School of Education

Today is August 21, 2015

Dates

Aug 26 noon-4 SOE retreat. To be held at the new Shivers practice facility, 2601 Forest. Aug 28 1:30 convocation (open to all; faculty wear robes). Knapp Center. Aug 31 2:30-3:30 pm President Martin visits SOE faculty. Faculty should be there if at all possible.

BB Updates

Instructors: check to make sure your BB classes are activated for fall. There was an issue, which is now resolved, where the courses were automatically turning off every night.

Parking Updates

Get your parking pass (now displayed on your back window) by August 31. Students should be able to register for a commuter weekend pass

More on the Haven requirement

Haven is the sexual violence prevention program that all students will be required to complete by October 15. It is being administered by Alysa Mozak through the Dean of Students office at Drake. Instructors and advisors do not need to administer anything, but it will no doubt help for instructors and advisors to alert students to the program. The first email will go out to students August 24. Time can be given in classes, especially weekend classes, to complete the program (it's online, so internet access is necessary; earbuds recommended) but beware that it can take an hour. Instructors can have students start the program in class and finish it on their own time. There is a big push nationwide in higher ed on this, as federal compliance requirements have changed. The whole concept is no doubt familiar to many of our education students who need to complete similar programs to become licensed. Given the pervasive nature of sexual violence in our society, including in our schools, hopefully students and instructors will understand the importance and value of such a requirement. If students have not completed the program by October 15, a hold will be placed on their account so they will be prevented from registering until they complete it, at which point the hold will be removed. Students requesting exemptions due to personal trauma can appeal directly to Alysa Mozak.

Language Placement scores

You can now access results of the langauge placement tests on the Advisor Menu of MyDusis. This change has been a big improvement and I believe it will be very useful for those involved with undergraduate advising in particular.

Thanks and have a good weekend.

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Email limits preview

During the SOE retreat on August 26, Jan McMahill will discuss limits that Dean's Advisory members will endeavor to follow this year, following the lead or our new president. Sneak peek: no for \$65/per year. There is not a per semester option. Students can use the student tab on BlueView to review their options.

SPED accolades

In a recent ranking. Drake University was named as one of the most affordable private non-profit school for a master's in specialeducation. Drake University was identified as one of only four lowa schools on our list for having affordable tuition and fees from among more than 200 private non-profit schools offering a master's in special education. Data for this ranking was gathered from the National Center for Education Statistics. The article and a highresolution award badge can be found here: http://www.masters-inspecialeducation.com/best/affor dable-masters-in-specialeducation-programsprivate-non-profit/. The editors noted that the hands-on curriculum promotes collaboration and interaction amongst students and encourages teachers to apply their learning in their own classrooms.

more midnight emails from the Dean or Saturday morning emails from the Associate Dean.

Media

This section is being discontinued. A click rate of 3% suggests that this is not a good use of newsletter space. Outcry will be taken into account if received and the section can be re-instated.

Scholarship

Fear not. This section is being added. Send scholarship info. 1. Dr. Shelley Fairbairn's 2nd book has been published! Title: Engaging English Learners Through Access to Standards A Team-Based Approach to Schoolwide Student Achievement. More info here: http://www.corwin.com/authors/695255 2. Interesting article in Child Development entitled "24-Month-Old Children with Larger Oral Vocabularies Display Greater Academic and Behavioral Functioning at Kindergarten Entry"

http://education.uci.edu/docs/Farkas_Morgan_aug15.pdf#morgan_ farkas_aug15

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