The countdown to the end of the semester has officially begun! We are in the last week of advising, Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and people are already making plans for travel at the end of the academic year. Just a few things to note: We will be sending out an advising evaluation form to all BSW students. Please give us feedback on your advising experience; we learn from your insights. Also, I want to thank all of the faculty/staff advisors who have worked so hard to help make sure students are progressing as they should, especially our new advisors: Ed Canda, Amy Mendenhall, Anne Powell, and Leslie Hasche.

I hope you will participate in the upcoming BSW Student Group service and fundraising events in Lawrence and Kansas City, especially the Lawrence group’s fundraiser at Abe & Jake’s on 11/12/09 (see page 6 for more information). I am excited, because I get to sing with the LCS band! It should be a fun time.

Like many of you, I have many things on my plate, so I will keep it short this month. Good luck with all of your work! I wish you great success in all that you are doing. It may seem like an arduous uphill climb, but the view from the top will be amazing!
News and Information from Vicki

Pre-Social Welfare students: The October review of applications is complete and decision letters have been mailed out. If you did not make this application review, the next opportunity will be February 1, 2010. Students admitted during the February review will begin the social work curriculum in the fall of 2010. If you have questions about the application process, feel free to email me or Lori Messinger.

We have one remaining pre-social work group advising session. It is Wednesday, November 4th from 1-2:30pm in Room 206 of Twente Hall. I have a sign-up sheet in my office (Room 107 Twente Hall). You can sign up or you are welcome to walk in on the session. The advantage to signing up ahead of time is that we can have individual academic evaluations done for you. Come to group advising with a current ARTS Form, a tentative schedule for spring 2010, and a list of any questions that you have.

BSW Students: Advising is currently going on. If you have not yet met with your advisor, you should be in contact with them ASAP. Faculty advisors should still have sign-up sheets available on their office doors but since advising is winding down, 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 2010. 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 is currently holding small group meetings in preparation for your practicum. You should sign up for one of those meetings as soon as possible (http://www.socwel.ku.edu/academics/practicum/PracticumPlanningGroups.asp).

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 2010 graduate you will need to Apply for Graduation no later than March 1, 2010. 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.
KCKCC BSW Student Group

It is hard to believe that the Fall semester is almost at an end. The holiday season is just around the corner, and many students are looking forward to this break and a chance to enjoy this time with their families.

The KCKCC BSW Student Group will be holding a short meeting on November 3rd from 5:45 to 6:10 pm in Rm 2703 of the Lower Nursing Building for those students who signed up to participate in the angel tree program. During this time, we will be passing out “Lil Angels” as well as serving chili dogs. It will be a great opportunity for the students to work together in providing gifts to the children in the KCK community.

**A reminder to those who are interested in purchasing t-shirts from the MSW group, please make sure to submit your order along with exact payment in a sealed envelope to Maxine before November 9th.

Lawrence BSW Student Group

-Steve Kapp

Hi Everyone! Here is the latest update on what the BSW Group is up to.

At our last meeting on the 20th, more discussion took place around the specifics of the upcoming silent auction benefit for the Lawrence Community Shelter (see page 6 for more info). Due to time constraints, the group decided to have just the two bands play for entertainment and not have the DJ who graciously offered her time. The group members are also looking into having karaoke in between bands while they are tearing down and setting up. Individuals are beginning to make progress in asking for donations from local businesses. We anticipate an excellent variety of items that will be auctioned off on the 12th at Abe and Jakes. The group is also in the process of ordering group t-shirts; a design was voted on at the meeting (more info will be available soon).

We held a social get together at Casa Agave at the far south end of Iowa St. at 7pm October 27. Our next regular meeting will be held November 3 in the English Room of the Kansas Union. We hope to see you there!
Reminders from Field Education

-Julie Solomon

Dear BSW Juniors,

It is hard to believe, but we are quickly approaching the season to begin planning for your practicum next Fall! Please follow the link given below for 3 documents which will be important for you to review in preparation for Practicum Planning. In addition, all BSW juniors are required to attend a small group meeting at which time we will review important practicum information and answer any questions.

