Rutgers Graduate and Marine Chaplain provides Emotional Healing on the Frontlines

Military chaplain Wilfredo Rodriguez knows all too well that the injuries suffered by brave men and women in combat zones impact minds as well as bodies. As a commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve who was deployed to Iraq with the Marines for two tours of duty, one in 2003 and again in 2005, Rodriguez has seen firsthand the long-term psychological damage experienced by those in the trenches. Read more.
2015 Scholarship Recognition Reception

Scholarships and fellowships reflect the generosity of families and friends who choose to stand alongside our students and help them to succeed. On May 18, 2015, we celebrated the meaningful support provided by our donors and the achievements of our student recipients at our annual Scholarship Recognition Reception.

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First Class of DSW Graduates Celebrate this Accomplishment

On Saturday, June 20, the Doctorate in Social Work (DSW) program at Rutgers School of Social Work graduated its first ever class, a group of 20 students. The event was held from 4-6 pm in the CAC student center multi-purpose room, and families of the graduates were in attendance to celebrate the culmination of this challenging three-year program.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern NJ honors SSW

Rutgers SSW was recently honored by Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Northern NJ on May 14 at their gala “Big Magic” in Hanover, NJ. Rutgers SSW received the Community Partner Award for providing MSW students to the organization. These students have served the mission of the organization for many years, and many have become employees and leaders at BBBS, which provides over 1,000 matches each year. The Newark Field Office has a successful relationship with the agency and looks forward to a continued partnership. Shown in photo: Trinay Thomas, Mark Lamar, Mary Beth Ali, Nancy Schley.

New Executive Director of the Center for Leadership and Management

Bert J. Goldberg’s leadership experience spreads far beyond Rutgers. Goldberg, associate professor of Professional Practice at the Rutgers University School of Social Work, has not only held several leadership and managerial roles but also worked with governments in, Israel and nonprofits in France, Poland, Argentina and England. Not surprisingly, he is now assuming the role of Executive Director of the Center for Leadership and Management.
starting July 1.

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Intensive Weekend Graduation Brunch Reception

The Intensive Weekend program recently hosted a brunch reception for students graduating with their MSW in May or October of 2015. Attendees, numbering over 60, included students, family members, agency representatives and mentors, instructors and School of Social Work administrators.

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Herbert and Jacqueline Klein Award for Study in Israel awarded to Social Work Students

Paulina Banasiak did not just visit Israel, she “experienced it.” While in Israel, Banasiak was able to see how Israeli social workers practice with their own diverse and vulnerable populations such as African refugees, the LGBTQ community, and individuals with disabilities. This was possible with the Herbert and Jacqueline Klein Award for Study in Israel—awarded to Rutgers University School of Social Work students Banasiak, Irene L. Foster, Jelysa Hernandez, and Yushi Wang—which supported their study in the School of Social Work-Israel program during winter 2015.

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Fund for Victims

As Charleston, South Carolina comes to terms with the recent church shooting tragedy that claimed the lives of nine individuals, social work students are mobilizing to help. To support the families

Alumni Profile

Teal Krech Paynter started her career as a journalist but her calling rested with the field of social work. Paynter knew she wanted to work with people, especially underserved populations and

Good News!

Beth Angell and Galina Bolden, an associate professor from Rutgers School of Communication and Information, published an article in Social Science and Medicine.
of those killed, two MSW student groups at the University of South Carolina have launched t-shirt fundraisers. Visit them here or here. All profits from the fundraisers will go to Mother Emanuel Hope Fund, the official fund for the families of the victims. Rutgers School of Social Work alumni can support these efforts.

during her time at Rutgers, she indeed did. Paynter is a Master of Social Work (MSW) student at Rutgers University School of Social Work, expected to graduate in December. Also an MSW Fellow in Aging for academic year 2014-2015, Paynter is working to receive her MSW Certificate in Aging.

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