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Congratulations to Our 2010 BSW Program Graduates!

2010 BSW Program Graduates and Social Work Faculty

Students Travel to NYC

In March, 35 social work students and three social work faculty visited the Tenement Museum located in the Lower East Side of New York City. The museum brings to life the stories of immigrants who lived on Orchard Street and demonstrates for the visitor the harsh realities of life for immigrant families and the challenges they faced with limited means. The mission of the Tenement Museum is "to promote tolerance and historical perspective through the presentation and interpretation of the variety of immigrant and migrant experiences on Manhattan's Lower East Side, a gateway to America."

Despite the monsoon weather on the second day of the trip, students and faculty visited Ellis Island and learned of the immigrant experience from a different perspective. The Island commemorates the millions of immigrants who went through the 'immigration station' in search of a better life.

BSW students visit the Tenement Museum

Association of Social Work Students

Amber Ackerman and Rachel Riley

The Association of Social Work Students (ASWS) continues to serve the community in diverse ways. Last spring, ASWS officers Amber Ackerman and Rachel Riley presented a check to the Red Cross for the Haiti Relief Fund. Proceeds of over $400 from the sale of "Hoodies for Haiti" were donated to the Haiti Relief Fund on July 6.

If you are interested in purchasing a hoodie, contact Professor Annemarie House (585-389-2754 or ahouse7@naz.edu).

Social Work Students Assist with 2010 Homeless Persons Survey

Last winter, the department of social work collaborated with the Homeless Services Network to carry out the 2010 Homeless Persons Survey. BSW and MSW students completed interviewer training before carrying out interviews around the city of Rochester. Later, Nazareth undergraduate students representing a variety of disciplines assisted with survey data entry. For more information, contact Leanne Charlesworth (585-389-2755 or lcharle8@naz.edu).

Social Work Faculty Promoted

Congratulations on the recent promotions of

Dr. Marie Watkins to Professor

and

Dr. Leanne Charlesworth to Associate Professor

Marie Watkins, Leanne Charlesworth

Helen Guthrie Memorial Lecture

David Kaczynski

The Helen Guthrie Memorial Lecture was held on March 11. The annual lecture is offered in celebration of the life and work of Helen W. Guthrie, associate professor emeriti and former director of the social work program. It is through her efforts that the accredited social work program at Nazareth exists as we know it today.

David Kaczynski, executive director of New Yorkers for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, was the featured speaker. Mr. Kaczynski presented a moving story of how he realized that his brother, Theodore Kaczynski, was the infamous "Unabomber," and the personal conflict that he felt over bringing this information to the authorities. He went on to share some community-building ideas to promote nonviolence, and spoke about the importance of community collaboration to address both family and large-system risk factors that can cause outbreaks of violence. A capacity audience of students and community residents enthusiastically received his insightful and motivating presentation.

Sixth-Graders Visit Nazareth College

On two days in February, approximately 80 sixth-graders from School #45—Mary McLoed Bethune School visited Nazareth College to find out what it is like to be a college student. Visits to the dorms, talks with college students and faculty, sightseeing through the tunnels, a special visit with the president of the college, and experiments in math, biology, and chemistry rounded out their visit. All students wrote letters to the college thanking everyone for making their visit so special. Comments include the following:

"The experience that I had changed my life. As soon as I walked in the door, I felt 6 times smarter than before. I loved when we gazed through the microscopes to see plants and insects. I want to thank you for the certificate of attendance…Mr. Braveman, I personally want to thank you for taking out your valuable time to explain how Nazareth College works. I also thank the math and science teachers…My favorite part at college was seeing all the students working. The students were either studying, in class, or getting where they needed to go. They inspired me to never give up…"

"Can you imagine pulling up to a big college? That is exactly what I did that chilly day. Everywhere you walked you would see people studying as quiet as they could be. The college students walked through the corridors independently. This field trip made me think about my future…"

"Dear Mrs. David, thank you for setting up the field trip for all of the sixth graders at 45 School. I had a lot of fun on this field trip. My favorite part of this field trip was the part when we went through the tunnels. My second favorite was the part when we had to find out the smells that were inside the bottles, and my third favorite was the lunches…"

"Dear President Braveman, I'm writing to thank you for letting us go and have a tour of your college. If you hadn't agreed to let us visit your campus, we wouldn't have been able to go. You are a nice man. I have a question. How many buildings are on your campus?….I would like to attend your college so if you are still there in seven or eight years, I will see you then."

"Dear Dr. Shebert, I really enjoyed the activity that you had us do. You had us smell things in the chemistry lab and try to figure out what they were. I didn't know what some of the things were, but I still had fun. You seem like a fun person. You always had a smile on your face…"

"Dr. Lewis, I really enjoyed your presentation and doing the activity with the paper. Did you know that when I went home I researched it and then I showed my mother the mobius strip. My mother and I really loved it…"

"…The tour proved that college is important. You can have a successful life because college will enable you to have a good job with good pay…you would be able to support yourself and your family…instead of being a mall cop, college can teach you criminal justice and you could be on a swat team or a state trooper…"

"Dear Dr. Root, thank you for the most exciting (biology) class ever. The bugs were the nastiest, but the most fun…I enjoyed visiting your biology lab. It was so much fun when I looked at the little creatures especially the very small ones like the daphnia. The smallest creature I ever saw was the daphnia. Then when I looked at the little worms I thought they were awesome…"

Spring 2010 Awards

The social work program is pleased to honor our award recipients as well as all of our graduating seniors and field instructors who are an invaluable part of our social work program.

Staci Roe Whitney (left), recipient of the Helen W. Guthrie Memorial Award for Excellence in Fieldwork, and her field instructor, **Jacqueline Bill**, recipient of the Mary F. Hannick Award for Excellence in Field Instruction

Alicia Franceschi and **Laura Luna**, recipients of the Sister Paulette Ulton Social Work Student of the Year Award

Patricia Infantino (left), recipient of the Mary F. Hannick Award for Excellence in Field Instruction, with her field student, Rachel Riley (junior)

Melissa Brennan (center), recipient of the Professional and Personal Growth Award, with Shirley Sharp (left) and Virginia David (right)

Linnaea Vandergrift, **Elizabeth Gates**, and **Joelle Hall**, recipients of the award for passing the comprehensive exam with distinction, with Mary Hannick

Tina Snyder received the Rochester Area Colleges Continuing Education **Outstanding Adult Student Award**.

This award honors students who successfully combine college study with the adult responsibilities of family, employment, career, and community service. The award banquet was held on April 29 at Woodcliff Lodge.