“So, what are you doing over your spring break?”

Are you hearing that question a lot? While some of you, like me, are planning to work, finish assignments, visit family or friends, and just hang out, others have big plans.

I have spoken to a number of students who are going on “alternative spring breaks.” BSW Students are joining others interested in service as they go to places as diverse as New Orleans, El Salvador, New York, Chicago, and Arizona to make a difference. Consider using your spring break to visit a new place and contribute to social change efforts.

Perhaps you are already thinking ahead and making plans for summer. We have two exceptional options for you this summer: study abroad and summer courses! Take a trip to India or Costa Rica and get general education course credit (for the Studies in Civilization requirement) while learning firsthand about another country.

You can also meet general education requirements by taking one of the summer courses being offered at the Kansas City Kansas Community College Campus through our 2+2 BSW degree completion program. The two summer courses are Globalization and Poverty (Comparative Studies) and Social Work Practice with Latinos (Studies in Civilization). They are open to all students, not just social work majors, although they are designed with a social work focus. So think about taking these courses when you are planning your schedule for summer and fall with your advisors, and recommend the courses to your friends. (Just to be clear, these courses do not count for CLAS requirements.)

If none of those options interest you, you might consider pursuing one of the jobs and research opportunities described in the newsletter. All of these can help you as you develop into social work professionals.

If you decide to go on an alternative spring break, be sure to let me know. If you email me (lorim@ku.edu) a few sentences about your trip and perhaps a picture, you might just be in the next BSW newsletter!

Enjoy your spring break!
News and Information from Vicki

-Vicki Mignot

Pre-Social Work Students: If you missed the February 1st application deadline, you still have the chance to be admitted to begin your 500-level social work courses in the fall 2007 semester. June 1st is our next application review date. This review date is only for students who can actually start their junior courses in the fall 2007 semester. All other pre-social work students can apply for the October 1st deadline.

Pre-social work advising is just around the corner, beginning immediately after spring break. Pre-Social Work group advising sessions will be:

- Tuesday, March 27th in Room 10 Twente Hall from 10am until noon
- Wednesday, April 4th in Room 208 Twente Hall from 10am until noon
- Friday, April 13th in Room 208 Twente Hall from 10am until noon

You can sign up for pre-social work advising by emailing me at vmignot@ku.edu or by coming by my office and putting your name on the sign-up sheet (posted on my door). My office is 107 Twente Hall. Drop-ins are welcome at pre-social work advising sessions, so feel free to bring friends who might be interested in our major.

All newly admitted students have been assigned Academic Advisors. Emails are being sent out this week that has the advisor list for the 2007-2008 Academic Year attached. In the event that you don’t get this email, an advisor list will be posted on the bulletin board outside of my office. Immediately after returning from spring break, you will want to sign up for an advising appointment with your advisor. You will not be able to enroll for summer 2007 or fall 2007 without seeing your advisor. Further, until you have completed and turned in the Change of School form that came with your acceptance letter, you will not be able to enroll in the social work courses. That form is required to change your university status to the School of Social Welfare.

BSW Students: Advising is fast approaching. Faculty advisors will be taking appointments immediately after spring break for a period lasting approximately three weeks. You should start looking at your schedule now and plan for the summer and fall semesters. 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 my office if you need to check it. You must meet with your advisor to have your advising hold removed.

BSW Seniors: Be sure to continue checking your ARTS Forms to make sure that all of your graduation requirements (courses and hours) have been met. If you are transferring in hours from another university/college, make sure that they show on your ARTS Form. Until they are on your KU record, they don’t count!

If you didn’t attend the Grad Fair that was recently held, you will want to visit the Kansas Union Bookstore to get your cap and gown. Graduation will be here before you know it.

The Apply to Graduate deadline is March 1st. Make sure to complete this process in Enroll and Pay or you will may not be listed in the Commencement Program and you will not be identified as a May 2007 KU Graduate. If the deadline has passed and you can no longer apply online, you need to see me ASAP. There is a paper process that we can use to apply for graduate, but it is subject to the Registrar’s approval on a case by case basis.

