

Today is May 6, 2016

Dates

Too many to count. It's a time of endings and beginnings, celebrations and leave-takings.

Research Fellowship

Congratulations to Sally Beisser, who was awarded the Ron Troyer Research Fellowship for 2016-7 to advance her work on gifted education in early childhood.

Updates

The University's OnCampus newsletter will go to an every-other-week schedule in the summer. Not to be outdone, the SOE Newsletter may be published on a random schedule starting on an unannounced date.

Tenure & Promotion

Congratulations to Associate Professors Jerrid Kruse and Cris Wildermuth, whose tenure applications were approved by the Board of Trustees!!! Additional congratulations to Jill Johnson, who was approved for promotion to Professor!!!!

Reminders

Grade early grade often. Alert the Associate Dean if you are going to be a "late grader" and bumping up against the 10 am May 18 deadline. Teaching and Learning faculty with inTASC standard should get inTASC results in via LiveText.

Student spotlights

Derick Ludwig, elementary education, received the *Des Moines Area Retired School Personnel Association Scholarship* which is a \$1,000 scholarship awarded to one junior or senior within the School of Education. His award was based on his involvement on campus, why he wanted to be a teacher, and his career goals. The committee specifically mentioned his reference letters as being strong! Shout out to Dr. Sally Beisser and Bill Orcutt!

Ben Chadwick was recently honored as a finalist for Iowa Teacher of the Year. Ben, who is a member of our On Campus Leadership 14 cohort and a veteran attending Drake on the GI Bill, is one of our strongest aspiring administrators and has had quite a year. He also recently had an article, "The effect of computer-aided design instruction on the spatial ability of high school students," accepted for publication in the *International Journal of Modern Engineering Research*, and was honored at the Technology Association of Iowa's Prometheus Awards for an innovative coding event (called the CTE Code Jam, in partnership with Principal Financial Group) that he designed for his classes. Ben's clearly a rising star in the Iowa educational firmament, one who we expect to continue to hear a great deal from in the future.