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## News

### Graduation Preparation



### Salute to Grads

Are you graduating in May? Join us Wednesday, March 23 from noon to 6 p.m. in the Hall of Governors, for Salute to Grads! Students can order caps and gowns, class rings, and invitations. There will also be a photographer taking graduation portraits. For further [information](#), contact [Konya Sledge](#) in the Office of Student Life.

### Graduates Encouraged to Tell #MyGSU Story

Also on Wednesday, March 23, a booth will be set up in the Hall of Governors from noon to 5 p.m. where graduates can tell their GSU story. Let us know how GSU has changed your life and what you will be doing now that you are a Governors State alum! We will feature some of your stories on the GSU website, [GSU View](#) and on our [social media sites](#).

You can also email the *GSU View*. [Tell us your GSU Story!](#)

### President Maimon Named to Top 100

*Time* has named GSU President Elaine P. Maimon one of the [100 Most-Read Female Writers in College](#)

## [Classes.](#)

Over one million syllabi were analyzed to produce a list of the most-assigned writers in higher education. President Maimon appears in the No. 63 slot, between Maya Angelou and Louis May Alcott, for her English language guidebook *The McGraw-Hill Handbook*. You can read more about it on page 7.

## President's Challenge

### Keep the contributions coming!

We're entering week five of the President's Challenge scholarship fund drive. President and Dr. Maimon continue to match your donations, dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000, so let's reach that \$100,000 goal for GSU students. [Donate](#) today!

## Doing Business in Africa a Success

The COB sponsored an all-day workshop on emerging business markets in Africa on Friday, March 11. The [event](#) was well-attended and covered a range of topics from multiple business and government perspectives.

## Announcements

### Faculty and Staff Head Shots

If you need your picture taken for the GSU website or would like to update your profile picture, please sign up for one of the following dates and times below.

1. Tuesday, March 22, 3-4 p.m., Skylight Gallery, GSU Library
2. Wednesday, March 23, 3-4 p.m., Skylight Gallery, GSU Library
3. Thursday, March 24, 11 a.m.-noon, Skylight Gallery, GSU Library

### Campus Book Exchange

In an effort to help students with the high cost of text books, Social Inequalities 3200 is initiating a book exchange for GSU students. They're asking students, faculty, and staff to donate current or previous edition text books for GSU courses. Book drop-off begins on March 23 at 11 a.m. in the Hall of Governors, and the book store is offering prizes for the first 10 students who donate.

For more information, contact [Daniel Vergara](#).

### Doctor of Physical Therapy Information Session

GSU's Department of Physical Therapy is hosting an information session for its entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree program on Wednesday, March 23 from 4 to 7 p.m. in F 2505.

Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information contact [Yonterme Banks](#) at 708.534.7290

### Reconstructed Journal Seeking Student Submissions

The submission deadline for Reconstructed, the GSU online journal of literature and visual art, is Friday, March 25.

The journal features poetry, fiction, creative non-fiction, and all forms of visual art including short films.

You can find full submission [guidelines](#) on the website and direct questions to [Reconstructed@govst.edu](mailto:Reconstructed@govst.edu).

## Research Day at GSU

Applications are still being accepted for GSU's Research Day Friday, April 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. This forum offers students and faculty the opportunity to present their research work.

For more information or for participation application forms, contact [Dr. Colleen Sexton](#).

## Disability Awareness Week

### Bill Deering, Motivational Speaker

Monday, April 4 in Sherman Hall at 7 p.m. Meet Bill, a motivational speaker who overcame his stutter and has spoken with over 12,000 students nationally. The topics covered in his program include: teamwork, overcoming adversity, self-acceptance, overcoming bullying, leadership, and mental toughness.

### Stand 4 Abilities Obstacle Course

Tuesday, April 5 in the Hall of Governors from 3 to 5 p.m. Do an obstacle course lets you 'experience' the struggles and challenges of their 'dis'ability. Learn to see how we adapt to our newfound abilities.

### Disability & Wellness Resource Fair

Thursday, April 7 in the Hall of Governors from 1 to 4 p.m. This event is an opportunity for families, students, and employers to learn about services and programs that local, regional, and state agencies provide for our local individuals and families who require alternative accommodations in our community and wellness education.

## Early Reading Competition

The Student Education Association (SEA) is seeking volunteers for the second annual The Journey of a Book Starts with a Word Reading Showcase. The event will be held Wednesday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact [Katy Hisrich](#).