A list of May 2007 BSW Graduates will be forwarded to KSBSRB (http://www.ksbsrb.org). When completing the application process to sit for the licensing test you do NOT need to have the Social Welfare Dean sign the form; just indicate on that page to “see KU graduate list for May 2007”.

ALL SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS: Make plans to attend Social Work Day on April 20, 2007. The theme is Strengths Perspective II: Rising to the Challenge. Dr. Scott Miller will present new and inspiring information on what works in the therapy setting—word has it that he is quite humorous also. Dr. Miller’s presentation will be followed by some of the School’s very own faculty sharing their insights and knowledge participating in a panel and presenting workshops. You won’t want to miss it! There is special student pricing. Also, don’t miss this opportunity to nominate your favorite professor; awards are presented at Social Work Day. Complete conference information and nomination form is on the School’s website at www.socwel.ku.edu.
Bush’s budget cuts could leave low-income residents in the cold

By Dave Toplikar

Published in the Lawrence Journal World, February 7, 2007


Lester Big Goose Jr. [a student currently enrolled in the BSW program] didn’t have any warm words Tuesday for President Bush’s proposed $2.9 trillion budget. Bush’s plan includes a 56 percent cut in a federal energy assistance program. That cut could mean colder winters for Big Goose and his children. “It’s not surprising, coming from Bush,” said Big Goose, a Kansas University senior who is a single father with three children. “It’s something that’s going to hurt a lot of low-income people like myself.”

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance program would take a big hit under Bush’s fiscal 2008 budget proposal. The program — which helps the elderly, people with disabilities and families with children — would be slashed from $3.2 billion to $1.8 billion. About 50,000 Kansas households applied for the program last year and about 42,000 qualified for some assistance, said Lewis Kimsey, energy assistance director for Kansas. Kimsey, who works for the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, said he wasn’t sure what effect the proposed decrease in funding would have. “Generally speaking, in broad terms, anybody that qualifies would receive a benefit,” Kimsey said.

Kimsey predicted that if the number of families requesting aid remained the same, the average benefit would decline. Last year, the agency provided an average of $554 per family. Funding is largely based on income guidelines. To qualify for assistance, households need to have incomes at or below 130 percent of the federal poverty level, he said. Last year, there were 1,308 applications from Douglas County for the program, said Abbie Hodgeson, director of communications for Lawrence’s SRS office. Hodgeson said so far, 317 local households had applied for the program this year. Applications are being accepted until March 30, she said. Hodgeson said the Bush budget’s proposed 56 percent cut is only a recommendation.

“While it is a recommendation, if that were to be approved by Congress, it would mean a significant reduction in the amount we could provide to households as well as the number of households we could serve,” she said. Jeannette Colyer is coordinator for ECKAN, an agency that serves the low-income population in Douglas and surrounding counties. She said the proposed funding cuts would hurt many local families. “I have spent all day and will be spending most days until the end of March assisting families and individuals with their utility bills,” Colyer said. She said her own natural gas bill is higher than it has been in the last 12 years.

“The impact on individuals with fixed incomes is tremendous,” she said. “I'm seeing people about every half hour Monday through Friday to process Warm Hearts applications, which is for our local program supported by Aquila and private donors, and also referring people for LIEAP, the federal program.”

Big Goose, Jr. and his three daughters (from left: Leovanna, 8; LeRain, 9; and Lauren, 13)

Warm Hearts, which provides households up to $350 a year in help for heating bills, is funded through the Aquila Cares program and private donations. Aquila is Lawrence’s natural gas utility. “It is taking the combination of both programs to actually provide the energy assistance that people need to get through the winter,” Colyer said.

