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First GSU Family and Friends Weekend a Success



Student Senator, Marie Penny and her daughters at Family & Friends Build-A-Bear.

The GSU's inaugural Family & Friends Weekend was held October 9-12, 2014. More than 700 students, their families and alumni were on campus for an exciting celebration of our shared sense of community. The debut of Family & Friends Weekend was part of a transformative semester that included the admission of the first freshmen class, opening of our first on-campus residence and launching of a competitive athletics program. The weekend kick-off on Thursday with the unveiling of "Jax the Jaguar" at the Pep Rally, we were cheered on by the Home-wood-Flossmoor High School cheerleaders. Following the spirit rally, more than 400 Jaguar fans cheered at the kick-off game to GSU's exhibition season. The GSU Men's Basketball handily beat Trinity International University's team, 129-50!

Friday was a day of connecting, reconnecting and lots of laughter; events of the day included line dancing, the Grill and Chill and the evening program which featured Hypnotist Jim Wand. Twenty-four people were hypnotized, including a GSU division chair (who shall remain nameless). He along with two freshmen performed as the Black Eye Peas rock group!

Saturday CHHS got us off to a great start with their "Run, Walk, Stroll, Roll", there was an array of events to choose from, the Manilow Sculpture Park Hayride, face painting, caricature artist, magical balloons, Build-A-Bear, children story hour, and let's not forget our Linda the

Good Witch! Students, alumni and staff connected at the College open house and receptions, and those that were not faint of heart took pictures of the monsters from the library. But, Sunday was something to behold; the jazz brunch with President Maimon was outstanding! If you missed that event you absolutely missed a treat. FSI did an amazing job with the food, but the big story of the day was an unsuspecting young man who attended one of GSU's Program Council's Open Mic Nights and performed. He shared with Student Life that he belonged to a band called Legacy, subsequently the band played at the brunch and they were beyond phenomenal. Justin Smith is the saxophonist who has incredible talent and he is a GSU freshman. That was the perfect ending to a wonderful weekend. If you missed Family and Friends Weekend mark your calendar for next year, October 9 and 10, 2015.

Kudos to an amazing planning committee that represented each division of GSU; Dennis Dent, Nancy Burley, Karen Caesar-Smith, Slandah Dieujuste, Cheri Garey, Dr. James Howley, Gina Ragland, Jackie Small, Nicole Harrison, Andrea DalPolo, Dean Jennings, Larissa Smith, Joe Lenard, Bernie Bolz, Stacy Amedeo, Donna Finn, Jane Siefker, Lindsay Gladstone, Rebecca Ruhlman, Carol Morrison, and Sheree Sanderson.

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From the Desk of Dr. Aurélio Valente, Dean of Students:



This Summer President Maimon announced a reorganization that consolidated Student Affairs with Enrollment Management departments that include recruiting, admissions, registrar, financial aid, and the Dual Degree Program. The goal of the reorganization was to promote a more cohesive pathway for students from

admission to graduation. While an ambitious goal, with shared leadership of this endeavor by Drs. Aurélio Manuel Valente and Randi Schneider, the talented and committed professionals in the new division seek to achieve the potential of the reorganization. The fall newsletter reflects the early work of the expanded division and illustrates our efforts to fully realize our new charge as a full service university as we enter into this exciting and historic era at Governors State University.

Among the first tasks, the new leadership team revisited the Student Affairs mission to ensure it reflected the goals of the new division. After a review, it was clear that to be inclusive of our expanded charge, a revision was necessary. The new mission statement reflects the core values of the previous division, but also include the expanded scope of our work. The leadership team reviewed the mission, discussed its new charge, and launched a revised statement at the divisional meeting that reads:

“The mission of the Division of Student Affairs is to provide a seamless and supportive pathway from prospective student to alumni focused on personal and academic success and ensure that students are career ready and positioned to be leaders and active citizens in the community.”

The new statement affirms our commitment to student success, our delivery of essential learning outside the classroom focused on career readiness, leadership development, as well as active and inclusive citizenship. The statement also emphasizes the reality that our commitment begins not on the first day of classes, but when students first ponder the option of Governors State as a destination of choice for their education. Additionally, that commitment persists through graduation with the goal that our alumni retain their sense of belonging to GSU.

