Dear Students,

I am writing this letter on the first day following the end of Daylight Savings Time for the year. I don’t know about you, but I needed that extra hour! As the semester winds down, there are papers to be written, exams to be taken, and travel plans to be made. I hope that all of you are doing well with those things, and planning to begin the season by attending the BIG benefit event, sponsored by the BSW Student Group, on November 17, at Abe and Jake’s. I love this event—it’s great to see so many students and faculty—and always a treat to see Steve Kapp in his musical element. The fact that this event raises funds for agencies who need our help now more than ever is no small thing either! This year, all proceeds will be going to the Lawrence Community Shelter. As some of you may know, this is an especially critical fundraising year for the Shelter, as it seeks to capture hundreds of thousands of dollars in matching funds through generous donations from the community.

For seniors, moving into the last semester of your undergraduate education, these are exciting, crazy, hectic times, and even a little scary. But there are a lot of things you can do to further your thinking about your future. I hope that many of you were able to attend informational sessions given by Ed Scanlon about our MSW program. For those of you who are broadening your search, your advisor may be especially helpful. Do not hesitate to ask him/her! And while it is a little early to be thinking about post-graduation employment, I do want to note that, for those of you who will be looking in the area, that we will be passing along any information about jobs that we have, through the listserv.

Juniors, I hope you were able to attend a small group session with Heather Jones, about practicum. These sessions are very important for Heather to begin to get to know you, and for you to hear about the various field opportunities that are available.

On November 11, the School held its Voices From the Field Day at Maceli’s, an all-day event devoted to professional child welfare. I’m thrilled that so many of you signed up for this terrific day. Many potential employers were there, and students had an opportunity to talk to and ask questions of social workers, supervisors, attorneys, judges, researchers, and others, in addition to watching informative videos, touring the courtroom (across the street from Maceli’s), etc.

As this is the last BSW newsletter before the holidays, I want to wish all of you the best for the season. I hope it is peaceful, restful, fun—and that you will come back ready for the new semester.

Best,
Alice
Pre-Social Welfare students: The application deadline for the BSW Program is February 1, 2011. 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 Alice Lieberman.

Group Advising sessions have concluded so if you still need to be advised for the spring semester please email me (vmignot@ku.edu). Come to advising with a current ARTS Form, a tentative schedule for spring 2012, and a list of any questions that you have.

BSW Students: If you have not yet met with your advisor you should be in contact with them asap. Faculty advisors may not have advising times still posted so you may need to be in contact with your advisor by phone or email to set up an advising time. An advisor list is posted on the bulletin board outside of Room 107 Twente Hall if you need to check it. 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 and 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. Additionally you will want to make sure that the academic plan in your student file is up to date. You are required to have all general education hours and elective hours completed prior to entering your senior level social work courses and the field placement. The Field Education Office has sent out information about Practicum Planning materials to check your email for this information or be in contact with Alberta Wright (anwright@ku.edu) and/or Heather Jones (hjones@ku.edu).

BSW Seniors: Now is a time that you should be thinking of Applying for Graduation. This can be done on Enroll and Pay. If you are going to be a May 2012 graduate you will need to Apply for Graduation no later than March 1, 2012. Applying for degree is a cue to the University that you will be graduating and they can get your name in the commencement materials, notify local media in your hometowns, and get your diploma printed.

As this semester comes to a close, make sure that you are requesting transcripts for courses you took outside of KU. Time is getting short on getting transfer credit in. I will begin the first of the year with a final graduation check and you want to make sure that all transfer work is showing up on your ARTS Form.
BSW Group—Lawrence

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

Annual Fundraiser:

Abe and Jake’s Benefit: November 17 from 6:00 PM-10:00 PM at Abe and Jake’s. This year, all proceeds earned will go to the Lawrence Community Shelter! We are ready to begin collecting donations for the Silent Auction. Please respond if you are interested in helping us collect donations! We will provide you with a letter to facilitate your adventures and assign you a part of town to conquer; there are many volunteer positions available for the event, please let us know if you’re interested!

Additional Information:

We are currently in the process of ordering social work t-shirts. Be on the look-out in the near future if you’re interested in ordering a shirt.

Recap:

Lawrence Hunger Project: 97,416 meals were packaged at the October 16th event. Meals are to be sent to refugees in the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya. 1,275 lbs. of food was also collected for Just Food, the Douglas County food pantry.

Meetings:

Our meetings for the following semester:

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

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.
Events Calendar

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NOVEMBER
17 Abe and Jake’s Benefit, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
21 Lawrence BSW Group Meeting, 309 Olympian, Burge Union
29 Practicum Planning Information Session, Either Campus
   10:50 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Blake 210

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.