



# STUDENT CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

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## Capstone Course Registration

Capstone courses is typically taken during the last semester of the program and can only be taken after completion of all common core courses on the student's study plan. An application and approval is required before a student may register for **ACCT8965, ECON4900, MGMT4900, MGMT8900, BAN 8900, MGMT 8910**. Contact your Graduate Academic Advisor with questions.

## Welcome to Spring 2024

### COB'S NEW ACADEMIC ADVISORS

#### Jacquelynn Puckett

Jacquelynn Puckett was born and raised in the South Suburbs of Chicago. Jacquelynn completed her M.B.A. in 2004 and her M.A. in 2016. Jacquelynn is an alum of Governors State University and has worked in higher education for over 15 years. She is passionate about building strong student relationships, student success, and diversity, equity, and inclusion. Jacquelynn is a true believer in the power of positivity and the ability to do whatever one sets their mind to. As a first-generation student, Jacquelynn encourages students to build a strong, positive network and to use the many resources available through the university to assist them on their journey. Jacquelynn is an avid reader and writer she encourages journaling and free writing as part of self-care. Jacquelynn is the undergraduate advisor for Business Administration (last names A-L), Psychology (last names A-L), and ANSO.

#### Connor Schwer

Connor Schwer is a southside native and has lived in the Chicagoland area his entire life. Connor started his academic career at Moraine Valley Community College and ultimately finished his bachelor's degree in human resource management from Troy University. Connor found his passion for working in higher education when he started working in the registrar's office right here at GSU. From there, he knew he had a strong desire to help students succeed in and out of the classroom and found advising to be the possible place for him to make the most impact on students. Connor is dedicated to ensuring that each of his students feel welcome and has the individual support they need. Connor believes that building relationships with each of his students creates a sense of belonging for the students and inspires them to continue their success at GSU and beyond. Connor is the undergraduate advisor for accounting, community health, and political science.

**Spring classes began on January 16th, Welcome Back!**

### COB Student Organizations

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the many clubs and organizations that exist at Governors State University. These clubs provide students with the opportunity to meet others with the same majors or special interests.

### Accounting/Finance/Economics:

Dr. Chevonne Alston, [calston@govst.edu](mailto:calston@govst.edu)  
Dr. Muchait Kochan, [mkochan@govst.edu](mailto:mkochan@govst.edu)

**Beta Gamma Sigma:** (By invitation, see myGSU portal for information)

Anne Frosh, [afrosh@govst.edu](mailto:afrosh@govst.edu)  
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### Human Resources:

Dr. Chelsea Vanderpool, [cvanderpool@govst.edu](mailto:cvanderpool@govst.edu)  
Dr. Stephen Wagner, [swagner2@govst.edu](mailto:swagner2@govst.edu)

### International Business:

Dwight Floyd, [dfloyd@govst.edu](mailto:dfloyd@govst.edu)

### Jaguar Anime & Gaming Club:

Dr. Katherine Carl, [kcarl@govst.edu](mailto:kcarl@govst.edu)  
Dr. Robert Garcia, [rgarcia12@govst.edu](mailto:rgarcia12@govst.edu)

### Management Info Systems:

Jeffrey Alfano, [jalfanog@govst.edu](mailto:jalfanog@govst.edu)  
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### Supply Chain Club:

Dr. Tricia Kerns, [tkerns@govst.edu](mailto:tkerns@govst.edu)  
Dr. John Simon, [jsimon@govst.edu](mailto:jsimon@govst.edu)

The majority of COB's student organizations are related to academic programs, while others support a variety of social and special interests however, new clubs and organizations may be formed by any group of seven or more students. For information or assistance, contact the Assistant Dean of Students at [studentlife@govst.edu](mailto:studentlife@govst.edu) or visit [www.govst.edu/studentlife](http://www.govst.edu/studentlife) at 708.534.4552.

