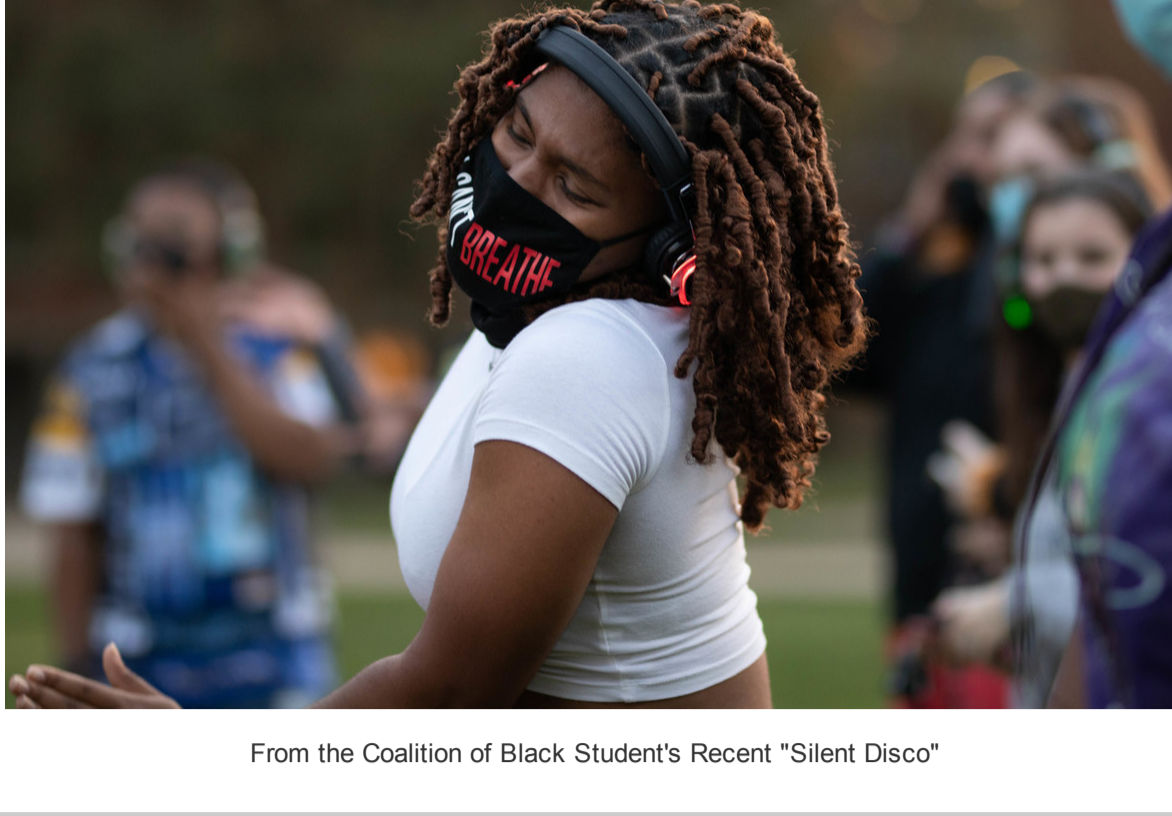


## A&S Newsletter

April 6, 2021



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### Dean's Note

Dear all,

I hope you had a fabulous weekend. I planted some flowers in boxes (no more frost in April, please!), saw the Musical Theatre production of Into the Woods (our students and faculty were amazing!!!), and baked German breads for what would have been our first shared dinner with friends in a year, only to be cancelled at the last minute as one of the guests was exposed to COVID. Oh well, what is waiting a few more weeks for a meal with friends?! Yesterday was the day that all Iowans older than 16 become eligible to get the vaccine, so the end of this pandemic is definitely in sight.

We have a few big events coming up in April. As you know, Drake Relays are on again, but are limited to athletic events and small crowds (no alumni reunions and such). On April 29, we'll hold our A&S Student Honors Convocation—not in Sheslow yet, but in the form of a pre-recorded video that will include all award recognitions. The event will premiere at 7pm. It will be a great celebration of our students and awesome teachers, please tune in!

