Engagement Zone

The Engagement Zone is an enrichment and academic extracurricular opportunity for students looking for more out of their education.

Charlie Osborne is working on a project to collect resources in Southeast Mississippi. This resource directory will be beneficial to all of us when we need to obtain information for our clients. This is also an opportunity to increase your awareness of the resources in our state. If anyone is interested in assisting Charlie with this project please contact him at charles.osborne@eagles.usm.edu

What's going on this week?

In the school:

On campus:
Black History Month Events: February is Black History Month! See ivy for a calendar of events taking place on campus. Sponsored by the Southern Miss Black History Committee.
Sports: Ladies and Gentlemen, quite a bit has happened with our #1 ranked men's basketball team this week. After that amazing win over Marshall last Friday night, Southern Miss went to Charlotte where they continued their winning streak. The final score was 64-81. However after this win, we went to Birmingham, Alabama and lost to UAB with a score of 60-84 on Thursday, Feb 13th. After this, Southern went to Middle Tennessee and lost with a final score of 64-81. The next game will be Thursday, February 20th in the Reed Green Coliseum and the guys need as much attendance as possible to show support for the great job they are doing this season!

SMAC: On Wednesday, February 26th from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. SMAC will be sponsoring a Safe Sex and Abstinence Event in the Fresh Food Market.

In the community:
The Hattiesburg branch of the Mississippi Elks Youth Camp is looking for volunteers to help with various painting, beautification, and site cleanup projects. For more information, contact Frances Warner at 601.527.9385

Upcoming Conference:
Join students from campuses across the country for a FREE and fun-filled weekend of social justice organizing skill-building! Learn from experienced organizers in the movements for labor solidarity, immigrant rights, women's and LGBTQ rights, environmental justice, anti-human trafficking and more! Explore one of the country's most wondrous cities with cool leaders interconnected in the global movement for justice!
Feb 28-March 2nd in New Orleans, LA
For more info & to register visit [http://www.solidarityignite.org/refreats.html](http://www.solidarityignite.org/refreats.html)
Our Valentine's Bingo Party at Driftwood Nursing Home was an incredible success, with 9 students showing up to volunteer, and about 50 prizes donated! Don't forget....Officer's lunch meeting is Tuesday at 11:45 in the cafeteria in Hardy. Also... please continue to bring in men's, women's and children's jeans for Back Bay Mission and Women's Center for Nonviolence. We already have about 25 pairs donated! Stay tuned for our next meeting date, which will be announced Tuesday night.

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FG Hall Rm 202
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Need help with APA style? Want someone to edit your paper? Need assistance navigating the research databases?
Open to Pre-Social Work and BSW students!

Hours
Sunday 2-7pm
Monday 5-9pm
Tuesday 8-9am & 6-9pm
Wednesday 5-9:30pm

MSW Student Spotlight
Kawanna Joseph

Kawanna is 23 years old, from Pass Christian, MS. She holds a BSW from USM, and is currently pursuing her MSW.

What is something random about you?
I love watching basketball while eating chicken wings and nachos. I also LOVE sparkly pink stuff and furry socks!

What do you like most about USM's school of social work?
I like that I know most of the staff from being a BSW student.

Where is your field placement and what do you do there?
My placement is at Seasons of Garden Park Hospital, and I work in the geriatric psych unit. Most of the patients there have Dementia.

What are your future career aspirations?
I want to become an LCSW and work with current military personnel, veterans and their families. I’d like to work for the VA and also do side work with youth.
More in the school....

Phi Alpha Membership:
We would like to offer you the opportunity to apply to Phi Alpha Honor Society. If you meet these criteria, you will receive a special invitation to our Social Work Banquet and officially inducted in Phi Alpha Honor Society. Complete this application and bring to Sherry Gilkey with $35 (check/cash/money order) by April 1st.

The School of Social Work is proud to announce that we will be starting a new FULL TIME MSW program on the Gulf Park campus in the 2014 fall semester. Check out this flyer and contact jerome.kolbo@usm.edu with any questions!

If you have any information that you’d like included in the newsletter, please send an email to alexandria.camp@eagles.usm.edu

Join us May 10-24th for a unique study abroad experience! This four credit class is eligible for financial aid and/or student loans, and counts as one of your SWK electives. Visit http://www.usm.edu/caribbean-studies or contact Karen Aderer at Karen.aderer@usm.edu or 228-214-3225 for more information.