Congratulations to the following faculty that won awards at the Diversity Dash Saturday: Dr. Laura Richard, Dr. Susan Hrostowski, and Stephanie Smith!
And a BIG thank you to everyone who helped or participated!

Click here for a slideshow of some of the pictures from Saturday!

Community Service Day

The first community service day is April 26th from 9:30-11am at the Windham House. Pre-social work, bachelor, and masters level students, and faculty and staff of the School of Social Work are invited to play board games, card games, and socialize with the residents of the nursing home. We will meet at the Payne Center parking lot at 9am on the 26th and carpool over, bring your favorite board game!

If you would like to participate or for more information contact Allan Rowe at allan.rowe@eagles.usm.edu

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What's going on this week?

In the school:
Please congratulate the following social work students who received awards on April 10, 2014 at the Awards Day Ceremony on the Gulf Park campus:

- Alma Burrell - BSW student - Who Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges
- Mary Kleitz - MSW student - Who Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges
- Tami Miller - MSW student - Who Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges
- Cynthia Reeves - Outstanding BSW student
- Beverly Ferguson - Outstanding MSW student

Tami Miller, Beverly Ferguson, Mary Kleitz and Jeannie Burrell, accepting their awards

‘Save the date’ for our 10th Annual School of Social Work banquet ‘All People Matter’ on Friday, April 25th at 6pm in the Thad Cochran Ballrooms I and II. RSVP by April 17th! Starting April 9th, see Ms. Delories Williams or Sherry Gilkey to purchase $15 tickets.

On campus:
Sports: The men’s baseball team played Mississippi State in Pearl on Tuesday, April 8 and lost with a final score of 4-3. The team then travelled to Birmingham and played UAB three days in row. On Friday, April 11 they won with a final score of 3-2. On the next day,
This Tuesday join the BSW club at Qdoba from 5-10 to raise money for Lifesupport. For every transaction that mentions us at the register, 15% of the total go towards our cause! Come out and get some nachos while helping someone else! Our next meeting will be this Thursday at 12:15. Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Social Work Banquet!

Saturday, April 12 they lost with a score 6-5. And then on the third day, Sunday, April 13 they pulled out a win in the 10th with a final score of 8-7.

The women's softball team took on UAB at home and played three games also. They began the stretch with a double header on Saturday, April 12 the first game was a win with a final score of 3-1. In the next game of the day UAB pulled out a win with a final score of 2-0. They played again on Sunday, April 13 and lost with a final score of 3-0.

SMAC:
The SMAC is not hosting anything this week. Don't forget to register for The Family Feud. It will be held in Seymours from 7-10 on Tuesday, April 29. The last day you will be able to register will be April 21. If you don't want to participate in The Feud, then come out and support The Social Twerkers.

In the community:
Easter Fun Run Barrel Race - April 18-19, 2014
The barrel race will showcase some of the top riders from the South competing for $6,000 in added money. The Easter Fun Run will also consist of games for the competitors to participate in as well as an Easter Egg Hunt for the children to enjoy on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Exhibitions start at 8 a.m. on Friday & Saturday and the Barrel Race starts at noon both days.
For more information on entering the 2014 Easter Fun Run, visit Down South Production's website at www.downsouthpro.net.

Southern Miss Gulf Coast Student Social Work Association
Continue to bring duffel bags and book bags (gently used) for our foster child/Hope Haven collection. You can also bring paper products, such as paper
towels and toilet paper. Thank you to all who came out to support Diversity Dash! It was SO much fun. USM Jazz and Blues Fest is this Saturday, from 10-6. Please come help with our craft booth, and enjoy the sunshine, music and fellowship!

Facebook

More in the school
New Licensure Prep FB Page:
A Facebook group has been created to promote an ongoing online community of learning while supporting the students as they organize study groups, exchange ideas, and discuss test related topics, related to the licensure exam. The Facebook group is called Mississippi SW Licensure Prep and can be found at this link.

Scholarships:
MSW Scholarship:
The American Clinical Social Work Association (ACSWA) is offering a student scholarship. The Judith Holm Memorial Student Awards go to final-year master’s students based on a paper competition "which recounts the process of one of their field-placement interventions and demonstrates readiness to

Cassie Slaton
Bio: Cassie is from Columbus, Georgia, and grew up Ocean Springs, MS, which she calls home. She is twenty-five years old. Her undergraduate degree is in psychology from USM’s gulf park campus. Ms. Aderer then recruited her into Social Work, and it was a blessing she did! Cassie never questioned her choice of field since she began! When time allows, Cassie works in the fitness center at the YMCA as a fitness coach and lifeguard (mostly just weekends this semester). Her favorite stress reliever of choice right now is cycling!

What is something random about you?
I have over 150 pair of shoes! I also LOVE kayaking and paddle boarding. In addition, I have a special talent. I can belch the entire alphabet.

What is your favorite thing about USM’s School of Social Work?
My favorite thing about school of social work is the acceptance and availability of our professors. We are so lucky to be surrounded with such amazing people!

If you graduated tomorrow, would type of career would you be searching for, and why?
If I graduated tomorrow I would be looking for a career with great benefits!! HAHA! I would probably be seeking a
enter professional practice”. The award amount is $2,000 and applications are due April 30, 2014. Details are on the ACSWA website (http://acswa.org/content/2014-judith-holm-memorial-student-awards).

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Wednesday 5-9:30pm
Thursday 12:15-1pm & 4-9pm
Friday 8am-12pm
career at St. Jude Hospital. I am still very undecided, so I’m sure I would be applying all over as well!

Where is your current internship, and what have you learned from your time there?
I am interning at Gulf Oaks of Biloxi Regional Hospital. I’ve learned more than I have ever dreamed!! I have learned how to lead group therapy sessions with groups ranging from adolescents to geriatrics with dual diagnosis. I’ve also learned a lot, and have been thankful for the exposure to the amount of paperwork that goes along with this amazing profession! I feel like this experience has put me ahead of the game, and the knowledge I have gained will help me to be more prepared for my future career.

Any shout-outs for anyone in the department?
I have enjoyed every professor I have had the opportunity to learn from thus far. They have all brought different approaches to help me better understand that there is more than one way to view situations. To the 2013, two-year, full time cohort: you are one awesome group of people!
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