

School of Education

Today is April 24, 2015

Numbers

Amy Holdreid-Smith has completed all of the 78 student teacher placements for Fall, 2015!

Fall Cohorts enrolled:

Counseling= 23 admitted and committed students

Doctoral = 21 admitted and committed students

TEPD Ankeny 3rd cohort = 25 admitted students so far

TEPD W Des Moines = 11 admitted students so far and counting

ESL endorsement 4th cohort = 5 admitted students so far and counting

Continuing Education received spring

registrations from over 20 states and countries,

reached over 50,000 current and perspective

students via print, direct mail, and electronic

marketing, and presented or marketed our programs

at over 15 different meetings and events -- all

since January 1, 2015!

In February, 2015,

approximately 700 enrolled children and their families

attended the annual Head Start evening at the

Science Center.

Dean's message

This week Deans met three different times with President-elect Martin. He continues to be heavily engaged/involved with our Senior Advisory Committee, Cabinet, candidates for CITO, Trustees and Alumni. He allows for input and continues to listen as we present problems, promises and...many positive possibilities. Last night, four SOE Alumni were given distinguished service awards for their time, talent and "treasures" given to the campaign and specifically to the SOE building project: Brent and Diane Slay and Ric and Debbie Scripps. Diane and Debbie were Alpha Phi sorority sisters of mine and it was humbling to hear of their positive expressions of support.

Today, our Advisory Committee meets for the morning and then moves on to the Relays luncheon and chances to be Relays spectators. During the last hour of the meeting we will feature a student panel with the theme: "Life After Class". Thanks to Caleb Gulke (student-faculty research projects), Emma Donahue (Basketball and the Bulldog Way), Mary Stang (Ghana, Finland and Ireland) and Zachary Blevins (VP, Student Senate).

Thanks for the extra efforts to move toward the semester end for our graduate, undergraduate and Head Start programs.

Dr. Janet McMahill, Dean

Reminders

It's Drake Relays Weekend. Be safe and enjoy.

Spotlight

Six factors that contribute to a college student's later success:

1. a professor who made you excited about learning
2. professors who cared about you as a person
3. a mentor who encouraged you to pursue your goals and dreams
4. you worked on a long-term project
5. you had a job or internship where you applied what you were learning

Over 65 early childhood educators and care providers took part in the "STEM-ming into Early Childhood" professional development held in conjunction with the Week of the Young Child kick-off event on April 11.

This week, more than 1,000 packets of materials assembled by Head Start staff and volunteers were sent out to Drake University Head Start programs for distribution to families. The materials selected promote literacy and enhance family engagement, thus called PATH kits (Parents Are Teaching at Home).

Other numbers:

Terry Thorpe ran the Blue Mile in 14 minutes and 34 seconds! And you? What numbers do you have to share for next week's newsletter? Email catherine.gillespie@drake.edu to get your numbers included.

6. you were extremely involved in extra-curricular activities

More detail here: <http://qz.com/384713/college-is-worth-it-if-you-have-these-six-experiences/>

Free online webinar

FREE ONLINE WEBINAR: Critical Thinking and Health: Media Literacy Lessons for Elementary Grades

Thursday May 7, 2015 - 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM EDT

ProjectLookSharp.org

Dear Educator,

Please join us for a FREE, interactive online webinar on teaching about health through media literacy for elementary grades!

Our featured presenter, Cyndy Scheibe, Project Look Sharp's executive director, will offer interactive pedagogical techniques to help you work with children on understanding biases and misleading messages found in food and toy commercials. She will draw on free curriculum materials offered in the Critical Thinking and Health kit available at projectlooksharp.org, as well as provide new media documents from recently created lessons.

Can't Attend Live? All of our webinars are archived and accessible on demand after the original live date. Be sure to register to receive viewing instructions.

If you have any questions about the event or how to register, please contact us below. Sincerely,
Kelsey Greene, Project Look Sharp looksharp@ithaca.edu 607-274-3471

SOE Transformation Award

Mr. John Ligouri was awarded the inaugural SOE Transformation award this week. He has made outstanding significant contributions to the transformation of student learning within the SOE over the last 9 years. He has served as a guest speaker numerous times, where he has shared specific guidelines to prepare pre-service

Media

1. **Iowa reform pushes students to read earlier - or else**

Mackenzie Ryan

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/education/2015/04/20/early-reading-education-reform/26100783/>

2. **School budget fight spills over to community colleges**

By Scott Stewart & Tim Rohwer

editorial@nonpareilonline.com <<mailto:editorial@nonpareilonline.com>> | Posted: Thursday, April 23, 2015 = council Bluffs Daily Nonpareil

While lawmakers remain stalemated on funding for public school districts, an increase in funding for community colleges also remains in limbo in the Iowa Legislature.

Support for prekindergarten through 12th-grade school systems is the biggest chunk of the state budget, and a protracted debate about how much the state can afford to grow that investment has stalled approval of the budget.

3. **Senate Democrats boost higher education funding by nearly \$40 million**

teachers for their work and incorporated stories and anecdotes from his 30+ years as a teacher, administrator, and coach. His advice is practical, grounded in authentic contexts, and infused with humor.

Sen. Brian Schoenjahn: "I believe it targets the areas that are most important to all lowans"

Rod Boshart, The Gazette

April 22, 2015 | 5:24 pm

DES MOINES — A Senate budget panel Wednesday approved a higher education spending plan that would increase funding by nearly \$40 million to state universities, community colleges, workforce development, and other programs did not include money for a performance-based redistribution formula at regent institutions.

4. **Branstad: No shutdown, but quick budget deal unlikely**

William Petroski, bpetrosk@dmreg.com 11:57 a.m. CDT April 20, 2015

Gov. Terry Branstad expects Iowa will avoid a state government shutdown on July 1, but he isn't anticipating a quick resolution of a stalemate over education spending that could delay adjournment of the 2015 legislative session.

Iowa House and Senate leaders still hope to adjourn on May 1, which is the 110th calendar day of the session and the date that lawmakers' daily expense payments are cut off. But Branstad said Monday he recognizes it will take time to work out a budget deal.

"Being realistic, I don't think it will be resolved this week. I would hope it would be completed by the end of May," Branstad told reporters at his weekly news briefing.

Education is expected to be the biggest line item in the state budget for the state fiscal year that starts July 1. While some other states have had state government shutdowns because of budget battles, Branstad said Iowa lawmakers have been able to eventually resolve their differences in the past and he expects the same will happen this year without affecting state government operations.

"No, I don't see a government shutdown. I see that we have every reason to believe that this will be resolved. We just need to get the job done," Branstad said.

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