Groups begin in early November. To sign up for these groups, please visit the link at:
http://www.socwel.ku.edu/academics/practicum/PracticumPlanningGroups.asp

Your required practicum planning materials can be found online at:
http://www.socwel.ku.edu/Academics/practicum/bswinfo.shtml

These completed materials are due to the Field Education Office (rm. 105) no later than December 15th.
Here’s the summary of the steps you need to take:

1. Sign up for a BSW small group (see link above)
2. Complete and submit by Dec 15th:
   • Personal Professional Information Form (available at the link above, and attached to this email)
   • Your Resume
   • Student Data Card (pick up from Alberta in room 105 (LAW) or from Maxine (KCKCC)

I look forward to meeting each of you in the coming weeks. Please bring any questions you have about practicum to your small group meeting.

Thanks so much!

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Upcoming Events

HUNGER BANQUET

Kansas University's Student Union Activities and the KU Oxfam chapter are hosting the 2009 OXFAM America Hunger Banquet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 16 in the Big 12 and Jayhawk rooms in the Kansas Union.

The annual event is aimed at increasing awareness about poverty, hunger and social justice. Participants at the event will receive a meal card indicating either a high-, middle-, or low-class income status. That card will then determine the type of meal they will receive during the dinner.

Jim French, lead agricultural organizer for Oxfam America will speak during the event.

The event is free and open to KU students, but students must pick up a voucher from the SUA Box Office on the fourth level of the Kansas Union to participate.

For more information, call the SUA box office at 864-7469.
CORNERSTONES OF CARE PRESENTS:

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network

Child Welfare Trauma Training
TWO DAY LEARNING EVENT

SPEAKER:
Sylvia Hernandez, LMSW

Wednesday, November 11, 2009 & Thursday, November 12, 2009
8:30 to 4:30
3100 Main, Suite 206
Kansas City, Missouri
Bank of America Building

To Register for this FREE event, please email:
sylvia.hernandez@cornerstonesofcare.org

*Registration is required, seating is limited

These two days are designed for child welfare staff to learn basic knowledge, skills and values about working with children in the child welfare system who have experienced traumatic stress. It teaches how to use this knowledge to support children’s safety, permanency and well being through case analysis and corresponding interventions tailored for them and their biological and resource families.

Student Social Work Congress

Deadline: January 15, 2010

The Baccalaureate Program Directors of Schools of Social Work (BPD), Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), National Association of Deans and Directors of Schools of Social Work (NADD) and the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) want you to apply to participate in the virtual 2010 Student Social Work Congress. The 2010 Student Social Work Congress will bring together 400 social work students from across the country to engage in a dialogue about the future of the profession. This event will build on the work of the 2010 Social Work Congress, which will be held on April 22 & 23, 2010. We want to engage the next generation of emerging leaders to discuss the workforce challenges we must overcome in order to secure the future of the profession. For more information, email 2010StudentCongress@naswdc.org.
Hey, everyone! Hope your semester is going well and you’re staying healthy -- keep washing those hands! Mandi Chervitz and I have been enjoying our time representing the School of Social Welfare in Student Senate. We want to take a few minutes to call attention to some important stuff that’s happening in Senate right now, and to encourage you to come get involved. A few days ago, an email went out to the KU student body letting you know about a subcommittee that has been formed by the Student Rights Committee, which is looking at KU’s policies regarding alcohol. This subcommittee was formed as part of a widespread effort to address alcohol abuse on campus. The email also pointed you toward a survey that will be used to help the committee recommend changes to existing alcohol-related policies. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey, which can be found at http://studentvoice.com/ukan/rightssubctesurvey09. All students are also welcome, and highly encouraged, to join the subcommittee and provide your input. There are only two meetings left on Thursday, Nov. 5 at 7:00pm in the Jayhawk Room (Union) and Thursday, Nov. 12 at 8:00pm in the Big 12 Room (Union).

We would also like to encourage you to join one of Student Senate’s five standing committees: Student Rights, Multicultural Affairs, University Affairs, Finance, and Graduate and Professional Affairs. Students are welcome to join any of the standing committees. Once you’ve attended a committee twice in a row, you are granted full voting privileges. All legislation voted on by Student Senate has to go through at least one standing committee first, so this is a great way to influence the decisions made by the Senate. I am a member of the Multicultural Affairs Committee, and Mandi is a member of the Student Rights Committee. It would be really great to have more social work students representing our school at any of the committees!

Feel free to contact Mandi or me with any questions or concerns you have regarding the committees or Student Senate as a whole. We represent YOU, and would love to hear from you. You can reach us at mandlal@aol.com or matthewblankers@gmail.com.

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**Benefit Concert at Abe & Jake’s**

Thursday, November 12th from 6-10 pm  
Abe & Jake’s Landing (6th and New Hampshire)  
Benefitting the Lawrence Community Shelter

**Cost:** $3 for students, $5 for others

**Why attend?** To hear music, bid for wonderful items, and contribute to one of our community’s best service resources, not mention hanging out with other enlightened members of our School and Community!

In addition to a silent auction featuring many twitterpating items from local area merchants (get a jump start on winter gifting), there will be an ongoing raffle and drink specials.

6-7:30 The LCS Jazz Band will perform featuring faculty members Steve Kapp (Bass) & Lori Messinger (vocals) with Harry Miller on keyboards and Paul Matthews on Drums.

8-9:30 is Aviator, a popular local band.

This venue/event, if you don’t know, is very family friendly. Children are most welcome, as are all of your friends, family, & acquaintances interested in a good time, good toonz & a good cause.

See you there!!!!!!
National Career Development Month Events

2009 Education Career Fair
11/4/2009 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM
This is a great event for KU students and alumni as well as students and alumni from other colleges to explore future job opportunities in PK-12 education and to network with school administrators from over 60 school districts from Kansas and Missouri and from across the country.

Don't Just Declare a Major, Follow a Calling
11/4/2009 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
This dynamic and hands-on workshop, presented by Gregg Levoy, is designed for students who need help with choosing a major. The workshop involves brainstorming, reflection, small group work and a lot of humor to help you deepen your exploration and understanding of listening and responding to your calling.

Mock Interview Clinic
11/11/2009 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Come perfect your interviewing skills at this fun and informative mock interview clinic. Registration ends November 4th; click here to learn more and get registered!

2009 Internship & Summer Camp Fair
11/18/2009 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Network with local, national, and even international employers regarding internships and summer camp opportunities. Wear business attire and bring copies of your resume! All faculty and students are welcome!

The Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program

The Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program brings talented college seniors and recent graduates to Washington, D.C., where they are placed in congressional offices and learn about health policy issues, with a focus on issues affecting racial and ethnic minority and underserved communities. Through the ten-week program (May 17–July 24, 2010), Scholars gain knowledge about federal legislative procedure and health policy issues, while further developing their critical thinking and leadership skills. In addition to gaining experience in a congressional office, Scholars participate in seminars and site visits to augment their knowledge of health care issues, and write and present a health policy research memo that addresses a problem of concern to disadvantaged populations.

PROGRAM DATES
The nine-week program runs from May 17–July 24, 2010.

BENEFITS:
Scholars receive approximately $7,500 in support, which includes:
- A stipend of $2,000 upon successful completion of the program;
- A daily expense allowance for meals and local transportation;
- Transportation/airfare to and from Washington, D.C.; and
- Lodging at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

The program application is available at the program website: http://www.kff.org/minorityhealth/bjscholars/index.cfm.
The application deadline is Friday December 4, 2009.
"To improve society by inspiring, developing, and supporting more people committed to leading with integrity."

Are you looking for a chance to improve your leadership skills?

The Student Involvement and Leadership Center is hosting the 13th annual LeaderShape Institute program from January 7-12, 2010 at the Tall Oaks Conference Center.

➢ This program will provide students experience with practicing ethical decision making, dealing with chaos and change, clarifying personal values, celebrating and exploring the values of others, and working in teams.

➢ LeaderShape is open to all enrolled students...graduate and undergraduate, for those who are already involved in numerous campus activities, and for those who are still looking for their niche.

➢ The program is limited to 60 participants with a $50 registration fee due upon selection for the program (a small number of scholarships will be made available). Online applications will be accepted through Monday, November 9th. Selected participants will be notified by November 13th.

➢ Your registration fee will cover transportation, lodging, food and all materials needed for the program.

Online applications for the institute are available at: https://www-s1.leadershape.org/apprd/2159/. You will be asked to register as a new user and complete steps that will then lead to the application. More general information is available through the Student Involvement and Leadership Center website http://www.ku.edu/~silc/Leadershape/home.shtml
Events Calendar

November

12th  BSW Student Group Benefit concert at Abe and Jake’s
25th-29th  Thanksgiving break
26th  Thanksgiving
27th  Career Fair in Kansas Union

December

10th  Last day of classes
11th  Stop Day
14th-18th  Finals week
15th  Field planning materials due
18th  Last Day of the Semester

January 14th  Spring Semester begins

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.