Governors State University
2014 Transfer & Graduate Orientation
Dear 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 you continue your education at GSU.

- You will make life-long friends, as you participate in group projects, clubs and campus organizations.
- You will be inspired as you study with dedicated faculty — leaders in their field.
- You will see the world in new ways, as you discover and create Big Ideas.

Remember that a full college experience means more than just taking classes. 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. We are committed to help you balance your 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 year.

And Go Jaguars!

Warm regards,

Elaine P. Maimon

Elaine P. Maimon, Ph.D.
President, Governors State University
### Schedule at a Glance

#### Noon - 1 p.m.
- **Student and Guest Check-in**
  - Hall of Governors
- **Resource Fair**
  - Hall of Governors

#### 1:15 - 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 Darcie Campos**
- **Introduction of Graduate Student Orientation Leaders**
  - E-Lounge

#### 1:45 - 2:45 p.m.
- **Student Breakout Sessions with Orientation Leaders**

#### 3 - 3:30 p.m.
- **Concurrent Session 1**
  - See Room Numbers Below

#### 3:40 - 4:10 p.m.
- **Concurrent Session 2**
  - See Room Numbers Below

#### 4:20 - 5 p.m.
- **Student Breakout Sessions with Academic Advisors**
  - Check Folder for Location

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Prairie Place — GSU’s First on Campus Housing
Prairie Place is the first on-campus residential community on the GSU campus. The complex is open to enrolled graduate and undergraduate students and consists of fully furnished apartments and suites. Learn more about the benefits of living on campus and what Prairie Place has to offer you.

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!

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.

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.

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.

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
Counseling Lab
Information Technology Services
Recreation and Fitness

Student Enrichment Program
Student Life
TWAG (This Week at GSU)
University Honors Program
University Library
Veterans Resource Center
Writing Center

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.
Visit www.govst.edu/weekend
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 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
- 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 __________________________
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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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