

SOE Newsletter

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Commencement

Commencement is Sunday, May 20 at 10 am and 2 pm. Please arrive for the undergraduate ceremony by 9:15 am and by 1:15 pm for the graduate ceremony, unless you are hooding or being hooded in which case there will be a walk through at 1 pm in Knapp Center.

Faculty Survey

At our final Assessment Committee meeting of the year last week we invited various faculty to personally provide input about the new course evaluation system. Their feedback was insightful and will help the committee continue to support faculty and improve our processes. We would also like to hear from all faculty on a brief survey about your perspectives and insights at:

http://drake.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9QPIWRR3FUjrz8h

\$10,000 Award to Counseling Student

Clinical Mental Health Counseling student Ramona Wink has won a 100+ Women Who Care Award. This will be a \$10,000 gift to the Iowa Mental Health Counselors Association (IMHCA) Foundation for a television program project. The TV show was Ramona's brain-child and has been her passion for advocacy. She reports that when God put the idea on her heart, she approached IMHCA and they were very supportive. Don Gilbert, from IMHCA, and Ramona Wink have been working on this project for about a year.

Ramona hosted a fundraiser with fellow Drake student, Ann Flood, for this project in March. At that event, they raised \$11,000. With the \$10,000 from 100+ Women Who Care, the IMHCA Foundation now has \$21,000 in the account to move forward.

The TV show will launch sometime this summer or early fall. Ramona will host the program and will interview professionals who are involved in mental health, including mental health counselors, school counselors, vocational rehabilitation counselors, social

workers, marriage and family therapists, psychiatrists, psychologists, psychiatric nurses, etc. It will be amazing! The show will air on Mediacom statewide and will be available on the IMHCA website. It will positively impact hundreds of thousands of people!

There's another interesting piece of Ramona's Drake's story. When she graduates next May from Drake with her Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, it will be 70 years after her paternal grandfather graduated from Drake with his Masters, also from the Drake School of Education. Wink's grandfather was very instrumental in her life. He lived to be 101. He spent his career as a teacher and principal/superintendent in Iowa schools.

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