One of those still planning to apply for assistance is Big Goose. “I’m going to be applying and filling out the papers,” Big Goose said. “We need to heat our home for the rest of the winter.” Big Goose said his heating bills now run about $80 to $90 a month. “I try to turn off the heat as much as possible. And at night I try to make sure my daughters have blankets,” Big Goose said. “I went to an agency to get some quilts to make sure they all have quilts so we don’t have to use as much heat at night.” As part of the requirements to earn a degree in social work, Big Goose works at the local ECKAN office. After he graduates in May, Big Goose said he likely wouldn’t need such services but others would. “There are a lot of other families and clients who come through here who depend on that to help them get through the winter,” he said.
Volunteer helps victims of domestic violence
By George Diepenbrock
Published in the Lawrence Journal World, January 28, 2007

Katie Stewart [a student currently enrolled in the BSW program] graduated from high school less than three years ago. She spends four hours a week helping battered women and their children from Douglas, Franklin and Jefferson counties. Stewart also gives up her Saturday nights to stay with them in a shelter. Through donations, grants and United Way funding, Women’s Transitional Care Services Inc. provides staff and volunteers to run a shelter, peer counseling and advocacy for battered women and children, referred there from law enforcement, hospitals or other sources.

Founded in 1976, the area shelter was the first of its kind in Kansas. It provides services and shelter to 274 women and children a year. Its 24-hour crisis hot line is (785) 843-3333 or 1-800-770-3030.

“It happens a lot more often than I would have thought,” Stewart said. “A lot of them are really scary situations.” Studying social work at KU, Stewart has become passionate about many issues, but she has drawn the most inspiration from her volunteer work at WTCS. She had a good home life growing up but wanted to help others in more difficult situations.

[Here are her responses to several questions: ]

Explain the training process you finished last spring.
We learned about the cycle of violence and stereotypes and stigmas that go with domestic violence: Why some seek help and why some don’t. We talked about why some go back to their partners and the resources that are available in town for us to offer them.

The house is at a confidential location. Explain what you do there.
Some (volunteers) prefer to do just the office stuff, like answering the phones. I personally like to get more involved with the women and do things with them, like hang out in the kitchen with them or play with their kids. If they need rides to doctors appointments or to Social and Rehabilitation Services, we go take them or we go pick them up if they are coming into the shelter. (The occupancy) fluctuates. The max we have in there is 22, and it varies. The first stay is 30 days, but you can get extensions and second stays. You can stay up to 90 days is the longest, but that’s rare.

Above, Katie Stewart.

What is your favorite aspect of the work?
I absolutely adore the children that come through. I have a lot of respect for them because in a lot of situations, they either witnessed the violence or been part of it. It’s fascinating to see how they are still able to be children after going through so much.

What is your role as a volunteer?
Mostly, a lot of it is just listening. A lot of the women just want to talk about what happened to them, and they need to hear that they did nothing to deserve what happened to them. The hardest phone calls to take are the ones from women who blame themselves for what happened.

What is one suggestion you have to help prevent domestic violence?
I think they need to tell us at a younger age that this stuff does happen. That would be especially helpful for those kids that already experience it. If their moms go through it, they can understand they are not alone. It’s certainly not normal, but it does happen, and they do not need to be ashamed to ask for help.

What do you believe is the most important thing you have learned from your volunteer services?
Each individual woman on me, each individual story, and seeing each person’s strength as she gets through it. ... And knowing that they can get through these terrible situations with their heads up and are willing to face whatever is left to come.
A Lobby Day Experience...

Thoughts on Lobbying
-- Suzy Mosher, BSW

In late January, I attended a lobby day organized by El Centro, which is a nonprofit agency that concentrates on services for immigrant populations. I attended this activity with my policy professor, Rupaleem Bhuyan, and a group of Lawrence community advocates and organizers concerned about current immigration bills (see picture, right). When we got to the capitol, we immediately began meeting with our representatives and senators. Throughout the day we traveled from room to room to see Reps. Tom Sloan, Barbara Ballard, Paul Davis, and Senator Marci Francisco. We discussed upcoming bills about immigration such as an English as an official language bill, employer sanctions for those who hire undocumented workers, the REAL ID Act, and in-state tuition.

