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News

GSU Foundation Scholarship Application Period

The deadline to apply for scholarships through the GSU Foundation is July 7. All students are encouraged to apply. Freshmen and sophomores may apply for scholarships in their intended majors, even if they have not formally declared yet. Further information and applications can be found on the Web.

Veterans Resource Center Has Moved

The Veterans Resource Center has moved to the GMT Building. The center is now located at GMT160 and can be reached at 708.235-7597. Kevin Smith, Coordinator for Veterans and Military Personnel, can now be found in GMT157 and called at 708.235.2223.

Student Tragedy

It is with deepest sadness that we announce the recent passing of Saieed Ivey, former GSU student and Jaguar. He was a much-loved honor roll student and tremendous basketball player who touched many lives during his time at Governors State. Read more on page 3.

As details of his homegoing emerge, we will make them available to the GSU community. The GSU Counseling Center is available to talk with students at this difficult time. Call 708-235-7641 or email the center to schedule time to visit.

We offer Saieed’s family, friends, and colleagues our support and sympathy in this difficult time.

Important Message from Marketing and Communications

With the departure of Lindsay Gladstone, project manager in the Office of Marketing and Communications, project requests and submission procedures have been updated to provide the same quality service to the GSU community. For a complete list of appropriate contacts, services, and submission procedures and forms, please visit us on the Web. Click the link on the side menu relating to your specific request for information. Please note, submission procedures and deadlines have been revised so that we can continue to serve in a timely fashion. We thank you for your cooperation.

Announcements

Scramble Golf Outing

Register now and save your spot. The GSU Foundation Scramble Golf Outing will be held on Monday, July 25. There are multiple registration options available on the Web form. Come out on the green for a good cause.

Friends of the Library Father’s Day Basket Sale

Be sure to stop by the Friends of the Library Father’s Day Basket Sale, Wednesday, June 15 from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. in the D Wing Atrium. There will be a variety of baskets and gifts from which to choose.

Meditation and Interfaith Prayer Room Available

A Meditation and Interfaith Prayer Room is available to students, faculty, and staff year-round in A2150. The room is an accessible space which can be used for meditation, prayer, or just as a quiet space for thought by people of all faith traditions and beliefs, as well as those for whom religion has no particular significance. The room is open on a drop-in basis or it can be reserved through Student Life.

REAXYS Demonstration

Learn how to navigate REAXYS, an online search and retrieval system for chemical compounds, bibliographic data, and chemical reactions on June 15 at 11 a.m. in the CUBE, room 2430G.

HIV/AIDS Awareness Presentation at GSU

Reverend Stefan Hippler, co-founder and chair of HOPE Cape Town, a non-profit organization in South Africa that focuses on HIV/AIDS prevention and education, gave a presentation titled “Bridging the Gaps in Resource Limited Environments” on May 31. GSU students and faculty who had recently visited South Africa on a study abroad trip also presented. Read more on page 7.
Jaguars Abroad

Faculty members accompanied several groups of students overseas after graduation in May for learning abroad experiences in three destinations: Sweden, South Africa, and Italy. Applications are being accepted for a Public Health Brigade to Nicaragua in January 2017. Read more on page 8.

Addictions Counseling Info Sessions

The College of Health and Human Services will be hosting two information sessions this summer for the Addictions Counseling Program. Prospective students can attend either June 15 or July 13 in room G227 starting at 6 p.m. For more information contact Shavron Henry at 708.534.4923 or visit the Web.

STEAM Camp at GSU

GSU is once again sponsoring STEAM camps this summer for middle and high school students. Camps are being held during two different weeks, and students may register for one or both sessions. Week 1 runs from July 18 – 22 and focuses on forensics. Week 2 will feature robotics and goes from July 25 – 29. Read more on page 11.
Los Angeles Gun Violence Jolts GSU Community

University Park, IL, June 10, 2016

Saieed Ivey had big dreams. He wanted to make money. He wanted to work for himself, to create his own clothing line, to go pro. The Chicago native, a Simeon Career Academy graduate and former basketball player and honor roll student at Governors State University, wanted to succeed. He was going to be more than a statistic, more than another young Black male swallowed alive by the city’s South Side, and he was willing to do the work to make it out. His Instagram and Facebook accounts are punctuated with his motto, typed by his own hand: #FINAO – failure is not an option.

On June 9, Saieed turned 20, and on that morning—according to a press release from the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department—he was found dead in a car behind an apartment building in Monterey Park, a small suburb of Los Angeles. He'd been shot by an unknown assailant.

