

# School of Education

Today is October 23,  
2015

## Midterm grades

October 26 is the deadline for midterm grades. Please make sure to alert students to their grades, especially if they are Ds or Fs. The Associate Dean will contact all students who get Ds or Fs on their midterm grade reports for a meeting to determine the appropriate course of action.

## Drake adopts 1st grade class

And you are invited to visit them! 10 slots are available for two visits to Findley elementary school on November 11th at 8:15-9:30 am and 12:15-1:30 pm. Findley is the I Have a Dream school in Des Moines and Drake,

## What to expect when you are expecting course evaluations

Course evaluations are being done in two new(ish) ways in the SOE this semester.

1. For face-to-face courses, packets have been distributed in instructor's mailboxes. Ideally, instructors will distribute them to students in the 2nd to last class of the semester (right after Thanksgiving or during the 1st week in December). **PUT THIS IN YOUR CALENDAR** if you are an instructor!! At that time, students **MUST USE PENCIL**. Evaluations not filled out in pencil cannot be read by the scantron machine. A student should distribute and collect the evaluations while the professor is out of the room. The student can then sign the back of the sealed envelope and the instructor can return it to Bridget Arrasmith.
2. For online/web courses, instructors are being emailed one link per course along with instructions to post in Blackboard. This is the way that Continuing Education has been doing their online course evaluations, and it seems to work well because they have a 90% response rate.

## ITAG conference

Sally Beisser and Bengu Tekinalp attended the ITAG conference over fall break (October 19 and 20). Bengu was elected to the Board of Directors.

*"The Iowa Talented and Gifted Association is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization which was organized more than 40 years ago with a vision that gifted and talented children in the State of Iowa should receive an education commensurate with their abilities and needs. ITAG is an affiliate of the National Association for Gifted Children.*

*ITAG promotes advocacy at the national, state and local levels, pre-service and in-service training in gifted education, and parent/community awareness, education and involvement. ITAG is comprised of parents, educators, other professionals, and community leaders who share an interest in the growth and development of gifted and talented individuals in Iowa."*

through our Office of Community Engagement and Service Learning, has adopted the 45-member 1st grade class. There will be many more opportunities to get involved as time goes on, but the November 11 visits are a great way to start. Stay tuned for an EventBrite RSVP.

## SOE Clean up times next week

Please start in public spaces (classrooms, etc.) and pitch whatever you can. Wear jeans if you want.

Tuesday 10/27 for faculty (and staff if desired): starting at noon (before faculty meeting).

Wednesday 10/28 for staff: starting at 1:45 pm (after staff meeting).

## STEM festival

Held on October 19 in Ankeny, Drake's STEM festival was a huge success. Here's a summary of the statistics:

606 = number of people who attended [417 pre-registered (including school groups) and 189 walked-in]

181 = exhibitors

13 = event organizers and volunteers

+ 1 DMACC Bear

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TOTAL = 801 total people at the event

## STEM @Drake update

Building update scheduled for 3 pm 10/28 in Parents' Hall South, in the Olmstead Student Center.

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