In this discussion, I got to know my representatives and what they support. This was a great activity to acquaint me with social work policy and advocacy. My representatives were much more personable than I expected and were very interested in our points of view. They also valued any information we could provide them in order to help them make the best decision possible on upcoming bills. I learned a lot about what lobbying is and how it is done, and I truly felt I could make a difference through policy advocacy. As the seniors graduate and move into direct practice, we might notice that some policies create barriers between our clients and their goals. Through this lobbying day, it is apparent to me that we as social workers must advocate for social justice in the political realm!

Exciting new Summer BSW courses!

Yes, you read it right! The BSW Program at KU is offering new summer courses! And, to make them more exciting, these courses will satisfy general education credit hours.

Two BSW elective courses will be offered at Kansas City Kansas Community College (KCKCC) as part of the 2+2 BSW Program:

- Globalization and Poverty
  - Counts as Comparative Studies
- Social Work with Latinos
  - Counts as Studies in Civilization

They are 3 credit hours each. Check out the Timetable for days and times.

KCKCC is located at 7250 State Avenue, Kansas City, KS. Parking is free and close to the building, and it is located approximately 30 minutes from the Lawrence campus.

Study Abroad in India

Interested in studying social work abroad? The School of Social Welfare is hosting a program for social work students in India. The trip is being led by Dr. Mahasweta Banerjee.

Leaving on May 23, 2007 and lasting almost a month, the trip will cost approximately $3,000 for tuition and fees plus the cost of the airfare. All meals will be covered by the fee. The trip will include time in Calcutta, the Himalayas, and the beach, so students will see rural and urban settings in India. All social work study abroad courses count for the Studies in Civilization general education requirement.

If you’re interested or have questions, you may contact Dr. Banerjee at mahaswetab@ku.edu. Applications for the trip are available in the Study Abroad office (http://www.studyabroad.ku.edu/programs/shortterm/india_socialwelfare.shtml). The deadline has been extended until the middle of March.
BSW Recognition and Reception

The School of Social Welfare is fortunate to be able to offer a separate event to recognize BSW graduates. This event will be held in 120 Budig. There will be a brief, informal program, followed by recognition of degree candidates. After the BSW ceremony, there will be a reception in the Big 12 Room. This room has been reserved for the entire morning to allow students and their families to visit until the larger University commencement ceremony takes place.

Degree candidates should gather in front of Budig Hall on Jayhawk Boulevard at 9:15 a.m. Go directly to the front of the Budig for a group picture. Then we will move inside Budig. Inside the doors to Budig, pick up your name card on a table. Vicki Mignot will be there. When you walk across the stage, you will hand this card to Lori Messinger, who will read your name. After picking up your name card, move down into the hallway on the right. Students will line up in two rows, prepared to march into 120 Budig.

At 10:00 a.m., Dean Kondrat will lead the faculty and students into 120 Budig in two rows. Faculty marshals will assist students to their seats in the reserved rows. Dean Kondrat will address the audience, followed by BSW Program Director, Lori Messinger. At this time, the recipient of the Swall Award for Advocacy will be presented. Then a representative of the class will speak. Following those addresses, students will be recognized.

Students will walk across the stage from the far right of the first row, hand their name cards to Lori Messinger, and walk across the stage to shake hands with the Dean. Your photo will be taken at that time. File back into your seat in an orderly manner.

We will have the student presentation of the "Mignot Award" during the ceremony. Students will select a winner through the BSW Student Group, and the BSW Student Group presidents will present the award at graduation.

Once all of the students have been recognized, Lori Messinger, accompanied by the last student to show up for the festivities, will lead graduates and the audience through “Crimson & the Blue.” Dean Kondrat will close the program. Faculty will process out of the auditorium, followed by the students.

