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News

Submit Proposals Now for April 7 GSU Research Day

Friday, April 7, will be GSU Research Day, an opportunity to celebrate the research and creative works of our faculty, staff, and students. Presentation formats include individual and panel presentations, poster presentations, "authors' corner" displays, and creative works and research demonstrations/workshops. All topics of research and scholarly activities from all academic disciplines are welcomed. Information about the GSU Research Day proposal process is [here](http://gsunews.govst.edu/gsu-research-day/preview/248cf3ea528c06e1994f22a67143b1c07a25a48c) (<http://gsunews.govst.edu/gsu-research-day/preview/248cf3ea528c06e1994f22a67143b1c07a25a48c>). Proposals are due by **Friday, February 24**.

Student Letter to State Government

The student government associations at many of the colleges and universities in Illinois have collaborated on an [open letter](http://gsunews.govst.edu/letter-to-state-government/preview/7a11888e964b6f7f6b5360b70dbda9d5813020aa) (<http://gsunews.govst.edu/letter-to-state-government/preview/7a11888e964b6f7f6b5360b70dbda9d5813020aa>) to Governor Rauner and the leaders of the state legislature concerning the budget crisis and its effect on education. The letter requests a meeting between the leaders and the student representatives to discuss problems and solutions.

The letter says, "Your responsibility as elected representatives is to serve the residents of Illinois, and our roles as student body presidents require us to advocate for quality education at our universities. Neither of us will be able to accomplish our respective goals if we do not work together." GSU's Student Senate President, Justin Smith, is one of the 20 signatories to the letter.

Graduating This Spring? Tell Your GSU Story

Attention 2017 Graduates! Do you have a fantastic GSU story that you'd like to share? The Office of Marketing and Communications wants to give you an opportunity to tell it on camera for posterity. Details and more information are [here](http://www.govst.edu/share-your-story/) (<http://www.govst.edu/share-your-story/>).

Register Now for Spring 2017 Graduate Fair

On Saturday, February 25, the annual Spring Graduate Fair will be held in the E Lounge from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Even if you haven't made up your mind yet about pursuing graduate studies, you should attend. And you should bring a friend! Prospective students will meet with representatives from the programs in all four colleges and attend information sessions on financial aid, GRE, and GSU programs. The [registration](http://www.govst.edu/grad-openhouse/) (<http://www.govst.edu/grad-openhouse/>) deadline is February 22.

Free Textbook Exchange



Students, did you know that there is a free student Textbook Exchange on the Library balcony? The Textbook Exchange is open during regular library hours. Students are invited to visit the Library balcony and scope out the Textbook Exchange shelves to determine if there are any books of interest. The books are free, and students may take them as needed. “We suggest that if a student is going to take a textbook that they offer one in exchange when they can,” Library Dean Lydia Morrow Ruetten said.

New Survey for Will County Residents

A confidential [online survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/willcosurvey) (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/willcosurvey>) for residents of Will County is being conducted by Mobilization for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP). The survey gives residents the opportunity to offer opinions on topics such as employment, safety, transportation, health, and much more. GSU students, faculty, and staff who live in Will County (looking at you now, Prairie Placers) are encouraged to take the survey.

Workshops & Trainings

This week’s [schedule of opportunities](http://gsunews.govst.edu/workshops-and-training-oppo/preview/0e8930bfc4328ea9bc13bfbe19bbee3e3df7125f) (<http://gsunews.govst.edu/workshops-and-training-oppo/preview/0e8930bfc4328ea9bc13bfbe19bbee3e3df7125f>) includes the following:

- Content Management System (CMS) Training Workshop on Wednesday, February 15, 10:30 a.m. to noon, in D2430B (in the Cube). Learn how to use the CMS to update and create new content on the GSU public website.
- Faculty: If you haven’t had your headshot photograph taken, please refer to the schedule and pick a time.
- Student Employees: Attend three Career Service workshops, receive your Certificate of Professional Development, and get a chance at a \$50 gift certificate from the GSU Bookstore!

Valentine’s Day

Happy Valentine’s Day from the Cashier’s Office

Stop by the Cashier’s Office between 2 and 4 p.m. on **Tuesday, February 14**, for some Valentine’s Day treats! This is our way of saying that we appreciate you and we wish you a Happy Valentine’s Day!

A Mr. & Ms. GSU Valentine



Celebrate Valentine's Day with Mr. & Ms. GSU and get a free hug on **Tuesday, February 14**, from 1 – 3 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. Contact ksledge@govst.edu (<mailto:ksledge@govst.edu>) with questions.

