

Today is May 4, 2018

## Dates

Day Free for Study, or Dead Day is May 11  
Graduation is May 20 at 10 am (be there by 9:15) and 2 pm (be there by 1:15).  
Grades are due May 23 at 10 am

## Student Teaching Reception and Award Event

Michelle Krogulski would like to invite all SOE Faculty and Staff to the Student Teaching Reception and Student Award Recognition Event on Tuesday, May 15 from 4:30-5:30 pm (come when you can!). It will be located at the Olmsted Center in the Upper Level Conference Rooms

## New sidewalk

We moved into Collier-Scripps in August, 2017 and have been watching the area around us take shape since then. As of Monday, April, 30, there is a new sidewalk between the parking lot and both Olin (to our north) and Collier-Scripps. This new, wider sidewalk replaces the temporary, more narrow sidewalks we have been using since August.

## Drake Continual Improvement Network Update

The next to last sessions for the Drake Continual Improvement Network were held on the Drake campus and in Cedar Rapids on April 25 and May 2 respectively. At the Drake meeting, Scott Burgmeyer, Director of the Iowa Recognition for Performance Excellence program spoke about the Baldrige Excellence Framework. In Cedar Rapids, Mark Lane, Associate Superintendent Urbandale Schools presented on the concept of “rounding” as a method to improve communication, trust, and transparency.

Over the course of the school year four meetings were held at Drake and four at the Cedar Rapids Educational Leadership and Support Center. 270 educators from around the state, representing over 30 school districts, AEA's, and private organizations attended

In addition to the quarterly meetings, this year the Network offered principal coaching at no cost to participants. 10 individuals from central Iowa participated in the coaching experience, taking part in four seminars throughout the year and monthly coaching sessions, adding up to over 100 hours of service for these principals.

The final meeting for the Network is June 13 in Levitt Hall. This full day session will offer participants the opportunity to further their understanding of continual improvement and begin work on continual improvement projects for 2018-19.

## Teen Poetry Slam

Join Loan Nguyen, English teacher at Roosevelt and proud Drake graduate (as well as current Drake graduate student), at the 6th annual Run DMS Teen Poetry Slam TONIGHT 6:30 pm in Sheslow Auditorium. The top-scoring poets will represent Des Moines at Brave New Voices this summer.

## Tenures and Promotions

To: Matthew Hayden (Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor), Kevin Lam (Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor), and Wade Leurwerke (Promotion to Full Professor)

Subject: It's Official!

The Board of Trustees has approved recommendations for tenure and promotion of the Drake faculty. You are among a distinguished group of colleagues who are what makes Drake great. I'm proud to recognize each of you for your commitment and service to Drake University, and wish you many more years of continued success.

Very best wishes,  
Sue J. Mattison, Ph.D.  
Provost  
Drake University