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Fall Semester
Registration
Through August 25

Meditation
Thursdays
2:30 p.m.
D 34150
Free

Alcoholics
Anonymous
(AA)
Thursdays
6 - 7 p.m.
A2150

Ways of Making
Juried Art Exhibit
Through June 23
Reception
June 23
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Visual Arts Gallery

Pre-K Screening/
Registration/Tours
June 12, 13
9 a.m. to 2
Family Dev Cntr
708.235.7300

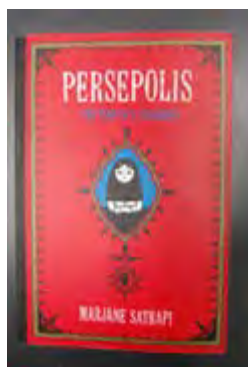
Sex in the Sand
Counseling Workshop
June 21
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Engbretson Hall
[Register](#)

New Perspectives on
Desire
Counseling Workshop
June 22
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
E Lounge
[Register](#)

News and Events

Book Talk (10-31-11)

Join the discussion on *Persepolis*, this semester's One Book, One University selection. A panel discussion on *Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood*, by Marjane Satrapi, takes place Tuesday, November 1, in the Cafeteria Annex.



Panelists are faculty members Sandra Gandy, JoAnne Smith, and Jason Zingsheim. Provost Terry Allison will moderate the discussion. Refreshments will be served.

Wise, funny, and heartbreaking, *Persepolis* is Marjane Satrapi's memoir of growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution, told in powerful black-and-white comic strip images.

The One Book, One University series is sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee. For more information, contact [Lydia Morrow Ruetten](#) at ext. 4116.

Undergraduate Instant Admission Day

Prospective undergraduate students, with the proper transcripts, can be admitted on the spot to GSU at Instant Admission Day on Saturday, November 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

GSU faculty, academic advisors, and financial aid counselors will be on hand to meet with prospective students about the university, specific undergraduate programs, and financial aid. Students have the option of attending group sessions or meeting with staff personnel on a one-to-one basis. Campus tours and refreshments will be available.

Eid Mubarak! Happy Eid!

The GSU Muslim Student Association (MSA) is hosting an Eid celebration and awareness event on November 7, at 6 p.m. and November 8, at 3 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Everyone is invited to learn more about the holiday and the Muslim faith as well as enjoy Middle Eastern appetizers and refreshments.

Asalamu'alakum. Peace be upon you.

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IDSS Portfolio Seminar
College Credit for Prior Learning
June 23
10 a.m. – noon
D1496
\$50
[Register](#)
708.534.4092

Chicago Southland Gospel Fest 2012
June 29
7:30 p.m.
Cntr Perf Arts
[Tickets](#)

DrOT Information Session
June 30
2 p.m.
G127

NSSLHA Film Screening

The GSU Chapter of the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association will be showing *The King's Speech* on Tuesday, November 1, at 7:30 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby. A question and answer session will follow the movie.

Admission is free, but donations will benefit the Stuttering Foundation. This event was made possible through a GSU Intellectual Life Grant.

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Director of "Flow" at GSU

Sonita L. Surratt, director of *Flow*, cast members and GSU English Professor Rashidah Muhammad will discuss the powerful narrative that runs through *Flow* and the meaning behind the play on Wednesday, November 9, at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

The distinguished lecture is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences. For more information, contact [Sheree Sanderson](#).

If You Give a Moose a Muffin

Find out if a moose will really eat a muffin in this wonderful production of *If you Give a Moose a Muffin*, by The Magik Theatre. The curtain rises on Sunday, November 13, at 1 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts.

In this hilarious sequel to the 2009 runaway hit *If You Give a Mouse a*

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Cookie, the young host is again run ragged by a surprise visitor. If a big, hungry moose comes to visit, you might give him a muffin to make him feel at home. If you give him a muffin, he'll want some jam to go with it.

Tickets are from \$10.50 to \$15.50. Birthday party packages are also available. Tickets may be purchased at 708.235.2222, tickets@govst.edu, or by visiting the CPA box office.

For more information about this and other Center shows, visit the [Center's website](#).

Graduate CBPA Program Open House

CBPA is hosting a graduate programs open house on Saturday, November 12, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Faculty, advisors, administrators, and current students will be on hand to discuss master's degree programs in accounting, business administration (MBA), management information systems, and public administration. Participants will also be able to apply for program admission. Campus tours will be offered and breakfast will be served.

The free event is open to the public. For more information or to RSVP please call 708.534.4391 or e-mail BPAINFO@govst.edu.

Arts and Crafts Time

The Civil Service Senate is sponsoring its annual Arts and Crafts Fair on November 15, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. All proceeds from this event benefit the Civil Service Senate Educational Assistance Fund. The event is free and open to the public.

Artisans and crafters are needed for the fair. Set-up time begins at 9 a.m. on the day of the event. To register or for further information, contact [Kathy Miller](#) at 708.534.4561, or [Karen Stuenkel](#) at 708.534.4120.

Grow Your Own Grows to Success

Now in its sixth year, the Grow Your Own Initiative is a partnership that works successfully to prepare qualified elementary school teachers who are committed to teaching in targeted high need schools in the community. The partners are GSU, Prairie State College, the Illinois Board of Higher Education, and five local school districts. Program participants are leaders in their community, paraprofessionals, or employees in local school districts, and residents of diverse

communities where school staffing is sometimes difficult.

Through a grant by the State of Illinois that provides forgivable loans, candidates receive the financial support they need to complete a bachelor's degree in elementary education. During the program, they attend monthly seminars, participate in local community projects, and commit to teach in hard to staff schools in their community.

Since its inception, GSU has graduated seven teachers from the program, all of which are currently employed as full time teachers or substitutes in local communities. Currently, there are 15 program participants attending class, partnering with school districts, and working toward their degrees.

New Trustees (10-27-11)

Governor Pat Quinn recently announced the appointment of two new members to the GSU Board of Trustees and the reappointment of veteran trustee Jack Beaupre of Bourbonnais. The two new trustees are Brian Mitchell of Flossmoor and Eileen Durkin of Chicago.

Mitchell is the Chief Administrative Officer of the village of Matteson. He was previously a manager for the Cook County Bureau of Human Resources and program director for PSI Services.

Durkin has been president and chief executive officer of Neumann Family Services since 2000. She was previously executive director of the Howard Brown Health Center.

Beaupre, a former member of the Illinois House Representatives, has served on the GSU board since 2000.

2011-12 PBAC Membership

The members of the 2011-2012 Planning and Budget Advisory Council (PBAC) were announced today in a memo from Dr. Maimon. PBAC's work on next year's planning and budgetary process and fee structure begins at its first meeting on November 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

View [Dr. Maimon's memo](#).

President Maimon Elected to AASCU Board



GSU President Elaine P. Maimon has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). Dr. Maimon, GSU's President since 2007, will serve on the AASCU Board from 2012 to 2015. She will join other college and university leaders from across the United States on the board.

AASCU, celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2011, is a Washington-based higher education association of nearly 420 public colleges, universities, and higher education systems. Its members share a culture of learning and teaching, a historic commitment to underserved student populations, and creativity that

advances their regions' economic progress and cultural development.

Dr. Maimon said Governors State University shares many of the goals that AASCU pursues on a national basis. "I am honored to be elected by my presidential peers to this national board," she said. "AASCU in its representation of regional public universities promotes the work that we do at Governors State University. Our concept of the university as a public square is a further development of the AASCU concept of 'stewards of place.' My leadership role in AASCU will help promote GSU as a model 21st century university."

Freshman Initiative Gains Support

Support is growing for GSU's plan to admit freshman and sophomore students to the university. In recent weeks, the proposal has been endorsed by the Faculty Senate, Student Senate, Civil Service Senate, and Village of University Park.

"The initiative of accepting freshmen to GSU is important to the development of the university within the region," said Student Senate President Lisa Wallace. "It will enhance our outreach, academic program, and economic growth, which will allow us to offer diverse educational options to students. GSU is predicated on the premise that we offer a quality education at an affordable price, and this allows us to continue forward with that paradigm on a larger scale." The Student Senate adopted a resolution supporting the freshman initiative on Sept. 20.

