I can hardly believe it... The end of the semester seems right around the corner! I hope that this semester has been successful for all of you.

The BSW Committee has been working to identify ways to insure that the BSW Program is functioning at its best. To that end, we are asking students to do a little evaluation!

First, we will ask all BSW majors to evaluate your advising experience. Your anonymous responses will be reported to each advisor, and aggregate scores will be reported back to the BSW Committee. We hope to use your feedback to tell us what is working well and what we can improve.

We will also be asking seniors to provide some feedback about the new topics mini-courses sometime in January 2007. As you know, these are new courses, offered in a new fashion, and we will be interested in your reflections on what worked, what didn’t, and what you changes you would suggest.
News and Information from Vicki

-Vicki Mignot

**Pre-Social Welfare students:** The next review date for BSW applications is October 1, 2006. We expect to have all applications reviewed and notification letters sent out by the first or second week of November. 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.

Pre-Social Work Group Advising sessions have been set. The dates are Tuesday October 24th from noon-2pm, Wednesday November 1st from 9-11am, and Friday November 10th from 1-3pm. All group advising sessions will take place in Room 208 of Twente Hall. There will be a sign-up sheet outside of my office (Room 107 Twente Hall). You can sign up for one of the above sessions or you are welcome to walk in on any of the sessions. The advantage to signing up ahead of time is that we can have individual academic evaluations done for you ahead of time.

**BSW Students:** Advising is just around the corner, immediately after fall break to be exact. Advising will run from Monday, October 16th through Friday, November 1st. Faculty advisors have sign-up sheets available on their office doors. 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. Prior to your advising appointment, you should put together a tentative schedule for spring 2007. The items that you should take to your advising appointment are your tentative schedule, a current ARTS Form, your student folder (found in my office right before your appointment), and a list of any questions that you have for your advisor.

**BSW Juniors:** This would be a good time to verify that all transfer work has been sent to KU. As you start preparing for your senior year in the BSW program, it is extremely important that all coursework taken outside of KU is transferred and shows on your ARTS Form.

**BSW Seniors:** I have finally completed my first graduation check. Several of you have gotten emails regarding missing coursework/credit hours on your ARTS Form. I want to thank all of you for being so patient with all of my questions and also your prompt response to those questions. Your advisors will be following up with my graduation checks during your advising session and I will be going through your ARTS Forms again in early January. When reviewing your own ARTS Form, keep these three requirements in mind:

1. 2.50 Overall and Social Work GPA,
2. Course requirements, and
3. 124 minimum credit hours.

We all know that at times the ARTS Form can have a hiccup and so, if you have questions about your credit hours, your requirements, or your GPA, 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 **NOT** to 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.

**ADVISING RUNS FROM OCTOBER 16TH THROUGH NOVEMBER 1ST.**

**SIGN UP EARLY FOR ADVISING AND YOU CAN REGISTER AS SOON AS YOU ARE ALLOWED.**

**DON’T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO TAKE THE CLASSES YOU WANT AT THE TIME YOU DESIRE!**
Make Note of the New Drop Policy

The second deadline for withdrawing from a class is fast approaching: Nov. 13th. Students who withdraw before this deadline will have the class recorded on their transcript with either the WP (pass) or WF (fail) indicator. This will be based upon their grade in the class at the time.

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.

Research Experience Program

--Sandy Beverly, Coordinator

Does Research Make Your Heart Go “Pitter Patter”? Have You Helped Create a Substantial Research Product?

If so, you may be able to get official recognition of your research experience on your KU transcript. KU’s “Research Experience Program” recognizes students who have: (1) taken three research methods courses (200 level or above, with grades of C or better); and (2) completed an independent research product.

SW 540 and 541 count as two of the research courses. If you’re interested in this recognition, you’ll need to take a third research methods course in another department or complete a research-oriented independent study. And, you’ll need to complete a research project and share your results with others. Projects that might count include co-authoring an academic publication or technical report, or presenting research results at a conference.

Learn more at: http://www.research.ku.edu/kucr/fundops/rep.pdf. I’m the School’s liaison for this program, so e-mail (sbeverly@ku.edu) or call me (864-2366) with your questions.

And, as you’re planning a research project to qualify for this recognition, be sure to let your faculty sponsor know you’re aiming for this recognition. You’ll want to know in advance that your project meets the program requirements.

Happy Research Endeavors!

Notes from the Field Education Office

-- Kris Matthews, MSW

Just a friendly reminder that the staff in the Field office will soon be part of your lives!

Asst. Directors Kris Matthews and Julie Solomon will be visiting with SW 540 classes throughout the month of October. We will be giving you information on how you can work with the Field office to best prepare for your senior practicum. Kris is full time and will be working mostly with Lawrence-based BSWs. Julie is ¾ time, spending some of that time at the KCK campus to be more available to KCK students.

There are lots of juniors this year and we want to get to know you, so make sure to be on time to your SW 540 classes this month! We will follow up with more information during our visits and later in the fall.
News from the 2+2 BSW Program

--Maxine Elmore

**Advising:** Plan to sign up for advising for the spring semester after the fall break. There will be a calendar to schedule your appointments outside my office door at room 3612 Flint Building at KCKCC.

**Mentor Welcome Session:** The Welcome Session for new Mentors and their assigned mentees will be held Tuesday, October 17th from 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm in room 3632 in the Flint Building at Kansas City Kansas Community College. The goal of the Professional Mentor Program is to assist new students as they transition from the liberal arts courses at the community college to the upper-level social work courses offered by KU. Students are linked with MSW and BSW practitioners who offer them encouragement, insight into the profession and connections to social workers in the Kansas City area.

