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BSW Director’s Corner

The end of the year is progressing at a rapid pace, even if the weather tricked us into thinking it was already here. We were quickly reminded by the return of the cold winds that there is still plenty of time left before the semester ends. And a quick look at the calendar reminds us that we have a few more opportunities for learning before we move into summer mode.

First, KU undergraduate students will be participating in the 10th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium on April 14th. Come by the Kansas Union and see students discuss their work in a public forum. I know of at least one social work student who will be presenting her research, and I’ll bet there will be others as well.

Second, we have our Annual Social Work Day (see page 5) on April 20th. This is an opportunity for all members of the KU School of Social Work community to come together to learn about and discuss issues of importance to all of us. Field instructors, faculty members, and students from KU and surrounding social work programs will all join together to consider the strengths perspective, how we use it in a variety of practice and research settings, and strengths-related skills we can use in our practice and our everyday lives. It is a great networking opportunity as well! Please register to come to this event. You won’t be sorry.

Finally, I encourage you to participate in the BSW Student Groups at KCKCC and Lawrence. They are doing great projects, and they could use your help!

Enjoy the rest of the semester!

News from the KCKCC 2+2 Program

The BSW Program would like to thank Vicki Mignot for her assistance with advising on the KCKCC campus. While Maxine Elmore is recuperating, Lori Messinger and Vicki Mignot are covering her advising responsibilities.

It is important for all KCKCC students to complete spring academic advising with Lori Messinger as soon as possible. Only those students who have done advising will be allowed to enroll in classes for summer and fall. If you have not yet scheduled an advising session, please contact Lori at lorim@ku.edu.

Join the Pre-social work listserv by emailing “SUBSCRIBE PRESOCIAL WORK” in the body of the message to listproc@listproc.cc.ku.edu
News and Information from Vicki

-Vicki Mignot

Pre-Social Work Students: The last group advising session will be on Friday, April 13th, from 10am until noon in Room 208 Twente Hall. You do not have to plan to be there for the full two hours. You should bring with you a copy of your ARTS Form, a tentative schedule, and a list of any questions that you have. I look forward to seeing you Friday. If you email me (vmignot@ku.edu) ahead of time, I will put together some individualized materials for you.

June 1, 2007 is our last review of BSW applications for a fall 2007 start in the program. The admission date is reserved for transfer students and current KU students who can actually start their junior courses in the fall 2007 semester.

ALL SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS: Advising is well under way. If you haven’t already, you need to make an appointment with your advisor as soon as possible. All social work students will have a SW Advising Hold that cannot be removed until you meet with your advisor. If you have problems when enrolling, you can contact the Enrollment Center at 785-864-4422 or call me.

BSW Seniors: Hopefully, by this time, you have done the following things:

- You have visited the Kansas Union Bookstore to get your cap and gown.
- You have checked, rechecked, and checked again your degree requirements and hours to make sure that you are set to graduate in May.
- You have had transcripts sent to KU for any transfer work.
- You have applied to graduate on Enroll and Pay.

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”.

An article from CareerBuilder.com (2007) said that The Bureau of Labor Statistics’ “2004-2014 Job Outlook for College Graduates” found that Child, Family and School social work positions will have significant openings in the years ahead. They projected that between 2004 and 2014, there should be 98,000 job openings.

Social Work Online

Check out this new website for past, current and future social workers!!

www.clubsocialwork.com

Oops! Correction!

At the BSW Orientation meeting on Friday, March 30, Jean Peterson gave students incorrect information about the date of the Margaret Schutz Gordon lecture. It will be on September 21, not September 16 as previously announced. Sorry about any confusion!
Senior Slide Show

The Senior class is going to do a PowerPoint presentation set to music at the graduation ceremony, with a slide for each person. The slideshow will be shown as people are getting seated. Please contribute some digital pictures (maybe 3-5) for your slide. The pictures can be anything that represents who you are—pictures from your placement (not with clients identifiable, please), classes, activities and projects, leisure time, your family or childhood, etc.

A group is coordinating the gathering of pictures and the creation of your page. So, please send your pictures and your preferred name to the following people, based on your last name:

- Alison Starks  
alisonstarks@hotmail.com  if your last name begins with A-F
- Grace Hoyt  
gahoyt@gmail.com  if your last name begins with G-L
- Lisa Fulton  
lisafulton@comcast.net  if your last name begins with M-R
- Suzy Mosher  
squishy@ku.edu  if your last name begins with S-Z

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
  - Cross-listed with Women’s Studies and Latin American 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

Social workers at the legislature

The annual KNASW legislative day took place on February 21, 2007. Pictured below are BSW seniors (clockwise from the top right) Patricia Sylvester, Elizabeth DeArmond, Kirsten Potter, and Lester BigGoose, witnessing debate on the House floor.
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 that 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.

A Few Requests
Small children are welcome, but please do not bring strollers into the Big 12 Room.

Parking
Stadium parking will allow guests to attend the program and commencement. Space will be competitive, so allow extra time for parking.

Graduation with Distinction
The top ten percent of graduates will be recognized as “graduating with distinction.” Honor cords will be presented before the program. Wear them with pride all day!

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](http://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.

