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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

Direct Deposit in Datatel Colleague for Employees (09-29-11)

As part of the transition to Datatel Colleague and in an attempt to reduce the amount of time employees wait to receive their reimbursements (e.g. travel, conference expenses, etc.), GSU Financial Services is asking employees to update their personal banking information in the myGSU portal. Colleague allows users the flexibility to access and update their reimbursement banking information online.

View the [Direct Deposit in Datatel Colleague](#) FAQ and additional instructions.

2-For-1 Thriller Tickets Available

GSU's Center for the Performing Arts is offering a 2-for-1 deal for Saturday's performance of *Thriller, The Legend Continues*. Beginning at 10 a.m. Friday, and lasting until 7 p.m. Saturday, members of the GSU community can purchase 2-for-1 main floor platinum tickets, normally priced at \$54 each. The general public can take advantage of the 2-for-1 offer from 6 to 7 p.m. on Saturday.

You can call the CPA box office at 708.235.2222 or visit in person from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to purchase 2-for-1 tickets.

In related news, the group performing *Thriller, The Legend Continues* will be on WGN-TV Friday morning between 8 to 9 a.m. Watch for exciting excerpts from the show and get your tickets for a memorable production.

Volunteers Needed for Instant Admission Day

GSU's fall Instant Admission Day (formerly known as the Instant Decision Day/Undergraduate Open House) is just around the corner -- and volunteers are needed to make it a success. The event takes place Saturday, November 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m.

"Your participation as a volunteer is critical to the success of this recruitment endeavor," said Sharon Evans, Director of Admission and Student Recruitment. "By ensuring a university-wide support, we can guarantee the continued recruitment efforts needed to meet the university's enrollment goals."

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

Here's how you can lend a hand:

- Faculty members and advisors are needed to talk to prospective students concerning specific programs.
- Volunteers are needed to greet or give tours and escort prospective students to different parts of the building.
- Representatives are needed from Student Affairs and Services to staff their tables and pass out materials.

Contact [Sharon Evans](#) at ext. 3148 for more information or to confirm your participation.

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

Intellectual Life Grants Offered Again

GSU's Intellectual Life Committee is again offering Intellectual Life Grants to staff, faculty, and enrolled students who have a faculty collaborator.

Intellectual Life Grants will be awarded for up to \$500 for events taking place between January 17 and May 4, 2012 that promote and increase awareness of the arts, humanities and other intellectual topics of universal interest. Possible events might include lecture series, faculty research salons, workshops, panel discussions, film screenings, exhibits, presentations in local communities and field trips.

The primary audience for these events is GSU students, although they should be open to all members of the GSU community and the region.

GSU staff and faculty, as well as enrolled GSU students with a faculty collaborator, are invited to apply using the Intellectual Life Grant Application. Events must be promoted as sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee, in addition to any other sponsors.

Selection Criteria include:

- Comparative analysis between grant projects presented,
- Value to the GSU community in terms of intellectual life,
- Strategies for promoting the event,
- Completion of the event within Spring 2012 Semester, and
- Feasibility of the project based on the support of this grant plus any other sources of funding.

Grant funding may not be used to compensate GSU employees or purchase hardware or software.

Submissions are due October 26. Download and complete the [application form](#) and submit it to Lydia Morrow Ruetten. Award winners will be notified by November 9.

For more information, contact [Lydia Morrow Ruetten](#).

Mental Health Week

In conjunction with Mental Health Awareness Week, the Academic Resource Center is sponsoring offering information sessions and confidential depression screening at a series of events that are free and open to the public.

Activities during the week include *Fight or Flight*, a workshop on stress management, on October 3, from noon to 1 p.m. and again from 5 to

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6 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

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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 the Academic Resource Center (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.

Teacher Certification Program Information

Learn how to earn elementary or middle school teacher certification and secure a teaching position through Governors State University's Alternative Certification Program. Information sessions will be held on Tuesday, October 4, at 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

The Alternative Teacher Certification program at Governors State University offers three ways to earn certification and embark on a new, rewarding career in education. The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) leads to a master's degree in education and teacher certification. TQP provides an opportunity to co-teach for a year with a certified teacher, a \$30,000 stipend, and a 25 percent reduction in tuition. TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The Alternative Certification Program also offers the opportunity for teachers to teach full-time as they earn a salary and their teacher certification. In addition, there are reduced paid resident opportunities, which also lead to teacher certification.

This program is open to college graduates with five years work experience after receiving a bachelor's degree. The application deadline for the Alternative Certification program, beginning Spring 2012, is December 15, 2011.

For more information, contact [Eileen Lally](#) at ext. 4399.

Student Exhibition – Veronica Cook

Essence of Us...Beyond Human Consciousness, an exhibition of artwork by graduate student Veronica Cook, will be on display at the Visual Arts Gallery. The exhibit runs through October 5 with an opening reception on Monday, October 3, from 6 to 9 p.m. Both the reception and exhibit are free and open to the public.

Cook uses the world of reality blended with abstract brushwork to portray images of



overlapping dreams and emotions in her work with photographic composites and collages. Her works are depictions of blended and imbedded human activity in constantly changing traditional and popular culture.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m., Tuesdays from 1 to 9 p.m., and Thursdays and Fridays from 5 to 9 p.m. For more information, call ext. 4021 or visit the [Visual Arts Gallery website](#).

A.L.A.S. Activities

The Association of Latin American Students is celebrating Hispanic Heritage month with good food, music, and dance.

Authentic tacos will be sold on October 4, from 11:30 to 5 p.m. – or while supplies last. Don't forget to visit the Hall of Governors for the perfect anytime hunger-reliever. Proceeds support A.L.A.S. scholarships.

On October 12, A.L.A.S. is sponsoring two events. During the Taste of Latin America, samples of Latin American dishes will be available. There is no cost, but donations will be gratefully accepted. At 7 p.m., everyone is invited to enjoy a Capoeira demonstration in the Hall of Governors. Capoeira is a Brazilian art form, developed by African slaves, that combines elements of martial arts, sports, dance, and music. Lessons will be given. Everyone is invited to participate. There is no charge.

Seminars Highlight Grants, Intellectual Property

CenterPoint is hosting two valuable, informative seminars on Wednesday, October 12 -- *Intellectual Property Strategies* and *SBIR/STTR Grants for Researchers and Entrepreneurs*.

The two seminars, free and open to the public, are part of Business Accelerator Week, during which CenterPoint and other small business development centers are focusing on strategies that expand economic opportunities throughout Illinois.

