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All-Campus Symposium Success

On Friday, September 23, Dr. Alma Clayton-Pedersen, a Senior Scholar with the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) and the CEO of the Emeritus Consulting Group, led an insightful and interactive symposium with close to 125 participants. The symposium focused on inclusivity, diversity, and cultural competencies, and how those concepts can not only flourish at a learning-centered university such as Governors State University but also how to use data to assess the success of our programs and practices to continue improving inclusivity in the diverse environment that is GSU. Resources from this symposium, including Dr. Clayton-Pedersen's PowerPoint presentation, can be found in the portal.

First Meeting for New Campus Inclusion Team

Fresh from Friday's symposium, the newly chartered Campus Inclusion Team charged to advise the President on issues of inclusion, civility, and diversity, will convene its first meeting Friday, September 30.

The CIT, chaired by Dr. Rupert Evans, and composed of students, faculty members, and staff from a wide cross-section of campus units and colleges, will support GSU's continuing commitment to encourage dialogue and collaboration, to handle diversity issues with sensitivity and awareness, and to respect the diverse cultures, backgrounds, and ideas which make up our community.

Storm Ready Campus
Last week GSU held a ceremony to officially announce its designation as a Storm Ready Campus. The designation certifies that GSU has redundant methods of monitoring weather, receiving watches and warnings from the National Weather Service, and disseminating severe weather warnings throughout campus. According to the National Weather Service, GSU is one of 13 colleges and universities in Illinois to earn such designation.

COE Awarded Grant for Behavioral Health Education and Training

Starting this fall, 22 students in the College of Education may be eligible for a $10,000 stipend through the Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) for Paraprofessionals and Professionals program. The grant, recently awarded to the College of Education, aims to close the gap in access to behavioral health care services by increasing the numbers of adequately prepared behavioral health providers entering and continuing practice with at-risk children, adolescents, and transitional-age youth. Applications for the stipend will be emailed to eligible students this week. Special thanks to GSU faculty Drs. Dermer, Wix, Lorelle, Michel, and Dunham for their outstanding work on this grant.

Is Your Contact and Emergency Contact Information Current?

Do we have your most up-to-date contact and emergency contact information? If not please take a moment to make sure we can reach you, or your emergency contact in case of emergency, if there is a university closing or some other event that requires rapid, wide-scale notification of the community.

For Students
Update your contact and emergency contact information in the myGSU portal. The information provided is stored directly in our database and will be used only in case of emergency. Click here for a tutorial on how to update your emergency contact information. The process takes less than 10 minutes.

For Faculty and Staff
Update your contact information by sending an email to Human Resources with a subject line that reads "Update My Contacts."

To update your emergency contact information, go to the myGSU portal. Under Online Services, select "Employees," then select "Employee Profile" and "Emergency Information." You will be able to add and/or edit your contacts. After you enter the information, click "Add Contact." After editing or changing
GSU is the Fourth Most Affordable Online Four-Year College in Illinois

For years, GSU has offered the lowest tuition and fees of any public university in the state of Illinois. Now a new study, published by OnlineColleges.com, a site that publishes information about today's top online colleges and degree programs, recently published an article that ranks Governors State University as the No. 4 most affordable four-year college in Illinois, out of 69 schools! This new study confirms that we are realizing our mission — making a high quality education accessible and affordable.

The Summer I Watched the Cubs

President Elaine P. Maimon's op-ed, "The summer I watched the Cubs," was featured in the Daily Southtown. In the article Dr. Maimon explains how she sees the parallels between Coach Joe Maddon's leadership style and her role as a university president.

And just in case you missed it, President Elaine Maimon was a guest on The Steve Cochran Show last week where she discussed the impact of the Illinois state budget on colleges and public universities. Dr. Maimon also reviewed a book for NPR, The Lesson Plan, which debunks several myths about higher education, while calling attention to the real challenges educational leaders face in the 21st Century.

42nd Annual Student Lincoln Laureate Award

Each year an outstanding senior from each of the four-year, degree-granting institutions of higher learning in Illinois is awarded the Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement Award and becomes the Student Laureate of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois. Student Laureates are honored for their leadership and service in the pursuit of the betterment of humanity and for overall excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities.

