

# School of Education

Today is July 24, 2015

## Dates

July 30 Drake All-Staff picnic at lunchtime

## Updates

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## The Ray Center at Drake

Their tagline is: "leadership ethics civility." What more can you ask for in a neighbor? And they are our future neighbors (they will be located in the lower level of the new building). The center is currently surveying individuals about the following culturally sanctioned respectful and disrespectful behaviors. How do you score? How often do you:

1. Treat others how you want to be treated?
2. Use manners?
3. Keep an open

## Spotlight

### Beisser Interview: South Korea Service-Learning and Character Education

Education Professor Sally Beisser was interviewed Thursday, July 16 during a popular morning radio broadcast, This Morning with Alex Jensen in Seoul, South Korea.

Producers asked Dr. Beisser to provide commentary on the Korean Character Education Promotion Act that was approved by the Korean National Assembly in January 2015 going into effect this week in July. "Teachers will be required to pass a training program for character education and teacher-training institutes must offer coursework. Schools will be evaluated on program effectiveness at the end of each year and the government has the option of outsourcing programs."

Beisser has extensive experience in character education program development through service-learning publications, including national and state leadership. She integrates Service-Learning pedagogy and Character Counts in her pre-service methods courses, workshops for practicing teachers, and will spend two weeks this fall in University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa presenting on service-learning and conducting collaborative research with UKZN Professor Angela James.

See Article: Character Education to the Taught in All Schools <http://koreajoongangdaily.joins.com/news/article/Article.aspx?aid=2999131>

Hear Beisser's Rebroadcast: Available through the Seoul website:

<http://tbsefm.seoul.kr/efm/ThisMorning/> → Episodes → 2015-07-17 Hour 1. Beisser's interview will be played around 35-40 minutes.

Beisser is pursuing follow up training in Service-Learning and Character Education programs for South Korean educators who teach kindergarten, elementary, middle and high school students. They need to teach students how to develop "humane character and capabilities" in class next year, according to the new law.

## Media

### 1. Social media as a parenting tool:

<http://www.pewinternet.org/2015/07/16/parents-and-social-media/>

- mind?
4. Listen without interrupting?
  5. Say things on social media that you wouldn't say to someone's face?
  6. Take stress out on others around you?
  7. Look for a compromise when you disagree?
  8. Tolerate other people's views and beliefs?
  9. Assume the best in others?
  10. Criticize others?
  11. Take credit for someone else's work?
  12. Take "no" for an answer?
  13. Gossip?
  14. Admit when you're wrong?
  15. Admit when you don't know?
  16. Arrive late?
  17. Apologize when necessary?
  18. Help others not feel left out?

2. From Education Week Spotlight (Politics K-12), Thursday, July 16, 2015. See

**Revising the No Child Left Behind Act: Issue by Issue.** By Alyson Klein.

The U.S. Senate has voted to pass a bipartisan bill to rewrite the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which hasn't gotten a facelift since 2002, when then-President George W. Bush signed the law's current version, the No Child Left Behind Act. Now the legislation will have to go to conference with a bill passed by the U.S. House of Representatives earlier this month. Issues highlighted in this "cheat sheet to changes" are: Testing, Accountability, Standards, Teacher Quality, Low-Performing Schools, School Choice, Funding Provisions, Federal Programs and Preschool

[http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2015/07/revising\\_the\\_no\\_child\\_left\\_beh.html?cmp=ENL-TU-NEWS3](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2015/07/revising_the_no_child_left_beh.html?cmp=ENL-TU-NEWS3)

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