Dear Students,

School seems to be off to a great start! I can’t remember a Fall semester when we had such a fantastic run of weather. Everyone seems to have great energy, and the days are going by so fast.

A few things of note: first, advising is coming up! I am sure that Vicki and Maxine have written plenty about advisement in their respective columns. But just so you don’t miss it, here are the particulars:

You may sign up for an advising appointment at any time on or after the day of the “appointment time” that you are given by the registrar. That time is based upon your level in school. The higher your classification, the earlier your appointment time, generally speaking.

You have access to this appointment time on your KU Portal and also in Enroll and Pay.

Although you have until November 15 to enroll, your advisor needs to manage teaching and research responsibilities as well as provide you with a quality advisement session. For that reason, please sign up for advising as soon as you see their sign-up go up, in the next few weeks. Thanks!

Second, I am pleased that the student group from both the Lawrence and KCK campuses have selected representatives to the BSW Program Committee meetings. Brian Sultana (Lawrence) and Hilaire Miller (KCKCC) are going to be very active members, I hope! Their job will be to report back to you on the matters that we take up in the Committee meetings.

Finally, I want to say that, for those of you who signed up for our Voices from the Field day, on November 11, you are in for a major treat. This day is going to be informative, fun, and productive. This project is underwritten by the Administration for Children and Families, of the Department of Health and Human Services, and is the brainchild of Michelle Levy, in the School’s Office of Child Welfare and Children’s Mental Health. Thanks, Michelle!

As always, if there is anything you would like to talk about, please don’t hesitate to contact me. I’m in Room 302, Twente Hall, in Lawrence. And if you are a student at KCKCC, I will be coming to campus later this month, if you are interested in chatting, or you can email me at alicel@ku.edu.

Best,
Alice
Pre-Social Welfare students: The next review date for BSW applications is February 1, 2012. We expect to have all applications reviewed and notification letters sent out by spring break. Students admitted during the February review will begin the social work curriculum in the fall of 2012. If you have questions about the application process, feel free to email me or Dr. Alice Lieberman.

Pre-Social Work Group Advising sessions have been set. By October 12th a sign-up sheet will be available in my office, Room 107 Twente Hall. You can also email me to sign up for one of the dates or you are welcome to walk in on any of the sessions. The advantage to signing up ahead of time is that we can have individual academic evaluations done for you ahead of time. Come (and go) to group advising with a current ARTS Form, a tentative schedule for spring 2012, and a list of any questions that you have. Pre-Social Work Advising dates are below.

- Wednesday, October 19th from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in Room 208 Twente Hall
- Thursday, October 27th from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. in Room 208 Twente Hall
- Friday, November 4th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Room 208 Twente Hall

BSW Students: Advising is just around the corner; immediately after fall break to be exact. Advising will run beginning Wednesday, 12th and last for a period of three weeks. Faculty advisors may have sign-up sheets available on their office doors. Other faculty advisors will email you directly. Read your email! If you do not find a sign-up sheet and don’t get an email from your advisor, you should contact them for an appointment. An advisor list is posted on the bulletin board outside of Room 107 Twente Hall if you need to check it. Be sure to sign up early for appointments and be in contact with your advisor by phone or email if advising issues arise. Prior to your advising appointment, you should put together a tentative schedule for spring 2012. The items that you should take to your advising appointment are your tentative schedule, a current ARTS Form, your student folder (found in my office right before your appointment), and a list of any questions that you have for your advisor. You will have a SW Advising Hold on your record that keeps you from being able to enroll. You must meet with your advisor prior to that hold being removed.

BSW Juniors: This would be a good time to verify that all transfer work has been sent to KU. As you start preparing for your senior year in the BSW program, it is extremely important that all coursework taken outside of KU is transferred and shows on your ARTS Form. Be sure to check the academic plan in your student file during your advising appointment to make sure it is up to date. You are required to have all general education required and elective hours completed prior to entering your senior level social work courses and the field placement. I will be doing field readiness checks in Jan/Feb. and will contact you if there are questions about your transfer work, gen ed hours, etc.

BSW Seniors: I have completed my first graduation check. Some of you have received emails from me regarding missing coursework/credit hours on your ARTS Form. I am still sending out emails. I want to thank all of you for being so patient with all of our questions and also your prompt responses to those questions. Your advisors will be following up with my graduation checks during your advising session and I will be going through your ARTS Forms again in early January. When reviewing your own ARTS Form, keep these three requirements in mind:

1) 2.50 Overall and Social Work GPA,
2) completion of course requirements (gen ed, social work, and electives), and
3) 124 minimum credit hours.

We all know that at times the ARTS Form can have a hiccup and so, if you have questions about your credit hours, your requirements, or your GPA you can check with your advisor or me. Further, if you have credit hours outside of KU, you need to have those transferred ASAP. A general rule to follow is that until a course is showing on your KU record, you haven’t taken it. Stay on top of transfer credit until you see it on your ARTS Form. Lastly, speaking of transfer credit, I strongly encourage you NOT to take transfer credit that you need for graduation in your last semester. Because of the time it takes to get transcripts sent to KU and then loaded up, it is possible that your graduation could be delayed by a semester.

Tuition Compact Note: If you started at KU, as a new first term freshman, in FA 2008 then you are under the tuition compact that began that term. We are now ¾ way through the 4 years of that first Tuition Compact. This means that you should have 91 or more credit hours completed. In accordance with the Tuition Compact, your graduation date should be no later than SU12. If you have not graduated by this time, your tuition will be reassessed at the beginning of the following semester (FA12).
News From The 2+2 Program
—Maxine Elmore, Program Coordinator

ATTENTION Social Work and Pre-Social Work Students!!

