

# School of Education

## News

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The news this week is a series of electronic links to information and enjoyment. The news from South Africa is positive where Associate Dean Gillespie, Provost Jones and others are meeting with leaders of the University of Kwazulu Natal. The visit follows my journey there over a year ago when I had the chance to start the conversations about various opportunities for student and faculty exchanges. We know that they are safe and look forward to Catherine's report of the monkey chasing Pharmacy Dean Duncan!

## Spotlight

### **Griffin Academy**

Our first feature is a video prepared to showcase the Griffin Academy progress at Studebaker and McCombs schools. The initial project director Brittany Jordan shot footage throughout the last year and one of the current Drake student leaders created this great segment. With guidance from Dr. Jill Johnson, Loan Nguyen launched her career as a movie producer. Enjoy! NOTE: The links are long and they take a while to download. Remember. You are at the theater and you didn't have to pay to get in.

[Griffin Academy Video](#)

### **Doris Brunette Wins Quilting Award**

The second story showcases an award received by our Administrative Assistant in our Counseling and Rehabilitation Center, Doris Brunette. Doris and her partner entered a quilting competition by entering a quilt they designed and stitched for the 4 day Quilt-Week convention taking place in Des Moines. Doris and Trina Kirkvold received one of the major awards in a field of competitors from across the state and the US. We've always known that Doris can patch grant budgets together but now we know...the rest of her story. Congratulations indeed.

#### **Best Modern Quilt Award**

*#603 DIAMOND DUST*

Doris Brunnette and Trina Kirkvold,  
Des Moines, Iowa



## Articles of Interest

The final items come from Trent Grundmeyer. The first story presents radical examples of innovative (downright crazy-scary?) methods of teaching. The second article showcases skills and strategies being used to fix failing schools. Thanks to Trent for keeping us from watching too many reality TV shows.

1. [Ten Courses with a Twist](#)
2. [Skills to Fix Failing Schools](#)

Have a good week everyone. Jan McMahon

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