

School of Education

Today is February 20, 2015

Dates

Save the date: Drake will host the Iowa Association of Colleges of Teacher Education Spring, 2015 meeting April 8-10. All are invited.

TODAY is the deadline to get the summer, fall, and J-term schedule to Aggie Jones. The schedule goes live March 3.

Tentative registration Dates for Summer and Fall, 2015 AND for J-term, 2016

Monday, March 30, 3 pm Graduate students with 25 or more credits completed may register

Tuesday, March 31, 3 pm Graduate students with 11 or more credits completed may register

Wednesday, April 1, 3 pm, any admitted Graduate student in education may register

April 15 Non-degree students may register

Undergraduate student registration starts at 7 am on Monday March 30 for students with 120 or more credits completed and continues through till 7:30 April 8 at 7:30 am for undergraduates with no credits completed yet.

TedxDrakeU

TEDxDrakeU is Drake's very first TEDx event. It will be held in Sussman Theater on April 3, running from 4pm to 8pm. The theme of the event is Shades of Blue. Our audience will consist of about 100 students, staff and faculty.

A TEDx presentation should last just 10 minutes to 18 minutes: long enough to say something of significance, but short enough to hold everyone's attention and to be easily watched over the Internet. See www.TED.com for examples.

If you have had interesting experiences, research, and stories connected to Drake, do not hesitate to apply for being a speaker here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1etPtLeLnX4wtiPmC89MJ6TVXkP22XPiDcwPvoqFO4EA/viewform>

If you know of anyone, who would make an excellent presenter at our event, please fill out this form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ys1xYDHcNrLn3Spp52ZgOcCf>

Media 1-5

1. **Branstad defends his school funding plan as affordable, sustainable** ROD BOSHART Globe Gazette Des Moines Bureau http://globegazette.com/news/local/branstad-defends-his-school-funding-plan-as-affordable-sustainable/article_0d17449f-7067-5782-980d-0fad4a3d5583.html

2. **Senate bill: No dropouts until age 18** William Petroski, 3:52 p.m. CST February 14, 2015 Iowa students wouldn't be able to quit school until they were 18 years old under an Iowa Senate bill generating debate about the best ways to address high school dropout rates in a competitive global economy.

About one in 10 Iowa high school students currently fails to graduate within four years, according to the Iowa Department of Education. Iowa law now requires students to attend classes starting at age 6 and until they are 16 years old.

3. **Joint enrollment in community collegopular across Iowa**

By Scott Stewart Posted:

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Bullying Resolution workshop

2nd Annual Conference on Bullying: Investigation and Resolution, hosted by Drake University

[Center for Bullying Resolution](#)

Thursday, March 26, 2015 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (CDT)

Des Moines, IA

<https://eventbrite.com/event/15774279294/>

Consider attending or encouraging students to attend a full-day conference for educators focuses on bullying resolution at the K-5 level. We bring together a proven bullying and harassment investigation system with cutting edge research on bullying and socialization, to introduce participants to a social justice approach to bullying resolution.

We will address the following questions: What can staff do to change the environment now in which bullying thrives? How do you see bullying even if a child does not report it to you and then what do you do about it? How do you investigate bullying when you see it and when it is reported to you by students and others? What remedial steps can you take to prevent reoccurrence of bullying behavior in elementary-aged children who have a founded bullying complaints?

The sessions will be facilitated by Amanda Easton and Dr. Sandra Patton-Imani. Drake University students will present a poster session on their research on bullying.

Book discussion and signing

As part of a celebration of Black History Month in the Junction, **Dr. Eric Johnson** will be holding a book discussion and signing of his new book *Beyond Self Help: A Journey to be Better* on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 5-7 pm at Polk Counting Westside Community Center, 134 6th Stree, West Des Moines, Iowa.

More media 6-9

6. Regents' performance-based funding plan panned by privates, community colleges

Hadley: the positive outcomes are not clearly established

[James Q. Lynch](#), *The Gazette*

February 17, 2015 | 2:40 pm

DES MOINES — Shortsighted.

Not well thought out.

A threat to private colleges and community colleges.

Ill-fated.

Politically unacceptable.

That's the assessment of representatives from Iowa community

Sunday, February 15, 2015
= Council Bluffs Daily

Nonpareil

Students make their way into the Reiver Suites on move-in day at the Iowa Western Community College campus on Friday. More than a fifth of Iowa Western Community College's student body is jointly enrolled while still in high school.

A report presented this week to the Iowa State Board of Education outlines the success of the state's joint enrollment efforts, which tops the nation for students earning college credit before a high school diploma.

