December 2015

Meet the New Fall 2015 MSW Class!

This fall semester, Rutgers School of Social Work was excited to welcome 740 new students to the MSW programs. These students were selected from a pool of over 1,600 applicants and hail from all over the state as well as across the region. Representing the tremendous diversity that is important to the school, 20% of this impressive new class includes out-of-state students as well as 36 international students from countries including China, Turkey, and Italy. Read more.

2015 Alumni Reception is a Success
“I would like to thank all of the alumni who attended our 2015 Alumni Reception. It is always a pleasure to reconnect with our graduates and share in the celebration of their meaningful work. I encourage alumni to check our website for ongoing events, job postings, alumni profiles and opportunities to donate to scholarships and other areas that benefit our students,” said Cathryn Potter, Dean. Please visit us here!

Support Rutgers Giving Day

Rutgers School of Social Work educates the next generation of social work leaders, impacting lives not only in New Jersey but throughout the world. On December 1, 2015, Rutgers Giving Day, Rutgers School of Social Work supporters will have a chance to amplify that impact in a whole new way.

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Coat and Gift Card Collection by IFF for Youth in Need

The Institute for Families (IFF) asked their RU Campus Champions Advisory Board in New Brunswick for help locating coats for their youth in need. Don and Penny Pray immediately rose to the challenge by organizing a flash coat drive for us. They spearheaded a week-long campaign and managed to gather a whopping 85 new and gently used coats for our vulnerable youth.

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CSWE’s Minority Fellowship Program- Youth for Master’s Students

MFP-Youth Program has been created by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to offer fellowship to master’s students who are committed to a career in providing mental health services to youth, ages 16-25, in minority communities.

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MAP Students Gain Insight on Poverty in New Jersey
On November 4th, a seminar room was filled with curious and ambitious Management and Policy (MAP) students awaiting a lecture from Serena Rice, executive director of the Anti-Poverty Network of New Jersey, as a part of the Center for Leadership Management's “Lunch and Learn Series”. Rice, who is also a School of Social Work Class of 2004 alum, engaged students in an interactive and informative lecture about the devastating poverty problem in New Jersey.

**Profile: She's Fighting the Good Fight Against Poverty, Hunger, Homelessness**

**Who:** Serena Rice  
**Home:** Montgomery  
**Family:** Married with two children  
**What she does:** Executive director of the Anti-Poverty Network of New Jersey

**Faculty Profile: Dr. Patricia Findley**

Dr. Patricia Findley attributes her desire to be in a career that can impact people's well-being through healthcare and social justice to her grandparents. For 26 years, they operated an ambulance service in a community outside of Denver, Colorado where Findley saw the tremendous influence they made on people's lives. Findley is now an associate professor and MSW campus coordinator for the School of Social Work at the Newark Campus, and Special Assistant to the Dean for Interprofessional Health Initiatives. Her diverse work positively impacts many others.

**Good News from Faculty and Staff**

**Laura Cuesta** had an article published.  
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