

A&S Newsletter

March 29th, 2022



Dean's Note

Dear colleagues,

We have passed the midpoint of the semester, and from here on out the semester will fly by. Before we know it we will be sitting in the Knapp Center at Commencement, seeing our students walk across that stage. There are a couple other big A&S events planned—please save the dates! The Student Honors Convocation is on Thursday, April 21, at 6pm in Sheslow Auditorium (in person after a two year hiatus!). Your chairs know that the names of students to be recognized are due to Karla on April 1. Please also mark your calendars for Sunday, May 1, 2-5pm, for a social gathering of faculty and staff at Jasper Winery. This is a casual event to celebrate the end of the year, to recognize service and to connect. Bring your partners and kids!

Admissions update: The second Admitted Student Day on March 25 was a big event with 100+ students on campus. An equally large number of faculty and staff was involved in hosting these students, showing them the best of what Drake has to offer through mock classes, academic overviews, lab and campus tours. Hopefully we will see these students submit their tuition deposit over the next few days to close the gap, as we are trailing slightly behind last year's numbers to date. We have our work cut out over the next few weeks—starting with Admission Day #3 this coming Friday. Thank you all for participating in these crucial recruitment activities as we build our next class of Bulldogs!

A note of thank you for submitting your mid-term grades on time. This will help students who need a wake-up call, allow advisors and assistant deans to reach out and urge students to take action before it is too late. Thank you!

Lots to do in the Arts Sciences in the month of April! The theatre department's next show opens this Thursday—you can still get your tickets for the Broadway musical *It Shoulda Been You*. Admire the outstanding artwork produced by students in the 51st Annual Juried Student Exhibition, on display in the Anderson Gallery now through April 15. Check out [DUCURS](#) on Thursday, April 21, to see students share their science projects and research conducted this academic year. I love this time of the semester! Good luck with everything and hang in there!

Have a great week,
Gesine

Dean's Open Office Hours

Gesine will hold open office hours on Tuesday, **March 30, 4-5 pm**, in the Olmsted Café or on [Zoom](#). No appointment needed.

Welcome to the new Assistant to the Dean!

Welcome Karla Rincon!

Karla grew up in Honduras and moved to Iowa four years ago. She has a BA degree in Banking and Finance from the Autonomous University of Honduras.

If you haven't met Karla yet, please stop by FAC 267 and say hi! Karla joined us from outside of Drake, and she is a fast learner of new faces, programs, policies and all things Arts & Sciences!

We are thrilled to have her. Please reach out to Karla (karla.rincon@drake.edu or 271-4028) for any college questions, newsletter items, appointments with Gesine, forms that go to the dean etc.



Message from the Office of Equity and Inclusion

Drake's Office of Equity and Inclusion has self-learning guides on a variety of topics related to diversity, equity, and inclusion available on its website. These guides are intended to be used by all - faculty, staff, community members, facilitators - and should be viewed as a starting point for continued conversation. Members of the Arts & Sciences community who are interested in learning about these topics are encouraged to review these guides at their own pace. These guides can be found at the link below: <https://www.drake.edu/diversity/initiatives/training/>

For additional resources on these topics and/or additional training opportunities, you may also contact the Director of Equity and Inclusion, Jazlin Coley, at jazlin.coley@drake.edu.

The Adams Leadership Awards

Nominations for [The Adams Leadership Awards](#) are now open. This award celebrates the achievements of student leaders and organizations. Please consider nominating one of your students [here](#) before April 10th.

Rethinking Registration

It can be easy to think of registration as a set of steps students complete, but for many students registration is an all-academic-check-in tied to questions on graduation requirements, their audit and overall degree progression. If you find yourself fielding the same questions over and over again, particularly in large, introductory sections, consider dedicating 20-minutes of your course to a brief registration overview conducted by one of our Assistant Deans. These 20-minute sessions can contribute to better student understanding of:

- General graduation requirements
- Efficiently navigating the course schedule
- When and how to register for upcoming terms

Advising Corner

DROP WITH A W DEADLINE: WED, MAR 30!

Students have through Wednesday, Mar 30 to drop a course with a W by submitting the [drop form](#) to ask.as@drake.edu. Students need to obtain the signature of a faculty member or advisor on the form.

A few reminders about the impact of a W, **most notable being that if a student is enrolled in 12 credits, dropping a course with a W, will not take him/her/their part-time standing, but international students, student athletes and those receiving VA benefits should consult with their respective, compliance staff members in making these decisions.**

REPORTING NON-ATTENDANCE CONCERNS

If you have a student who is not attending class or submitting work, please submit a Starfish attendance concern flag or notify your College/School Dean's Office as appropriate. Identifying non-attenders allows for student follow-up, intervention, and/or dropping the course or a complete withdrawal, if necessary. If you're not a Starfish user, please submit concerns through the [Early Alert Form](#).

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER AND FALL 2022 AND JTERM 2023

Registration for the above terms begins on Monday, April 11. A great reference page for all-things registration, including the registration time tables and a listing of restricted courses is www.drake.edu/registrar/registration/.

End-of-the-year Celebration!!!

Save the date for an A&S get together at the Jasper Winery to celebrate the end of the year, to look back at what we have accomplished and to recognize outstanding service! This is a family friendly event on Sunday, May 1st, 2-5pm. We will send out an RSVP closer to the date to get a headcount for catering purposed, but please save the date!

Student Spotlight

Congratulation Tyler Bartolome on being selected as a Goldwater Scholar!

Tyler is a second-year quadruple major in BCMB, Biology, Chemistry and Math. He will receive the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship during his junior and senior year at Drake. Congratulations!

Reading Corner

Check out this article on creating an [inclusive classrooms](#) by making small changes.

A&S Events

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

- 51st Annual Juried Student Exhibition March 27th - April 15th
- Musical *It Shoulda Been You* March 31st - April 3rd. Buy ticket [here](#).
- *Le Nozze Di Figaro* opera April 23 at 7:30 pm & 24 at 2:00 PM. Buy ticket [here](#).

A&S Important Dates

- Last day for students to drop classes is March 31st
- Student Honors Convocation: April 21st at 6:00 PM at Sheslow Auditorium
- Save the Date: End of the Year Celebration for all faculty and staff (and families) on Sunday, May 1st, 2:00 - 4:00 pm at Jasper Winery.
- Save the Date: 19th Annual DUCURS Thursday, April 21st from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at Olmsted Center

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