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CHICAGO LIVE! Thursday, November 20 at 7 p.m.



Chicago Tribune



Chicago has a big reputation as the best newspaper town in America. Rick Kogan, the legendary *Chicago Tribune* columnist, is keeping that reputation alive.

This Thursday he brings the newspaper to life on stage at the Center for Performing Arts. You'll experience a prize-winning columnist at work as he interviews the **United States Little League Champions – the team and coaches from Jackie Robinson West**. Then Kogan will be joined by other top journalists – Kirsten McQueary and Eric Zorn, along with *Tribune* Editorial Page editor Bruce Dold – to dissect the mid-term elections and discuss what we can expect from the shifting political landscape.

Other stars of the show:

Comedy from Second City

Rock duo Redgrave

Contemporary Puppeteer Blair Thomas – *Huffington Post* calls him "nothing short of amazing."

Tickets are \$20.

VIP Tickets are \$75 and include box seating plus a reception to meet the stars of CHICAGO LIVE!

All proceeds from VIP ticket sales are tax deductible and will support scholarships for deserving GSU students.

Respond to Violence Event Tomorrow at 2 p.m. SOLD OUT



Respond to Violence will feature a special guest appearance by DLOW, happening at the GSU Center for Performing Arts on Tuesday, from 2 to 4 p.m. This popular event is sold out.

Respond to Violence is a violence prevention initiative of GSU's new Civic Engagement and Community Service Center.

Tomorrow's program will include a performance from the book, "How Long Will I Cry," written by GSU theater and media students. A panel, with guest host NBC anchor Michelle Rellerford, will feature Dr. Garrard McClendon, Rap Activist Rhymefest, Hip Hop Peace Activist FM Supreme and Rap Activist Che "Rhymefest" Smith will follow the performance. The program will also include musical performances by FM Supreme, with a special guest appearance by Rapper DLOW, creator of the internet dance craze, the DLOW Shuffle.

Each year, *Respond to Violence* develops videos, televised forums and web-based content in partnership with the GSU Department of Digital Media, Marketing and Communication. These projects explore various forms of violence and feature grassroots organizations, community and civic leaders, academic and care professionals.

Respond to Violence: Reaching Our Youth is a free event open to the GSU community, area high school and college students as well as the community .

Coming Soon: The *Respond to Violence* Scholarship

"One of the best ways to prevent violence is through education and opportunity. The new Respond to Violence Scholarship will help 'at risk' students find a pathway to college," said Yvette Brown, Associate Professor of Media and developer of *Respond to Violence*.

The Respond to Violence Scholarship will be available to freshman or transfer students who are enrolled full-time at GSU and who have been impacted by violence or who are working in the community to address issues related to violence.

This will be a need-based scholarship and will require a minimum GPA of 2.5. All applicants will be required to submit a written essay indicating why they should be selected, their future plans and how the scholarship will help in their educational pursuits.

Current plans call for the first scholarship to be distributed in Fall 2015.

"The amount of that scholarship will depend upon how much we raise; but it will not be less than \$1,000. Ultimately, we are seeking to endow the scholarship, which requires \$25,000. Any amount to

support this important project is appreciated," said Brown.

Attention GSU Shuttle Bus Riders: Your wait is about to get warmer



In a few days construction will begin on a new shelter for GSU shuttle riders in front of the C Wing entrance – just outside the Department of Public Safety. Beyond adding an attractive new structure to campus, the weather-resistant shelter will keep shuttle bus riders warm in the winter and lighted at night. Completion is scheduled for early January, but extreme weather – either cold or snow – may cause some delays.

Empowering GSU Women

On Friday, November 7 women students from across the GSU campus gathered for the first annual Women's Leadership Symposium: SHERO or Sharing Her Story of Empowerment, Resilience and Opportunity.

A group of undergraduate, master's and doctoral students came together to celebrate each other's leadership abilities and form new friendships. During the keynote address by Dorri McWhorter Chief Executive Officer of the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago, the women stood together and pledged to honor their personal and professional strengths and empower the women around them. Students participated in group sessions focused on the art and skill of following through on commitments, leadership and career development using the StrengthsQuest™ assessment, how to balance stress and procrastination when money is tight, and connecting the mind and body through empowerment.

During spring semester, the group will host a follow-up meeting to share their new accomplishments and reconnect with friendships made during the original symposium.



SHERO attendees surround keynote speaker, YWCA of Chicago CEO Amanda Evans, in the back row.

Coming this Thursday: The Great American Smokeout



While GSU prepares to comply with the Illinois Smoke Free Campus Act next year, smokers can get a head start this Thursday. As the American Cancer Society says, quitting for just one day can have health benefits. [Read more here.](#) To learn more about the Illinois Smoke Free Campus Act which takes effect on all Illinois public university campuses next July [click here.](#)

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