The 2009-2010 academic year proved quite positive for the MSW Program in a number of ways. The following highlights some of the program’s accomplishments:

Administration

- One hundred and six (106) students enrolled in the program in fall 2009, 67 in Dover and 39 in Wilmington. Due to attrition enrollment decreased 99 students at the beginning of spring 2010.
- 71 students were enrolled in field practicum in fall 2009 and 67 were enrolled in spring 2010.
- Thirty four (34) students graduated on May 23, 2010, 21 from Dover and 13 from Wilmington.
- Approximately 90% of the students participated in the two Fall colloquiums that were held on Dover and Wilmington campuses, which focused primarily on helping students understand the Department’s underpinnings. All of the faculty members presented components of the colloquiums. Oral feedback from the students indicated that they were extremely useful and should be continued.
- Approximately 50% of the students, as well as some alumni and field instructors participated in the Spring Symposium. Alumnus and adjunct instructor, Janet Urdahl, served as the keynote speaker. The title of her presentation was: Holistic Approach to Treatment for Families: Providing Clinical Services to Support Military Personnel and their Families. LCSWs received 1 CU and all the other participants received a certificate of participation. Oral feedback from the students indicated that the symposium was valuable since many had not considered the military as an employment opportunity.
- Nine (9) students served as research or graduate assistants.
- The program published its first E-Newsletter to students, alumni, field instructors and other stakeholders. The newsletter was organized and edited by a student, Tabatha Miller.
- The program held two Open Houses on both campuses on April 15, 2010. Approximately 16 prospective applicants (6 in Wilmington and 10 in Dover) attended the events. Two students served on a panel in Wilmington and students actively participated in the recruitment for the events. The events were not as successful as anticipated. In addition, a small advertisement was placed in the March/April issue of Social Work Today and recruitment letters were sent to social work programs in the Mid Atlantic Region. Dr. Bruce Hobler served as Recruitment Chair for the 2009-10 academic year.
- The Program actively participated in the Graduate Council and Graduate Program
Directors’ meetings.

**Academic Accomplishments**
- The Program successfully completed its modified curriculum, which received all of the required approvals. The curriculum will be implemented beginning fall 2010.
- Three courses (Advanced Seminar, Advanced Practice with Families, Children and Youth I and Advanced Practice with Families, Children and Youth II are being converted to online courses) and are being submitted to the MSW faculty for approval at its May 2010 retreat.
- Additional courses have been identified for conversion to online and faculty is in the process of being trained by the Distance Learning Office.
- The program had an outstanding cadre of adjunct faculty this year. Six of the seven adjuncts were alumni. They brought current experiences to the classroom to which the students were able to relate. They were a real compliment to the full-time faculty.

**Student Accomplishments**

**Student Council-Wilmington**
- Under the leadership of Kate Stiner, President, the Wilmington MSW Student Council held seven meetings during the year. The Council invited speakers (most of whom were alumni) to address various topics including: *How to Identify Strengths in Clients; Financial Planning for Social Workers; Licensing Process in Delaware and Maryland; and Careers in Social Work.* For the first time, the Council received funds from the GSA for refreshments.

**Student Council-Dover**
- Under the leadership of Serena Royal, President, Dover MSW Student Council, Dover MSW students raised $500 for the Haiti Relief and sent to the American Red Cross in Washington, D.C. In addition, spearheaded by Ms. Royal, four students applied to the GSA for financial support that allowed them to attend the NABSW Annual Conference in Philadelphia, PA in April.

**NASW-DE Chapter Activities:**
- Nanci Woodson served as the MSW student representative to the NASW –DE Chapter. As such, she attended meetings and reported out at Student Council meetings. She also kept students on both campuses abreast of national issues via email distributions.
  - Approximately 20 students attended the Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony of the NASW-DE Chapter in March, in Dover, in celebration of Social Work Month. In addition, the Wilmington students planned and implemented a community service project with Kingswood Community Center. They met with teen girls to discuss *Careers in Social Work.*

**Faculty Scholarly Accomplishments**
Quarless Kingsberry, S.

Grants:
- Submitted a grant in the amount of $77,559 to the Gilliam Foundation to conduct a needs assessment of the elderly in Kent and Sussex Counties in Delaware. May 2009. (Not funded.)
- Co-wrote a grant that was submitted to the U. S. Federal Highway Administration, Office of Civil Rights in the amount of $56,552 for the DSU National Summer Transportation Institute. The grant was funded in the amount of $55,763.