During *Intellectual Property Strategies*, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., in Engbretson Hall, speaker Nancy K. DuCharme, an intellectual property attorney, will discuss how to protect and make money from ideas and breakthroughs. DuCharme will explain the hows and whys of the four protective categories for intellectual properties. Participants will learn the steps to take to protect their intellectual property.

SBIR/STTR Grants for Researchers and Entrepreneurs takes place from 1 to 4 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Dr. Mike Skreiner will explain how to strategize and develop compelling proposals for federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology

Transfer (STTR) grants. The seminar will show participants how to uncover agency missions and R & D needs, and differences in SBIR/STTR programs so they can successfully apply for individual awards as high as \$1.15 million from 11 federal agencies.

For more information, contact [Don Brozek](#) at 708.235.7635.

GSU Students Attend International Conference

Thirty GSU students last week attended the Road Map 2011 conference in New York City organized by the Federation of Balkan American Association (FEBA) in partnership with the American Southeast Europe Chamber of Commerce (AmSECC).

Stevco Nikolov, AmSECC Board Member and Trade Specialist at the Illinois International Trade Center at CenterPoint at GSU, organized the trip. Students had an opportunity to listen to and meet leaders of countries extending from the Balkans to Turkey, as well as other American and international students.



GSU was honored at the conference. Nikolov, on behalf of the university, accepted an award acknowledging the university's ongoing and continued support of these conferences. All attendees were awarded certificates of participation.

FEBA provided free transportation and lodging to conference attendees. Road Map 2011, one of a series of annual United Nations events, was attended by business representatives and international government delegations from the Balkan region and the United States, and more than 2,000 students.

Did you Know...?

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

Antonia C. Novello, Doctor, Former United States Surgeon General
In 1990, Antonia Novello became the first Hispanic person — and first woman — to be appointed as Surgeon General, the chief doctor in the United States. As a child, she had a chronic illness that hurt her digestion, causing her great suffering. She never forgot that experience. As surgeon general, Novello campaigned for better care for children. She also paid special attention to the problems of alcoholism, smoking, AIDS, and violence.

Scholarship Spotlight - Danyale Lucado



Danyale Lucado of Matteson received the Donald W. Hansen Memorial Endowed Scholarship. Danyale is an undergraduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences studying Multimedia Communications.

Danyale's goal is to complete her degree, thereby setting a good example to her children. After graduation, Danyale intends to pursue a master's degree.

Art Conversation, Demonstration, and Exhibition

Creativity often goes hand in hand with instruction. In a special series of exhibitions, GSU is sharing art and art instruction with members of the community interested in learning the intricacies, methods, and some of the secrets of artistic creativity.

The series begins with "Ways of Making: Work on Paper" on Wednesday, October 19. The event begins with an opening reception at 5:30 p.m. followed by an Artist Talk beginning at 7 p.m. The exhibit runs from October 17 through November 11, at the GSU Visual Arts Gallery.

Four artists who create primary and significant work using paper will exhibit their work and participate in the talk. Michelle Grabner is an accomplished, exhibiting artist and professor and department chair at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Zach Mory has exhibited throughout the Midwest and taught courses at Wisconsin at UW-Madison, Carthage College, Lawrence University and Ripon College. Allison Svoboda teaches at Lill Street Art Center and works in her studio in Chicago. Matthew Woodward is an accomplished working artist with degrees from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago and the New York Academy of Art.

The exhibit was curated by guest curator Elizabeth Whiting, Curator of the Chicago Union League Club's nearly-800 piece collection, and GSU's gallery director Jeff Stevenson.

This event was made possible by a grant from the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m., Tuesdays from 1 to 9 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 5 to 9 p.m., and by appointment. For more information, call ext. 4021 or visit the [Visual Arts Gallery website](#).

Prior Learning = College Credit

Students can assess their prior learning, 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.

The seminar will help students:

- Identify learning that may be equivalent to college-level work.
- Link this learning to comparable college courses.
- Document their learning.
- Compile their materials in the proper format to submit a portfolio to GSU.

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.

Light the Path to Success (09-26-11)

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.

Skies Clear for Dave Dreschel Golf Outing



The Second Annual GSU Dave Dreschel Golf Outing, held Sunday at University Golf Club, was a huge success. Following a brief sprinkle at the beginning of competition, skies cleared and the outing was rain-free for the rest of the afternoon.

The golf outing was established in memory of Dave Dreschel, who was Human Resource benefits director and a longtime member of GSU’s Golf League. Two of Dave’s daughters and their family friends

took part in this year’s contest. The Dave Dreschel Trophy is awarded each year to the season’s winner in the GSU Golf League.



Winners at this year’s golf outing were:

- All-male team – Gebe Ejigu, Kevin Barto, Kurt Lehrmann, James McGee
- All-female team – Tracy Dreschel, Patty Gorski, Julie Durante, Denise Durante
- Mixed team – Hollie Campbell, Willie Campbell, Leroy Coleman, Kristen Coleman
- Male longest drive – Leroy Coleman
- Female longest drive – Julie Durante
- Men’s closest to the pin - Ken Johnson
- Women’s closest to the pin - Denise Durante’
- Dave Dreschel Trophy winner – Willie Campbell

Criminal Justice Student Society Meets Tuesday

The Criminal Justice Student Society (CJSS) meets Tuesday, September 27 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. The meeting agenda includes election of officers, development of a CJSS website, and discussion regarding an international educational trip.

The CJSS is dedicated to understanding and promoting awareness of criminal justice issues. All GSU students are welcome to attend. Membership is not contingent upon a specified field of study.

For more information, contact Professor [Caron Jacobson](#) at 708.235.2136.

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SBIR/STTR Grants for Researchers and Entrepreneurs takes place from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Hall of Honors at Governors State. Dr. Mike Skeiner will show the sequence of steps participants need to strategize and develop compelling proposals for federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grants, with individual awards as high as \$1.15 million.

For more information about CenterPoint's October 12 seminars, contact [Don Brozek](#) at 708.235.7635.

E-Blast Guidelines Reviewed

Today's technology offers many ways to promote university events. Internal e-mail blasts are a convenient way to share your message with a large group of students, faculty, and staff. In order to assure that e-blasts are accessible by all members of the GSU community, the university's Web Oversight Committee has developed guidelines pursuant to ADA regulations.

Download the [Internal E-Blast Procedure](#).

Please note that all internal e-blast must have the approval of a department/division supervisor before distribution. For additional information or assistance with the new procedure, contact the [Office of Public Affairs](#) at ext. 4044.

Honoring Hispanic Heritage

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

Ellen Ochoa

Ellen Ochoa is the first Hispanic woman to become an astronaut. A veteran of two space flights, she first flew in space on the shuttle Discovery in 1993. Sally Ride, the first woman astronaut in the U.S.,

was one of her role models. Ochoa is not only an astronaut but also an inventor, holding three patents. When she is in space, Ochoa says she loves "looking out the window at the Earth."

