



# Student Orientation Spring 2014

## Welcome from the Dean of Students

Dear New Students:

We are thrilled, and deeply honored, that you have decided to continue your higher education, either as an undergraduate or graduate student, at Governors State University. Your decision to continue your education marks a significant next chapter in your life, one that will challenge you, on a daily basis, in and outside the classroom to contribute to society both as a student scholar and a citizen. 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, and decided to attend, Governors State University (GSU) because you have something to offer - something of value to others.

As Dean of Students, I am proud to be associated with a team of dedicated and talented professionals and educators working with one common purpose – to help you achieve your educational goals and ensure that your experience at GSU is as fulfilling as possible. I encourage you to visit our offices located in both the A and B wings (a complete office directory can be found elsewhere in this booklet) and fully utilize our resources well after orientation ends and as your transition to GSU continues. You can start by attending the many events sponsored by Program Council, considering an elected student leadership position, utilizing our Recreation and Fitness center, and taking advantage of our many academic success workshops. Most immediately, please take a moment to review the Welcome Week schedule in this program and make a personal commitment to be a part of our community from the start!

Lastly, I would encourage you to stay connected with your new community, by checking your GSU email regularly (I would recommend three times a week). If you utilize social media, please follow me on Twitter via @GSUDean, or drop by my office, located in the Student Life Center (A-2130), during my weekly open hours on Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m., or email me at [avalente@govst.edu](mailto:avalente@govst.edu) if you need anything at all. Even if you don't need anything, stop in and simply visit!

Please accept my best wishes for a successful and rewarding first semester at GSU!

Dr. Aurélio Manuel Valente

Dean of Students and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs

## Spring 2014 Welcome Week Highlights

January 20	MLK Day of Service
January 21	GSU Café: Student Meet and Greet Campus Crawl: Get to know your university Secretary of State Mobile Services Philippines Typhoon Relief Efforts
January 22	Black Student Union "Call to Action" Students Welcome Back Bowl
January 23	Student Club Resource County Fair and Pace Campus Connection
January 24	The Southland ACA Forum
January 25, 26	Stephen Sondheim's Company
January 27	Martin Luther King Celebration
January 30	Open Mic Night

For a detailed Welcome Week schedule of events, complete with times and locations, please see the flyer in your Orientation folder.

## Schedule at a Glance

Noon - 1 p.m.	Student and Guest Check-in	Hall of Governors
Noon - 1 p.m.	Resource Fair	Hall of Governors
1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Transfer Student Welcome from President Maimon Transfer Remarks from Dean Valente Introduction of Transfer Student Orientation Leaders	Sherman Recital Hall
	Graduate Student Welcome from Dean Cada Graduate Remarks from Provost Bordelon Introduction of Graduate Student Orientation Leaders	E-Lounge
1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Student Breakout Sessions with Orientation Leaders	Check Folder for Location
	Family Breakout Session with Outreach Staff	Room B1215
3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Concurrent Session 1	See Room numbers below
3:40 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.	Concurrent Session 2	See Room numbers below
4:20 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Student Breakout Sessions with Academic Advisors	Check Folder for Location
	Family Breakout Session with Orientation Leaders	Room D34115

## Concurrent Sessions

Location	Concurrent Session 1 (3 - 3:30 p.m.)	Concurrent Session 2 (3:40 - 4:10 p.m.)
B1215	ARC Veterans Resource Center	ARC Veterans Resource Center
D2401 C	Navigating Your Library's Website	Navigating Your Library's Website
D34165	Release the Leader in You	Release the Leader in You
D34093	Can Do	Can Do
D2447	Campus Safety and Awareness <i>Getting to know your Community Caretakers</i>	Campus Safety and Awareness <i>Getting to know your Community Caretakers</i>
D34050	Writing Tips for Graduate School and Graduate Research	Writing Tips for Graduate School and Graduate Research
D34160	Transfer Success Panel with Orientation Leaders	Transfer Success Panel with Orientation Leaders
D34011	Blackboard	Blackboard
D34104	Career Services – <i>How to Find Campus Employment</i>	Career Services – <i>How to Find Campus Employment</i>
D34012	Your Health/Wellness-Meditation Session	Your Health/Wellness-Meditation Session
ACS Lab	Information Technology Services <i>Microsoft Office Web Apps and SkyDrive</i>	Information Technology Services <i>Microsoft Office Web Apps and SkyDrive</i>
Hall of Honors	Financial Aid <i>Learning the GSU System</i>	Financial Aid <i>Learning the GSU System</i>