2016 award recipients will receive the Lincoln Academy Student Laureate Medallion, a certificate of achievement, and a check for $1000. They will participate in a processional of state, civic, and academic leaders at the award ceremony held in Springfield on Saturday, November 12, in the Old State Capitol. A luncheon will be held in their honor following the ceremony in the Abraham Lincoln Doubletree Hotel.

GSU is accepting nominations for the Lincoln Academy Student Laureate Award from the 2017 graduating class (baccalaureate degree). Self-nominating students must submit a faculty letter of recommendation to be considered. Nominations are due by Friday, October 7. For additional information, contact Student Life at slco@govst.edu or 708.235.7362.

Click here to access the Student Laureate Nomination form.

Secure Money for Your Education

Don't miss your chance to secure money for your education. You are now able to file your 2017 – 18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as early as Oct. 1, 2016. The earlier submission date is a permanent change. You are encouraged to apply early to maximize financial aid opportunities, including the Illinois MAP grant.

Beginning with the 2017 – 18 FAFSA, students will be required to report income information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017 – 18 FAFSA, students/parents will report their 2015 income information, rather than their 2016 income information. This change is referred to as Prior-Prior Year taxes. For assistance, contact Financial Aid.

FAFSA Completion Workshop
For help completing your FAFSA and guidance searching for scholarships, attend one of the FAFSA Workshops sponsored by the Office of Financial Aid and Office of Admissions. The first workshop is on Saturday, October 1 from 10 a.m. – noon. Other dates are scheduled.

Click here to register online.

### Events

**Faculty/Staff vs. Student Basketball Game**

Students, faculty members, and staff: [sign up](#) today to be a member of the Faculty/Staff or Student team for the inaugural Faculty/Staff vs. Student Basketball Game. This event will be held during Spirit Week on Thursday, October 6 from 5 – 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium at GSU. Show your Jaguar Pride and register by Wednesday, September 28 to participate. We look forward to seeing you on the court.

**Male Success Initiative Brotherhood Retreat**

The Male Success Initiative is a multifaceted enrichment program focused on employing strategies to assist in the retention and graduation of Black and Latino male students.

The Brotherhood Retreat promotes self-awareness, unity, academic motivation, leadership, and manhood among participants. Students will be able to come together during the retreat and discuss relevant topics specific to their experiences to catapult them for success.

The Brotherhood Retreat is a free overnight experience (departing Friday, September 30 at 4 p.m. and returning Saturday, October 1 at 5 p.m.) at Camp Manitoqua in Frankfort, IL with lodging, transportation and food provided. Space is limited, so please RSVP for the Brotherhood Retreat by Wednesday, September 28 at [https://govst.collegiatelink.net/form/start/111165](https://govst.collegiatelink.net/form/start/111165).

Confirmations will be sent upon registration.

For more information or questions, please email [msi@govst.edu](mailto:msi@govst.edu) or call 708.534.4551.

**Farmers Market**

The Civic Engagement and Community Service Center presents the Farmers Market September 29 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. outside GSU's Main Entrance. Contact Byron Terry (@ [civicengagement@govst.edu](mailto:civicengagement@govst.edu) for additional information.

**Register and Volunteer for Family & Friends Weekend**

GSU is gearing up for Spirit Week 2016, October 3 – 6, followed by Family & Friends Weekend, October 7 – 8. Please mark your calendar, [register](#) and [sign-up to volunteer](#) for one of the many events scheduled throughout the week.

Family & Friends Weekend provides the semester's first opportunity for students to showcase their new school to family and friends. It's also a weekend for alumni to reconnect with their alma mater. If you're interested in volunteering for this fun-filled weekend, please [sign up](#) by Friday, September 30. Your contribution will make this event a huge success.

**GSU to Host State Universities of Illinois Articulation Conference**

On September 30, GSU will welcome admissions representatives from Illinois public universities and high school guidance counselors to its campus during the annual State Universities of Illinois Articulation Conference. More than 250 guidance counselors will attend the event to learn about programmatic updates, policy changes, and more. The event will take place in the Center for Performing Arts and the
Hall of Governors from 7:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. To participate in the conference, [register online](#).

