Happy Social Work Month. Each day, we are lucky to be part of the greatest profession. When we come home from work, we get to say, “I helped someone change their life.” While I no longer serve clients, I have the honor and privilege of serving students. Wright State has the best students – in addition to being students, they are also employees, caregivers, volunteers, friends, and family members. I know how hard they work to achieve their goals.

Our awesome students go on to become awesome alumni. Jenny (Otto) McDermott graduated in 2009. She earned her MSW at Case Western, and is now an assistant professor at Sinclair Community College. Over Spring Break, we took 20 WSU and Sinclair students to Arizona to learn about immigration issues and serve with Borderlinks. The experience was filled learning and friendship. I’m looking forwarded to continuing to work with Jenny and Sinclair, and to offer this opportunity to students each Spring.

At the end of the trip, I wrote:

Because of the students I got to spend the long weekend with, I choose hope. They had open hands, open hearts, and open minds while learning about immigration issues. They thought critically about why a 14 year old girl would leave her home country and die trying to get to America, saw a family picnic on two sides of the wall and questioned our policies, listened to the stories of allies who offered aid and sanctuary in times of despair, and were inspired to act and fight for justice. I am proud to know them and learn from them. I am honored to be a tiny part of their education and journey to become professional social workers. I pledge to stand with them in working for a better world for all of us.

The social work profession is in good hands!

In solidarity-
Sarah
The MASW program will be graduating 37 Wright State students this spring. Meanwhile, we are currently reviewing applications for the Fall 2017 Traditional MASW program and offers have been sent out for the Advanced Standing program that will begin in May.

MASW Class of 2017 Hooding Ceremony
Wednesday, May 3, 2017
Miami University, Middletown Campus
Contact Mary Clem at mary.clem@wright.edu for more information.

Establishing new MSW Scholarship

The WSU faculty have developed a scholarship fund for future MSW students. We are attempting to raise $10,000 to endow the scholarship. If you are interested in donating to the MSW scholarship fund you may do so at www.wright.edu/give/mswschl.

Our next event is an Easter Basket Sale. Please consider donating anything from a candy bar to a completed basket on or before March 30 in the social work suite. The basket sale will begin April 6. Items will be available in the department and on the social work department Facebook page at wright.state.socialwork.

Interested in helping with the fundraising events? Contact Dr. Hughes (jennifer.hughes@wright.edu) or Paula Long (paula.long@wright.edu). Your input and assistance would be greatly appreciated.

BSW Program News

The department received 96 applications to the BSW program by the February 1st due date. There are 91 students set to complete the junior year and continue on to the senior year in the fall, and the BSW program will be graduating 65 senior students this spring.

The annual Senior Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, April 28th, 6:30 pm at Faircreek Church in Beavercreek. Please watch our Facebook page and your email inbox for details. You can also contact the Social Work Club president, JoAnna Meyer at joanna.meyer@wright.edu, for more information.

Left: BSW students Whitney Zimmerman and Michael Wadham attended the Ohio NASW Conference with Drs. Jennifer Hughes and Sarah Twill where they presented posters. Congratulations to BSW Student Poster Winner Michael Wadham. Great job representing WSU both of you!
On Friday, Feb 3rd, 18 students from the Social Work Club partici-
pated in the annual WSU Relay For Life raising $535 mostly using
Facebook and email connections!

The SW Club has had three bake sales so far, raising at total of $435.
One was a fundraiser raising $235 for the House of Bread in Dayton.

Social Work Club UPCOMING EVENT on May 6, 2017
STRIDES FOR MENTAL HEALTH—4th Annual 5K Walk to bring Mental Health Awareness,
to be held at Dayton VA Medical Center.
Contact Aliza Mann for information at mann.66@wright.edu

Thank you, Deb Downing!

Deb Downing (class of 1981) is retiring from a 30+ year career with Montgomery County
Children’s Services. Deb has been a huge supporter of UPP, supervised practicum
students, served on the Department’s Professional Advisory Committee, established the
Social Work Alumni Society, and is currently the WSU Alumni President. We wish her
the best.
Dear Jane,

-AI was running late to work, but I had to stop by the local coffee shop to pick up some food. I ordered a grande latte and a bagel with cream cheese. When I got home, I realized I had forgotten to pay for my order. I felt terrible and wanted to make it right. What should I do?

