

Today is December 1, 2017

Dates

December 7 -- Last day of classes
December 16 -- Commencement:
December 20 -- Grades due
December 22-January 1 -- University closed

New endorsement -- Strat II/ID approved

Special Education Strategist II (read as "Strategist Two" or, for short, "Strat Two") ID (which stands for intellectual disabilities) has been approved by the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners as an endorsement for Drake University School of Education to offer. There is high demand for this endorsement, as it is required for all teachers who administer alternative assessments.

Save the

SOE Holiday Reception

Dean McMahon is hosting a holiday reception for faculty and staff in Collier-Scripps on Wednesday, December 6 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm in the Ray Center Atrium. Come and go for a sandwich and snack and meet one of your new neighbors! No RSVP is required.

Much lower cost for graduate program applications

This is BIG news. The cost and barriers to many of Drake SOE graduate programs are now very, very low. The online application is now FREE for all applicants. Many of the SOE graduate programs have also voted to go test free regarding admissions. The counseling, ABA, and doctoral programs will retain testing, but the faculty voted last month to eliminate the Drake Writing Test for all other Drake graduate programs. The process will be the same for the face-to-face and online programs.

Graduate Commencement highlights

Eleven SOE doctoral students will be hooded at commencement this year, by doctoral chairs Beisser, Cooper, Fairbairn, Gillespie, and Johnson. The first DMPS BLUE Cohort of 65 students, advised by Petra Lange, 62 of whom will be receiving their master's degrees, and three of whom will earn Specialist degrees. Twelve students from the West Metro Cohort, advised by Doug Stilwell, will complete the Educational Leadership program at the end of this semester. Ten of the twelve will earn masters degrees and two have gone through the program as licensure only students.

Date

Iowa Network for Women in Higher Education (IOWAWHE) will sponsor their Annual Spring Leadership Conference entitled "Finding your Wonder Woman Within" at St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa on April 19-20, 2018

Capstone presentations

The MSLD Capstone dissemination night this fall will be held on Thursday, December 14 in Olmsted CR310 from 7 - 9:30 pm.

The BLUE cohort capstone presentation night is December 15 from 5 to 7 pm in Collier-Scripps Hall.

Come and see all the good work our students have completed.

Drake Continual Improvement Network

The second round of this year's Drake Continual Improvement Network sessions welcomed 80 educators representing 28 different school districts and educational support organizations from across the state. The Drake "hub" meeting on November 15 featured superintendent Greg Ebeling, teaching and learning director Lowell Ernst, and school board member Gary Coppock from the Pella Community School District who shared their newly developed change management process. Dr. Deb Oliver, Executive Director of the Iowa Quality Center, presented on the topic of "Three Foundations of Continuous Improvement" at the Cedar Rapids hub meeting on November 29.

The next Network meetings are scheduled for February 21 at Drake and February 29 in Cedar Rapids.