**Friends of the GSU Library Partner with Potbelly**

Show support for your GSU Library by having dinner at Potbelly this Friday! 25% of all sales at Potbelly in Matteson will go to support the GSU Friends of the Library, Friday, September 30 from 4 – 7 p.m. Potbelly is located at 406 Town Center Drive in Matteson.

**Black Women Rock Planning Committee**

Inspired by BET's Black Girls Rock, "Black Women Rock" (BWR) celebrates the outstanding achievements of African American female students, faculty, and staff at Governors State University as well as community members in surrounding areas. The program will honor the contributions of black women who are making significant impact in their field. Student Life is looking for students, faculty, and staff to serve on the planning committee. If interested, please forward your name, email address, and phone to [diversity@govst.edu](mailto:diversity@govst.edu) by Friday, September 30.

**GSU Hosts 25th Annual National Depression Day Screening**

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**Recovery Coach Training**

The College of Health and Human Services has space available in the next Recovery Coaching Training session. Sessions will be Friday, October 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. 32 CEU's will be given. Please contact [Laura Owens](mailto:Laura.Owens@govst.edu) for more information by phone at 708.235.2134.

**Jaguar Jump Week**

October 10 – 13 is Jaguar Jump Week 2016. The week includes events to help students explore their interests, learn more about GSU's academic programs, and solidify career goals. The week will culminate with a Major Fair with representatives from all GSU undergraduate academic programs on Thursday, October 13 from 3 – 5 p.m. in the E-Lounge.

Workshops and panels include lunch or dinner, and all GSU students are invited to participate. Learn more and [register](#) for the event or [email](mailto:) New Student Programs for more information.

**Chicago Dance Crash Makes GSU First Stop of New National Tour**

Audiences in Chicago's Southland will be the first to experience a contemporary take on the classic struggle between right and wrong depicted in the form of hip hop or street dance. GSU's Center for Performing Arts will welcome Chicago Dance Crash back to its stage to perform the dance theatre piece, Evil and Good on October 22 at 8 p.m. For tickets and information please visit [CenterTickets.net](http://CenterTickets.net) or call 708.235.2222.

**Inclusive Leadership Conference**

Mark your calendar now! The 2016 Inclusive Leadership Conference will be held at GSU on November 11 and 12. The conference is designed to create understanding and appreciation amongst students for diverse identities through social justice education. An increased self-awareness encourages students to be free of misconceptions and prejudices as leaders. The Inclusive Leadership Conference helps
students understand the intersection of leadership, diversity, and social justice.

More information will be shared as the event approaches. You can email diversity@govst.edu with queries.

**Respond to Violence: Social Activism**

Respond to Violence, a multimedia initiative, is partnering with the "Be the Change" movement, both housed in the Center for Civic Engagement and Community Service, for a university-wide spring event focused on social activism. We'll use the "Social Change Model of Leadership Development," which frames ways in which to lead and collaborate to bring about positive sustainable change. We want to engage students around the idea of first changing yourself, then your community and then the world.

Respond to Violence would like to involve staff, faculty members, and students in this "Call to Action: Social Activism and Leadership" event through work in the classroom, on campus, or in community organizations. If you are interested or would like more information, please email ybrown@govst.edu.

**Live Chat Now Available in the Library**

Are you an off-campus student in need of help with your research? Are you in class and discussing a topic that needs immediate clarification? Are you a member of the GSU community in need of specific information, but are not able to come into the library? Your GSU Library is offering LIVE CHAT to meet your needs.

Between the hours of noon and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, visit the library website, www.govst.edu/library, click on the Live Chat widget, and submit your question through Live Chat Instant Messaging. You will be able to submit your question and receive feedback live and in real time.

"This is a service that we have begun to meet the immediate needs of those who are not able to come to the library," said Diane Nadler, GSU Library First Year Liaison and Reference Desk Manager. "We have started with this time frame to determine interest and usage, and we will be monitoring usage to determine if we need to expand or change our hours of service." she said.