Are you interested in working in the urban core?? Want to learn more about this population before you graduate?

SW 420 Social Work in Urban Settings is an exciting elective that will be offered this spring on the Kansas City Kansas Community College Campus on Tuesday evenings from 6:10 p.m.-8:50 p.m.

Don’t forget to sign up for Advising. The sign up sheets are located on the office door of room 3339 in the Jewell Center.

Dates to Remember

October 11th, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.:
   KU Edwards Campus Prospective Student Information Session to be held at Kansas City Kansas Community Center in the Upper Jewell Center

October 20th, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.:
   Prospective Student Information Session at KU Edwards Campus
BSW Group—Lawrence

Attention all BSW or Pre-BSW students!
Here are some important dates for our group:

Educational:

*The Margaret Schutz Gordon lecture on social work:* October 7 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the Alderson Auditorium of the Kansas Union.

Group Service Hours:

*Habitat for Humanity:* October 8 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please meet at the Lied Center parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

*The Nash Dash & Bash:* October 9, starts at 8:30 a.m. It consists of 5K and 10K races, as well as a music festival complete with kids festivities and food vendors. Proceeds go to Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center. Interested volunteers can visit their website [http://www.bertnashdashbash.org/](http://www.bertnashdashbash.org/) and click “Yes, I want to help!” at the bottom of the page.

*The Lawrence Hunger Project Drive:* October 16 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Lawrence High School. This year, Lawrence has partnered with Numana Inc., We’ll be packaging food on World Food Day and sending it off to a refugee camp in Kenya. Numana Inc. is a Kansas-based nonprofit, relief organization.

*DCAP Bake Sale:* October 28 at Last Fridays on Mass Street from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Exact location TBA. Proceeds help with the DCAP Art Auction. We will be planning a social to make baked goods and work the bake sale.

*DCAP Art Auction:* November 6, 6:30 p.m. at Maceli’s (1031 New Hampshire). DCAP is seeking to raise $25,000 from this year’s auction to help fund case management, prevention education and free HIV testing. This is the largest annual fundraiser for DCAP. For additional information, please go to [http://www.douglascountyaidshotline.org/](http://www.douglascountyaidshotline.org/)

Annual Fundraiser:

*Abe and Jake’s Benefit:* November 17 from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at Abe and Jake’s. Come help BSW plan their biggest event of the year. Voting of our agency will take place October 17. This agency will receive all funds from the benefit to help with their social service agency.

Meetings:

Our meetings for the following semester:
October 17—305 Courtside, Burge Union
October 24—International Room, Kansas Union
November 7—English Room, Kansas Union
November 21—309 Olympian, Burge Union

**Contact us at bsw@ku.edu or BSW Group on Facebook to RSVP to events or to ask questions!**
THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WELFARE

OPEN HOUSE – INFO SESSIONS

2011
October 20, 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

2012
January 28, 9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
April 12, 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
July 12, 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
October 18, 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

LOCATION
Edwards Campus
12600 Quivira Road, RC #210
Overland Park, KS 66213
913-897-8550

- Are you interested in a career in social work?
- Wondering what social workers actually do?
- Have questions about the undergraduate or graduate social work programs at KU?

Come to one of the University of Kansas, School of Social Welfare Open House Sessions.

Representatives from the School of Social Welfare will be available to talk with you about the academic programs, general admission requirements and to help you gain a better understanding of the breadth of the field of social services.
Notes From the Field Education Office
—Freda Herrington, Director

BSW Junior Level Practicum Planning Materials Going On-Line...

I will be holding Tuesday/Thursday BSW Junior level Lawrence & KCKCC Campus Practicum Planning Information sessions, several times in November, to discuss the practicum process and how to submit your individual practicum planning materials on-line. BSW Junior level students will only be required to attend one of these sessions. These will be held in-between student’s Junior level SW courses either on the Lawrence or KCKCC campuses. Here are the specific dates and times available.

**Lawrence Campus Dates:**

- Tuesday, November 1st, 10:50 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Blake 210
- Thursday, November 3rd, 10:50 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Blake 210
- Tuesday, November 8th, 10:50 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Blake 210
- Thursday, November 10th, 10:50 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Blake 210

**KCKCC Campus Dates:**

- Tuesday, November 8th, 5:40 p.m. - 6:10 p.m., Room 3632 (Flint Building)
- Thursday, November 10th, 5:40 p.m. - 6:10 p.m., Room 3625 (Flint Building)

**Either Campus Make-Up Session:**

- Tuesday, November 29th, 10:50 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Blake 210

REMEMBER: All BSW practicum planning materials are due by Friday, December 16th. In the meantime, if you would like to take a look at all the agency data forms, for BSW students, here is the link: [http://www.socwel.ku.edu/academics/practicum/bsw/agencies.asp](http://www.socwel.ku.edu/academics/practicum/bsw/agencies.asp)
Events Calendar

2011

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27 Pre-Social Work Advising, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Room 208 Twente Hall
28 DCAP Bake Sale, Mass. Street., 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Exact location TBA.

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2012

JANUARY

28 Open House/Info Session, KU Edwards Campus, 9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

APRIL

12 Open House/Info Session, KU Edwards Campus, 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

JULY

12 Open House/Info Session, KU Edwards Campus, 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

OCTOBER

18 Open House/Info Session, KU Edwards Campus, 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.