

Today is Friday, September 8, 2017

From the Dean

The Community Beyond

As the fires burn and hurricanes roar, more and more people are struggling and suffering through unprecedented losses. Although we do not have any students from Houston, our faculty, staff and students know people who are. As the next hurricane approaches, the tragic circle will widen. In public or private ways, feel free to listen or adjust assignments to anyone who needs time to attend to a family member in crisis. I know that we are caring community.

On the move!

Progress continues on the Great Drake Move-Along. Last week, the Ray Center for Character and Ethics staff moved into the lower level of Collier-Scripps. The atrium in their area is open for all and...you will want to check out the coffee and other vending machines available for all. This week, Head Start folks move from the lower level of 3206 to the remodeled main floor. (The official name of our old building is 3206.) Once Howard Hall is painted and prepped, Chuck Sengstock's Continuing Ed Team will make their move.

Save the date: Saturday, October 7, 11:00 am marks the official ribbon cutting for Collier-Scripps Hall near the west entrance. No reservation needed. Witness history in the making.

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Important Dates

Monday, September 11
Last day to drop without a W for classes that started the week of August 28, 2017.
also

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Midterm grading opens up in MYDUSIS
**THIS YEAR, ALL UNDERGRADUATES SHOULD BE GIVEN MIDTERM GRADES BY
OCTOBER 23, 2017. THIS IS A NEW UNIVERSITY POLICY.**

Midterm grade push

New University Policy: All undergraduates should be given midterm grades in MYDUSIS (open between September 11 and October 23). This will be monitored by the Office of the Registrar, and enforced by Dean's offices. Grades can be migrated from Blackboard for efficiency, or entered into MYDUSIS by hand. Giving midterm grades helps to retain students overall, and helps students who are not doing well to have enough information to make the decision about whether or not to drop with a W before the deadline (which is October 25). Undergraduate students who are not athletes can drop below 12 credits and still maintain full-time status (because a W is considered a letter grade).

Look whose kids are famous

Name that family:

<http://www.dmcityview.com/PleasantHillAugust2017/html5/index.html?page=1&noflash> Email your guesses/answers to Catherine.Gillespie@drake.edu and she will give you 10 points for each correct answer and an additional 10 points for each correctly spelled (first or last) name. The three point leaders will be invited to be guest editors of the SOE Newsletter (yes, this is a reward!).

School Leader Update

September's School Leader Update has been posted by the Iowa Dept. of Education: <https://www.educateiowa.gov/resources/school-leader-update>

Scholarship

See your scholarship successes here. Please share.