Announcements and Events

Black History Month

February is Black History Month, a time to remember important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. In 1976, the previous one-week observance was expanded into Black History Month as part of the U.S. Bicentennial and was officially recognized by the U.S. government. At that time, President Gerald Ford urged all Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” The full schedule of events and programs for celebrating Black History Month at GSU is [here](http://www.govst.edu/diversity) (<http://www.govst.edu/diversity>).

Professional Learning Series

To help all students, alumni, and staff thrive in today’s diverse workplace, the Office of Career Services is offering the [Professional Learning series](http://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/Career_Services/Upcoming_Events_and_Career_Fairs/) (http://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/Career_Services/Upcoming_Events_and_Career_Fairs/), a collection of workshops to address topics that may influence the overall well-being of the working professional. Please join us for Natural Hair in the Workplace on Wednesday, February 15, from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the Hall of Honors.

Faculty Research Presentations: Department of Biology

Undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to attend the BCS Seminar Series for Biology Faculty Research Presentations on **Thursday, February 16**, in F1622. Refreshments will be served from 3 – 3:30 p.m. and presentations will be from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Heart 2 Heart with Mr. & Ms. GSU



February is American Heart Month. To raise awareness of heart disease and encourage the GSU community to do the same, Mr. GSU, Ju'Juan Day, alongside Ms. GSU, Ashley Palacios, invite you to wear RED each Friday. Visit their information table on **Thursday, February 16**, from noon – 2 p.m. in the Hall of Governors for tools to lower your risk of heart disease. Contact ksledge@govst.edu (<mailto:ksledge@govst.edu>) for inquiries.

Friday–February–Food–Friends of the Library

This **Friday, February 17**, bring your appetite and your wallet to the Potbelly Sandwich Shop in Matteson. From 4 – 7 p.m., 25 percent of all sales will go to support the GSU Friends of the Library. The Matteson Potbelly is at 406 Town Center Drive and the phone is 708.228.5502.

Soul of GSU Competition

The Soul of GSU is a food competition for students, faculty, staff, and administration to showcase who can prepare the best soul food dishes. Participants are asked to prepare a dish that will serve 50 people. [Register \(https://govst.collegiatelink.net/form/start/119024\)](https://govst.collegiatelink.net/form/start/119024) by **Friday, February 17**, to participate.

Black Women Rock!



An impressive [list of students, faculty, and staff \(http://gsunews.govst.edu/5th-annual-black-women-rock-awards-ceremony/preview/9288879173db2b9028efba108fff8072c85ab11b\)](http://gsunews.govst.edu/5th-annual-black-women-rock-awards-ceremony/preview/9288879173db2b9028efba108fff8072c85ab11b) will be honored and celebrated at the [5th Annual Black Women Rock Awards Ceremony \(http://gsunews.govst.edu/black-women-rock-2017/\)](http://gsunews.govst.edu/black-women-rock-2017/) on **Saturday, February 18**, at 6 p.m. in the CPA. For more information call 708.534.4551 or email diversity@govst.edu (<mailto:diversity@govst.edu>).

College Survival Tips from SEA Leaders

On **Tuesday, February 21**, from 4 – 6 p.m. in the E-Lounge, Student Education Association (SEA) leader Lexi Marquardt will lead a Student Success Panel. All students are welcome. The discussion topic for the event is how to survive college. SEA panelists will provide tips and helpful information on how to get organized, manage time, and collegiate involvement. Attendees may ask questions and share their experiences in college. Those attending can enjoy a free taco bar. The evening will be a great opportunity to meet SEA members, enjoy food, and gain helpful strategies to succeed at college.

Male Success Initiative Spring Kickoff Meeting

The Male Success Initiative (MSI) will kick off the spring semester by hosting a recruiting session for all interested students on **Wednesday, February 22**, at 6 p.m. in the Hall of Honors. The mission of the MSI is to improve enrollment, retention, and graduation rates among males of color here at GSU, through (on- and off-campus) engagement, awareness, and academic support. We invite all who are interested to attend, to see what the MSI has in store.

