

Today is December 11, 2015

Dates

The deadline for final-grade entry is 10:00am on Wednesday, December 23, 2015.

Please note that the web-entry functionality will close promptly at 10:00am on Dec 23.

Depending on the set-up of your course, you may have the option of submitting your final grades via Blueview, MyDUSIS, or Blackboard.

Please note that the college/school dean's offices will have very little time before the University closes for winter break to make probation and suspension determinations, process repeated coursework, etc., all of which depends on final grades being submitted on time.

Tech resources

In person: 10 new iPads are ready for checkout in the curriculum library for use in classrooms.

Online: In case you need online tech resources, Dr. Trent Grundmeyer has done the research for you:

DOC 360-Technology and Leadership Resources

Page: <http://drakedoc360.wikispaces.com/Staying+Current>

J-Term Undergraduate Course Teacher

Resources: <http://pathwaytoemployment.wikispaces.com/Resources>

Tech and Learning Resources: <http://www.techlearning.com/index>

Other: <http://www.educatorstechnology.com/2015/11/8-new-educational-web-tools-and-apps.html?m=1>

I Have a Dream

The "I Have A Dream" Foundation has been selected as the organization to be featured in this year's CBS Cares campaign. CBS Cares is a national public service campaign that runs from Thanksgiving through early January. As part of the campaign, CBS has produced PSAs about the "I Have A Dream" Foundation that will be aired during prime time in every CBS market across the country, to an estimated audience of 100 million viewers.

The campaign features celebrities from CBS programs, including Mayim Bialik (The Big Bang Theory), LL Cool J (NCIS: LA), Luis Guzmán (Code Black), Téa Leoni (Madam Secretary), Chi McBride (Hawaii Five-0), Shemar Moore (Criminal Minds), Jeff Probst (Survivor), Tom Selleck (Blue Bloods) and more.

Invitation

The Robert D. and Billie Ray Center (formerly Character Counts In Iowa) proudly continues our tradition of promoting the CHARACTER COUNTS! initiative in Iowa. In January, we are hosting the new CHARACTER COUNTS! 5.0 Character Development Seminar (CDS).

Select leaders in the fields of education and community-based character development are invited to participate in this opportunity. Based on the leadership role Drake University faculty and staff play in Iowa, we would like to offer a **complimentary registration** (an \$800 value) to this special CDS scheduled for January 13-15, 2016 on the Drake University campus in Des Moines (8 am - 4:30 pm each day). Group size for the three-day seminar is limited and on a first-come, first serve basis.

Announcing CHARACTER COUNTS 5.0

CHARACTER COUNTS! 5.0 features research-based strategies that can transform the culture of a school or organization to produce meaningful, measurable and sustainable outcomes in four domains: **mic Competency and Emotional Growth** **cter Development**

Value of diversity

Commenting on an affirmative action case before the Supreme Court, the researchers argue that diversity achieves outcomes central to university goals--namely that diversity makes everyone a better thinker. Often the diversity discussion is framed as what is taken from whites, instead of how all benefit in tangible ways.

Here the piece from today's NYT:

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/09/opinion/diversity-makes-you-brighter.html?_r=0

Some key quotations:

Diversity improves the way people think. By disrupting conformity, racial and ethnic diversity prompts people to scrutinize facts, think more deeply and develop their own opinions. Our findings show that such diversity actually benefits everyone, minorities and majority alike.

The findings were striking. When participants were in diverse company, their answers were 58 percent more accurate.

Our findings suggest that racial and ethnic diversity matter for learning, the core purpose of a university. Increasing diversity is not only a way to let the historically disadvantaged into college, but also to promote sharper thinking for everyone.

Drake ranks 17th in nation

<http://www.kcci.com/news/drake-university-ranks-17th-in-nation-in-new-survey/36155100>

ve School Climate

By using the overarching framework of the Six Pillars of

Character, CHARACTER COUNTS! 5.0 is designed to work in conjunction with other

social/emotional programs like PBIS,

Olweaus, and Leader In Me. CHARACTER

COUNTS! also meets many [21st Century Skill](#)

[objectives in the Iowa Core.](#)

[Learn the Strategies](#)

Whether you've attended a CHARACTER COUNTS!

workshop before or are beginning your first character education

initiative, you'll want to learn the new strategies in

CHARACTER COUNTS!

5.0. Iowa educators will be among the first in

nation to utilize these new materials.

[To Register](#)

Please [click here to register](#) online by January 4, 2016.

[Credit](#)

We expect this course be eligible for both

recertification and Drake graduate (EDMA) credit.

Cost of any credit is at the expense of the participant.

[Referrals and for More Information](#)

If you know someone who should receive an

invitation to this CDS, or if you'd like learn more

about this opportunity, please contact Georgia

Sheriff at 515-271-1910.

Please note: Registrant

must commit to attending the workshop for all three days to receive the complimentary registration.

North Pole connection

Dr. Sally Beisser, Professor, has a student from the North Pole. No, it doesn't appear to be Santa Claus. The graduate student is in Sally's online **Creativity and Gifted J** term course. Besides North Pole, **Alaska** there is another student from Ester, **Alaska**. There are also grad students from Millersport, **Ohio** and Port Mathilda, **Pennsylvania**. As well there are 15 Drake undergrads from **Missouri, Wisconsin, Kansas, California, Illinois, and Iowa**. It's a small small world.