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Know the Code

The Community Standards Handbook is your guide to the shared expectations about acceptable behaviors on and off campus. This is also where you will find the procedures that guide our student conduct system.

Furthermore, the handbook provides the procedures that guide the student conduct system that holds students accountable for violations of university policies.

Addressing student conduct is an educational process that allows students to reflect and develop skills to ensure advancement as responsible citizens and leaders on campus and in the community.

The success of the student conduct process is dependent upon our community involvement. To report a perceived violation of student conduct (policy 4); please submit an incident report through the Community Standards home page.

To download a complete copy of the 2014-15 Community Standards Handbook visit www.govst.edu/thecode



GSU Mascot Unveiled and Named

Thursday, October 9, 2014 was another historic day for the Governors State University community.

The final phase of “Operation Mascot” kicked off on September 6, 2014. This movement encouraged students and the GSU campus community to submit their suggested name for the GSU mascot.



President Maimon with Jax!

The online submission system received over 100 suggestions in the 3 and a half week span. The suggestions ranged from creative, to thought provoking, to just plain fun. The GSU Program Council, the student organization that designs campus activities, led the charge of narrowing the submissions, and selecting the name. It was after much deliberation that “Jax the Jaguar” was revealed in grand fashion at the Basketball Pep Rally, which was also the kick-off to Friends and Family Weekend. The pep rally, featuring the talented Homewood Flossmoor Cheer Squad, was an exciting precursor to the highly anticipated home opener of the GSU Jaguars vs the Trinity Christian Trojans.

“Jax the Jaguar” will appear at most GSU sporting events, community activities, and recruiting programs. Students interested in being “Jax the Jaguar” should contact the Athletics and Recreation department for further details via email at athletics@govst.edu. You can also follow “Jax the Jaguar” on twitter @JaxGSUJaguar to keep up with appearances, and other information.

2014-15 Financial Aid by the Numbers

The Office of Financial Aid has already processed over 5,000 student files for the 2014-15 academic year. Our work to more promptly serve GSU students better paid off with a reduced number of phone calls to the office. In August 2013, we had over 18,000 calls and in August 2014, we had just over 6,000 calls -- a significant reduction! The reduction has been able to ensure we have returned phone calls and responded to emails within 24 hours -- and process most files within one week.

GSU's Financial Aid processed \$24,162,085 in funds, below is the total amount of aid received by students to assist with college expenses.



Federal Direct Loans	\$18,096,032 (72.5%)
Federal Pell Grant	\$3,640,580 (15.0%)
State of IL MAP Grant	\$1,398,213 (5.8%)
Institutional Aid	\$802,516 (3.3%)
Federal SEOG	\$64,700 (2.7%)
Federal Perkins Loans	\$111,759 (0.5%)
Alternative Loans	\$48,285 (0.2%)

Spring 2015

FAFSA Completion Workshops

All workshops — 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
The Cube, D2430B

January 9

January 16

January 23

January 30

Remember

FAFSA DEADLINE

is in early February

Call 708.534.4480

Fall 2014 Admissions Trivia

- Match the number of Fall 2014 applications received to the correct month?

a. 559	April	_____
b. 571	May	_____
c. 415	June	_____
d. 521	July	_____
e. 449	August	_____
- How many total applications did the Office of Admissions receive for the Fall 2014 semester?

a. 2,050
b. 4,024
c. 3,324
d. 2,733
- How many international student applications have been received for the Spring 2015 Semester (as of October 15, 2014)? International applications are defined as applications from students who are non-US citizens or permanent residents.

a. 326
b. 205
c. 175
d. 599
- How many admissions decisions were made in the month of August 2014 for the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 semesters?

a. 504
b. 168
c. 794
d. 415

Answers can be found on Page 8.

Academic Resource Center Gets a Face Lift!

