

Today is November 6, 2015

Dates

Is it Thanksgiving yet?

Textbook published

Wade Leuwerke and two longtime colleagues recently published a textbook on college student success. *Connections: Empowering College and Career Success* is a college success textbook that helps first time and returning college students develop the skills, attitudes, and behaviors critical for success in college and into career. The book empowers students to take responsibility for their education through increasing self-regulation, critical thinking, positive thinking, goal setting, and intentional career planning. The authors also created the Academic and Career Excellence System (ACES) a norm-referenced, self-assessment of non-cognitive and college skills. Students utilize ACES and the text to determine strengths and build personal success plans to bolster skills critical for strong performance in college and beyond. More info and/or to purchase:

<http://www.macmillanhighered.com/Catalog/product/connections-firstedition-gore>

Recommended Workshop

Please consider attending the Inclusive Classroom Workshop with Jen Harvey 2-4:30 pm Friday, Nov. 20

Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/inclusive-classroom-workshop-tickets-19171967872>

Invitation to share

Identities 101: What Drake Doesn't Teach You

Who: Drake community members (any and all students, faculty and staff)

What: A dialogue facilitated by **Tony Tyler** on social identities on campus, learning about how people are different than us and how we can incorporate more of these discussions in and out of the classroom and learn to be more inclusive and accepting of one another.

Where: Meredith 106 (subject to change)

When: Tuesday, November 10th at 8pm

Why: To start up discussion around topics that students who may not have the opportunities as others to do so in their classes based on their majors and to increase awareness on the different identities on campus. This dialogue is also aiming towards creating more inclusivity, respect and acceptance across the student body.

Students are only able to engage in these types of dialogues if they take specific classes within the Arts and Sciences school and a couple in the SJMC school. I am more than positive that if we can unite everyone on campus together, we would be able to work together and incorporate some kind of diversity aspect into classrooms for everyone to engage in. If you have any questions, or if anyone does for that matter, please feel free to contact me at jiayong.lee@drake.edu.

Thanks.

Best Regards,

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Giving

The 2015 United Way / Iowa Shares Campus Giving Campaign are underway, and will end next Friday, November 13, 2015. Help us reach the goal of 20 participants by the end of the 2015 Giving Campaign by using one of **two options for donation: online or paper**. For **information about online donations, see the following** Drake University Campus Giving page www.drake.edu/uwiscampaign or for a **paper donation form**, contact Bridget, Anita, Kelly, Doris or yours truly.

You can use these hyper-links to **Make a gift to United Way or Make a gift to Iowa Shares** using payroll deductions of \$24 over a 12 month period or a **one-time donation** of \$1.00 or more.

Don't forget our to consider a contribution to **Adult Literacy** and **Head Start**. Both are listed alphabetically under the *Locate an Eligible Agency* or you can locate them through Iowa Shares.

There is one week left for you to donate through payroll deductions. Donate! Donate! Donate!

Thank you to the 7 School of Education employees who donated in the 2014 Campus Giving Campaign. We appreciate your participation to support Drake University and for your contribution to United Way and Iowa Shares.

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Special Thanks

A special note of appreciation and thanks to Debbie Dodge for her extensive help during registration this week: From Bob Stensrud: "Somebody needs to make sure Debbie gets recognized for being phenomenally helpful." And from Michael Couvilon: There were several situations that required extra attention and Debbie handled them with an extremely high level of professionalism and efficiency. Hip Hip Horray!

(515) 525-6821

Award

William Smithyman, ED'00, has been honored with the Milken Educator Award according to coverage in the KC Star. What a great honor for an alum!

The award was first given out in 1987, and now the foundation gives out up to 40 Milken Educator Awards each year.

Teacher magazine called it "the Oscars of teaching."

Milken noted that a teacher may not apply for the award. "We find you," he said, working conjunction with state boards of education.

BOEE's decentralized accountability

<https://iowaboee.files.wordpress.com/2015/11/november-2015-newsletter.pdf>

Sample decentralized accountability quote from this month's BOEE newsletter:

"Educators are sometimes surprised to find out that they are working outside of their endorsement areas. This may result in significant fines and/or an ethics violation. It is your responsibility to teach exactly within your endorsement areas listed on your license. School districts should also report assignments to us accurately in the fall. Our office will then assist staff to obtain conditional licensure if necessary."

