

Today is February 16, 2018

Message from the Dean

Along with millions of others, I am saddened by the horrific shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. Today, more than ever, I realize that we are preparing responsible teachers, counselors, administrators and other leaders who can make a difference in prevention and treatment of so many exploding social ills. Matt, Bengu, Wade, and Bob have continually adjusted their curriculum in crisis counseling. Thursday, Cris Wildermuth presented a Cultural Diversity workshop for public officials at the courthouse in Winterset. Chuck's division has coursework in Cultural Competency now required for all Iowa Police Academy Candidates. The list goes on. Sadly, our students may someday be in a crisis situation in schools or other workplaces. I appreciate your sensitivity to mental health issues and renewed vigilance to signs of trouble.

Thank you for who you are and all that you do. Jan

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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 Doug Stilwell.

Doug's work as part of the Educational Leadership team focuses on helping educators improve the systems they lead. Whether educators are leading classrooms, schools, or districts, these systems consist of parts that must work together to achieve goals. In his teaching, Doug emphasizes the interrelationship of the pieces that make up a system rather than trying to optimize individual parts. That is, the optimization of a single piece of a system is less useful than helping the parts work well together. Doug has

CEPD Open house

Continuing Education and Professional Development will be holding an open house on March 1, from 3-5 p.m. Please make the time to come see our new office space in Howard Hall! We will be sending Invitations very soon and hope you can join us.

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Iowa Women in Higher Education

Iowa Network for Women in Higher Education (IOWAWHE) Annual Spring Leadership Conference

St. Ambrose University,
Davenport, Iowa
April 19-20, 2018

The focus of the IOWAWHE annual leadership conference is "Finding Your Wonder Woman Within." What is your Wonder Woman story? The story of Wonder Woman is one that is quite timely for women and leadership in the 21st century in general, but quite applicable to

expanded his impact by creating the Drake Continuing Improvement Network. This group of more than 100 educators and professionals includes teachers, principals, superintendents, and individuals from the AEAs and universities. The network seeks to help people learn how to implement continuous improvement in their own organizations. Educators can even gain license renewal credit from the program. Closer to home, Doug has 4 grandchildren and is excited about a fifth arriving in June. Congratulations, Doug!

Engaged Citizen Conference

Drake will be hosting our annual Engaged Citizen Experience Conference Friday, Feb. 23, 2018, in Olmsted Center. This year's theme is "Nourishing the World: Trade. Global Health. Labor. Environment. Media". The conference is free and open to the public and will feature panel discussions by a high-profile set of industry representatives, scholars, and policymakers, including a keynote presentation by former Ambassador Darci Vetter, one of the nation's leading experts on international trade and agriculture.

Spread the Word:

We are currently seeking community organizations to host a table to showcase their involvement with the conference topic. We have sent an invite to the following organizations:

DMARC
Ecofluence
Eat Greater Des Moines
Practical Farmers
LSI Global Greens
Iowa Food Bank Association
Iowa Food Bank
World Food Prize
Meals from the Heartland
Operation Inc
IMPACT
Proteus

If you are aware of others we should invite, please feel free to share this information with them and encourage them to register, table registration form.

Film Series:

Additionally, filmmaker Graham Meriwether, the writer and director of "Farmers for America," will lead a free public screening of that film at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, in Sussman Theater of Drake's Olmsted Center. A panel discussion will immediately follow the screening. The film

women in higher education leadership today. There are many challenges we confront individually as we contemplate professional leaps of faith. The skill set that Wonder Woman possesses is indeed the characteristics we find essential as a female leader in contemporary higher education. Doing the right thing, speaking the truth, being fearless, finding a mentor who will stretch your abilities, being a good mentor, not accepting no for an answer, taking risks and trying new things, knowing yourself and your strengths, supporting others and their skill sets, being humble and unafraid to ask questions, and embracing constant change are necessary skills for leaders to possess. Plan to attend the annual IOWAWHE conference April 19-20, 2018 at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa where you will explore your "Wonder Woman" story.

A pre-conference workshop will take place on Thursday, April 19, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Lewis Boardroom on the St. Ambrose University campus. A reception and hors d'oeuvres will follow from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Conference registration will begin at 8:00 am and the conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. the following day.

A block of rooms are reserved for Iowa Women in Higher Education at the Blackhawk hotel (\$129/night; 563-322-5000) and the Country Inn and Suites (\$89/night; 563-388-6444). Parking is complimentary. Rooms may be reserved by calling the hotel directly.

Register now

series continues throughout the spring with screenings of “Food Inc.” on Wednesday, March 7, and “We Feed The World” on Monday, April 9. The screenings begin at 6 p.m. in Drake’s Sussman Theater, are free and open to the public, and are followed by a panel discussion.

Conference Schedule:
Conference registration and full schedule is available online at www.drake.edu/dc/engagedcitizenexperience/engagedcitizenexperienceconference/.

I hope you will join us as well!

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at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iowawhe-annual-leadership-conference-finding-your-wonder-woman-within-tickets-42892997109>. For more information, visit: <http://www.iowawhe.org>

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Google Slide Add-ons for Teachers

<https://www.educatorstechnology.com/2018/02/6-great-google-slides-add-ons-for.html>