University Park Village Board members unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing the proposal at their September 27 meeting. Mayor Vivian Covington signed the document. University Park's resolution calls the freshman initiative "the next logical step in fulfilling the Illinois Public Agenda, which calls for state educational institutions to offer a variety of affordable, high quality options that lead to success for Illinois students." Admitting freshmen at GSU, and also offering on-campus housing, will bring more quality educational opportunities to all communities located in the Southland, the region, and the state, the resolution states.

GSU's regional community college partners have also lent their support to the initiative. In a letter sent to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Dr. Eric Radtke, President of Prairie State College, stated "I am confident that Governors State will become a stronger institution, and we look forward to continuing our long history of partnership and collaboration in service to our students and community."

GSU is the only exclusively upper division public university in the Midwest, and one of only five in the U.S. Under GSU's proposal, a cohort of 270 freshman students will be admitted in Fall 2014. After a few years, GSU is likely to have a maximum of 1,000 freshmen and sophomores. The Illinois Board of Higher Education is expected to vote on GSU's freshman initiative in December.

GSU Phi Alpha Students Give Back

Members and perspective members of the social work national honors society, Phi Alpha, volunteered at the Hope Presbyterian Church in Chicago. The GSU students assisted staff during the church's

meal service program by helping prepare and serve the food.

The students enjoyed their volunteer work and were glad to have the opportunity to give back to the community. Their participation was greatly appreciated by Pastor Leslie Sanders who told them he was excited to have so many social workers in his midst. The Phi Alpha members also had the opportunity to meet with State Representative Esther Golar (D – 6th District).



Reception After Ailey II



The Visual Arts Gallery at GSU is the place to be on Friday, October 28, after the Ailey II dance performance at the Center for Performing Arts. The Gallery will host a reception for the performers and audience members and visitors are welcome to join the fun.

The reception begins immediately following the performance, around 10 p.m. There will be a cash bar and complimentary refreshments.

While at the reception, you can enjoy the gallery's current exhibit, "Ways of Making: Work on Paper." The exhibit features the work of Michelle Grabner, Zachary Davis Mory, Allison Svoboda and Matthew Woodward who create primary and significant work using paper. The exhibit continues through November 11.

Campus Community Campaign Raffle Winner



The first winner in the weekly Campus Community Campaign raffle is Christa Mitchell of the Family Development Center. Christa's raffle ticket was selected at random. She and a guest will enjoy two tickets to Alvin Ailey II on Friday, October 28, at 8 p.m., at the Center for Performing Arts.

During the Campus Community Campaign, Institutional Advancement will draw a ticket from the Campaign raffle bowl. Each weekly winner receives two free tickets at a Center for Performing Arts performance.

Remember to see your Campus Community Campaign volunteer for your raffle ticket or stop by the Development Office. In addition to providing raffle tickets, the volunteers can also help guide you through the easy Campus Community Campaign donation process. Each donation to the campaign is another step toward helping our students attain their educational goals and the university fulfill its mission.

Campus Community Campaign volunteers are Ayita Woods, Human Resources; Kathleen Miller, Institutional Research and Provost's Office; Victoria Lloyd, Digital Learning and Media Design; Christine Hefner, Family Development Center; Sheryl Jones-Harper, Business Office;

Collice King, Admissions and Financial Aid; Adrienne Gray, Public Safety; Marge Stanko, Procurement; Jessica Specht, Student Affairs and Support Services; Mary Hession, College of Education; Renee Rainey, GSU Library; Pat Thompson, College of Business and Public Affairs; and Lori Townsend, College of Arts and Sciences.

For more information on Campus Community Campaign, contact [Jackie Small](#) at ext. 2188.

Debates on Campus and in Competition

The GSU Forensics team will compete in their first tournament of the season on November 5 and 6 at Bradley University. Team members representing GSU are Favian Apata in prose, Etta Oben in Communication Analysis, and Josh Reinhardt in poetry.

The team will also conducting a Lincoln-Douglas style debate on November 16, at 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The topic "Should Governors Statue University Become a Four Year Institution?" will be debated by team members Daniel Christain and Etta Oben arguing for the affirmative; and Favian Apata and Josh Reinhardt responding for the negative.

Everyone is welcome to attend the debate and hear the pros and cons related to this important GSU issue.

Women Vet's Retreat

GSU and the Chicago Heights Vets Center are sponsoring Healthy Mind Plus Healthy Body Equals A Healthy Life. Women service members, veterans, and wives of veterans are invited to a woman's only health and wellness retreat. Guest speakers will discuss healthy and practical ways to improve health and outlook. Classes will be offered in yoga, tai chi, Zumba, Pilates, and belly and Latin dancing.

There is no charge. The retreat takes place on November 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at GSU. Participants are asked to bring their DD Form 214 or veteran or military ID card, to wear comfortable workout clothes, and bring a yoga mat and belly dance scarf.

Pre-registration is required. Contact [Renee Dickerson](#) at 708.754.0340.

SVA Meetings

The Student Veterans Association will meet on November 2 and 16, at 3:30, in the Cafeteria Annex. All veterans, active duty, and family members are welcome.

Scholarship Spotlight - Faye Parker

Faye Parker of Maywood received the Criminal Justice Student Society Scholarship. Faye is a student in the College of Arts and Sciences Criminal Justice program.

Faye is currently Executive Director of Fresh Start Intervention, a charitable organization she founded



created that assists youth and young adults in unstable surroundings.

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Extons in Gospel Choir Competition



GSU's own Vanyette and Marlin Exton are en route to Los Angeles to compete with their choir in the national "How Sweet the Sound" finale. The competition, sponsored by Verizon, seeks the best gospel choir in the nation.

The Extons are members of the Lighthouse Church of All Nations choir, which won the Best Large Choir and was the Verizon People's Choice Winner at the regional competition held in Chicago in September.

Tomorrow night, with Vanyette singing with the choir and Marlin on keyboard, they will compete for the championship against other regional winners.

Vanyette works in the nursing department and Marlin is a member of the facilities staff.

Good Luck, Vanyette and Marlin!

View the [video](#) of the choir competing in Chicago.

Registration Priority Schedule - Spring 2012 (10-24-11)

Registration starts this week for the Spring 2012 semester. Newly admitted, readmitted, and active continuing students who have no outstanding financial, academic, or administrative holds are eligible to register online.

Online registration will take place at different times for these categories of students:

- Starting today -- continuing degree-seeking students who were registered during the Spring, Summer, or Fall 2011, but were not newly admitted students during the Fall 2011 term.
- On Wednesday October 26, at 12:01 a.m. -- continuing degree-seeking students who were newly admitted and enrolled in the Fall 2011 term.
- On Monday October 31, at 12:01 a.m. -- all other students (such as new degree program admits for the Spring 2012 term, non-degree seeking and undeclared students).

If you have questions, contact the Registrar's Office at 708.534.4500.

Flu Shots Administered Tuesday

Free flu shots for state employees and retirees will be administered Tuesday, October 25 at GSU. The shots will be administered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

The state's Department of Healthcare and Family Services is providing the immunizations to State of Illinois employees and retirees enrolled in either the Quality Care Health Plan (QCHP) or a State-sponsored managed care plan.

To receive the seasonal vaccination at no charge:

- Each employee must present his/her state health insurance card and his/her State ID card.
- Each retiree must present his/her state health insurance card and another form of ID.

The following are not eligible for free flu shots: dependents, spouses, contractual workers, consultants, and students. Employees who have opted out of health coverage through the state are not eligible.

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First presented at the 2003 New York City Hip-Hop Festival, *Flow* tells the story of a young rap artist on a mission to save the African American oral tradition. He joins forces with – and takes the role of – seven community storytellers, all of whom face the pitfalls of modern urban society. As they tell their specific stories, small but significant life lessons are tossed toward the audience through compelling rhymes and rhythms. The message is clear – we must continue to tell our stories, and pass on our lessons – but the storytelling, filled with

feverish energy, is nothing short of inspirational.

