What’s New
in the Early Childhood & Youth Development Program

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS
AND KEEPING YOU “IN THE KNOW”

“And the future lies before you like a path of driven snow. Be careful how you tread on it for every mark will show.” ~Author Unknown~

The End of the Semester!!

Jill will be hosting a silent auction where she will sell all her “stuff.” Students need to have cash for the event. All money will go to the DCTC Foundation for student scholarships. The silent auction will be on December 10th, from 10:30am until 12:30pm. We will also have our program potluck on Dec. 10th from 12-1pm. This is a chance to celebrate another semester completed, as well as socialize with others. There is a sign up sheet in the classroom. If you plan to attend, please include your name on the sign up sheet, along with the food item you plan to bring. Don’t forget to bring a serving spoon for your food dish and your own beverage. We’ll provide the rest. We hope to see you there!!

Incompletes are given only when the student has extenuating circumstances and in the case of medical issues, a letter from the health care provider is required. Incomplete grades are not given unless there is evidence of extreme situations.

Classes will resume for the Spring Semester on January 13th, 2014. Please make sure that if you have not already done so, register for spring classes. Classes are filling quickly! Some ECYD courses are cancelled if there are not enough students registered! Don’t wait until the last minute to register! You may be one of the students to help make the difference on whether a class is cancelled or not!

Instructors will be back on campus at the beginning of the semester. If you need to reach us before the start of the semester, you may call or email.

Happy Retirement to Jill! We wish her well on her journeys ahead!!

DON’T FORGET!

* If you have completed 12 credits and have a GPA of 3.5 or better, you are eligible to join Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.
* If you are finishing your certificate, diploma, or AS/AAS degree, remember to fill out an application for graduation!
* Remember to register for spring classes ASAP.
* Spring Practicum I/Practicum II Mtg. Dec. 12 from 6:00-7:30pm
* If you wish to take Practicum I/II this spring, talk to Dawn ASAP!
Early Childhood Conference

MnAEYC-MnSACA Conference Registration IS OPEN!
Conference dates: Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2014
*SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!*

Register Here

Early Bird Registration is Dec. 30th, 2013. Register today to save $.

Grades Online

Students will be able to **view** their **grades online** after teachers have submitted them. You will need your STAR ID that you use to log into your DCTC account.

GRADES WILL NOT BE SENT TO STUDENTS. YOU MUST GET THEM ONLINE.

**Please take all items in lab/storage home before winter break or they may be disposed of.

If you are being reimbursed by your employer and you need verification immediately, please provide your instructor(s) with a separate, stamped, self-addressed business address envelope by December 12th.

Don’t forget that all students need to be saving at least **one item from each class** for your professional portfolio.

**Resources**

⇒ http://parentsknow.state.mn.us/
⇒ www.childcareawaremn.org/
⇒ minnesotahelp.info/public/
⇒ www.aap.org
⇒ www.mncpd.org
⇒ www.parentawareratings.org
⇒ http://www.thinksmall.org/
⇒ http://www.mnaeyc.org/index.cfm

For DCTC weather closings,
WCCO 830 Radio or www.dctc.edu

Spring 2014 Update

You may be wondering what is going to happen when Jill retires. Dawn will serve as the main full-time faculty for the ECYD program. There will be four adjunct assisting with other classes as well: Sharon Bergen, Cory Woosley, Roz Zuest, and Colleen Lacey. A search will begin during spring semester for another full-time faculty member. This person will begin Fall 2014.

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Congratulations to the ECYD students that are finishing up their certificate, diploma or degree this semester! **Way to go!**