Meditation Continues at GSU

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.

Student Exhibit – Brooke Nicholson

The Visual Arts Gallery presents *Impressions of Reality*, a graduate thesis exhibition by Brooke Nicholson, through Wednesday, September 28.

"My watercolor paintings depict the change, growth, metamorphosis, duality and balance that exist in life. I am interested in finding order among the chaos of everyday living," explains Nicholson.

The Visual Arts Gallery is located adjacent to E Lounge. It is open Monday and Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m., Tuesdays from 1 to 9 p.m., and Thursdays and Fridays from 5 to 9 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

Discover Your Inner Samurai

In conjunction with Mental Health Awareness Week, Governors State University is offering informational sessions and confidential depression screening at a series of events that are free and open to the public.

"Our events are designed to help people discover their inner strengths and nurture their emotional health," said Tamekia Scott, Outreach Counselor at GSU's Academic Resource Center (ARC). "We want the public to know conditions like depression and anxiety are highly treatable and that people with these illnesses can lead productive, fulfilling lives."

Activities during the week include "Fight or Flight," a workshop on stress management, on October 3, from noon to 1 p.m. and again from 5 to 6 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

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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.

ARC is sponsoring Mental Health Awareness Week activities. The center provides ongoing counseling services to GSU students.

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

ScholarShip Sails On – Dr. Steven C. Russell



Dr. Steven C. Russell, professor of Multicategorical Special Education will serve as co-editor of *Learning Disabilities: A Multidisciplinary Journal*. The journal is a peer reviewed publication published by the Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA). It is designed for professionals in the field of learning disabilities.

Dr. Russell was appointed by LDA President Patricia Lillie to join Co-Editor Dr. Janet Lerner and Managing Editor Lynne Cannon.

Dr. Russell is a recipient of the LDA Award, the highest honor given by LDA in recognition and appreciation of outstanding leadership in the field of learning disabilities. He has also served as consulting editor for the *Journal*, a member and chair of LDA's Professional Advisory Board, and as chair, member, and representative on several LDA committees and at several conferences.

Economics Education Workshops



GSU's Office of Economic Education (OEE) is sponsoring professional development opportunities for educators in the south suburban region. Teachers will learn how to incorporate economics education into the classroom curriculum and how it enhances important skills and coincides with mandated learning outcomes.

The Stock Market Game workshop will be offered on October 5, from 1 to 5 p.m. The Stock Market Game is an on-line investing simulation for students in grades five through 12 sponsored by the Illinois Office of Economic Education. There is no fee to participate in the Stock Market Game or the workshop. Teachers who have never used the Stock Market Game as an economic education tool are invited to attend the workshop at GSU. Refreshments will be served. CPDUs are available.

Teachers of grades six through 12 are invited to attend the annual

meeting of the Council for Economic Education at the Westin Hotel in Chicago on Oct. 13 to 15. During the meeting, the OEE will host a conference featuring information about the European economy, from 9 a.m. to noon, on October 13. Illinois educators are eligible for a special one-day registration fee of only \$40 and are encouraged to attend on October 13.

The OEE is sponsoring "Real World Learning," a series of day-long workshops focusing on ways to apply skills in reading and math to topics in economics and financial literacy. The first workshop is Nov. 19. There is no charge for these workshops. CPDUs and stipends are available.

For more information, contact [Sheryl Szot Gallaher](#) at 708.534.4926.

GSU to Share Restorative Justice Grant



GSU will participate in a grant that supports the development of community-owned restorative justice programming to lower the numbers of youth entering the juvenile court system. The Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice Project recently received a \$300,000 grant from the First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park.

GSU is contributing to the technical assistance component of this project. University faculty will also monitor the project's activities, evaluate progress in spreading the use of restorative justice practices, and identify ways to sustain the practices beyond the two-year grant period.

"We are pleased to participate with the Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice Project in a program that has the potential to generate positive change by encouraging community ownership of local crime and delinquency problems," said Dr. James "Chip" Coldren, Interim Assistant Provost at GSU. "Restorative justice practices have strong potential to improve the safety and welfare of the region, and in cost-effective ways that place less burden on taxpayers."

Schools and communities in Illinois and across the nation have already adopted restorative justice tools such as peer juries, victim-offender mediation, and peacemaking circles. These strategies help resolve conflicts among students and residents, reduce the need for police intervention, reduce the number of youths sent to juvenile court, and hold youths accountable for their decisions by giving them an opportunity to repair harm caused by their actions.

For more information about the project, call 217.778.3351.

Consciousness Raising at NMSP (09-22-11)

Blue skies and a perfect late-summer afternoon greeted nearly 70 visitors to Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park at last Saturday's first-ever Carts and Cocktails get-together.

NMSP Director and Curator Geoffrey Bates described the gathering as a consciousness-raising event that gave a



number of first-time visitors a chance to see, and learn about, monumental works of art placed in a stunning natural landscape on GSU's campus.

Following a patio reception next to GSU's main pond, participants were treated to a tour of the sculpture park on golf carts. Bates, along with NMSP board members and docents, described individual sculptures and the conservation needs of artwork constantly exposed to the extremes of Midwest weather conditions.

"I believe this was a signal event for the park's collection, in that it exceeded our visitors' expectations significantly and put both the university and the sculpture park on the map for a group of people previously not familiar with NMSP," Bates said.

Bates thanked the numerous volunteers who contributed to the success of Carts and Cocktails.

Dean Bordelon to Lead Graduate Studies

GSU Provost Terry Allison announced this week that Dr. Deborah Bordelon has been appointed the university's Dean of Graduate Studies. Dr. Bordelon will continue to serve as Dean of the College of Education.

Read Dr. Allison's full [memo](#).

Thriller Preview On Campus Today

A special preview of *Thriller, the Legend Continues* will rock the Hall of Governors today at 12:15 p.m. The show's lead singer and four dancers will perform numbers from the show, a tribute to Michael Jackson. The preview is free and open to the public.

GSU students can attend *Thriller, the Legend Continues* for the special price of \$25 per ticket. Student tickets are available at the Center for Performing Arts box office. Student ID is required.

Thriller, the Legend Continues takes place Saturday, October 1, at 8 p.m., at the Center for Performing Arts. The show includes an onstage lineup of "Our Michael," musicians, background singers, and dancers. The concert replicates Michael Jackson's BAD and Dangerous tours and is sure to be a musical thrill for everyone.

Neukam Heads Institutional Research and Effectiveness

Governors State University would like to welcome Kirstan Neukam as Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness.

