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News and Events

[Congressional Forum Tonight](#)

GSU will host a forum for candidates seeking the vacant Congressional seat in Illinois' Second District. The forum takes place tonight at 6 p.m. in GSU's Center for Performing Arts.



During the forum, candidates will be asked how they can best serve the residents of the Second District, which includes sections of Chicago's south side and parts of southern Cook County, areas in Will County, and all of Kankakee County. Mike Flannery, Political Editor for WFLD FOX 32, will moderate the forum, which is free and open to the public.

Mike Flannery The Second District Congressional seat was held for 17 years by Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr., a Chicago Democrat. He resigned November 22, citing health reasons. The primary election takes place February 26, with the special election for the seat to follow on April 9.

The forum will be broadcast live over GSU's cable access channel, The Educator. GSU's broadcast area extends from Chicago, Illinois to Kankakee, Illinois on Comcast channel 16. It can also be found on WideOpenWest (WOW!) Cable, channel 24 in South Holland, Oak Forest and Calumet City. The forum will be repeated after tonight – check your cable listings for subsequent showings. CAN-TV will also show the forum live, and provide it to several cable outlets.

In presenting the forum, GSU is partnering with League of Women Voters chapters in Homewood-Flossmoor, Dolton-Harvey-Riverdale, and the Park Forest area, and Mikva Challenge, a nonpartisan 501(c)3 organization that prioritizes the development of civic leadership in underserved Chicago high school youth.

[Updated W-2 Forms Available on GSU Portal](#)

The programming issues in the Colleague HR/Payroll system that resulted in incorrect information appearing on *some* of the W-2s available last week have been fixed.

The Office of Financial Services is mailing paper W-2 forms to all employees whose initial forms had incorrect or missing information.

Updated W-2 forms are also available on the web for all employees opting to receive them electronically.

Question: How do I know if my initial W-2 information correct?

Answer: Go to the "myGSU Portal" and compare W-2 information there with what was on your earlier version. If your initial form was correct, you will notice no differences.

On behalf of the University, please accept our sincere apologies for any inconvenience that may have been caused.

Student Advisory Referendum on FY14 Fees

Student advice is requested on the amounts of mandated student fees for FY2014 (2013-2014): Student Activity Fee, Student Center Fee, the Career Services and Counseling Fee, Computer Technology Fee, Strategic Initiative Fee, University Facilities Fee, and Parking and Walk-Ways Fee at Governors State University.

The Advisory Referendum for FY14 Fees ballots was e-mailed to GSU Students this week.

The Advisory Referendum voting period for FY2014 fees is February 6 to 8, until 5 p.m.

Reflections on Fatherhood Debuts Sunday

Compelling stories about fathers and families are at the heart of a televised conversation between two award winning journalists, created by GSU faculty and students and making its broadcast debut on WTTW Channel 11.

Reflections on Fatherhood will premiere on Sunday, February 10 at 4 p.m. and will be re-broadcast on Monday, February 11 at 3:30 p.m. The show was inspired by *Dear Dad: Reflections on Fatherhood*, by John W. Fountain, a nationally renowned journalist, professor, and author. Veteran television journalist Robert Jordan, of WGN-TV, hosts the program.

Reflections on Fatherhood takes the form of an intimate conversation between Fountain and Jordan. In recorded vignettes, four members of the GSU community – students, staff, and family members – tell stories about their fathers that are interspersed throughout the conversation.



Robert Jordan

Dyson said she decided to develop *Reflections on Fatherhood* after a chance meeting with Fountain, who gave her copy of his book. She secured \$500 in seed money through a grant from GSU's Intellectual Life Committee. Jordan and Fountain agreed to appear on the program and more than 30 members of the campus community responded to an item in GSU View, agreeing to tell personal stories about their fathers. The conversation between Fountain and Jordan was recorded last April before a live audience in a GSU TV studio.

You can watch a [preview](#) of *Reflections on Fatherhood*.

Employees Must Comply with ANCRA law

Gail M. Bradshaw, Associate Vice President of Human Resources and Diversity, has directed that all employees, including all full and part-time, extra-help, temporary, graduate assistants and student workers, receive notification about the new Illinois Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (ANCRA).

To verify notification has been made, employees will receive an e-mail from HR shortly, containing information and instructions about this law, with a link to the DCFS [Acknowledgement Form](#), which each employee must complete, print off, sign, and date.

Please keep a copy for your records, and send the original DCFS form to the GSU Human Resources Department by March 1. You can drop it in the night mailbox next to the HR Department entry door, or place it in the university mail addressed to the HR Department, or place it in the U.S. Mail addressed to: Governors State University, Attn: Human Resources Department, 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL 60484.

National Collegiate Table Tennis Association Tournament – February 9 and 10

GSU will host a National Collegiate Table Tennis Competition on Saturday, February 9, and Sunday, February 10, in the Recreation and Fitness Center gym.

Competing teams are from Purdue, Northwestern, UW-Madison, DePaul, and GSU. Come out and see all the action. The tournament begins each day at 9 a.m.

The competition will be broadcast live on the web at www.govst.edu/tabletennis.

Thank You for the MAGIC

The Office of Development extends a heartfelt thank you to the entire campus for supporting this year's Campus Community Campaign "MAGIC." The Office also wants to salute this year's volunteers for services above and beyond what everyone hoped for.

