Congratulations to Connie Miller, Charlie Osborne, and Jeanie Valentine for winning awards at the NASW Conference!

Connie won the NASW-MS chapter Claire Nowlin Graduate Social Work Student of the Year award.

Charlie and Jeanie won the NASW-MS Student Poster Contest in the graduate category. Their poster was titled "Assessment and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children".

Charlie wanted to add, "I want to say that if it were not for a lot of people, the success that USM had in regards to the poster project. i.e. Allan Rowe for helping with the poster workshop, all the faculty mentors, all the other poster presenters, and on a personal level...the good friend who took care of my dogs for me while I was gone. At this conference our entire system functioned as a cohesive unit and it worked beautifully."

What's going on this week?

In the school:

BSW Scholarship:
The NASW, MS Chapter Pine Belt Program Unit will award their annual scholarship to a USM School of Social Work BSW student this year at the school's annual banquet. Students can pick up an application in the tray on Ms. Williams' office door. The amount of the Scholarship is $300.00. If you have any questions, call Ms. Williams at 601 266 5915.

To be eligible for the scholarship the applicant must:
1. Be a BSW student from The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg campus
2. Have been accepted into the BSW Social Work program
3. Have an overall 3.0 or above grade point average
4. Be a member of NASW, MS Chapter
5. Be a resident of the state of Mississippi
The deadline to submit your application is April 11, 2014.

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 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).

SCHOLARSHIPS:
For those who are interested, we have a few scholarships in the School 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. See application, which is due March 31, 2014. For more information contact Delories Williams @ 601 266 5915.

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...
SASW Club

Next meeting for SASW is April 1st, so don't be no fool and show up for free pizza!

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

On campus:

Sports:
The Southern Miss men's basketball team had a great run this year. The guys finished the year with 29 wins and 7 losses. They lost to Minnesota on Wednesday, March 25 in the quarterfinals of the NIT tournament with a score of 73-81.

The Lady Eagles also had a phenomenal year. The girls finished the year with 27 wins and 7 losses. They lost to Mississippi State in the second round of the NIT tournament on Tuesday, March 24 with a final score of 66-74. Basketball season is over and I know I will miss it until next year. I wonder how our baseball team is doing?

SMAC: Friday, April 25 from 4-7 p.m. on Centennial Lawn will be the annual Crawfish Boil.
On Tuesday, April 29 from 7-10 p.m. at Seymours the SMAC will be presenting the Family Feud Game Show. Kramer Entertainment will bring this event to you. Sign up forms for teams of five are due by April 21.

Since February 1, the Human Rights Campaign has been conducting a survey in an effort to understand the experiences and struggles of LGBT people living in Mississippi and throughout the country. In addition, there will be community meetings planned throughout the state in order to share the results of the survey with LGBT people and allies in various cities. A meeting is planned for Hattiesburg along other meetings in Tupelo, Jackson, and Gulfport in late April. HRC is also partnering with various organizations in order to have as broad an audience as possible. Organizations supporting the Hattiesburg meeting, include The Dandelion Project, Equality Mississippi, My Brother's Keeper, Inc. The meeting is scheduled for April 25, at 6 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Building on the USM campus, room 103. All students and faculty are encouraged to

BSW Club

Our next meeting will be this Thursday April 3rd! Meet us there to find out all out happenings for this month. Tickets for the Banquet on the 25th will be going on sale later this week.

Facebook
Website
Thank you to all who attended the NASW Conference last week, and congratulations to those who presented posters and were awarded student nominations. Stay tuned for our next meeting date. We will be discussing involvement in Diversity Dash and choosing an April service project.

Faculty Spotlight
Dr. Joohoo Lee

What is something most students don't know about you?
Favorite thing is taking a walk along the road lined with Cosmos flowers. I have not had much chance to do it in Hattiesburg. Instead, I have been enjoying walking on the longleaf trace.

What is your favorite thing about USM's School of Social Work?
My favorite thing about USM's School of Social Work is a sense of warmth and caring among faculty, staff, and students. USM SW faculty and staff are very accessible to one another and to students. I feel like I am with my family.

What do you most hope students gain under your attend.

In the community:
OneHarvest Food Ministry: A ministry networked with OneHarvest Food Ministries of Loganville, GA, distributing hundreds of high-quality, low-cost nutritious food boxes on a monthly basis to families from a five-country area. Once a month, we team with our local volunteers to hand out these boxes to our guests who have prepurchased the food boxes. Contact if interested - 601-582-5683.
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!

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Sunday 2-7pm
Monday 5-9pm
Tuesday 8-9am & 6-9pm
Wednesday 5-9:30pm
Thursday 12:15-1pm & 4-9pm
Friday 8am-12pm

instruction?
I hope students gain "competencies" that include the ability to integrate and apply knowledge and skills learned in the class to real-world situations, rather than simply obtaining "content-based knowledge and skills."

Which do you think is more fun: Being a teacher, or a student?
Being a teacher; why? As a student, my great pleasure and joy were primarily related to my own personal growth (e.g., academic achievement, professional development). Now, as a teacher I can observe and support students' academic and professional growths.

Link to Dr. Lee's Bio
Opportunity: BSW Program - Part-Time Option. Click here for more information.

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

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