According to Coach Tony Bates, athletic director at GSU and Saieed’s former basketball coach, the young man had moved to L.A. to take a shot at playing for a bigger school—and to get away from the gun violence that has reached a feverish pitch in Chicago over the last several years.

"Saieed Ivey was a basketball player who fit all the criteria I look for. He was highly intelligent, personable with a lively personality, and he was a tremendous ball player," Coach Bates said.
"When it came to him leaving, we talked about it and I didn’t try to hold him back. It's always about the kids. In the end, it’s about what they feel they need to do. Who am I to say, ‘No, stay here?’ When you feel that there’s a higher mountain for you to climb, I say go for it—but I'll still be here for you.”

And he was. Coach Bates stayed in contact with his former player, catching up here and there in text, and even seeing Saieed on occasion when he came home to catch a game.

His older brother, Sondale Conner, is still a student at GSU, and he was visiting in Los Angeles when Saieed was slain. They had reportedly been celebrating Saieed’s birthday with friends, a late-night Wednesday gathering stretched into the early hours of Thursday, when the shooting occurred. Saieed had gone down to the car, telling his brother and friends that he would be back, but he never returned.

According to the release, Monterey Park Police responded to an early morning call about gunfire in the 800 block of West El Repetto Drive on June 9. When officers arrived, a young man, later identified as Saieed Ivey, was discovered nonresponsive in the backseat of a Mercedes Benz. The vehicle’s lights were on, and the doors were locked. Paramedics determined that he had been shot in the chest, and he was pronounced dead on the scene.

There is cruel irony to the story of a young man from Chicago fleeing his hometown's violence only to be murdered in another city.

According to Coach Bates, Saieed is one of several GSU recruits who have been lost to gun violence. GSU’s basketball program is only two years old, but Saieed is the fourth player that the coach has lost. The other three, though, were prospects who never made it through the door. They had been recruited and committed to the university, but violence took them before they arrived. One, a senior from Bogan High School, was fatally shot in his neighborhood on a Sunday morning. Another, a Fenger High alum, survived one shooting just weeks before he was fatally stricken in the head in the West Pullman neighborhood.

Dr. Shaniqua Jones, a GSU graduate and staff member who is active in the university’s mentorship programs, works with many of the university’s first-year students who, like Saieed, come to college in search of a safe haven and pathway out of their environs.
“If we don’t shed light on these external factors, (they) won’t all make it to graduation. We have to face the reality of what people are dealing with outside the classroom,” Dr. Jones said.

Yevette Brown, Associate Professor in Media Studies and Program Coordinator for Communications at GSU, has devised a way for the university to address these issues. In 2012, after her son was pierced by a stray bullet while driving home from the grocery store in Bronzeville, Brown founded Respond to Violence, what she calls “a multimedia initiative that gives voice to those impacted by violence.” Her son thankfully survived, but Brown said she recognized that “so many parents do not have that outcome,” and her response was to bring GSU together in an interdisciplinary and cross-departmental effort to initiate open dialogue on all forms of violence.

“In the pall cast by Saieed’s death, the Governors State University community found itself stunned and almost muted. News of the tragedy moved through the university’s classrooms and halls quickly on June 9, and on June 10, the campus—although usually quiet in the summer—seemed even quieter. Funereal, somber.

By all accounts, Saieed was a well-known and much-loved part of GSU. President Elaine P. Maimon said, “On behalf of the GSU community and with my own personal sorrow, I extend my most sincere condolences and sympathy to the family and friends of Saieed Ivey. Saieed was a talented young man whose loss will be felt through the halls of GSU and beyond.”

Dalvin Echols, a junior in the Communications program, was especially close to Saieed. He said he received a phone call early in the day from a mutual friend delivering the sad news. The two had played basketball together, both with and against one another, for about five years.

“He was a cool person, laid back, outgoing, always giving good advice and helping people out. All he wanted to do was play basketball and help out his family. He supported everybody and showed up for everybody,” Echols said of his friend. “I was in shock when I found out. I didn’t see this coming at all. I told him happy birthday, talked to him, then I woke up and they said he was gone. It just shows there’s violence everywhere, not just in Chicago. You have to just
keep your head up and keep fighting.”

Saieed’s mother, Chareda Carter, flew out to California with her father on Thursday to be with her older son. In an email to Governors State she said, “I believe you all know him as I know him. He’s an amazing soul. A natural born leader, a motivator and encourager, extremely tenacious, an honor student, community oriented, and an aspiring athlete. He’s a lover of God and a friend to all who know him.”

