

# School of Education

Today is July 31, 2015

## Dates

August 28 at 9:59 am is the final moment for summer grade submission. Grade early, grade often. Don't wait until August 28 to submit your grades.

## Reminders

Faculty: If you have graduate students who are finishing up degrees, make sure you make an appointment with Debbie Dodge to sign off on their paperwork. Sixteen August degrees were released on Thursday, July 30 and Aggie Jones processed 9 licensure applications on that day alone.

## Farewell

Best wishes to Assistant Professor Beth Beschorner who is moving to Minnesota with her husband and children. She will be

## Appeal from two 22 year old SOE graduates

Our names are Mary Stang and Anna Suminski and we are recent SOE graduates from the undergraduate initial teacher licensure program in elementary education. We're just about to embark on a year-long adventure to improve education in Ghana in a village called Asikuma. When sharing this decision with people, many people have asked us what exactly we will be doing.

While in Asikuma we will be working for Kingdom Cares International, a non-profit organization that works sustainably in Ghana to improve the lives of many through education, community outreach, and the development of transferable skills. The primary focus of our work will be to help develop the primary school that Kingdom Cares opened earlier this year. Our goal is to create a curriculum for children that allows them to learn everything necessary to pass the high school entrance exam that is necessary for them to further their education. We will be working very closely with a team of teachers there to ensure that the students are being taught effectively, and that the school is running smoothly.

We are going to be working in a school and community that has a lot of expected and unexpected needs. Our goal is to raise significant funds to help cover the needs of the school and students. Some possible uses for the funds include feeding 200 school children on a daily basis (\$200 per day), student uniforms (\$13-14), teacher salaries (\$100 per month per teacher), student transportation (\$150 per week), and educational materials. If you are willing and able to support our journey and the Kingdom Cares Community School you can do so in two ways. Please consider either donating online via the link [kingdomcaresinternational.cloverdonations.com/sponsor-a-project/](http://kingdomcaresinternational.cloverdonations.com/sponsor-a-project/) or by check made out and mailed to Kingdom Cares International at 6095 NE Industry Drive Des Moines, IA 50313. You can contact us at [kccschool15@gmail.com](mailto:kccschool15@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Thank you so much for your consideration!

Mary Stang and Anna Suminski, Drake University School of Education Class of 2015

## One more month of summer

starting work at the University of MN at Mankato in August. She can be reached at her Drake email [beth.beschorner@drake.edu](mailto:beth.beschorner@drake.edu) through the end of September.

## **vacation**

You still have one complete month until fall classes start at Drake. How will you spend your time? Email [catherine.gillespie@drake.edu](mailto:catherine.gillespie@drake.edu) to get your information posted in the newsletter.

## **Media - 8**

- 1. Drake principal program graduate Andrew Burg moves from Hanawalt Elementary in DMPS to East Elementary in Ankeny**  
<http://www.ankeny.k12.ia.us/modules/cms/pages.phtml?pageid=326893>
- 2. What the U.S. government thinks about the future of higher education**  
<https://www.ed.gov/blog/2015/07/the-future-of-higher-education-in-america/>
- 3. Regents propose \$100 tuition increase for spring semester**  
Jeff Charis-Carlson 1:47 p.m. CDT July 28, 2015  
<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/education/2015/07/28/iowa-regents-tuition-hike-proposal/30785955/>
- 4. OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
Governor Terry E. Branstad « Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Tuesday, July 28, 2015  
**Governor's STEM Advisory Council announces new co-chair**  
Dr. Chris Nelson of Kemin Industries accepts appointment as co-chair alongside Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds
- 5. Officials defend efforts of Iowa colleges, universities**  
Jeff Charis-Carlson, [jcharisc@press-citizen.com](mailto:jcharisc@press-citizen.com) 7:23 p.m. CDT July 27, 2015  
<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/education/college/2015/07/27/officials-defend-efforts-iowa-colleges-universities/30760903/>
- 6. Reports: Universities' savings may take longer, be less**  
Jeff Charis-Carlson 5:27 p.m. CDT July 29, 2015  
<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/education/2015/07/29/reports-iowa-universities-savings-may-take-longer-less/30839619/>
- 7. New director of the IRRC introduced by the State Board of Education**  
[https://www.educateiowa.gov/sites/files/ed/documents/2015-08-06/IRRC New Director Tab J.pdf](https://www.educateiowa.gov/sites/files/ed/documents/2015-08-06/IRRC%20New%20Director%20Tab%20J.pdf)
- 8. Even with GOP support, Iowa Legislature won't have special session**  
Requests based on Branstad's veto of one-time education funding  
James Q. Lynch, The Gazette July 29, 2015 | 5:51 pm  
<http://thegazette.com/subject/news/even-with-gop-support-iowa-legislature-wont-have-special-session-20150729>



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