At the beginning of August, the Academic Resource Center (ARC), welcomed the Writing Center into their gorgeous, newly renovated space. This bright, open new Learning Commons has a seminar room for workshops, two small study group rooms, and two rooms dedicated for writing support. The main area now includes easily rearranged tables for student collaboration, and an inviting reception area. Students coming to the ARC for academic tutoring, writing assistance, counseling, disability services, or help with immunization documentation now have a welcoming environment.

To celebrate the new look of the Academic Resource Center, an open house was held on Thursday, September 18. The event introduced faculty and students to the new resources and new facilities. If you haven't yet, visit the new space and use our resources, the Academic Resource Center is open Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Fridays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in B-1215, off the Hall of Governors.



ARC/Writing Center Open House was held on September 18th with a packed house!

Academic Resource Center Welcomes New Faces



Emily Petkus is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) who joined GSU's Academic Resource Center this past summer. She came to GSU from the Bolingbrook area where she worked with a community mental health agency and the local school district to help build the Alternative to Suspension program for at-risk middle and high school students. She was also part of a grant funded program to provide counseling and career services for underemployed and unemployed adults in Will County who were survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Emily has also worked with clients in private practice, residential treatment, and nonprofit community settings. Emily is now the Counseling Center's clinical mental health counselor and looks forward to serving the growing GSU community. Emily attended Lewis University where she earned her undergraduate degree in Psychology and her Master's degree in Counseling Psychology. She is now continuing her education and in Counselor Education and Supervision. Emily enjoys providing all types of mental health services and strives to educate and supervise counselors-in-training to help build and strengthen the counseling profession. You can reach Emily by email at epetkus@govst.edu or by phone at 708.235.7334.

On August 1, 2014, **Amy Comparon** started her journey at Governors State University and was hired as the Director of Tutoring and Academic Support in the Academic Resource Center. She comes to us with 14 years of experience from Calumet College of St. Joseph, IN. where she was the Director of Academic Support Programs. Amy has worked in many facets such as Enrollment, Teaching, Academic Support and Retention. Though she is a new hire, she is not new to GSU. Amy received her M.A. degree in English from GSU in 2005. She is very excited to be here and to be a part of the transformation!

You can reach Amy by email at acomparon@govst.edu or by phone at 708-235-2864



Career Services Coordinate First GSU Washington Center Internships

For more than 35 years, the Washington Center, a nationally recognized program, has helped in excess of 50,000 students from around the world gain valuable experience, and set them on a course of achievement, leadership and engagement in their communities. For the first time two GSU students, Shahenaz Ahmad and Ricca Louissaint are among the accomplished students participating in internships and academic seminars focused on civic engagement, national service and public policy.

During the semester long experience in D.C., our students will experience an academic internship program that will help them to bridge the gap between college and their professional future. Ms. Ahmad is working as a Program Coordinator for the Pyramid Atlantic Art Center, while Ms. Louissaint is working for a law firm that supports many different mental health interests on Capitol Hill. Each student will meet with legislative representatives to discuss current issues within their prospective field. Additionally this experience creates opportunities for students to network with people from all around the globe. Upon completion of the

program, our students will be well prepared to succeed in a highly competitive global marketplace, with confidence and a sense of purpose.

If you are interested in getting a closer look at the life of a GSU Washington Center intern please visit www.govst.edu/careerservices and click on the blog link at the bottom of the page where the Washington Center Internship program is highlighted. For more information on how to apply for the Washington Center Internship experience, along with information on scholarship assistance please contact Darcie Campos, the Assistant Vice President of Career Services for more information at dcampos@govst.edu.

For more information about other opportunities available, contact the Office of Career Services at 708-235-3974 or at the website: www.govst.edu/careerservices.



"This has been the most significant academic and professional experience of my life. Every course, every club, and all the student development that I have been involved in at GSU has prepared me to take advantage of the extensive opportunities of this internship." — Ricca Louissaint



"My Washington Center experience will leave me with memories of achievement, success, and determination. All of which I will cherish for a life time." — Shahenaz Ahmad

Save the Date for Spring Career Services events:

Etiquette Series: Communication and Networking Etiquette Workshop

Wednesday, March 4, 2015 • 6 to 7p.m.

