

Today is February 1, 2019

From the Dean

Sincere thanks to SOE faculty and staff who walked and parked in the cold and/or worked and conference called from home. Much was accomplished this week despite the dangerous conditions. Grateful for one and all, Jan

Validate Class Rosters

Instructors: Please validate your clas rosters in MYDUSIS if you haven't already done so. We need to make sure that everyone in each class is accounted for.

Drake Administrative Program graduate appointed Superintendent in Johnston

Ms. Laura Kacer has been appointed as the new superintendent of the Johnston Community School District. Laura is a 1998 graduate of Drake SOE's principal program and a 2014 graduate of our superintendent program.

Celebrating Black History Month

Consider celebrating Black History Month during February by using your office space or door to spotlight any aspect of black culture anywhere on the planet (or outer space), a person dead or living (history is made right now), and just print out a little description to post with an image. You could highlight the work of a black scholar or expert in your field, draw attention to a figure from black history, feature the work of an artist or musician, or anything that helps connect you and your space to Black History Month. This kind of varied, diverse action will help keep the campus moving forward, and we invite you to join us in making this February vibrant.

In solidarity,
Godfried Asante, Jen Harvey, and Melisa Klimaszewski

Faculty and Staff voluteers sought - deadline today

15-20 more faculty or staff are needed to facilitate table discussions for the Spring 2019 Sussman Leadership Conference to be held on Saturday, February 23rd, 2019 from 11am – 1pm in Parents Hall, Olmsted Center.

The Sussman Leadership Conference will continue this year's theme, "Leading Across the Divide," as we welcome keynote speaker Zachary Wood to campus. Zach is the author of the book "Uncensored: My Life and Uncomfortable Conversations at the Intersection of Black and White America," and was recently featured in a 2018 TED talk with over 1.5 million views and counting. Zach will be speaking at Drake about his experience welcoming dissenting opinions as a student leader at Williams College, and the perspective he gained by practicing civil discourse as a leadership skill.

If you are interested and available, contact Kristin Economos, Director of Student Leadership Programs at Drake University via kristin.economos@drake.edu or phone (515) 271-4117