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# The State of the Goodwin College of Education

## *A Homecoming Reception*

**WHO'S INVITED:** All GCOE Faculty, Staff, Administrators, Professors Emeriti, and Alumni

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Thursday, September 17, 2026

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5:30 – 7:30 PM

*Forum & Reception*

L O C A T I O N

**Chez Adele Restaurant**

3311 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago, IL 60659

*Street parking available*

### A G E N D A • A H O M E C O M I N G R E C E P T I O N

5:30 – 5:45 PM

#### Welcome & Introductions

Opening remarks from Dean Phillion. A brief framing of the evening — celebrating where the college has been and where it's going.

5:45 – 6:30 PM

#### Key Developments in the GCOE

Moderated conversation about topics related to the present and future of the GCOE:

- The new Goodwin College of Education building — what it means for the college's future
- Launch of the first Ed.D. cohort in Leadership, Equity, and Inquiry (Fall 2026)
- Growth and developments in Teacher Education, including apprenticeship programs
- Counseling and School Leadership programs — updates and directions
- The MSN-EP program and expanding mission

6:30 – 6:45 PM

#### Q&A: Open Floor

An opportunity for students, alumni, and attendees to ask questions of the featured speakers.

6:45 – 7:30 PM

#### Closing Reflections & Reception

Brief remarks from Dean Phillion — gratitude, legacy, and optimism for the college's next chapter.



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