Etiquette Series: Professional Etiquette Luncheon

Tuesday, March 24, 2015 • 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Spring Internship Information Session

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 • 3 to 4 p.m.

2015 Spring Career and Internship Fair

Thursday, April 16, 2015 • 2 to 5 p.m.

GSU Jaguars Come Out Roaring!

In its first exhibition game the GSU Jaguar Men's Basketball Team made it clear – we're here to compete. At the Family & Friends Weekend GSU trounced Trinity International JV with a score of 129 to 50. Two days later the GSU Jaguars delivered a convincing 110-69 win against the Loyola Ramblers Club.

Since Family & Friends Weekend, the GSU Jaguars Men's and Women's Basketball teams are undefeated having played Moraine Valley Community College, Prairie State, Illinois Institute of Technology and more! Support the GSU Jaguars, admission to games is free to students, faculty and staff with a GSU myONECARD and for alumni with premium alumni memberships. Visit the newly launched Athletics website for a full calendar of games at: www.govst.edu/athletics



Meet Jaguar Nation 2014 Men's and Women's Basketball Teams



Back Row (l to r): Dean Jennings, James Cook, Sondale Conner, Miles Showdon, Princeton Steward and Pierre Jolly.

Next row (l to r): Brandon Berry, Coach Bates, Chris Seaton, Des'Nique Harris, Khalen Davis, Nicole Muller, Rick Romeli.

Next row (l to r): Dalvin Echols, Willie Lipsey, Johnthe Shannon.

Front row (l to r): Haki McLaurin, Ammanuel Ayalew, Jelani Yancy

Back Row (l to r): Team Manager Alycia Hale, Raven Phillips, Marlynda Bishop, Amber Hunter

Middle Row (l to r): Assistant Coach Ed Schodrof, Zaporla Smith, Chimere Smith, Babaye Oja, Assistant Coach Tonishea Mack, Head Coach La Toshia Burrell

Front Row (l to r): Summer Maxwell, Kimberly Young, Andrea Johnson, Shaneka Boyd, Ebone Green



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The Dual Degree Program (DDP) is Embarking on a New Era!



Students from local community colleges participated in DDP orientation on November 7, 2014.

DDP's transformation has included new students, staff, and services:

- **DDP enrollment and partnerships are increasing**

The latest cohort of DDP students to transfer to GSU increased 11% from Summer/Fall, 2013. These newly transferred students were invited to participate in the GSU Convocation after receiving honor cords to commemorate the completion of their Associate degrees. There are now 17 DDP partner community colleges. DDP enrollment at these partner schools is on the rise, especially at the City Colleges of Chicago.

- **Inaugural DDP cohort has graduated**

DDP's first cohort transferred to GSU in 2012. Of that first cohort of 43 students, all but 4 have graduated or are still enrolled at GSU for undergraduate and graduate programs.

- **Extra support at GSU**

The new DDP Student Transition Assistants are former DDP Peer Mentors who have been trained to provide resources to DDP students who have transferred to GSU. Stefany Sigler is a senior Psychology major and Sharita Walker is in the Social Work Master's program. They have office hours every Monday-Thursday in A2123, and they can be reached at 708.235.7173.

- **DDP students serve the community**

Every month, DDP Peer Mentors coordinate a community service project for DDP students. DDP has served thousands in Chicagoland since 2012, primarily in the south suburbs. In September, 2014, 18 DDP volunteers assisted with the 'Respond Now 5K' in Olympia Fields, IL. In October, DDP assembled food packs at the Children's Hunger Fund in Homewood, IL.

- **DDP newsletter has been created**

The DDP newsletter was created to share information with DDP students and colleagues at the partner community colleges and GSU. It will be published twice per semester. Read the inaugural edition of the DDP newsletter here: issuu.com/gsustudentaffairs/docs/ddp_newsletter-sept__2014.

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THE DEGREES
The Dual Degree Program



Vicki King, an exemplary DDP member of the first graduating cohort. King graduated with honors from both Prairie State College and GSU. She is now enrolled in a M.A. program at GSU. She did not stop at "dual" degrees!