A reception with refreshments will be held immediately after in the Big 12 Room. We encourage students, family members, and friends to stay and visit for as long as they desire.

If you have guests who will need special seating arrangements, please email Melanie Hepburn at melanieh@ku.edu.

Miscellaneous Information

♦ Photographs
Before the ceremony, group photos will be taken. Graduation Foto will take photos of you as you are recognized. They will send you a proof from which you can place an order.

♦ Transcripts—Licensure
To get a copy of your transcript, download form from www.registrar.ku.edu. Mail to: Transcripts, 121 Strong Hall, 1450 Jayhawk Blvd., Lawrence, KS 66045 ($8.00 charge). Please make the check payable to The University of Kansas. (For purposes of licensure, you must request in writing that transcripts be sent to the Behavioral Sciences office, 712 South Kansas, Topeka, KS 66612. Be sure to indicate that you want the transcript sent after your degree completion is recorded in the permanent record. Include your name, KUID, date of birth, SS#, dates attended, degree earned, return address and phone number with your request.)

Commencement
Sunday, May 20, 2007

The School of Social Welfare ceremony will begin at 10:00 am and will last about 45 minutes. The University’s Commencement begins at 2:30 p.m., with candidates for degree assembling to form the procession down Campanile Hill to Memorial Stadium. General Commencement information will be mailed to degree candidates from University administration offices and is available at www.commencement.ku.edu. Candidates for degree wear the traditional commencement regalia—black gown, mortar board, and tassel.
Post-Graduation Information for Seniors

- **Diplomas**
  Diplomas will not be available after Commencement. You may pick up your diploma in Strong Hall after mid-July or you may request the University Registrar mail it to you for $10. Complete Diploma Mailing Form at www.registrar.ku.edu under forms. If you would like to pick up your diploma at the Edwards Campus, please notify Marla Sloop by May 15.

- **Employment**
  When you get situated in a new position, let us know. If you are looking for employment, try the University Career Center’s web page. It is a resource that you can use anytime in your career, whether you are looking for a position or have one to offer. Announcements are also posted on the board outside of 108 Twente.

- **Interface**
  One of the ways we keep in touch with our alumni is through a newsletter, Interface. We want your current address so that we can reach you. We also want to hear what you are doing. Keep us informed! The address that will be used by the Alumni Association is the one listed on your Application for Degree Card. Frequently, that is a permanent address, not the one you are currently using. So tell us where we can reach you directly when you go forth in May.

### Lawrence BSW Student Organization

-by Alana Kramer, BSW Student Group

The BSW student group needs participants this semester. If you are able, please attend our meetings and make the most of your time here with the School. We will confirm our plans for the semester at the next meeting. We hope to do a large fundraiser as well as several service projects, such as serving dinner at the drop-in center. New ideas are always welcome! Please bring your passion and creativity to the next meeting. Our meeting times have changed to every other Sunday at 7pm in hopes of accommodating more people. Our next meeting is Sunday, March 11 at 7pm in Alcove E of the Kansas Union. Hope to see you there!!

### KC KCC BSW Student Organization

-by Angela Walsh, Public Relations

The KCKCC BSW student group would like to announce its newest representatives: Mikey Fletcher – President; Tammy Rita – Vice President; Angela Walsh – Public Relations; and Rebecca Hamlin – Treasurer. The student group is very excited to begin the early stages of planning for our first volunteer activity.

We are teaming up with the KCKCC economics club and will be helping to spruce up our community garden. The garden is in the heart of downtown Kansas City, Kansas in the Strawberry Hill neighborhood. Way to make a difference in KCK!

The group would also like to announce that it now has its very own KCKCC BSW student group online forum. The forum is a great place to ask questions, post concerns, or lend advice and information. You can access the forum at: http://86.freebb.com/bsw/. Another great way to communicate is the KCKCC BSW email listserv that was created in Fall 2006. If you are not currently on the listserv or if you have any other questions, contact Mikey at mikey141414@hotmail.com

### 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 listserv from Dr. Catherine Crisp, chapter advisor, with information about how to apply for membership in Phi Alpha.