Conversation with Flow Director

CAS is sponsoring a Distinguished Lecture Wednesday, November 9, at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall featuring *Flow* Director Sonita Surratt, a cast member, and GSU Professor Rashida Muhammad. The lecture is free and open to the public. After the November 12 show, the cast and director will answer questions from the audience.

"One More Night" is made possible by a grant from Chicago Community Trust. The three shows chosen for "One More Night" reflect the rich diversity of the Chicago region, and demonstrate masterful storytelling based on our common human experiences. In addition to *Flow*, future "One More Night" productions are *Tad in 5th City*, presented by IMPAACT, on Saturday, January 21, and *Broadway Sings the Silk Road*, presented by Silk Road Theatre Project, on Saturday, April 28.

CASLO Sponsors Conversation on Communication Skills

Join your faculty colleagues in a conversation about GSU undergraduates' development of proficiency in oral communication on Thursday, October 27, from 3 to 4 p.m., in D 34115. No preparation or RSVP required. Bring a colleague.

Discussion topics include:

- Why is proficiency in oral communication important for GSU undergraduates?
- What opportunities do GSU undergraduates have to communicate orally within their major/program?
- What expectations do faculty have for students' oral communication in on campus/online courses?
- What outcomes do students achieve in oral communication?
- How do faculty review undergraduate students' opportunities to communicate orally?
- What barriers exist to achievement of proficiency in oral communication?

The session is sponsored by the GSU Committee on Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes (CASLO) and facilitated by members of the HLC Assessment Academy Team.

Brokering Resources to the World's Needy

CAS will present a Distinguished Lecture, *Hands and Hearts of Global Empathy*, on Wednesday, October 26, at 4:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

Dr. Kersten Bayt Priest, Associate Professor at Indiana Wesleyan University, will discuss how non-governmental groups (NGOs) of religious women activate personal and social networks for those in need around the globe. Through regular short-term mission travels, and in partnership with nationals, the women bring labor, resources, and care to individuals and groups they deem particularly needy – AIDS affected persons, orphans, sex trafficked youth, and the poor.

A reception will follow Dr. Priest's presentation.

Computer Science Club

The GSU Computer Science Club meets monthly to discuss and investigate issues related to our data driven world. Tonight's meeting will feature plans to develop a cyber security competition team and upcoming events. The meeting begins at 7 p.m., in D2440. Next month's meeting will be on November 11.

The club is also planning to attend a Moraine Valley Community College CS club meeting on November 4, at 6 p.m. The MVCC club is hosting "An Evening with Snort," a presentation by Nick Moore, security engineer from Sourcefire.

Those interested in attending should contact [Dr. Stephen Hyzny](#).

Taffy Apple Time

The Civil Service Senate is offering tasty autumn treats at Wednesday's Taffy Apple and Bake Sale, taking place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

All proceeds will go to the GSU's Educational Assistance Fund. For more information, contact [Andrea DalPolo](#) at ext. 4582.

Walk-in Research and Writing Clinics

The GSU Library and Writing Center this week are co-sponsoring research and writing clinics. The clinics take place today, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. Students may drop in the Library to meet with a reference librarian and writing center consultant to get answers to research paper questions such as how to find and document resources. The sessions are first come, first serve, and free form in style.

Also, on Tuesday, October 25 and Wednesday, October 26, the library is offering workshops on RefWorks, a web-based bibliographic management application. Workshops will be held in the Library Lab, room D2401B, from 1 to 2 p.m. These one hour workshops cover features such as entering references into a personal folder, managing citations, and using RefWorks to document sources in Microsoft Word using APA, MLA, Chicago, and other styles.

Prior to the workshop, create a personal RefWorks account by going to the Library's [Databases A-Z page](#) and click the appropriate link under RefWorks. Off Campus users must use the GSU Institutional Code provided in order to create their RefWorks account. Registration for the workshop is recommended by clicking the sign-up link on the [Library homepage](#).

Food, Fun and Faculty Brainstorming

The newly-formed Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center is sponsoring a kickoff luncheon to herald the opening of the Center. The luncheon takes place Wednesday, November 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Hall of



Honors.

All faculty are invited to attend and meet the Center Coordinators, Professors Raven James and Tony Labriola, as well as members of the Faculty Development Advisory Council. The council will also present the results of its recent faculty needs survey.

The Center is very interested in finding out how best to encourage and assist faculty. During the event, the coordinators and council are seeking brainstorming suggestions on first steps and long-range goals in supporting faculty in all areas of teaching, scholarship and service.



Come and participate in a faculty driven process to sustain and strengthen collegiality at GSU.

At-risk Training Continues

As on-line risk training continues at GSU, university academic and staff support departments are vying for the honor of being the first unit to register 100 percent training completion rate. The Campus Threat Assessment Team (CTAT) is tracking university departments to determine which unit is the first to reach the 100 percent plateau. The first department to achieve a perfect completion rate will receive the CTAT Campus Safety Initiative Reward.

GSU has adopted Kognito's At-Risk Training, an online, interactive course, to assist in the campus safety initiative. All GSU students, faculty and staff members are encouraged to participate. The training requires only 45 minutes and can be completed in multiple sittings. Through the training, participants can:

- Learn common indicators of psychological distress.
- Practice approaching students.
- Practice referring students to supportive services.

Please visit www.govst.edu/ctat to learn more or go directly to GSU's training launch page, <http://aruf.kognito.com>, to begin the training. To access the course, all learners must enter the GSU Enrollment Key: govst51.

CTAT is striving to maintain a safe environment at GSU. We must all work together to achieve that goal. If you have questions, please send an e-mail to CTAT.

Adults Are Students Too

In celebration of Non-Traditional Students Week, CAS is hosting a panel discussion on how community colleges and universities can support the adult learner. The discussion takes place on November 9, at 3 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. It is free and open to the public.



Panel members will include representatives from regional community colleges and the discussion will be moderated by Dr. James Howley, Chair, Division of Liberal Arts.

Refreshments will be served.

Student Spotlight – Mark Kelly

Mark Kelly, a graduate student in Political and Justice Studies and a teacher at Beecher High School, earned recognition in an article in the Kankakee Daily Journal recently for an enlightening project he had his students complete.

Under Kelly's guidance, the class conducted a 10-year follow-up to a national study on discrimination and the rental housing market in the Chicago area. With the assistance of Dr. Erin Kelly, a researcher in community psychology, and Dr. Chelsea Haring, assistant professor at GSU, the students developed a study to determine if the previous study results are still valid. After extensive investigation, the students discovered that the original results showing a great degree of discrimination were no longer valid.

Dr. Haring is very proud of Kelly and his students' accomplishment. "This project was inspired by Mark's commitment to identify, understand, and address social injustices in the community," she said. "He was able to take what he's learning here at GSU and directly incorporate it into his teaching. He is inspiring his students to become engaged, active learners."

Fall Instant Admission Day

Prospective undergraduate students, with the proper transcripts, can be admitted on the spot to GSU at Instant Admission Day on Saturday, November 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Close Out the Rain

The GSU community is reminded to close all windows at the end of each day to reduce the risk of frozen pipes and possible water damage. The costs of such repairs can be very high, and will be charged back to the responsible department.

If your window cannot be fully closed, or you need assistance getting it closed, call ext. 4515.

Tear Down This Wall (10-20-11)

GSU celebrated a new era in science education with a ceremony marking the start of a \$22.6 million renovation project. The project will bring world-class laboratories and classrooms to the university.

President Elaine P. Maimon and members of the Board of Trustees symbolically "tore down the walls" of the university's E and F science buildings by removing paneling from the walls. They were joined by more than 150 students, university employees, community members, and dignitaries.



"Today, we tear down the walls of the 20th century and construct state of the art science labs appropriate to this model 21st century university and, most appropriate, worthy of our students," Dr. Maimon said.