Office of Intercultural Student Affairs

The Office of Intercultural Student Affairs is a new department within the Division of Student Affairs that began Fall 2014. Under the direction of Mr. Robert E. Clay, Intercultural Student Affairs will play a major role in helping to create an inclusive and welcoming campus community for all. Intercultural Student Affairs has a three prong thrust:

- Develop campus wide diversity awareness programs and social justice education efforts.
- Aid in the retention of underrepresented student populations.
- Serve as a resource to culturally diverse student organizations.

Intercultural Student Affairs has hit the ground running developing programs and events that aid in the holistic development. Below you will find some highlights of Intercultural Student Affairs for Fall 2014.

- Hired Mr. Danny Vergara (B.A., 12) to assist with departmental efforts as well as serve as outreach coordinator for Latino/a students.
- Organized and initiated efforts for Latino Heritage Month and LGBT History Month.
- Collaborated with Dual Degree Program to develop Male Initiative for Black and Latino Males.

Spring 2015 will be a time of sharing our strategic plan, as well as establishing a presence within the campus community by collaborating with campus partners on diverse efforts such as

- Undocumented Student Initiatives
- MLK Commemorative Program
- Inclusive Leadership Conference
- Day of Solidarity
- Black Women Rock
- Walk A Mile in Their Shoes for Sexual Assault Awareness
- University Bias Reporting System

For more information about Intercultural Student Affairs or to assist with programming efforts email Mr. Robert Clay at rclay@govst.edu or 708.534.4551.

Mr. Robert Clay joins Student Life

Mr. Robert E. Clay is the Director of Intercultural Student Affairs. A native of Chicago, Mr. Clay has shared his expertise in helping others find their passion, develop a true sense of identity and gain a greater appreciation for diversity through intersectionality as an educator in the K-12 and higher education arenas throughout the country. Throughout his career he has developed highly successful and award winning social justice education, community engagement, cultural enrichment, career exploration and leadership development initiatives. A true servant leader, he is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated where he continues to be actively involved in community engagement efforts. Other current and past affiliations include the American College Personnel Association (ACPA), National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), Association of Fraternity Advisors (AFA) and certified trainer for the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI).



Trivia answers

1. April – d, May – b, June – e, July – a, Aug – c
2. b 3. a 4. c



An Unheard Voice Sexual Assault Lecture



Elaine Pasqua meets with student athletes

On Tuesday, October 21, 2014 GSU welcomed Miss Elaine Pasqua to campus to discuss a not so pleasant topic, but nonetheless an extremely important one.

Ninety seven thousand college students are sexually assaulted each year, yet it remains the most under-reported crime on college campuses today. Often the victims feel shame, guilt, and are left with long-lasting psychological scars. Elaine Pasqua knows this first hand, she is a victim of an alcohol-related date rape and a victim of a date rape drug. Her goal is to empower healthy communication between people, and to teach them to follow their instincts to prevent situations that could potentially lead to a sexual assault.

For the past 17 years, Elaine has traveled to campuses across the United States; warning thousands of students about the consequences of high-risk behaviors while motivating them to make healthy choices. She has been a keynote speaker for the NCAA, and provides training for the NY Giants, the Jets, Baltimore Ravens, Carolina Panthers, the Chicago Bears, the NFL, NBA, and the Phillies. Elaine is a four-time nominee for Campus Activities Best Speaker of the Year. She co-wrote, directed and produced the video, "Be Aware of the Risks of Date Rape Drugs," which has been viewed over a half a million times on YouTube.

