

Today is December 4,  
2015

## Dates

December 10 is the last day of classes.  
December 19 is commencement.  
Drake offices closed December 24-Jan 1.

## Reminder re: Paper Course Evaluations

It's time to hand out those course evaluations if you haven't done so already. Get pencils! Get ready! Go (out of the room while students are filling them out). Instructions are in the packet. Oh right, #1, find the packet.

## Federal Legislation

On December 2, 2015, the US House of Representatives passed the re-authorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act by a vote of 359-64, the new Every Student Succeeds Act! We are excited that the Act includes multiple competitive funding

## From the Dean

### We "Dream to Teach"

The SOE Diversity Committee is working to encourage students from diverse populations to become teachers and...enroll at Drake! Today they hosted 30 DMPS students from their "Dream to Teach" academy. Students met other Drake students, heard from a panel led by CREW, toured campus and heard the sales pitch from yours truly. Thanks to Laura Kieran and her SPED students, committee member Randy Peters and project coordinator Kevin Lam.

### Future Teachers and Star Athletes

Have you watched Lady Bulldogs in action? The Drake women's BB team is having a record year of success by defeating Iowa State, Creighton 4 other tough teams. Their first lost was tonight in overtime @ South Dakota State. Lizzy Wendell continues to lead scoring but tonight Emma Donahue played 21 minutes and scored her career high of 15 points. In addition to Lizzy and Emma, three other SOE students are making a difference: Caitlin Ingle, Becca Jonas and freshman Sara Rhine. The next game is Sunday @ 2:00 in the Knapp Center. Go Bulldogs.

### Off-Campus Program Review: A Different Slam Dunk

Tho not a basketball game, we had a perfect "score" from the Higher Learning Commission site visit conducted last October. An external reviewer read our self-study, visited our degree programs in Waukee and Cedar Rapids before filing a written report that President Martin received today. There were no areas listed as needing improvement before full approval.

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Dr. Janet McMahon, Dean, Drake University School of Education

## Been phishing lately?

Run, hide, fight. And then go phishing, or don't. Know how to protect yourself from all kinds of attackers.

<http://oncampus.wordpress.drake.edu/2015/11/25/phishing-education/>

## New Music Ed hire

From Clarence Padilla, Chair of the Music Department: I am pleased to inform you that Dr. Lindsay Weiss has accepted the position of Assistant Professor of Music Education and will join the Drake Music Department beginning Fall 2016. Dr. Weiss comes to us from Teachers College, Columbia University (New York, NY) and Kean

opportunities for civics, economics, geography and history!

A vote in the US Senate is expected next week.

We are hopeful that the Act will pass the Senate and be signed by the President before the end of the year.

Thank you to everyone who reached out and urged others to reach out to Congress in support of the Act and its provisions for Social Studies!

We are especially grateful to our incredible Cat Macdonald, NCSS legislative advocate, Ted McConnell, Executive Director of the Civic Mission of Schools (CMS) and Les Francis, CMS Federal Policy Chair, for their hard work and leadership on behalf of social studies!

More information and next steps will follow after the Senate vote.

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University Conservatory of Music (Union, NJ). She is also a Senior Research Associate for the Center for Arts Education Research in New York City. Dr. Weiss has previously held public school positions in Pittsburgh, PA and New York, NY.

On behalf of the Department, I want to publicly express my appreciation and gratitude to Eric Saylor (Committee Chair) and all the members of the Search Committee for their outstanding work: Bob Meunier, Jim Romain, Ann Cravero and Michael Couvillon (School of Ed.). I also want to thank those of you who made time to attend the various teaching presentations and meetings offered by the three music education finalists.

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