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A Word From Your Editor

Greetings my future Social Work co-workers! I am more than excited to be presenting to you the first official Social Work Newsletter for the 2010-2011 school year.

I hope that you all are as excited and interested in reading it as I am in making it. This year my goal for the Social Work Club is to have a bi-monthly Newsletter, allowing members to receive a total of 4 newsletters throughout the year.

I am grateful to have been elected as the Editor of this year's committee and promise to only publish quality, exciting and beneficial information that will allow us all to become more familiar with each other as well as ignite our passion for Social Work.

If you would like to be a part of the committee or have any suggestions, comments or concerns in regards to the publishing of your Newsletter please feel free to contact me at MsPFA2007@yahoo.com. Please continue to read and enjoy knowing that each word was written by and for the members of the Social Work Club with **YOU** in mind!

Until next time folks! Chau!



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Upcoming Events

- October 8:
Social Work Conference
- October 10-12:
College Days
- October 15-18:
Social Justice Retreat
- October 25:
Social Work Club Meeting
- November 11:
AL/MS Social Work Conf.
- November 23-28: Thanks-giving Break

So You Thought...

Many individuals, including those who aspire to become Social Workers, have some huge misconceptions of Social Workers and the profession. It is often said that the sole purpose of a Social Worker is to take children away from their guardians and place them in homes with strangers instead of family members. We are also known as

having limited access to jobs and come second to those within the Psychology arena, lacking the ability to earn high wages to support ourselves or a family.

Well, before you read any further, let's put all the superstitions to rest and state the facts. ...

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Freshman Spotlight

Born in Florida, Johnny Hernandez is the eldest of 8 children, 3 half-sisters and 4 half-brothers. With parents originally from Mexico, Johnny grew up immersed in both English and Spanish. "I've never considered myself a true Floridian." Johnny shares. "I hate the beach, unless I'm diving, as well as the hot, humid weather. Personally, I prefer mountains and lots of snow."

He continues on to say how attending an Adventist University was never in the plans he had for his life. "It is only

through the guidance of Christ that I am enrolled here today at Oakwood University. I am finished trying to predetermine my own destiny. I've learned the hard way that it's always best to let go and let God, control the railroad leading my life train."

When asked, Why Social Work? He replies with a smirk and chuckle, "If you had told me 3 or 4 years ago that I would be at Oakwood majoring in Social Work, I would've had a laughing fit. I've always thought of majoring in Engineering, Architecture, or Computer Science."

However, unable to avoid the calling, Hernandez pointed out 3 reasons on what helped him seal the deal and join the Social Work profession.

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The love for others, a mothers touch and Law & Order SVU all played a part in the final decision making process. Ever since he was a child Johnny has had a love for helping others and watching them become successful.

"I LOVE THAT SHOW!" Johnny yells in excitement, "3 words, Law and Order," watching the show, the SVU version of course, was definitely the beginning of his journey towards Social Work. "I could definitely see myself working in a field similar to Olivia and Elliot. I feel that my calling is to become a Forensic Social Worker."

Last, but not least, Johnny gives tribute to his mother, whose kind heart only comes second to the Master Social Worker, Jesus Christ.

"I have overcome many obstacles to be where I am now, but it would not be fair, if I failed to mention the obstacles that my parents went through to get me here. Both of them left their families at an early age to come to the U.S. and provide me and my siblings with a better life and education.

My mother suffered immensely when she became a Christian because most of our family is Catholic. Any obstacle I have ever overcome is really little compared to what they have sacrificed. She is my inspiration."

Before closing Johnny recites a quote from Helen Keller that he says should be every Social Workers motto, "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do."

Our Promise To You...

President: Brittany Works



Is very simple. I promise that I will do everything within my power to ensure that the members of the Social Work club will walk away from this school year with a deeper understanding of social work, a greater passion for social work practice, and an even greater desire to reflect Jesus Christ,

the master social worker. I want us all to reflect Christ not only in social work practice, but in everyday life.

Vice President: Nathan Drew

To assist your club President in the



very best ways that I can. I vow to be present at all meetings, present at all events and activities, and supportive of my fellow social work peers. Whatever you

want to see performed better in our department, please let me know because the efforts and hard work of each social work major will ensure that our department soars beyond heights unimaginable.

Secretary: Myrnel Gegu



To record the minutes of the meetings, and if you have a question I will be available to answer you to the best of my ability. Thanks!

Treasurer: Shanique Wilson



Is to make sure that all your needs are met. In order for me to do this I will need all students to pay dues. Also in order for us to do more within our department, like having a back to school party and going to our annual department retreat which is also called the social justice. In order for us to have fun actives we all need to pay

our dues, which are only \$5 in the fall and \$5 in the spring.

Social Vice: Monique McCullough

To think of fun and creative ways to bring the social work club together as a family. I will



listen to the ideas of other so I can accommodate everyone in some type of

way. I promise to give 100% in all of my planning.

Public Relations: Ja Quese Hawkins

Is to meet all qualifications as your public relations officer. I promise to be assertive, reliable, and keep you informed on everything that is going on pertaining to social work. All meetings, events, available scholarships, etc. will be posted on the boards downstairs.



