Welcome back to a new semester! There are a number of exciting activities planned for the spring semester, perhaps the biggest of which is a free community organizing training. Sponsored by the BSW Student Group, Hope Street Youth Development, Sunflower Community Action, and the National Training and Information Center, the day-long training, described on page 5, will be held on Saturday, February 17. If you ever wanted to be a rabble-rousing, protesting, in-your-face agent of change, or you wanted to learn how to get others to do this kind of advocacy, I encourage you all to take the opportunity to register and attend!

There are also several unique learning opportunities for students being offered in the area: the Council on Philanthropy is matching students with nonprofit professionals throughout Kansas City on February 2nd, while the MOKAN Chapter of Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care is giving students the opportunity to view a day in the life of social workers in health care settings on February 23rd. Read more about these events on page 8. If you want to do the shadow day, be sure to register soon!!

Seniors, you will be attending the KNASW Legislative Day in Topeka on February 21st. All seniors are expected to attend the Legislative Day; to assist with that goal, Wednesday senior BSW classes will be cancelled for that day. Seniors who normally attend classes on Monday are not excused from those classes; instructors in Monday classes will decide whether to hold classes that day.

Also, looking to the future, the School of Social Welfare will be hosting Social Work Day in April. Dr. Scott Miller will be the keynote speaker, discussing “What Works in Therapy.” Students can attend and eat lunch with faculty, guests, and friends for a small fee of $25. You can get more information about Social Work Day by looking online at http://www.socwel.ku.edu/swday/index.shtml.

So, jump right back into the semester and be prepared to take advantage of all of the wonderful events we have coming up.
News and Information from Vicki

-Vicki Mignot

Pre-Social Work students - The next review of BSW applications will be February 1, 2007. It will take approximately 4-6 weeks to review applications before decisions are mailed out. All applicants will receive a written notification of the admission decision. Applicants admitted at this review will begin the BSW curriculum in fall 2007.

As we begin the new semester, remember to review your degree requirements. 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 degree. If you have questions about your credit hours or requirements you should check with your advisor or me. Don’t forget to reference the SW General Education Course List located at this link (http://www.socwel.ku.edu/academics/BSW/bswgen.shtml) or in hardcopy outside of Room 107 Twente Hall.

For SENIORS - If you will be graduating in May 2007 you must complete the Application For Degree on Enroll and Pay. The deadline is in March so don’t procrastinate. Completion of this alerts the Registrar’s Office that you will be graduating and without it you will not be listed in the graduation program and you will not receive your degree.

For SENIORS - Licensure testing is just around the corner. It wouldn’t hurt to get a jump start on it. Visit the Kansas Behavioral Science Regulatory Board website at www.ksbsrb.org to get started today. I will be sending them a list of all students expected to graduate in May 2007. Mark your calendars...there is a one-time-only opportunity coming up that you should plan to attend. On Friday, January 26th from 1 to 1:45pm you can attend a Licensing Information Meeting at one of two locations: 1) Kansas Room of the Kansas Union, or 2) the Edwards campus. There will be representatives there from BSRB and the Missouri licensing body.

Attention All BSW Seniors!!!

In order to practice as a social worker in the state of Kansas, you must be licensed – and it isn’t too early to start thinking about the licensure process. To make this easier for you, we have gathered representatives from the licensing boards of Kansas and Missouri to answer all of your licensure questions.

When? Friday, January 26th, 2007, 1-1:45pm.

Where? This meeting will be offered in 2 locations – Regnier Hall on the Edwards Campus and via teleconferencing in Alderson Auditorium in the Kansas Union on the Lawrence Campus.

Who? All BSW students who will be graduating in 2007.

What? The facts about all things having to do with licensure and how to find out about requirements in other states. This is a great chance to get the real answers from the people who make the decisions! Plan on being there.

Take Note!