## Concurrent Sessions

### **Blackboard**

The Center for Online Teaching and Learning provides a face to face workshop to assist students with Blackboard questions and concerns.

### **Navigating Your Library's Website**

This session provides an overview of online library resources. Topics include selecting appropriate databases, using the I-Share catalog, searching tips and strategies, and time for Q&A.

### **Campus Safety and Awareness: Getting to know your Community Caretakers**

You may be curious about what the Department of Public Safety does, who we are and the reason we are important to you. Join us to get important safety and security information and become familiar with the resources available through DPS.

### **Release the Leader in YOU!**

This workshop will discuss opportunities to get engaged in the university from joining a club to student governance. Come to this workshop to receive all the trade secrets to enhancing the educational experience and releasing the leader in YOU!

### **Can Do**

Sometimes having that "can do" attitude can be difficult, especially if you are feeling anxious about a project. Learn how and when to address anxiety, the importance of attitude and motivational incentives.

### **Transfer Success Panel with Orientation Leaders**

We're sure you have more questions. Here's your chance to ask current students about their experiences and make connections with your peers.

### **Career Services: How to Find Campus Employment**

On-campus student employment is a great opportunity to gain professional experience while making connections in a part-time paid position. Employment is available in multiple departments and in a variety of roles. Come to this session to learn about different types of employment, how to apply and follow up on an application, as well as explore other ideas for gaining experience during one's education.

### **Veterans Resource Center**

Meet in Hall of Governors near the Academic Resource Center to be escorted to the session location. Meet other veterans on campus. Introduce yourself to the Coordinator of Veteran Services. Visit the Veteran Resource Center and learn where you can go on campus to enjoy a quiet spot you can call your own.

### **Financial Aid: Learning the GSU System**

Drop in and talk to someone from the GSU Financial Aid Office. Ask general questions or make an appointment to ask questions specific to your financial aid.

### **Writing Tips for APA Research Papers**

Join us so you will be prepared for writing. This workshop will discuss how to begin a research paper and how to conquer APA documentation style. This workshop will also inform you of the resources and services offered by the GSU Writing Center.

### **Information Technology Services: Microsoft Office Web Apps and SkyDrive**

Did you know that you have free access to the web version of MS Word, Excel, Power Point and One Note through your GSU student email account? Did you know that your email account includes 7GB of storage for your documents and files? This demo will introduce you to the web applications of Office 365 and your SkyDrive.

### **Your Health/Wellness: Meditation session**

Mindfulness has been shown to be very helpful in reducing stress, increasing concentration skills and improving emotional regulation. Daily meditation is the exercise that strengthens mindfulness. Come to this session and learn how to meditate and begin an ongoing meditation practice.

*For your convenience, Follett's GSU Bookstore and the GSU Cafe will be staffed during new student orientation. Feel free to visit and see what they have to offer.*



## Resource Fair Exhibitors

The Academic Resource Center

Campus Bookstore

Campus Health Services

Career Services

Center for Performing Arts

Counseling Lab

Department of Public Safety

Diversity Programs

Family Development Center

GS2U (Giving Support 2 U)

Information Technology Services

Recreation and Fitness

Student Life

TWAG (This Week at GSU)

Veterans Resource Center

Writing Center

## PRAIRIE PLACE Residences

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### Coming July 2014 - GSU's first on campus student residence

- Undergraduate and graduate student apartment or suite-style units.
- Single and double occupancy bedrooms
- Each fully furnished, equipped with cable, Internet, and Wi-Fi access.
- Community rooms and lounges, a convenience store, study rooms, and laundry and kitchen facilities.

