

Today is May 20, 2016

## Reminder

Instructors should validate their summer course rosters at the first class meeting and report it in MYDUSIS.

## On-time grade submission

Thanks to SOE instructors for putting up with grade-reminder emails and phone calls. Everyone's efforts paid off once again toward our perennial goal of 100% on-time grade submission. Woo hoo. Look at you! It's really summer now!!!

## Teacher of the Year

Dr. Sally Beisser was named Drake Teacher of the Year!!!

## 15 Years!

Kerwin Dobbins has served the Teaching and Learning

## Graduation

Drake celebrated two graduation ceremonies on Sunday, May 15. The graduate ceremony was bursting with education students. All in all we graduated about 135 students from the SOE, 95 of whom earned graduate degrees, including our very first Ph.D., earned by Erin Lain, who is also an Assistant Dean at Drake Law School.

## USDLA Board of Directors

Chuck Sengstock, Director of Continuing Education and Professional Development at Drake University, was recently elected to the United States Distance Learning Association's (USDLA) Board of Directors.

The USDLA was the first nonprofit Distance Learning association in the United States to support Distance Learning research, development and praxis across the complete arena of education, training and communications. The learning communities that USDLA addresses are: pre K-12, higher education, continuing education, corporate training, military and government training, home schooling and telemedicine.

Chuck assumed his USDLA board responsibilities at the recent USDLA Conference in St. Louis, MO. Chuck has over 25 years of experience managing successful distance learning programs within higher education and has been in his current position at Drake University for over 10 years.

## Kickball

The SOE put together a team to compete in the university kickball tournament on Wednesday, May 18 sponsored. Thanks to Kerwin Dobbins for organizing, and to Kelly Read, Valerie Thacker, Kendra Colbert, Jonathan Dixon, Ron Barry, Mary Sanders, Renee Hennessy, Catherinie Gillespie and to honorary SOE members Brandi Miller and Charlene Skidmore for helping us struggle valiantly against the ruthless team from University Communications who put us to shame except that we had enough fun that we were able to bear the shame gracefully.

Department in the SOE  
as a faithful,  
personable, and  
knowledgable  
administrative  
asssistant for 15 years!

## **The Dean's travels**

Dr. Jan McMahill, SOE Dean, is traveling today to the national headquarters of Herman Miller furniture company with Sara Herman, the interior design specialist from our architectural partner, SVPA.

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