Site Visit

February 25-27th, two visitors will be visiting the School of Social Work as part of the reaccreditation process. During the time that they are our guests, they will meet with students, faculty and field instructors and School of Social Work and University administrators. The intent of the site visit is to provide the Council on Social Work Education with additional clarification related to particular issues, and to verify that what the faculty administration have submitted thus far is in fact reflected in the routine "life" of the School. If you have the pleasure of meeting the two visitors, please take the time to welcome them to our school!

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Join the School's Facebook Group!

Students Recognized for Academic Excellence

Congratulations to social work students whose academic performance during the fall 2013 semester earned them special recognition. Follow the links
Engagement Zone

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

The engagement zone is currently creating an opportunity to have all social work students at every level work together and with the professors! This opportunity will unite the School of Social Work as a whole to give service to our community. We will soon be announcing the first community service day! If you are interested and would like to request more information, contact: allan.rowe@eagles.usm.edu.

What's going on this week?

In the school:
Sign-up sheets are now available for interviews involving field placement for the fall and springs semesters. Please visit the field office and sign up for an interview time.

See this article about the Finding Harmony Project that senior BSW student Brady Leatherwood and Ms. Aderer have developed.

On campus:
The Center for Human Rights has appointed a new Board of Directors and begun a bi-weekly newsletter to advertise human rights events and organizations on campus. Click here to see the Board of Directors. For more information about the Center or HR minor, email david.cochran@usm.edu. To receive the newsletter, email alexandria.camp@eagles.usm.edu.

Sports: On Thursday, February 20 Southern Miss played the University of Texas-San Antonio (UTSA) came back in the second half to win and broke a two game losing streak with a score of 85-56. This was the first time that UTSA played us and it will not soon be forgotten. Southern Miss followed this win with yet another win on Saturday, February 22 against the University of Texas-El Paso.

below to see names of students achieving each recognition level:

- Dean’s List
- President’s List
- Director’s List
SASW Club
Next meeting Tuesday, February 25th

Diversity Dash
April 12, 2014 10am
Centennial Green
Click here for a registration form

BSW Club
Last meeting, the Milne Home for Developmental Disabilities came to join us and participate. We will be organizing upcoming events with this wonderful group of women. Right now, there is a drive going on for LifeSupport. We are collecting clothing and nonperishable food items. There is a detailed list above the box located by the mirror on the second floor. Please make sure to donate if you can. The next officers meeting is this Tuesday the 24th at 12:15 and our next club (UTEP) with a score of 77-68. We are still undefeated at home with 13 home wins. They say everything is bigger in Texas, but I do not think they were talking about the men’s basketball scores. Southern Miss is scheduled to play Florida International University on Thursday, February 27 at Reed Green Coliseum.

SMAC: On Wednesday, February 26th from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm 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.
For additional information, you can stop by the Center for Community and Civic Engagement (CCCE) Office in the Hub (map) 104, or at the Student Activities Office in the Hub 110.

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/retreats.html

Faculty and MSW Student Spotlight
Meeting is this Thursday the 26th at 12:15. There will be pizza provided as always just bring a drink!

Southern Miss Gulf Coast Student Social Work Association

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, March 6th, at 11:45. The drawing for the Southern Miss wreath will be held at that meeting, so please bring any additional tickets sold. Our jean drive for Back Bay Mission and Women's Center for Nonviolence has been hugely successful! Please continue to bring them in, as these will be delivered to the agencies after our meeting.

Sherry Gilkey

Records & Advisement Coordinator, MSW Student

What is a random fact about you?
I am an actively licensed National Baton Twirling Association (NBTA) judge. A little less random: I own two ball pythons.

What is your favorite thing about Social Work?
I love how we are all highly supportive of each other despite our varied interests and political stances in regards to the field of social work. In essence, the School of Social Work mimics a family unit in the sense everyone has a role: leader, advisor, cheerleader, Diva... yet not dysfunctional at all.

What better environment to work and be a student in? With maybe an ounce of transference, I can't express how I have gained a new respect for each of you since entering the MSW program, regardless of the role you've played in my academic career. Although my primary role in the School is as staff, our students--my peers--have provided me much needed support and encouragement along this journey.

In the future, what area of Social Work do you aspire to make a career of?
Currently I am most interested in the area of mental health and addictions with adults. Like many, I had a parent who abused alcohol and prescription medications and was never able to overcome the addiction. Albeit, ultimately, the decision falls in the hands of the abuser, I would like the opportunity to provide them with the skills needed to foster their sobriety. In addition, I am also drawn to geriatrics.

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