Watch Two Must-See Films

Attend the [free screening \(http://gsunews.govst.edu/starving-the-beast--stranded-by-the-state/preview/0c4e65d47e0372a05900b21f12a3364580205d49\)](http://gsunews.govst.edu/starving-the-beast--stranded-by-the-state/preview/0c4e65d47e0372a05900b21f12a3364580205d49) of two important films that examine national and state trends of underfunding higher education. Watch [*Starving the Beast*](#)

[\(http://www.starvingthebeast.net/\)](http://www.starvingthebeast.net/) and *Stranded by the State* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CVeLcFzD8Xo>), **Wednesday, February 22**, at 5 p.m. in F1622. The films will be followed by a panel discussion with one of the film's producers and GSU faculty from 6:45 – 7:30 p.m.

Seeking Shero Workshop Proposals

The Shero Women's Leadership Symposium will be held on Friday, March 31. We are currently accepting workshop proposals for this awesome event that allows women to share stories and experiences that will empower them, increase resilience, and promote opportunities in their personal and professional development. [Submit your workshop proposal \(https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sheroworkshop\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sheroworkshop) by **Friday, February 24**. For more information, call 708.534.4551 or email diversity@govst.edu (<mailto:diversity@govst.edu>).

Call to Action: Social Activism and Leadership



Respond to Violence, a multimedia initiative, is hosting a TED-Talk-inspired program, *Respond to Violence: Social Activism* (<http://gsunews.govst.edu/respond-to-violence-social-activism/preview/1b9e0ae149c343ac94ab474d8de6ad0aee20ef55>), on **Wednesday, March 1**, from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. in Studio A. The program will be based on *the Social Change Model of Leadership*, which frames ways to lead and collaborate to bring about positive sustainable change. Register [here \(https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DMM8HMF\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DMM8HMF) to attend. For more information about the event, please email ybrown@govst.edu. (<mailto:ybrown@govst.edu>)

New Year, New Location—Invitation to Join Program Council

Think you have what it takes to plan events and activities on campus? Well, we are interested to see what talents and skills you have to make the Program Council even better at serving GSU and the students it represents! If you are interested in becoming a member, attend a meeting at 3:30 p.m. in B2200 every Tuesday. Please email ksledge@govst.edu (<mailto:ksledge@govst.edu>) with questions. Hope to see you soon!

A Meal for Your Ears and More

The **S**outhland **A**rts, **M**unicipalities and **B**usiness **A**lliance (SAMBA) will present the Chicago Southland's "Let Them Eat Jazz" Festival (<http://www3.govst.edu/samba/>) as its inaugural project, bringing together more than 15 organizations, 9 venues, 5 hotels, and multiple restaurants in a 72-day festival of jazz and food.

The festival will kick off with the 29th Annual Prairie State College Jazz Festival on February 17 and close at Governors State University's Center for Performing Arts with Orbert Davis' Chicago Jazz Philharmonic on April 29 (http://www.govst.edu/About/Center_for_Performing_Arts/All_Events_by_Date/The_Monk_Meets_the_First_Lady/).

The 70+ days in between will showcase events, all celebrating 100 years of jazz in unique ways, through visual arts, sculpture, choral and instrumental ensembles, themed jazz dinners, brunches, and more.

Study in China this Summer

GSU's partner school in China, Hangzhou Normal University (HNU), is offering 12 scholarships for GSU students to join their Summer China Studies Program. The dates of the program are July 4 – 21 and the application deadline is March 1. For more information and to apply, click [here](#) (http://www.govst.edu/About/International/Education_Abroad/Students/Partner_School_Study_Abroad_Programs/) or contact Amy Schoenberg at aschoenberg@govst.edu (<mailto:aschoenberg@govst.edu>).

Alternative Spring Break

Students will visit Biloxi, Mississippi from March 12 – 17 for [Alternative Spring Break](#) (https://govst.collegiatelink.net/organization/volunteer_hours/calendar/details/1152226). Join us for a week full of service, culture, and fun. Email btery3@govst.edu (<mailto:btery3@govst.edu>) if interested.

Get Your Team Together for Relay for Life

Join us on April 28 as we raise money for the Relay for Life. Students, faculty, and staff create teams and fundraise all year long for the cause. Interested in creating a team? Email btery3@govst.edu (<mailto:btery3@govst.edu>) for more information.

Sign Up for Group Study Rooms in the Library

Two group study/collaboration rooms are now available in the Library for GSU students to use during Library hours. The rooms, D2401D and D2401F, are designed to give groups of two or more students a place to work together and collaborate. Reservation instructions and details are [here](#) (http://opus.govst.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1042&context=library_411#page=2).

Do you have a story or event you want to submit for the GSU View? [Click here to learn about our submission guidelines.](#) (<http://www3.govst.edu/adecastro/GSUview/guidelines.html>)



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