On April 30, we'll have an all-faculty meeting on Zoom. We'll recognize major achievements such as tenure, promotion and retirement decisions, and will remember two of our dear colleagues who are no longer with us. We will also brainstorm together (and in breakout rooms, yeah!) about teaching and learning after the pandemic. The [good, the bad, and the next steps](#) of online learning! We want to identify what worked well, what's here to stay, and what we can do better in the future. I hope you all can join us for this end-of-the-year bash. No food and drinks provided, unfortunately, but feel free to just grab your favorite drink before you get on the Zoom call. Friday, April 30, 2-4pm. See you then!

Recruitment of new students for the fall continues to go well, with our A&S numbers ahead of last year-to-date. We still have a long ways to go to reach our A&S target of 390 students, but the numbers are encouraging. We had over 100 students attend the 2nd virtual admitted student day last week, and the next one is this Friday, April 9th. These are awesome and carefully planned events, with some 23 academic sessions in the Arts & Sciences alone! That means many of you are working these events—thank you! It's worth our time, as the yield is high. Meeting with one of you in these small, targeted sessions often seals the decision for a prospective student—so thank you for making time for this.

Finally, please post and share and share again the link to our upcoming All-In campaign, a 24-hour giving challenge that brings in a lot of funds for our programs, above and beyond regular funding. Here is the link <https://all-in.drake.edu> for usage on departmental and all social media accounts.

Please read on to find out more about important deadlines, updates and recognitions in the Arts & Sciences.

Have a good week,

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### Dean's Open Office Hours

The Dean will hold office hours in the Library Cafe and [via Zoom](#) on Thursday, April 8 from 2-3pm.

### Advising Corner

#### [Finals Prep Webinars](#)

If you are working with students who would benefit from attending **finals prep webinars** on time-management, study skills, and overcoming test anxiety, please share this information with them. [Flyer located here.](#)

#### [Registration:](#)

Registration for summer, fall and J-Term classes started yesterday, Apr 5. Your advisees can view the registration schedule and determine when they become [eligible to register](#) for summer 2021, fall 2021, and J-term 2022 classes.

#### [Change of Record Form:](#)

If you're working with an advisee needing to make an update to a major/minor/concentration, please encourage him/her/them to complete the change of record request found at MyDrake > Student Records > Change of Record Request. Completion of this form will send a message to the Registrar's Office who will update the student's record. The Dean's Office will then make an advisor assignment.

#### [Financial Holds:](#)

Advisees with financial holds on their accounts are urged to contact [stuacct@drake.edu](mailto:stuacct@drake.edu) to determine if a hold can be lifted to allow registration. Small holds may be eligible for a temporary lift to allow registration.

#### [Course Overrides:](#)

To assist students needing an override(s) to add your course(s), keep in mind the steps for setting a registration override – MyDrake > MyDUSIS > Faculty & Advisors > Registration Overrides. From here, remember you may need to set more than one override to allow a student's registration.

### Note from Adams Leadership Institute

Would you consider nominating any outstanding Drake students/student groups with whom you work by the April 18th deadline?

The Adams Leadership Awards recognize and celebrate the achievements of student leaders and organizations at Drake University. Please consider nominating Drake students and student organizations that have exhibited strong leadership and excellence throughout the 2020–2021 academic year. Nominations can be submitted by any Drake student, faculty, or staff member. View a full list of awards and the nomination form [here](#).

