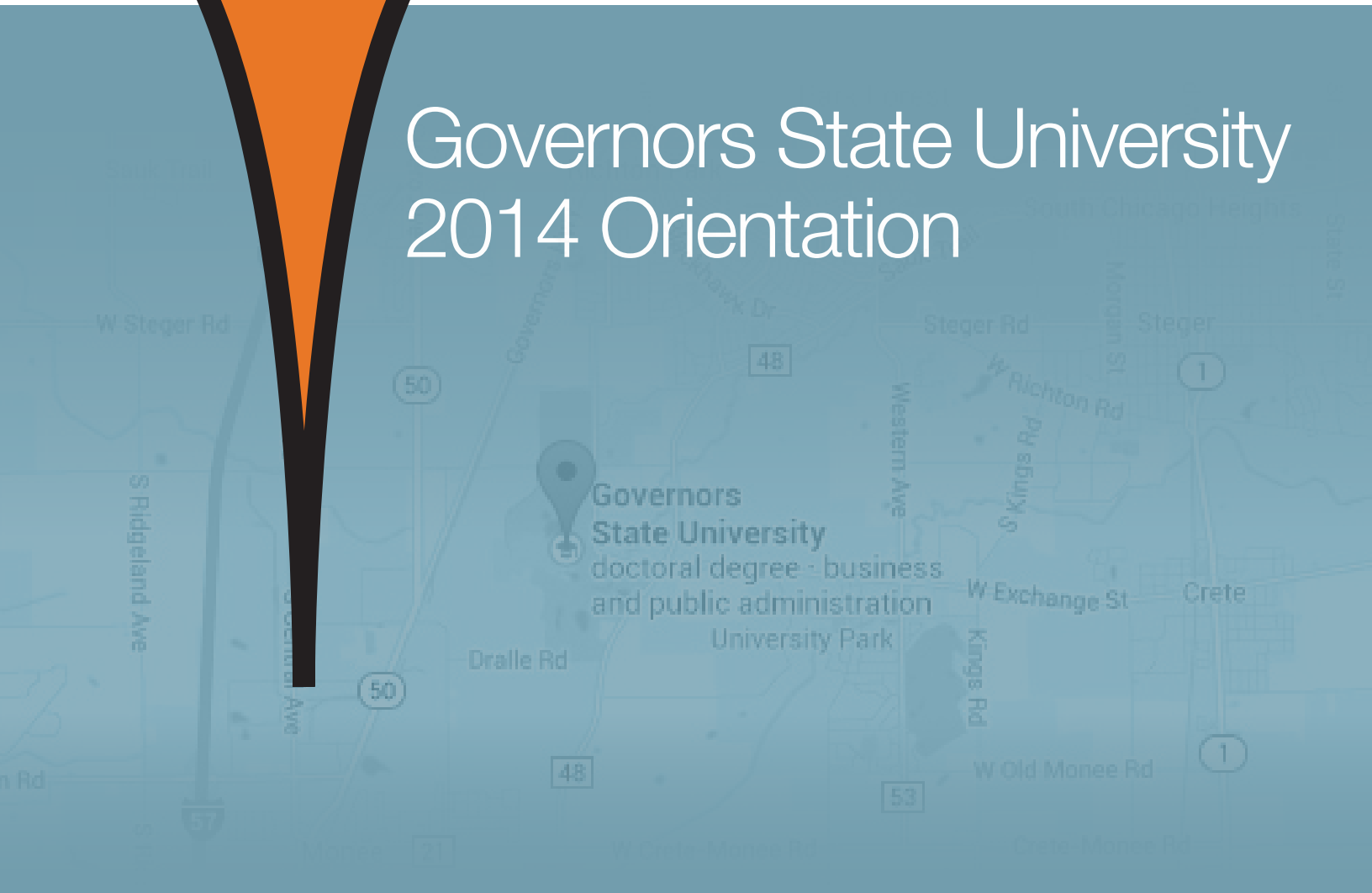




# Explore the Possibilities

Governors State University  
2014 Orientation



# Orientation Checklist



- Participate fully in Orientation sessions and program
- Turn in immunization records to Academic Resource Center by August 9, 2014
- Pick up your myONECARD
- Consider living in Prairie Place. *(Congratulations if you already submitted your contract!)*
- Check your financial aid status through your myGSU Portal
- Meet with your academic advisor and register for classes
- Get involved!

