturday, November 14 from 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

The goal of this year's S.H.E.R.O. Women's Leadership Symposium, which has the theme "E3: Empower, Enrich, Engage," will be to empower, enrich, and engage women to seek their highest level of personal and professional development. The program will provide perspectives in the areas of: workforce dynamics, social justice and civic engagement, health and sexuality, identity formation and professional branding, mentorship, relationship building, and negotiation. The conference format will include a featured keynote and breakout discussions, and is inclusive to all genders looking to support women in leadership.

If you or someone you know is interested in presenting a program, please email the following to Kyrie-Eleison Kirkland or Jessica Specht: program title & abstract (~100-150 words); names of presenter(s); length of program (up to one hour); requests for equipment or special accommodations (AV and a computer will be available in all presentation rooms). Proposals are due by September 30 for full consideration.

Interested in Going to Nicaragua?
The Offices of **International Services** and **Student Life** have teamed up to offer all GSU students the opportunity to do an international service project during Winter Break. The two offices have created a GSU chapter of **Global Brigades**, the largest movement for global health and holistic development, and the first Public Health Brigade plans to go to Nicaragua January 5-12, 2016.

Interest sessions are scheduled in A 2110 for students who would like to learn more: Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m.; Sept. 9 at Noon; Sept. 14 at 3:30 p.m., and Sept. 15 at 4:30pm. For more information, please contact **Amy Schoenberg**.

**Student Leadership Workshops**

The 2nd Annual Certified Executive Leadership (CEO) Certificate Program workshops will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from September 23-October 30. The program, sponsored by **Student Life**, is designed to provide student leaders of clubs and organizations effective and essential leadership skills. Students will have the opportunity to develop and enhance a personal philosophy of leadership that includes comprehension of leadership theory and application.

The CEO program helps develop leadership potential and self-efficacy in preparing today's students to lead. Students will also explore leadership trends to foster learning and personal development through exploration of theories and practices.

The program is specifically structured to create a learning environment with an emphasis on student development. There are specific competencies that that will be covered in the course of the program to enhance students’ level of knowledge. The deliverable will be done via standard workshop format, online workshops, and discussions through the CEO-Up Close & Personal series.

**Registration** is open until September 14. Contact **Sheree Sanderson** for more information.
Study Abroad Opportunities

If you are a student or faculty member interested in study abroad opportunities, you are encouraged to attend one of the upcoming information sessions.

**Study Abroad 101 (for students):** Thursday, Sept. 10, 1-2 p.m. in E Lounge.

**Faculty-Led Program Workshop (for faculty):** Thursday, Sept. 10, 2-3 p.m. in E Lounge.

GSU offers **three different ways** for students to participate in the Study Abroad program: through one of GSU's international partner schools; independently through a program provider where eligible students can choose any program in the world that fits with their academic and financial needs, and through Faculty-Led Programs in which GSU faculty take their course to another country for 2-3 weeks.

Contact Amy Schoenberg for more information or to set up an appointment.

Family & Friends Weekend, October 8 – 10, 2015

Online registration is now open for **Family and Friends Weekend** October 8–10. For many students, this special event provides the first opportunity to visit with family and friends since the beginning of the semester. This exciting October weekend presents an important opportunity for families and friends to share firsthand in their student's GSU experience.

There are lots of exciting events are planned, including the Jaguar Jamboree on Friday, and a Step
Show featuring Power 92 “The Hot Boys,” a Student Variety Show hosted by Comedian “Just Nesh,” and Jazz Brunch with the President on Saturday.

Also, this year the colleges have joined together to create the “Generation Meet and Greet: All College Alumni Social” on Friday night. Be sure to contact all your classmates and tell them to meet you there! Share this information with family, friends, constituents, retirees and alumni, and visit www.govst.edu/weekend for a complete schedule of events.

Registration is free for parents, family members, alumni, and friends of GSU. Participants will also be able to register on site. Space is limited for some events, and there is a minimal cost for some activities.

**Library Offers Wheelchair Users Priority Computer Stations**

The GSU Library offers wheelchair users priority use of two computer stations. Each station is located at the far end of the row of computers in the library. “We want to make sure that the library is accessible to all in our GSU community,” said La'Shaunda Williams-Ware, Library IT Manager/Administrator Coordinator. The computer stations are available during library hours. Please remember, the GSU Library is your Research Resource 24/7.

**Don't Move Furniture**

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.

**EVENTS**

**Auditions for Fahrenheit 451 at CPA**
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.)

View the audition promo video, schedule an audition or contact Dr. Patrick Santoro at 708.235.2842 or psantoro@govst.edu for more information.

**Dance Company Auditions September 2**

The GSU Dance Company will hold auditions for its upcoming season Wednesday, September 2 in the Center for Performing Arts. Registration begins at 7:15 p.m. with auditions starting at 7:30 p.m. The Company is seeking dancers and student choreographers in modern, contemporary, jazz, hip-hop, and world dance for its 2015-2016 season, with performances on April 6-7, 2016.

