

Today is September 23, 2016

## Dates

Fall Midterm Grades are open - please enter students midterm grades by **October 24**. The Associate Dean will contact any student who has a D or an F at midterm, so make sure to enter them!

**October 17-18** is Fall Break. No classes, but offices open.

## Grad advisor updates

Get those candidacy petitions in for graduate students. The clock is ticking on students who will be completing their 12th credit this semester. They will get holds if their CPs are not submitted within the next month (by October 19). Advisors have all been emailed names of students to make sure to attend to soon. Thanks for taking care of it.

## Encourage new grad students to complete training

New graduate students need to complete online training regarding

## Special Education Mediator

Michael Couvillon, Associate Professor of Education, has been invited by the Iowa Department of Education to serve as a Special Education Mediator within the State of Iowa. The processes of Special Education Mediation is intended to diffuse and resolve disagreements between families and school districts on issues related to identification, evaluation and placement before they reach a level requiring a formal legal process. Specific details about the Iowa Department of Education mediation process can be found at: <https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/special-education/dispute-resolution/mediation>

## Network for Ed Leaders

57 educational leaders from around the state of Iowa were in attendance at the inaugural meeting of the **Drake Continual Improvement Network**, held on Wednesday, September 21 on-campus at Drake University's Olmsted Center.

Dean Jan McMahill offered a heartwarming welcome to members of the network, followed by an informative keynote by Dr. Patricia Greco, superintendent of the School District of Menomonee Falls, WI, focused on the art and science of results-based school improvement.

**The purpose** of the Drake Continual Improvement Network is to bring educators together for the purpose of learning in community about continual improvement. **Our vision** is to transform education in Iowa in order to restore joy in learning, teaching, and leading in our schools. **Our mission** is to "get better at getting better."

## Freedom Writers

Don't miss your chance to purchase tickets

appropriate sexual and interpersonal conduct. It's okay to allow time in class to do this. It should only take 15-20 minutes and is a great improvement over last year. They all got emails to their Drake accounts from the Dean of Students including this info:

**To complete this online course, please click on the following link which will redirect you to**

**Qualtrics:**

[https://drake.qualtrics.com/jfe6/form/SV\\_bINeGFhDo66fpqt](https://drake.qualtrics.com/jfe6/form/SV_bINeGFhDo66fpqt)

This link can also be found on

**Blueview/Campus Life**

**Tab/Prevention & Intervention:**

**Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct.**

So far 192 Drake graduate students (SOE, Law, Business) have completed the training...361 to go (!) Deadline: October 15.

to **Student Voices: An Evening with Erin Gruwell**, hosted by United Way of Central Iowa Women's Leadership Connection (WLC). Our guest Erin Gruwell, best-selling author of "The Freedom Writers," will speak about her educational philosophy, which encourages students to rethink rigid beliefs, reconsider their own daily decisions, and ultimately re-chart their future. Before the presentation, the urban arts community **Movement 515** will perform their spoken word poetry.

Thursday, September 29

7:00 p.m. - Lecture & Presentation

8:00 p.m. - Book signing

at the Temple for Performing Arts. Tickets available through United Way.

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