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Message from the Department Chair

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Welcome to the spring 2015 edition of our Winthrop Social Work Newsletter. As I write this message the window in my office is open, the fresh breeze of spring is in the air, and the Winthrop Alma Mater is ringing from the Tillman tower clock as it does every Thursday morning at 11 a.m. Oh what joy!

The Department of Social Work is concluding another successful academic year even as we gear up for the start of summer programming. We revised the BSW major this year to improve efficiency for students in moving through the major and general education program. With respect to MSW programming, we successfully launched a new weekend advanced standing program designed for working students who wish to continue their employment while pursuing the MSW degree. With the addition of this new program, we now have four program options for students interested in earning the MSW degree. This year also marked the launch of

the new management certificate program through the College of Business. Business faculty collaborated with Social Work faculty on the content to be included in the new certificate program. This certificate is ideal for MSW students who are interested in social work administration.

As you peruse this edition of our newsletter, you will see that the National Football League and Winthrop Social Work have something in common—MSW student Heather Chavis. Heather presented a workshop on domestic violence prevention at the 2015 NFL Sports Career Expo during this year's Super Bowl weekend in Arizona. Also included in our newsletter are this year's scholarship and excellence awards recipients. Congratulations to each recipient; we are very proud of you.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Winthrop Social Work,

congratulations to our BSW and MSW spring graduates. Know that Winthrop will always be your home and we hope Winthrop will always hold a special place in your heart. In the words of the Winthrop Alma Mater, "A part of each one here remains as a part of you we claim... Winthrop ever stand." Best wishes graduates!

Sincerely,
Deana F. Morrow



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From the Classroom to Super Bowl XLIX

MSW student Heather Chavis joined some of the NFL's most prestigious as she presented a workshop on domestic violence at the 2015 NFL PREP: Sports Career Expo in Tempe, Arizona as part of Super Bowl XLIX activities. The Sports Career Expo is a day-long event hosted by the NFL Player Engagement and Why Not Sports, Inc. to help prepare high school students as they apply for athletic scholarships, establish a career as a professional athlete, and learn about career options outside of the sports industry. In addition to being a graduate student at Winthrop University, Heather is also the Volunteer and Training Coordinator for the Sexual Trauma Resource Center at Safe Alliance in Charlotte, North Carolina. She is very passionate about issues related to domestic violence, sexual assault, and teen dating violence. As a result of these interests and an assignment in her policy course, Heather began legislative advocacy efforts to implement teen dating violence prevention programs in all high schools across North Carolina. Through Heather's work at Safe Alliance, CEO and Founder of Why Not Sports, Inc., Nenetta Chambliss, asked Heather to present at this year's Super Bowl event. For her presentation, Heather used a game that she developed for an assignment in her "groups class" to help her deliver her message about the characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships to more than 400 student athletes. Heather states that since the workshop in January, she has received several messages of positive feedback from school personnel that attended the workshop who have been able to implement the strategies she taught in their schools.

Heather lives in Charlotte with her husband, Preston, daughter, Mikaela, and dog, Chloe. She is in the part time MSW program and expects to graduate May 2016. We are very proud to have Heather representing our program in such a great way!



For more information see the websites
below:

www.whynotsports.org

www.nflplayerengagement.com

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The Department of Social Work would like to thank the members of the Community Advisory Committee for their dedication to the social work students of Winthrop University.

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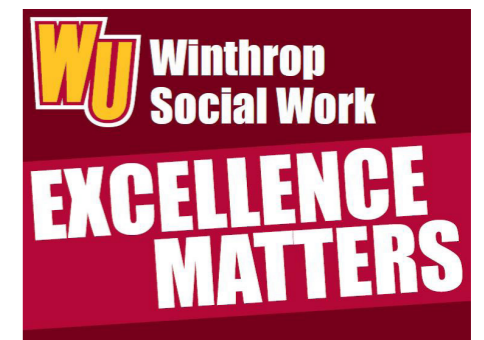
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The Department of Social Work occasionally sends updates, announcements about CEU opportunities, and job announcements to our BSW and MSW alumni. If you are interested in joining our alumni e-mail listsrv to receive these updates, please contact Michelle Mitcham (mitchamm@winthrop.edu).



Applying for clinical licensure in South Carolina? We offer a fully online course in Psychodiagnostics and Social Work Practice! You must have completed a course in Psychopathology to be accepted into the Psychodiagnostics course. More information about applying as a non-degree seeking student can be found on the Graduate School website.

Linda M. Ashley Scholarship

Ashley Bizzell, BSW candidate

Ms. Bizzell's first career was as a dental assistant, however after her oldest daughter began attending Winthrop in 2012 Ashley decided it was time to take a chance on higher education herself. She enrolled in the BSW program in 2013 with an interest in gerontology in hopes of working with older adults upon graduation. Ashley is an exemplar post-traditional student who has served her community through a range of activities including nutrition support and fundraising for cancer awareness. She is a dean's list student and has been inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Phi Alpha Honor Society.



Shelley Price, MSW candidate

Ms. Price is BSW graduate from Winthrop University and joined the advanced standing weekend MSW program in 2014. She currently works as an intake coordinator with Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (PALSS) in Columbia South Carolina, and is completing an internship under Richland County Councilman Jim Manning, LISW. As a post-traditional student Shelley has been successful in completing her academic responsibilities while working full-time and raising three daughters with her husband.