For more information: [www.govst.edu/housing](http://www.govst.edu/housing)



## What's New @ GSU?

### **New! On Campus Housing**

Your chance to live on campus begins August 2014 with the opening of Prairie Place, GSU's first on campus housing. The suites and apartments of Prairie Place give all GSU students (freshman through graduate) the opportunity to enjoy the benefits and convenience of joining a true living and learning community. Visit [www.govst.edu/housing](http://www.govst.edu/housing) to learn how to apply for housing.

### **New! GSU myONECARD**

It's here! The one-stop-one-ID that gives you all you need at GSU in one handy card. Work out at the Recreation and Fitness Center, check out some books from the library, get discounts on Center for Performing Arts tickets and access special Student Only activities. Soon you will also be able to pay for your lunch, use the vending machines or print a paper with the myONECARD.

### **New! Immunization Requirement for ALL students**

It's the law! ALL GSU students MUST submit proof of immunization. The completed immunization history form, signed by a healthcare provider, must be on file with GSU before you can register for classes. This applies to ALL GSU students - freshman, transfer, international and graduate students - whether you are new to GSU or in the middle of your degree program. Don't delay - get your immunization records on file.

## GSU Technology Tips

### **Students can receive help with existing services using the following options:**

- Call the University Computer Help Desk at 708.534.HELP (4357)
- Email the University Computer Help Desk at [helpdesk@govst.edu](mailto:helpdesk@govst.edu)
- Submit a Help Desk ticket through <http://mygsu.govst.edu>
- Visit the Academic Computing Services (ACS) Lab in room D2431

### **Go to MyGSU Portal at <http://mygsu.govst.edu> to access:**

Account Summary • Blackboard • Course Registration • Create Help Desk service tickets • Financial Aid Status • Register for Classes • GSU Email • GSU View • Important University Announcements • Make a Payment • My Transcript • Papercut (Print to GSU printers) • and more

### **Passwords**

You will be prompted to change your password the first time you log into the MyGSU Portal and again every 120 days. Be sure to choose a password that is easy to remember but hard for others to guess. In order to ensure full password security, please take these additional steps to protect your password:

- Don't share your password. You're responsible for all activities conducted on your account.
- Make sure you log off MyGSU when using a public computer. You must also close the browser for the log-off process to be complete. If you don't properly log off, someone else may be able to access your information.
- Don't store your password in a program. When your email client or web browser stores your passwords, it is very easy for a hacker or computer virus to retrieve them without your knowledge.

# Make Your Orientation Day a Success

Please keep this information for reference.  
These resources will be very useful in your success at Governors State University.

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

My Academic Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

## 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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3. \_\_\_\_\_

