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SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM 2002-2003

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CONGRATULATIONS to the 28 BSW graduates of academic year 2002-2003!

To all: **BEST WISHES** in your careers!

- ◆ The 28 BSW graduates in academic year 2002-03 are **255%** of the 11 in 2001-2002. ◆ Eight BSW students graduated with **academic honors**. ◆ Four BSW recipients were admitted to **graduate programs** in social work & law.
- ◆ All eight graduating CWPEP participants were hired by DHS as Child Welfare Specialists.

Continued appreciation to Program

Advisory Committee Members

for invaluable professional input.

Thanks to adjunct Alma Burrell, MSW.

Jerry Moran, BA

Julia Sheppard, MSW, LCSW

Bernard Albaugh, MSW, LCSW

Viva Coulter, BS

Judy Sarver, MSW, LCSW

Debbi McFarlin, MSW, LCSW

Larry McElreath, MSW, LCSW

Diane Nance, BSW

- The annual **SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM HONORS BANQUET** was held in the SWOSU Student Union Ballroom on April 21, 2003.

Students, family members and guests were welcomed by Patricia Albaugh and Jane Flett.

Alumni **Guest Speakers** Angela Tompkins, BSW 2002 and Michele Diesselhorst, BSW 2001, MSW 2002, provided thoughtful and often humorous insight into life after graduation.

Graduating seniors were introduced. Each summarized post-graduation plans. **Academic Excellence** award certificates were presented: Senior and Junior **Honors GPA** to Nancy Adkerson, Jennifer Sebastian, and Lisa Weichel; Graduation **Honors GPA** to Rhydonia Duggan, Summa Cum Laude; Dayna Hoffman, Cum Laude; Paula Lau, Cum Laude; Karla King, Magna

Cum Laude; Michele McDaniel, Cum Laude; Sharla Tapper, Magna Cum Laude; Amy Ray, Cum Laude; and Marvla Robinson, Cum Laude.

Recognized for **Outstanding Achievement** in Social Work Service were Jani Jones and Mandi Baber. Each received a monetary award, an award certificate, and their names are inscribed on the service award plaque in the Social Work Program foyer, Science 104.

The **Senior Breakfast** on May 5 was sponsored by **NASW-OK** in the Skyview Room, Student Union. We appreciate the strong support and encouragement of the Oklahoma **professional social work community**.

<p>◆ WELCOME ABOARD... Deborah McFarlin, LCSW, CADC will soon join the social work faculty with a joint appointment in the School of Education. She has been a long-serving member of the Social Work Program Advisory Committee. She is currently Program Administrator, Foss Lake & Ghost Mound Adventure Program. She has previous experience with DHS Child Welfare and the Office of Juvenile Affairs.</p>	<p>◆ CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CWPEP) is a success. The selective admission process is conducted with the Department of Human Services Division of Child Welfare. All 14 \$4500 student stipends were awarded. CWPEP is for selected social work BSW juniors and seniors planning a career working with Oklahoma's children and families to promote safety, permanency and well-being.</p>
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SELECTED ACTIVITIES

- ◆ The Social Work Program hosted **Ambassador Juan Sosa** of Panama. He spoke to a university-wide audience on "Globalization in the Americas: Impact, Opportunities and Concerns."
- ◆ BSW students organized monthly **community service projects**.

- ◆ Students toured diverse social service agencies on group **field trips**.
- ◆ Students gained fascinating insight into the legislative process at the state capitol from **Martha Kendall Holmes** of **NASW-OK**.

- ◆ **Representative James Covey** introduced the SWOSU BSW students to the OK House of Representatives at **Legislative Day at the Capitol**.
- ◆ Frequent **guest speakers** enriched classroom discussions.

SOCIAL WORK ASSOCIATION (SWA)

THANKS to outgoing SWA officers for a **job well done!**

President: Jani Jones
 Vice President: Candace Smith

Treasurer: Amy Lyons
 Secretary: Deborah Shoffstall
 Historian: Mandi Baber

Social Work Association officers for the 2003-2004 academic year:

President	Cassie Branham-Brittain	Historian	Shea Bales
Vice President	Lois Huddleston-Bach	Committee Chair	Harrie Grayson
Secretary	Jennifer Sebastain	Web Site Manager	Susan Thomas
Treasurer	Miranda Carlisle	Parliamentarian	Nancy Adkerson
	University Student Allocation Committee Representative		Lisa Weichel Snider