Welcome to the first e-update for all alumni of DSU MSW Program!
This e-update is not intended to be particularly fancy or especially long. The e-update is to inform you of our fellow alumni’s accomplishments, inform you of DSU MSW Program’s news, connect you with other alumni and provide information on professional development opportunities. As our alumni association grows and develops a strong foundation, the e-update will provide more information on upcoming meetings of the chapters.

In order for our alumni association to grow and develop that foundation, I need your help. First, please forward this e-update to those alumni who were left off the e-mail database and let me know who needs to be added. Secondly, I need assistance developing the association. I am aware that there are many commitments in everyone’s lives. However, this is our alumni association and will greatly assist you professionally and personally. If you are interested, please contact me at tabathama@yahoo.com.

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” ~ Mahatma Gandhi

Sincerely,
Tabatha Miller, MSW (‘10), LSW

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The purpose of the DSU MSW Program Alumni Association is to bring us as fellow MSWs and DSU alumni to share information, to tell stories, to impact one another and to work together to better our community.

Wish to add something? Have an idea for the next e-update? Please e-mail Tabatha Miller, MSW at tabathama@yahoo.com.
Out Serving: Kate Stiner, MSW ('10)
Since graduating from DSU in 2010, I went back to my previous job in child protection. Having my MSW has given me a new perspective on abuse and neglect investigations. I compare the Code of Ethics to department policy and state code, and I ensure that I incorporate the Code in my client interactions and service delivery.

The job market is very tough, and some graduates are struggling. It can be overwhelming, because many organizations want an LCSW, not just an MSW. Sometimes it feels like MSWs are either overqualified or under qualified! I am lucky, though: I recently accepted a position with the State of Delaware as a treatment services coordinator for youth receiving mental health services. I look forward to utilizing the degree that I worked so hard for.

MSW Alumni Pursuing Doctorates
Congratulations to Silja Walter, MSW ('10) for her acceptance into the Wilmington University’s Organizational Leadership program (Ph.D.). Also, congratulations to Brittany Atkins, MSW ('10) for her acceptance into the Doctor of Education program (Ed.D) at Wilmington University! Well wishes to you both in your pursuits!

NASW-DE Chapter Update
It is essential to be involved in NASW and your local chapter. The NASW-DE Chapter is forming a PACE committee. Political Action for Candidate Election (PACE) is the political action arm of the National Association of Social Workers. For more information please contact Frances Horzempa, MSW or Linda Meyer, MSW through web form on NASW-DE Chapter website: http://naswde.org/id61.html or e-mail Frances Horzempa at horzempaf@hotmail.com. The first PACE Committee meeting is July 22, 2010 at 6 p.m. at the Community Services Building.

JOB LISTINGS
The Latin American Community Center (LACC) in Wilmington has received a grant to provide home-based Parent Child Interactive Therapy (PCIT). LACC will have the opportunity to renew the grant annually for up to five years. The agency is looking for two MSWs, one of whom must be an LCSW and one who must be bi-lingual. Either one can be bilingual. The persons, once hired, will receive all the necessary training and become certified in PCIT and will be paid during the training. These full-time positions will pay between $23 and $27 per hour based on licensure, bi-lingual, and experience. All qualified applicants should look on the agency’s website for more details about the positions www.thelatincenter.org or on Careerbuilder.

E-UPDATE NEWS
Update on Michael Kriner Scholarship idea
Plans are underway to determine the requirements to establish a scholarship in Michael Kriner’s name. Announcements forthcoming!

Social workers getting together
Every first Friday of the month, social workers in the Wilmington area are getting together for happy hour and networking. The next gathering is August 6, 2010 anytime after work at A Piece of Ireland in the Chesmar Plaza Shopping Center on Rt 4 (http://www.apieceofireland-newark.com). For more information, please contact Kathy Chuff, MSW ('09) at kathleenchuff@verizon.net.

Reaching out for all alumni who graduated prior to 2004! The e-mail database does not have the e-mail addresses of all alumni who graduated prior to 2004. Please forward the e-mail addresses and names of graduates from the class of 2003 and prior to tabathama@yahoo.com.

MSW Program News
- Nanci Woodson, MSW Student from DSU was featured in The New Social Worker. To read the article on Nanci, follow the link below (pages 3 and 27): link. Nanci is truly a student role model!
- The MSW Program is changing its curriculum for the 2010-2011 academic year. Be sure to review the department’s website for the updates: http://desu.edu/graduate-program-social-work. The alumni will be informed of upcoming professional development opportunities!

PLEASE BECOME OUR FAN ON FACEBOOK by searching for DSU MSW Alumni Association! link Regular announcements are made through this Facebook page.