

Today is February 9, 2018

## STEM Invitation

### Please circulate to pre-service teachers

Hello Colleagues,

The University of Iowa College of Education, the Southeast Iowa Regional STEM Hub and the Kirkwood Regional Center at the University of Iowa will host the third annual Pre-Service STEM Teacher Conference on March 2nd and 3rd at the Kirkwood Regional Center at the University of Iowa in Coralville. The free conference is designed to bring together faculty and students from across the state of Iowa to discuss and learn about issues related to STEM teaching and learning at both the elementary and secondary levels. Please indicate your plans to attend by using the link below to RSVP by February 23rd. If you have students interested in attending, please let them know that the Friday night meal, Saturday breakfast, and Saturday lunch will be provided.

RSVP link:

[https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0Ncq13uFXbGI76J](https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Ncq13uFXbGI76J)

At the conference, undergraduate students and faculty will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on sessions covering science and literacy, mathematical modeling, technology for students with disabilities, maker spaces and more. Students will also have the opportunity to visit the STEM Resource Room where they can learn connect with programs like the Iowa Ag Literacy Foundation, STEM Externships, University of Iowa Health Care STEM Outreach, FIRST robotics, Iowa Public

## Dates

Today is the last day to drop without a "W". Wednesday is Valentine's Day. Chocolate is better than candy hearts, every time. February 15 is the deadline for undergraduate and graduate students to apply for May or August graduation. Please let your students know. They can find the graduation application on BlueView.

## Spotlight

This section will highlight one SOE team member each week. We all do so much and this "column" just might help make more visible the multi-dimensionality of our SOE colleagues. This week shines a spotlight on Terry Thorpe.

As part of the team in the SOE's Continuing Education and Professional Development unit, Terry Thorpe is responsible for a tremendous 4,000 course enrollments each year, maintains around 2,000 syllabi, and updates 1,500 instructor files. She also helps to strengthen partnerships with Iowa's AEA's, West Des Moines Schools, the Iowa State Education Association, and various Drake programs. As though she isn't busy enough, Terry is currently investigating processes through which her unit will be able to pull required student information from a more restrictive single-vendor system being adopted by all AEA's across the state. This project will roll out this spring, just in time for Terry to retire in June of this year! In her retirement she hopes to run a 5K in each state. Given that she ran seven 5Ks last year alone, Terry's well on track to meet her goal and even had a top three finish last year for the Drake 5K! Good luck, Terry, we can't wait to hear of your adventures!

Television, the Science Center of Iowa and more.

The UI College of Education will be providing free hotel rooms to participants from more than 25 miles away on a first-come, first-serve basis and institutions will be able to request transportation reimbursement for bringing students. If you have questions about the conference, please contact Kristine Bullock at [Kristine-bullock@uiowa.edu](mailto:Kristine-bullock@uiowa.edu).

Looking forward to seeing you in March!

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## Spring Syllabi

Please remember to send your syllabi to Kelly Read for Spring 2018!

Thank you to those that have already submitted theirs!

## February newsletter links

Iowa Board of Educational Examiners:  
<https://iowaboee.files.wordpress.com/2018/02/feb-2018-boee-newsletter.pdf>  
Iowa Department of Education:  
<https://www.educateiowa.gov/resources/school-leader-update>

## Drake Guardian App

Have you downloaded the Drake Guardian App? Why not? Features include a panic button and tip texting. More info here:  
<http://www.drake.edu/publicsafety/drakeguardianmobileapp/>