Welcome to 2008! It is not every year you can start the semester with a carpet of freshly fallen snow. What a nice way to begin a new year! (Okay, driving in it wasn't much fun, but I love how pretty it makes the campus.)

If you are anything like me, you are not big on resolutions. Nonetheless, I am going to invite you to try something new in 2008. I am going to propose that you consider adopting a theme for your year: **Engagement.** Get more involved in opportunities at KU and in the larger community. The time you spend as a student is precious; you have more opportunities now than perhaps you ever will in the future. Take advantage of as many opportunities as you can without overloading yourself.

When you are planning your schedule, consider:

- participating in BSW Student Group activities, fundraisers, and celebrations
- going to an event at the Dole Institute of Politics
- shadowing a nonprofit professional in Kansas City
- learning more about Deaf communities
- join a local, state, or national political campaign as a volunteer
- volunteering in the community
- attending the national undergraduate social work conference in Destin, Florida
- stopping by and talking to a teacher or advisor about your plans for the future
- attending Social Work Day at the United Nations
- participating in an alternative spring break experience
- taking on a leadership role in a student organization on campus
- attending KU Social Work Day
- participating in one of our upcoming study abroad trips to Sweden, India, or Costa Rica

If you have questions about any of these opportunities, feel free to stop by my office or find me on Facebook and ask me about it.

Make 2008 a great year of new adventures! And remember, they all look good on your resume, as well! ☺
News and Information from Vicki

WELCOME BACK!!! I hope that you had a wonderful break.

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 2008.

All students - 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. 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.

SENIORS!!!

If you will be graduating in May 2008 you must complete the Apply For Graduation 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.

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 a list of names to them of all students expected to graduate in May 2008.

Mark your calendars...there is a one time only opportunity coming up that you should plan to attend. On Friday, February 1st from 1:00pm to 1:45pm you can attend a Graduation and Licensing Information Meeting at one of two locations: 1) Alderson Auditorium at the Kansas Union, or 2) Regnier Hall Auditorium at the Edwards campus. There will be representatives from the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board in Kansas and the Missouri Division of Professional Registration.

You must fill out your AFD (application for degree) on Enroll & Pay by March. This alerts the University that you plan on graduating so they can put your name in the program and print your diploma.
Lawrence BSW Student Group

- Kate Jayne

Last semester at the BSW Student Group Benefit, we raised over $1,000 for Women’s Transitional Care Services. We would like to thank everyone who came and showed their support!

This semester we changed our meeting days to Sundays at 8:15pm. Here is a list of this semester's meeting dates:

- Sunday 1/27 @ 8:15
- Sunday 2/10 @ 8:15
- Sunday 2/24 @ 8:15
- Sunday 3/9 @ 8:15
- Sunday 4/6 @ 8:15
- Sunday 4/20 @ 8:15
- Sunday 5/4 @ 8:15

All meetings will be located in the Kansas Union. We hope to see you there!

KCKCC BSW Student Group

-Mike Fletcher

Welcome back Social Work students! Hope everyone had a relaxing break and got to spend some quality time with family and friends. This is the last semester for the seniors! Woo-hoo! We would really like to get some juniors as officers in the student group this semester. Positions available will be President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Public Relations, and Volunteer Activities Coordinator. Look for a detailed flier soon which will explain these positions. If interested, take an active role now! The student group is an excellent avenue that provides a collective voice and strengthens communication between students and faculty.

The student group is open to new volunteer activities. Even if the weather is bad, there are plenty of indoor activities to be done. Seniors: keep your ears open at your practica for potential activities for the student group. If you are not currently a subscriber to the BSW listserv and would like to be included, please contact Mikey at mikey141414@gmail.com. As always, if you have any issues or concerns, the student group is your outlet.

Graduating in May?

The BSW Recognition Ceremony will be on Friday, May 16th at 1:00pm at the Lied Center. BSW graduates will need to be there by noon on May 16th for a class photo and to get lined up. The last student to arrive will be the one to lead the class in the singing of the alma mater at the conclusion of the ceremony.

You can get additional information about graduation at the February 1st Graduation and Licensure meeting and in upcoming newsletters.

Join the National Social Work Honor Society

Applications are now being accepted for Mu Psi, the KU Chapter of Phi Alpha, the national social work honor society. Additional information including membership requirements, FAQs, and a link to the application can be found at http://ccrisp.googlepages.com/phialpha

Applications must be submitted by February 15th. Certificates will be distributed by campus mail by the end of the semester. If you still have questions after reading the website above, please contact Catherine Crisp at ccrisp@ku.edu.
Internship Opportunities

The Carter Center Intern Program-Summer

The Carter Center is committed to waging peace, building hope, and fighting disease, and interns have the opportunity to work for Carter Center programs that contribute to this mission. Carter Center interns make vital contributions to the Center’s work. In turn, we provide a substantive learning experience that serves as a basis for interns to explore their career options and to develop professional skills. Internships are offered during three sessions per year to undergraduate juniors and seniors, graduate students, and recent graduates (graduated in the past 24 months). Prospective interns are those who have demonstrated superior academic ability and who have coursework, professional or personal experience, and career interests related to Carter Center programs. Interns are required to commit a minimum of 20 hours per week, although many choose to work up to 40 hours a week.