## GSU Dance Festival



Experience the beauty and drama of dance on Thursday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts when TAPS presents the [Governors State University Dance Festival](#). [Tickets are \\$18 for the public, \\$13 for students.](#)

## **GSU Sponsors Career/Internship Fair**

Job seekers, get ready for The Spring Career and Internship Fair will be held on Thursday, April 14 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Hall of Governors and the Center for Performing Arts Lobby on the university's main campus.

Meet with potential employers and discover job and internship opportunities in communications, technology, business, public administration, criminal justice, addiction studies, community health, and education.

For more information, call 708.235.3974.

## **Graduate Program Fair at Governors State University**

A Graduate Program Open House will be held in the E Lounge on Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Prospective students who attend the Graduate Program Open House will receive a waiver code for their application fee. Programs requiring application through the CAS system are excluded from this offer.

Advance registration is requested by April 8. You can [register](#) online. For more information, call 708.534.4086 or email [Julie Anderson](#).

## **InterVarsity Christian Fellowship**

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is a student organization dedicated to creating a space to share information about faith and growth in Christ. The club invites you to come share your ideas and enjoy conversation with others at their weekly meetings. Meetings are held alternately in Lakeside Lounge and the cafeteria every Monday from 1 to 2 p.m. For more information, contact [Dwaylon Bledsoe](#).

## **Priority Admissions Open for Psychology Master's Program**

Admission to GSU's four-year, part-time Psychology Master's program opened on March 15. Applications for Fall 2016 will be accepted until the cohort is full.

School psychology is ranked #2 in Best Social Service Jobs according to a U.S. News and World Report. Students accepted into this program will earn both a Master of Arts and Specialist in Education in School Psychology, opening the door to this growing field.

Questions can be emailed to [Terri Christiansen](#).

## Priority Registration for Summer Courses

Priority registration for summer classes at GSU begins on Monday, March 21. Short-term and online classes will be offered across the curriculum this summer.

GSU offers everything from [Accounting to Theater](#) from May through August. Don't wait until the last minute to register for your first choices. A registration schedule is available online, and more information can be found [here](#).

## Faculty Highlights

### Master of Health Science in Communication Disorders Program Reaccredited

Congratulations to the faculty, staff, and students of GSU's [Master of Health Science in Communication Disorders](#) program. The Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) has confirmed the program's accreditation.

The accreditation period extends from November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2023.

### Library Honors Faculty Achievements

Faculty authors and sponsored grant recipients will be honored with a reception on Wednesday, April 13 on the GSU Library Balcony from 2 to 4 p.m.

The event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the GSU Library and the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research. This annual reception will be held during National Library Week as part of the Friends' commitment to acknowledging the achievements of GSU's highly accomplished faculty. All faculty and sponsored program grant recipients are invited to attend.

If you are a member of the GSU faculty and have questions about submitting your work, please contact [Alexis Sarkisian](#).

**Do you have a story or event you want to submit for the GSU View? [Click here to learn about our submission guidelines.](#)**



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# GSU President Maimon named one of TIME magazine's "100 Most-Read Female Writers in College Classes"

What do Jane Austen, Toni Morrison, J.K. Rowling, and Governors State University President Elaine P. Maimon have in common? They have all been named one of the [100 Most-Read Female Writers in College Classes](#) by *Time*.

President Maimon appears on the list at number 63, tucked between Louisa May Alcott and Maya Angelou. Her book, [The McGraw-Hill Handbook](#), is a worldwide English department standard.



President Maimon described her reaction to the achievement as feeling “astonished, honored ... thrilled to be on a list—any list—with (her favorite writer of all time) Jane Austen.”

“When I had time to give the article a little more thought,” she said, “I was pleased that my text on English composition was available to so many students in the English-speaking world. I’m a teacher at heart, and my textbooks allow me to be in many, many classrooms, even when my duties as president make it impossible to be in a single classroom for an entire semester. My top professional goal is to help as many students as possible to become independent writers and thinkers.”



The list is based on data collected from over 1.1 million syllabi by the [Open Syllabus Project](#) (OSP), a collaborative project with members from Harvard, Stanford, and Columbia University among others. According to David McClure, a lead developer of the OSP, approximately 70% of the syllabi sampled come from U.S. universities. The others are culled from Australia, Canada, and the U.K. The project is funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, a New York-based not-for-profit philanthropic organization.