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A newsletter for students, faculty & staff



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## News

### President Holds Town Hall Meeting

In a March 23 message to the GSU community, President Maimon reported on the current situation in Springfield and informed the GSU community about the [university's next steps](#) (see page 5) in ensuring that GSU continues to operate with a balanced budget in FY17.

### President's Challenge Extended

It's not too late to donate! President and Dr. Maimon's dollar-for-dollar match period has been extended until April 29.

### GSU Ranks High Nationally on Risk-Reward Indicator Assessment

Governors State ranked 49 out of over 1,000 colleges and universities nationwide in an analysis of risk versus reward in higher education.

### Online Master's in Substance Abuse and Addiction Counseling Nationally Ranked

GSU's online program for a Master's Degree in in Substance Abuse and Addictions Counseling received a national accolade as one of the [best programs](#) of its kind by Best Counseling Degrees.

## Announcements

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## Book Exchange

There are two boxes set up where students can drop off text books they're no longer using for a university-wide book exchange.

## Withdrawal Deadline

The deadline to withdraw from a full-semester class is Thursday, March 31.

## Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Across the country, April is designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

## Research Day

GSU Research Day is happening on Friday, April 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Eurydice

TAPS presents a fresh retelling of the timeless Greek tale of Orpheus, told here through the eyes of the heroine, [Eurydice](#).

## Bill Deering, Motivational Speaker

Bill Deering, a unique motivational speaker, will address the topics of teamwork, overcoming adversity, self-acceptance, overcoming bullying, leadership, and mental toughness.

## Stand 4 Abilities Obstacle Course

Participate in an obstacle course that allows you to 'experience' the struggles and challenges of a 'dis'ability and learn to see how people adapt to newfound abilities.

## Disability & Wellness Resource Fair

Students, families, and employers can meet with representatives from local, regional, and state agencies that provide assistance for individuals and families with alternative needs in our community.

## Maria Finitzo, Award-Winning Filmmaker at GSU

GSU welcomes a truly accomplished American filmmaker on Wednesday, April 6, at noon in Screening Room F1622.

## Language Expert, Fulbright Scholar on Campus

Dr. Pius W. Akumbu, a Fulbright Visiting Research Scholar in Linguistics, will present "Language Policy and Practices in Cameroon" on Wednesday, April 6 at 5 p.m. in the E-Lounge.

## Alcohol Screening Day

Free, anonymous screenings for alcohol abuse will be available in the Hall of Governors on Thursday, April 7 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Early Reading Competition

The Student Education Association of GSU has partnered with a local learning academy to present an elementary reading competition in the Center for Performing Arts on Wednesday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## GSU Dance Festival

TAPS brings the grace and drama of dance to GSU on Thursday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts during the [Second Annual Governors State Dance Festival](#).

## InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

This student-led faith group invites members and interested parties to join them on Friday, April 8 from 6 to 7 p.m. in F1622 for a praise and celebration meeting.

## Career and Internship Fair

Get a jump on post-graduation and summer internships and employment at the Spring Career and Internship Fair on Thursday, April 14 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Hall of Governors and Performing Arts Lobby.

## Graduate Program Fair

On Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., GSU will host a Graduate Program Fair in the E-Lounge.

## School Psychology Master's Program

Applications are being accepted for the Fall 2016 cohort in GSU's four-year, part-time School Psychology Master's program.

## Summer Courses

Registration is open for summer courses at GSU. Don't miss out on this opportunity to keep your education moving over the summer.

## Dining Hall Survey

The GSU dining partner, Arena Food Service is seeking your opinion and feedback to help make the dining program meet your needs.

## Faculty Highlights

### Master of Health Science in Communication Disorders Reaccredited

Congratulations are extended to the faculty, staff, and students of Governors State's [Master of Health Science in Communication Disorders](#) program.

## Faculty Authors

GSU's Library will honor faculty authors and sponsored grant recipients with a reception on Wednesday, April 13 on the GSU Library Balcony from 2 to 4 p.m.

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Date: March 23, 2016

To: GSU Faculty and Staff

From: Elaine P. Maimon, President

Re: FY17 Budget Process

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As we are all well aware, the budget crisis in Springfield continues, and a date for resolution of the crisis is unknown. GSU, along with all other public universities, has received no state appropriated funds since July 1, 2015.

By increasing enrollment, developing new programs, and careful planning and management of its available resources, including reserves, the university has been able to continue our excellent academic programs and services to our students. With strict restrictions on replacement and new hires, the university has also been able to sustain the employees who provide that instruction and service.

Our commitment to our students and the academic programs we all provide continues, as does our commitment to careful planning for the university's financial resources. Given the length of the budget crisis, this planning must now include discussions and consideration of possible actions that could impact some employees. For this reason we will shortly invite discussions with the collective bargaining representatives, the administrative unit heads, PBAC, and the senates geared toward steps the university may have to take, after consultation or negotiation as appropriate, to effect a reduction in personnel costs and allow GSU to continue to operate on a balanced budget in FY17. We are in a planning mode, no specific decisions have been made, but we must think about and plan for the university's future in very uncertain times.

I am writing to you now to continue the open conversation I have maintained with you and to keep you advised about the university's financial position. As the discussions I've described above begin and continue, I will schedule another town hall meeting in the next several weeks so that I can speak with you directly, hear your concerns, and address your questions. These have been very difficult times for our students, our employees, and our institution. Let me repeat what I have said many times before: Governors State University will stay open. Any action that we undertake will be in the interest of the long-term health and stability of our university. Thank you all for your work and for your support of GSU as we continue forward.