



# 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, MIS8979, MIS8989, and MIS8999. Download the form in the myGSU portal or contact your advisor if you have questions.

## Welcome Fall 2021!



The 2020-2021 academic year has been an extraordinary year for all of us as the global pandemic continued to challenge the ways we teach, learn, work, and conduct our daily lives. However, students, faculty, and staff in the College of Business at Governors State University were not deterred by these disruptions. With dedication, perseverance, and support for each other, we were able to make

steady progress towards the strategic goals in our Vision 2020 strategic plan, while also transitioning into our new five-year strategic plan, [Strategy 2025](#).

Fall 2021 semester is an exciting semester for the COB in many ways. Our first AACSB re-accreditation visit (Continuous Improvement Review, or CIR visit) will take place in October, 2021. A Peer Review Team (PRT), consisted of three deans from our peer institutions will be on campus to assess our performances in meeting AACSB accreditation standards in the past five years. The PRT members will meet with COB faculty, staff, students, alumni, and business community partners to assess during this visit. A successful CIR visit will result in re-accreditation for the next five years.

We look forward to your participation in this accreditation visit. More details will be shared as we get closer to the visit dates (10/10-10/12/2021).

Sincerely,

Dr. Jun Zhao  
Dean

## 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 webpage (<http://www.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. The Internship Form is located in the COB Student Handbook or download the form: <http://www.govst.edu/COB-Intern-Form/>

## 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)  
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The majority of 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 [www.govst.edu/AOL/](http://www.govst.edu/AOL/)

## Fall 2021 Career Events

### Thursday, September 2, 2 – 3 p.m.

**Presenter:** Kristina Anderson

**Topic:** Resumes & Cover Letters

**Virtual:** <https://govst.webex.com/govst/j.php?MTID=mf0fe852e0b9d5c035e8b2fa163dbf1a2>

Highlighting your skills and experience to an employer’s needs is the key to developing effective resumes and cover letters. Join us virtually to learn strategies to market your unique skill set and apply your learning by working on improving components of your own resume and cover letter.

### Thursday, September 9, 2 – 2:30 p.m.

**Presenter:** Dartina Dunlap

**Topic:** Who Moved My Cheese?

**Virtual:** <https://govst.webex.com/govst/j.php?MTID=m56315c31777696b4f5d493a44ac44851>

Learn how to deal with change in a successful manner. We will discuss the tenets of the world renown writer Spencer Johnson who brings this process into clear vision. Be the change agent that you want to be.

### Thursday, September 16, 2 – 3 p.m.

**Presenter:** Kristina Anderson

**Topic:** Ace Your Interview

**Location:** Engbretson Hall

This workshop will go over tools and techniques to help you best prepare for job interviews. More specifically, you will walk away with an understanding of how to communicate effectively, answer challenging questions, and make your pitch during the interview setting.

### Thursday, September 23, 2 – 3 p.m.

**Presenter:** Dartina Dunlap

**Topic:** Professionalism in the workplace

**Virtual:** <https://govst.webex.com/govst/j.php?MTID=me450b6626d3cf23ca1a116a3b7f4eada>

There are steps that every professional must take when working on the job. We will discuss the importance of remaining professional while completing your job. What is and what is not professional? We will explore this concept in this presentation.

### Thursday, September 30, 2 – 3 p.m.

**Presenter:** Kristina Anderson

**Topic:** Career Exploration

**Virtual:** <https://govst.webex.com/govst/j.php?MTID=m972cbae875f9fddaea270a64b38f671f>

Without question, choosing a career can be a tough choice. But, don’t worry if you haven’t settled on a career path just yet. It’s not a decision you have to make alone. In this workshop, you will learn some of the myths about being undecided, the difference between choosing a major and choosing a career and some resources to help you take the next step. You will also have the opportunity to participate in an interactive series of self-assessments designed to help you learn more about yourself and your interests.

