



Department of Social Work

Attention

Juniors:

Social Work

Admission

Applications are DUE: 12noon,

Monday,

11/14/2016

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Welcome 2016-2017 Social Work Majors!

On behalf of the Social Work Department faculty and staff, I, Mr. Orlando P. Milton, Jr., am delighted to welcome **Social Work** majors to the fall 2016 semester. The idea of working on this degree may have some of you very excited, others worried, or perhaps some of you petrified. Whatever feelings you possess are your feelings, but know this, you chose this achievable journey, so let's get it started.



For some, this is a new beginning and for others you're a step closer to completing your undergraduate academic career. Whatever phase you're in just know that each member of your social work faculty and staff is devoted to providing high quality academic advising, career planning, mentoring, nurturing, and coaching to ensure your academic success.

Taking a new step in life is something to which I look forward. However, something of that magnitude requires a certain mind set. I'm referring to a mindset that embodies desire, determination, and dedication. Many correlate school with learning and learning with school, but it goes beyond that. Learning is more than opening a textbook, researching information, or memorizing material to regurgitate back to your professor. I believe learning is the ability to genuinely listen to your peers, willingness to work with others, being in tune with news that affects the world, and having the courage to explore the "unknown." In other words, do not limit yourself, because learning is limitless. As you begin this semester, it is important for you to remember that this is a race that allows you many learning opportunities, and we look forward to working with you as you take full advantage of each. With that being said, keep in mind; this race is a marathon, not a sprint. This race takes time and, if done well, will help you succeed throughout life. Now, in the words of Nelson Mandela,

"A good head and good heart are always a formidable combination."

WELCOME!

Congratulations Social Work Faculty !

⇒ Dr. Alicia LaChapelle-Friday recently published a co-authored work in a peer-reviewed journal:

Collier, C. , Owuegbuzie, A.J., **LaChapelle, A.** & Davison, J. (2016). Effects of a comprehensive, multiple risky behavior prevention program on high school students. *Journal of Addiction*, 2016. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1155/2016/9545847>

⇒ Mr. Orlando Milton, Jr. co-authored a recent publication:

Lewis, T., Davis, R., Hall, G., Lamb, T., & **Milton Jr, O.** (2016) The effects of selected demographic factors on teachers' cultural stereotypical beliefs regarding middle school students. *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science Review*, 2(4).

⇒ Dr. Nicole Willis co-authored two manuscripts that were accepted for fall 2016 publication in peer-reviewed journals:

Willis, N., Chavkin, N., & Leung, P. (in press). Finding “health” and “meaning” in Texas-sized turnover: Application of seminal management principles for administration and research in U.S. public child welfare agencies. *Advances in Social Work*.

Willis, N., Leung, P., & Chavkin, N. (in press). Opportunities for a new dialogue about professional development through Title IV-E training: Unexpected result for goodness of fit. *Professional Development: The International Journal of Continuing Social Work Education*, 19(2).

⇒ **Mrs. Regina Walker**, Adjunct Professor, will be co-presenting at the upcoming 40th Annual NASW/Texas conference in Arlington this October! Her conference presentation is entitled, “Women and Re-entry: Challenges and Opportunities for Social Workers”, will examine the prevailing reintegration model, and will identify research-informed practices for addressing the needs of female ex-offenders.

⇒ **Drs. Grace Loudd, Needha Boutte-Queen, and Nicole Willis** have been invited to present at the Houston Adolescent Health Conference on October 28th. The conference presentation is entitled, “*Getting lit*” and “*hooking up*” in late adolescence: Responding to sexual and behavior health risks using culturally appropriate, evidence-based interventions. This conference presentation will highlight findings from the TSU SHAPE Initiative grant.



Current News and Events

The Social Work Student Organization (SWSO) is the avenue through which YOUR concerns and feedback regarding the program can be addressed. Want information about SWSO membership, events, activities and MORE? Visit the SWSO tab in the Social Work Majors blackboard. Click on the "SWSO Fall 2016-Spring 2017" folder to access membership forms, t-shirt order forms, pictures, meeting schedules, etc.. ***Success is only truly achieved if YOU are included!***

Senior social work major, **Abigail Bartlett**, will present her poster on "Carrying the Cost of Justice: Increasing Access to Housing for Minorities" at the NASW-TX Annual Conference in Arlington, Texas October 6-8! **Congratulations!!**

The Social Work Department is accepting applications from **Juniors between 9/26-11/14/2016 @ 12 noon**. Ms. Lewis, Administrative Assistant, visited junior level classes this month to discuss the application process. If you missed her presentation, be sure to get with Ms. Lewis or any faculty member and get that application submitted ahead of the deadline.



2016-2017 Social Work Seniors: Reaching Goals

The 2016-2017 Senior Social Work class consists of more than 30 of the brightest students TSU has to offer. These ladies and gentlemen have worked hard for the last 2-4 years to reach their Block year and are excited about having met that goal.

Their field placements include a variety of agencies that include services to children, families, and the elderly, HIV/Hep-C, and substance use education and intervention, persons experiencing homelessness, and those seeking to leave domestic violence settings.

#NeverGiveUp

Next Goal:

#2017Graduates





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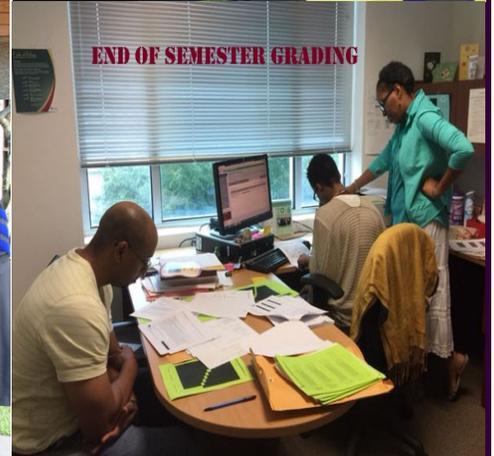
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