### Take Note!

- **Field Education Meetings**
  The **KCK 2+2 Program** is having its Field Education meeting on Thursday, April 5, at 3 pm. It will be held on the Kansas City Campus in room 3262 of the Flint Building.

  The **Lawrence campus** is having its Field Education meeting on Friday, March 30, from 3 pm - 4:30 pm. It will be in the Kansas Room of the Kansas Union.

  Field placement assignments will be distributed at these meetings. Therefore, these meetings are mandatory for students going into field in Fall 2007.
2007-08 Scholarships

The Lynn Leban Memorial Scholarship

“The Lynn Leban Memorial Scholarship is awarded to social work sophomores and juniors who have been accepted to the social work program for Fall 2007 or earlier, who have manifested their in their personal and public lives outstanding personal honesty, truthfulness, independence of mind, and selflessness; who seek through their education to serve others and not only themselves; and who also possess sufficient intellectual power to pursue higher education effectively.” Applicants must be enrolled as sophomores or juniors during 2006-2007, with the expectation that they will be enrolled as juniors or seniors during 2007-2008.

Applications are available outside of Vicki Mignot's office, 107 Twente. The questions in the application, including the Personal Statement, are all intended to elicit information related to the criteria quoted above. The scholarship committee is seeking a thorough understanding of who you are and what you have been doing during and since high school. If some important aspect of your life is not covered by the questions, please make additional comments in your Personal Statement.

Please print or type all responses. Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed. Applications should be delivered to Vicki Mignot, BSW Program Office, 107 Twente no later than March 15th, 2007.

Multicultural Scholars Program in Social Work

Applications are now being accepted for the Multicultural Scholarship Program in Social Work (MSP-SW). The MSP-SW is a scholarship, leadership development, and mentoring program open to pre-social work students. Students who get become Multicultural Scholars will receive financial support and mentoring until they graduate.

Eligible applicants have completed at least 30 credit hours, applied to the social work program, and meet one or more of the following criteria: (a) first generation college students, (b) students with high financial need, (c) transfer students from Haskell Indian Nations University or a community college, and/or (d) African-, Asian-, Hispanic-American, and Indigenous students.

Deadline for priority consideration for Fall 2007 is March 16th, 2007. The application is available online at http://www.socwel.ku.edu/academics/finaid/mswpapp.pdf. Materials should be sent to Lori Messinger, School of Social Welfare, 1545 Lilac Lane, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66044.

Applications will be reviewed on the basis of academic performance at the high school and college levels, with a minimum 2.5 GPA; ACT, PCAT, and other standardized test scores; evidence of community involvement; commitment to the social work profession; and quality of a written essay.

Questions? Visit the website at http://www.socwel.ku.edu/academics/finaid/msp.shtml or contact directors Woochan Shim (shimw@ku.edu, 864-8969) or Lori Messinger (lorim@ku.edu, 864-8968).

Undergraduate Research Symposium

If you are an undergraduate student working on independent research or scholarly creative projects, please consider participating in the Undergraduate Research Symposium (URS) on Saturday, April 14, 2007. The symposium will be held in the Kansas Union. This year's symposium is the 10th anniversary of the Undergraduate Research Symposium and is held in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the University Honors Program. It should be a gala weekend and a great opportunity to showcase your hard work.

You may share results of your endeavors as a poster or an oral presentation. The URS is an excellent venue to bring your work for viewing, to practice presenting in a public forum, to obtain feedback, and to synthesize your results for your peers. Please visit the Honors Program web site at http://www.honors.ku.edu, OR to submit a title and abstract online go to: http://www.honors.ku.edu/symposium.shtml.
Kansas Health Foundation Undergraduate Fellowship in Community Health & Development

**Purpose:**
To develop new generations of leadership for building healthy communities.

**Fellowship:**
These $1,200 one-year, non-renewable fellowships provide a reduced tuition of $600 per semester for each of two semesters.