Through Respond to Violence, GSU plans to host an open community conversation in the near future to address their community’s loss. Details of the event will be made available on their Web site as they become available.
HOPE Presentation at GSU

GSU hosted Reverend Father Stefan Hippler, Co-Founder and Chair of HOPE Cape Town on Tuesday, May 31. HOPE Cape Town is a non-profit organization in South Africa that focuses on HIV/AIDS prevention and education. Reverend Hippler, a well-known public figure in South Africa and global HIV/AIDS service community, gave a presentation entitled “Bridging the Gaps in Resource Limited Environment”. He shared with the audience the services his organization provides to the South African community, as well as the challenges they face in bringing the services to people who struggle with poverty and health problems.

GSU faculty, staff, and students attended the presentation and engaged in lively discussions after the session.

GSU faculty and students who recently returned from a two week trip to South Africa also presented at the event. Drs. Olumide Ijose and Cynthia Carr, faculty leaders of the trip, and three student participants of the trip (Glenda Ramsey, Robert Mason, and Samuel Adebayo) shared with the audience their experience in South Africa.

The event was sponsored by the College of Business and College of Health and Human Services.
JAGUARS ON THE MAP

While most GSU students relaxed after finals week this past May, three groups of participants postured themselves for an international expedition. Three faculty-led study abroad programs traveled to various parts of the world this past month. Dr. Olumide Ijose from the college of Business, along with Dr. Cynthia Carr and 13 GSU student participants, studied the culture and business of South Africa. Dr. Caren Rossoow and Dr. Jennifer Groebner, along with nine students, visited the Swedish Healthcare Academy in Sweden to learn about the top healthcare system in the world. While the third group, led by Dr. Rebecca Michel, studied the counseling profession throughout Tuscany, Italy.

Joanne Bockmann, a graduate student in the Masters of Health Administration program, initially became interested in the Sweden abroad opportunity through her professor, Dr. Rossoow. The inspiration for her desire to study abroad, particularly in Sweden, came from both a professional and personal place. “Because I was completing my MHA, I wanted to learn more about another country’s healthcare system. I am also Swedish and felt that this was a great opportunity to visit the homeland of my great-grand parents”.

Linda Coleman, a transfer student in the Dual-Degree Program and a Healthcare Administration major, shares that participants were encouraged to view their abroad experience through the lens of three elements: cultural, personal and professional. For Linda, Sweden’s unisex facilities was the most memorable cultural adjustment. “Every restroom we encountered, even the ones outdoors in the grasslands were designed as unisex. No one was uncomfortable. It is their custom.” Her highlight for the personal element was Sweden’s diversification. “It is a vastly diversified area. I greatly appreciated being surrounded by various kinds of people. I did not quite expect it to be that way”. For the professional element, she shares how the experience of working one-on-one with top healthcare professionals was invaluable and unforgettable. “There were times we did not even recognize the professional level of those instructing us. We arrived at a facility and received such warm greeting from everyone. There was one particular individual named, “Bo”, who was very hands-on with us and we later realized that he was at the very top of the organization’s hierarchy. There were no heirs. Their system is very people-focused and patient-centralized”.

Student Katelyn Frickenstein feels that the Sweden experience has given her a greater appreciation for different culture and a deeper level of gratitude for her personal life. “Since going on this trip I have been more receptive of different people and their ideas as well as really appreciative for what I am learning here at GSU. I find myself thinking in different ways about the content I am learning in class”.

While the Sweden participants studied the top healthcare system in the world, thirteen other GSU students visited Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Grahamstown in South Africa. Karen Bryant, who recently received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from GSU, wanted to have an authentic encounter with South African culture. “I wanted to have a firsthand experience with the people and institutions and gauge how the country was functioning post-apartheid”. She holds the beauty of the country as a personal highlight. "Upon arrival, I was taken by the natural beauty. There were mountains, valleys, lots of foliage, sandy beaches and bodies of water. It was easy to see why people wanted to live there and control the country’s natural resources”. Karen was also deeply moved by the South African students’ focus and dedication. “The people who left the greatest impression were the students at Rhodes University in Grahamstown. The students are in the MBA program studying to become leaders in their respective fields. What I found most interesting about them is their desire to honor the past, find solutions to present problems while forging a future for every citizen of South Africa”.

Another student participant, Devonna Walker, hopes to stay in contact with the students she met at Rhodes University. “They hosted a barbeque for us and we traded stories with them, learning that we have more in common than we initially thought. We exchanged Facebook information and plan to keep in touch. I enjoyed our time there”.

GSU students returned home with countless memories and photographs, however, student travel is not the only aspect of the Study Abroad program. Classes for the Sweden, South Africa and Italy abroad courses started in February of the 2016 spring semester and was a
mixture of online and in-class meetings, also known as hybrid courses.