Articles:
- Quarless Kingsberry, S., Saunders, M. A., & Richardson, A. The Impact of Psychosocial Stressors on the Mental Health Status of African American Caregivers of the Elderly. (Manuscript accepted for publication by *Family and Society.*)
- Mayer, L., & Quarless Kingsberry, S. e-Health: A proactive approach to managing personal healthcare and reducing racial health disparities. (Manuscript accepted for publication by *Health and Social Work.*)

Presentations:

Saunders, M. A.
Grants:

- September 2009; March 2010 – Submitted a grant in the amount of $5,000 to the Criminal Justice Council to provide seed money to support DSU/FBCO Capacity Building Partnership. (Not funded.)
- November 2009, January 2010 – Submitted a grant in the amount of $3,500 to the Gilliam Foundation to provide seed money to support the DSU/FBCO Capacity Building Partnership. (Not funded.)
- May 2010 – Submitted a grant in the amount of $1,400,000.00 to the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration – Music, Lyrics and Information to Prevent HIV and Substance Abuse among Young Adults 18-24. Awards to be announced September 2010.

Articles:

- Kingsberry, S., Saunders, M. A., & Richardson, A. The Impact of Psychosocial Stressors on the Mental Health Status of African American Caregivers of the Elderly. (Manuscript accepted for publication by Family and Society.)

Presentations:


Thomas, L.

Presentations:

• **Thomas, L.** (March 10, 2010). Teaching Statistics to the Reluctant: Creative Ideas from Cognitive Science. Presented to the Center for Teaching and Learning, Delaware State University, Dover, DE.

**Hobler, B.**

• **Hobler, B.** *The Bully: A Legend at Oklahoma University.* OK: Oklahoma University Press. (Anticipated publication, Fall 2011.)

**Moore, B.**

• **Moore, B.** (October, 2010). Completing dissertation titled *Examining the Consumability of Front End Outpatient mental Health Services for Poor African American Adolescents in New Castle, Delaware.* University of Delaware.

• Completed draft of a manuscript titled Consumer or consumed: An evaluation of consumerism of mental health services for African American adolescents. (To be submitted to *Journal of Community Mental Health*).

**Presentations:**

• **Moore, B.** (March, 2010). Provided two presentation to the Christiana Care Health Care Systems, Social Work Department titled: *Psychopathology and its Implications for Social Work Practice Today.*

**Community Activities**

• **Saunders, M.A.** (January 2009-October, 2010). *Relations Training for State of Delaware Probation and Parole Officers.* I and a team of trainers provide training to State of Delaware parole and probation officers regarding best practice techniques regarded as effective in changing behaviors of persons on probation, e.g., choice theory, reality therapy, cognitive-behavioral techniques and motivational interviewing.

• **DSU/FBCO Capacity Building Partnership** - Established group of 15 organizations who purpose is to develop and/or enhance their capacity as a step to improving their position to receiving funding to provide services to individuals returning to the community following incarceration. Group meets monthly.
Areas for Program Improvement

- More effective overview of students in the field by field liaisons is needed.
- Consider holding field seminars in smaller groups to help students better link field and practice, especially theory and research.
- Improve advising of students.
- Get the Dover Student Council up and running in September rather than in January.
- Better communication with students. Consider using Facebook to communicate with students rather than overwhelm them with too many emails.

Goals for 2010-2011 Academic Year

- Implement the modified curriculum
- Expand the Program’s recruitment plan
- Identify resources to adequately support the recruitment plan
- Continue to offer colloquiums and symposiums and identify resources to support them
- Ensure that all MSW courses are web enhanced with 5% totally online
- Begin planning for at least one dual degree program
- Ensure that all faculty members (full and part-time) receive distance learning and/or online instruction
- Expand adjunct pool with practicing social workers
- Review and revise research content, as indicated, to better prepare students for evidence based practice
- Update the MSW Program Handbook
- Update Program’s webpage
- Review Program’s policies
- Continue Major Paper assignment in select advanced practice course(s)
- Utilize textbooks that reflect EPAS/PB
- Offering counseling/support groups for students who are in the field
- Take students to the NASW-NJ Annual Conference in 2011
- Develop a Facebook account for the Program
- Re/establishing an Alumni Association
- Establish the Mike Kriner Scholarship Fund via the Alumni Association