Application Deadline: 03/01/2008

Kauffman Foundation Summer Internship

The Kauffman Foundation is seeking high-caliber students completing undergraduate degrees or, in a few cases, graduate degrees. Interns must have high credentials (e.g. 3.5 GPA or above) and have completed at least two years of college. Our select teams of interns make contributions to our work in education, entrepreneurship and research. The Kauffman Foundation seeks interns pursuing fields such as economics, business, public policy, journalism, etc. Students selected for internships will reside in Kansas City for the duration of the program, with housing provided. Internships run from June 16-August 8, 2008. Interested applicants are asked to submit qualifications, including a resume and cover letter, via the online submission process at www.kauffman.org/internships. Only online applications will be considered. No phone calls, please.

Application Deadline: 01/25/2008

Samuel Huntington Public Service Award

The Samuel Huntington Public Service Award provides a $10,000 stipend for a graduating college senior to pursue one year of public service anywhere in the world. The award allows recipients to engage in a meaningful public service activity for a year before proceeding on to graduate school or a career. The award was created in honor of the late president and chief executive officer of the former New England Electric System, now National Grid (http://www.nationalgridus.com/).

Applicants should develop a proposal for public service in the United States or abroad. The proposal may encompass any activity that furthers the public good. It can be undertaken by the student alone or working through established charitable, religious, educational, governmental, or other public service organizations. All graduating students from accredited colleges in the United States are invited to apply. Non-U.S. citizens are eligible to apply but must be graduating from a U.S. college or university.

http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10010216/nationalgridus

Deadline is February 15, 2008
Be Part of the Council on Philanthropy's Second Annual Nonprofit Shadow Day!

What?
It's a two-part day aimed at gaining exposure and making contacts and you can participate free of charge.

1. **Breakfast and panel discussion.** A panel, made up of nonprofit sector professionals that will include executive directors, fundraisers, marketing professionals, program directors, volunteer managers and grantmakers (i.e. foundation staff). This will be a great opportunity to learn about different jobs that are available in the nonprofit sector.

2. **Shadow a nonprofit, foundation or corporate relations 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 or with the nonprofit sector.

When?
**Friday, February 1, 2008**
7:45-9:45am: Panel Discussion and Breakfast
9:45-3:00pm: Shadow a Nonprofit Professional

Where?
Your Shadow Day begins at the Kauffman Foundation with the panel discussion and breakfast. Your host for the day will meet you immediately following the panel discussion.
Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation
4801 Rockhill Road
Kansas City, MO 64110
(Free parking available)

How Do I Register?
**Sign-up now** by returning the form on the next page to intern@kcphilnet.org. **Sign-up deadline is January 24, 2008.** With your contact information you'll list your top three preferences from the following career areas:

- Nonprofit Management (i.e. ED, chief operating officer, etc.)
- Fundraising
- Marketing/Communications
- Corporate Relations
- Program Management
- Volunteer Management
- Grantmaking

Questions?
Call the Council's intern, Kirby Montgomery, at (816)235-1176.
Second Annual Nonprofit Shadow Day
February 1, 2008

Student Registration Form

Date:
Name:
College/University:
Degree You are Pursuing:
Expected Graduation Date:
Cell Phone:
Email:

Please rank your top three choices from the career fields below:

- Grantmaking
- Nonprofit Management (i.e. Executive Director)
- Fundraising
- Volunteer Management
- Program Management
- Marketing/Communications

Do you need accessible accommodations or have any special dietary needs?
☐ No
☐ Yes, explain:

Questions? Contact the Council’s intern, Kirby Montgomery, at
intern@kcphilnet.org or (816)235-1176.

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you on Friday, February 1st. Please expect more details the week of January 28.

Registration deadline is January 24, 2008. In the event that there are not enough hosts for every student interested in participating, students will be placed with a host in order of their response date.
Cultural Learning Links 2007

Celebrating Diversity and Honoring Unity

Event Sponsors

Olathe Kansas

American Jubilee

MidAmerica Nazarene University

Olathe Public Library

All Events Free to the Public

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm
Location: Bell Cultural Events Center
2030 E. College Way
Olathe, Kansas

For more information, call
The Office of Human Relations at 913.971-6490
or visit www.olatheks.org

The meeting room is accessible. For additional accommodations or an interpreter, please call (913) 971-6490 at least one week in advance.
**SAVE THE DATE**
Social Work Day 2008
April 11, 2008

