

Today is October 6, 2017

Ribbon-cutting at Colier-Scripps

Ribbon cutting in Colier Scripps will be from 11 am to noon tomorrow (Saturday) at the north-west entrance to the building. All are invited. Refreshments to follow.

Haven and Haven Plus - - deadline today

Today is the last day for students do complete Haven or Haven Plus. Students who haven't completed by today will have a hold placed on their account, which will be removed as soon at they complete it. The hold will prevent them from registering for spring. They've been reminded via email a number of times and the Associate Dean is busy sending electronic gold stars to completers who notify her. Please direct students to BlueView to complete Haven (undergrads) or Haven Plus (grads) in order for them to be able to register on time for Spring, 2018.

Midterm Grades for ALL UNDERGRADUATES

Midterm grades are due for all undergraduates October 23 at 10:00 am. You can get that done now; no need to wait. Midterm grades can also be posted for graduate students -- they really appreciate it. Students have through October 25 to drop with a W for no particular reason (or even for the specific reason that they aren't doing well in a class). After October 25, students need an

Drake Continual Improvement Network Year Two

The Drake Continual Improvement Network is up and running again this year, expanding its scope beyond central Iowa by adding a network "hub" in Cedar Rapids to support educators in eastern Iowa. At this year's inaugural Network meetings held on September 20 (Drake University) and September 27 (Cedar Rapids) 77 educators representing 37 school districts and educational support organizations met to collaboratively learn about/practice the principles of continual improvement. The Drake "hub" is co-facilitated by Mark Lane, Associate Superintendent for the Urbandale Community School District, while Noreen Bush, Associate Superintendent for the Cedar Rapids Community School District, co-facilitates the Cedar Rapids "hub." The Des Moines cohort welcomed Deb Oliver, Executive Director of the Iowa Quality Center as its guest speaker. Gary Nesteby, former Executive Director of the Iowa Quality Center and now coordinator for the Iowa Recognition for Performance Excellence process addressed the group in Cedar Rapids. Through increasing educators' knowledge and purposeful application of Continual Improvement principles and practices, the Network's vision is to transform education in Iowa in order to restore joy in learning, teaching, and leading

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Meet with advisees before Spring, 2018 registration

The first set of students register on October 30 for Spring, 2018. All students should meet with their advisors prior to registration, so now is a good time for advisors to email their advisees to set up appointments.

DE and BOEE newsletters

Stay abreast of policy changes!

From the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners:
<https://iowaboee.files.wordpress.com/2017/10/aea-report-superintendents-meetings-october-2017.pdf>

From the Iowa Department of Education:
<https://www.educateiowa.gov/resources/school-leader-update>

in our schools. Simply stated, its mission is to help educators “get better at getting better.”

Continual Improvement, in this context, focuses on a systematic (repeatable and predictable) and systemic (understanding how the parts work together to achieve a desired aim) approach to improving performance at the classroom, school, and district levels. Through the application of the PDSA (Plan Do Study Act) process, participants develop a “scientific” methodology that can be applied at every level of the system.

Four Network sessions remain this school year, with the next meetings being held November 15 (Drake University) and November 29 (Cedar Rapids). Those interested in learning more about the Network and the opportunity to learn and network with other educators should contact Dr. Doug Stilwell at doug.stilwell@drake.edu.