

# School of Education

Today is 8.22.14

## Dates

August 29 is the last day to add a class that started the week of August 25. Classes scheduled to start later in the semester may be added up until the date that they start.

Sept 1 Labor Day holiday - no classes.

Sept 8 Last day to drop without a "W." Classes that start later than the week of August 25 may be dropped immediately after the first class meeting.

## Updates

Here is a link to the DMPS newsletter, including lots of personnel changes (with photos for helpful identification):

<http://www.dmschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/AugustSept2014-Newsletter.pdf>

## Who knew?

"For the first time since 1947, America's most common age is no longer part of the Baby Boom generation. New Census Bureau data shows that 22-year-olds are now the most numerous age group in America, followed by 23-year-olds and then 21-year-olds. In fourth were 53-year-olds." The Wire.com

## Fall beginnings

So many orientations, so little time! You haven't missed convocation yet, which is at 2 pm today at the Knapp Center. But you may have missed...the SOE opening event at

## Reminders

1. On the first day that a class meets, it should be validated online by the instructor via BlueView or MYDUSIS. Faculty are validating that the students are actually present or otherwise accounted for (do NOT validate without confirming that the students are present or otherwise accounted for) but DO validate so we know who is not accounted for. Students who are not present but have made other arrangements (they plan to be at the second class but are currently stuck at an airport in Mexico City) can be validated. Students whom faculty have not heard from should not be validated.

2. Faculty, staff and students who have not been given a new ID yet can pick theirs up at Student Services in the lower level of Carnegie. Questions related to SOE ID cards can be directed to [mary.sanders@drake.edu](mailto:mary.sanders@drake.edu) or

visit <http://www.drake.edu/student-services/drakecard/>

## Spotlight on the BOEE

**(the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners)**

1. On Friday, August 8 the Board of Educational Examiners approved changing the special education licensure structure to ONE sped endorsement (K-12; all areas; all severities). If this goes into effect, all other special education endorsements will sunset July 1, 2019.

The Notice of Intended Action will be published in the September 3rd edition of the Administrative Bulletin. The hearing will be Wednesday, September 24 at 1 PM in 3SW (Grimes Building). The published notice will direct people to send any written comment to Kim Cunningham at the BOEE prior to Friday, September 26.

2. The alternative pathway to licensure Teacher Intern licensure program is currently approved by the BOEE and being offered by Morningside, Maharshi, and online through Kaplan. More info here: <http://www.iowa.gov/boee/tilal.html>

## Media - 6

1. **Teaching Is Not a Business** from the New York Times By DAVID L. KIRPAUG. 16, 2014 Links to the NYT don't work but you can Google it.

2. **ACT report: Fraction of Iowa grads ready for college** MacKenzie Elmer and Linh Ta, [lta@dmreg.com](mailto:lta@dmreg.com) 12:03 a.m. CDT August 21, 2014

Pomerantz Stage of Wednesday, the new undergraduate student lunch on Thursday, the new faculty lunch earlier in the week, and any manner of all other things new. Even if you are not new, every fall is a new beginning of sorts in academia. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the flight : )

#### **Fall beginnings clean up**

Bridget Arrasmith, Kelly Read and Scott Folsom are cleaning up the SOE in anticipation of the fall semester. This includes straightening up in the freebie area and tossing things that have been sitting there for too long. Feel free to continue to put things there that you think might be of benefit to others. But do try to keep it neat(ish) and if you notice that whatever you have donated to the freebie area stays there for a week or more, please consider tossing it to avoid build-up of unsightly free items.

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/education/2014/08/21/act-test-report-fraction-iowa-graduates-ready-college/14375763/>

#### **3. Oregon's tuition-free 'Pay It Forward' college finance plan appears dead** (University of Oregon)

By Betsy Hammond | [betsyhammond@oregonian.com](mailto:betsyhammond@oregonian.com)

on August 15, 2014 at 10:57 AM, updated August 15, 2014 at 11:01 AM

Oregon's attention-getting proposal to offer students tuition-free college if they agree to repay a small portion of their earnings for years afterward got the official thumbs down from Oregon's higher education board this week.

The panel said Oregon has much more important things to spend its money on, including a huge expansion of need-based financial aid and bolstering community college and university operations, than to launch a ground-breaking but potentially unworkable tuition-free "Pay It Forward" plan.

#### **4. Academic review of Regents' universities delayed**

By MacKenzie Elmer, [melmer@dmreg.com](mailto:melmer@dmreg.com) 12:39 a.m. CDT

August 21,

2014 <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/2014/08/21/academic-review-iowa-board-regents-three-universities-delayed-education/14376309/>

5. 8.22.2014 = Cedar Rapids Gazette

#### **Regents choose UI chief of staff to head efficiency review**

By Vanessa Miller, The Gazette

DES MOINES - University of Iowa President Sally Mason's chief of staff is taking a leave of absence so he can serve as 'transformation project manager' for a sweeping efficiency review of the state's three public universities.

#### **6. OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Governor Terry E. Branstad « Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Friday, Aug. 22, 2014

Contact: Governor's Office, 515-725-3518

#### **Lt. Gov. Reynolds to serve on NLGA State Strategies in Education committee**

(DES MOINES) – Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds has been selected to serve on the National Lieutenant Governor Association (NLGA) State Strategies in Education committee for 2014-2015. The selection comes in addition to Reynolds' position as NLGA Chair-Elect and Chair of the Policy Resolutions Committee. She was nominated to serve with peers nationwide by the NLGA Chair Connecticut Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman.



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