Virginia W. and Elizabeth C. Mortimer Scholarship

Leah Naliboff, MSW candidate

Ms. Naliboff is a second-year student in the weekend MSW program. She is interning in the in-patient hospice unit at Novant Health in Charlotte, North Carolina. Leah is passionate about serving older adults referring to hospice care as her "calling." She has already proven to be excellent both in field and in the classroom.



"At the end of the day, I want to have made a difference, no matter how small, in someone's life... My MSW degree will be the start of what I hope will be a long career in work that I can be proud of, work that is worth doing." --Leah Naliboff

Adrian Preston, MSW candidate

Ms. Preston is a student in our weekend MSW program. She works in child protective services and she is completing her field internship in school social work at Windsor Elementary School in Richland County School District. Both in her child protective services work and in her school social work internship, Adrian has gained a broad range of professional experience in emergency and crisis services. Adrian completed her BSW degree with honors while also raising three children. She travels to campus all the way from Irmo, South Carolina, and she continues to excel academically in our weekend program.

Phi Alpha Inductees

The Department of Social Work congratulates this year's inductees to the Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Phi Alpha. BSW students may be invited to join Phi Alpha after achieving sophomore status, completing eight hours of social work coursework, and earning a GPA of 3.25 or higher in social work courses and a cumulative 3.0 or higher. MSW students students may be invited to join Phi Alpha after achieving last semester status with a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher.

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Lexi Barnhill
Zapporyia Belk
Shenelle Bibbins
Ashley Bizzell
Tracy Blackwell
Ryan Brathe
Jalisa Byrd

Brittany Cannon
Alexis Eaddy
Shannong Gooding
Amber Paige
Elissa Phillips
Emily Rounds
Eva Schleicher

MSW STUDENTS

Hannah Adams
Anisse Avery
Alicia Brown
Crystal Colina
Marika Dillard
Lindsay Full
Ashley Kindle

Sharade Nelson
Carolyn Petroski
Melinda Plue
Camille Reeder
Shaketa Wright

Academic Excellence Award

Lauren Goodwin, BSW candidate

The BSW Academic Excellence Award is given annually to a senior in the BSW program who represents exemplary academic achievement, including superiority in academic performance, excellence as an engaged participant within the social work learning community, and distinction in upholding the high standards of the social work profession. Lauren Goodwin is an exceptional social work student who holds a number of leadership positions on campus including President of the Academic Success Center Tutor Council, Student Vice President of the Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society, Co-Chair for the Winthrop Presidential Search Student Advisory Committee, and President of Chi Omega Sorority. Lauren has also worked at the Academic Success Center on campus where she created and managed a service project providing tutoring to 45 middle school students and as a project specialist with Career Masters International in Charlotte. In addition to her service to the university and the community, Lauren is actively involved in research and is recognized by her professors as being “a

stellar student” and “an outstanding researcher: demonstrating deep understanding of all aspects of the research process.” She has been invited as a guest lecturer in her research and will be working with Monique Huggins, Ph.D., and Duane Neff, Ph.D., on a community needs assessment with the United Way of York County this summer. Lauren will be conducting her field placement in the fall 2015 semester with the Office of Victims Assistance under the Department of Health and Counseling Services at Winthrop. She will be the first BSW ever conduct a field placement with this department on campus. Congratulations, Lauren, on all your accomplishments!

Shardae Nelson, MSW candidate

The MSW Academic Excellence Award represents exemplary academic achievement as a student in the MSW program, including superiority in academic performance, excellence as an engaged participant within the social work learning community, and distinction in upholding the high standards of the social work profession. Shardae Nelson was this year’s award winner. Shardae served the Department of Social Work as a graduate associate in the MSW Admissions office during her first year in the MSW program. She now works at the University’s Health and Counseling Services where she provides case management and counseling services to Winthrop University students. Shardae is a member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Winthrop University’s MSW Student Association, and the Phi Alpha Honor Society. Shardae’s career interests include counseling and medical social work. She plans to earn her LMSW licensure following graduation this spring.

Field Excellence Award

Danielle “Dani” Mallory, BSW candidate

The BSW Field Excellence Award represents exemplary achievement in BSW field education including excellence in the performance of field internship duties and distinction in upholding the high standards of the social work profession. Dani Mallory completed her internship at Sullivan Middle School in Rock Hill, South Carolina under the supervision of Lia McKay, LMSW. During her internship, she implemented a program targeting African American males who struggle academically. She titled the program “Keeping it 100” and developed a curriculum addressing the multi-faceted needs of her students. As a result of her program being implemented, her supervisor noted significant improvement of her student’s academics and behavior in the classroom. Dani proved herself to be a self-starter while in the field, constantly looking for new ways to reach her students and improve their academic success. She is so committed to serving this population, she paid her way to attend a national conference hosted by the Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color (COSEBOC) addressing school initiatives that impact African American males.

Jennifer Thorsell, MSW candidate

The MSW Field Excellence Award represents exemplary achievement in MSW field education including excellence in the performance of field internship duties and distinction in upholding the high standards of the social work profession. Jennifer Thorsell completed her advanced MSW internship at Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services (DSS) with the Adult Protective Services and Guardianship Unit under the supervision of Kim Davis, MSW. Jennifer stood out in her field placement as a mature, professional practitioner who could easily establish rapport with clients. Working in the trenches with DSS staff, Jennifer was able to see first hand the harsh realities that some vulnerable older adults face when they are no longer able to care for themselves. In addition to having excellent direct practice skills, she also stood out in her ability to complete research and program evaluation while in field. Despite Jennifer’s initial reservation about working with this population, she quickly found her niche and now hopes to make it her new career.



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