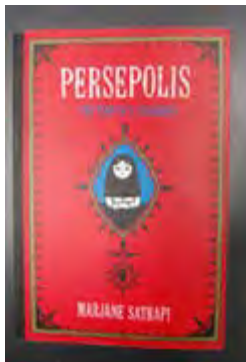
"Illinois needed a capital bill and needed to invest in those things that we share in common," said State Senator Toi Hutchison (D-Olympia Fields). "When we make investments like this, it's not just good for the Southland. It means that GSU can make a bigger contribution to this state."

The renovated facilities will serve students and faculty in biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, nursing, communications disorders, occupational therapy, and physical therapy.

The area to be renovated comprises approximately 76,000 square feet, which will include six research labs, 11 teaching labs, 12 classrooms, nine prep and store rooms, a new lecture hall, and extensive renovations to the infrastructure.

One Book, One University - Persepolis

Join the discussion on *Persepolis*, this semester's One Book, One University selection. A panel discussion on *Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood*, by Marjane Satrapi, takes place Tuesday, November 1 in the Cafeteria Annex.



Panelists are Sandra Gandy, JoAnne Smith, and Jason Zingsheim. Provost Terry Allison will moderate the discussion. Refreshments will be served.

Wise, funny, and heartbreaking, *Persepolis* is Marjane Satrapi's memoir of growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution told in powerful black-and-white comic strip images.

The One Book, One University series is sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee. For more information, contact [Lydia Morrow Ruetten](#) at ext. 4116.

Keep Kids Warm

Don't forget to donate new and gently used children's coats to *Coats 4 Kids*. Students from the Group Communications class taught by Marilyn Yirku are sponsoring the coat drive. Coats will be collected through October 22. Coats may be dropped off at the Student Life suite, A2101.

Cookies and Popcorn

GSU's Family Development Center is holding a cookie dough and popcorn fundraiser. Proceeds will help fund new classroom materials and provide refreshments for family night events. Twelve varieties of cookie dough, four types of popcorn, and new lava-licious fudge cakes are all available for sale.

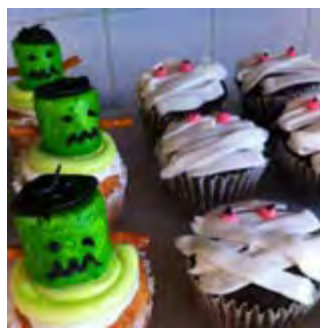
The last day to submit orders is October 24. Help the Family Development Center today and give yourself a tasty treat. For information and to place an order, call ext. 7300 or 7320.

Prior Learning and College Credit

Students can assess their prior learning, and learn how it can be applied to a college portfolio and how it can lead to college credit at a seminar hosted by the Interdisciplinary Studies Program and the College of Arts and Sciences. The Prior Learning Portfolio Seminar takes place Saturday, October 22, from 10 a.m. to noon, in Room D1496.

To register, e-mail idss@govst.edu or contact [Tiffini Malvin](#) at 708.534.4092. There is a \$50 registration fee for the seminar, which covers the cost of materials and refreshments.

Halloween Cafeteria Treats



Halloween cupcakes have arrived at GSU's cafeteria – and they are perfect for any seasonal spooky events.

Joe Lenart, food service director for FSI, says the cafeteria has already sold hundreds of the cupcakes, representing Frankenstein, owls, bats, ghosts, mummies and other Halloween favorites. "Demand has been exceeding supply but I am happy to say more are on the way," he said.

You can pre-order Halloween cupcakes – the price is \$8.99 for a dozen – by stopping at the cafeteria by next Tuesday.

GSA Plans Halloween Party

GSU's Gay Straight Alliance will host a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 29 from 6 to 9 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. The free event is open to all persons 18 and older. Entertainment is planned and pizza will be served.

The Gay Straight Alliance has meetings scheduled today and on November 3. Meeting times are from 3 to 4 p.m., in Room F2600.

The King's Speech

The GSU Chapter of the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association will be showing *The King's Speech* on Tuesday, November 1, at 7:30 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby. A question and answer session will follow the movie.

Admission is free, but donations will benefit the Stuttering Foundation. This event was made possible through a GSU Intellectual Life Grant.

For more information, please contact GSU's [NSSLHA](#) chapter.

Library Friends Book Sale



Friends of the GSU Library are hosting a book sale on Thursday, October 27, from noon until 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Come to the sale and find a book, at a very reasonable price, that you will treasure for years.

Members of the Friends of the GSU Library may preview the book collection at 11 a.m. Proceeds of the sale support Friends' programs and projects.

Lunchtime Mysteries

Friends of Mysteries will discuss *The Black Echo* by Michael Connelly at their next meeting, on Wednesday, October 26, at noon, in the cafeteria.

The Black Echo is the first of Connelly's crime novels featuring LAPD detective Harry Bosch. Next month, Friends of Mysteries will return to Connelly's Mickey Heller novels with a discussion of *The 5th Witness*, the latest book in the series.

Join the Friends of Mysteries for a lively discussion of these even livelier books.

Estate Planning Presentation

The Will County Community Foundation (WCCF) and GSU joined together recently to present Estate Planning for Retirement Plans. Attending the event were members of the community, students, and faculty. President Maimon welcomed the participants.



Natalie Choate of McClennen & Fish LLP presented. Choate specializes in estate planning and retirement benefits matters and is the author of a monthly column on retirement benefits for [MorningstarAdvisor.com](#).

Additional presenters included Karl Maurer, Vice President, Wealth

Management Advisor, Portfolio Manager, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management; Michael Trench, Executive Director, WCCF; and Rich Allen of Nationwide Insurance.

Civil Service Senate Hosts Arts and Crafts Fair

Governors State University's Civil Service Senate is sponsoring its annual Arts and Crafts Fair on November 15, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. All proceeds from this event benefit the Civil Service Senate Educational Assistance Fund. The event is free and open to the public.

Artisans and crafters are needed for the fair. Set-up time begins at 9 a.m. on the day of the event. To register or for further information, contact [Kathy Miller](#) at 708.534.4561, or [Karen Stuenkel](#) at 708.534.4120.

Ailey II Returns to CPA

The Ailey II Dance Company will perform Generations at GSU's Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, October 28, at 8 p.m. The show explores the company's past, present, and future with feature dances from each period. This long-celebrated dance company combines the hottest young talent with the creative vision of today's most outstanding choreographers. Tickets are available at the CPA box office or [online](#).



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Trade Center Success Story Recognized

Hongxia (Mary) Ma, Director of the International Trade Center at GSU, was recently quoted in an edition of The Weekly Connection, a publication of the Illinois Small Business Development Center Network. CJS Trading Company, a client of the International Trade Center, was recognized in the publication as the "program success of the week."

During a September trade mission to China, Illinois Governor Pat Quinn announced a \$100 million sales agreement between Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM), a worldwide food production company based in Decatur, and Jiusan Oils and Seeds, CJS Trading's parent company. Under the agreement, ADM will supply Jiusan Oils and Seeds with 180,000 metric tons of soybeans by December 2012. China is the world's largest market for Illinois soybeans.

Ma said CJS Trading is a very important client of the International Trade Center at GSU, and has received significant support in logistics and marketing.

"We are very excited to share the company's recent achievements," she said. "The company bought more than \$100 million worth of soybeans last year, and this year it will be doubled."

The International Trade Center also works with many other Chinese grain trading companies in Chicago, Ma said. "They will support us to export more grains to China," she said.

PT Faculty Member Honored

Dr. Robin D. Washington, Assistant Professor in the College of Health and Human Services, has received the Sylvia Walker Education Award from the National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns (NAMRC).



"We're extremely proud that Dr. Washington received the Sylvia Walker Education Award," noted Dr. Rebecca Wojcik, Chair of the Physical Therapy Department. "Dr. Washington clearly exemplifies the criteria upon which this award is based: excellence in rehabilitation education; commitment to student learning and

development; a commitment to multiculturalism, and the ability to serve as an exemplary role model and mentor."

"I am so honored to receive an award named after Sylvia Walker," said Washington. "She helped break down both attitudinal and architectural barriers for people with disabilities so that they could gain full participation within society."

Washington joined the GSU Physical Therapy faculty in August, 2010.

