



Social Work SYNERGY

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Congratulations Seniors!

Congrats to the Social Work Majors (the first!)
graduating in December 2017!

**Donier Cook, Amirah Guerrero,
Kirstin Hilliard, Emma Ross,
Laila Sheriff, & Michelle Wilson**



Chi Xi Chapter Phi Alpha Honor Society for Social Work



CONGRATS to the Fall 2017 Inductees:

(from left to right):

Nicole Strofe, Nicole Sipp, Michelle Wilson, Emma Ross, Amirah Guerrero, Donier Cook, Christa Thomas

BSW Program Events

Guest Speakers:

***Mary McCaffrey, Director, Career and Personal Development** - Ms. McCaffrey visited SW 460 Internship Seminar I and SW 461 Internship Seminar II to share the Career and Personal Development Office's approach to career and life planning, and the ways in which this department is available for current NU students, and remains available to provide assistance and resources for alumni. Ms. McCaffrey spoke to the BSW seniors about employment searches, interviews, salary and benefit negotiations, and selecting their first position in the Social Work field.

***Klarisse Torriente, MSW** - Klarisse recently completed her Master of Social Welfare with a concentration in Macro Social Work from the University at Albany. She has advocated for prison reform, homelessness mitigation and prevention, and access to mental health services. In the past, Klarisse worked as an academic coordinator responsible for managing the Greene Correctional Facility's pre-college and college programs and as an AmeriCorps Scholar in Service, managing weekly site-services at a facility for wheelchair bound adults. Currently she is serving as the Director of Community Outreach for Habitat for Humanity Capital District. Klarisse shared her educational pathway, experience in service/volunteer activities and social work field placements, and advice on pursuing a career in social work.

***Field Trip: George W. Hill Correctional Facility, Glen Mills, PA** - Students in SW 100 toured the prison and met with inmates and staff to learn about the correctional system, and each participant's individual experience.

***Peer Mentor Program**: The Peer Mentoring Program was initiated this semester, pairing upperclassmen with freshman Social Work majors. This program provides personal guidance and academic support to new Social Work students. Mentors and Mentees meet bi-weekly during the semester to share their experiences, make inquiries and much more. Currently there are 12 participating students and we hope to continue to grow! To inquire about becoming a mentor/mentee for the Social Work program, please contact Professor Murphy at 610-361-2574.

Field Placement

Congrats to the Social Work Majors who are completing their first or second semester of field placement! Placements include: Catholic Social Services; Adult Probation and Parole; Domestic Violence Center of Chester County; Brandywine Counseling Center; St. Francis Hospital; CHANCES; Martin Luther-Silver Springs School; Children & Youth Services; County of Delaware Office of Services for the Aging; Chester Community Charter School; and Melmark.

Spring 2018 Social Work Courses

SW100	Intro to Social Work (A. Murphy)	T/R 11:20-12:50
SW 200	Indiv & Families (A. Murphy)	T/R 1:00-2:30
SW 210	Diversity (R. Keller)	T/R 9:40-11:10
SW 460	Internship Seminar II (R. Keller)	R 1:00-3:00
SW 491	Internship II (R. Keller)	Times Vary



Accreditation Visit

Our third CSWE Commissioner visit occurred in mid-November! In addition to reviewing the Social Work Program plan, the Commissioner met with many members of the Neumann community. Thanks to everyone for their commitment to the program and participation in this important visit!

Holiday Wishes



See you in 2018!!!