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**Lawrence BSW Student Organization**
- by Alana Kramer, Lawrence BSW Student Group

The BSW group will be having their Spring Fundraiser on April 25th and 26th at Bambino’s Italian Restaurant from 5-10pm. This is a great chance to enjoy dinner with co-workers and classmates to end the year while helping the BSW group support the Lawrence Community Shelter (LCS). 15% of your ticket will go to benefit the LCS. There will be a special menu and drinks to accommodate everyone and also to help the Student Group raise as much as possible. They are trying to get a musical group to perform on the porch, and there will be a raffle for Royals tickets, a KU basketball signed by the team, and other prizes.

The BSW group has also organized an event during which they will cook and serve dinner to the LCS on April 29th from 4-9pm. Email the BSW group at BSW@ku.edu for more information or if you would like to help out!!

**KCKCC BSW Student Organization**
- by Rebecca Hamlin, KCKCC BSW Student Group

The KCKCC BSW student group would like to announce their first-ever service project. They will be helping a community garden in Kansas City, KS and will be meeting at 9am on April 21st. For more information, please contact Mikey at mikey141414@hotmail.com.

The student group would like to extend a big thanks to all the KU faculty and staff for their help in advisement. It was a group effort and proved very beneficial for all of us. They would also like to wish Maxine Elmore, the 2 + 2 student advisor, a ‘get well soon.’ The student group is looking forward to even more service projects over the summer, and they want to wish everyone a very safe and happy summer vacation.

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**Don’t Miss Out On Social Work Day!!!**
**April 20, 2007**

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 [http://www.socwel.ku.edu](http://www.socwel.ku.edu).
In Catherine Crisp’s Social Work Practice II Seminar class, she asks her students (all of whom will graduate this year) to write a statement of their beliefs using the guidelines provided by National Public Radio at http://www.npr.org/thisibelieve/guide.html. Additional information about the assignment can be found at http://ccrisp.googlepages.com/thisibelieveassignment. Below are snippets from some of her students’ statements. The full statements will be posted at <http://ccrisp.googlepages.com/classof2007seniorsbelieve....> in the summer of 2007.

I believe that even the direst situations can be overcome…. that even the crises of life are surmountable. --Liz DeArmond

I believe that maintaining sincere heart is very important to make myself and others happy. I believe that every one is equal and each one of us has the potential to be happy. --Hiroko Nagumo

I believe that great things can come from the worst experiences of your life; but you have to want to figure out how. --Tricia Sylvester

“I Believe…”

I believe it is not the end of the world. I believe in possibilities. I believe people are possible of overcoming great things. --Suzy Mosher

I believe that everyone and everything is interconnected…. No person is alone in this journey that we call life. --Johnny Woodworth

I believe we can find individual strength in knowing that there are not alone. --Gregory Miller

I believe in Bushido…. a life of love, sincerity, and a focus on the environment and family. --Chris Brown

I believe in overcoming the impossible and in the resiliency of humanity. --Grace Hoyt

I believe that people gain strength and self-perspective when they have the power to overcome a fearful or challenging situation in their life. --Becky Harbert

I believe that there are thousands of individuals who have been left behind…. I cannot accept this fact. These underprivileged, marginalized individuals have much to offer if only given the opportunity. They just need a little help. I believe in them. I believe in the underdog. --Lisa Fulton

I believe that every child deserves the chance to have at least one positive role model in their life and I’m not talking about Paris Hilton or Britney Spears. --Kirsten Potter

I believe that great that even the direst situations can be overcome…. that even the crises of life are surmountable. --Megan Bray

I believe in the goodness of a person. I believe that every person in the world has something good to offer it, even if just for a brief moment. --Megan Bray

I believe that the courses of my life I have followed were destined to happen in order to become who I am now. Every time my expected life plan failed to be achieved I worked hard so that my life will become better. --Takao Mizushima

I believe that maintaining sincere heart is very important to make myself and others happy. I believe that every one is equal and each one of us has the potential to be happy. --Hiroko Nagumo

I believe that every day knowing there will be something I believe in that I’ll have to fight to maintain. It’s in these fights and lessons that I’ve learned what I believe: fight the hard battles to get what you need and what you feel is right. --Alison Starks

I believe that nobody should have to aspire to be alive when they grow up. Nobody should have to wish day and night for things that are basic needs for any human being. I believe that food, clean water, and the ability to be taken care of when sick should not be luxuries in the world, they should be available to everyone as their right to a fair chance at life. I believe that as long as these disparities exist, there is an imbalance that must be addressed. --David Ziser

I believe now is the time to live. I believe life is a gift. I believe the best yet to come. --Rebecca Marshall
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
Edwards Campus
c/o Mary Ryan
12600 Quivira Rd
Overland Park, KS 66213

Kansas City Kansas Community College
c/o Stacy Tucker
7250 State Ave
Kansas City, KS 66112

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

Deadline: April 27, 2007
Events Calendar

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 Undergradutate Research Symposium; Kansas Union
19th Open House Info Session
     6-8:30 pm; Edwards Campus RC#210
20th Social Work Day: Strengths Perspective II – Rising to the
     Challenge with Dr. Scott Miller
21st KCKCC BSW Student Group Service Project: Community Garden
25/26th Lawrence BSW Student Group Fundraiser: Bambino’s
27th  Pathway’s Leadership Academy application deadline
29th  Lawrence BSW Student Group Service Project: LCS dinner

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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Summer events:
June 1  Deadline for Fall 2007 BSW applications