## Getting Social with Your Media

Share your experiences through Social Media. Social Networking is a great way for people to communicate, share photos, memories, and stories with their friends, family members and the GSU community.

For our Orientation sessions this summer, we will be using the hashtags **#new2gsu** and **#govst2014** to connect everyone to the GSU social scene.

Like a presentation? Tweet about it! Talk about it on your Facebook! Take a photo with new friends? Put it up on Instagram! Just use those hashtags for your posts, and maybe you'll see your Orientation experience streaming live on the monitors around campus.



## Dear First Class Student,

Welcome to Governors State University. You have already distinguished yourself as someone who is ready for success and good luck. You are smart enough to see the special opportunities waiting for you as a member of GSU's first freshman class:

- You will make life-long friends, as you take at least three classes with the same group of students.
- You will be inspired as you study in small classes with our dedicated full-time faculty.
- You will see the world in new ways, as you discover and create Big Ideas.

The first year of college is just as important as the first year of life and offers similar opportunities for growth and development. Make a resolution to try something new this year: audition for a play, join a team, lead a club, understand what it means to live in the midst of art, take Metra to Millennium Park—the possibilities are endless.

Be proud to be a Jaguar. Cheer on our teams. But also think about what it means to be part of Jaguar Nation. Jaguars are resilient, and so are you. Studies have shown that resilience—the ability to deal with stress and bounce back—is the essential attribute of college success. GSU is set up to help you manage the stress you will inevitably encounter. My best advice is to stay with the program. We are committed to help you balance a full course schedule with employment opportunities, family commitments, and time for relaxation. Strong people ask for help when needed. Just ask.



I hope to meet each one of you during this academic year in your classes, at Prairie Place, at campus activities, and in the bleachers at athletic events. Have a remarkably successful freshman year.

## *And Go Jaguars!*

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elaine P. Maimon".

Elaine P. Maimon, Ph.D.  
President, Governors State University

# Getting Connected at GSU



Make sure you check out the departments on this page. Most offices on campus are open Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays. Keep in mind that during the summer, the University is closed on Fridays. Many of these departments will be participating in New Student Orientation at some point during the day, so make sure you check the program schedule to see the best way to connect with the staff.

## New Student Programs

We're glad to have you as part of the GSU family! As a new student on campus, you're probably not sure what to expect your first year. You may be both nervous and excited about starting college. New Student Programs is here to help ease the transition of your first year. We have programs and services that will help you become familiar with campus resources, connect with other students, and provide you with opportunities to make social connections across campus. New Student Programs will provide academic advising to first year students, support for Early Start and peer mentors to help you through your first year.

## Student Life

Beyond great professors and challenging classes, there are all kinds of activities to get involved in at Governors State University. You'll find sports teams plus more than 70 clubs and organizations to meet your every interest - and then some. Better yet, why not try out something brand new? It's never too early to start flexing your community leadership muscles at GSU.

## Leadership Opportunities

- Student Senate is your voice in decisions that affect our campus.
- The GSU Program Council not only creates student events, but celebrates our diversity.
- The Community Service Council can help you get involved in service activities such as the GSU Food Pantry or food and clothing drives.
- The GSU Editorial Board publishes *The Phoenix*, our student newspaper, which keeps the entire campus informed.

## Study Abroad

The Office of International Services is committed to promoting the growth of the international community at Governors State University and to helping students meet their academic goals and have a successful and enjoyable experience while attending GSU. OIS offers assistance to students that desire to enhance their education by studying abroad. Please speak with an OIS advisor about the possibility of participating in an education abroad experience.

# Quick Reference Guide to Campus Services



## Admissions

**Phone:** 708.534.4490  
**Email:** [gsunow@govst.edu](mailto:gsunow@govst.edu)  
**Webpage:** [www.govst.edu/admissions](http://www.govst.edu/admissions)  
**Location:** D Building - main entrance

## Bookstore

**Phone:** 708.534.4558  
**Email:** [governors@bkstr.com](mailto:governors@bkstr.com)  
**Webpage:** [www.govst.edu/bookstore](http://www.govst.edu/bookstore)  
**Location:** E Building

## Career Services

**Phone:** 708.235.3974  
**Email:** [career@govst.edu](mailto:career@govst.edu)  
**Webpage:** [www.govst.edu/careerservices](http://www.govst.edu/careerservices)  
**Location:** A1120

