

# School of Education

Today is May 22, 2015  
Next newsletter: 6/12/15

## From the Dean's Desk

Congratulations to the 48 Elementary, Secondary, Music, Math and Theater undergraduate students who received diplomas at our May 16th commencement ceremony. In addition, 163 graduate students received advanced degrees in School Leadership, Leadership Development, Counseling, Literacy, MAT, MST and Teacher Effectiveness and Professional Development. Over 60 students also received diplomas during our December graduation. Thanks to the faculty members present at each of these events and to the support staff who assist each and every student. Parents, friends, cabinet members, trustees and other Drake faculty took notice of our presence and our success. I remain proud to be of service.

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Dr. Janet McMahon, Dean

## Spotlight

Matt Bruinekool received the Madelyn M. Levitt Distinguished Community Service Award. His involvement, service and advocacy in rehabilitation and disability rights are outstanding. Belated congratulations to Matt!!

## Media

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<http://chronicle.com/blogs/wiredcampus/wearable-teaching-college-to-experiment-with-apple-watch-as-learning-tool/56459>

2. 5.17.15 = Opinion = Cedar Rapids Gazette

**A fight to remain stuck in neutral** By Todd Dorman

Iowa lawmakers' daily expense payments ran out on May 1.

Since then, they've been working without lunch money.

I would have turned off the spigot in February, when Iowa law says legislators were supposed to set the amount of state funding for K-12 public schools in 2016-17. Heck, expense checks should have dried up in February 2014, when lawmakers broke the law by failing to agree on funding for the school year that starts this fall.

Sadly, it's taken them until the middle of May to figure it out. A 20-year-old law says the Legislature must set school funding more than a year in advance and during the opening weeks of a legislative session.

It was meant to send a clear message that public schools are our No. 1 priority. The rest of the budget gets in line.

3. May 16, 2015 9:00 pm • Waterloo Courier - **Status of 'UNI fix' in flux, as lawmakers push to end session**

By [Christinia Crippes](#)

CEDAR FALLS | Education funding has been at the forefront of the debate throughout the legislative session -- just not the way University of Northern Iowa supporters had hoped.

The Iowa Board of Regents put forward a performance-based funding plan -- adopted last June -- to require new accountability measures and more equitably fund the three public universities, in part by providing a funding boost to UNI.

## Updates

For a student to order a Drake transcript, the proces is now for them to use the website:

[getmytranscript.com](http://getmytranscript.com)

Students who request transcripts via the Drake website will be directed to this new website.

## 100% grades in on time!

For the second semester in a row, the SOE faculty submitted ALL of our grades on time! Woo hoo!! Thanks very much for all your hard work to get that done.

## Graduate catalog updates

There will be an online 2015-2016 graduate catalog. You can access the current catalog here:

<http://www.drake.edu/catalog/graduate/> and changes should be submitted to [catherine.gillespie@drake.edu](mailto:catherine.gillespie@drake.edu) by July 15.

## Reception

Reception for Ken Kass

Date: Monday, June 1

Time: 3:00-4:00 pm (Open House)

Location: Cowles Library Reading Room

## Summer building schedule

Please be aware that the Education Building will be open the following hours during the summer:

Monday - Friday:

7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

It was a proposal the Senate Education chairman said “deserves some serious discussion” during the 2015 session, and UNI president Bill Ruud hoped would be “a great way to start the conversation.”

Instead, the conversation among lawmakers has revolved around a dispute over adequate funding levels for K-12 schools.

The supplemental state aid, or allowable growth, debate was supposed to be resolved within 30 days of the session’s start. Now more than 90 days overdue, the debate over K-12 funding rages on.

Meanwhile, the first serious debate over performance-based funding took place about 20 days ago, days before the May 1 target adjournment date.

### 4. **Branstad: Patience, perseverance will pay off for deadlocked Legislature**

[William Petroski, bpetrosk@dmreg.com](mailto:bpetrosk@dmreg.com) 12:08 p.m. CDT May 18, 2015

Gov. Terry Branstad is sticking with his legislative priorities, although he says he recognizes deadlocked Iowa lawmakers aren’t likely to adjourn their 2015 session until at least early June.