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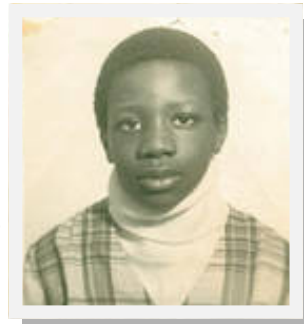
We thank you for voting us all into office and we promise to do our best to make sure your year within the Social Work department is one to remember. We aim to serve you, so feel free to let us know what it is you'd like to order! Thanks! ☺

Your Social Work Club Executive Team

Dr. George Ashley

Meet Dr. George Ashley. Born in Nottingham, England but raised in Toronto, Canada, Dr. Ashley moved to Huntsville, Alabama with his wife and best friend of 20 years Pamela Ashley, where he now holds the position of Chair of the Department of Social Work. From a high school career test,

Dr. Ashley was informed that he would make a great Funeral Director, Teacher and Social Worker. Through the grace of God he has had the opportunity to do two out



of the three as well as dabble in the acting scene by playing a major role in a slavery movie called, 'Voice of the Fugitive' at the age of 12. Happiness for Ashley is defined by "being in sync with God's will for my life."

This story can fit 150-200 words.

Prof. Helen Fischle

Native of Reading, Berkshire, England, Prof. Helen Fischle is the mother of Chris, age 13 and Jessica, age 8, as well as the wife of 14 years to Allan Fischle. With the artistic ability to sing, paint, play the piano, write music and interior decorate for homes and other special occasions such as weddings, it is safe to say that outside of the classroom Prof. Fischle has an eye for creativity. With music and interior design being her side hobby, Prof. Fischle decided

to make Social Work her main business priority because of her passion for working with people and helping them solve their problems. Her drive to teach in the classroom comes from the desire to make a difference in her students' lives as well as to somehow instill her love for learning onto others. When asked how she defines happiness, Fischle says, "Happiness is to know Jesus and trust that He has your back."

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Prof. Lorraine Frye

Let me introduce to you a New York City native and an Oakwood College graduate from the class of 2003 with a desire to give back. Professor Lorraine Frye chose Social Work because of her passion to help others and the call-



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ing she heard form Christ to become a part of this ministry. Along with being a teacher, Professor Frye is also a wife to New Orleans native, Alfred Frye, and a mother of two, to Maurice, an employee at Harris Home for Children, here in Huntsville,

Alabama and AlexAndrea, a graduate student at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Contrary to most Mrs. Frye thoroughly enjoys traveling, and has fed her hobby by traveling more than 10 countries. When asked how she defines happiness Frye says, "Happiness is living for and loving Jesus and my children."

Mr. Michael Taylor II

Meet the life of the Social Work Department, Mr. Michael Taylor II. Born and raised in Akron, Ohio, Mr. Taylor moved to Huntsville, Alabama where he met his wife, former Bonita Hector, and now fathers 3 children, 15



year old Danasia, 4 year old Michael III and 2 year old Savonne. With an adamant philosophy of “no more children,” Mr. Taylor praises God for his

Mickey’s” arrival.

Along with the great medical benefits Mr. Taylor also enjoys the good relationships he is able to build with both

job here at the Oakwood University Social Department, because it provided the medical insurance his family needed right in time for “Lil

the professors within the department as well as the students. He says his main objective is to make the students’ lives easier. “They have it tough already; they don’t need me to make it harder.”

Outside of the office you can find Mr. Taylor leading out in Madison Missions Praise Team or even jamming out as one of the power tenors in Dynamic Praise. Being blessed to sing but not to swim, Mr. Taylor still enjoys jet skiing and water rafting, as long as

Dr. Octavio Ramirez

Dr. Octavio Ramirez was born in Caguas, Puerto Rico and raised in Camden, New Jersey. Stopping first through Southern University, Dr. Ramirez is the newest staff member to our Oakwood University Social Work home. Teaching well over 5 classes every student is bound to take a seat in at least one of his classes.

Along with being a professor and Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Ramirez is also an Ordained Elder and

Master Guide for Pathfinders, who attended the first 3 international camporees held. He is married to Anyansi Ramirez, has two



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daughters, Leslie, age 14 and Natalie, age 13.

When asked why he chose to be a Social Worker he says it’s because of his “passion to help the underserved and desire to help individuals meet their potential.” He thoroughly enjoys his job because he is able to create a thirst for knowledge by challenging his students thinking and demonstrating a passion for the profession.

Cont. “So You Thought...”

Social Workers only remove children from *harmful* home situations, in efforts to in create a better nurturing and secure environment, for them in their homes. According to Salary.com the average amount a Social Worker with a Masters receives in 2010 is \$52,000, and according to the National Association of Social Work (NASW), in 2001

11% of NASW members earned greater than \$80,000, and 18% earned \$60,000 to \$79,999.

Also, in regard to coming second, Psychologists are not the only ones who can provide psychotherapy and mental health services. More than 60% of master’s level social workers provide the same services. In fact, Social Workers are more preferred

over Psychologists by clinicians, because we take a more holistic approach in considering the client’s environment and because Medicaid will help the institutions pay for our services.

These are just a few facts to whet your appetite, because I know that is what you **thought**, but now this... I what you **know**.

Social Work Theories

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