Neukam previously served as the Director of Institutional Research and Assessment at



Oklahoma Panhandle State University, where she was responsible for facilitating the University's efforts in assessment/accreditation, strategic planning, and institutional reporting of data encompassing various aspects of the university.

In addition to her work at OPSU, Neukam has served as a mentor/consultant for the Higher Learning Commission's Academy for the Assessment of Student Learning, assisting various schools with assessment efforts. She looks forward to sharing her passion and expertise in research with the GSU community.

Enlisting Help for Hogtown

Following the success of *Chicago Heights*, GSU Independent Film and Digital Imaging professors Daniel Nearing and Sang Hoon Lee are preparing to produce *Hogtown*, a love story and mystery set during Chicago's brutal race riots in 1919.

Nearing, an associate professor, and Lee, an assistant professor, are seeking assistance in making their second feature film. On Sunday, September 25, they'll give a short preview of *Hogtown* at an outreach session to members of the south suburban Tall Grass Arts Association. The session is scheduled for 6 to 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. Nearing said he and Lee are enlisting help in the production of the film, including donations of any kind, including production funds; equipment help; locations; or catering.

To RSVP or learn more about Sunday's session, contact Tall Grass board member [Suzanne Patterson](#) at 708.420.0563.

Chicago Heights, produced with the assistance of GSU students and staff members, was the recipient of several awards, was shown at numerous film festivals around the world, and was named to Roger Ebert's list of the Best Art Films of 2010.

Professor Published in Harvard Business Review

Dr. Gokce Sargut, Assistant Professor of Management at Governors State University, is co-author of *Learning to Live with Complexity*, the cover story in the September-October issue of Harvard Business Review.

The article, co-written with Dr. Rita Gunther McGrath of Columbia University, examines strategies for making sense of the unpredictable and undefinable in today's hyperconnected business world.

In just a short time, the article states, most businesses have gone from complicated to



complex. They now contain numerous diverse, interdependent parts. This makes managers' jobs much more difficult:

- They can't predict what will happen when various parts of the business interact; the

same starting conditions may yield different results.

- Seemingly simple actions produce unintended consequences.
- Human cognitive limits mean that no manager can understand all aspects of the business, but many refuse to acknowledge those limits.
- Rare events can be more significant than average ones – and may occur more often than we think.

Managers can navigate this difficult landscape by making fundamental changes in how they approach key tasks, such as forecasting, mitigating risks, making tradeoffs, and ensuring diversity of thought.

Dr. Sargut, who is in his second year at GSU, said the university has provided an atmosphere that is conducive to his research. "I like it here a great deal," he said. "Everyone has been very supportive and positive about my work. There is a wonderful culture of teaching at GSU."

Alumni Association Hosts Ballpark Trip

Join GSU alumni and friends for a fun-filled afternoon at the ballpark when the White Sox take on the Kansas City Royals at U.S. Cellular Field on Sunday, September 25. The trip is sponsored by the GSU Alumni Association.

Game time is 1:10 p.m. Seats are located in Section 111 and cost \$48 per person. Call [Cheri Garey](#) at ext. 4128 to reserve your tickets.

Palanca Receives Distinguished Service Award

Peter Palanca, a senior lecturer in Addiction Studies at GSU, has received the George Schwab Distinguished Service Award, presented annually on behalf of Illinois leaders in the field of substance use prevention and treatment.



Palanca received the award on September 9 at the annual conference of the Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association (IADDA). Recipients are selected based on their service to IADDA and the field, including leadership and expertise in the development of public policy.

Palanca is chairman of the advisory board of GSU's Addictions Studies and Behavioral Health Department and holds a faculty appointment as senior lecturer of Addiction Studies in the College of Health and Human Services.

He is executive vice president and chief operating officer for Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities, a statewide, nonprofit organization that advocates for people with substance use and mental health disorders.

A Homewood resident, Palanca has been a leader in the alcohol/drug prevention and treatment field for more than 30 years. He is current chairman of the board of the IADDA, and is one of 12 individuals appointed to the Children's Mental Health Partnership, the policy guiding group for children's mental health issues in Illinois. He is vice chair of the board of directors for the National Association for Children of Alcoholics, and is also a board member of Prevention Partnership, a non-profit prevention and health promotion agency located in Chicago.

Keeping GSU Safe

With a new academic year under way, GSU's Campus Threat Assessment Team (CTAT) is again encouraging faculty, staff, and student workers to participate in the campus safety initiative. As more evidence and research develops concerning campus tragedies, GSU is taking a hands-on, holistic approach so tools are in place to ensure campus safety.

GSU's CTAT has adopted an online, interactive course – Kognito's At-Risk Training – to assist in our 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.

In an effort to get everyone to complete the training, CTAT is tracking university departments to determine which unit has the first 100 percent completion rate. The first department to meet a 100 percent rate will receive the CTAT Campus Safety Initiative Reward.

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@govst.edu.

Big Screen Under the Stars

GSU students and their families can enjoy an old-fashioned night at the drive-in on Friday, September 23. The East 3 parking lot (formerly Parking Lot E) will be transformed into a drive-in movie theater with a big screen showing *The Zookeeper* under the stars. The show begins at dusk. Popcorn and candy – perfect movie refreshments – will be served.

The Zookeeper, starring Kevin James and Rosario Dawson, is the family-friendly comedy about a group of zoo animals who decide to break their code of silence in order to help their zookeeper friend find

love.

Everyone is welcome. The event is sponsored by Student Life. For more information contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) at ext. 4552.

Responding to Trauma, Disability

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Scholarship Spotlight - Crystal Locke

Crystal Locke of Tinley Park received the Manilow Scholarship for Students who Achieve Intellectual Excellence. Crystal is an undergraduate student in the College of Health and Human Services in the



BSN program.

Crystal is a registered nurse. Her long-term goal is to become a professor of nursing.

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On-Campus Housing Forum (09-19-11)

Students, faculty, and staff can join the design discussion about plans for new on-campus student housing at GSU.

An open forum on Student Housing Design takes place Tuesday, September 20 forum 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Sherman Hall. Come to the forum and find out about proposed on-campus housing options at GSU.

[Download conceptual housing drawing.](#)

GSU Picnic Winners

With cool autumn temperatures, Friday's Faculty-Staff Picnic featured delicious food, good companionship, and a chance to excel at a variety of games and contests. Highlights included the many excellent performances in the *GSU Has Talent* segments as well as the unseating of the perennial beanbag contest winners Eri Villagomez and Kevin Barto by this year's second place winners, Lisa and Mark Kundla.



