

Today is Friday June 22, 2018

### **Dean's Message**

#### **Celebrating Aggie and Terry**

In a few days, Aggie Jones and Terry Thorpe will officially retire from their SOE positions. Together, they have over 60 years of experience supporting continuing education and teacher certification. I know that I speak for all of you when I express my deep appreciation for their time and talent devoted to faculty, staff, and students. Thanks for your individual and collective tributes to these loyal colleagues.

This week 4th- through 6th-grade students from St. Anthony School are in Collier Scripps for a special Spanish Immersion Stem Camp. Students from Kindergarten through 3rd grade will be attending a similar camp from July 9-19. The camp organizer is our very own Tom Buckmiller whose wife Becky teaches Spanish at SAS. STEM Hub Director Derry assisted the teachers Ana Rodrigo and Marisol Guerra with this innovative and FUN experience. Marisol is a member of our SOE National Advisory Committee.

Yesterday Ed Leadership faculty hosted their 4th workshop for 130 local educators with new strategies for implementing standards-based grading. With funding from a state Math Partnership Grant, Tonia Land led a strategies workshop last week. Who said that educators take the summer off?

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#### **Iowa Department of Education SEL Committee**

Dr. Bengu Erguner-Tekinalp was invited to serve on the Department of Education Social-Emotional Learning Advisory Team.

From Ryan Wise's invitation: The Iowa Department of Education (Department) is convening by invitation a diverse group of stakeholders from across the state to assist the Department with addressing Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) in Iowa's schools as a component of the School Climate Transformation Grant. We are inviting you to serve on the Social-Emotional Advisory Team to assist with vision, guidance, and alignment of process and content as materials are developed.

This team will serve from June 2018-September 2019.

#### **Reimagining the Higher Education Ecosystem Challenge**

<https://tech.ed.gov/challenge/>

The Challenge—Reimagining the Higher Education Ecosystem—seeks bold ideas for how our postsecondary education system could be reimagined to foster equity and encourage learner agency and resilience. We seek specific pilots to move us toward a future in which all learners can achieve economic stability and lead purposeful lives. This Challenge invites participants to articulate a vision and then design pilot projects for a future ecosystem that expands access and draws on a broad postsecondary ecosystem.

Submissions are due on August 8th.

#### **Civics, Citizenship and Civility Conference Proposal Info**

How are these concepts framed, explored, advanced, or derailed in our public schools?

This is perhaps the most important and timely question for educators given our present political and social situation—and it is the question to be explored at the 2018 Critical Questions in Education Symposium to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, October 29 – 30, 2018 at the Marriott Hotel—Country Club Gardens. Or, if this topic doesn't hit your interest area, please consider submitting a proposal on an education-related topic of your choice in our Open Topic Category. The proposal submission deadline is July 1, 2018.

The CQiE Symposium, sponsored by the Academy for Educational Studies, offers deliberate opportunities for participants to present, talk, listen, and learn from one another—and to think about how they might change or develop their thinking about teaching and/or teacher education as a consequence of what they learn from others. Conference cost is \$280 (\$165 for graduate students). This price includes a free book (a \$43 value) from the Academy Book Series on Education, part of Myers Education Press.  
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Website for the conference hotel: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mcipl-kansas-city-marriott-country-club-plaza/>

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