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New Academic Year! New Semester! New Start!

2016—17 is almost here with all its new and familiar faces, fresh starts, and new opportunities. While the first day of the Fall semester is still a few weeks away, here are some important dates for all Jaguars to mark on their calendars.

The last day of the Summer term is fast approaching on August 7. On August 15, we welcome freshman participants in the two-week Smart Start program to campus. Activity and excitement at GSU build on Thursday, August 25—also known as Prairie Place Move-In Day.

The new academic year really begins with a formal welcoming ceremony at Convocation on Friday, August 26 at 3 p.m. in the GSU Center for Performing Arts. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to attend. The incoming class of 2020 will be welcomed and the 2016 Excellence and Baysore Awards will be announced.

Fall 2016 classes begin on Monday, August 29, which also marks the first day of Welcome Week. During a week full of activities, new and returning students can get help navigating the university, enjoy the GSU Carnival, cheer the Jaguars volleyball team to victory, or take part in many social and informational events.

Click here for a complete list of Welcome Week activities

COE Awarded Grant for Teaching with Primary Sources

Congratulations to the College of Education on being selected to receive a grant from the Library of Congress. The College will receive more than $200,000 in the first year of the three-year grant to develop science curriculum using primary sources from the Library of Congress.

GSU was one of 21 organizations sharing a total of $3,340,352 to support the effective use of digitized primary sources in K-12 classrooms. Playing key roles in developing the successful grant proposal were Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the University Library, Dr. Lucianne Brown, Director of the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources program at GSU, and Ebony Jones of the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research.

GSU Faculty Members Receive HRSA Grants
Dr. Rebecca Wojcik, from the College of Health and Human Services, and Dr. Shannon Dermer, of the College of Education, have each been awarded four-year grants from the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA). The grants, totaling more than $4.6 million over the next four years, will fund scholarships for disadvantaged students who are preparing for careers in healthcare at GSU.

Congratulations to Dr. Wojcik and Dr. Dermer on this great achievement that will serve the Governors State community now and in the future.

President Maimon Reviews Book for NPR Illinois

NPR Illinois recently broadcast a book review by President Elaine P. Maimon of The Undergraduate Experience: Focusing Institutions on What Matters Most. Dr. Maimon says the book is concise and highly-readable and a benefit to those in higher education as well as parents and students investigating colleges and universities.

Listen to the review.

Announcements

Late Registration Charge Reminder

As August begins, the Office of the Registrar wants to remind students of the late registration charge. Beginning August 15, a $100 late fee will be incurred during registration. Returning GSU students who have not registered for fall 2016 can avoid this charge by registering for the fall semester before August 15.

GSU Offers Free Counseling for the Community

The Counseling Lab at GSU offers free counseling services for individuals, couples, families, and groups. You do not have to be a student to receive services. This Counseling Lab serves the dual purpose of providing access to care for our community and preparing counselors in training under the supervision of licensed counselors, therapists, or psychologists. Please call 708.534.4545 for more information.

On-Campus Student Employment Workshop

The Offices of Career Services and Financial Aid will hold two workshops for personnel interested in hiring student employees on Wednesday, August 10 and Thursday, August 11 from noon to 1 p.m. in B1241. Get the information you need on the hiring process for Federal Work Study and regular student employment on campus. For more information, call 708.235.3974.

2016 Student Employment and Part-Time Job Fair

Students interested in either Federal Work Study or regular student employment should attend the 2016 Student Employment and Part-Time Job Fair on Wednesday, August 31 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. Some external employers as well as on-campus employers will be participating to offer part-time openings. Dress professionally and bring plenty of resumes. The job fair is sponsored by the Office of Career Services. For more information, contact the Office of Career Services at 708.235.3974.

Ready to R.O.A.R.

GSU is hosting one more R.O.A.R.—Resources Orientation Advising Registration—session on Wednesday, August 3. It begins at 8 a.m. and there will be a lunch break in the cafeteria between 12:15 and 1 p.m. Wear your GSU gear and help welcome our newest Jaguars! You can use #new2gsu and
Pokémon Go–ing on Campus

Rattata – Caught by the Welcome Center! Maybe you can find him or any of the others lurking on the GSU campus! As this augmented reality game has taken over the phones of millions, Governors State welcomes the game and wants players to keep safety in mind.

- Be respectful of public spaces—classes are in session.
- Don't play while driving.
- If you're playing at night, stay with a group.
- Avoid suspicious or deserted locations.
- Watch your step around the lagoon and traffic.
- Watch out for stairs and pillars.

Pokémon GO Club

GSU is catching ‘em all! Get up and (Pokémon) GO with your fellow students, faculty, and staff as you join a team and play on campus. The official GSU group meets every Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. by the lagoon. You can also connect on Facebook.
GSU Student to be Featured on Argonne Facebook Live

GSU student Steven Kolb will be featured during a Facebook Live event sponsored by Argonne National Laboratory on Wednesday, August 3. Steven is currently completing a summer internship at Argonne where he's been working with Argonne's Edward O'Loughlin as a part of the Subsurface Biogeochemical Research Program, studying how plant and microbial interactions influence greenhouse gas emissions from temperate wetlands areas.

Please tune in to Argonne on Facebook and Twitter at noon on August 3 to support one of our Jaguars!

GSU Faculty Update from New Hampshire

Daniel Nearing, Full Professor of Film in the MFA in Independent Film and Digital Imaging, recently checked in with GSU from the MacDowell Colony in New Hampshire, the oldest artist colony in the United States, where he is in residence this summer. Professor Nearing shared a photograph of the studio he is housed in and said that 20th century composer Aaron Copland once stayed in the same studio and composed "Billy the Kid" on the Steinway piano there in 1938.

GSU Audio Network Featured in Tech Publication

Charles Nolley, Assistant Vice President of Digital Learning and Media Design, was recently interviewed for an article in Higher Ed Tech Decisions. Nolley runs a system at GSU named Dante that allows him to control university-wide sound systems from one main control room in the DLMD lab. Since the article's publication, he has been interviewed by Steve Harvey of Pro Sound News and invited to speak at a webinar organized by Shure and Audinate.

GSU Alumni's Documentary Airing on WTTW

King in Chicago, a 2009 documentary by Seth McLellan, a graduate of the MFA in Independent Film and Digital Media at GSU, will be shown on WTTW 11 on August 4 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s work in Chicago during the summer of 1966.

"50 years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Chicago Freedom Movement grappled with many of the same problems that are in the headlines today—the corrosive effects of pervasive racism and persistent poverty," said McLellan. "This film emphasizes King's understanding of the link between the goals of the Civil Rights Movement and the social injustice of poverty."

Watch this important local documentary on August 4 at 8 p.m. on WTTW.