### Nominate Students for the E.A. Sheslow Prize

The Sheslow Prize recognizes the achievements of students in the College of Arts and Sciences who:

- are in their junior year, (graduating the following fall or spring semester—students graduating this May are not eligible);
- are working toward a B.S., B.F.A., B.M., B.M.E. or B.A. degree to be awarded by the College of Arts and Sciences;
- have demonstrated leadership
- have a record of performance in student life activities or on- and off-campus employment.
- Eligible nominees will be invited to submit a resume, an essay on leadership, and three supporting letters of recommendation. To nominate a student, email [ask.as@drake.edu](mailto:ask.as@drake.edu) ASAP with either just a name (the student will be contacted for materials) or if you would like to provide one of the 3 required recommendation letters, you may do so at that time!

### Student Spotlights

Drake sopranos, **Lauren Carroll** and **Sarah Rosales** won their divisions of the prestigious Schubert Club Competition.

Two of our students were selected as Goldwater Scholars. They are: **Olivia Kannas**, a junior double major in biochemistry and chemistry and **Taylor Vroman**, a junior environmental science major. The Goldwater Scholarship Program provides opportunities for outstanding U.S. students with excellent academic records and demonstrated interest in, and potential for, careers in mathematics, the natural sciences, the physical sciences, and engineering.

The theatre department announced the two Irene Ryan Nominees for *Songs for a New World*. These two students will be representing Drake at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) Region 5 festival in January 2022: **Natalie Payne** for her work as Woman 1 and **Niaa Dowell** for her work as Man 1

### Mental Health First Aid Training Opportunities

Sarah Grady, faculty member in CPHS, will facilitate several Mental Health First Aid training sessions over the next few months. There are still a few open spots for the training scheduled for June 1 – 8:30- 4:00.

Please respond to [melissa.sturm-smith@drake.edu](mailto:melissa.sturm-smith@drake.edu) as soon as possible if you would like to participate in the session.

### Professional Career and Development Center Update

A virtual **Dream Together Event** is coming to Drake University! April 13, 2021, 6:00 pm (CDT)

The Dream Together Event is a fun and inspiring, virtual event that will help YOU to get clear on your dreams and goals... and get you the boost you need to make them a reality! Network virtually, without stress, and hear amazing stories of dreams come true.

Not sure what your dreams are? Not 100% clear on what you know to do for your career? No problem! Many students who participate in these events don't know BEFORE the event. But AFTER they participate they get more clarity, inspiration, and help so they can move forward with confidence.

Urge your students to [register here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dream-together-with-drake-university-registration-148390210113): <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dream-together-with-drake-university-registration-148390210113>

### Drake All In; Call for Help!

All In 2021 is fast approaching and as always the robust involvement of our colleges and schools is vital to the overall success of the event. This year All In is on Apr. 8-9 from noon to noon and the website is [drake.edu/allin](http://drake.edu/allin).

If you encourage a social media account for your department, sharing this event on your pages and encouraging followers to RSVP is a great first step to increasing awareness. [The link is here](#). You can find the original post with text and images on the Drake Alumni Facebook page.

### Iowa Women's Network 2021 Virtual Conference

We invite you to join the Iowa WHE for their 2021 Virtual Conference on April 16th, 2021 from 8am-12:30pm. The two main topics will be "Pandemic Effect on Women's Financial Wellness" and "Getting Ready for an Executive Search." [To register to use this link.](#)

### Meeting Free Days

Upcoming meeting-free dates:

- **Wednesday 14 April**
- Tuesday 27 May
- Wednesday 23 June

### Important Action Items:

#### Budget Requests

To request funds for presenting at virtual professional conferences and for materials for teaching blended and/or virtual classes, please fill out the [following form](#) and return to [Ashley Rasmussen](mailto:Ashley.Rasmussen). Full-time faculty are eligible for up to \$500 in funds for registration to virtual conferences for which they are presenters. Requests for teaching materials will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The dean's office will submit requests to the provost's office for final approval.

#### [COVID-19: University Updates Page](#)

### Reading Corner

[A Year of Remote Teaching: the Good, the Bad, and the Next Steps?](#)

### A&S Important Dates

The full calendar is located [here](#).

- April 8  
DUCURS
- April 29  
A&S Honors Convocation
- April 30  
A&S All-Faculty Meeting

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