If you are currently a BSW Practicum student and you’re preparing to apply for the MSW Advanced Standing program, please note:

The Field Education Office does not receive the mid-term evaluations. Students applying to the Masters Advanced Standing program must contact their Field Liaison for their mid-term evaluation.
News from the KCKCC 2+2 Program: Mentoring

A Mentor’s Story…
- Angela Lightle, KCKCC BSW 2+2 Program

When I signed up to be a mentor, I did so because I had a desire to give back to the social work profession, as my graduate school instructors had encouraged students to do. While I suppose I knew in the back of my mind that I would benefit from the experience as well, I did not realize how much it would enhance my own career.

When I met my assigned student, Wanda, I was impressed by the accuracy with which we were matched; it was apparent that Wanda’s interests (needs) complemented my experience (strengths). I remembered that, as a student, I found it very helpful to get some hands-on experience with the population I had a desire to learn about, so I invited Wanda to come to my office. I also remembered that I did not always get everything I needed in the classroom, and it was helpful to have someone outside of school to turn to with a question. I tried to make myself available to Wanda in whatever professional capacity I could, and it was her job to seek me out. She took the initiative to ask for help, and if she had not done so, I would not have been able to provide her with the support she needed. (Our occasional lunch meetings at a particular Mexican restaurant were an added bonus, and I hope they will continue after Wanda graduates!

It has been so very rewarding to see Wanda develop as a social worker, and I think many of us go into this work because we enjoy seeing others succeed. It has also benefited me to think critically and obtain supervision around some of the issues I have been presented with by Wanda that I might not otherwise have encountered. I would definitely encourage other social workers to become a mentor in some capacity. If you do, I believe you will find that it adds yet another dimension to an already fulfilling career.

...and a Mentee’s Story
-Wanda Klaben, KCKCC BSW 2+2 Program

The mentor program at KCKCC has met and exceeded my expectations. When I signed up for the program, I really didn’t know what to expect. The day I met Angela Lightle (my mentor), I could not believe the amazing job Maxine Elmore did in matching us. I talked with Angela, and we exchanged contact information. We discussed how we could utilize the program. Since the mentor program was new, neither of us were exactly sure of our responsibilities.

Angela made it clear to me from the beginning that I could utilize her professionalism in any way that would benefit me. So I did. When I had questions about social work issues that I was embarrassed to ask in class, I would call Angela. When I questioned the population I wanted to work with, Angela allowed me to come where she worked for a day to see what a typical day was like. When I wrote papers and got stuck on something, I was able to get feedback from Angela.

Even though we were only asked to give each other a year-long commitment for the mentor program, Angela and I have talked and will continue our relationship until my schooling is complete. Not only is Angela my mentor, she has become a friend. When I have questions on ethical issues (or any other questions), she knows what to say. If she doesn’t know the answer, she will ask her supervisor. I can talk to Angela not only about social work issues, but personal issues as well. I think having the mentorship program in my life has made me a little more successful in school and preparing for my career.
ORGANIZE!
Get the tools to change the world.

Lots of people are activists. Only a few of them have the determination and skills necessary to fight for social justice and WIN. If you want to get serious about working WITH the people, this one day, free workshop is for you.

Come learn from professional community organizers, get the tools to further your cause, and see if a career in organizing is right for you.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th    9-5 pm
Jayhawk Room, Kansas Union, University of Kansas

For more information or to reserve your spot:
contact Jake Lowen at (316) 213-8716 or jake@hopestreet.com

Sponsored by:

- hopestreet
- sunflower community action
- NTIC
- Kubsw student group
BSW students who are currently enrolled or who have completed a policy course(s) can apply for the Summer 2007 Policy Fellow Award sponsored by the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors (BPD) in collaboration with the Institute for the Advancement of Social Work Research (IASWR). 2007 BSW graduates may apply.

This BSW Policy Fellow experience will provide opportunity for an undergraduate social work student to spend the summer of 2007 in Washington D.C. to gain experience in the areas of political advocacy, lobbying, and participating in policy change efforts at the national level.