Through her program, "An Unheard Voice," Elaine has enlightened students about the emotional impact of rape. She fosters healthy communication skills and promotes the value of integrity and bystander intervention. This program is guaranteed to open your eyes and sharpen your instincts! For more information, you can check out her website at www.elainepasqua.com

Remembering and Reflecting on our Veterans

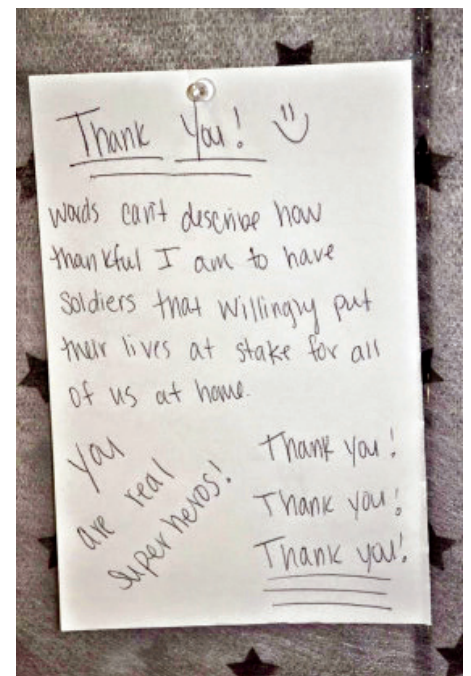
From August 25th to September 11th the Veterans Resource Center (VRC) collaborated with the Office of Civic Engagement to raise goods for military care packages and to raise awareness for National Remembrance Day.

The care packages, better known as "Comfort Packages," were donated to Operation Support Our Troops America, a local non-profit organization that ships tons of items annually, to active duty military service members all over the world. In a combined effort, the VRC, Civic Engagement, along with many GSU student, faculty, and staff members raised 7 boxes, approximately 100 lbs. of socks, candy, cookies, deodorant, shaving cream, and other items that many troops utilize while on active duty. This provides the service men and women with a little taste of home while serving overseas.

The VRC and Civic Engagement strategically organized the end of the Comfort Package drive to end on September 11 in

the GSU Hall of Governors. September 11th, which is now a National Day of Remembrance, is a day to not only reflect on the services of our military and first responders, but for us as citizens to remember the attacks on America on September 11, 2001. The day ended with many letter writings that were posted on the wall, all of which showed humble and sincere thanks to those who serve our county; others have also wrote a reflection on how they felt at the time back in 2001. There were also yellow ribbons, symbolic of remembering those men and women serving in places far from home, and American flags passed out to those who participated.

Thank you to all who supported this initiative in support of those who sacrifice so much to keep our country safe.



New Faces and New Roles

On July 23, 2014, President Maimon announced the consolidation of all of the university's student-related functions and services under a unified Division of Student Affairs. Dr. Aurelio Valente was appointed Interim Vice President for Student Affairs to lead this unified Division. Dr. Randi Schneider, as Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, assumed leadership of the enrollment management functions of the Division. This reorganization and realignment of efforts was designed to strengthen GSU's evolving transformation to a full-service and comprehensive university. As a result of this reorganization, Ms. Tamekia Scott and Ms. Roshaunda Ross have also accepted new roles.



Ms. Tamekia Scott was appointed to Interim Director of Community Standards/Dean of Students Designee. In this role, she will expand responsibilities in ensuring positive community standards, coordinating Student Concerns, chairing Campus Threat Assessment, and the continuing coordination of the Student Enrichment Program.



Ms. Roshaunda Ross was appointed to the position of Interim Director of the Dual Degree Program, after serving as the DDP Coordinator of Peer Mentoring since 2012. Twelve new DDP Peer Mentors were hired to support DDP students transitioning from community college to GSU. Soon, DDP will be welcoming 2 new Transfer Specialists and a new Coordinator of Peer Mentoring.



Taneisha Palmer is a proud native of Washington D.C. She attended undergrad at North Carolina Central University. Upon graduation she completed an internship with AmeriCorps NCCC-FEMA Corps where she was able to write grants for individuals affected by natural disasters. Taneisha is a proud member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated. Her background contains an array of civic involvement in the several communities and she is proud to be a ViSTA working in the Civic Engagement Center at GSU. In the near future Taneisha plans to pursue graduate course work and to become a college professor in English Literature. Taneisha lives by the quote "Educate the masses".

Family and Friends Weekend Memories



Legacy, featuring freshmen Justin Smith on saxophone, wowed the crowd at the Family & Friends Brunch.



