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Welcome Fall 2016

There is a new energy on campus in the form of the Class of 2020! Today is the first day of Smart Start classes; GSU's third freshman class begins the exciting journey to their degree. Over the next two weeks, these new students will become experienced GSU Jaguars. They'll learn how to navigate the halls, find their classrooms, and when it's the best time to visit the Café.

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend Convocation on Friday, August 26 at 3 p.m. when the university community officially welcomes the Class of 2020. The annual ice cream social follows, where the GSU community has a chance to warmly welcome the new semester with a cool treat.

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.

See pages 7-10 for the complete list of Welcome Week activities.

Convocation 2016 — Nominate Our Best for the Baysore Award

The new academic year 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.
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
- Unfailing Civility

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.

Submit your written nominations via email to Penny Perdue by Monday, August 22 at 5 p.m.

Click here for more information about the Baysore Award and Dr. Baysore.

Prairie Place Welcomes New Residents
Although the official move in date for Prairie Place is Thursday, August 25, some students chose to move in early on Sunday, August 14. More than 30 students got the chance to meet new roommates and set up their rooms. Many of the new residents were freshman preparing for Smart Start classes. A lot of selfies were taken and shared.

Work Smarter Through WorkZone
The Office of Marketing and Communications has updated and improved the process for submitting projects for development in two ways. The first is WorkZone, an online project management tool that enables us to collaborate on projects faster and more efficiently. The second is the introduction of Blake.
Edwards, our new project manager (replacing the recently retired Lindsay Gladstone). Blake will manage your project from the point you submit it through WorkZone to completion.

In order to transition smoothly to the new system, each department should identify one or two people to attend training in WorkZone. The training will take only an hour and participants will learn the new project intake system, workflow, and how we will be using WorkZone to manage projects.

Currently two training dates are scheduled: August 16 and 17, at 9 a.m., in D2430B (The Cube). Please submit the name and email addresses of workshop attendees and the preferred workshop date to Rahsaan Taylor. A confirmation email will be sent to each participant.

**Headshots for Staff and Faculty**
The Office of Marketing and Communications is enhancing the ability for our students (and employees) to become more familiar with the GSU community. On the 1st and 16th of each month we will be taking new employee pictures from noon – 2 p.m. in E1522. Any current staff or faculty member can have their picture taken at that time as well.

Additionally, there will be three days at the beginning of every semester when faculty and staff can have their pictures taken. For the Fall 2016 semester, the dates are August 16, 17, and 18, from noon – 2 p.m., in E1522.

Photos will be used on GSU's website, allowing students and employees to put faces to names much easier. These photos also may possibly be used for other marketing publications.

Registration is not required.

**All Program Open House – September 17**
The university is hosting a graduate and undergraduate program open house on Saturday, September 17, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. in E-Lounge. The open house will showcase the many bachelor’s, master’s, specialist, and doctoral degree programs offered at GSU and provide information on financial aid, admission requirements, housing, and much more.

Prospective students who attend the open house will receive a waiver code for their application fee. Programs requiring application through Centralized Application Services are excluded.

For more information, contact Julie Anderson at 708.534.4086. Register for the open house by September 12.

**Announcements**

**Workshop for Web Content Managers**
Learn how to update current pages, create links, insert images, link to PDFs, and add YouTube videos to your webpages. A hands-on workshop will be held to train content managers on the use of the university’s Content Management System to update and create new content on the GSU website. The workshop will be held on August 17, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, in D2430D (in the Library computer classroom).

Contact Tony De Castro, the university’s Web Design Manager, to register or for more information.

**Café Hours - August 2016**
The hours of operation in the Café have been adjusted for the remainder of August. Please see updated hours on the Café schedule.

**Wanted! 2016 Latino Heritage Month Calendar Submission**
Latino Heritage Month celebrates the history, culture, and contributions of Latinos in our nation and
global society past, present, and future. What began as a week-long observance in 1968 expanded by law to a 30-day period twenty years later in 1988. Latino Heritage Month begins September 15 and ends on October 15. GSU is honored to join the celebration with activities throughout the month.

Please join in the celebration honoring the generations of Latinos who have positively influenced and enriched us. Submit your program proposal online by Friday, August 26. For more information, call ext. 4551 or email diversity@govst.edu.

**2016 Student Employment and Part-Time Job Fair**
Federal Work Study or regular student-employment positions will be showcased at 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. Students planning to attend should 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.

**Balancing Academics with Work, Family, and Other Responsibilities**
Non-traditional students often juggle multiple responsibilities and face unique challenges when pursuing a degree. This program provides keys to successfully balancing academics with everything else. The program, conducted by trained staff from the Counseling Center, will explore topics such as developing effective study habits, fostering mentor/advisor relationships, time management skills, networking, and more.

This program is open to anyone who may have taken some time off before coming back to school, has multiple responsibilities, or who has stress/anxiety over their schedule.

Sessions on balancing academics are offered on two dates to accommodate busy schedules. Attend either session on Wednesday, August 24 from 4 – 5 p.m., or Thursday, September 8 from 6 – 7 p.m. Both programs will be held in the Academic Resource Center.