This year's campaign to date has raised a total of \$77,729.96, with 46 percent of the campus participating. This is the largest total thus far and exceeds the department's goal of \$75,000. With 314 participants, the campaign exceeded last year's participation rate by 20 percent.

Dr. Maimon expressed the following sentiment upon learning of the outcome of the campaign, "Congratulations to the campus community for the increase in participation and in the dollar amount in the Campus Community Campaign. I am especially pleased with the significant increase in the numbers of employees making contributions. This documented internal support helps us immeasurably with external donors. Special thanks to Will Davis, Jackie Small, and to all the campus volunteers for a successful campus fund-raising campaign."

This year's Campus Community Campaign volunteers who worked tirelessly to aid the Office of Development in this project are: Clarrisa Anagnos, Margaret Brady,

Colleen Buche, Lisa Carra, John Cook, Lynn Dimaggio, Mona Douglas, Andrienne Gray, Patricia Guy, Rhonda Jackson, Elizabeth Johnson, Sheryl Jones-Harper, Bettie Lewis, Victoria Lloyd, Rashidah Muhammad, Laura Owens, Robert Sinclair, Pamela Stipanich, Patricia Thompson, Lori Townsend, Michael Trendell, and Ayita Woods.

In addition to our thanks, two lucky campus community campaign contributors won the drawing for the two specially designated parking spaces. The winners are Hollie Campbell, Executive Assistant to the Vice-President, Marketing & Enrollment, and Jennifer Davidson, Director of Academic Services in CBPA.

While the peer to peer solicitation is officially over, you can still make a gift to the university at any time and be counted in this fiscal year's totals. You might choose to make a tribute gift to honor someone special, a gift of memoriam or perhaps honor a birthday or wedding. Whatever you choose, the Office of Development is ready to assist you.

Keep Warm with Alumni Scholarship Hat



Flu season is here. Keep that flu bug at bay with a handmade GSU hat! These colorful, crocheted hats are only \$10 each.

The entire purchase price benefits the new Alumni Association Scholarship Honoring Rosemary Hulett. Hats are available for a limited time only. There are a variety of colors available – both with and without “GSU.”

Contact Cheri Garey in D34070 or at 708.534.7892.

Flowers for Someone Special

Make Valentine's Day special for someone you care about -- and easy for you. The Civil Service Senate is again sponsoring its annual Valentine's Day carnation sale. Pre-orders are being accepted through Friday, February 8 or while supplies last. All orders must be paid in full by at the cashier's office by Friday, February 8. Carnations will be delivered on Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14.

The cost of the carnations is also a great deal. Single blooms are only \$1.25. Six flowers cost \$6 and a dozen is only \$12. The more you order, the more you save so get your order in early.

GSU Board of Trustees Meets February 15

The GSU Board of Trustees committee meetings scheduled for Friday, February 8 have been canceled.

The full Board of Trustees will meet on Friday, February 15, in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

If you have any questions about the Board of Trustees contact [Penny Perdue](#) or [Joan Johns Maloney](#).

Education Job and Internship Fair – February 21

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair for people interested in employment and internship opportunities in education and related fields on Thursday, February 21. The career fair will be open from 2 to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members are invited to attend. This is an opportunity to match job and internship positions with qualified personnel. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, please call 708.235.3974.

Graduate Business Programs Information Session – February 26

CBPA is hosting a graduate programs information session on February 26, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Information will be presented on graduate programs in Business Administration, Public Administration, Management Information Systems, and Accounting, as well information about the new accelerated, online MBA in Supply Chain Management. Admissions counselors, program advisors, and faculty will also be available to answer questions and discuss admission requirements. Attendees will also have the opportunity to network with current students.

Attendees are encouraged to bring official or unofficial transcripts for review. Refreshments will be served and tours of the campus will be offered.

For more information or to RSVP by February 20, call 708.534.4391.

Budget, Buy, and Pay Training Session – February 14

The Procurement Office is holding a Budget, Buy & Pay training session for new employees with purchasing and budget responsibilities. If you are new to GSU, ask your supervisor if your job duties require you to enter requisitions online and/or approve requisitions online. If so, you need to attend. Also, employees who have changed positions and their new position requires them to work in Budget, Buy & Pay should attend.

Prior to attending this training, be sure to complete your FERPA training, submit your Administrative Systems Access Authorization Form, and submit the appropriate signature cards. Go to the [Procurement](#) information page for the details.

The training session is scheduled for Thursday, February 14 at 10:30 a.m. For more information about the training session, please contact the [Colleague Project Office](#).

GSU Library Announces Student Winner

The Governors State University Library staff would like to thank the students who visited the library and filled out the questionnaire during the Campus Crawl on January 23.

More than 60 students filled out the questionnaire for an opportunity to win an iPod Shuffle. Austin Cook, a transfer student from the University of Cincinnati, was the winner randomly selected from those who submitted their questionnaires.

Austin, who is majoring in Criminal Justice, indicated that this is the first thing he has ever won. “The Campus Crawl was a great idea. It gave me a chance to get a good feel for the campus. I’m glad to be here and appreciate being able to attend Governors State University,” he said.

Information from the questionnaire will be used to help inform students, faculty, and staff about the services that are available through the library.

Remember, the Governors State University Library is your research resource 24/7, either during regular library hours or online. You can find library information online at www.govst.edu/library.



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