## Counseling and Academic Resource Center

**Phone:** 708.534.4090  
**Email:** [arc@govst.edu](mailto:arc@govst.edu)  
**Webpage:** [www.govst.edu/arc](http://www.govst.edu/arc)  
**Location:** B1215

## Dean of Students

**Phone:** 708.235.7595  
**Email:** [deanofstudents@govst.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@govst.edu)  
**Webpage:** [www.govst.edu/dos](http://www.govst.edu/dos)  
**Location:** A2134

## Disability Services

**Phone:** 708.235.3968  
**Email:** [rsweeney@govst.edu](mailto:rsweeney@govst.edu)  
**Webpage:** [www.govst.edu/disabilities](http://www.govst.edu/disabilities)  
**Location:** B1215

## Financial Aid

**Phone:** 708.534.4480  
**Email:** [faid@govst.edu](mailto:faid@govst.edu)  
**Webpage:** [www.govst.edu/finaid](http://www.govst.edu/finaid)  
**Location:** D Building – main entrance

## Fitness Center

**Phone:** 708.534.4556  
**Email:** [recfit@govst.edu](mailto:recfit@govst.edu)  
**Webpage:** [www.govst.edu/recfit](http://www.govst.edu/recfit)  
**Location:** A1106

## Library

**Phone:** 708.534.4112  
**Email:** [library@govst.edu](mailto:library@govst.edu)  
**Webpage:** [www.govst.edu/library](http://www.govst.edu/library)  
**Location:** Second Floor D Building

## New Student Programs/ General Education Advising

**Phone:** 708.235.6819  
**Email:** [fye@govst.edu](mailto:fye@govst.edu)  
**Webpage:** [www.govst.edu/nsp](http://www.govst.edu/nsp)  
**Location:** A2120C

## Student Life

**Phone:** 708.235.7362  
**Email:** [SLCO@govst.edu](mailto:SLCO@govst.edu)  
**Webpage:** [www.govst.edu/studentlife](http://www.govst.edu/studentlife)  
**Location:** A2100

## University Housing

**Phone:** 708.235.7110  
**Email:** [housing@govst.edu](mailto:housing@govst.edu)  
**Webpage:** [www.govst.edu/housing](http://www.govst.edu/housing)  
**Location:** C1330

*“Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson inspired by Henry David Thoreau



We are excited that you are here and look forward to helping you prepare for college. We also look forward to assisting family members in understanding their student's transition to our community.

This is a historic year for Governors State University and we are honored to have you and your families be part of this transformative moment. We strongly believe that orientation will serve as the first step in your journey toward becoming part of the rich legacy of this institution's past, and more importantly, contributing to its very bright future. As you learn more about the people, programs, and resources that define this community, look for places where you can contribute your talent and energy. You were selected to attend GSU because you have something to offer – something of value to others.

Lastly, I would encourage you to keep in touch with your Orientation Leaders. These students are campus experts and are here to assist you not only during orientation, but also throughout the beginning of your experience at GSU in August and September. We hope that you enjoy your orientation experience, and most significantly, that you leave campus feeling excited about returning to GSU as a member of Jaguar Nation!

Sincerely,

Dr. Aurélio Manuel Valente  
Dean of Students and  
Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs

 @GSUDean

**Campus Location:** Student Life Center (A-2130)

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# Orientation Navigators



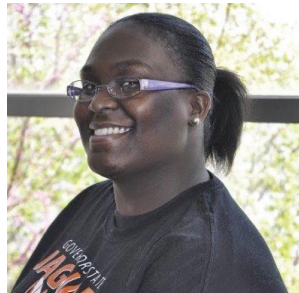
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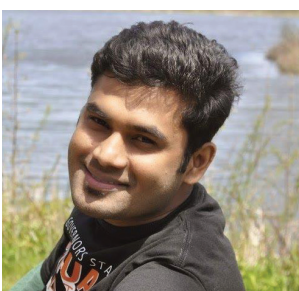
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Joe Klis  
Graduate Assistant

LaTonya Holmes  
Coordinator for New  
Student Programs

## NODA (National Orientation Directors Association) Interns



Maria D'Apolito

Brittany Czech

Ready when you are!