When all the competitions were over, the winners were decided:

- Closest to the Pin winners were Nancy John and Rod Chambers.
- The Beanbag competition saw teams of Christina Gonzales and Marty Brooks vs. Mark and Lisa Kundla in the final playoff game. Gonzales/Brooks won the competition.
- Kelly Robinson won the Back Flip Minute to Win It game.
- Scott Smith won the Breakfast Scramble.
- Ayita Woods won the Stack 'em High cup game.
- Mike Cornelious won the Face the Cookie game.
- Raffle winners were Erick Brenes and Donna Finn



Check your tickets. Two raffle prizes



remain unclaimed. Contact Tony Tymkow at ext. 4108.
#885171- 2 Cubs vs. Milwaukee, terrace tickets for tonight, September 19, at 7 p.m., at Wrigley Field.
#885169- Round of golf for tour with carts at the University Park Golf Club.

The Picnic was sponsored by the Civil Service Senate, the Provost's Office, and the GSU Spirit Committee. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the picnic a success.

Thrilling Preview on Thursday

A special preview of *Thriller, the Legend Continues* will rock the Hall of Governors on Thursday, September 22 at 12:15 p.m. The show's lead singer and four dancers will perform numbers from the show, a tribute to Michael Jackson. The preview is free and open to the public.

GSU students can attend *Thriller, the Legend Continues* for the special price of \$25 per ticket. Student tickets are available at the Center for Performing Arts box office. Student ID is required.

Thriller, the Legend Continues takes place Saturday, October 1 at 8 p.m. at the Center for Performing Arts. The show includes an onstage lineup of "Our Michael," musicians, background singers, and dancers. The concert replicates Michael Jackson's BAD and Dangerous tours and is sure to be a musical thrill for everyone.

Dr. Rudloff Addresses International Conference

Dr. Winfried Karl Rudloff, professor of computer science at GSU and distinguished professor of Internet-based global education at the International Institute for Advanced Studies in Systems Research and Cybernetics (IIAS), attended the 23rd International Conference on Systems Research, Informatics, and Cybernetics this August, in Baden-Baden, Germany.

During the opening plenary session, Dr. Rudloff presented a keynote address on *The Past, Present, and Projected Future of Science and Society: Technology Assessment, Technological Forecasting, and Futurology*. During the closing plenary session, he presented a second keynote address on *Multimedia and the Hybrid Classroom in the Context of Global Education II*.



In addition, Dr. Rudloff organized and conducted a special focus symposium and workshop on *Global Education and the Technological Frontiers VII* and a workshop on *Human Creativity in the Arts & Sciences in a High-Tech Era: On Minds and Memories of Men and Machines*.

At the conference, Professor Rudloff was elected Senior Fellow of the IIAS "in recognition of his outstanding work, innovative research and his great contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field."

Also in August, Dr. Rudloff attended the seventh International Symposium on Strategic Planning for the Future: Visions and

Challenges where he acted as co-chair and presented a keynote address on *Humanity at the Edge: The Rise and Fall of Humankind?*

Deadline Nears for Golf Outing

There's still time to register for the Second Annual GSU Dave Drechsel Golf Outing, to be held this Sunday, September 25 at University Golf Club in University Park.

Golfers must sign up for the event by Tuesday. Sunday's golf outing begins at noon, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The banquet begins at 6 p.m. The fee for the entire day's events is \$75, or \$25 for persons who choose to just attend the banquet. Fees can be paid on the day of the event.

The golf outing was established in memory of Dave Drechsel, who was Human Relations benefits manager and a longtime member of the GSU summer golf league.

To register for the event and submit payment, contact [Hollie Campbell](#) at 708.235.6813.

GSU Chorale

Auditions were held last week for the GSU Chorale. The new group not only has 12 members, it also has booked its first performance. The GSU Chorale will be singing Christmas carols during the pre-show for the Nutcracker at the CPA, on December 10.

The chorale's first rehearsal is on Monday, September 26, from 12:15 to 1 p.m., in the CPA Green Room.

There is still time to join the fun. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to audition at noon on September 26. To reserve an audition time, contact [Lynne Clayton](#) at ext. 3075.

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Grad School Fair in Chicago

The GSU Office of Career Services is a co-sponsor of the seventh Annual Chicago Graduate and Professional School Fair. The fair gives students the opportunity to learn more about graduate school opportunities and programs and meet with advisors. More than 240 grad schools will be represented, including representatives from many of the GSU graduate programs.

The event will be held on Thursday, October 6, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the UIC Forum, 725 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago. The event is open to students and prospective students free of charge.

Internship Opportunities Available

Internships can provide valuable experience, a paycheck, and college credit. They help students make informed career choices and add valuable credentials to a resume. The GSU Office of Career Services wants to help you find an internship position.

Resumes are currently being accepted for internship opportunities in accounting and marketing. Additional internship opportunities are continually becoming available. Get your resume on file in the Office of Career Services so you will be prepared to take advantage of a valuable internship opportunity when it arises

Contact the Office of Career Services in Room A1120 at 708.235.3974, or e-mail [Cynthia Comber](mailto:Cynthia.Comber@gsu.edu).

403(b) Planning

John Olson of VALIC under the University's 403(b) plan will be on campus Tuesday, September 21, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the Library Conference Center. Appointments are not required.

Employees may choose to open a 403(b) account and begin pre-tax deductions for additional retirement savings at any time with the approved vendors. To open an account, contact the vendor of your choice directly. The IRS contribution limit is \$16,500 per year if under age 50. If over age 50, the maximum contribution is \$22,000 per year.

GSU has authorized the following vendors under its Tax Deferred Annuity Plan under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, to handle new business with its employees. The approved vendors are:

VALIC – 800.892.5558 x89470, John Olson

TIAA-CREF – 800.842.2005 x5666, Patrick Windle
Fidelity – 800.343.0860, press "O"
The Legend Group – 800.835.2158, Neil Meldgin

Lincoln Laureate 2011 Nominations

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. Please complete the Student Laureate Nomination Form and return it to Sheree Sanderson by Thursday, October 6.

For additional information, contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) at ext. 4552.

Hispanic Heritage - Did You Know?

During Hispanic Heritage Month, important achievements are being honored in this special month-long feature in GSU View.

Francisco de Goya

Francisco de Goya is a well-known Spanish romantic painter. He is considered the last of the old masters. He was the court painter for the Spanish royalty and was a great portrait painter in his early days. After his death, his paintings of war and his etchings gained a lot of fame. His most famous paintings are *The Nude Maja* and *The Clothed Maja*, which depict a woman in two separate paintings in the same pose, one clothed and other nude. During the Spanish Inquisition, his works depicting nudes were confiscated, but were later returned.

