Message from Dean Cathryn Potter

Dear School of Social Work alumni and friends,

Hello to all and thank you for your continued readership. I am pleased to highlight a few stories in this issue of E-News.

Campus sexual assault is at the forefront of national discussion, affecting tens of thousands of women on college campuses each year. On March 11, the Center on Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC) released findings from CDC-funded research on the effects of the "SCREAMing to Prevent Violence" program aimed at preventing campus sexual assault. This innovative, improvisational theater–based intervention prepares students to engage in positive bystander intervention behaviors. This is just one of a set of engaged research from our Center on Violence Against Women and Children. The School of Social Work is proud of the efforts of Dr. McMahon and her team as they work toward reduction of sexual assaults on our college campuses.

An international perspective and a global understanding of the factors that contribute to social injustice are essential to the practice of social work. This year students and faculty from Rutgers University’s School of Social Work visited Israel's “Reshet” (“network” in Hebrew) program, which provides disabled Israeli high school students studying in the regular educational system with preparation techniques for handling the challenges they may encounter as adults. We know this experience will enhance students’ understanding of working in diverse environments.

Please enjoy this month’s issue of E-News and continue to reconnect with our school by visiting our alumni web page.

Cathryn Potter, Ph.D.
Dean and Professor
VAWC brings "The Hunting Ground" documentary to campus for a screening

The Center on Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC) sponsored a screening of the documentary, "The Hunting Ground" on March 10 at the Douglass Campus Center. The Hunting Ground is a discussion-provoking documentary that exposes the issue of rape on U.S. college campuses, institutional responses, and the complex toll rape culture has on students and their families. Pictured are: Ruth Anne Koenick, director of the Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance at Rutgers University, Amy Zierling, producer of the documentary, The Hunting Ground, Judy Postmus, co-director of the Center on Violence Against Women and Children, and Sarah McMahon, assistant professor for Rutgers School of Social Work and acting co-director of VAWC.

William Waldman attends Fountain House event

William Waldman, professor of professional practice and executive in residence, is pictured with former NJ Governor Tom Kean, and Waldman's former boss, at a reception at the Baltusrol Golf Club for Fountain House. Fountain House is a major program serving individuals with mental illness in New York. The event was a kickoff for Fountain House's efforts to expand their program to New Jersey.
Rutgers Camden students attended The Paul Shane Annual Police Symposium on Policy and Diversity, which was recently held at Georgian Court University. It was attended by many undergraduate students from all over the state. Rutgers Camden was well represented with both juniors and seniors from the School of Social Work program. Dr. DuWayne Battle, director of the BASW program, is pictured with students.

Join us for a Career Fair for Students and Alumni

On the hunt for a motivated, educated social worker to join your professional team? Save time and money on recruitment by becoming exposed to the newest crop of professionals from one of the top social work schools in the country. Every spring, the Rutgers School of Social Work Alumni Council and Student Affairs Office holds a career fair for students and alumni. This year, the fair will be on May 1st, in the Paul Robeson Campus Center on the Rutgers Newark campus. The Alumni Council is seeking employers with
openings for new Masters of Social Work students and alumni with diverse backgrounds and skill sets.

Last year, over 230 people attended the fair, and the event included 25 employers with active job openings to fill. The responses to the event and the qualifications of the students and alumni were overwhelmingly positive. “I met many strong, qualified and passionate students. Easter Seals, New Jersey would benefit from having them on board,” said Mariann Corin, talent acquisition specialist for Easter Seals, New Jersey. “They matched the committed culture of our organization and we are hoping to welcome many of them to the Easter Seals, New Jersey family.” The School of Social Work career fair is also an invaluable opportunity to network among the best organizations in social work practice. To submit your organization for a free table in the career fair and for more information, please email alumni@ssw.rutgers.edu.

Learn more here.

Upcoming Events
Rutgers School of Social Work invites alumni to join us for several exciting upcoming events.

Friday, April 3, 2015
VOICES Center of Excellence for Community Resilience presents “Promoting Resiliency in Communities Impacted by Trauma: Identification and Treatment of Long-Term Needs”
9:00am – 3:00pm
Livingston Campus Student Center
84 Joyce Kilmer Avenue, Piscataway
Learn more here.

Wednesday, April 8, 2015
A Conversation with Dr. Brenda Jones-Harden: Understanding Risk and Resiliency in Children
11:30am - 1:00pm
Center on Violence Against Women and Children
390 George St., New Brunswick

In collaboration with the Institute for the Study of Child Development, The Center on Violence Against Women and Children would like you to join us in an engaging and thoughtful presentation by Dr. Jones Harden on outcomes for children affected by child maltreatment. Dr. Jones Harden will specifically focus on developing an understanding of the factors and conditions that promote resiliency for children and
families who are involved with the child welfare system due to abuse and neglect. Learn more here.

**Thursday, April 16, 2015**
FREE CEU: Professor William Neal Brown Memorial Lecture  
5:30pm – 7:00pm  
Engelhard Hall, Rm 100  
Newark Campus  

Our guest lecturer, David Troutt, Professor of Law and Justice John J. Francis Scholar at the Newark Law School, will discuss poverty, class, and politics. Professor William Neal Brown was a Tuskegee airman and the first African American professor at the Rutgers School of Social Work. Learn more and register here.

**Thursday, April 16, 2015**
Huamin Lecture: Accountability of Civic Organizations in China with Speaker Dr. Jiangang Zhu, Professor and Executive Dean of the School of Philanthropy, Sun Yat-Sen University  
11:45am–12:45pm  
Brower Commons, 2nd Floor, Meeting Room, 145 College Ave, New Brunswick  
Learn more here.

**Friday, May 1, 2015**
SSW Career Fair, Newark Campus  
10:00am - 2:00pm  
Rutgers School of Social Work, Newark Campus  
Learn more here.

**May 3-5, 2015**
NASW-NJ Annual Conference  
Borgata Hotel & Casino, 1 Borgata Way, Atlantic City  
conference@naswnj.org

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**Israel Elwyn: Social Work Practices in Action**

Over the past several years, students and faculty from Rutgers School of Social Work have visited Israel Elwyn (IE) in Jerusalem as part of a two-week study tour. This year the focus was on IE’s “Reshet” (“network” in Hebrew) program, which provides disabled Israeli high school students studying in the regular educational system with preparation techniques for the challenges they may encounter as adults. Learn more here.
Celebrating Intensive Weekend MSW Students

Intensive Weekend students recently attended their acknowledgement luncheon in Bordentown (EcoComplex), marking their passage from the foundation to clinical/advanced course work in the 2nd year. It was a very positive and moving event. The students each spoke about the power of the cohort and their growing sense of confidence in the workplace. They were open and respectful of each other and their comments illustrate the strength of the program.

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