If you have questions regarding the GSU Library Live Chat, please contact Diane at dnadler@govst.edu.

Remember, the GSU Library is Your Research Resource 24/7.

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**Highlights**

**Art Professor Javier Chavira awarded top prize in the 73rd Annual Salon Show Exhibition**
Congratulations to professor Javier Chavira for receiving the Helen V. Surovek Memorial Award, carrying with it the top cash prize, for his painting "For Frida" at the South Shore Arts 73rd Annual Salon Show Exhibition. More than 300 entries by artists from Indiana and Cook County were judged for the exhibition. The exhibition continues through November 1st at The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1041 Ridge Road, Munster, IN 46321. For more information, visit [www.southshoreartsonline.org](http://www.southshoreartsonline.org) or call 219.836.1839.

**Theatre and Performance Studies and Media Studies Students Win Top Panel Award**
Students from two new courses focusing on media and performance (one in MST and the other in TAPS) are recipients of the top panel award at this year's Illinois Communication and Theatre Association conference, with the theme of "Let's Get Critical" held Friday and Saturday in Lisle, Ill.

The panel students sat on was "The Critical Intersection of New Media and Performance" and students discussed their ongoing projects alongside Professors Debbie James and Patrick Santoro, who discussed course design, outcomes, and assignments, among other issues.

GSU Faculty Members Participate in Art Show
Art faculty from seven area colleges and universities have been invited to show their artwork at the Tall Grass Arts Association College Art Faculty Show.

The GSU faculty who are participating are Geoffrey Bates, Javier Chavira, Jane Hudak, Gretchen Jankowski, Jeff Stevenson, Charity White, Marjorie Woodruff and Vivian Zapata.

The College Art Faculty Show opens September 30 and runs through November 5 at Tall Grass Arts Association, 367 Artists Walk, Park Forest, IL.

The Opening Reception is Friday, September 30, 7 – 9 p.m. In addition, there is an Artists’ Talk Saturday, October 8, 1 – 3 p.m. where Javier Chavira will be speaking.

For more information, please visit http://www.tallgrassarts.org/.

**Workshops and Trainings**

**GSU STAR Account set-up for faculty and advisors**

The STAR Student Success Network is an online platform currently available for freshmen, sophomores,
and juniors designed to improve student success and facilitate communication among students, faculty, and advisors across campus. The STAR Student Success Network gives undergraduate students a palette of tools that connects students with faculty, advisors, and GSU services in their individual success network — all at their fingertips.

Faculty and advisors of undergraduate students who haven't set up their STAR accounts are encouraged to attend one of the workshops below.

**Tuesday, September 27, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in D2430F**
**Wednesday, September 28, 12:30 – 2 p.m. in D2430H**
**Monday, October 3, 2 – 3:30 p.m. in D2430C**
**Thursday, October 6, 2 – 3:30 p.m. in D2430C**
**Tuesday, October 11, 1 – 2:30 p.m. in D2430H**
**Thursday, October 13, 1 – 2:30 p.m. in D2430C**
**Wednesday, October 19, 2 – 3:30 p.m. in D2430F**
**Thursday, October 20, 2 – 3:30 p.m. in D2430C**

For more information please visit the GSU STAR Student Success Network Resources site in the myGSU portal or contact Karen Stuenkel with your workshop questions.

**Faculty Profile Page Update Made Easier**

Faculty members: did you know posting your profile on the GSU website can yield higher search engine results for you? Since GSU's website employs Google Search as its engine, posting your profile means any searches for you, your areas of expertise, or even keywords within your CV will result in a higher search engine listing result for your profile.

This also means that academic colleagues, as well as those within your research community with shared fields of interest, can learn more about you and the breadth of your work in one centralized academic location. In addition, your areas of expertise will be easily discernable to media members seeking subject-matter experts for commentary and insight.

Finally, you can facilitate contact through other channels by presenting your professional personal website or social media presence as part of your profile.

[Click on this link for the online submission form](#) by October 28 and we will have your profile up within a matter of days.

In addition, The Office of Marketing & Communications will be taking headshots in E1522, between noon and 2 p.m. on October 3 and 17, November 1 and 16, and December 1 and 16.