**Responsibilities:**
Undergraduate fellows will spend six hours per week gaining experience in research and practice related to such community concerns as child health and development, youth development, substance abuse, adolescent pregnancy, and building just, caring, and healthy communities. Fellows will be supervised by staff of community-based organizations, and faculty associated with the KU Work Group for Community Health and Development. Students must enroll for course credit for this practicum experience (3 hours per semester in ABS 690/692 Honors).

**Eligibility:**
Outstanding undergraduate students who are committed to applying their talents to building healthy communities. Any undergraduate students to be enrolled full-time at the University of Kansas may apply for the following academic year. Persons from a variety of academic disciplines are encouraged to apply.

**Criteria for Selection:**
Academic excellence. Experience with and/or commitment to contributing to promoting community health and development. Finalists will be invited to participate in an interview.

**For Application Information:**
Applications are available outside of Vicki Mignot’s office, 107 Twente Hall.

**Application Deadline:**
March 19, 2007 (at 5:00 p.m.). Applications should be mailed or delivered to the KU Work Group for Community Health and Development, Attn: Professor Fawcett, 4082 Dole Center, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045. For more information, please call Michelle Kampfer at 864-0533 or check the Work Group’s web site: [http://www.communityhealth.ku.edu/](http://www.communityhealth.ku.edu/)

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**Paid Summer Research with The Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship**

The Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) programs provide generous stipends ($30,000 per year) and tuition support for students through the National Science Foundation. Their website ([www.igert.org](http://www.igert.org)) has links to over 100 programs throughout the nation that offer this support.

Social work students might be especially interested in research programs on human development, poverty, policy, and health. You can view undergraduate opportunities at: [http://www.igert.org/summer.asp](http://www.igert.org/summer.asp)
2007 Summer Research Internship on Poverty and Adolescent Risk

The School of Public Health in the University of Alabama at Birmingham is offering a summer research internship for students interested in studying neighborhood poverty and its impact on adolescent behavior. Students who participate in the internship, which is in its 10th year, will conduct a survey of adolescents living in public housing and other very low-income neighborhoods in Mobile and Prichard, Alabama. This longitudinal survey, which has been administered annually since 1998 and has been funded by the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), the National Institute for Drug Abuse (NIDA), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), addresses challenges that young people face as they grow up in impoverished neighborhoods, including violence, alcohol and drug use, sexual behavior, psychosocial development, and family dynamics. Interns will also have an opportunity to participate in other studies involving the same population.

We are soliciting applications from students who would like to participate in this unique learning experience. Interns, who may be either undergraduate or graduate students, will be required to live in Mobile between May 14, 2007 and July 27, 2007. The first week, they will receive rigorous training for the project, including recruiting research participants, interviewing, and the general conduct of field research. Following training, interns will go out in the field; their work will involve door-to-door recruitment of survey participants (to obtain parental permission and informed consent and to schedule a survey time), documentation of the recruitment efforts, and data collection (through administration of the survey in both group and individual settings). Each student who participates will receive a stipend ($7.50 per hour) to cover housing and other living expenses. General work hours are between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM, with some limited weekend work required. We will accept 20-30 student interns into the program. In the past, we have accepted students from a variety of social science and related disciplines, including Public Health, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, Political Science, Criminal Justice, Human Development, African American Studies, Women's Studies, Education, and Biology. All interns will have access to the data for academic purposes. Three students have completed master's theses using these data, and others are using the data for doctoral dissertations. Internship applicants should have good communication skills, be able to work well in a team setting, and be sensitive to issues of race and poverty. We will help interns find either commercial or university (dormitory) housing.