Coats for Kids

Students from the Group Communications class taught by Marilyn Yirku are sponsoring *Coats 4 Kids*. Here is your chance to help provide children in need with a warm winter coat. New and gently used coats will be collected from now until October 22. Everyone is encouraged to donate a coat for a child. Coats may be dropped off at the Student Life suite, A2101.

Skating Party

The Phi Alpha National Honor Society, a national honor society for social work students, is sponsoring a youth charity skating benefit. Everyone is welcome to skate, have fun, and support area youth services.

Tickets are only \$10 in advance and \$13 at the door for an evening of roller rink fun. The event will be held on November 13, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Glenwood Roller Rink, 656 West Holbrook Road, Glenwood. Skate rental is not included.

Advance tickets may be purchased on selected days in October at the

Phi Alpha table adjacent to the cafeteria.

Questions Answered (09-15-11)



This week, students, faculty, and staff had the opportunity to learn more about new initiatives at GSU, have their questions answered, make suggestions, and voice

concerns at open meetings with university administrators.



Students joined Dr. Elaine P. Maimon for a Chat with the President on Tuesday. Faculty and staff attended a Town Hall meeting with the administration on Wednesday. Members of the GSU community asked questions on a variety of topics at each event. Topics discussed included the proposal to turn GSU into a four-year institution, implementation of the new Datatel system, improvements to student services, and the E and F wing reconstruction project.

2011-2012 Holiday Schedule

Please take a moment to review the attached memo from Dr. Gebe Ejigu, Executive Vice President/Chief of Staff, regarding the 2011-2012 GSU Holiday Schedule.

Download 2011-2012 [Holiday Schedule](#).

Closest to the Pin

Attention all hackers, duffers, sandbaggers, and mulligans. A Closest to the Pin contest has been added to Friday's GSU Faculty and Staff Picnic.

For \$1 a ball, you can show off your short-game skill at "links" behind the Center for Performing Arts. You can bring your own short iron or use one supplied by the university.

Two rounds – from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and from 1 to 2 p.m. – are scheduled. Winners of each Closest to the Pin round will receive two tickets to any 2011-2012 production at the Center for Performing Arts.

Golfers can also compete for a Hole in One grand prize. The first person to put the ball in the cup from the tee wins two tickets for golf, cart, snacks, dinner, and prizes at the Second Annual Dave Drechsel Golf Tournament on September 25 at University Park Golf Club.

Half of Closest to the Pin proceeds will go to the GSU Promise and the other half will help offset picnic costs.

The GSU Faculty and Staff Picnic takes place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

Weight Watchers Sign-up

There's still time to sign up for Weight Watchers at GSU. The fall program is tentatively scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 20.

For further information or to sign up, contact [Ayita Woods](#) at 708.235.7470.

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Hispanic Heritage Month 2011

Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 through October 15) will be celebrated at GSU with fun, informative, and tasty events.

Everyone can participate in *Did You Know? Test Your Knowledge of Hispanic History and Culture*. Check out how much you know. Forms may be picked-up at Student Central or Student Life beginning Thursday, September 15.

First Fact – The start date of Hispanic Heritage Month was chosen because it is Independence Days of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Guatemala. Mexico and Chile celebrate their Independence Days on September 16 and 18.

GSU art student Luis Sahagun will exhibit his artwork will in the library.

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Additional events sponsored by ALAS include a performance by Capoeira, taco sales, and Taste of Latin America. Dates, times, and locations will be announced.

GSU and SSMMA in Web Access Partnership

GSU and the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) are pleased to help promote a special educational



opportunity for families in the south suburban region. Through Internet Essentials, a special program sponsored by Comcast, families are able to receive fast Internet access and a computer for greatly reduced costs.

Internet Essentials offers Internet access for \$9.95 monthly and an opportunity to purchase a computer for \$150 to households that have a child eligible for free lunch under the Federal Free Lunch Program. As part of this initiative, Comcast also offers free Internet training.

GSU and SSMMA have partnered to help get the word out to school districts in the region. Dr. Deborah Bordelon, Dean of the College of Education; Alicia McCray, Director of MILE, GSU College of Education; and Ed Paesel, Executive Director, South Suburban Mayors and Managers, met recently with Yohan Fernando, Senior Manager of Government and Community Affairs, Comcast; and Lisa Ouzianian, Director of Government and Community Affairs, Comcast, to discuss how best to promote the program.

"Access to the world of information available on the Internet and to the improved lines of communication that Internet services offer are vital components in today's society and a very useful and effective educational tool," said Dr. Bordelon. "We are pleased to help inform area educators, students, and parents about this valuable opportunity."

For more information on the program, call 708.237.3229.

Job Hunt is On

Getting a job is hard. The GSU Office of Career Services is sponsoring a series of job and internship fairs to help current students, recent graduates, alumni and members of the community find employment.

The first job fair is for people interested in for careers in business, communication, and public and business administration. In addition to employment opportunities, the fair will also include internship opportunities.

The 2011 Business/Administration/Communications Career and Internship Fair will be held on Thursday, October 13, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members are invited to attend. Potential employers are also invited to register as participants. This is an opportunity to match jobs and internship positions with qualified personnel.

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

Ailey II Lecture and Performance

The Center for Performing Arts is offering two very special opportunities to understand and enjoy the world of dance.



The Ailey II Dance Company will perform *Generations* at the CPA on Friday, October 28, at 8 p.m. The show explores the company's past, present, and future with 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 www.centertickets.net.

A free, special lecture and demonstration by Ailey II Dance Company members will be held on Thursday, October 27, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The presentation includes excerpts of repertory, onstage audience participation, introduction to the dancers, and a Q and A session. This event is open to the public and sponsored by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.

To make a reservation for the free presentation, contact [Burt Dikelsky](#) at 708.235.2238.

Meditation Sessions Fall 2011

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 3:15 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.

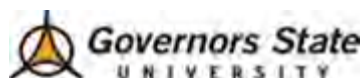
Scholarship Spotlight – Chengting Li



Chengting Li of Park Forest received the Wilbur L. Morrison Endowed Scholarship. Chengting is a graduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration, working toward an MBA degree in Accounting.

Chengting is also a foreign exchange student from China. Her long-term goal is to own her own company.

E-Mail Signature Logo



Faculty and staff can now personalize their e-mail signatures with the new GSU logo. The new logo is available in various sizes and formats – including an e-mail signature version – at the Office of

Public Affairs website under [Downloads](#). Also available under [Downloads](#) are new PowerPoint designs and desktop backgrounds, which incorporate the new look.