**Global Lunch Lecture Series**

The Office of International Services continues to provide enrichment to the GSU community by sponsoring its Global Lunch Lecture Series. Please join us for one or more of these enlightening topics.

**Wednesday, September 28, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the E-Lounge**  
Blood Among Brothers: American Mid-East Policy in the Sunni-Shiite Feud  
Associate Professor of Public Policy & Political Science, Dr. Khalil Marrar

**Wednesday, October 19, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Hall of Honors**  
U.S. – Cuba Relations: Where We are Today  
Assistant Professor of History & Social Sciences, Dr. Ellie Walsh

**Wednesday, November 30, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the E-Lounge**  
Peace Corps Ethiopia: "Yechallal!" (It is possible!)  
Former Peace Corp Volunteer and Foreign Credential Evaluator, Shelley Tekeste

**Work Smarter Through WorkZone**
Submitting your event flyer, promotional post card, ceremony program, or event brochure has become a whole lot easier. The Office of Marketing and Communications has updated and improved the process for submitting projects for development with WorkZone, an online project management tool that enables us to collaborate on projects faster and more efficiently.

In order to transition smoothly to the new system, the Office of Marketing and Communications is presenting one-hour orientation and training sessions. Each department should identify one or two people to attend training in WorkZone.

Two training dates are scheduled for this week: Wednesday, September 28 and Thursday, September 29, at 9:30 a.m. in D2430C (The Cube). Please submit the name and email addresses of workshop attendees and the preferred workshop date to Blake Edwards at bedwards6@govst.edu. A confirmation email will be sent to each participant.

Office of Sponsored Programs and Research Offers Workshops

OSPR will host two workshops this Fall:

Proposal Basics: Finding Funding, Proposal Preparation, Budgeting and Compliance will be presented by Ebony Jones, Sponsored Program Specialist, Wednesday, October 12, from 10 a.m. – noon in D2401B.

Institutional Review Board Process at GSU will be presented by David Rhea, Renee Theiss, and Marco Kractovich Wednesday, November 2, from 10 – 11 a.m. in D34050.

RSVP and questions can be directed to ospr@govst.edu. Ebony Jones can be contacted at 708.235.7317 for additional questions.

Do you have a story or event you want to submit for the GSU View?  
Click here to learn about our submission guidelines.
Chicago, IL, September 20, 2016

GSU Hosts 25th Annual National Depression Day Screening

To increase awareness and encourage early intervention for mood and anxiety disorders, Governors State University is hosting a campus-wide National Depression Screening Day®, an annual campaign to bring public attention to the critical needs of students living with depression and other mood disorders. The screening event will be held in the Hall of Governors on Thursday, October 6 from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and will mark twenty-five years of large-scale mental health screening efforts by Screening for Mental Health, a Boston-area non-profit.

Similar to many physical illnesses, early recognition and treatment offers the best opportunity for recovery from mental illness. The anonymous and confidential screening tool is designed to help students examine any thoughts or behaviors that may be associated with depression, generalized anxiety disorder, bipolar disorder, or posttraumatic stress disorder. After completing the self-assessment, students will be able to talk to a mental health professional and receive treatment information through Governors State University, if necessary.

About Screening for Mental Health

Screening for Mental Health, Inc. (SMH), the pioneer of large-scale mental health screening for the public, provides innovative mental health and substance abuse resources, linking those in need with quality treatment options. SMH programs, offered online and in-person, educate, raise awareness, and screen individuals for depression, bipolar disorder, generalized anxiety disorder, posttraumatic stress disorder, eating disorders, alcohol use disorders, and suicide. Thousands of organizations worldwide including hospitals, military installations, colleges, secondary schools, corporations, utilize our educational and screening programs, and in turn, have reached millions of people ranging from teenagers to adults.

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For more information about Screening for Mental Health, visit www.MentalHealthScreening.org.

There is an increasing number of college students who are arriving on campus with mental health issues. The Governors State University Counseling Center’s goals for this event are to help identify students who may be struggling with depression or other mood disorders and connect them with quality, treatment options early on.