Our preference is for students who can spend the entire summer in Mobile. However, during past years we have accommodated some interns who have not been able to join us until June; thus, we will conduct a second training session beginning June 6. Also, we understand that many students have prior commitments and will have to be gone for a week or two during the summer; we can accommodate this as well. For more information, please contact John Bolland at the number below. Interested students should send a note indicating their interest and a resume (with names and contact information for three references) by March 19, 2007, although we will continue accepting applications until the end of April.

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Summer Employment Opportunity!!

Work as a leader in the Pathways Leadership Academy!

A partnership with Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools, University of Kansas Edwards Campus and Kansas City Kansas Community College.

Our Mission
The mission of the Pathways Partnership is to create a sense of possibility in the minds of KCK School district students that college is an affordable and accessible option to them from associate degree completion at KCK Community College to bachelor's degree completion through KU Edwards Campus.

Our Goals
The goal of The Pathways Partnership is to increase the percentage of KCK School District graduates who attend college. Through team outreach and support, students will be encouraged to attend Kansas City Kansas Community College and then continue in a degree completion program at the KU Edwards Campus. Graduate school opportunities will also be encouraged. This program will promote, coordinate and integrate with the Family Advocate System (FAS). FAS is already being implemented in KCKPS. Pathways will focus on supporting teachers with parent and student engagement strategies around matriculation of the student to college. To meet this goal, Pathways is beginning to work with Small Learning Community coordinators in professional workshops. Another path to this goal is the creation of Career Fest. This program works with middle school teachers, KCKCC and community leaders. The program encourages business leaders to partner with KCKPS to enhance learning and showcase community need. The Pathways Partnership will support and enhance the work of our teachers with a special focus on not creating additional work.

Leadership Academy
The Leadership Academy is designed to educate and inspire middle school students to take the lead in achieving their college and career aspirations. The academy is set-up in a two tiered system. Year-one students participate in workshops that encourage them to focus on positive leadership skills. Year-two students tour college campuses and are encouraged to explore college options early.

Required Dates:
- Tuesday, May 29, 2007: Academy Leaders' Breakfast & Training from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Edwards Campus in Overland Park.
- Thursday, May 31, 2007: Tall Oaks Team Building Course from 12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, June 3, 2007: Parent Kick-off from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at KCKCC Conference Center.
- Monday, June 11 - Thursday, June 14, 2007: Leadership Academy from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at KCKCC.

For more information about the Pathways Partnership contact Mary E. Ryan at (913)897-8409.

To apply
Download an application to be an academy leader at this website: http://edwardscampus.ku.edu/pathways/Academy_Leader_Application.pdf

Please return Application to:
University of Kansas    Kansas City Kansas Community College
Edwards Campus    c/o Stacy Tucker
c/o Mary Ryan    7250 State Ave
12600 Quivira Rd    Kansas City, KS 66112
Overland Park, KS 66213

Upon receipt of your application you may be contacted for a personal interview.

Deadline: April 27, 2007
Events Calendar

March

11th  BSW Student Group meeting; Alcove E, Kansas Union 7 pm
15th  Lynn Leban Scholarship deadline
19th  KHF Fellowship application deadline
26th  Pre-social work advising appointments begin
27th  Pre-social work group advising; Twente Hall, Room 10 10 am - Noon
30th  Field Education Meeting (Lawrence campus)  Kansas Room, Kansas Union, 3 pm - 4:30 pm

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April

4th   Pre-social work group advising; Twente Hall, Room 208 10 am - Noon
5th   KCK 2+2 Field Education meeting; Flint Building, Room 3632 3 pm (Kansas City Campus)
13th  Pre-social work group advising; Twente Hall, Room 208 10 am - Noon
       Pre-social work advising appointments end
14th  Undergraduate Research Symposium; Kansas Union
20th  Social Work Day: Strengths Perspective II – Rising to the Challenge with Dr. Scott Miller

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May

11th  Stop Day (no classes)
14th  Finals week begins
18th  Finals week ends
20th  BSW Recognition Reception and Commencement; 120 Budig, 10 am  12 am: Grades due

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