## Assurance of Learning

The College of Business at GSU maintains an ongoing systematic assessment process of continuous improvement in which student work, in both undergraduate and graduate programs, is evaluated to determine the extent to which student-learning outcomes have been met in each program. Students play an important role in this well-documented process that is focused on improving the academic experience of our students. Dr. John Simon's Assessment results of COB's Assurance of Learning (AOL) process can be found on our webpage at [govst.edu/AOL/](http://govst.edu/AOL/)

## SPRING 2024 COB & Career Services Events & Workshops

**Tuesday, February 6, 2024 3:30-4:30 PM** | Virtual

### Diversity in the Work Place

When working with others it is important that we accept and celebrate differences.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84847104223?pwd=QmpSMzFoVmZyTUhrTXRzMk5PbDI1QT09>

**Monday, February 12, 2024 11:00 AM-12:00 PM** | Virtual

### Job Search Correspondence Strategies

Finding a job is often a difficult task for many. Please join us as we talk about the best strategies to search for your next position and be successful in getting the job you desire.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82149621424?pwd=VEtLWWT5amo3bisvaU1PNFJuZTZodz09>

**Monday, March 4, 2024 11:00 AM-12:00 PM** | Virtual

### Handshake 101

Join the Office of Career Services to learn the essentials of using Handshake-our campus-wide recruiting platform, where tens of thousands of jobs and internships are posted annually.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88437421548?pwd=dVRUUGtkOStHSEZTMUM2eFZXNk15dz09>

**Thursday, March 7, 2024 1:00-2:00 PM** | Virtual

### Exploring your Career Values and Interests

Discover how identifying some of your core personal values and interests can make your career more rewarding.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89048145667?pwd=eHExbEINDGFyMmpua2xSaEtleGw4UT09>

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024 3:30-4:30 PM** | Virtual

### How to Complete an Informational Interview

Informational interviewing is a tool utilized when expanding your network and completing industry research.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87983969890?pwd=d1VODhoeUpXVXFNS3piSGh4eWZJUT09>

**Monday, April 8, 2024 2:00-4:00 PM** | Room TBD

### Resume Lab

The resume lab is designed to offer students hands on assistance with creating effective resumes for the job search process, internship, and graduate school.

**Tuesday, April 9, 2024 2:00-3:00 PM** | Room TBD & Virtual

### Resumes and Cover Letters-Getting Started

Ready to apply for jobs, but don't know how to get started? In this workshop, we will define a resume and cover letter, review their importance in the application process and basic dos and don'ts, then learn how to draft both with and without the assistance of templates.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82567156088?pwd=VFBBRjVNW91SWJtcEVQWHc4ZFpZQT09>

**Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:00-11:00 AM** | Virtual

### How to Work a Career Fair

So you ready to apply for a job or an internship, but you are a little unsure just exactly how to approach employers at the table. When a first-time job seeker or an experienced employee looking to brush up on some preparation tips, this workshop will cover all the steps necessary to have you working the career fair like a pro!

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81653562328?pwd=U0dtbHdmU3hwZFPiSnlyOU5aZnV3Zz09>

### Internships for Academic Credit!

The value of a solid internship offers many benefits: work experience, on-the-job training, networking, professional contacts, a plus on your resume, and maybe even a job offer. Internships are career-based learning experiences that involve a “real world” work environment and standard workplace expectations.

The Career and Internships web page ([govst.edu/cob-internships/](https://govst.edu/cob-internships/)) provides the information and tools you need to start the process. You will find the COB Internship Guide, a “how to” locate an internship, tips on interviewing, appropriate dress, networking, resume examples, and student success stories.

To apply for an internship, follow the steps on the Career and Internships page (<https://www.govst.edu/COB-Intern-Process/>). Contact Peter Judge with any questions, [pjudge@govst.edu](mailto:pjudge@govst.edu).



## SPRING 2023 COB & Career Services Events & Workshops

**Monday, April 15, 2024 2:00-4:00 PM** | Room TBD

### Resume Lab

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**Wednesday, April 24, 2024 2:00-4:00 PM** | Hall of Governors

### Spring Career and Internship Fair

**Thursday, May 7, 2024 2:00-3:00 PM** | Room TBD and Virtual

### Professional Writing

Per my previous email... An often overlooked but critical skill in today's workforce is the ability to write professionally. In this workshop, you will learn how to professionally and effectively write workforce correspondences.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84298972077?pwd=TXI2aW1SNkhkb1BlalRyblp4YU5RQT09>

## IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day, GSU Campus Closed**

Monday, January 15

**Spring 2024 Term Begins**

Tuesday, January 16

**Graduation Applications Due**

Friday, February 2

**President's Day, GSU Campus Closed**

Monday, February 19

**Spring Break, University Open, No Classes**

March 11 – 17

**Summer & Fall 2024 Registration Starts**

Monday, March 18

**Spring 2024 Term Ends**

Monday, May 6

**Summer 2024 Term Begins**

Monday, May 13

