

**Today is Friday the
13th of November,
2015**

Feeling lucky yet?

Reminders

Have your ID with you if you are traveling on campus today and tomorrow and Sunday. We are famous.

Dates

1. Something to look forward to: December 17 SOE potluck 11:30 am - 1 pm
2. Something (free!) to do this weekend: 4:30 pm Sunday 11/15 at Bucaneer's Arena on Hickman in Urbandale. Drs. Hodgkinson and Hayden, who now play on the same hockey team named Blues, will be facing off against the Adjusters team. Admission is free and there is a warm place to watch the action from (and a variety of beverages available for a fee with an ID).

Updates

Esther Streed is helping out while Amy Holderied-Smith is out. Stop by some time and say hi.

Doctoral student wins award

Last night Drake SOE doctoral student Kimberly Wayne won the Diversity Champion award at the Iowa Women of Innovation annual recognition dinner. As an active STEM professional (Chemical Engineer!), Kim is Executive Director of Jewels Academy, an organization that offers STEM and self enrichment programs for under represented girls in 4th – 12th grades. Check out photos with Lt. Governor Reynolds online (the newsletter can't handle pictures very well).

Teach Strong

The Launch of TeachStrong: A Campaign to Modernize and Elevate Teaching

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Washington, D.C. — In order to ensure that all students are taught by excellent teachers, leaders must reimagine the systems and structure of the teacher career continuum. Yet the United States has never made a serious commitment to modernizing, elevating, and professionalizing the teaching pathway. This Tuesday, November 10, will mark the kickoff of the TeachStrong campaign, a diverse and powerful coalition of 40 education organizations that have come together to call on the nation's leaders to make modernizing and elevating the teaching profession the top education policy priority in 2016 and beyond.

The TeachStrong launch event will feature Gov. Terry Branstad (R-IA) and Gov. Jack Markell (D-DE), who will deliver keynote addresses on their efforts to elevate teaching in their states. An all-star panel of education leaders will discuss the path forward

around this critical issue