The selected Fellow is expected to spend 8 to 10 weeks in Washington D.C. under the capable supervision of the Executive Director of IASWR. It is anticipated that the Fellow will have office space at NASW Headquarters in downtown Washington D.C.

The stipend amount awarded is $5,000 which can be used any way the Fellow deems necessary to assist in covering expenses. The Fellow is responsible for arranging his/her own housing.

Students applying should have an interest in addressing social work issues through policy change at the national level and have an understanding of the policy changing process. The student must be willing to perform administrative, organizing, writing, and research activities. Basic computer skills are expected including the ability to do research on the internet.

The applicant must submit a resume, a current transcript (unofficial copy), two letters of reference (only one from a social work faculty member), which specifically address the applicant's ability to work as an advocate on legislative policy.

In addition, the applicant must submit a personal statement of approximately 1,000 words that addresses the following questions:

a) Based on your area of interest and knowledge of the policy making process, how would you envision using your social work knowledge of policy to contribute to the passage of social work legislative issues? (child welfare, mental health, health care, etc.)

b) What are some of your professional goals that would compliment this policy fellow experience?

c) What experiences have you had that prepared you for this opportunity?

The recipient of the Fellow Award must also commit to attend the March 2008 BPD conference in Destin, Florida to present his/her Washington experience. (BPD will pay for air travel and one night's lodging for the student selected). The recipient will also be required to write an article on the experience for publication.

Deadline for receipt of the application material is February 17, 2007. Applications will be reviewed by the Advocacy and Outreach Committee members who serve as the Selection Committee. Finalists will be interviewed by telephone. Please send four (4) copies of the personal statement, resume, letters of reference, and transcript to:

Dr. Susan Kosché Vallem, Chair
BPD Policy Fellow Selection Committee
Department of Social Work
Wartburg College
Box 1003
Waverly, IA 50677-0903

The Chair of the Selection Committee will e-mail or call each applicant within seven days after receiving the application to confirm that the application was received. If the applicant has not received a receipt confirmation within seven days, please notify Dr. Vallem by e-mailing her at susan.vallem@wartburg.edu, or calling her at 319-352-8250.

The winner of the 2007 Summer Policy Fellow Award will be announced by March 31, 2007.
The BSW Students have been very active over the last semester, raising money, attending conferences, and doing service projects.

Left: The BSW Student Group helps serve Thanksgiving dinner at the Rosedale Ridge housing complex in Kansas City, Kansas. It was a collaborative event with students from both the Lawrence and KCKCC programs.

Wanda Klaben (KCKCC 2+2 student) attended the Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors’ Annual Meeting in Los Angeles in late October.

In describing her experience, Wanda Klaben wrote, “It was an awesome educational experience in many ways.” Wanda attended workshops and paper presentations, participated in a fundraiser, and spent time touring LA. “The [workshops] were on subjects that I have been learning while in the BSW program. However, they were taken to a much deeper level and presented by other scholars that I may not have otherwise met.”

Right: Wanda Klaben, left, and Lori Messinger, BSW Director, at the BPD Conference in Los Angeles, CA.

Wearing her participant T-shirt, Wanda said, “I visited and talked to the homeless all along the board walk from Santa Monica Pier to Venice beach doing the Jim Wahlberg Memorial Walk/Run on Saturday.” The best part of Wanda’s experience was “the cultural experience that I encountered [in Los Angeles]; it was one of opportunity. I can only describe it as ‘culture shock.’ I was in a situation where I was surrounded by people of many different cultural backgrounds.” She recommends that all students attend social work conferences when possible—they offer unique opportunities for learning and growth.

Left: Wanda Klaben at the beach in California, wearing her shirt from the annual Jim Wahlberg Walk/Run Fundraiser.
The BSW students at KCKCC would like to announce that they have successfully formed their very own BSW student group. The BSW student group was born out of desire to communicate with fellow classmates, and the belief that as a group they could have a positive impact in the Kansas City Kansas Community. The current president of the KCKCC BSW student group is none other than its founder, Mr. Mikey Fletcher. Mikey worked extremely hard last semester advocating for the group, its recognition, and its e-mail list serve. Thanks Mikey! The BSW student group will be holding formal elections in February for president, vice-president and secretary. They are also currently discussing volunteer and fundraising opportunities for the coming semester.