In addition to the faculty-led programs, GSU currently has students studying in Ghana and India for four weeks. Three more students will also travel to China in July with our partner school, Hangzhou Normal University. The study abroad participants will have the opportunity to share more in-depth about their once in a lifetime experience with the entire GSU community this fall at a symposium during the Study Abroad Fair in September and during International Education Week in November.

If you want to study abroad, the Office of International Services can help facilitate the education abroad process for both GSU students and faculty. We also provide information for the parents of GSU education abroad students.

Each semester we offer programming to inform the GSU community about the latest opportunities and guide them in making their dreams a reality.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

Public Health Brigade - Nicaragua
Dates: January 4-10, 2017
Application Status: Open
Contact Amy Schoenberg for more information.

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**Students**

This section will assist GSU students that are looking to study outside the United States.

**Faculty**

GSU faculty will find resources here regarding the planning, approval and execution of education abroad trips.

**Parents**

This page contains information for parents whose children will be studying abroad while at GSU.

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GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
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GSU STEAM Camp

GSU is once again sponsoring STEAM camps this summer for middle and high school students (ages 11 to 18). Camps are being held on two different weeks, and students may register for one or both sessions.

Hands-On STEAM FUN Week 1 runs July 18 to 22, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This session features highly interactive activities in the following areas:

- **Forensics**: fingerprinting, synthetic blood typing, ballistics, fiber and footprint analysis
- **Ecology**: collect, examine and classify various specimens
- **Sustainability**: explore solar and wind technologies

This camp also includes a field trip to the Museum of Science and Industry. Students will be responsible for bringing a sack lunch to the museum (students will not have access to the
Robotics STEAM Camp Week 2 runs July 25 to 29, 2016, from 9 to 5 p.m.

Students will design, build and program the micro-controller in an Arduino to navigate an obstacle course using data gathered from the device’s ultrasonic and infrared distance sensors, gyroscopes and magnetometers.

For both camps

1. Students will be responsible for providing their own lunch, drinks and snacks or money to purchase lunch in the GSU cafeteria.
2. Both camps will have a maximum number of forty students.
3. Middle and high school students register for one or both of the STEAM camps.
4. In order to be considered officially registered for the camp(s), the completed registration form(s), permission slip, photo release form, and appropriate payment must all be received by or before the registration deadline of Friday, July 8, 2016. Please see registration form at the bottom of the page.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Who will teach the STEAM workshops?** There will be at least one individual who has completed a teacher education program at GSU teaching the workshops. Pre-service teachers currently enrolled in a teacher preparation program at GSU will also be assisting. Additionally, GSU science faculty will also serve as volunteer instructors.

- **Have all teachers and pre-service teachers passed criminal background checks?** Yes, all individuals involved in teaching or assisting with the camp will have recently passed a certified criminal background check.

- **Where will workshops take place?** Most workshops will take place in one of the newly built science labs at Governors State University. Some activities must take place outside, on GSU’s campus as open space is required for the activity.

- **What safety measure will be in place?** Safety is of foremost concern. A safety video will be required viewing by all participants on the first day of camp. All participants must wear long pants and closed-toed shoes each day. Safety glasses and gloves will be provided to all participants as needed. Safety concerns and procedures for all labs will be fully explained before each lab.

- **Will the schedule be strictly followed?** No, it is only a tentative schedule. There is one activity that must take place outside. That activity will be planned according to the weather forecast.

- **How will participants be chosen?** Participants meeting all requirements will be chosen on a first-come, first-served basis.

Applicants must:

1. meet the proper age requirements (ages 11 to 18)
2. have the application and supporting documents fully completed and signed by a parent or legal guardian
3. includes the camp fee, image release, permission slip, and complete registration
Are there any minimum grade requirements or specific math / science course prerequisites? No. The goal of the STEAM camp is to explore and hopefully increase participants' interest in STEAM fields. We want the camp to be fun.

Registration Information If paying online via debit or credit card, please complete and submit the registration form online, print the registration form, pay, complete the physical signature portion and submit. If paying by check, or cash, please complete the registration form online, submit, print the registration form, complete the physical signature portion and submit. Registration forms may be submitted via information below. Registration is not complete until parents and students complete and submit required forms, payment, and provide required physical signatures. Please maintain a completed copy of this form for your records. Registration must be completed and received by Friday, July 8, 2016.

STEAM Camp Registration Form
STEAM Camp Campus Map/ Directions
STEAM Camp Week One Schedule
STEAM Camp Week Two Schedule
View a brief slideshow of 2016 STEAM Camp Students in action

For additional information, please contact Dr. John Sowa, 708.235.7513.