

Today is March 4, 2016

## Dates

March 13 is the deadline to submit proposals for the 2016 Learning Symposium. Consider submitting something!

March 21. Midterm grades due 10:00 am. Please submit these, especially for students who are not doing well.

March 31-April 1. IACTE in Ames

## Registration dates

Make sure to set aside time to meet with advisees prior to registration. Advisee lists are available in MYDUSIS. Connect with them all in some way this semester.

March 23 - holds will be placed on students who have 18+ credits and no Candidacy Petition.

April 4 - 1st day to register. Further information and detail at:

<http://www.drake.edu/studentrecords/registration/>

## DMPS event

Belated thanks to Kate Evans for organizing the February event with DMPS, which went very well! DMPS interviewed 11 prospective teachers and 15 students were in attendance to listen to the 5:00 presentation.

## Invitation to a gala at North

Drake alum and current graduate student Steve Schappaugh writes to invite the faculty and staff of the School of Education to attend

## From the Governor's STEM Council

Iowa STEM moves with Intel i7 speed on computer science.

At this very moment, code (legal, not Java!) inspired by the group is winding through the state legislature. House File 2324 would require every Iowa high school to offer at least one high-quality computer science course by the 2018-19 school year. And in support of the roll-out, HF 2324 calls for a CS Advisory Council at the Department of Education to deliver by October 2016 recommendations for high quality standards, career-technical integration, graduation requirement options, course delivery modes, a K-12 CS pathway and licensure guidance.

Meanwhile, the STEM Council's Working Group, co- led by Mark Gruwell and Ann Watts, is developing a CS teaching endorsement, surveying existent CS offerings across Iowa and studying course substitution and requirement models toward graduation. They expect to deliver all products by early summer.

And, Iowa is fortunate to have Mark, Ann and group member Craig Martinson involved in developing the K-12 CS Framework led by a national consortium organized by [Code.org](http://Code.org). (Mark is on the writing team with Ann and Craig helping [Code.org](http://Code.org) with dissemination planning.) Targeted for distribution across the nation by September 2016, drafts of the Framework are being reviewed by Iowa's CS Working Group as well.

Iowa operates squarely in the C: drive of national trends in computer science, equipping our youth to take a gigabyte of the future.

## IACTE in Ames

Who wants to join Catherine Gillespie and Michelle Krogulski in Ames for IACTE (Iowa Association for Colleges of Teacher Education) on March 31 and April 1? Let [Catherine.Gillespie@drake.edu](mailto:Catherine.Gillespie@drake.edu) know if you can make it for one or both days.

the North High inaugural gala raise money for the activities at the school. Tickets are only \$40/piece (or tables for \$300). There will be dinner, entertainment, a cash bar, silent, and live auctions. Complete information and reservations can be made at [www.polarbeargala.com](http://www.polarbeargala.com). The band hasn't had new uniforms since the 1980's, there are equipment needs from sports, scholarship money needs to be raised, and much more. Resources are limited, and this is a school that needs as much community support as it can get.

## Interesting article

Engaging and brief article about if/when teacher characteristics are predictive of teacher effectiveness: <http://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2016/mar/02/can-you-spot-a-good-teacher-from-their-characteristics>

## School leader update

<https://www.educateiowa.gov/documents/school-leader-update/2016/03/march-2016-school-leader-update>