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Social Work Month Activities

Social Work students will participate in a Community Activity Day by visiting the residents at *Fair Acres Geriatric Center* and engage in spirit building social activities.

Students will be visiting *SCI Chester*, a Pennsylvania State correctional institution, and will have the opportunity to tour the facility, learn about the social services and programs offered to the inmates, and will speak with some of the inmates.

The Psychology Department is hosting *Dr. Bruce Alexander* (3/30, 2:00pm, in the Meagher Theatre). Dr. Alexander will be discussing his work with addiction, his “Rat Park” research, and societal changes needed to combat addiction. All Social Work students are expected to attend. Dr. Alexander will be participating in a meet-and-greet following the lecture, and three Social Work students have been selected to attend.

March is Social Work Month!



Celebrated each March,
National Professional Social Work Month
is an opportunity for social workers across the country to turn the spotlight on the profession and highlight the important contributions they make to society.

Our nation’s more than 600,000 social workers have amazing tenacity and talent.

They confront some of the most challenging issues facing individuals, families, communities and society and forge solutions that help people reach their full potential and make our nation a better place to live.

For more information, please visit:

www.nasw.org

Education Department Panel Discussion: Journey to College

On 3/31, the Education Department will host Mastery Charter School 2nd Graders for a day-long event on Neumann University’s campus. Activities include a campus tour, lunch, and a panel discussion discussing the journey to college. Two Social Work majors, Donier Cook and Michelle Wilson, have been invited to speak on this panel, and will represent the Social Work program at this event.

Social Work on Social Media

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Guest Speakers

*Thank you to Arts & Sciences professors Maria Traub, DML, Sr. Linda Sariego, PhD, and Annemarie O'Malley, MEd who visited Social Work courses to discuss the importance of speaking a modern language (they highlighted Spanish, French, Italian, and American Sign Language) in working with a variety of populations serviced by social work agencies.

*Joanne Campbell, MSS, LSW – Ms. Campbell is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College's Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research. In addition to her teaching responsibilities as a Professor in the Sociology Department at Rosemont College, Ms. Campbell maintains a private psychotherapy practice, *Standing Hope Equine Therapy*, in which she uses animals, particularly horses, and mindfulness techniques in client sessions. Neumann University Social Work students will once again have the opportunity to visit Ms. Campbell's farm and meet her business partners (human and animal) when we participate in an afternoon session in April. Ms. Campbell discussed animals in society, raising ethical issues related to the welfare and rights of animals.

*Maria Marx, MSW, LSW – Ms. Marx graduated with her MSW with a Clinical Concentration from Boston College School of Social Work and is currently a Campus Minister at Neumann University. Ms. Marx shared her educational pathway, undergraduate and graduate coursework and internships (including as a Clinical Social Work Intern in the Pediatrics Department at Massachusetts General Hospital) and experiences in a variety of social work settings including as a Social Worker at Holy Redeemer St. Joseph, Peer Minister at Boston College Office of Campus Ministry and Residential Life, and as a Case Manager, at Catholic Charities of Boston: Nazareth Residence for Women and Children. She discussed the integration of NASW Core Values with Catholic values, and how students may approach their work with people by integrating the values they have adopted.

*PREVIEW: Beverly Cribbs, MSW – will be sharing her experience as a child in the foster care system, and how these experiences influenced her choice to become a social worker. She received her MSW from the Rutgers Graduate School of Social Work and went on to work in state government holding several administrative and leadership roles. She has an extensive background in child welfare having worked as a Social Worker (Protective Services Worker), Family Service Specialist and Training Coordinator with the then Division of Youth and Family Services before being promoted to various management and directorship roles within the New Jersey Department of Human Services.

Fall 2017 Social Work Courses

Registration begins 3/13! Please schedule an appointment with Professor Murphy or Professor Keller to discuss your Social Work course plan.

SW100	Intro to Social Work (A. Murphy)	T/R 1:00-2:30
SW 205	Social Policy (R. Keller)	T/R 9:40-11:10
SW 400	Clinical Assessment (A. Murphy)	T/R 11:20-12:50
SW 460	Internship Seminar I (R. Keller)	T 1:00-3:00
SW 460	Internship Seminar II (R. Keller)	R 1:00-3:00
SW 490	Internship I	Field Placement Times Vary
SW 491	Internship II	Field Placement Times Vary

Field Placement

Congrats to the Social Work Majors who are completing their first semester of field placement! Placements include: Catholic Social Services; Juvenile Probation and Parole; Domestic Violence Center of Chester County; Elwyn, The Peace Center, and Martin Luther-Silver Springs School.

Summer 2017



If you have the opportunity, we encourage you to attend Social Work related conferences, webinars, and trainings in order to build your experience, resume, network, and exposure to a variety of Social Work populations and possible career options and opportunities.