School of Social Work  
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What's going on this week?  

In the school:  
SCHOLARSHIPS:  
For those who are interested, we have a few scholarships in the Department of Social Work that we will award to BSW and MSW students for the 2014-2015 academic year. The recipients will be notified and recognized at our annual Social Work Banquet on April 25, 2014 (more details to come). See application, which is due March 31, 2014. For more information contact Delories Williams @ 601 266 5915.

New Opportunity: BSW Program - Part-Time Option. Click here for more information.
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.

The Child and Family Studies department is conducting a study to look at the benefits and opportunities our campus organizations can provide to our students. The survey can be found here and will only take about 15-20 minutes of their time and is completely anonymous. Please direct any questions to claire.kimberly@usm.edu.

SASW Club

Our next meeting for SASW is March 18, 2014.

Contact sherry.gilkey@usm.edu to sign up for color-mixing time slots!

‘Save the date’ for our annual Social Work Banquet to be held on April 25th, 2014 at the Thad Cochran Center @ 6:30p.m.!

On campus:

Sports: The Southern Miss men’s basketball team entered the Conference USA tournament as the number one seed. They defeated UTEP on Thursday, March 13th 64-56, but lost to LA Tech 88-70. They did not make it into the NCAA tournament, but will be playing in the NIT Tournament.

The Lady Eagle’s women’s basketball team entered the Conferenc USA tournament as the number two seed. They defeated Old Dominion and UTEP last week, but were defeated in the championship game against Middle Tennessee 84-55. They will find out if they are going to the NCAA tournament tonight at 6pm.

SMAC: The next SMAC event will be a talent show in the TCC Ballrooms. Southern Miss Got Talent will be held on Tuesday, March 25 from 7-10 p.m.

In the community:

The Big Event is just around the corner on Saturday, March 22 from 8am-12pm!

The Big Event is a national day of community service, both on college campuses and in communities all over the U.S. Those who wish to participate in this day of service can either sign up to be on a team or they can sign up to work as an individual.
Contact SGA.usm@gmail.com for more information.

Student Spotlight

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

BWS Club
We have an officers meeting this Tuesday! Our next club meeting will be this Thursday, March 20th at 12:15. The Club just participated with Hawkins Elementary for Read-Across America day. We have a fundraiser coming up in the next couple of weeks and a Hope House Breakfast in the works. Look out for more information on our upcoming events!

What is one random thing about you?
One random fact about me is that I have a great sense of humor. I love to smile and I love to make others smile.

What is your favorite thing about USM's school of social work?
My favorite thing about the School of Social Work is being in a positive environment with such great people and most importantly being able to learn so many different things that will help me in my future as a Social Worker.

You are also a student worker. How do you think that has impacted your learning experience?
Being a student worker, as well as a student, in the School of Social Work has impacted my academic experience in a positive way. It has made me realize that Social Work is where I am destined to be. I have the opportunity to listen and learn from people who are successful and they offer advice that helps me on my journey. My academic experience has grown to another level that will someday make room for me to be a successful profession in the social work field in a world that needs change.

What are your future career aspirations?
My future career aspirations are that I plan on getting my
Student Social Work Association

Smile for Equality picnic will be Tuesday, from 11:45-12:30 on the front lawn of campus. Don't forget, we are providing side dishes and desserts. These can be left in the kitchen in Holloway that morning, if necessary. Come out to support our LGBT students and faculty. We will be delivering the men's jeans we collected (and it is A LOT!) to Back Bay Mission on Thursday, March 20th at 4PM. Anyone who wants to help deliver is welcome. Don't forget about advisement this week. If you do not have an appointment yet, please see Kelly Weaver.

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

Master's and Ph.D. I am currently writing a book and I am planning for a book signing within the next two years. I plan to open a business or organization on day that is geared toward helping kids with Autism and single mothers. I have really big dreams and I do believe that they are all going to come true. My main goal is empowering others in whatever way I can. Learning more on how to be an advocate for my son who has Autism and start some type of movement that supports individuals who are living with Autism.

Writing Center
FG Hall Rm 202
601-266-4163

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
Thursday 12:15-1pm & 4-9pm
Friday 8am-12pm
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