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BSW Director’s Corner

--Lori Messinger

Well, the end of the semester is getting close! Spring is finally in the air. Flowers are blooming. Students are walking around in shorts again. Talk of the NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP KU BASKETBALL TEAM is starting to quiet, and we are adjusting to thoughts of graduation parties and summer plans.

I am always excited about this time of year. Endings are pleasing, representing accomplishments and some much-needed closure. The end of the spring semester promises us a time for reflection, relaxation, or at least something new and different for a while. Even those of us taking (or teaching) summer classes know it won’t be the same—the pace is different, the student body changes, and everyone is in a different mood.

I am ready for a change. As most of you know, I broke a couple bones in my foot about a month ago. You’ve probably seen me rolling around in a wheelchair. Recovery has been slow and more annoying than painful, but I have learned a great deal from my experience “on wheels.” One thing I have learned is how much I hated being told I would learn something from this experience—even if those who said it were correct! 😊 But I also learned how hard it is to ask for help, even when I knew I needed it, and how hard it was to accept help when it was offered. I found out how much of my time and energy is sapped by accommodating this injury and the accompanying discomfort. Pain and fatigue changed my personality—and not really for the better! I had to work harder to be pleasant and finish my regular tasks. I should mention that the students, faculty, and staff made this experience so much better than it could have been, and I sincerely thank you all.

I would encourage the social work students, especially our soon-to-be BSW graduates, to think back on all of the lessons you have learned during the BSW program. Perhaps you learned to be a little more organized, or you found out that talking to a legator isn’t as scary as it once was. You may have learned what to say to clients who are struggling with major life issues without sounding patronizing or taking on their burdens as your own. You may have found your voice in a group, or learned to negotiate differences with peers.

As BSW Director, I hope that you will come away from your time here feeling that you have some new tools in your toolkit that help equip you for your work, whatever you do next. Professional education happens in field, in the classroom, and in your many interactions with peers and staff; be sure to recognize and appreciate it all. And don’t be afraid to let your peers, the KUSSW staff, and your professors and field instructors know how they may have helped you grow. As with my learning with my injury, I can attest that whereas learning may not always be fun, and though it may challenge us to develop in new ways, it makes a lasting impression that can help us to be better in all we do.

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Join the Pre-social work listserv by emailing “SUBSCRIBE PRESOCIALWORK” to listproc@listproc.cc.ku.edu

Best of luck to the seniors—and to everyone else: see you next fall!
Hello all. The end of the semester is fast approaching and a number of you will be graduating next month and moving on to bigger and better things.

For those of you moving on: Good Luck. Don’t forget to drop us a note from time to time to let us know how and what you’re doing. Many of you will be coming back to KU after a summer break. Enjoy the down time! I will be in my office throughout the summer, so if questions and/or concerns come up, don’t hesitate to contact me. Enrollment through Enroll & Pay closes down for undergraduate students for the months of June and July, so any changes to your Fall 2008 semester need to be made prior to May 31st or after August 1st.

Our last application review date for Fall 2008 admission is June 1, 2008. If you are planning to apply, make sure your application is turned in on or before this date. Decisions will be made and mailed out in early July. Applicants who are admitted during the June review, and will be starting the BSW curriculum in the fall, will be able to adjust their fall 2008 schedule on or after August 1st.

**News from KCKCC**

**NEED SOCIAL WORK OR OTHER ELECTIVE HOURS?**

Consider the following social work classes at KU’s 2+2 BSW Program at Kansas City Kansas Community College

**Summer 2008**
- SW 455 Social Work with Latinos  TR 5:10-9:50 June 3 - June 26
- SW 455 Social Work with African Americans  TR 3:10-7:50 July 1 - July 24

**Fall 2008**
- SW 410 Profess. Writing Skills for Social Workers  T 6:10-8:50

**SEE THE TIMETABLE FOR CLASS DETAILS!!!!**

**Reminders from Field Education**

**Seniors!!!** Please be sure to fill out the field education survey that was recently emailed to you. Your feedback is very important to us. We take your feedback seriously as we plan for student placements next year.

**Juniors!!!** Please be sure to confirm your practicum placement with Alberta Wright after your interview (practicum@ku.edu). All BSW juniors should have their practicum assignments for next Fall. If you do not, please be in contact with Julie Solomon right away (jamsoho@ku.edu).
Lawrence BSW Student Group

-Kate Jayne

First and foremost, we would like to thank all of you who came out for our Spring Benefit at Bambino’s! We raised $500 for the Ballard Community Center’s emergency fund. Thanks to all who attended!

We are planning our volunteer project, which we will be held at the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence. On May 1st from 4-6pm, we will be helping children decorate postcards to various locations around Kansas. Anyone is invited to attend!! Please e-mail the bsw@ku.edu if you would like more information.

Our last BSW Student Group meeting will be May 4, 2008 at 8:15pm in Alcove K of the Kansas Union. It is important for anyone who is interested in becoming an officer next year attend. We will be holding elections during the end of the meeting.

The final Lawrence BSW Student Group meeting is on May 4 - don’t miss it!

KC KCC BSW Student Group

-Andrea Cox

As we wrap up the year, we want to congratulate all seniors on a job well done! We wish the best for you all and hope for ultimate success and fulfillment in your careers and/or your master's level educational experience! We would also like to thank all faculty and staff for the support and assistance they provide that is vital to our success. All of their help is so greatly appreciated!

We are excited about the upcoming year and especially look forward to meeting and visiting with the new juniors. We think it’s great that our classes will be on the same days so that we can connect and learn from each other. We anticipate wonderful input from juniors and seniors to make the BSW student group at KCKCC a fun and helpful resource for everyone, as well as a chance to grow together! Everyone is encouraged and invited to join! We are currently working to offer the BSW student group of KCKCC new volunteer opportunities and fundraising activities that will enhance our learning, our school, and the welfare of our community! See you next fall and have a great summer!

Juniors and Pre-Social Work students – plenty of officer positions will be available once the seniors graduate. If you’re interested, take an active role now!!

Praise to a BSW Student

“On Saturday, April 12, our student, sophomore Hannah Nusz, presented her UGRA research to the UGRA research symposium. Her presentation focused on the work she did in Uganda, looking at health practices, particularly AIDS prevention practices. This was a stunning piece of work for a sophomore—or anyone, for that matter. As her research advisor on this project, I was just blown away.” – Alice Lieberman

Hannah’s symposium presentation is titled, “Evaluation of Case Study AIDS Clinic and AIDS Awareness Strategies in Uganda”.

Congrats on your great work, Hannah!
The BSW Recognition Ceremony will be on Friday, May 16th at 1:00 pm at the Lied Center.

The Lied Center is a beautiful, handicap-accessible venue that holds 1,500 people and has plenty of parking available. For directions and a campus map, see www.ku.edu/visit. BSW graduates will need to be there by 12:00 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. All friends, family members, guests and graduates are invited to attend.

The University Commencement, also known as the traditional “Walk Down the Hill,” is on Sunday, May 18th at 2:30 pm. Participants are asked to assemble on Memorial Drive at 2:00 pm.

Tickets are NOT needed for either ceremony.

You will need a cap, gown and tassel for graduation. All can be purchased at the KU Bookstore in the Kansas Union, and the total cost is around $40.00. KCKCC students should plan on purchasing their regalia at the Edwards campus bookstore. The cap and gown must be black, and the tassel will be citron with a ’08 charm attached. Citron is the color representing the academic discipline of social work.

This is also a good time to order graduation announcements. Two companies are offering announcements with the KU logo and ceremony information: www.jostens.com and www.cbgrad.com. Please see their websites for purchasing and personalization information.

For general graduation information, please see www.commencement.ku.edu/2008/grads/shtml

Questions? Contact Melanie Hepburn at melanieh@ku.edu.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!
Service Learning In Action!

Students from Ariana Wall’s research class worked with several agencies in the community to develop research plans the agencies can use to address a particular issue of concern. Student groups worked with Communities in Schools of Ottawa (CIS), Presbyterian Manor (PM), and Women’s Transitional Care Services (WTCS). The hope is that information gained from the research can improve services.

Students visited the agency with which they are working, and, in some cases, they were able to talk to clients as well. In collaboration with agency staff and the course instructor, students have developed numerous documents for agency use, including surveys, electronic spreadsheets, instructions for data entry, and consent forms. Research questions addressed in these research plans are as follows: Do children who receive site-based services have higher academic success and increased positive school interaction than children who do not receive such services? Why is there a stigma that prevents residents and their families from accepting mental health services in retirement living communities? Are the services provided in-shelter effective in preparing the women to lead healthy, safe lives once they leave the shelter?

Top row, left to right: Patricia Oduor, Kelly Geraghty, Dacia Maher, Jennifer Simpson, Kim Baker, Blake Downing, Jessica Clatterbuck, Mary Emerson, Jess Levy, Bethany Pace-Danley, Kaluki Wambua

Bottom row, left to right: Ashton Copp, Whitney Sandifar, Dana Amitin

(Not pictured are students Kyli Maddox and Molly Maguire.)

Internship Opportunities

**Wyandot Center for Community Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.**

**Summer Youth Care Worker:** This position gives practical experience working with children/youth. Seasonal summer position working up to 40 hours per week. Responsible for the facilitation of psychosocial groups and individual supervision of youth as needed. This position reports to the Psychosocial Coordinator.

Applications Accepted Until: May 9, 2008

To apply for this position, you must register with KU Career Connections. Download the registration form from the following link: [http://www.ucc.ku.edu/webpage_forms/careerconnectionreg.pdf](http://www.ucc.ku.edu/webpage_forms/careerconnectionreg.pdf). Then you need to take the form to Burge Union 110 or fax to 785-864-4572.

**Program Coordinator for the Center for Community Outreach**

Applications are still being accepted for the volunteer program coordinator position. This position requires 2 office hours per week in addition to regular volunteering with your program. There are a wide variety of programs to coordinate that address a wide variety of issues. Some programs work with the environment, many work with kids, others involve health issues, etc. We are looking for excited, enthusiastic applicants! Applications are available online ([www.ku.edu/~cco](http://www.ku.edu/~cco)) or at our office (405 Kansas Union). Brief interviews will be held early the last week of school.

Applications Accepted Until: May 2, 2008

If you have any questions about the applications, job requirements, etc., please e-mail [cco@ku.edu](mailto:cco@ku.edu) and/or look on the website.
Join us in honoring the memory of Teri Mathis Zenner
Proceeds from this special event support the Teri Mathis Zenner Foundation for the Advancement of Social Welfare

Teri was a social worker who grew up in Kansas City. She touched many lives with her positive attitude, enthusiastic spirit and passion for helping others. Teri was studying for a master's degree at the University of Kansas when she was killed August 17, 2004, while visiting a client. Her death focused national attention on safety for social workers. Teri deeply believed in helping those less able to help themselves, and would have wanted others to carry on her work. Teri was a beloved wife, daughter, sister, step-mother, aunt and friend. Please join her family on Saturday, June 14, 2008, for the 4th Annual Teri Mathis Zenner Memorial 4 Mile Run/Walk and Kids Dash.

Teri Mathis Zenner Foundation for the Advancement of Social Welfare

The Teri Mathis Zenner Foundation for the Advancement of Social Welfare is a 501(c)(3) organization established to honor Teri’s memory through the promotion of social welfare and community mental health, and to improve and promote social worker safety.

Social welfare programs aid disadvantaged people such as the poor, elderly, disabled, abused, and underprivileged in meeting their basic needs. What would our community be like if everyone took a little time each year to help someone in their time of need?

The foundation has funded scholarships in Teri’s memory for graduate study in social welfare at the University of Kansas and for undergraduate study in a helping profession at Missouri Southern University.

Teri completed her undergraduate degree and played softball at Missouri Southern. Their annual softball tournament has been named in her memory. Teri was a softball player and graduate of Olathe South.

Chris Cakes Pancake Breakfast & Teri Tough T-shirt

Event participants will receive an all you care to eat pancake and sausage breakfast with the Chris Cakes team. Watch out for flying flapjacks as you enter the Blackbob Island area.

Paid participants receive a “Teri Tough” wristband and T-shirt. Teri lived life with a smile on her face and was not the type of person to be down in difficult times. The wristbands are a way of sharing Teri’s spirit. We hope that when you are sad, or the going is getting rough, you can snap yourself on the wrist with the band and become Teri Tough!

Course Records:
Female: Cindy Cameron 25:00.0 (2007)
Male: Derek Tate 19:58.5 (2006)

More Information:
Visit: www.terizenner.com

Online Registration:
at www.active.com

Teri Tough Event Schedule:
Saturday, June 14, 2008
5:45 am Race Day Registration/
Packet Pickup Opens
6:45 am Race Day Registration/
Packet Pickup Closes
6:45 am Race Instructions/Ceremony
6:55 am Wheelchairs Begin
7:00 am Runners / Walkers Begin
8:30 am Kids’ Run at Shelter House #1
8:45 am Awards Ceremony

Heritage Park Directions
From I-35 and 69 Highway
Take 69 Highway south to 151st Street. Go west on 151st Street for 3.4 miles. Turn left onto Pflumm Road. Head south for 1.5 miles. The park entrance is on the right. Park in the marina area on map(I)

From I-35 and 119th Street
Go east on 119th Street 1.6 miles to Pflumm Road. Head south on Pflumm 5.5 miles to the park. The park entrance is on the west side of the road. Park in the marina area on map(II)

Sign up to participate on the next page!
EVENT FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE, TRANSFERABLE, OR EXCHANGEABLE.

Tei Mathis Zener Foundation, PO Box 3471, Shadyside, KS 66039

Return this completed form and your registration fee to:

Make checks payable to: Tei Mathis Zener Foundation

Additional "Ter Touch" wrist bands: # x $2.00 total $ 

Each paid participant will receive one free "Ter Touch" wristband.

Adult T-Shirt size (Circle One) 

FREE - Kids Dash
$35.00 (June 14, 2008 - Race Day)
$30.00 (June 9 - June 13, 2008)
$25.00 (Through June 8, 2008)

Entry Fee:

Race Category (Circle One) Amile: Run, Walk, Wheelchair

Age on Race Day:

Gender:

Birthdate:

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Have a Safe and Relaxing Summer Vacation!!