

School of Education

Today is November 14, 2014

Dates

November 18, 2 pm.
Faculty meeting.
December 2.
Department meetings
(1 pm and 2 pm).
December 5. Day free
for study.
December 8, 11:30-1.
Staff meeting and
holiday project,
including lunch.
December 13. Fall
commencement.

Updates

The first year undergraduate numbers have exploded, with 17 first year students switching to education in the past month.

Personnel updates

1. John Wood: DTS Network Engineer
2. Russ Nay: Interim

Online add-drop

The online add-drop procedure is finally ready for prime time. Please let your students know that next semester this process will be paper-free and they can access the information via the Student Services Registration tab in BlueView. The instructor counter-signature process will be exactly the same as before, just online. There won't be an advisor counter-signature. Final approval will be in Dean's offices (and there is an override capability in case instructors don't access the online process). More information will be provided on this process when you need it the most (later).

Poverty simulation

Yesterday and today, the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences is holding a poverty simulation for approximately 110 pharmacy students, as a required component of their coursework. If you want to participate in a poverty simulation, there is another one available on Sat., Dec. 6, from 9am-Noon at the Catholic Pastoral Center. The poverty simulation experience is designed to help participants begin to understand what it might be like to live in a typical low-income family trying to survive from month to month. It is a simulation—not a game. The object is to sensitize participants to the realities faced by low-income people. Please register by contacting Pat Nestvedt at 515-237-5019 or pnestvedt@catholiccharitiesdm.org. Registration fee is \$15/person.

STEM spotlight

Governor's STEM Advisory Council Announces STEM Education Award for Inspired Teaching - Kemin Industries, Council team up to recognize outstanding STEM educators DES MOINES, IOWA – (Nov. 10, 2014) – Today, the Governor's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics ([STEM](#)) Advisory Council, in conjunction with [Kemin](#) Industries,

DTS Director
 3. Tammy Agey:
 Provost Office Budget
 Manager
 4. Terese Krejci:
 Auditor/Business and
 Finance Program
 Assistant for new
 initiatives
 5. Cindy Adams: HR
 Associate Director
 6. Marina Verlengia:
 Assistant Program
 Manager in Student Life
 7. Kate Evans: SOE
 and Pharmacy Career
 Placement Coordinator
 8. Julia Villata: Second
 Floor Graduate Student
 Worker
 9. Katelyn Brightwell:
 Griffin Academy
 10. Hannah Grimm,
 Sponsored Programs
 undergraduate
 research assistant
 11. Heather Travis,
 Comptroller
 12. Thad Smull,
 Meaghan Tigges'
 Assistant in
 Development
 13. Julie Yankey:
 Research Assistant for
 Leadership and
 Counseling

highlighted the STEM Education Award for Inspired Teaching today at the lieutenant governor's weekly press conference. "The Council is fully committed to increasing interest and achievement in STEM education and actively engaging businesses to support this work," said Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds, co-chair of the Governor's STEM Advisory Council. "This is a wonderful example of how business and industry partnerships can develop STEM opportunities for our students, as well as recognize the great instruction their educators are providing." "Business and industry increasingly are stepping up to work with schools in ways that make a real difference," said Mary Andringa, co-chair of the Governor's STEM Advisory Council and Vermeer CEO. "I'm confident that the STEM Education Award for Inspired Teaching sponsored by Kemin will encourage more companies to look at how they can help prepare students to succeed in science, technology, engineering and math. That partnership is crucial in a fast-changing, global economy." "Iowa's educators hold the key to the future of STEM through their work with our next generation of innovators," said Jeff Weld, Ph.D., executive director of the Governor's STEM Advisory Council. "It is vital that we do all we can to support them, including recognizing a job well done. Kemin has developed a generous award program enabling us to honor great teaching that impacts so many young minds." The award will honor one K-12 educator from each of the six STEM regions across the state of Iowa for their work inspiring and encourage students to develop an interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The six teachers selected will receive an award of \$1,500, with an additional \$1,500 designated for classroom use.

Suicide Survivors

If you or someone you know has lost a loved one to suicide, please come to a free special event on November 22nd from 10-3 at Des Moines University. Others who have had a suicide loss will come together with you to find comfort and gain understanding and share stories of healing and hope. This is the 11th year for the Central Iowa Survivors of Suicide Loss event. The value of this event is \$25, but there is no charge, plus there's a free lunch. Sponsored by the Polk County Suicide Prevention Coalition. Register today at <http://www.dmu.edu/event/survivor/>.



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