TWAG News

This Week @ GSU (TWAG), a student run, student produced news show that highlights what is happening on campus, is looking for submissions. This daily, two minute production focuses on student-oriented news and upcoming events. The show also needs information for its GSU Spotlight segment. GSU Spotlight highlights exceptional students, courses, professors, student workers, and organizations/clubs each week.

**THIS WEEK
@ GSU**

Contact TWAG with news and suggestions at thisweek@govst.edu.

Scholarship Spotlight – Miranda Palmer



Miranda Palmer of Olympia Fields received the Great Lakes Bank Endowed Scholarship. Miranda is a graduate student in the College of Health and Human Services' Occupational Therapy program.

Miranda would like to open a free clinic and/or not-for-profit organization in the Southland where she can donate her services as an occupational therapist.

Board of Trustees October Meeting Recap (10-17-11)

GSU's Board of Trustees, Friday, endorsed a plan to admit freshman and sophomore students to the university for the first time.

In a unanimous vote, Trustees approved a resolution supporting the introduction of a lower-division program at GSU, the only Illinois public university where coursework begins at the junior level. The resolution will be forwarded to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, which must approve the admission of freshmen and sophomores.

President Maimon said the lower-division plan has won near-universal support, both on and off campus. "Everyone is saying that this is the next logical step for GSU to take," she noted. "They are saying, 'It's about time.'"



The plan has also been endorsed by GSU's Faculty Senate, Student Senate, Civil Service Senate, and Alumni Board. Dr. Maimon said the presidents of all six of GSU's community college partners in the Dual Degree Program are supporting the initiative. In a letter sent to the IBHE, Dr. Eric Radtke, President of Prairie State College, stated "I am confident that Governors State will become a stronger institution, and we look forward to continuing our

long history of partnership and collaboration in service to our students and community."

At Friday's meeting, Student Trustee Jada Nettle asked how much it will cost to implement the lower division program. Provost Terry Allison said admitting freshmen and sophomores will pay for itself, and actually adds to GSU's bottom line. The lower division plan calls for admitting 270 freshmen in the first year; after a few years there will probably be about 1,000 lower division students on campus, Allison added.

In other business, Trustees – who met Friday at the Family Development Center – briefly moved outdoors for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for university's newly-installed wind turbine.

Dr. Maimon pointed out that the wind turbine is supplying green energy to the Family Development Center. "Children at the Center are learning an important lesson about the environment," she said. Dr. Maimon praised Trustee Lois Mayer for her leadership in bringing the wind turbine to campus, and Susan Rakstang, former Associate Vice President for Facilities and Design Management, for "always keeping us operationally focused on the environment."

During her report, Dr. Maimon said a "new era" at GSU starts Tuesday with the groundbreaking for the \$22.9 million renovation of the university's science facilities in E and F buildings.

In a related matter, Dr. Gebe Ejigu, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff, announced that contracts have been awarded for the renovation of science labs in F building. Total contracts for the construction work, funded by a National Science Foundation grant, come to \$2,626,755.

Dr. Rashidah Muhammad attended her first Board of Trustees meeting as President of the Faculty Senate. In her remarks, she applauded Dr. Maimon and the administration for the lower-division plan, physical improvements on campus, and other recent initiatives. Dr. Muhammad said higher education is rapidly changing and GSU needs to be at the forefront of progress.

"While Hip Hop may not be our thing, and I am sure we have issues with Rap music, we must also realize that our 60s electric slide is past due for new steps. Thank you, Peace.

The Board of Trustees also approved the operating budget for the 2012 fiscal year. The total proposed budget of \$53.95 million, is 2.9 percent higher than last year's figure. The increase is accounted for by projected increases in tuition revenues as a result of the tuition increase approved by the Board this March. Dr. Ejigu said state support from appropriations has gone down 8.4 percent in the last two years.

For the first time in GSU's history, according to Ejigu, the state is paying for less than half of GSU's budget. That means students, through tuition and fees, are covering more than half of the university budget.

In other business, the Board:

- Approved Professor Emeritus Professor status for Dr. David Curtis.
- Approved the lease of a four-classroom modular building for two years during the renovation of E and F buildings.
- Approved a new lease agreement with Fuller-Krapf Farms, of Manhattan, to manage and operate the university's 330 acres of farmland.
- Approved a collective bargaining agreement with the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police that covers police officers, sergeants, and telecommunications personnel in the GSU Department of Public Safety.

Stone Named New FDM Chief (10-13-11)

David Stone has been appointed GSU's new Associate Vice President for Facilities Development and Management. He assumes his new responsibilities on October 17.

In his new position, Stone will be responsible for the strategic leadership, coordination, and administrative oversight to the entire range of functions and services involved in the effective development and management of the university's physical resources. He will report to Dr. Gebe Ejigu, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff.

Stone is a licensed architect with 25 years of experience in collaborative problem solving, design, project management, construction administration, and facilities operations. Most recently, he has served as Director of Facilities Management and Planning at Webster University in St. Louis, where he was responsible for all facilities planning and operations functions.

View [David Stone's resume](#).

Kelly Heads Government, Community Relations Efforts

Maureen Kelly has been appointed to the newly-created position of Director of Governmental and Community Relations. She will assume her new responsibilities on October 17.

In her new post, Kelly will implement GSU's political engagement strategy with federal, state and local elected officials, regulatory agencies and key policymakers. With Kelly's appointment, GSU is cancelling its existing contract with the university's external lobbying firm. Kelly will directly report to GSU President Elaine P. Maimon.

Kelly most recently served as Executive Director of Government and Community Relations at Saint Xavier University in Chicago, where she initiated and coordinated legislative and community outreach efforts. Prior to joining Saint Xavier, she was Special Assistant to United States Senator Richard J. Durbin, D-Illinois. In that post, she managed Chicago area activities and outreach efforts for Sen. Durbin.

Kelly is also Immediate Past Chairman of the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce.

View [Maureen Kelly's resume](#).

GSU Crime Statistics Released

Governors State University, in 2010, again ranked among the safest university campuses in Illinois. According to this year's "Campus Right-to-Know Crime Report, released Wednesday, no serious crimes took place at GSU during 2010.

The crime statistics, released in accordance with the 1990 Campus Security Act (The Clery Act), were compiled as a uniform report of criminal offenses committed on the GSU campus, as well as in the village of University Park, from January 1 through December 31, 2008, 2009 and 2010. Criminal categories required under the Clery Act include murder, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, assaults/threats/harassment, intimidation, vandalism/criminal damage to property and motor vehicle theft, and statistics on arrests for drug and alcohol violations and weapons violations.

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The Prior Learning Portfolio Seminar takes place Saturday, October 22, from 10 a.m. to noon, in room D1496.

The seminar will help students identify learning that may be equivalent to college-level work. Participants will learn how to identify comparable college courses and document their prior learning. They will also learn how to compile a portfolio with all the required elements for GSU review and possible college credit.

There is a \$50 registration fee for the seminar, which covers the cost of materials and refreshments. To register, e-mail idss@govst.edu or contact [Tiffani Malvin](#) at 708.534.4092.

'Flow' at the CPA

Powerful narratives, dynamic rhythm and rhymes, and live beats will electrify the audience when *Flow*, by Will Power, comes to the Center for Performing Arts on Saturday, November 12, at 8 p.m. Tickets range in price from \$15 to \$39, with special \$15 tickets for students (of any educational institution). Tickets are available by calling (708) 235-2222 or [online](#).

Flow, a production of eta Creative Arts, is the first in the Center for Performing Arts' "One More Night" series, which is bringing the best in Chicago theater to GSU for one final performance. "One More Night" is made possible by a generous grant from the Chicago Community Trust.

First presented at the 2003 New York City Hip-Hop Festival, *Flow* tells the story of a young rap artist on a mission to save the African American oral tradition. He joins forces with – and takes the role of – seven community storytellers, all of whom face the pitfalls of modern urban society. As they tell their specific stories, small but significant life lessons are tossed toward the audience through compelling rhymes and rhythms. The message is clear – we must continue to tell our stories, and pass on our lessons – but the storytelling, filled with feverish energy, is nothing short of inspirational.