"Concurrent enrollment opportunities allow students to get a jump start on their college education, saving them money and reducing student debt," said Brad Buck, director of the Iowa Department of Education.

4. Branstad dismisses critics, endorses 1.45 percent school aid hike

[William Petroski](#),

bpetrosk@dmreg.com

11:59 a.m. CST February 16, 2015

Gov. Terry Branstad is endorsing a 1.45 percent increase in statewide school spending approved by the Iowa House for the coming school year, saying his overall proposal shows a "significant commitment to education with a tight budget."

The Iowa Senate, controlled by Democrats, last week approved a 4 percent increase in basic school aid for each of the

colleges and private colleges of the Iowa Board of Regents' performance-based funding plan that will reward the state's three regent universities — Iowa State University, University of Iowa and University of Northern Iowa — for recruiting in-state students.

7. Republican Lawmaker: Freeze Teacher Salaries

<http://iowapublicradio.org/post/republican-lawmaker-freeze-teacher-salaries#.VOVgfOdGtdQ.facebook>

By Joyce Russell <<http://iowapublicradio.org/people/joyce-russell>>

There was an angry debate in the Iowa House Education Committee.

Republicans and Democrats remain locked into their positions on how much to spend on K-12 schools next year.

Republicans say the state can't afford the 4% increase approved by Senate Democrats. Republican Greg Forristall hit a nerve when he called for a salary freeze for teachers.

8. Kinney calls for more community college funding

Posted: Thursday, February 19, 2015 9:19 am = KMA radio-

by [Mike Peterson](#)

(Council Bluffs) -- Iowa Western Community College's president says the state's two-year schools are being shortchanged when it comes to state funding levels.

Dr. Dan Kinney discussed the prospects for community college funding at the Statehouse in an interview during KMA's 7:35 newscast Thursday morning. Governor Terry Branstad proposed a 1.7% increase in state funding for community colleges in his fiscal 2016 budget--slightly more than the one-and-a-quarter percent increase projected for K-12 education. Kinney, however, says community colleges trail the state's regent institutions, K-12 schools and even private colleges in per-pupil state funding levels.

Figures from the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees show regents schools receiving more than \$10,600 per student from fiscal years 2000 to 2014. Funding for K-12 schools during that same time period is estimated at almost \$5,600 per pupil.

"Private colleges receive about \$3,900 per student in state funding," said Kinney. "Community colleges are just a little over \$2,000 per student this year. So, that gap needs to close. I don't necessarily have a number, but it's my opinion the Legislature and the governor need to work on that."

9. Iowa House panel OKs bill on hours for adjunct professors

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - A bill that would allow Iowa community colleges to expand teaching hours for certain adjunct professors was approved Wednesday by a House panel.

Members of an education subcommittee discussed the bill before advancing it to a full committee for review.

Adjunct professors, or part-time faculty, are currently allowed to work up to 35 hours per week at community colleges. This bill would expand it to 40 hours for certain adjunct professors.

next two state budget years for kindergarten through grade 12 programs. The package, which includes some property tax relief, would cost \$212 million for the 2015-2016 academic year. Branstad answered questions about school aid legislation on Monday after touting plans for a STEM education day at the Iowa Capitol Rotunda on Thursday. STEM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. He and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds, who co-chairs a statewide STEM advisory panel, praised initiatives in Iowa to bolster STEM programs.

5. GOP holds firm to 1.25 percent school funding increase

45 minutes ago • [Erin Murphy Times Bureau](#)

DES MOINES — The give-and-take over funding levels for Iowa's public schools continued Tuesday as House Republicans rejected Senate Democrats' proposal for a 4 percent increase and interjected their call for 1.25 percent.

The move keeps the school-funding legislation on track for a conference committee, where state lawmakers from both parties and both chambers will attempt to reach a compromise.

More than a dozen representatives of various education groups and school districts addressed a panel of state lawmakers at Tuesday's hearing. The educators implored the

state to increase education funding by at least 4 percent for the next fiscal year.

School officials say the Republicans' proposal will lead to staff layoffs, the elimination of classes and programs, and property tax increases.

"We're down to that level. We have eliminated out-of-classroom aides and support staff, and we're down to classroom positions. That means eliminating elementary teachers, (which) makes our class sizes go from 18 (students on average) to 25, which is very concerning," said Jason Walker, vice president of the Charles City school board. "We're also looking at reduction in our extracurricular activities, six coaches being let go, eliminating our swimming and diving program, potentially draining our pool ... which would be a big blow to our community."

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