**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.

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/GSUStepshow 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.

SAVE THE DATE

Clean Energy Town Hall
Illinois Sen. Toi Hutchinson (40th), Rep. Anthony DeLuca (80th), and members of the Illinois Sierra Club are scheduled to attend a Clean Energy Town Hall Forum, Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 6:30-8 p.m. in Sherman Hall. A panel of experts will discuss clean energy in Illinois, job training in the clean energy sector, and ways you can save money on your electric bill with clean technology. The event is free and open to the public. Pizza and light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Melinda Elliott.

**Men's Leadership Summit September 26**

A leadership summit especially designed for men, "Redefining Manhood: Finding Your Story" will be held Saturday, September 26 from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. The summit, sponsored by Student Life is free, but you must register by September 18 at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MaleSuccess](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MaleSuccess) to attend. A Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

[Click here for more information](#)

**Suicide Prevention Symposium**

The Counseling Center is co-hosting a symposium on suicide prevention. "The Unconscious Veil of Suicide: Recognizing the Signs and Characteristics of the Potential for Suicide" will be held Wednesday, September 23 at 6 p.m. in the Cafeteria Annex. A reception will follow. For more information, contact Suzette Shepherd.
Men's and Women's Basketball Announce Signings

The Athletic Department has announced the signings of five new additions to the GSU men's and women's basketball programs.

Shane Roberts, a transfer student from South Suburban College, is a 6'3" guard. According to men's basketball coach Tony Bates, Shane has good 3-point shooting ability and also has the size and physical play to get to the basket. Dave Pitts, Jr., is a 6'7" forward who can defend any position. Dave is a freshman from Gary Comer College Prep. Coach Bates is clearly excited about the young man's abilities, saying, "When we get him in top condition, his talent will explode." Fredric "Harrison" Devoe III, is a 6'5" freshman from Springfield South East High School, where he was an All-Conference small forward and a member of the school's Honor Roll.

On the women's side, Kanitral Averhart, a 5'7" guard and transfer from Joliet Junior College, signed with Coach LaTosha Burrell's squad. Kanitral was a Second Team All-Conference player last year and is known for her persistent defense. Also signing was 5'7" guard Cierra Stevens, a freshman from the University of Chicago Charter School where she was an All-Conference player and Honor Roll student.

Facebook Posts of the Week

Response to our post announcing GSU is now a 4-Year College with its First Sophomore Class:
Carolyn Caffey-Mabry: I'm a transfer student coming from a university whose programs aren't accredited. Thank God GSU accepted some of my classes and I don't have to start over from scratch. Looking forward to completing my degree!!
Dawn Stawick: I went to governors for my teaching degree. Wonderful university. This alum is very happy to hear they have become 4 years. When I went to school they strive for excellence and in
Wm R Gerber: Got my Masters in Health Sciences there. They stuck with me and my small non-profit, The Jericho Project Rockford years after I graduated, provided grant dollars, faculty mentoring, and collegiality. I'm very proud to recommend them!

Response to our post sharing the Crain’s Chicago Business article on MBA programs statewide and how GSU shone with the most affordable MBA program with top-notch faculty like Professor William Kresse a.k.a. Professor Fraud and internationally recognized Professor Carlos Ferran:

Tammy Garland: Burris Impressive! Love GSU!
Marcin Kuruc: I kinda want to take (a class with ) Professor Fraud lol. That's interesting

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the campus. As the university approaches its 50th anniversary, we pay tribute to Dr. Vorwerk, who built a strong foundation for GSU."

In addition to his work at GSU, Dr. Vorwerk was also deeply involved in his community. He served as Treasurer of Park Forest South (now University Park) during its formative years. As his longtime friend and former GSU associate Larry McClellan recalled, "The new community development process was in great distress, and Dick responded to the invitation to serve as village treasurer. Again, this bright, good man was of great help to many of us."

A lover of puns, with a sharp, analytical mind, and an eye for talent and ability in others, Dr. Vorwerk will be remembered for his sense of humor and camaraderie. Dr. Vorwerk started a poker club, which began meeting on a monthly basis more than 40 years ago and continues to this day. The club was comprised of GSU friends and colleagues, including McClellan. "Dick's hands, heart and mind helped to shape GSU. Over the past months we had many occasions to reflect on this work of which he was very proud. His friendship touched many of us deeply. I am glad, and grateful, that he was a friend of mine," he said.

Dr. Vorwerk is survived by his wife Evonne Anderson, daughters Hannah and Melinda, six grandchildren, many other family members, and countless friends.

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“The MBA is proud to have awarded Governors State University our 2015 Partner of the Year Award. GSU has been a tremendous partner to the MBA. Will Davis (GSU Vice President for Development and CEO of the GSU Foundation Board) and Angela Mehalek (GSU Corporate Relations Officer, Office of Development) have sat in strategic planning meetings and participated in all of our community engagement initiatives. We are very thankful to have the support of President Maimon and her staff. It's great to have such an amazing university so close to home,” said MBA Executive Director Percy Scott.