'Flow' Distinguished Lecture

CAS is sponsoring a distinguished lecture Wednesday, November 9, at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall featuring *Flow* Director Sonita Surratt, a cast member, and GSU Professor Rashida Muhammad. The lecture is free and open to the public. After the November 12 show, the cast and director will answer questions from the audience.

About 'One More Night'

"One More Night" is made possible by a grant from Chicago Community Trust. The three shows chosen for "One More Night" reflect the rich diversity of the Chicago region, and demonstrate masterful storytelling based on our common human experiences. In addition to *Flow*, future "One More Night" productions are *Tad in 5th City*, presented by IMPAACT, on Saturday, January 21, and *Broadway Sings the Silk Road*, presented by Silk Road Theatre Project, on Saturday, April 28.

"One More Night" expands GSU's commitment to providing quality theater for the Chicago Southland. Special outreach to residents from economically challenged communities is a key component of this program. The university's academic departments plan to involve students in each production, and pre-performance lectures will be free and open to the public.

Tickets are available by calling The Center box office at 708.235.2222 or online at www.centertickets.net.

Hispanic Month Recognition

During Hispanic Heritage Month, Student Life is recognizing important achievements in this special month-long feature in GSU View.

Gloria Estefan, singer, musician, and Cuban American, has been loved and admired by people throughout the world not only for her music, but for her bravery in the face of difficulties.

Born in Cuba, Estefan came to Miami, Florida, as a young child when her parents fled the Communist government of Fidel Castro. In the late 1970s, she became a singer with the group Miami Sound Machine. Estefan won awards for her music and for her work on causes such as campaigning against drugs.

In 1990, Estefan suffered serious injuries in an accident. Through patience, hard work, and good fortune, she was able to recover fully and return to the stage. Her music remains appreciated by millions of listeners.

Scholarship Spotlight – La'Taria Overstreet

La'Taria Overstreet of Harvey received the Great Lakes Bank Endowed Scholarship. La'Taria is a graduate student in the College of Health and Human Services.



La'Taria is working toward her Master of Occupational Therapy degree. She currently works part-time providing occupational services to home health clients in the south suburbs.

Direct Deposit For Students (10-10-11)

Students can now receive refunds and financial aid disbursements easily and efficiently. No more waiting for checks to be printed or in long lines to pick them up.

Refunds and reimbursements can now be deposited directly into your designated bank account. Personal banking information can be entered into the secure and confidential system through the myGSU portal.

[Learn more.](#)

Board of Trustees Meets Friday

The Governors State University Board of Trustees will meet on Friday, October 14, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the Family Development Center.

Agenda materials are posted this week on the BOT Bulletin Boards, as well as on the GSU website. For more information, contact [Joan Maloney](#).

Wind turbine dedication



GSU's magnificent wind turbine, operational for the last few weeks, will be formally introduced to the university community during a dedication event on Friday, October 14. The dedication will take place in the early afternoon, immediately following the break for lunch at Friday's Board of Trustees meeting.

Members of the GSU community are invited to the ribbon-cutting event, which will be held in the play area behind the Family Development Center. Access to the site is limited to walking from the main university buildings and parking lots.

The wind turbine, built with assistance from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, is providing power to the Family Development Center.

Mark the Date for E & F Groundbreaking

Everyone is invited to help GSU kick off a new era in science education on October 18 with the groundbreaking ceremony celebrating the start of the renovation of the university's science facilities in the E and F buildings. Government, business, and community leaders will join university administrators, students, faculty, and staff at 10:30 a.m., in the F building atrium to mark the beginning of this long-awaited project.



The \$22.6 million, three-year renovation project will create state-of-the-art education facilities while providing more than 130 construction jobs. In addition to the positive impact the

renovation project will have on the region's economy, the building renovation will better equip GSU to educate students for regional jobs in healthcare, computer science, scientific and mathematics research, and science and math education.

Upgrading its science facilities has been GSU's number one capital priority for the last decade. However, funds for this important, shovel ready, project were only recently released. The Capital Development Board, the state's construction management arm of Illinois' state government, has oversight responsibility for the design and construction of this project.

The groundbreaking ceremony is open to the public. For more information, contact [Penny Perdue](#).

National Coming Out Day

National Coming Out Day will be recognized at GSU with a panel discussion and sharing of stories on Wednesday, October 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact [Dr. Jim Howley](#).

Thinking and Writing in Psychology

Jean Johnson, Al Tuskenis, Glenna Howell, and Kim Jaroszewski of the College of Education faculty have published an article, *Development and Effects of a Writing and Thinking Course in Psychology*, in the October 2011 issue of *Teaching for Psychology*, the peer-reviewed journal for Division 2 of the American Psychological Association.

The article deals with GSU's new undergraduate psychology course, Thinking and Writing in Psychology. It includes a description of how the course was developed using the APA learning goals, as well as results from an analysis of the course's effectiveness. The course has demonstrated a positive impact on the overall grade point average and thinking and writing skills of students within the course, and also in more advanced courses.

Implementing and requiring a thinking and writing course relatively early in the undergraduate psychology major was strongly endorsed by this study, which was originally supported by a GSU University Research Grant.

Social Work Honor Society Accepting Applications

Phi Alpha National Honor Society, Omicron Beta Chapter, an honor society for social work students, is currently accepting membership applications until January 27, 2012.

The 2012 Induction Ceremony will be held on Friday, March 23, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall.

For more information about Phi Alpha and qualifications on becoming a member, contact the faculty advisor, [Dr. Maristela Zell](#) at 708.235.2235 or society president [Nina Lee](#).

GSU Crime Report Available Wednesday

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On-Campus Job Fair Thursday

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This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974.

DrOT Information Session Saturday

The Department of Occupational Therapy will host an information session for the Doctor of Occupational Therapy (DrOT) degree program on Saturday, October 15, from 10 a.m. to noon, in Room G127.

Reservations are not required. For more information, contact [Dr. Melanie Ellexson](#), Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy, at 708.235.7622.

Hispanic Heritage Highlight

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Nancy Lopez

Nancy Lopez is one of the greatest woman golfers of all time. She had an early start at greatness when she began to play golf at eight years old. She was only 12 when she won the New Mexico Women's Amateur tournament. One of the top pro golf money winners of all time, Lopez has won 48 titles. In 1989, she was inducted into the PGA World Golf Hall of Fame.

October Board of Trustees Meeting (10-06-11)

The Governors State University Board of Trustees will be meeting on Friday, October 14, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors.

No Board meetings will take place on Friday, October 7.

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So Long Old E & F Buildings

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Campus Community Campaign Under Way

This year's GSU Campus Community Campaign is off to a rousing start following Wednesday's kickoff event. Volunteers from numerous



university departments were introduced, and President Elaine P. Maimon discussed the importance of on-campus charitable giving in achieving *Success By Degrees* at GSU.

Campaign Chair Jackie Small unveiled the symbol of this



year's effort – the Success Candle. Donors of \$40 to the Campus Community Campaign will receive candles as a

reminder of how members of the university community help students achieve success. Donors also enjoyed a sampling of seasonal desserts and apple cider.

Campus Community Campaign volunteers are Ayita Woods, Human Resources; Kathleen Miller, Institutional Research and Provost's Office; Victoria Lloyd, Digital Learning and Media Design; Christine Hefner, Family Development Center; Sheryl Jones-Harper, Business Office; Collice King, Admissions and Financial Aid; Adrienne Gray, Public Safety; Marge Stanko, Procurement; Jessica Specht, Student Affairs and Support Services; Mary Hession, College of Education; Renee Rainey, GSU Library; Pat Thompson, College of Business and Public Affairs; and Lori Townsend, College of Arts and Sciences.



Faculty and staff members can contact volunteers for details on contributing to the campaign.

Each donation to the Campus Community Campaign is another step toward helping our students attain their educational goals and the university fulfill its mission.

For more information on Campus Community Campaign, contact [Jackie Small](#) at ext. 2188.