Signed,

[Customer Name]

Dear [Customer Name],

I'm sorry to hear that you had an unexpected situation. It's important to be honest and proactive when it comes to these kinds of situations. If the coffee shop allows for the return of the food and the latte, you can contact them to let them know about the error. If not, you could consider bringing in a gift card or a small tip to show your appreciation for their understanding.

Signed,

[Employee Name]
~ THE TIP JAR ~

our top tips

Social Work Students and the Job Search

As a Wright State Social Work student you will never have a better opportunity to utilize the services, resources, and personnel that are in place to help you connect with a great social work job. Be sure to consult with your faculty experts and meet with Wayne Stark in CLASS Workforce Development to develop your job search strategy.

As part of that strategy you will want to set up one on one career advising appointments and take part in the weekly Career Success Series workshops that CLASS holds in the Millett Hall atrium. You will also want to be sure to attend any career events that are related to your job target put on by CLASS, your faculty, or other offices such as Alumni Relations or the WSU Career Center. In addition, be sure to excel in your internship experience. Give it your all, work to develop strong relationships with your internship supervisor and colleagues as they may be in a position to share employment opportunities with you, and know that your internship could turn into a full-time job. For more job searching information click on the following link:

http://mswonlineprograms.org/2013/job-hunting-tips-for-social-workers/

- Wayne Stark, CoLA Advising Office

College of Liberal Arts (CoLA) Advising Tips

With fall registration rapidly approaching, the fall schedule is viewable on March 6; here are some tips to help get the schedule you desire:

• Check your fall registration status once the fall schedule is released so you can see when your fall registration opens.
• Check to see if you have any registration holds or pins. For removal of a registration pin, you need to contact your CoLA advisor. For Social Work students, that is Adam Holbrook.
• If you have questions or need assistance with fall scheduling please make an advising appointment as soon as you can. Your advisor’s appointment openings will fill quickly.
• Review the fall schedule before attending your advising appointment.
• If you are a transfer student check with your advisor to make sure your transfer courses have been evaluated appropriately.
• To schedule an appointment with your CoLA advisor please contact 937-775-2601.
• If you have a faculty advisor, please schedule an appointment with them to discuss your Social Work specific course needs.

- Adam Holbrook, CoLA Advising Office

Sniff Rosemary?

According to some research, catching a whiff of this aromatic herb may increase alertness and improve memory. To stay sharp, try smelling fresh rosemary or inhaling the scent of rosemary essential oil before a test or meeting! From the website, www.wholeliving.com/136136/50-simple-health-tips#25317

Tips from Carole…..
Box A Thon
Tuesday, March 21st 11-4

Social Work students will be on the quad experiencing what is like to be without shelter bringing awareness to homelessness and raising money for St. Vincent de Paul’s network of homeless shelters. Last year over $300 was raised.

Dessert with the Chair
Stop by the social work office, 270 Millett, for coffee and sweets with Dr. Sarah Twill, SW Chair

Tuesday March 21
9:30-10:30 & 2:30-3:30

Open to all social work and pre social work majors.

Twelfth Annual

Hunger Awareness Dinner

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The Catholic Order of Foresters and The Wright State University Social Work Club
In gratitude for all the we have, please join us for a Fundraising event at the House of Bread
Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
9 Orth Avenue
Dayton, OH 45402
Week of March 6-9

Get the Love: Stop by the SW Office for candy, candy, candy. Sweets for a sweet major, Social Work!

Share the Love: Write cards of thanks and Happy SW Month to your field supervisors.
    Cards will be provided.

Week of March 13-16

Get the Love: Stop by the SW Office for snacks and energy courtesy of our SW Alumni Society.

Share the Love: Social Issue Awareness Raising. Come by the SW Office to use social media to change the conversation about growing older. #AgingIsAnArtForm

Week of March 20-23

Get the Love: All SW and pre SW majors are invited to Come and visit with Dr. Twill on Tuesday, March 21 @ 8:45-9:30 am or 2:30-3:30 pm in 270 Millett Hall for Coffee Time & Chat

Share the Love: Tuesday, March 21, 11-4, SW Club Box A Thon in the quad

Share the Love: Twelfth Annual House of Bread Fundraiser
    Wednesday, March 22 @ 6:00 p.m.
    9 Orth Avenue, Dayton Ohio 45402

Week of March 27-30

Get the Love: Popcorn and chill out time in 270 Millett, Tuesday & Thursday 10-2, courtesy of the SW Dept.

Share the Love: NASW Ohio Chapter Advocacy Day, Thursday March 30th brings together social work professionals and students to influence our decision-makers at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus.