

Today is April 22, 2016

Dates

Jewish Passover begins tonight at sundown AND today is Earth Day!!

Tuition hike

This summer, SOE Graduate Tuition moves from \$460 to \$475 per credit hour.

Reminders

Don't park in the Impact parking lot, or in the Lutheran Social Services lot. Walk or ride your bike or park in a Drake lot or on the street.

Drake-UKZN partnership comes full circle

In the past two years, research partnerships between Drake's SOE and UKZN have blossomed. This week Sally Beisser and Laura Kieran hosted Angela James and Sithabi (Thabi) Ntombela from the University of KwaZulu-

State literacy standards

We're writing to encourage you to provide feedback this spring on the state's literacy standards for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

The Iowa Department of Education has announced two public forums on April 25-26 and a statewide survey to gather feedback from Iowans on the current literacy standards, which outline learning expectations for English-language arts and for literacy in history, social studies, science, and other technical subjects.

This public input process is part of a review of the literacy standards that was prompted by the Governor's Executive Order 83.

Iowans have until May 13 to take the statewide survey, which is available at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TGHQWCL>

Iowans also can provide feedback at two public forums, either in person at two central Iowa locations, or remotely from satellite centers. The public forum sites and details are as follows:

Monday, April 25, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Valley High School Media Center, 3650 Woodland Ave., West Des Moines

Tuesday, April 26, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Grinnell Senior High School, 1333 Sunset St., Grinnell
Responses gathered from the public forums and survey will be used to provide guidance to the Literacy Standards Review Team, which convened in February to study the state's literacy standards and make recommendations for improvement. The team will submit a final recommendation to the State Board of Education later this year. To read Iowa's academic standards, visit www.iowacore.gov. For more information on the Literacy Standards Review Team, visit <https://www.educateiowa.gov/literacy-standards-review-team>.

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Inauguration robing details

Faculty and staff who are wearing academic regalia and sitting with the floor party, please note that

Natal in Durban, South Africa. Thanks to all who participated in this successful week of academic exchange.

Inauguration reception

All faculty and staff are invited to join President Martin for a special reception immediately following inauguration. The reception will begin after the ceremony, around 3 p.m., and take place on the Wifvat Plaza in front of the Turner Jazz Center. Join us for refreshments and to congratulate President Martin.

—Joseph Schneider,
Inauguration Co-Chair

robing for the inauguration ceremony will begin no later than 12:30 p.m. in the women's gym of the Shivers Basketball Practice Facility. To access the gym, enter through the Bell Center and proceed to The Knapp Center court. Walk across the Knapp floor, behind the stage curtain to the east, and you will see an entrance titled "Women's Basketball." Proceed straight ahead down the corridor to the women's gym. Once inside the gym, there will be personnel and signage to direct you. All wearing regalia should be at the gym no later than 1 p.m. The procession onto the Knapp Center floor will commence at 1:15 p.m.

If you have ordered or rented your regalia from the University Bookstore, you will need to pick it up from the University Bookstore prior to the event.

—Joseph Schneider, *Inauguration Co-Chair*