The Office of Public Affairs is available to answer questions and provide assistance with a variety of [communication services](#). For more information about the services and assistance of the Office of Public Affairs, visit our website. The university community is reminded that any use of the university name or logo must be approved by the Office of Public Affairs. For more information, contact [Eric Matanyi](#), [Lindsay Gladstone](#), or [Tom Houlihan](#).

Under Secretary Kanter Praises GSU Programs (09-19-11)



The nation's top-ranking post-secondary education officer Friday praised Governors State University's Dual Degree Program, a groundbreaking initiative designed to increase graduation rates on both the community college and university level.

Dr. Martha J. Kanter, Under Secretary of the United States Department of Education, spoke at *Success by Dual Degrees: Meeting the President's College Completion Goal*, a higher education rally hosted by GSU President Elaine P. Maimon.

"We are going to shine a spotlight on the Dual Degree Program," Dr. Kanter said. "This is absolutely the right direction in which to go." She called the Dual Degree Program a model partnership between GSU and community college partners that will help first generation college students overcome obstacles that are often found in the challenging higher education environment.

The GSU rally was Dr. Kanter's final stop on a three-day "Education and the Economy" back-to-school bus tour, which included events in several Midwestern states. Dr. Kanter and other Department of Education senior staff members, including Secretary Arne Duncan, visited schools they consider "islands of excellence" that are preparing students to compete in the global economy. GSU, she said, fits that description.

"Your Success by Degrees strategy has all the right elements," Dr. Kanter said. "You are offering students educational opportunities that are affordable and doable, and you are helping them stay on track to finish what they started."



President Barack Obama has called upon American institutions of higher learning to take steps to increase the national college graduation rate by 50 percent by 2020. GSU, responding to the president's call, initiated the Dual Degree Program,

an innovative partnership between the university and area community colleges that offers financial incentives, university advising, and other assistance to students, who join the program during their freshman year in community college.

Anne Pramaggiore, president and chief operating officer of ComEd, and Rafiah Muhammed, a Prairie State College student who is enrolled in the Dual Degree Program, also spoke at the rally. A children's choir from the Family Development Center presented two songs, "America the Beautiful," and "Success by Degrees," with original lyrics by Ayita Woods of GSU's Human Resources Department.

Changes Announced in Student Support Services

Changes in GSU's Student Academic Support Services were announced last week by Provost Terry Allison. Dr. Peggy Woodard will serve as Interim Dean of Students in addition to maintaining her role as Associate Provost. Sheree Sanderson has been appointed as Interim Assistant Dean.

Read [Dr. Allison's memo](#).

Four-Year Plan is Town Hall Topic

President Elaine P. Maimon will host a Town Hall meeting for faculty and staff on Wednesday, September 14, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall. The forum will address the possible transition of GSU to a four-year institution with both upper and lower division programs.

For further information, please review a [white paper](#) and [executive summary](#) on the proposed changes.

A Chat with President Maimon

Students, bring your questions – and your ideas – to a chat with President Maimon on Tuesday, September 13, at 6 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. You can find out about the many changes on campus this fall, and GSU's plans for the future.

Free pizza will be served at the get-together with President Maimon.

BSU Snow Cones

Enjoy an end of summer treat at the GSU Black Student Union snow cone social. The BSU will be creating these tasty treats to celebrate the new semester on Thursday, September 15, from noon to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Everyone is welcome while supplies last.

For more information about the Black Student Union, contact [Tina Hughes-Burke](#) at ext. 7312.

September 11 Memorial Events

GSU is commemorating the 10th anniversary of 9-11 today with a series of public events.



Bells on the university carillon tolled from 9 to 9:30 a.m. During a morning ceremony, President Elaine P. Maimon and Keith White, coordinator of Veterans Services at GSU, spoke to those assembled. Tamekia Scott of the Academic Resource Center served at emcee.

A public discussion of the events of 9-11-2001 and its impact is scheduled from noon to 1 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. The discussion is sponsored by the Academic Resource Center, Student Life, and Veteran's Affairs. For information, call 708.235.2228.

Stories about "Where Were You on 9-11?" will be read from 1 to 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Commemorative stories were submitted to Reinhold Hill, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

All events are free and open to the public.

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- How did he learn to be such an incredible juggler?

For more information, contact [Dr. Robbie O'Shea](#).

Auditions This Week For GSU Chorale

Do you love to sing? If so, come to auditions for the GSU Chorale on September 13 and 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts Green Room.

The GSU Chorale is open to students, faculty, and staff. All voice types are needed. The immediate goal of the Chorale is to sing holiday tunes around GSU in December.

Following the auditions, flexible rehearsals will be held once a week during a lunch hour time frame. The group will mainly perform a cappella. Instrumentalists interested in adding tones to our sound

should also apply.

At the audition, singers should be prepared to perform a song a cappella. To reserve an audition time, contact [Lynne Clayton](#) at 708.534.3075.

The GSU Spirit Committee is sponsoring the Chorale.

Learn About PT Doctoral Programs

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Success by Dual Degrees Rally Friday (09-08-11)



All members of the GSU community, as well as the general public, are encouraged to attend Friday's higher education rally, "Success by Dual Degrees: Meeting the President's College Completion Goal," at 2 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts.

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Student Academic Support Services Changes

Changes in GSU's Student Academic Support Services were announced this week by Provost Terry Allison. Dr. Peggy Woodard will serve as Interim Dean of Students in addition to maintaining her role as Associate Provost. Sheree Sanderson has been appointed as Interim Assistant Dean.

Read Dr. Allison's [memo](#).

Town Hall Focuses on Four-Year Plan

President Elaine P. Maimon will host a Town Hall meeting for faculty and staff on Wednesday, September 14, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall. The forum will address the possible transition of GSU to a four-year institution with both upper and lower division programs.

For further information, please review a [white paper](#) and [executive summary](#) on the proposed changes.

Meet the President

Students, bring your questions – and your ideas – to a chat with President Maimon on Tuesday, September 13, at 6 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. You can find out about the many changes on campus this fall, and GSU's plans for the future.

Free pizza will be served at the get-together with President Maimon.

GSU Remembers September 11

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Responding to Trauma and Disability

Gary Karp, author and Spinal Cord Injury Hall of Fame inductee, will speak at Thriving Through and Beyond Trauma on Monday, September 26, from 1 to 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Karp's appearance is presented by GSU's Physical Therapy program and sponsored by the Christopher & Dana Reeve Paralysis Resource Center.

Karp, who suffered a spinal cord injury in 1973, has spoken extensively

at rehabilitation facilities. During his insightful, engaging, and enjoyable talk, he will draw from his own experiences as a wheelchair user.