# Fall 2021 Career Events (continued)

## Thursday, October 7, 2 – 2:30 p.m.

**Presenter:** Dartina Dunlap

**Topic:** How to get a promotion?

**Virtual:** <https://govst.webex.com/govst/j.php?MTID=m3d1dc2da491f0cfb57d72964f623de6d>

Are you trying to get a promotion and can't seem to find out why you are being overlooked? This presentation will give you a few short steps to ensure that you are doing the right things to get that promotion.

## Professional Image Career Conference, October 12 – 14, 10 – 11 a.m. and 3 – 4 p.m.

### October 12

- 10 – 11 a.m.: Dartina Dunlap – ABC's of How to Facilitate a Presentation
- 1 – 2 p.m.: Vanessa Gomez – Professionalism in the Workplace
- 3 – 4 p.m.: Isabella Reyes – Conflict and Resolution

### October 13

- 10 – 11 a.m.: Kristy Mahal -Resumes/Cover Letters (tentative)
- 1 – 2 p.m.: Paul Kelly- TBD –
- 3 – 4 p.m.: PEACE CORPS

### October 14

- 10 – 11 a.m.: Kristina- Interviewing Skills
- 1 – 2 p.m.: Derrick Brown –GEAR program
- 3 – 4 p.m.:

## Thursday, October 21, 2 – 3 p.m.

**Presenter:** Kristina Anderson

**Topic:** Introverts/Extroverts in the Workplace

**Virtual:** <https://govst.webex.com/govst/j.php?MTID=m3b678b1a153556eabc3ce6d0af5e0128>

Do you tend to gravitate towards the center of the room at parties, or do you find yourself inching towards the periphery? Are you the first to raise your hand or do you prefer to quietly ruminate before you speak? Your answers to these questions could reveal whether you are more of an extrovert or an introvert. Join us in this workshop to learn whether you are more of an introvert or extrovert, strengths of each personality type and strategies to work effectively amongst each other.

## Thursday, October 28, 2 – 2:30 p.m.

**Presenter:** Dartina Dunlap

**Topic:** Elevator Pitch

**Virtual:** <https://govst.webex.com/govst/j.php?MTID=ma98e874fad7b245d6e8d9c514f80df2c>

How to be prepared to explain who you are in a few easy steps. Having an elevator pitch will be the catalyst to creating networking opportunities and introducing you to the world.

## Thursday, November 4, 2 – 3 p.m.

**Presenter:** Kristina Anderson

**Topic:** Resumes & Cover Letters

**Location:** Engbretson Hall

Highlighting your skills and experience to an employer's needs is the key to developing effective resumes and cover letters. Join us virtually to learn strategies to market your unique skill set and apply your learning by working on improving components of your own resume and cover letter.

## Thursday, November 12, 2 – 2:30 p.m.

**Presenter:** Dartina Dunlap

**Topic:** I am Graduating Now What?

**Location:** Engbretson Hall

**Virtual:** <https://govst.webex.com/govst/j.php?MTID=mc6bc32ace22dd6dff86fc49689850>

Now that your graduating it is essential that you are completing a few more task to enhance your experience as a new graduate. While they are simple task they are important tasks.

## Thursday, November 18, 2 – 3 p.m.

**Presenter:** Kristina

**Topic:** Choosing a Career that Fits Your Values

**Virtual:** <https://govst.webex.com/govst/j.php?MTID=m8a3856c9cdcb9fb076869d93e2845b1>

This is an interactive workshop where students find fun ways to tie their experiences into their future career goals. Students can expect to examine the role that their personal values play into their life & career decisions.

## IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES FOR FALL 2021

**Fall 2021 Term Begins**  
Monday, August 30

**Labor Day Holiday, University Closed**  
Monday, September 6

**Fall 2021 Graduation Applications Due**  
Friday, September 17

**Spring 2022 Registration Begins**  
Monday, October 25

**Thanksgiving Holiday Break**  
Wednesday, November 24 no classes  
University Closed November 25 – 28

**Fall 2021 Term Ends**  
Monday, Sunday December 12

**Winter Holiday Break, University Closed**  
Friday, December 24 – January 2

**Martin Luther King Holiday, University Closed**  
Monday, January 17

**Spring 2022 Term Begins**  
Tuesday, January 18