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Seeking GSU Lincoln Laureate

Each year, an outstanding senior from each of the four-year, degree-granting institutions of higher learning in Illinois is awarded the Student Lincoln Academy Medallion and named a Student Laureate of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois. Student Laureates are honored for their overall excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities.

GSU is accepting nominations for the Student Laureate Award from the 2012 graduating class (baccalaureate degree). The Student Laureate Nomination Form is located on the [Student Life](#) web page.

Student Laureate Nomination Form should be returned to [Sheree](#)

Sanderson by Monday, October 10.

For additional information, contact Sheree Sanderson at ext. 4552.

B2B Summit Targets Educational Apathy

Members of GSU's Brother 2 Brother organization are taking part in this Saturday's B2B Fall Summit, taking place at the Lewis University Student Union, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium is inviting all B2B chapters to attend the summit, which will focus on the most important issues facing high school and college minority males. This semester's discussion topic is *Eliminating Educational Apathy*. B2B members from area colleges and high school will share ideas on how to overcome apathy in the classroom, and elsewhere on campus.

For further information, contact Keith White at 708.235.2223.

Sarah Wegley Honored

Senior librarian Sarah Wegley was honored recently at the Oticon Focus on People Awards, a national competition that recognizes individuals who are helping to eliminate the negative stereotypes connected with hearing loss. As the first place winner in the Advocacy Category, Wegley attended the awards ceremony in Los Angeles.



Wegley, who has a moderate hearing loss, has worn hearing devices since 2006. At that time, she knew no one in a similar situation and frankly admits that it was lonely. Since then, she has developed an award-winning blog, "Speak Up Librarian," in which she has chronicled her own experiences with late-onset hearing loss and invites others with hearing loss to speak out about their own challenges, adventures, and achievements.

Wegley's other advocacy interests include working with Discovering Deaf Worlds, an organization assisting deaf communities around the world. She also participates in lobbying efforts to expand availability of captioned films, accessible online education, and hearing aid insurance coverage. She was also recently elected the Social Chair of the Association of Late Deafened Adults Chicago.

In her award acceptance speech, Wegley encouraged the audience of leading hearing care professionals from across the country to "advocate for your clients. Help them connect with local support groups so they do not have to face hearing loss alone."

In addition to presenting new hearing devices to Wegley, Oticon also donated \$1,000 to Discovering Deaf Worlds.

DrOT Information Session

The Department of Occupational Therapy will host an information session for the Doctor of Occupational Therapy (DrOT) degree program on Saturday, October 15, from 10 a.m. to noon, in Room G127.

Reservations are not required. For more information, contact [Dr. Melanie Ellexson](#), Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy, at 708.235.7622.

SOTA Bowl Benefit Night

The Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA) will host Bowl Night 2011 on Friday, October 21, beginning at 10 p.m. at Morgan's Thunder Bowl, 18700 S. LaGrange Road, Mokena.

Tickets are \$20 per person, and include three hours of twilight bowling, shoes, and a two-hour pizza buffet with soft drinks.

All proceeds will go to SOTA's community service projects. For tickets or additional information, contact [Russ Thompson](#).

Archeology on Campus

A visit to the GSU Library offers a unique opportunity to step back in time. In an exhibit sponsored by the South Suburban Archaeological Society (SSSA), artifacts taken from the Nile River displayed next to archeological finds from the Illinois River. Shards of pottery and tools once used by the denizens of our region are displayed next to objects of art found in Egypt.



Additional display cases are located on the landing outside the library. Tools used by archeologists when making these discoveries are on exhibit. Information on the SSSA and how to get children involved in archeology is also available.

Educators from Ethiopia Visit GSU

The COE Division of Psychology and Counseling recently hosted visitors from Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia. The educators came to GSU to learn more about the new counselor education and supervision doctoral program.



While on campus, they met with Dr. Elaine Maimon, Provost Terry Allison, and Dr. Gebe Ejigu as well as Dean Bordelon and members of the COE faculty.

Visiting GSU were Dr. Sintayehu Tadesse, Associate Professor and Chair of Counseling and Health Psychology; Dr. Belay Teferra, Associate Professor, Assistant Director of Institute of Psychology and Chair of Developmental Psychology; and Mrs. Berhan Wondimu, AAU Counseling Faculty.

In addition to GSU, the educators from Ethiopia are also visiting Chicago State, and the University of Iowa.

Chili Dawg Day

Who says there's no such thing as a free lunch? GSU Civil Service employees are invited to a free lunch on Chili Dawg Day, Wednesday, October 19, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in E Lounge.

Board games and playing cards will also be available during Chili Dawg Day. The event is sponsored by the Civil Service Senate. RSVP to [Kelly Robinson](#) by Wednesday, October 12.

Fall Food, Fun, and Festivities

GSU's annual Harvest Fest, on Friday, October 21, from 5 to 9 p.m. offers an evening of fun for students and their families. Events will take place in the Recreation and Fitness Center, the first floor of A Wing, and the Cafeteria Annex.

Harvest Fest features face painting, a Bouncy House, cookies you can design, a candy buffet, disk jockey, and laser tag. Harvest Fest is sponsored by the GSU Student Senate and the Office of Student Life.

Scholarship Spotlight - Shawn McClairn

Shawn McClairn of Calumet Park received the Great Lakes Bank Endowed Scholarship. Shawn is an undergraduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration.



Shawn would like to open an educational training organization to help women adjust to changing job markets through job training, wardrobe consultation, and mentorship programs.

GSU Graduate Students Curate "Visible"

Students in Professor Jane Hudak's art class went beyond the scope of their class assignment to offer a unique opportunity to residents of Austin Special, a Chicago facility for developmentally disabled adults. Instead of curating an exhibit of their own artwork, these students chose to apply the skills they learned in class to showcase the creativity of nine artists from Austin Special.

The students are presenting *Visible*, from October 20 to 31, in the Center for Performing Arts balcony exhibition area. An opening reception celebrating the artists from Austin Special will be held October 20, from 7 to 10 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

Visible showcases the works of Austin Special artists Ralph Bemont, Earl Guillermo, Tim Holliman, Peter Kuczvara, Margarita Leal, Andrew Raczkowski, Margarita Seda, Mark Suntres, and Ruben Tupayachi.

Students curating the exhibit are studying for their master's degrees in art. As curators, they organize, budget, publicize, and manage the process from inception to completion. All artwork on exhibit will be for sale with proceeds going directly to the artists.

"This has been an invaluable learning experience for the GSU students and the Austin Special artists," says Hudak. "I am extremely impressed that my graduate students chose to give back to their community by giving these artists an opportunity. They are applying important

business skills that artists need in a very generous way.”

Student curators of the exhibit are Sara Friedman and Raida Khamis of Tinley Park, Janet Julian of Chicago, Katherine Maksimuk and Jason Walker of Orland Park, Bridget Mitchell of Oak Lawn, Allen Moore of Robbins, James Tadsen of Peotone, Tim Vitek of La Grange Park, and Ka-EL Mycal Zakiah of Hazel Crest.

For further information, contact [Tim Vitek](#).

More to Know

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General Elwood “Pete” Quesada

General Elwood “Pete” Quesada helped create the Federal Aviation Agency to manage the growing aviation field and improve airline safety. He served as Administrator from 1958 to 1961. The agency became the Federal Aviation Administration in 1966.

A New Era at GSU - E & F Wing Groundbreaking (10-03-11)

Everyone is invited to help GSU kick off a new era in science education on October 18 with the groundbreaking ceremony celebrating the start of the renovation of the university's science facilities. Government, business, and community leaders will join university administrators, students, faculty, and staff at 10:30 a.m., in the F building atrium to mark the beginning of this long-awaited project.

The \$22.6 million, three-year renovation project will create state-of-the-art education facilities while providing more than 130 construction jobs. In addition to the positive impact the renovation project will have on the region's economy, the building renovation will better equip GSU to educate students for regional jobs in healthcare, computer science, scientific and mathematics research, and science and math education.

“We have waited a long time for these new science facilities that will provide opportunities for our students for generations to come,” said GSU President Elaine P. Maimon. “The beginning of this renovation project marks the dawning of a new day for Governors State University and the region.”

