

RECOGNIZING THE HSU SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

The Spring Semester is always a busy time of transitions. This vear has been no different. There have been far more challenges this year with Coronavirus to blame. Many of our anticipated Spring events have been cancelled and we're forced to complete the semester online. Our Seniors are preparing to graduate, complete state licensure requirements, submit grad school applications or become a part of the work force. Juniors are completing their

field placement requisites and will soon learn their field placement agency for the next two semesters. Sophomores and Freshmen are working to complete their mandatory volunteer hours and prepare to take on Policy and Practice classes in the upcoming semester.









Upcoming Events

April 30 – Social Work Banquet

May 12 – May Term Begins

June 1 – Summer I Term Begins

June 2 – Summer II Term Begins

FA19-SP20 Events

- SW Student Orientation FA19 and SP20
- SW Homecoming Alumni and Friends Reception
- SW Club Pumpkin & Pop Party
- Day Nursery of Abilene Grand Opening
- Sigma Beta Christmas Caroling at the nursing home
- Sigma Beta Candy Gram Fundraiser
- Social Work Advocacy Day in Austin
- Social Work Annual Awards and Banquet

SW CLUB MEETINGS

Our meetings provide beneficial insight, fellowship, and sense of community within the program! With great thanks to our officers, faculty, staff and students, our meetings are always enjoyable. These meetings provide a great space to build relationships and learn more about HSU, the Social Work program, and profession. Of course, our meetings are all about the business for the club, but also like to have fun and keep it interesting.

We've found a way to ensure all students have an opportunity to attend at least one meeting each semester by rotating between days of the week. One of the six NASW ethical principles is the importance of human relationships, so we practice intentionality by planning strategically to ensure all students have the opportunity to engage and participate.



Social Work Club officers help lead Social Work Student Orientation.





CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES

College is a season of growth in many aspects. We recognize the importance in celebrating milestones, and we help students on campus do the same.



The students had an opportunity to attend a meet and greet at the HSU Homecoming Social Work Alumni and Friends Reception. This event allowed students to network with other social workers working in our community.



Holidays always bring forth a ton of fun events on campus! Students and their families gathered to decorate pumpkins and celebrate the Fall season.



The Sigma Beta Chapter of Phi Alpha Honor Society for Social Work held a Candy Gram event to help share the love around campus.



We can't forget our Christmas. Our students truly enjoy celebrating holidays with their family away from home.





Our program provides the students with extensive knowledge, values, and skills surrounding generalist practice.

SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

Policy students prepare Advocacy packets and travel to the Capital to speak to our state Representatives. Advocacy day is hosted by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). This event helps students prepare and better understand the aspects of Macro level social work.







Shandria Taylor and Brittney Pierce met with Senator Royce West's Legislative Director



Our program in intentional in establishing productive relationships with the surrounding community.

COMMUNITY ACTION

HSU collaborated with Day Nursery of Abilene to better assist our non-traditional students with their childcare needs. This collaboration also provides an extra location that Social Work majors can utilize to complete their volunteer requirements.





Every Spring our students, faculty, and CPS collaborate to host an event for girls in the foster care program. The girls try on and pick "the" perfect prom dress. This event is possible every year because we have an amazing community that is generous with their donations and time.





Community Partners:

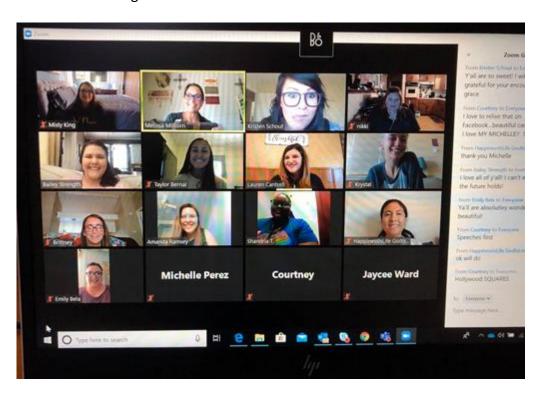
- United Supermarkets
- Sam's Club
- Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market
- Junior League of Abilene
- Barron Service Parts Company
- Goodwill-West Texas
- Daryl and Liz Phariss



CORONAVIRUS CAN'T STOP US!

As social work students, we know the needs of individuals, families, and our communities are infinite. Our students, faculty, and staff are devoted to one another and our community regardless of the environment.

Students gathered to hold Social Work Club officer elections.



Social Workers are Essential

Social Work Juniors work to complete their Practice Macro Group Project.