The program is sponsored by the Counseling Center and Graduate Professional Network. For additional information, contact Matt Gentry.

**Auditions for “Fat Pig”**
Strong performers are asked to bring their best to auditions for “Fat Pig,” to be performed on October 29 and November 3 and 4 at GSU. Actors with depth and range — students and non-students, faculty and staff, novices and veterans — are encouraged to audition.

Auditions will be held on September 9 from 5 to 8 p.m., and September 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at GSU’s Center for Performing Arts. Performance of a memorized one-minute contemporary dramatic monologue and reading from the script will be required. To sign up for an audition or for more information, visit wejoinin.com/sheets/tnhts.

About the play:
“Cow.” “Slob.” “Pig.” How many insults can you hear before you have to stand up and defend the woman you love? Tom faces just that question when he falls for Helen, a bright, funny, sexy young woman who happens to be plus-sized and then some. Forced to explain his new relationship to his shallow (although shockingly funny) friends, Tom comes to terms with his own preconceptions of the importance of conventional good looks. Neil LaBute’s sharply drawn play not only critiques our slavish adherence to Hollywood ideals of beauty but boldly questions our own ability to change what we dislike about ourselves.

For more information, or to express interest working backstage (all kinds of assistance is needed), contact Dr. Patrick Santoro via email, call 708.235.2842, or visit E1541D.

Don’t forget to like us at facebook.com/TAPSGSU.
Governors State University is excited to welcome our students back each semester. During the first week of classes, get familiar with our student organizations, and participate in the exciting activities taking place campus wide. If you need any additional information stop by the Student Life Office A-2100 or contact us at SLCO@govst.edu.

Smart Start Welcome Events

**Monday, August 15:**

- **Where’s My Classes**, 8:30am – 2pm, Hall of Governors

- **Jaguar Welcome Café: Ice Cream Social**, August 15, 11am – 2pm, Hall of Governors

**Tuesday, August 16**

The Jaguar Connection is a long-awaited tool that features student clubs, organizations, and events. It’s a place where students can start or join an organization, or make plans to attend an event. Club leaders can gather contact information, share event dates, and post-election processes for all clubs and organizations. The site also makes it easy for clubs to communicate with each other.
Welcome to Jaguar Nation!

Campus Safety

Veterans and Military Personnel

Welcome Week Events:

- **Service Works: Civic Engagement & Food Insecurities**, Noon – 3:00pm, Hall of Governors

**Wednesday, August 17**

- **Grill & Chill**, 11:00am – 2pm, E-Lounge Patio

**Monday, August 29:**

- **Fall 2016 Classes Start**

- **Where's My Classes?** 8:30am—1:00 pm, 3:00pm – 7:00pm, Hall of Governors

- **Student Life Open House**, 12noon – 4pm, Student Commons

- **LGBTQA 101**, 7:30pm - 8:30pm, Lakeside Lounge

**Tuesday, August 30:**

- **Where's My Classes?** 8:30am—1:00 pm, 3:00pm – 7:00pm, Hall of Governors

- **Student Clubs & Org Fair**, 12noon – 6pm, GSU Lake

- **Secretary of State**, 1pm - 6pm, Hall of Governors

- **Welcome Week Carnival**, 1pm – 5pm, GSU Lake

- **Volleyball vs Indiana University NW**, 7pm, GSU Gymnasium

- **Let's Talk About Sex**, 7:30pm – 9pm, Prairie Place
**Wednesday, August 31:**

- **Where’s My Classes?** 8:30am—1:00 pm, 3:00pm – 7:00pm, Hall of Governors
- **Student Employment Fair**, 2pm - 5 pm, Hall of Governors
- **International Mixer**, 3pm – 5pm, Engbretson Hall

**Thursday, September 1:**

- **Illinois United Student Senate Forum**, 10:00am - Noon
- **Farmer’s Market**, 11am - 5:30pm, GSU Main Entrance
- **GSU Rocks the Vote!** Noon – 6pm, Hall of Governors
- **Turn Up Responsibility**, 7:30pm - 8:30pm, Prairie Place Great Hall

**Friday, September 2:**

- **Welcome Back Party sponsored by Black Student Union**, 10pm – 2am, E-Lounge
- **Mr. and Ms. GSU Information Sessions**, TBD

**Other Key Dates and Events:**

- Labor Day (No Classes) Monday, September 5, 2016
- Volleyball vs Trinity Christian College, Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 7pm, GSU Gymnasium
- Art Exhibition: "Ways of Making: Abstraction" Closing Reception, Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 5-7pm, E-Lounge
• DDP Welcome Back Social, Wednesday, September 7, 2016, 2 – 5pm, Game Lounge

• Study Abroad Information Session for Students, Wednesday, September 7, 2016, 3- 4:30pm, Engbretson Hall

• Day of Remembrance and Service, Monday, September 12, 2016

• Volleyball vs Purdue University Northwest, Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 7pm, GSU Gymnasium

• Study Abroad Information Session for Students, Thursday, September 15, 2016, 3 - 4:30pm, Engbretson Hall

Events listed will be finalized in the upcoming weeks and are subject to change,