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Happy Halloween!

We may not have your candy corn, but we can treat you to some great news from our College, faculty, students and donors!

GCSW at 2013 APM



We hope to see you in Dallas for CSWE's Annual Program Meeting. This year, we are the proud sponsors of the conference's mobile app which highlights our commitment to social work *from a global perspective*.

Also, the GCSW will be formally honored with the **Partners in Advancing Education (PIE) Award for International Social Work**. ([Watch Dr. Leung talk about the award on Fox 26!](#))

And please be sure to stop by **Booth #126** to pick up one of our special giveaways.



In addition, Dr Danielle Parrish will receive a Mentoring Recognition from the Council on the Role and Status of Women.

And as always, many of our faculty members will be participating in all aspects of the conference. [Get all the details on GCSW faculty and student participation here.](#)



On Sunday, a breakfast will be held at CSWE to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the GCSW Ph.D. Program. We are looking forward to connecting with alumni to mark this momentous occasion.

Student News

We are excited to share that six students in Professor Jody Williams's Global Justice course have had opinion pieces published this semester. A class assignment was given to pen an op-ed and these students have not only demonstrated a level of excellence in executing the assignment but they are also making their voices heard on issues pertinent to social work and the community.

Today we share Torey Powell and Ann Webb whose Op-Eds were published in the Houston Chronicle.



"I am a veteran. I am a reservist. I am a graduate student who plans to continue serving my country and my community as a social worker - assuming my education benefits continue as promised." - Torey Powell [Read More!](#)



"Forget humanitarian and moral concerns - do we want to raise a generation of kids who are so stressed as children that they are less able to lead long productive lives to support the rest of us?"

- Ann Webb [Read More!](#)

We will be sharing more Op-Eds from our students here in the coming weeks. Kudos!



Donor News

Speaking of student success, we were thrilled with the turnout for the second annual GCSW Donor and Scholarship Recipient Luncheon.

The event provided an opportunity for donors and students to share stories about the impact and meaning of giving. Mrs. Carolyn Vetter (pictured above) gave a moving tribute to her daughter Cheryl who passed away shortly before completing her MSW. The College awarded the Vetter's a diploma in Cheryl's honor at commencement. In 2012, the family made a gift to create the Cheryl Lynn Vetter Memorial Scholarship to honor Cheryl's legacy.

"Cheryl was a part-time student and loved every minute of it."

-Carolyn Vetter

Mrs. Vetter also shared a story from Cheryl's childhood about the time she was so moved by news of children suffering during a famine in Biafra that she wanted to help. She decided to write a letter to the children, filled it with mashed potatoes and placed it in the mailbox. The letter was returned, mashed potatoes and all, by a postal worker who was quite impressed with Cheryl's compassion. So was her family. It was a touching illustration of the calling Cheryl felt, from a very early age, to become a social worker.

In 2013, the Vetter's made an additional gift to the GCSW to endow the **Cheryl Vetter Memorial Scholarship** ensuring that deserving social work students will now receive the award in perpetuity.

Nothing would make her (Cheryl) more proud than to know each year that a student will get a chance to pursue social work." -Carolyn Vetter

Thanks to all of our donors who took the time to meet our students and to share their stories. To echo Dean Colby's remarks at the luncheon:

"Thank you for making dreams happen."

[Visit our Flickr page to view more photos from the event.](#)

Events

Save the Date! Mark your calendars for these upcoming events.

Policy Insider Series: Nov 19: *Fear, Need and Humanity: Moving Immigration Policy Forward in the U.S.*, Geoffrey Hoffman, JD - Associate Professor at UH Law Center. [Visit our website for details.](#)

GCSW Alumni Speaker Series: Nov 13: *Culturally Competent Work with Latinos: Challenges and Opportunities*, David Flores PhD, LMSW, MPH, CPH (and GCSW Alum!) [Visit our website for details.](#)

Alumni Donation Drive: The GCSW Alumni Association is collecting donations to benefit the students of the North Forest Community. Please donate: Coats, Hygiene Products, School Uniforms, School Supplies.

Bring your donation to the GCSW or at upcoming CEU events through December 2013. Contact Sharon Harris @ [832-818-4096](tel:832-818-4096) for additional information and questions.

Social Work Research Conference: Save the Date! Our annual showcase of student research is open to the community. Come out and hear our student and faculty research presentations.

Community Events

[Visit our Community Events page on our website](#) for details and information on how to submit your event to be included in our listings.

Current listings include Nov 6 - [Center for Psychoanalytic Studies \(CFPS\) Open House](#), Nov 15-[CEU Ducks in a Row: HIPAA & HB300 for Therapists](#) - and more!

Please use the links to our calendar and website to stay current with all the exciting happenings at GCSW!

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