Super Performers: Learning from the Field’s Most Effective Practitioners

Back for a repeat performance, Scott D. Miller, Ph.D is a therapist, lecturer and trainer on client-directed, outcome-informed clinical work and other time-sensitive therapeutic approaches. For three years, he co-directed Problems to Solutions, Inc.-a clinic specializing in the treatment of the homeless and other traditionally under served populations. Most recently, Dr. Miller co-founded the Institute for the Study of Therapeutic Chance and works pro-bono at a clinic dedicated to serving the under served. He is the author of many papers and seven books including: The Heroic Client (Jossey-Bass, 2000), The Heart & Soul of Change: What Works... (APA, 1999), Escape from Babel: Toward a Unifying Language for Psychotherapy Practice (Norton, 1997), Psychotherapy With ‘Impossible’ Cases:... (Norton, 1997), Handbook of Solution-Focused Brief Therapy... (Jossey-Bass, 1996), The Miracle Method: A Radically New Approach to Problem Drinking (Norton, 1995), and Working With the Problem Drinker: A Solution-Focused Approach (Norton, 1992). Scott presents to many professional audiences and conducts workshops and training events throughout the United States and abroad. Don’t miss his witty and enjoyable presentation!

RESERVATION FORM:
(one reservation per form; please duplicate as needed)

LAST Name ____________________________
First Name ____________________________
Address ______________________________
City, State, Zip _________________________
Daytime Phone # ________________________
E-mail _________________________________

AVAILABLE FORMS OF PAYMENT:
❑ Check (payable to School of Social Welfare)
❑ Purchase Order
❑ Interfund Voucher (voucher # if known)
❑ Credit Card: (❑ VISA), (❑ MasterCard), (❑ Discover)
Card #: ____________________________
3-Digit Code: ____________ Expiration: ____________
Signature: ____________________________

“3-Digit Code is required due to card not present at time of purchase”.

MAIL TO:
Social Work Day
School of Social Welfare
1545 Lilac Lane
The University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

QUESTIONS:
(785) 864-4720

WEB SITE:
www.socwel.ku.edu/swday

PARKING:
Register early! Parking permit is included with Early Bird Reservation.
If you do not have a parking pass, parking is available in the parking garage, just north of the Kansas Union. Parking is $1.00/hour.

CANCELLATION FEE:
If you need to cancel, there will be a $10 cancellation fee.

NO RESERVATIONS DAY OF CONFERENCE
***SAVE THE DATE***

The 25th Annual Social Work Day at the United Nations
Monday, March 31st from 1 - 5 pm at UN Headquarters in New York City

What is Social Work Day at the UN?
Social Work Day at the UN is a unique forum for Social Work students, practitioners, and educators to convene at the UN to learn more about the UN, innovative projects and issues related to International Social Work and the critical role Social Work plays in the international arena. This year's theme was Women and Development: Best Practices. Social Work Day is co-presented by the International Association of Schools of Social Work and the International Federation of Social Workers.

Learn more about Social Work Day at the United Nations online at http://bluehawk.monmouth.edu/swork/UN/

Congrats to one of our BSW Alumnus

Jared Barton, KU BSW alumni and current KU MSW Advanced Standing student and practicum student/research assistant in the School of Social Welfare Office of Child Welfare and Children's Mental Health, recently published an article titled “The Affordable Housing Crisis: The Impact of Cost Burdens” in the Summer 2007 edition of The Community Psychologist. The article is based on a paper Jared wrote as an undergraduate BSW student at KU. Here is a quote from his article:

“Community psychology may play an important role in housing cost burden, perhaps by providing services to low income households and volunteering their time to help those suffering from housing cost burdens to help manage their budgets or locate services. Community psychologists are aware that people who cannot afford adequate housing are still people, that their own unique environments are strong and adaptable, that the housing decisions people make are to be respected, and that it is important to maintain a person’s sense of self-determination. Also, community psychologists understand that to fix most social problems, strong relationships with other people must be established on many different levels... On the public policy level, addressing housing issues with individuals who have power and status is an ideal way to institute change within communities and bring closure to the problem. Competent community psychologists continuously work to increase their knowledge and sensitivity on social issues. Working to understand the different reasons, contexts, and formalities that cause housing cost burden are crucial to advancing the state of the problem.”
Events Calendar

January
16th/17th  First day of Spring classes (KCKCC/Lawrence)
21st  Martin Luther King Holiday: No classes
24th  Application Deadline: Non-Profit Shadow Day
25th  Application Deadline: Kauffman Foundation Intern Program
31st  Cultural Learning Links 2008: Deaf American
      1:00-3:00 pm; Olathe, KS

February
1st  Review of BSW Applications
    Graduation & Licensing Info Meeting
    1:00 – 1:45 pm; KS Union OR Edwards Campus
    Non-Profit Shadow Day
    7:45 am – 3:00 pm; Kansas City, MO
15th  Application Deadline: Samuel Huntington Public Service Award
      Application Deadline: Nat’l Social Work Honor Society

March
1st  Application Deadline: Carter Center Intern Program
5th-9th  Social Work Baccalaureate Program Directors Conference in Destin, FL
17th - 21st  Spring Break: No classes

BSW Student Voices: How to be heard

Got something to say? This is your space to do it! Submit an article or essay to the BSW Newsletter. Just send it to Lori Messinger, BSW Director, at lorim@ku.edu before the 10th of the month. Let your peers hear from you.