# Student Schedule



## 8:00 a.m. Arrival, ID Photos and Check-In

Come on in, enjoy some coffee and a continental breakfast before the day ahead. Once you're ready, an Orientation Leader will guide you to the joint welcome address for students and families. Did you arrive early enough to take your photo for your student ID? If so, your Orientation Leader will swing you by the Welcome Desk so that you can beat the lines later.

## 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

New Student Orientation has started! Meet the Orientation Leaders and Interns, and get information about the exciting day ahead.

## 9:30 a.m. Small Group Meetings with Orientation Leaders

If you didn't join us last night for the Early Arrival activities, this may be your first chance to meet your peers and interact with our talented and energetic Orientation Leaders. In addition to participating in lively and engaging activities, along with university policies and procedures, this meeting will set the tone for your orientation experience and is a perfect opportunity to ask any early questions you may have.

## 10:30 p.m. Early Start Orientation

This session is for students admitted to attend Early Start Math and/or Early Start English. Any students interested in learning more about Early Start are welcome to attend.

OR

## 10:30 p.m. Campus Tours (Orientation Leaders)

Enjoy a campus wide excursion with the talented and expert staff of Orientation Leaders. They will show you all that GSU has to offer. From the Fitness and Recreation facilities to the Office of Career Services, GSU is a place that you will be happy to call home!

## 11:00 a.m. Academic Advising

In this session you'll learn about the academic requirements of GSU, meet your Academic Advisor and learn about GSU's new Peer Mentor program. You will receive a copy of your class schedule and receive tips on how to select your remaining classes.

## Noon Interest Sessions

This is your chance to individualize your Orientation experience. Choose one of the sessions of most interest to you from the options listed on page 13 of this booklet.

## 12:45 p.m. President's Lunch and Academic Programs Fair

Now is the time to enjoy a tasty lunch and talk to your family members about the classes you are considering adding to your schedule. Representatives from the four academic colleges will be available to talk to you about the majors that you may be considering. This is the time to ask the experts about what classes you may want to take to start your major or explore the ones you are interested in.



# Student Schedule

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## 1:30 p.m. Money Talks

The Financial Aid Assistant Director, and Coordinator of Financial Services & Comptroller will give an overview of how students/parents will be financing the direct and indirect costs of their education here at GSU. Focus will be on the financial aid process, including deadlines, types of aid, and responsible borrowing. Additionally, students/parents will be educated on due dates regarding their bills, methods of payment, and payment plans.

## 2:30 p.m. Session for Residents

Prairie Place is Governors State University's first on-campus residential community where students can take full advantage of everything our diverse and lively community has to offer. Residents will have the opportunity to fully immerse themselves into the campus culture and create memorable experiences. This presentation provides future residents with a taste of the on-campus living experience as information on resources and important dates to aid with their transition into and success in the GSU community as well as the opportunity to meet their future neighbors at Prairie Place.

OR

## 2:30 p.m. Creating GSU Traditions: What to expect when you are first!

This is your time to shine! There are many opportunities on campus, however being the first can be a challenge. This interactive session will allow students to explore what it means to be first, how to make your mark at GSU as a first, and the supportive services to ensure your success as a first.

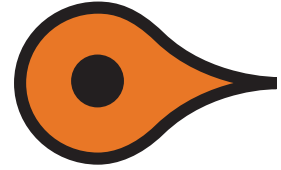
## 3:30 p.m. Advising 102 and Registration

All students will meet for a second time with their Academic Advisor to complete their Fall Schedule. Come prepared with questions and classes you are interested in adding to your schedule and be ready to complete the registration process.

## 4:00 p.m. Closing Reception and Resource Fair

Now that you have had your first experience at GSU, stop by the Closing Reception and Resource Fair to grab information and meet the office staff that we've told you about. Don't forget to say your "See You Soons" to your new friends and our Orientation Leaders!

# Making your Orientation Day a Success



Please keep this information as reference.

These resources will be very useful in your success at Governors State University.