Upgrading its science facilities has been GSU's number one capital priority for the last decade. However, funds for this important, shovel ready, project were only recently released. The Capital Development Board, the state's construction management arm of Illinois' state government, has oversight responsibility for the design and construction of this project.

The area to be renovated comprises approximately 76,000 square feet of space. During the renovation, crews will replace HVAC, electrical, plumbing, and lighting systems. Outmoded infrastructure and equipment will be replaced with up-to-date facilities and equipment that will be energy-efficient and meet current codes and regulations. The project design calls for structural infill of existing atrium space, adding about 9,000 square feet of additional usable space.

The groundbreaking ceremony is open to the public. For more information, contact [Penny Perdue](#).

Check Out the New GSU Homepage

The GSU [homepage](#) has a new, vibrant look with more information just a click away and easier navigation to the pages you want to visit.

Check out our new [homepage](#) and get ready for more redesigns, revisions, and updates to the rest of the GSU website.

Campus Community Campaign – 2011

The GSU community will be “lighting the path” to success by degrees in this year’s Campus Community Campaign. Each donation is another step toward helping our students attain their educational goals and the university fulfill its mission.

The 2011 Campus Community Campaign kickoff is on Wednesday, October 5, at noon, in the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome. Enjoy some delicious treats and meet with the campaign representatives who will be happy to explain the various options for giving. From payroll deductions to specified gifts – there are many ways to support the university.

For more information, contact [Jackie Small](#) at ext. 2188.

SPSS Workshops Start This Month

The College of Education is again sponsoring workshops for GSU faculty and staff on the use of SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences).

Per majority request, the workshops will be held in the ACS computer lab (D2430) on Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. The workshops will be facilitated by Dr. Jean Johnson, assisted by graduate student and ARC tutor Eligia Milan.

For the fall term, two workshops are scheduled:

- Introduction to SPSS on October 14: This workshop will focus on basic use of the SPSS program, including coding and entering data, recoding and transforming and importing data, running descriptive procedures, copying and pasting into Word, and making APA style tables will be the focus.
- Intermediate SPSS on November 11: This workshop will focus on comparing means (crosstabs, t-tests, anova) and basic correlation and regression.

If there is demand, the introductory workshop will be offered again in the spring and a workshop on advanced SPSS (factorial anovas and ancova, multiple regression) is also planned for the future. These workshops will be announced at a later date.

Seating is limited so attendance will be limited to the first 27 persons who sign up. Seats are going fast. Priority will be given to faculty. Please contact [Dr. Jean Johnson](#) if you plan to attend and note which workshop(s) you would like to attend. Reservations will be confirmed

via e-mail.

Tacos Anyone?

Don't forget to enjoy a delicious taco (or two) tomorrow, October 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. – or while supplies last – in the Hall of Governors.

The sale is sponsored by the Association of Latin American Students (A.L.A.S.). Proceeds support A.L.A.S. scholarships.

New Leadership for Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center



Dr. Raven James and Tony Labriola have been appointed co-coordinators of GSU's Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center. Provost Terry Allison made the appointment upon the recommendation of the Faculty Development Advisory Council.

Dr. Russell Carter formerly served as interim coordinator of the Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center. With Dr. Carter's return to the College of Health and Human Services as associate dean, the Center required new leadership. Dr. James, of CHHS, and Labriola, of Digital Learning and Media Design, previously served as co-chairs of the Faculty Development Steering Committee, and have stepped up to become part-time coordinators of the Center.

The Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center, created last year through the Provost's Office, is envisioned as a cornerstone for the support of faculty. It will provide activities and resources for enhancing faculty teaching and strengthening student learning outcomes; foster faculty professional growth and career success; build collegiality and resource sharing among faculty; support faculty in effective use of ever changing technologies; and assist faculty in meeting the mission of GSU and communities in the university's service area.

The Center will also be a clearinghouse and information source for ongoing faculty development activities ongoing at the University. Dr. James and Labriola welcome information from faculty, division and department chairs and deans about current and future professional development activities. You can become involved in the Center by contacting [Dr. James](#) or [Labriola](#).



Film Screening in Vancouver

Goalie, a 10-minute narrative short produced locally with the help of GSU students and administration, has its world premiere this Friday at the 30th annual Vancouver International Film Festival.

Adapted from a Canadian story, this short film is



about family, dedication, a father and a son, and the way we succeed and fail in how we talk to each other. It is also about the sheer beauty of the game of hockey.

The film is stunningly shot in black and white HD by Assistant Professor Sanghoon Lee. Goalie is directed by Associate Professor Daniel Nearing, produced by GSU graduate Seth McClellan, edited by GSU MFA student Rachel Rozycki, and scored by MFA student Aaron Daniel Annas. The film stars Tanner Creel, goalie for the nationally contending youth hockey club Team Illinois.



Nearing is traveling to Vancouver to introduce the film at its screening. The production team's last project, *Chicago Heights*, was listed by Roger Ebert on his top-10 "Best Art Films of 2010."

Nearing and Lee are currently in pre-production on their next feature, *Hogtown*.

To learn more about these films, visit the [9:23 Films Inc. website](#).

Learn About Yourself

Mental Health Awareness Week is observed at GSU this week with information sessions sponsored by the Academic Resource Center (ARC).

Fight or Flight, a workshop on stress management, will be held today, from noon to 1 p.m. and again from 5 to 6 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

Achieving inner wellness is the topic of *Revealing Me to Me*, a presentation on October 4, from noon to 1 p.m. and again from 5 to 6 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

Discovering Self, on October 5, investigates self-empowerment from noon to 1 p.m. and again from 5 to 6 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

On October 6, information on depression and related concerns will be available from noon to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Confidential depression screening will be offered in ARC, adjacent to the Hall of Governors. Depression screening involves completing a brief questionnaire and a conversation with a mental health professional. Questionnaire results are anonymous and confidential. If warranted, the mental health professional will offer next-step suggestions.

For more information, contact [Tamekia Scott](#) at ext. 2228.

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achievements in this special month-long feature in GSU View.

Carlos Juan Finlay

Carlos Juan Finlay was a Cuban American physician who determined the cause of yellow fever. This deadly disease had no known cure and killed thousands of people. In 1881, Finlay believed that mosquitoes spread yellow fever, but he could not prove it. Other scientists did not believe him and ridiculed him for his hypothesis. Eventually, because of the work of Finlay and Walter Reed, another important physician, scientists were able to develop a vaccine using diseased mosquitoes and conquer this disease.

Library Offers Genealogy Workshops

The GSU Library is offering four genealogy workshops this fall. Workshops are open to GSU students, faculty, staff and the general public. Admission is free.

All genealogy workshops take place in Room D2430, the computer lab. Class size is limited to 25 persons per session.

October workshops are:

- *Starting Your Family Tree*, on Friday, October 14 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Are you just beginning to start researching your family history or are you in a slump? Don't know where to start or what information to collect? This is the workshop to put some pieces of the puzzle together. You'll learn what questions to ask your relatives, what documents to collect, and where to find this information.
- *Using FamilySearch.org in Your Genealogy Research*, on Friday, October 28 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Family Search is one of the fastest growing free online websites to use in your genealogy research. Learn how to use this website and access vital records. Basic computer skills are required for this workshop.

Two November workshops are also planned. *Using Probate and Inquest Records* takes place Friday, November 11 and *Using Libraries in Your Genealogical Research* will be held Friday, November 18.

Go to this [link](#) to sign up for the workshops.

Meditation, Four Times a Week

Develop your ability to meditate during free meditation sessions, offered on campus throughout the semester to help students, faculty, and staff bring a sense of peace to their lives. Research shows that meditation helps reduce stress, anxiety, and depression, and increase creativity.

- Mondays, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., in room C3380, with Dave O'Donnell
- Tuesdays, from 3 to 4 p.m., in room C3380, with Barb Gormely
- Thursdays, from 8:30 to 9:20 a.m., in room D34160, with Tim Pedigo
- Thursdays, from 3:30 to 4:20 p.m., in room C3380, with Maristella Zell

All sessions are free. Everyone is welcome.



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