Welcome to the new academic year! I am pleased to announce that we have very large junior classes on both the Lawrence and KCKCC campuses: 84 in Lawrence and 36 in KCKCC. Some of this is due to our increased recruitment activities, and we hope that you will help us as we continue this effort. When you talk to other students at events, parties, and in non-Social Work classes, talk about your major. Many of the students who eventually come to social work have heard about it from their friends and peers. We want the program to continue to grow, and we need your help to make that happen.

I also want to remind you to consider pursuing certifications in Service Learning and the Global Awareness Program. Several BSW courses are counted towards the two certificate programs' requirements, and BSWs are well poised to complete these programs quickly and easily. If you complete a certification program, it will appear on your transcript. You can also discuss the program with potential employers as evidence of your commitment to service and to international thinking. To find out more about these programs, visit their websites:

KU Center for Service Learning
http://www.servicelearning.ku.edu/

Global Awareness Program
http://www.international.ku.edu/programs/GAP/

Finally, I want to invite you to consider attending the Baccalaureate Program Directors in Social Work (BPD) conference in Los Angeles, CA from October 26-29, 2006. The BPD conference gathers social work educators and students from across the United States to discuss social work education, research, and practice. It is a wonderful place to meet students and faculty from other programs. You can also put on your calendar the Society for Social Work Research conference, which meets from January 11-14 in San Francisco. If you apply early to either conference, you can become a student volunteer; as such, you get free registration in return for volunteering at the conference for several hours. If that isn't enough incentive, I will also take any student who attends either conference out to a meal while we are there. Come have some fun in the sun, visit area schools, meet social work educators and students, and learn more about social work practice. To learn more about these conferences, look online at:

Baccalaureate Program Directors
http://www.bpdonline.org

Society for Social Work Research
http://www.sswr.org

Hope you have a great semester!
News and Information from Vicki

-Vicki Mignot

Welcome back! For all the new students, I am Vicki Mignot and my office is located in Room 107 of Twente Hall. I work in Student Services for the School of Social Welfare and can help you with a variety of things from pre-social work advising to graduation from the BSW program. Feel free to stop by and say hi sometime.

Pre-Social Welfare students: The next review date for BSW applications is October 1, 2006. You can find the application form on our website (http://www.socwel.ku.edu/academics/BSW/application.shtml) or outside of Room 107 Twente Hall. Students admitted during the October review will begin the social work curriculum in the fall of 2007. If you have questions about the application process, feel free to email me or Lori Messinger. Also, pre-social work advising is just around the corner, beginning after fall break. More information will be sent out soon detailing the dates, times, and location of the pre-social work group advising sessions.

BSW Students: Advising is just around the corner. Faculty advisors will be taking appointments after fall break for a period lasting between two and three weeks. It’s not too early to begin thinking about your schedule for spring 2007. Be sure to sign up early for appointments and be in contact with your advisor by phone or email if advising issues arise. An advisor list is posted on the bulletin board outside of Room 107 Twente Hall if you need to check it.

BSW Juniors: Welcome to the School of Social Welfare. I hope that you have a great first semester. I encourage you to get involved with the student group early and get to know your advisor, school faculty, and course instructors. If you have any questions do not hesitate to come see me.

BSW Seniors: Now is the time to start checking your ARTS Form to make sure that you are on track to graduate in May. A GPA of 2.50 in both overall and social work is required to graduate. If you find yourself on the borderline of this requirement talk to your faculty advisor immediately. As you know, all students must have a minimum of 124 credit hours to graduate. Also be sure that you are meeting all of the general education, elective, and social work requirements for the BSW. The General Education list can be found at http://www.socwel.ku.edu/academics/BSW/bswgen.shtml or in hardcopy outside of Room 107 Twente Hall. We all know that at times the ARTS Form can have a hiccups and so if you have questions about your credit hours or requirements you can check with your advisor or me. Further, if you have credit hours outside of KU you need to have those transferred sooner than later. A general rule to follow is that until a course is showing on your KU record you haven’t taken it. Stay on top of transfer credit until you see it on your ARTS Form. Lastly, speaking of transfer credit, I strongly encourage you to NOT take transfer credit that you need for graduation in your last semester. Because of the time it takes to get transcripts sent to KU and then loaded up it is possible that your graduation could be delayed by a semester.

Make Note of the New Drop Policy

The next BSW application deadline is October 1!!
Applications are available online or outside of 107 Twente Hall.