If you are new to the KCKCC campus and would like to join the BSW student group, please email Mikey directly at mikey141414@hotmail.com or on the list serve at BSWINKCK@listproc.cc.ku.edu.

More News from the 2+2 BSW Program

IT'S A GIRL!!!
Congratulations to Lorna ('08) & Shawn Kerr, proud parents of Madalyn Kendall Kerr (at right.)

Date of birth: December 20, 2006
Weight: 8 lbs, 4 oz
Height: 19 inches
Proud siblings: Dominick & Makaela Kerr

Lorna would like to thank all of her classmates and professors for their support during her pregnancy this past fall!!

Interested in joining the National Social Work Honor Society?

Phi Alpha, the national social work honor society, is now accepting new members

The University of Kansas School of Social Welfare Mu Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha, the national social work honor society, is now accepting applications for new members. In order to be eligible for membership, BSW students must:
- be admitted to the BSW program;
- be at least a sophomore;
- have completed 8 semester hours of required social work courses;
- have an overall grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; AND
- have a 3.25 grade point average in required social work courses.

Students will be requested to submit a copy of their ARTS form, a brief application, and a fee to cover expenses incurred by the Phi Alpha national office. Additional information will be sent to the BSW student list serve from Dr. Catherine Crisp, chapter advisor, with information about how to apply for membership in Phi Alpha.

Considering pursuing a Law Degree?

The University of Kansas Scholar’s Program is a new scholarship for KU students who decide to pursue law and want to attend Washburn University. Top students from KU can receive a 3-year scholarship award that would provide a significant portion of the tuition for Washburn Law School.
Sneak Peak at Social Work in Health & Mental Health Care Settings

Are you interested in social welfare, or someday hope to a social worker? If so, this program will give you a real-life perspective and view into a “day in the life” of social workers in our community.

This program is free and there’s nothing better than learning about the field right from practitioners!!

**Sneak Peak at Social Work in Health and Mental Health Care Settings**
Friday, February 23, 2007
3pm-5pm
Ronald McDonald House*
2502 Cherry, KCMO (right by Truman Med Center in Midtown)

Want more information?
Contact Karen Hubbard at karen713@kc.rr.com

*Sponsored by the MOKAN Chapter of Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care

Be a Part of the Council on Philanthropy’s First Annual Shadow Day!

**What?**
It’s a two-part day and you can participate free of charge.

1. **Breakfast and panel discussion.** The panel will include nonprofit sector professionals: an executive director, fundraiser, marketing professional, program manager, volunteer manager, and a grantmaker (i.e. foundations). This will be a great opportunity to learn about different jobs in the nonprofit sector.

2. **Shadow a nonprofit or foundation professional “on the job.”** See what a day in the nonprofit sector is like. It’s also a great way to make networking connections with professionals working in the Greater Kansas City area.

**Who?**
Shadow Day is open to any college student who would like to learn more about working in the nonprofit sector.

**When?**
Groundhog Day, Friday, February 2, 2007
8:00am-9:45am: Panel Discussion and Breakfast
9:45am-4:00pm: Shadow a Nonprofit Professional

**Where?**
Your Shadow Day begins with the panel discussion and breakfast. Your host for the day will meet you at the panel discussion.

Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation
4801 Rockhill Road
Kansas City, MO 64110

**How Do I Register?**
Please send an e-mail to intern@kcphilnet.org by January, 25, 2007. Be sure to include your name, phone number, e-mail address, and your top two preferences from the following career areas:

- Grantmaking
- IT (Information Technology)
- Finance
- Program Management
- Nonprofit Management (i.e., executive director)
- Fundraising
- Volunteer Management
- Marketing/Communications
### Events Calendar

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