

## From the Dean: Meetings and Memories

Our National Advisory Committee members met with SOE leaders and shared words of advice to our seniors. A recent graduate, Bill Battistone (now a doctoral student and principal in Iowa City) wrote "From now on, it's not about you...it's about the students and...speak to your students as if their parents were in the room."

"Never, never, never EVER give up" comes from another advisor, Dr. Cynthia McDonald who was appointed this week to be the new Superintendent of Waukee Schools.

We celebrate all graduates and recognize the sacrifices made by the students, their families and friends. Special Congratulations to our Senior Advancement Officer Meaghan Tigges and her husband Tyler for completing master's degrees in the SOE and College of Business this semester. I am expecting to award degrees to over 150 students this weekend including our first graduate of our new Ph.D program, Erin Lain

Yesterday, over 100 faculty, staff and students placed their signatures on a steel beam that will soon be hoisted into the structure of Collier Scripps Hall...our new building. If you are on campus for Commencement, stop by the construction site and add your name to the legacy list.

Proud and filled with promise, Jan McMahill, Dean of the School of Education

Today is May 13, 2016

### Dates

May 15 is graduation. Ceremonies at 10 and 2. Sign beams for our new building in between ceremonies.

May 18 grades due (well before) 10:00 am.

### Final Grades for Spring

Grades are due May 18 at 10 am. Plan on getting them in by the 17th, or let [catherine.gillespie@drake.edu](mailto:catherine.gillespie@drake.edu) know that you will be a "late grader." If you want to submit via Blackboard, directions are here: <https://du.screenstepslive.com/s/docs/m/7137/1/80040>

### BOEE newsletter

This newsletter is sent to everyone who has a license: <https://iowaboe.files.wordpress.com/2016/05/may-2016-newsletter.pdf> Top news items: no more printed licenses.

### Course validation for summer

If you are teaching summer school, please validate your course roster on the first day that your class meets. The goal is to have all students accounted for - nobody extra and nobody missing. Contact [catherine.gillespie@drake.edu](mailto:catherine.gillespie@drake.edu) if you have trouble finding the course validation link in MYDUSIS.

### SOE Faculty news

The Executive Council of the American Association for Teaching and Curriculum (AATC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Todd Hodgkinson as the new Executive Secretary. Dr. Hodgkinson's appointment was made following a call for

nominations, a review of all relevant documents, and a period of conversation and reflection on the part of the Executive Council.

## **SOE student news**

3D, a teacher education collaboration between DMACC, Drake, and DMPS support greater numbers of teachers of color in Des Moines, celebrated Larry Moore and Alexis Noring on Tuesday, May 10. Larry and Alexis are the first two 3D graduates. They will be ready to take their places as high school English teachers when school starts in the fall. Thanks to Jennifer Chung for her steady work for 3D and for all the Drake, DMACC and DMPS partners who are contributing to the success of this program.

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