

# School of Education

Today is August 7, 2015

## Dates

1:30 pm Friday, August 28 is Fall Convocation. Everyone is welcome. Faculty wear robes. It's an inspirational way to start the school year and it's been moved inside to avoid the heat.

## As goes the SOE...

...so goes Drake University. Gone are the days of faculty/staff emails as DU replicates the SOE's brilliant idea of a newsletter and launches OnCampus as a weekly email communication device. Should you care to find out what's going on at Drake University, read it weekly when it comes out on Mondays. It's not available via web link, but in case you missed the 7/27/15 kickoff edition, here's the info:

### Welcome to the new OnCampus!

We are pleased to present the new

## From the Dean

Momentum IS Building!

There are several recent developments related to the start of construction. Our Owners Representative, Brian Matthews is finalizing bids and the decision on the general contractor. Sara Herman, Interior Design Executive with SVPA Architectural is conducting information/input sessions with the SOE Faculty and Staff. The general contractor and subcontractors will present their timeline for groundbreaking at the October meeting of the Trustees. Thanks to Meaghan Tigges for continuing her fundraising efforts. Faculty and Staff Accolades

Thanks to our Ed Leadership team for "working the room" at the annual School Administrators of Iowa conference exhibit hall last Wednesday. How rewarding to see people waiting in line to greet our newest professor...Dr. Doug Stilwell! Check out the print and display materials that Molly Shepard Robinson created and join in my thanks to Bridget Arrasmith and Valerie Thacker for attending and extending their personal connections to past, present and future students. Shelley Fairbairn received word that her second co-authored textbook has gone to press. More to follow.

Thanks to the summer faculty and staff as we quickly turn our attention toward the fall semester.

Dr. Jan McMail

## SOE Disaster Relief Plan

The best time to plan for a disaster is when we aren't having a disaster...so....good news: no disaster today...better news: we are making plans to continue operating in the event that a disaster might occur in the future.

1. Faculty members will all be given print outs of their class rosters at the first department meetings, to take home or keep in some other off site location. Part time faculty members will find these rosters in their mailboxes.
2. Dean's Advisory members will be given copies of the course schedule to take home or keep in another off site location.
3. When you leave the building, please take your laptop AND CHARGER.
4. Other? Think about what else we might do to prepare for possible disaster.

OnCampus, an internal communications tool for the Drake community. OnCampus will be delivered to to all faculty and staff inboxes every Monday, giving you an overview of the week and keeping you up to date on Drake news you need to know. To submit content, please email [oncampus@drake.edu](mailto:oncampus@drake.edu) by the end of business the Thursday before you'd like your content to be included. Questions or feedback? Contact Alyssa Young, assistant director of internal and strategic communications, at [alyssa.young@drake.edu](mailto:alyssa.young@drake.edu).

## Blackboard migration issues

Blackboard has migrated to new servers. Please be aware that changes you made to BB classes in July may not have survived the migration. It's worth double checking.

## Media - 9

1. **20 Things teachers should know about principals**  
<http://teaching.about.com/od/Information-For-Teachers/fl/Twenty-Facts-about-Principals-Every-Teacher-Should-Know.htm>
2. Did you see the **Sunday Des Moines Register article about the shortage of special education teachers?** It's not exactly breaking news, but it's not available via web link for some reason.
3. **Branstad favors more 'specific, strategic' earmarks in education spending during audio address** (text not available)
4. **Iowa Board of Education newsletter** <https://iowaboee.files.wordpress.com/2015/07/boee-newsletter-august-2015.pdf>
5. **Snapshot of American Parenting:**  
[http://www.parenttoolkit.com/index.cfm?objectid=B32DD6D0-ACA3-11E4-B6B70050569A5318#Section\\_6](http://www.parenttoolkit.com/index.cfm?objectid=B32DD6D0-ACA3-11E4-B6B70050569A5318#Section_6)
6. **Kansas isn't doing too well in education**  
<http://thinkprogress.org/education/2015/08/04/3687915/kansas-teachers-gone/>
7. **Paulsen to step down as Speaker of Iowa House**  
[bpfann@dmreg.com](mailto:bpfann@dmreg.com), Brianne Pfannenstiel 12:16 p.m. CDT August 5, 2015  
<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/politics/2015/08/05/kraig-paulsen-steps-iowa-house/31161121/?hootPostID=b574d8b60b515bcf51350a090621f925>
8. **Regents on track for \$100 tuition increase**  
Mackenzie Ryan, [mryan@dmreg.com](mailto:mryan@dmreg.com) 7:50 p.m. CDT August 5, 2015  
<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/education/2015/08/05/board-regents-pay/31175111/>
9. **State Board of Education Adopts New Science Standards**  
<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/BL/680667.pdf>  
and  
Mackenzie Ryan, [mryan@dmreg.com](mailto:mryan@dmreg.com) 1:18 p.m. CDT August 6, 2015  
<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/education/2015/08/06/iowa-board-education-adopts-science-standards/31225173/>



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