



Today is November 2, 2018

**Congratulations to Bridget Aarasmith!**

At the Drake Social in October, **Bridget Aarasmith** was recognized by her colleagues as embodying the value of **Joyful Accountability** - coming in every day ready to do her best work; being curious and creative, bold and brave. Next up: **Generosity of Spirit** - trusting the best in each other, treating each other with respect, and being committed to creating a welcoming environment for everyone. How did you embody these Drake values today? (There's still time!)

**Assessment Committee Survey and Report**

The Assessment Committee would like all faculty to weigh in on the direction of their work for the rest of the year. If you have not provided input or were not at the last faculty meeting please provide input on this 1 question poll: <https://PollEv.com/surveys/Eg0leRQyc/web>

At the last faculty meeting completion rates were shared from the last 2 terms to compare previous completion rates to our new electronic course evaluation process. The chart attached shows those comparisons and the below resources provides faculty strategies to maintain and increase completion rates from Campus Labs:

[The Top 7 Most Effective Strategies to Improve Response Rates](#): This is a blog post I wrote for our Campus Intelligence website. It is a concise list of the 7 most effective strategies that we have identified as improving response rates.

[Response Rates Guide](#): This is a comprehensive guide listing all of the different strategies that can be used to increase response rates. It is organized by role on campus (i.e. IT department, senior sponsor, etc.).

**Following historically high suicide rates, Iowa schools become mental health 'gatekeepers'**

[Shelby Fleig](#), Des Moines Register Published Oct. 29, 2018

<https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/2018/10/29/iowa-schools-teachers-mental-health-teen-suicide-reynolds-depression-des-moines/1741835002/>

**Head Start Donations Requested**

Here is a list of clothing needs for the Drake University Head Start centers/programs in case you are able to donate.

**Drake University Head Start  
Clothing Needs for Centers/Programs**

Item Needed	Size
Socks	Children 1-6 years old
Underwear	Children 2-6 years old

Pull on knit pants	Children	2-6 years old
Mittens/Gloves	Children	Birth -6 years old
Boots	Children	1-6 years old
Coats	Children	2-6 years old
Hats	Children	Birth-6 years old
Long Sleeve Shirt-Sweat Shirt	Children	1-6 years old

Drake University operates the largest Head Start program in Iowa that serves just under 1,000 children and families in 6 counties. With the cold weather coming, many of our centers and programs are in need of these items for children who come to Head Start without warm clothing or who have accidents while at Head Start. For additional information about Drake University Head Start please visit [www.drakeheadstart.org](http://www.drakeheadstart.org) or contact Claudia Murphy at [Claudia.Murphy@drake.edu](mailto:Claudia.Murphy@drake.edu).

### **Student Civic Engagement Conference**

Colleagues,

Please help us spread the word about this amazing student civic engagement conference taking place Nov 9 & 10 on Drake's Campus! It's a great [schedule of sessions](#) focused on business, voter engagement, allyship, fundraising and more!

I would love to see a great Drake turn out! All Drake members get a **\$50 discount** off registration by using **promo code: IACCmember** . That makes the cost of this conference just \$25!

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