

Today is March 8, 2019

**March 2019 Iowa Dept. of Education School Leader Update**

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**Faculty Senators**

Congratulations to Matt Bruinekool and Shelley Fairbairn who were elected to be SOE Faculty Senators and to Jerrid Kruse and Cris Wildermuth who will serve as At-Large Faculty Senators. Thank you very much to Robyn Cooper and Bengu Tekinalp for your service as senators that will draw to a close in May.

**All in This Together**

One of the discussions that came out of our focus on the Drake core value All in This Together over the last year was a desire for more opportunities to connect. Several people met last semester and a number of ideas were discussed. Walking clubs, on-campus and off-campus social events, and service projects / events were all things that were talked about as possible activities for people to do, if they are so inclined. All are completely voluntary! To that end, we have contacted Meals for the Heartland in West Des Moines and reserved time slots on March 28. A sign up sheet is at Kerwin Dobbins' desk or follow this

link: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wDkFM4\\_DkK2EuKj9vwrG7dwE\\_gX6HkFpkHxrtkmo4V0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wDkFM4_DkK2EuKj9vwrG7dwE_gX6HkFpkHxrtkmo4V0/edit?usp=sharing)

**2018 Head Start CLASS® Scores**

Drake University Head Start CLASS® scores are being compared to the grantees who received a review in 2018 (October, 2017 – September 30, 2018) and came out so favorably that we will not have to be subject to an upcoming federal review or be required to re-compete for funds in the near future. Woo hoo!

More information on the instrument: The CLASS® tool has 10 dimensions of teacher-child interactions rated on a 7-point scale, from low to high. The 10 CLASS® dimensions are organized into three domains: Emotional Support, Classroom Organization, and Instructional Support.

Emotional Support assesses the degree to which teachers establish and promote a positive climate in their classroom through their everyday interactions. Classroom Organization assesses classroom routines and procedures related to the organization and management of children's behavior, time, and attention in the classroom. Instructional Support assesses the ways in which teachers implement the curriculum to effectively promote cognitive and language development.

**Free Arabic Classes**

I would like to let you know about a FREE 6-week Arabic language workshop offered at the department World Language and Cultures. Registration is FREE and required, at the following

link: <https://goo.gl/forms/YqKkNuTOD3vq5cUs2>

It starts on April 1st, 2019 every Monday for 6 weeks. For more details please see the attached flyer. This Workshop is offered to everyone in the Drake community, students, staff and faculty members.

Please share with your students, and with those you think might be interested.

Regards,

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### **Suicide Prevention Online Course**

EDMA 157 Suicide Prevention for Educators and Administrators is a 6-week online course through Continuing Education and Professional Development that can be taken for 2 Graduate Credits, or 2 Iowa License Renewal Credits. There will be a section beginning April 1, and another beginning June 10.

General Information link:

<https://www.drake.edu/cepd/distance/onlinecourses/suicidepreventionforeducatorsandadministratorsedma157/#d.en.315908>

Syllabus link:

<https://www.drake.edu/media/collegesschools/soe/documents/edex/onlinecourses/Suicide%20Prevention%20Syllabus%20013019.pdf>

Registration link:

[https://reg.abcsignup.com/reg/event\\_page.aspx?ek=0006-0004-963617a0407c4606ba0640136251932e](https://reg.abcsignup.com/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0006-0004-963617a0407c4606ba0640136251932e)

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