



**Today is February 8, 2019**

**Graduation application for May due February 15**

Please remind your graduating students!

**Education Leadership Continual Improvement Network**

On Tuesday, January 29 at 6:00 p.m. the Drake Continual Improvement Network hosted its first "virtual coaching chat," using Zoom as the technology platform. The topic, selected by first year principals focused on holding difficult conversations. Dr. Jim Verlengia, Director of Leadership Supports at Heartland AEA was the guest presenter.

25 individuals participated in the experience. Participants hailed from Council Bluffs to Dubuque. The post chat survey indicated a high degree of satisfaction for the event and feedback for how to improve the experience.

The next virtual coaching session is scheduled for Tuesday, February 26. The topic is effective school wide student management systems, from a principal's perspective. Lara Justmann, Drake graduate, adjunct professor, and principal in Urbandale is our presenter.

**Congratulations to Jon Dixon**

Jon Dixon graduated from ISU in December, 2018. His degree is Bachelor of Science in Community and Regional Planning. Stop by to congratulate him!

**Stand Up, Speak Up! Tinker v. Des Moines Turns 50**

Drake University will mark the 50th anniversary of Tinker v. Des Moines, the landmark legal case that established the free speech rights of students in public schools, on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Cowles Library Reading Room, 2725 University Ave., Des Moines IA 50311. Mary Beth and John Tinker, plaintiffs in the case, along with Drake students, will lead a conversation on the values and challenges of freedom of expression. The event is co-sponsored by the Drake School of Journalism and Mass Communication, the Drake Law School, Drake School of Education, Cowles Library and the Drake Department of Political Science. It is free and open to the public.

**IACTE Day at the Capitol, 2019**

Michelle Krogulski and Catherine Gillespie joined Drake students and others from the Iowa Association of College of Teacher Education at the 2019 Day at the Capitol on February 7 - picture below.



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