The anniversary breakfast, with the theme “Creating Power Locally,” featured Keynote Speaker, U.S. Congresswoman Robin Kelly (2nd).

In addition to President Maimon, other GSU personnel in attendance were: Darcie Campos, Assistant Vice President of Career Services; Priscilla Cordero, Director of the Small Business Development Center; William Davis, Vice President of the Office of Development and CEO of the GSU Foundation Board; Donnica Gordon, Graduate Student; Maureen Kelly, Director, Governmental & Community Relations; Angela Mehalek, Corporate Relations Officer, Office of Development; Sharon Morrissey, Cultural Marketing Director; Penny Perdue, Executive Assistant to the President, and Ann Vendrely, Associate Provost/Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs.

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college graduates, or individuals from low-income communities.

“We are so excited to welcome DeLawnia Comer-HaGans into the ninth cohort of New Connections grantees. The program connects first-time grantees to the Foundation, and the new perspectives they bring are essential to solving the critical, complex issues affecting our nation’s health,” said Catherine Malone, DBA, MBA, and Program Officer at RWJF.

“This cohort joins the larger New Connections network of more than 1,200 scholars—a network that provides opportunities for scholarly support and collaboration for academics from underrepresented groups,” says Malone.

“I am truly grateful to New Connections for providing me with this fantastic opportunity! I appreciate being connected to such a diverse network of health disparities researchers. Additionally, I am pleased to conduct research in the area of chronic illness and disabilities.”

Zo Ramamonjirivelvo’s award is an Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ R03) 12-month grant that will be used for her project: The Impact of Public Hospitals’ Privatization on Nurse Staffing.

Ramamonjirivelvo said the grant money will go a long way to helping her research and was grateful for the backing of both her colleagues in the College of Health and Human Services and Jennifer Morehead Farmer, Director of GSU’s Office of Sponsored Programs and Research. “Jennifer Morehead has been very helpful during the grants submission process, which is highly complicated, but Jennifer knows what she is doing. I want to thank Dean Elizabeth Cada and Dr. Rupert Evans in their strong support of junior faculty in research and grant application.”

She is equally grateful to her research project collaborators from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. “I really appreciate the help, support, and valuable collaborations of Dr. Robert Weech-Maldonado, Co-Investigator and my mentor, and Dr. Larry Hearld, Consortium Principal Investigator. I am looking forward to collaborating with them in this research endeavor. And I praise and thank God from the bottom of my heart for giving this grant to me and my co-investigators.”

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"As your employer, part of our responsibility is to keep costs down so we can maintain an affordable health care plan for all employees," said Joyce Coleman, GSU Associate Vice President for Human Resources. "We must also make sure that only those dependents who are actually eligible are the ones being provided with coverage."

Similar audits have been completed at several other universities, including the University of Chicago. National studies report that each dependent's health care costs average approximately $2,500 annually.

The university is adopting a requirement that all new faculty and staff provide dependent documentation when they first enroll in the GSU health insurance program.

Within the next few weeks, all GSU employees with dependents enrolled in medical and/or dental plans will receive information from HMS. This information will include definitions of who is eligible for the insurance benefits and offer an opportunity to voluntarily remove all ineligible dependents. The "Amnesty Phase" will end October 30, 2015. The deadline to submit documentation is October 30, 2015.

The "Verification Phase" will run September to October. University employees with enrolled dependents will be asked to provide evidence of eligibility in this phase. Evidence will depend on the relationship of the dependent. Possible documentation may include copies of birth certificates and marriage licenses. The letter from HMS will identify exactly what is needed. You will be able to attach and/or scan your information to HMS.

HMS will respond with a confirmation e-mail or postcard if dependents are ruled eligible. Ineligible
dependents will be removed from coverage effective November 30, 2015, and notified of COBRA eligibility (if applicable).

If employees fail to provide the dependent verification documents, dependents will be removed from coverage effective November 30, 2015.

There will be an appeal process for employees who disagree with eligibility decisions. Information about the appeals process will be provided at a later date.

"The documents you submit are used solely to verify dependent eligibility so we can be assured that only those who are eligible for coverage under the terms of the university’s medical and dental plans receive those benefits," said Coleman.

Coleman said GSU is prepared to assist faculty and staff with the audit process.

"There may be some of our colleagues who have special problems locating or getting possession of the required documentation, for instance those whose records are in international depositories and those who are on leave," said Coleman. "The university will work with the consultant in such instances."

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University lecturer Aslam (Sam) Shahid teaches the course, in which students learn to program Linux, a diverse and versatile operating system used in everything from Android smart phones, cloud computing, and critical infrastructure, to robotics.

The course prepares the students--most are in the master’s computer science program—for Linux+ Certification and Programming to develop diverse applications. “I firmly believe that these students will be very in demand in the job market,” Shahid said.
Because the course had both lecture and hands-on laboratory elements to it, the size of the class was a challenge for Shahid, but added, "I believe the success of this course shows that the Computer Science Department at GSU can accommodate big classes in the future."

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