Branstad, a Republican, told reporters Monday he remains hopeful lawmakers will approve policy measures to reduce bullying in Iowa’s schools and to expand high-speed Internet service in underserved areas, as well as other measures in his legislative agenda. He also said he’s standing firmly behind previous commitments to provide state money for property tax relief and for teacher leadership programs.

Oftentimes, the toughest decisions are left by the Legislature until the end of the session, Branstad said. He noted that four years ago, major bills addressing tax reform, improvements in education programs and an expansion of health care for low-income Iowans were the products of extensive negotiations between legislative leaders.

“I have often said that patience and perseverance do pay off in this profession,” he remarked.

### 5. **No breakthrough in Iowa budget talks: Lawmakers try to squeeze in amendments; Branstad pushes for adjournment by June**

[Rod Boshart](#), The Gazette May 18, 2015 | 9:39 pm

DES MOINES — The 2015 legislative session moved behind closed doors Monday as House and Senate leaders discussed budget differences

Saturday - Sunday:

8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

For those of you who have evening classes, please remind your students of these hours. The selection for these times was based on a security decision with regard to the noticeable increase in the number of non-Drake students walking through the parking areas, drive and front sidewalks.

## Course validation

Don't forget to validate your summer course. On the first day of class, please check to see if all the students are present and validate them via the online link in MYDUSIS.

with Gov. Terry Branstad's staff while touring schoolchildren gawked at the ornate but empty Statehouse chambers.

Day 127 of the overtime legislative session failed to produce the elusive breakthrough that would allow top House Republicans and Senate Democrats to summon their members back to the Statehouse for budget work needed to complete the session.

Monday's half-hour private leadership meeting failed to produce an agreement, but negotiators slated to meet again today held out hope for a resolution that would break their impasse.

"We'll get it figured out," said House Speaker Craig Paulsen, R-Hiawatha. "The objective is to come to some sort of resolution that meets lowans' needs. We'll be here as long as it takes. I think we can be done in May, I hope we're done in May, but we'll keep plugging along."

6. 5.20.2015 = Cedar Rapids Gazette

### **A twist to school funding: Already stalled for this year, lawmakers disagree on next, too**

By Erin Murphy, Gazette-Lee Des Moines Bureau

DES MOINES - The long legislative bout over how much funding the state should send Iowa schools might go an extra round or two.

House Republicans filed legislation Tuesday that would increase funding to K-12 public schools by 2 percent for the school year that starts in fall 2016. That is less than proposals made by Senate Democrats at 4 percent and Republican Gov. Terry Branstad at 2.45 percent.

It is even less than a bill proposed earlier this year by House Republicans themselves: They originally matched the governor's proposal of a 2.45 percent increase.

'That's not something we're willing to agree to,' Democratic Senate Majority Leader Mike Gronstal said of the new proposal.

7. 5.21.2015 – Cedar Rapids Gazette

### **House rejects anti-bullying proposal**

By Erin Murphy, Gazette-Lee Des Moines Bureau

DES MOINES - A package of anti-bullying programs and provisions designed for Iowa's public schools was narrowly defeated last night in the Iowa House.

Rep. Chris Hall, D-Sioux City, introduced the anti-bullying legislation and pleaded with lawmakers for its passage. It was voted down, 50-46. The anti-bullying proposal for three years has been a priority of Republican Gov. Terry Branstad. It passed with bipartisan support in the Democrat-

controlled Senate, 43-7, in March.

The legislation has idled ever since in the House, where leaders declined to bring it to the floor for a debate and vote.

Hall last night called up the legislation as an amendment to a catchall bill containing funding and policy.

'It is our obligation to address this,' Hall said. 'It is overdue.' The legislation allows schools to address incidents that occur off-grounds and online, and requires parental notification except for when the victim or school officials fear further harm.

Five House Republicans joined 41 House Democrats in supporting the anti-bullying proposal. Among them was Rep. Ron Jorgensen, R-Sioux City, who is chairman of the House Education Committee and a former Sioux City school board member.

The measure was opposed by 50 House Republicans.

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