## Notes:

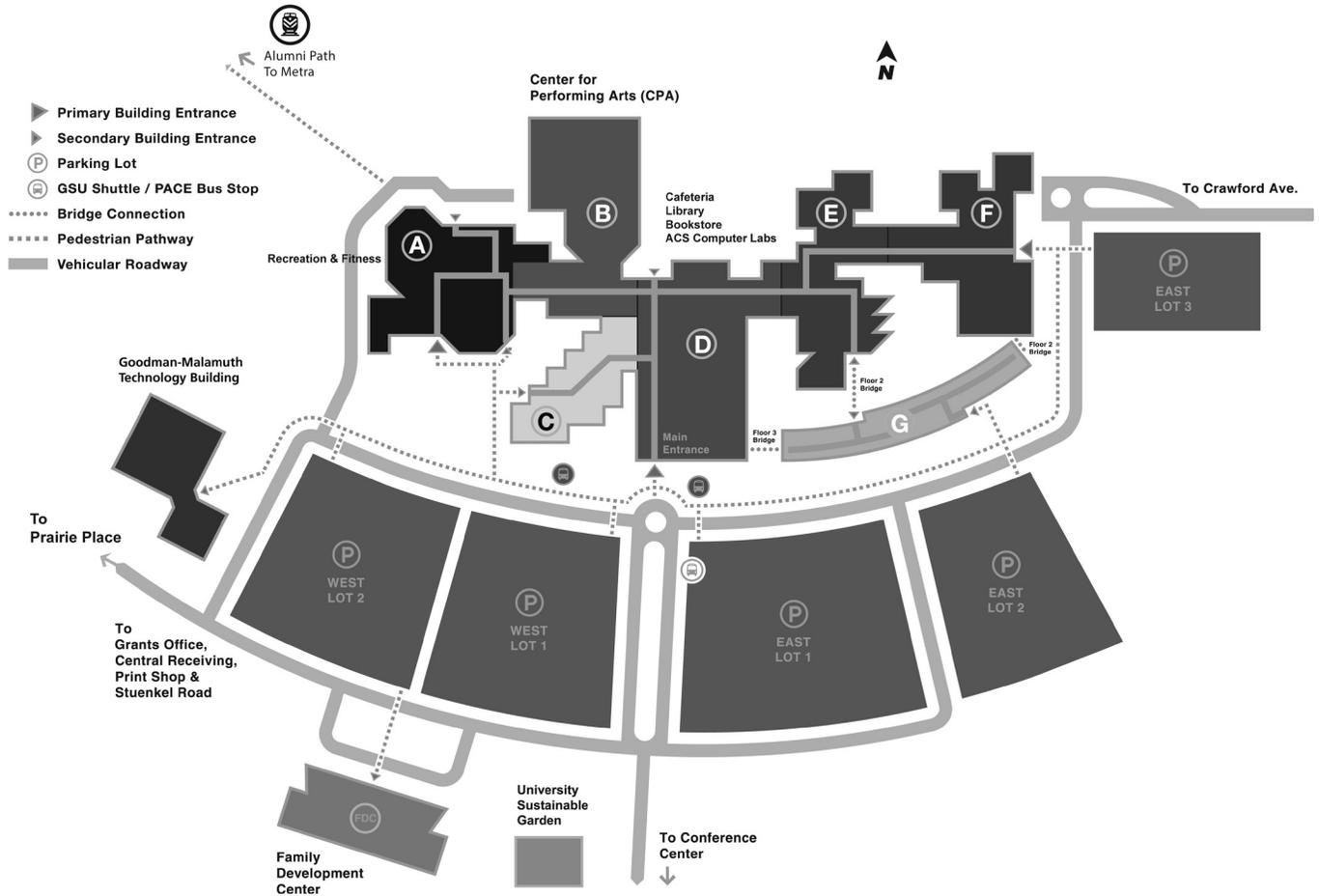
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# Campus Map



Building	Room	Number	Room	Number
<b>A Building</b>	Career Services	A1120	Bookstore	D1493
	Dean of Students	A2134	Financial Aid	D1413
	Fitness Center/Gymnasium	A1106	Hall of Governors	1st Floor
	Student Clubs and Organizations	A2100	Hall of Honors	D1490
	Student Commons	A2140	Library	D2400
	Student Life	A2100	Welcome Center	D1400
	Veterans Resource Center	A2109		
<b>B Building</b>	Academic Resource Center	B1215	<b>E Building</b>	
	Center for Performing Arts	1st Floor	Art Gallery	E1580
	Disability Services	B1215	College of Arts & Sciences	
	Engbretson Hall	B1200	Dean's Office	E2575
<b>C Building</b>	Cashier	C1336	E-Lounge	E1571
	DPS/Campus Police	C1375	Sherman Recital Hall	E1530
	Human Resources	C1360		
	International Services	C3370	<b>F Building</b>	
	Registrar's Office	C1300	***F building is currently under construction***	
	Writing Center	C1321	<b>G Building</b>	
<b>D Building</b>	Academic Computing Services (ACS) Lab	D2431	College of Education	
			Dean's Office	G256
	Admissions	D1400	College of Business & Public Administration	
			Dean's Office	G263
			College of Health & Human Services	
			Dean's Office	G156