Build-A-Bear was a very popular event at the Family & Friends Weekend. All new born bears received a birth certificate, as well as their very own Jaguar Nation t-shirt! Pictured is Community Health Academic Advisor Shavron Henry with her beautiful daughter Chloe.



The International Culture Organization at the Family & Friends Weekend during their event call Passport World. (l to r) Justin Smith, Anna Rogowski, Tania Urbin, Avalon Marchiniak, Mirabel Wiryen, Roque Jaber, Manar "Mimi" Jaber, Zahra Sammour, and McClinton Hoover.

Academic Affairs Collaborations:

High-impact educational recruitment initiative yielding honorable dividends for GSU.

A new feature in the Student Affairs Newsletter highlights collaborations between Student Affairs and Academic Affairs initiatives. The first featured collaboration includes the development and recruitment of GSU's first four-year Honors Program.

The "high-impact educational recruitment" initiative was developed in cooperation between the Director of the Honors Program, Dr. David Rhea, and the Director of Recruitment and Outreach, Ms. Kristy Goodwin, last year. Eleven prospective freshmen participated in focus groups to help provide valuable insight on what is important to prospective high-achieving, high school seniors considering participating in honors programs in college. This year the fruits of their labor are being realized in the inaugural Honors Program freshman cohort and beyond.

In addition to having one student from those focus groups matriculate to the GSU and the Honors Program, the Honors Program is acting on the developing a study abroad program option and strongly emphasizing leadership training and development in the program. Both were suggestions highly touted by the students in the focus group last year. The idea of a points curriculum, which gives students program credit for completing curricular and co-curricular activities, was also strongly supported by focus group members.

The innovative recruitment has sparked national attention. Rhea and Goodwin published an article about their recruitment practice in *Honors in Practice* journal, a journal dedicated to providing Honors Education leaders new ideas to further honors program. The two also proposed a presentation on the recruitment practice as a part of the 2015 American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers' annual meeting.



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Students in the Honors Program at Dinner with the Dean

(back row l to r): Derrick Brown, Dr. Teri Sosa, Adreanna Doizan, Cynthia Pruitt, Stefany Sigler, Martell Thompson, Robin Taylor, Jeanette Verde, Honors Program Advisor Dr. David Rhea, Desmond Warren

(front row l to r) Dean of Students Dr. Aurelio Valente, Kendall Wright, Joselyn James-Moore, and Gabriella Pierre-Louis.

Student Life Summer/Fall 2014 Snapshots



The GSU Program Council helps to plan programming all around campus. For more information or to join the crew, contact ddent@govst.edu



Stefany Sigler goes to Springfield to proudly represent GSU as our Student Laureate.



The Civic Engagement Office participates in The Day of Remembrance, 9-11. Back Row (l to r) Emily Metzger, Jonathan Cruz, Jeremy Frierson, Trauvell Crawford, Chanquana Bowers. Middle Row, Gina Kates-Mitchell Front Row (l to r) Rima Nimri, Taneisha Palmer, Jasmin Avila



Peer Mentors for the Fall/Spring Semesters
Back Row (from left-to-right) Jeremy Joyce, Marcin Kuruc, Kristen Efantis, Derrick Brown, Joe Klis, Monique Mobley.
Front Row (from left-to-right) Critisha Ashley, Anita Kunkes, Kim Mattison, Rachel Shaw, Ricca Louissaint, Jessica Horne

Save the Date: Upcoming Spring 2015 Events

- **December 2**
Late Night Finals Breakfast, HOG, 9 -11 p.m.
- **January 19**
MLK Service Day
- **January 23**
Inclusive Leadership Conference
- **January 26**
MLK Day Celebration, CPA, 10 a.m.
- **February 16**
Undergraduate Open House, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **February 28**
Black Women Rock, CPA, 7 p.m.
- **March 21**
Undergraduate Open House, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **April 10**
Relay for Life, 6 p.m. - Midnight
- **April 24**
Leadership Banquet, CPA Stage, 6 - 8 p.m.

For new, updates, and complete calendar of events, visit:
www.govst.edu/campus_life/