My GSU Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_@student.govst.edu

## My Academic Advisor:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Orientation Leaders and other students I would like to keep in contact with later:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Things I am interested in getting involved in at GSU:

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## Questions I should ask before I leave orientation:

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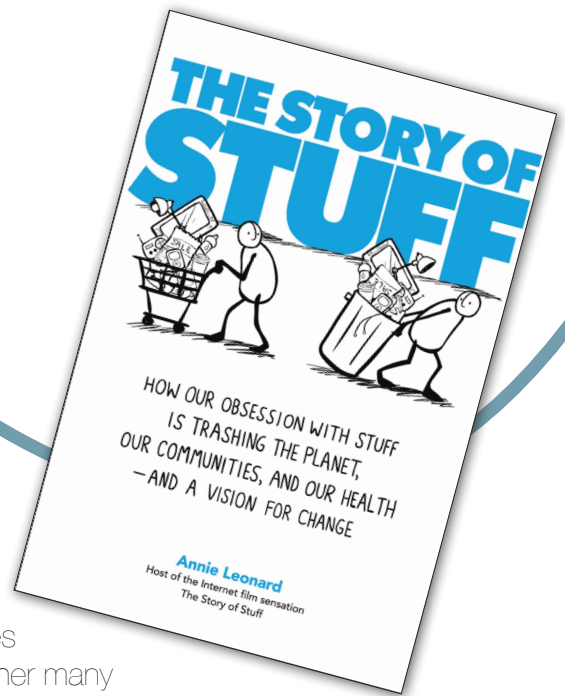
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# The Story of Stuff

A Book by Annie Leonard



"The Story of Stuff" focuses upon the fact that Americans just have way too much. Annie Leonard raises the reader's awareness by sharing her many experiences and pointing out how having too much stuff can be very negative for our health and wellbeing along with having a major negative impact on our planet.

"By embracing the messages in this book our entire GSU community will learn more about improving our sustainability. Through the many collaborative events that will be planned in association with this book, we will also enhance our civic engagement and global citizenship by becoming more aware of the impact that we all have on our planet."

— **Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the GSU Library**

With the help of her effective and professional staff, Dean Ruetten uses her expertise and knowledge to provide excellent academic library support for the GSU students, faculty, staff and community. The GSU Library is a valuable resource for students providing research resources and support services, technology services, helpful workshops and individual guidance with library use.

Dean Ruetten chairs the Intellectual Life Committee, which is responsible for selecting and coordinating programming for the One Book, One University FY14: "The Story of Stuff".

"We welcome all freshmen and invite you to come in and visit our newly renovated library. As your research resource 24/7, your GSU librarians and staff are here to help you achieve success in your academic pursuits here at GSU!" adds Dean Ruetten.

**Visit:** [storyofstuff.org](http://storyofstuff.org) & [www.govst.edu/onebookone](http://www.govst.edu/onebookone)



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# Interest Sessions

## **myONECARD, Campus Dining & Bookstore Services on the GSU Campus:**

The myONECARD, dining services and the GSU Bookstore can make every student's life a little easier. Come hear how these areas will help you be a successful GSU student.

## **The Division of Digital Learning and Media Design: Creating Media in a Digital Age**

Come behind the scenes to see how students at Governors State University are being prepared for careers in television, film, and journalism in the digital age. In 60 seconds, you will experience a live broadcast produced, directed and hosted by GSU's college media personnel. After the broadcast, you will tour our state-of-the-art facility, equipped with the latest, most up-to-date technology, to make certain students have the experience and training needed to make it in the workforce.

## **Get Fit. Stay Fit @GSU**

GSU has complete training and fitness facilities and programs that create a center where students can work out, get fit and have fun. Come to this session to learn how the Recreation and Fitness center can help you with your fitness goals.

## **Four Year Career Compass – Pointing You in the Right Direction for Career Success**

Assistant Vice President Darcie Campos will discuss the Four Year Career Compass, and how this model will guide students through a process that will lead them to success – from defining career goals to getting the job they want. Whether it is deciding on the right major, choosing the best career, or simply learning about student employment or internship opportunities, the Office of Career Services is ready to assist with a variety of career development needs.

## **Self-Advocacy: Know How to Get What You Need and Want to be Successful**

The Director of Disability Services will lead a discussion about how college students can become their own advocate. This workshop will be an introduction to self-advocacy skills specifically for students with disabilities. The goal is to give you strategies for how to take a proactive role in the management of your college experience. Learn how to advocate for your learning needs by communicating about your accommodations, not your disability.

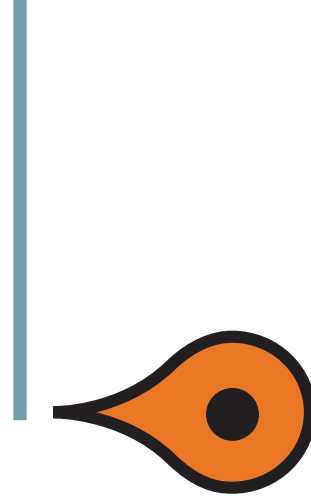
## **University Honors**

Honors Program Director Dr. David Rhea will discuss the difference between high school honors programs and collegiate honors programs. Learn how the GSU Honors Program can be an excellent opportunity to enhance your academic experience. This session will discuss program requirements for the new HP Points Curriculum, program benefits and maximizing your educational experience.

## **Study Abroad**

Where does one start when it comes to study abroad? You have the world right outside your door! You have the abilities to achieve your dreams of studying abroad. Katherine Haan, Coordinator, International Services, will be talking about the tools in which students should have to explore options when it comes to studying abroad, ranging from financial aid options, study abroad programs, locations to travel to, questions to consider and what the next step is for YOU.

# Family/Guest Schedule



## **8:00 a.m. Arrival and Check-In**

## **9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions**

## **9:30 a.m. Millennials go to GSU: How we can be partners in their success.**

The Dean of Students will discuss the developmental changes that young adults face as they begin college life and present information on the Millennial Generation, our students and your children. This session will also explore how generational differences, technology usage and an increasingly challenging economic landscape might influence family dynamics during their transition to college. Most importantly, this session explores ways, which as their family members, you can support them as they transition from your home, to ours, and ultimately to theirs.

## **10:30 a.m. Academic Overview What to expect when your students are first!**

Your students are ready to Explore a New World. There are many opportunities on campus that are available to those in the GSU community. This session will help you discover what's new at GSU that will help your students be successful and blaze a trail for others to follow.

## **11:15 a.m. Meet the College Deans**

This is your opportunity to learn about each of GSU's four colleges and the Library. Deans from the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business and Public Administration, College of Education, College of Health and Human Services and the University Library will provide valuable information on degree programs and services available.

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OR

## 3:00 p.m. Community Standards, and Health and Safety on Campus

This interactive session will allow student and parents to learn about where to go or who can help on campus; as well as to take responsibility and ownership of their campus experience.

## 4:00 p.m. Closing Reception and Resource Fair

Stop by the Closing Reception and Resource Fair for more information and to meet with representatives of GSU offices and services.



# Academic Life at Governors State University



This is a very exciting time to be at Governors State University. Big ideas that have been in development for a long time are becoming reality. As our first freshman class, you are making history!

As a freshman student, you will begin your college career with a curriculum designed to support your academic success and to spark lifelong learning. The freshman class will be in three groups or cohorts. You will have the opportunity to network and explore one of three big ideas – civic engagement, global citizenship or sustainability. These themes will be integrated across all of your classes during your first year on campus at GSU. In addition, there will be other activities through Student Life and Academic Clubs that will enhance your learning experience.

This year also begins with new majors and minors in all four of our colleges, as well as new offerings in our School of Extended Learning. Each is designed to meet the needs of an increasingly global society, a shifting economy and an expanding need for specialized studies.

We're also creating a revitalized environment for learning. Our newly renovated Science Wing – the result of state support and a National Science Foundation grant – will allow all GSU students to experience state-of-the-market facilities before they take that new or improved job, or move on to graduate studies. Our library and computer labs are also being renovated to promote interaction and engage students in the academic community.

When I was named Provost in June 2013, I was truly honored to be a part of such a strong faculty and administrative team. Leading the academic life of a university - one with innovation embedded in its DNA – is a wonderful responsibility and challenge. As a former GSU dean I know that our faculty members are full of energy for pushing all of us, both colleagues and students, to pursue the big ideas that have been the hallmark of GSU since our founding. Academic excellence is everywhere you look.

**I look forward to meeting you.**

Provost Deb Bordelon



# Meet your Deans



## Dr. Elizabeth Cada

Dean, College of Health and Human Services

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It's an exciting time to be a student in the College of Health and Human Services, as our nation continues to navigate through health care reform. The demand for nurses, occupational and physical therapists, social workers, speech-language pathologists, healthcare administrators/educators and addictions-behavioral health counselors is expected to continue to rise at an above-average pace. As you begin to formulate your own career path, perhaps you will choose to pursue a course of study in one of our seven academic departments: Addictions Studies and Behavioral Health (which includes Community Health), Communication Disorders, Health Administration, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Social Work.

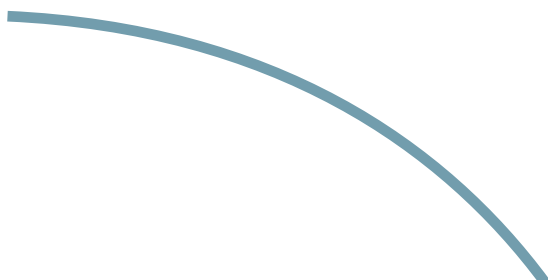


## Dr. Reinhold Hill

Dean of College of Arts and Sciences

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The College of Arts & Sciences is a reflection of the diversity you find at GSU, and then some. Not only do you find students of all ages, backgrounds and ethnicities but you find them pursuing majors and minors as varied as they are: from art to criminal justice, from communication to math and science. But no matter which major they pursue, you'll find GSU students in classes led by professors who are stars in their fields, as equally committed to research as they are to teaching. The College of Arts and Sciences' mission is to teach theoretical and applied knowledge and to cultivate habits of mind, communication skills, and artistic vision and expression befitting advanced learning. CAS seeks to empower students to join and strengthen the wider community to become change agents within a global culture; to serve as leaders in their respective disciplines and professions and to live as informed, responsible citizens.



# Meet your Deans



## Dr. Ellen Foster Curtis

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The College of Business and Public Administration offers five undergraduate and four graduate degrees programs that cover all of the major disciplines of business, economics, and public administration. CBPA programs are designed to empower students with the knowledge, skills and ethical perspectives needed to lead and succeed in a technologically sophisticated global society. Our highly qualified faculty members are teachers and researchers. Our curricula focus on the practical as well as the theoretical. Thus, our graduates are prepared to address challenges ranging from the uncertainties presented by the globalization of markets to the impacts of the human dynamics of complex organizations. Our successful alumni include leaders in business, government, and the not-for profit sector. CBPA has a number of student professional organizations to supplement your classroom learning. Contact the faculty advisor or attend one of our events to get involved. Our business programs are accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). the Master of public Administration program is one of only six in Illinois accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA).



## Dr. Karen D'Arcy

Interim Dean of College of Education  
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I am pleased to greet you all on behalf of the College of Education. The College of Education is home to undergraduate programs in Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education and Psychology as well as graduate programs in educational administration, special education, counseling, reading, psychology, leadership, education, bilingual education, and preparation for principals and school superintendents. Our college is home the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education and the Family Development Center where we offer a federally funded early head start program. Our students, alumni, faculty and staff are engaged with schools and school districts and clinical sites across the region and are having a positive impact on student learning and mental health programs. I am honored to be a temporary part of this College. I invite you to attend our events and visit with our advisors. Our programs are nationally accredited and prepare you for a career in which you can be a part of the learning enterprise or contribute to improving individual and community mental health.



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# Weeks of Welcome Kick-Off Events

## Friday, August 15

Game Night  
7-9 p.m.  
Residence Hall

## Saturday, August 16

Explore Chicago  
10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Navy Pier

## Thursday, August 21

Prairie Place Official Move In  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Friday, August 22

Academic Convocation  
CPA  
3-4:30 p.m.

## Welcome Week 2014

### Monday, August 25

GSU Café and PACE Campus  
Connection  
10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Hall of Governors

### Tuesday, August 26

Club and Organization Fair  
Secretary of State Mobile Station  
10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Hall of Governors

## Wednesday, August 27

Student Employment Fair  
10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Hall of Governors

## Thursday, August 28

Student Leadership Exchange  
10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Hall of Governors

## Thursday, August 27

Open Mic Night  
6 p.m.  
Café Annex

## Friday, August 29

Movie Under the Stars  
7 p.m.  
CPA Lawn

## Saturday, August 30

Day of Service Project  
Regal Farms  
University Park, IL  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
*\*prior registration required*

## Important Dates

### Saturday, September 6

Audition Notice  
for the GSU production of "A Raisin  
in the Sun"  
10:30 a.m.  
Center for Performing Arts

### October 9-12

GSU Friends and Family Weekend  
Fun for GSU students and their  
families.

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