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Message from the Officers

Hello to all BSW and MSW students! The officers would like to thank all of the committee members for all of their hard work and dedication to Acolyte. If you’re interested in getting involved with Acolyte come to our next meeting November 4, at 7:00 pm room S0285, contact an Acolyte officer, or contact a committee member for more information. Read all of our exciting committee updates and get involved!

NASW has just announced the dates for Lobby Day 2010! Mark your calendars for April 5 & April 6, 2010. Get involved by contacting Sherry Satchel for more information ssatchel@fau.edu.

“One who never made a mistake, never made a discovery”

~Samuel Smiles

And now a message from our Peer Support Committee...

Here are some tips if you really want to succeed in school:

1. Review your syllabus periodically. The syllabus guides you through course procedures and expectations.

2. Do not wait until the last minute to get help. Talk to your professor and ask questions in class.

3. Go to class and be on time. Arriving late is disturbing for classmates and professors.

4. Receiving phone calls or sending text messages in the middle of a lecture is disrespectful and distracting for you and others around.

5. If you need help in writing an assignment you can contact UCEW (University Center for Excellence in Writing) at www.fau.edu/UCEW; 561.297.3498.

Respectfully,
Esperanza McKay, MSW
Lissette Collazo, BSW
More information can be found on the Peer Support Board located in the School of Social Work classrooms.

Service/Volunteering

Committee Update

Jason Meisel, Committee Chair

Current Events

Acolyte has been collecting canned food since the beginning of the semester. Donation boxes can be found in all three social work classrooms. Members will be voting on how to use the canned foods collected on November 4, at 7:00pm.

I’m working on making posters with volunteering information about area organizations and their volunteering contact info so any interested person can pursue this on their own.
For now I have listed a few places below with no specific dates.

Some ongoing volunteer and service opportunities...

**Children’s Science Explorium**

**Times:** Weekdays: 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Weekends: 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton, FL 33486

**Description:** Exhibit Guides, Teaching, Community Liaison, Science Camp Assistant
www.scienceexplorium.org/csevolunteer.html

**Literacy Coalition of PB County** – Reading with children AND Tutoring adults in reading skills
www.literacypbc.org or call 561-279-9103

**Quantum House (North Palm Beach County)** – Their Sunday book drive or volunteering at their center – a residential place for families while their children are being treated for serious medical conditions at area hospitals.
www/quantumhouse.org or call 561-494-0515

**United Way** - Palm Beach: http://volunteer.united-eway.org/uwpbc/volunteer/calendar/

Main web site: www.unitedway.org for other towns/counties

**Hearts and Hope** is a not-for-profit organization devoted to providing children, ages three to seventeen, and their families who have experienced the death of a loved one, a safe place in which to share and experience loving support while moving through the grieving and healing process.

They have a volunteer program in West Palm Beach: heartsandhope.org or call at 561-832-1913

**Palm Beach County Senior Services** -
http://www.pbcgov.com/communityservices/programs/seniorservices/

**Broward County Senior Services** –
http://www.broward.org/eldervets/elderly.htm

At FAU: “Human Relations and Diversity Training” - one day workshops from 8:30 am to 5pm on the Boca campus at various dates remaining this semester. More info: fau.edu/oma/index.php
Apply for a position in one of the following committees.

The Social Events Committee is looking for new members to help create exciting events for the social work student body. If you are interested in joining, please contact Phoenix Adams, padams4@fau.edu. We are currently working on planning a Fall Festival / Holiday Pot Luck dinner, and we can use your creative ideas and suggestions. Details will be discussed and submitted for approval at the next Acolyte meeting on November 4th. We hope to see you there, and we look forward to your participation!

Newsletter Committee needs a GRAPHER! Acolyte needs a new logo for the newsletter/advertising committee. Please prepare a graphic/logo for consideration. Set up a viewing with Noah Davis and officers of Acolyte. Atlanticsplash@gmail.com

Jason Meisel, Service/Volunteering Committee Chair, is determined to recruit a member who can contribute to the community with ideas and volunteering service. webhedd2000@yahoo.com

Mary Recicar, Membership Committee Chair, would like to start by saying welcome to all of our new members and a thank you to everyone who made it to the meeting. As of now, the membership committee is looking for new members to help with recruitment. There are many ideas the committee has to pursue new members so this month we will start implementing these ideas. Again, thank you for your continued support of Acolyte. MaryRecicar@yahoo.com
This year’s Career Fair for the School of Social Work has been scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2010. We hope to make this one of the most successful career fairs ever and value everyone’s support and input. A Career Fair committee is currently being formed and anyone wishing to participate is invited to contact Rita Greenfield, Career Fair Chairperson, at rgreenf4@fau.edu.

Please join us at our next Acolyte monthly meeting for a resume writing workshop. The FAU career development center will be presenting November 4, at 7:00 pm. Open to all members and non-members.

Some thoughts to consider when applying for a position with a desired agency/employer:

- Research the agency
- Dress professionally
- Smile!
- Remember: You are not competing with other applicants because YOU are there in the moment.

All the best!