



Southwestern Oklahoma State University

SWOSU Social Work Program
Spring 2006 Newsletter

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Congratulations to the BSW graduates of the academic year 2005-2006!

Best Wishes To Graduates In Your Careers!

Appreciation to the Advisory Committee members for their valued contribution to the Social Work Program:

Julia Sheppard LCSW Taylor Jackson MSW Doni Dungan MSW Sarah Peirce BSW
Marvin Wiebener MSW Billie Linam MSW Joan Luttmr MSW Amy Whitson BS

The annual social Work Banquet was held April 14, 2006 at the SWOSU Conference Center. Graduating seniors were recognized. Academic excellence awards were presented and Who's Who recognized; Sunnye Cope, Savannah Schones and Tammy Newman. Social Work Association officers were presented certificates and officers recently elected for next year were introduced. The faculty presented Special Achievement Awards to Melissa Jackson and Samantha Mitchell. Betty Watson received the Association Service Award. Students and guests were welcomed by Debbi McFarlin. The Social Work Association honored the seniors with a power point display of photos taken over the past year.

The Social Work Program was reaffirmed by Council on Social Work Education as an accredited BSW program. The reaffirmation is not due again until 2013. Special thanks to the Field Instructors and Advisory members that participated in the January site visit.

Officers 2005-2006:

Savannah Kimble, President
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Randi Boyer, Secretary
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Sunny Cope, Committees Chair

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Social Work Association Activities: Banquet in honor of the seniors, Little Bird Nursing Home, Catholic Charities, Homecoming Parade, Bake Sale, Candle Sales, visits to Baptist Children's Home & Gary E. Miller Children's Justice Center, cell phone donations for domestic violence

Practicum Sites and Field Instructors..... THANK YOU for providing the students with the field educational opportunity... the practicum is an important part of the BSW curriculum. The sites for Spring 2006 were:

*Two sites had two students**

DHS-Child Welfare-	Custer Co *	OU Health Science Center	Oklahoma City
	Jackson Co		
	Beckham Co	SWOSU- Adventure Programs	Foss Lake
	Canadian Co *		Cedar Canyon
Catholic Charities	Oklahoma City	Multi-County Youth Services	Clinton
	Clinton		
Veterans Center	Clinton *	Clinton Counseling Services	Clinton
Action Associates	Clinton	Dept of Corrections-MACK ALFORD	Stringtown
Domestic Violence Services		Medium Secure	
Red Rock Community Mental Health	Clinton *		
Great Plains Regional Hospital	Elk City		

Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program

(CWPEP) provides financial support to students seeking a career in child protection. The selective admission process is conducted with the Department of Human Services Division of Child Welfare. SWOSU has 14 positions student stipends of \$5,850 each student annually. CWPEP is for selected social work BSW juniors and seniors planning a career working with Oklahoma's children and families to promote safety, permanency and well-being. Special thanks to DHS Area 1 & Amy Whitson for her efforts in assisting the CWPEP student selection process.

Program Outcome:

We will post program data on the website in the future. The program will be undertaking some new avenues for program evaluation! Please, all of the alumni—send in your BEAP & program surveys! We are implementing new tools and appreciate your support. Next spring we will be asking graduates to participate in focus group assessment. The CSWE reaffirmation process was successful with our curriculum and agency field support identified as program strengths.

Welcome to our new faculty member, Chris Gregston MSW. Mr. Gregston is from Norman, Okla and is married to Misty (Little) Gregston from Clinton. They live in Weatherford, belong to the First Baptist Church and have a daughter named Libbey. Mr Gregston has brought a great deal of enthusiasm and passion for teaching to the Social Work program.