Under the new policy:
• Students continue to have three weeks after classes start to withdraw their enrollment without their enrollment in the class recorded on their transcript. This fall that first deadline is Sept. 7.
• Students who withdraw after that initial deadline will have the class recorded on their transcript with either the WP or WF indicator. This will be based upon their grade in the class at the time. The last day to drop or withdraw will be based on the 60th instructional day of class - this year that date is Nov. 13.
• Students will no longer be allowed to drop or withdraw after the 60th instructional day of class.

The policy affects students on the Lawrence and KCKCC campuses. The policy is waived for certain classes involving internships and practicums. Under another policy change, students also will have slightly fewer days to decide whether to take a class for credit that counts toward graduation or earn no credit. All details and deadlines for the fall and spring semester are available online at www.registrar.ku.edu.
Social Work Term Paper Contest

The Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics (JSWVE) and the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) are sponsoring a term paper contest. The term papers will be collected by the JSWVE editorial board and judged by ASWB staff.

Details for the contest are listed below.

1) Must have a central theme of social work values or social work ethics
2) Must be written as an MSW or BSW student (student may have graduated)
3) Must be nominated by a faculty member
4) Must follow the general manuscript submission guidelines found at http://www.socialworker.com/jswve/content/view/4/27/
5) Must be in APA citation style
6) Deadline for submission: May 15, 2007
7) Paper must be submitted by email to smarson@nc.rr.com with a copy sent to finnj@u.washington.edu (Students from UNCP must send their entries to finnj@u.washington.edu, while students from University of Washington must send their entries to smarson@nc.rr.com)
8) Winning term papers will be published in The Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics
9) Judging criteria will include:
   - Knowledge of Material
   - Relevance of Citations on the Central Theme
   - Coverage of the Topic
   - Number and Appropriateness of Citations
   - Organization - flow of ideas
   - Quality of writing - spelling, grammar, coherence
   - Originality of the presentation

BSW Student Organization

- Alana Kramer, BSW Student Group Communications Director

The Bachelor of Social Welfare group is a student-run organization that focuses on service in and around the community. The group is open to all folks who want to get their hands dirty and work to improve our community in a variety of ways.

Currently we have 3 senior presidents, one vice president, a communications director, and a treasurer. We also have officer positions available to juniors who have an interest and want to make a commitment to the group. These positions include a co-vice president, a 2nd communications director, and perhaps a volunteer coordinator, technical chair, and donations coordinator.

Last year we were able to hold two large benefits for agencies in the area. In the fall we organized a silent auction where local businesses donated items that were auctioned off to raise money for the Ballard Center. This was held at Abe and Jake’s Landing and was an enormous success. Last spring we held a rummage sale and carnival activities at South Park in downtown Lawrence to benefit Headquarters Counseling Center. We were also able to do a few service projects throughout the year, such as Habitat for Humanity and a Rosedale cleanup. This year we would like to continue with the tradition of benefits, but we would also like to focus our energies toward direct service. We are also trying to integrate the students in the KU social work program at Kansas City Kansas Community College and would like to do more service in the Kansas City area as well.

Our next meeting is on Sunday, Sept. 10th, at 7PM at the Union in Alcove C (3rd floor, same as the market). We would like to see an array of new and old faces. We will be holding meetings every Sunday in September to get this year off to a great start. If you’re interested in a position or just want to get involved, please come to the meeting on Sept 10th or email BSW@ku.edu. We would love to have you help us serve our community.
Events Calendar

September

1st  First day of BSW Practicums
4th  Labor Day, no classes & offices closed
10th BSW Student Group Meeting
17th BSW Student Group Meeting
24th BSW Student Group Meeting

October

1st  BSW Application Deadline
6th  Margaret Schutz Gordon Lecture
     9:00 am - 4:00 pm
     Kansas Union
8th  BSW Student Group Meeting
21st Open House Info Session
     9:00 am - 10:30 am
     Edwards Campus
22nd BSW Student Group Meeting
26th Baccalaureate Program Directors
29th in Social Work (BPD) conference in
     Los Angeles, CA
27th Social Work Career Carnival
     10:00 am - 2:00 pm
     Kansas Union
BSW Student Group Fall Picnic

Steve Kapp & Woochan Shim work the grill

Dean Mary Ellen Kondrat joins the fun

Lester Big Goose and his girls

BSW Juniors and Seniors get to know each other

Some of the men of the BSW Program