Dear's Note

Happy New Year! As an administrator in my office, stepping into a new year means facing the challenges in a new way. I’d like to wish you the best in your professional and personal lives as we enter 2019. I am looking forward to a year of growth with new ideas and new opportunities.

Please be aware that some faculty members are completing their tenure this year. It is a challenging and exciting time for change, particularly for those who are beginning their new and exciting roles. We will assist the department chair in identifying resources to help with the transition. We will also meet with the department chair at the beginning of the semester to discuss the new role that the faculty member will be assuming.

We will continue our efforts to reduce our budget. Our first goal is to freeze spending. But after crunching the numbers the initial shock has made way to a much more positive outlook. We have the feeling that this week is going to be a good one. And that’s not just because spring break is around the corner! The last couple of weeks were challenging ones, dominated by concerns over the budget for the remainder of the fiscal year, the need to identify savings and make cuts. And there was the threat of freezing the faculty budget again. But all those concerns have now been resolved.

Save the Date:

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Have you completed the Prevent Harassment Backboard Course?

The Prevent Harassment Backboard Course is required for all employees. It is a mandatory course that you must complete in order to maintain your employment status at Drake University. Please make sure to complete this course as soon as possible.

Spotlights

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Student and Faculty Awards

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Grants

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Food with Timothy Wise, 6pm, Cowles Reading Room

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