**SW 420: Social Work in Urban Settings:** This innovative and timely class will be offered at Kansas City Kansas Community College this spring. If you are interested in learning more about working with clients in the urban core, consider joining the 2+2 students in taking this class. Check the Timetable for class time and date.

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**Call for Distinguished Teaching Award Nominations**

Each year faculty members on the Lawrence campus are selected to receive various teaching awards. Nominations for these awards are now being accepted in the Office of the Provost, 250 Strong Hall or via email at provost@ku.edu

Funds for these awards are provided by the Ned Fleming Trust, by the late Byron T. Shutz and by the 25-year alumni class. The Fleming and Shutz awards are designated for full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty. The Silver Anniversary Award, funded by the 25-year alumni class, is intended for individuals in the tenure-track who have not yet been considered for tenure.

In addition to the awards presented to faculty on the Lawrence campus, awards will be presented to faculty from the Medical Center Kansas City and Wichita campuses. Previous recipients are not eligible to receive the awards.

Any student, student organization, alumnus, colleague, department, or school committee may nominate faculty. The nomination process, new last year, will proceed in stages and will involve input from students, faculty colleagues and the nominees themselves. At this point in the process, we seek only the names of individuals who are being nominated for one of these three awards. Later, information will be sought in support of the nominations and will focus on the quality of intellectual content of the nominees' teaching, innovation and quality of teaching practices, depth and breadth of student understanding, reflective consideration and development, and the nominees' dedication to students and the profession.

**Please submit to the Office of the Provost the names of individuals to be considered by no later than October 17, 2006.**
BSW Student Organization

- Alana Kramer, BSW Co-President

The BSW group is a student-run fundraising and service learning group. We have students from all levels and interests as well as students from the KCK campus.

Continuing the tradition from previous years, we hope to organize and facilitate two large fundraising events to benefit local Lawrence agencies. Last year during the fall semester, we held a silent auction at Abe and Jakes in downtown Lawrence and raised over $3,000 for the Ballard Center. The Ballard Center is located in north Lawrence and provides childcare for low income families. In the spring semester we coordinated a Rummage sale and Carnival in South Park (also in downtown Lawrence) to benefit Headquarters counseling center. This agency provides crisis counseling locally, statewide and nationally. Last year we did a few small service projects and hope to do the same this year.

The focus of this year's service projects is to expose students to different areas of practice and diverse populations. Some of our service projects include participating in Jubilee Cafe, Habitat for Humanity, and visiting a local detention center or jail. We are currently planning to host a Parents Night Out for those at the Ballard Center and provide Halloween activities for the children as well as cook a Thanksgiving dinner with members of Rosedale Ridge in Kansas City on November 14th. Our large fundraising event will be in mid-November and will be a silent auction to benefit the Douglas County Aids Project.

The BSW Student group meets every other Sunday at 7pm in Alcove C of the Union. Our next meeting is this Sunday, October 8th. If you're interested or have any questions about the group, please email BSW@ku.edu. We would love to hear from you!

Honors and Awards

We have some exciting scholarships, awards, and recognitions to announce! Please don’t forget to let us know about any honors you receive so we can celebrate with you!!

Students

Abbey Estes, a social work junior, was awarded an Indian Health Service Scholarship Grant for the 2006-2007 academic year. The grant will support her while she is in the social work program, and once she graduates, she will work for the Indian Health Service. These awards are very competitive, and we are proud of Abbey for receiving this award.

Faculty & Instructors

Sharon Brown, MSW (KU '99), who is currently teaching in our BSW 2+2 Degree completion program at KCKCC, was awarded the Kansas Correctional Association Woman of Distinction in Criminal Justice Award at the 2006 Fall KCA Conference last month. The KCA Woman of Distinction in Criminal Justice Award is awarded to a woman in the criminal justice system who:

- Has worked as a criminal justice professional for at least 10 years;
- Uses her skills and talents to encourage the upward professional mobility of women who serve in the field;
- Serves as a mentor for women in criminal justice, and as an advocate who supports the professional rights of women;
- Serves her community as a voice for women, children, and families;
- Has the respect of other criminal justice professionals.

Great job, Sharon!

Lori Messinger, BSW Director, will receive the Distinguished Contemporary Contribution to Baccalaureate Social Work Education Award at the annual Baccalaureate Program Directors conference in Los Angeles. This award recognizes a BSW educator’s achievements in research and scholarship, pedagogy, curriculum development, and organizational leadership within the past 10 years. Good going, Lori!

Marianne Berry, Professor, developed a measure called the “Strengths and Stressors Tracking Device” that was named one of the top four measures of family functioning for use in child welfare (out of 85 measures reviewed) by Center for Social Services Research. She was also elected to the national board of the Society for Social Work Research. Marianne is a perfect fit to teach our BSW research courses.
Events Calendar

October

1st  BSW Application Deadline
6th  Margaret Schutz Gordon Lecture  
     9:00 am – 4:00 pm @ Kansas Union
8th  BSW Student Group Meeting
9th  MSW Information session, 11-11:30 am, Blake 111
12th Fall Break
   - 15th
11th MSW Information session, 11-11:30 am, Blake 111
17th Mentor Welcome Session @ KCKCC  
       (5:30 – 6:15 pm)
19th Information Session @ KCKCC (5:30 – 7:00 pm)
21st Open House Info Session @ Edwards Campus  
       (9:00 – 10:30 am)
22nd BSW Student Group Meeting
24th Pre-SW Group Advising (12-2 pm, 208 Twente)
26 - 29th Baccalaureate Program Directors  
        in Social Work (BPD) conference in 
        Los Angeles, CA
27th Social Work Career Carnival  
       10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
       Kansas Union

November

1st  Pre-SW Group Advising (9-11am, 208 Twente)
10th Pre-SW Group Advising (1-3 pm, 208 Twente)
22nd - 26th Thanksgiving Break