Among the questions he will address:

- How do people respond to traumatic change and disability?
- What are the adaptive processes people draw upon?
- What is the social context for how we all view disability and adjustment?
- How does the experience and services of acute rehab make a difference?
- What is the optimal relationship for a clinician with a patient to best draw on their capacity to thrive?
- How did he learn to be such an incredible juggler?

For more information, contact [Dr. Robbie O'Shea](#).

GSU Forming Choral Group

Do you love to sing? If so, come to auditions for the GSU Chorale on September 13 and 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts Green Room.

The GSU Chorale is open to students, faculty, and staff. All voice types are needed. The immediate goal of the Chorale is to sing holiday tunes around GSU in December.

Following the auditions, flexible rehearsals will be held once a week during a lunch hour time frame. The group will mainly perform a cappella. Instrumentalists interested in adding tones to our sound should also apply.

At the audition, singers should be prepared to perform a song a cappella. To reserve an audition time, contact [Lynne Clayton](#) at 708.534.3075.

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Scholarship Spotlight - Annie Lenoir



Annie Lenoir of Olympia Fields received the Ralph and Dolores Turner Scholarship in Liberal Arts. Annie is a student in the College of Arts and Sciences' secondary education program in English.

Annie believes she has the heart, the passion, and the will to ignite the flames of interest in her students.

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University Closed - September 3 to September 5 (09-01-11)

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The closure will allow for replacement and repair of electrical systems that recently sustained damage.

The power outage will not affect off campus access to all online GSU computer systems including myGSU, Datatel/Colleague, WebCT, Blackboard, GSU e-mail, student e-mail, the library’s online catalog and databases, and the GSU website. As a precaution, on campus computers should also be powered down.

Individuals visiting campus are required to check in with the Department of Public Safety on the first floor of C-wing, room C1375 (entrance near Department of Human Resources).

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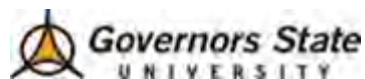
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Success by Degrees – New GSU Logo

GSU has a new look! With the continual improvements to campus facilities and amenities comes a new look for the GSU brand. After extensive research and discussion, GSU has adopted a new logo and colors designed to reflect the innovative and forward-thinking nature of the university.

The university worked closely with Simantel, a marketing consulting firm, to develop the new branding campaign. The university community had the opportunity to comment on the new look at an informal charrette on April 18 and 19.

The new logo uses some familiar elements and incorporates the color orange to



provide a fresh look as GSU enters its fifth decade. To honor GSU's rich educational tradition, the new logo includes the original triad mark. The university colors are still black and white with the addition of orange and gray accent colors. The new tagline, "Success by Degrees," reflects the university's commitment to degree completion.

The new logo is available in various sizes and formats on the [Office of Public Affairs website](#) under [Downloads](#). Also available under [Downloads](#) are new PowerPoint designs and desktop backgrounds, which incorporate the new look.

The Office of Public Affairs is available to answer questions and provide assistance with a variety of [communication services](#). For more information about the services and assistance of the Office of Public Affairs, visit our website. The university community is reminded that any use of the university name or logo must be approved by the Office of Public Affairs. For more information, contact [Eric Matanyi](#), [Lindsay Gladstone](#), or [Tom Houlihan](#).

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Student Account and E-Mail Assistance

Technicians from the GSU Helpdesk are available to answer student questions about online account access, myGSU, registration, e-mail, and login/passwords.

The free, live assistance sessions will be held in the Hall of Governors today, from 3 to 7:30 p.m. Helpdesk personnel will also be on hand during those hours on Friday, September 2 and Tuesday, September 6.

Proof of ID is necessary to validate login and password information.

Check Out a Best Seller

Start your September reading with a New York Times Best Seller from the GSU Library. The Best Seller program is sponsored by the Friends of the GSU Library.

Recent additions to the Library include:

- *Digging Up the Dirt: the History and Mysteries of the Will County Poor Farm and Potter's Fields* by Gina Wysocki
- *Land of Painted Caves* by Jean M. Auel
- *Seal Team 6: Memoirs of an Elite SEAL Sniper* by Howard E. Wasdin and Stephen Templin
- *Dead Reckoning* by Charlaine Harris



Sign Up for GSU Golf Outing



Golfers, there are only a few weeks left to perfect your long and short game for the Second Annual GSU Dave Drechsel Golf Outing. This year's outing will be held Sunday, September 25 at University Golf Club in University Park. Participants have until September 16 to register for the event.

Registration for the golf outing begins at noon, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The banquet begins at 6 p.m. The fee for the entire day's events is \$75, or \$25 for persons only attending the banquet.

The golf outing was established in memory of Dave Drechsel, who was Human Relations benefits manager and a longtime member of the GSU summer golf league.

To register for the event and submit payment, contact [Hollie Campbell](#) at 708.235.6813.

Suicide Prevention and At-Risk Training

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In addition to the information provided at the presentation, GSU's Campus Threat Assessment Team (CTAT) would like to encourage students, faculty and staff to participate in Kognito's At-Risk Online Training. The training provides the opportunity to learn and practice the skills and procedures needed to identify and report students who are experiencing psychological distress. The training takes only 45 minutes. The GSU community can access the training online at <https://aruf.kognito.com>.

For more information about CTAT or reporting go to <http://www.govst.edu/ctat>.

Get Zumba Fit

Dance your way to fitness at Zumba classes at GSU's Recreation and Fitness Center. Classes will be offered on Mondays, from noon to 1 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., from September 12 through December 12.

Zumba is exercise that combines Latin and international dance and fitness inspired movements. Participants dance away their worries and tone and sculpt their muscles while moving to salsa, merengue, cumbia, reggaetone, samba, and belly dancing.

A 15 session punch card is available for only \$10 for GSU students, \$40 for Recreation and Fitness Center members, and \$80 for non-members.

For more information and to register, call 708.534.4556 or visit room A1106.

Scholarship Spotlight - Stephanie Kurcab

Stephanie Kurcab of Woodridge received the Dr. Katherine L. Gavin Scholarship. Stephanie is a graduate student in the College of Health and Human Services' Occupational Therapy program.



Stephanie's long-term goal is to open a rehabilitation facility incorporating occupational, physical, recreation, and speech therapy into one facility.

Blackboard 9.1 Faculty Workshops

Spaces are still available for Blackboard 9.1 Faculty Workshops today and on September 7. Two-hour workshops are offered in both the morning and afternoon.

Workshop One is an essential for faculty, as it will introduce the Blackboard interface, familiarize you with the features of the GSU Standard Settings, and help you get started on creating your Spring 2012 web-enhanced, hybrid, or online course.

Registration is limited to 15 persons per session. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Contact [Nikki Rosebough](#) with workshop or training questions.



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