MARCH-APRIL 2018 NEWS

The Diplomacy Lab
They just keep making news!

Students who participated in The Diplomacy Lab last Fall have presented at TWO conferences this Spring - the 2018 NASW-OK Annual Conference and the AEJMC Midwinter Conference 2018 at the Gaylord College of Journalism.

Social Work Advocacy in Action
In Remembrance

On March 14, at 10:00 am, students and faculty of the School of Social Work chose to exit the class and stood in unison with other students around the world who were protesting against gun violence within schools. For 17 minutes, 36 students and professors stood in silence in remembrance of the 17 lives lost in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting. They walked out to express advocacy for the safety of our children and want legislation to address this issue now!

All Professionals Day
Approximately 800 participants

This spring's APD (All Professions Day) interprofessional educational event for social work students in conjunction with OU Health Science Center programs occurred on March 2, 2018. With approximately 800 student participants from across the healthcare professions, this competency-based teamwork training continues to improve best practices for the future of healthcare teams as well as shed light on the crucial role that social workers play in patient care. Our students continue to shine!

From left to right are: SW students - Lori Stanton & Racheal Singley and APD faculty - Raina Leckie, Ann Riley, Terrie Fritz (Center for SW in Healthcare) and Anthony Kibble (IPE Liaison).
Community Work in Action

"Why I Matter" Gallery Walk

The "Why I Matter" Gallery Walk opened on March 12, 2018 at Whittier Middle School in Norman to showcase the effects of this innovative prevention campaign. School counselor, Deanna Wilkinson, LCSW & David Dickerson, MSW Practicum student and graduate research assistant, worked tirelessly for months to encourage student reflections and photograph each individual student, faculty, and staff while promoting the idea that each individual is irreplaceable. The OU School of Social Work's Knee Center for Strong Families Director, Dr. David McLeod, partnered with Deanna & David to help fund the Gallery Walk & collect hope and resiliency data for outcome research on the project. Other collaborators were the NPS Foundation and OU's Gaylord College of Journalism & Mass Communication. Good things happen when social workers care about kids!

Congratulations, Students
Andrea Crank & JJ Mitchell, MSW
Students-Tulsa

Congratulations to Andrea Crank! She was unanimously chosen as the "Support Staff of the Month" at Chouteau Fine Arts Academy. Even though she is a practicum student, and not part of the support staff, when every teacher at the school nominated her for an award...an exception was made!

Congratulations to JJ Mitchell on being recognized as NASW OK Graduate Student of the Year!

Students in Action
Brooke Maxey, MSW Student-Norman

Student Brooke Maxey was featured in the most recent issue of Sooner Magazine! Read more here: [http://soonermag.oufoundation.org/stories/inside-out](http://soonermag.oufoundation.org/stories/inside-out)

SERVE Initiative
Space for Experiencing Research through Volunteer Exchanges Initiative

The Anne & Henry Zarrow School of Social Work BASW Program recently launched the Space for Experiencing Research through Volunteer Exchanges (SERVE) Initiative. The SERVE Initiative aims to create, enhance, and promote conditions that engage undergraduate students' involvement in research or creative work projects. The Initiative includes a partnership across universities and colleges campuses. Partnership currently includes Rose State College and Randall University. All partners are working to engage undergraduate students in team-based learning courses during the upcoming Fall semester and subsequent participation in the Winter Undergraduate Research Symposium. College of Arts and Sciences, Interim Dean Wrobel, welcomed undergraduate students to campus and led the first segment of the campus exchange tour.
Social Work Advocacy in Action
Dr. Shane Brady holds class at Oklahoma capitol

During the recent walkout, Dr. Shane Brady held class at the foot of the Oklahoma Capitol. You can read more here: http://ow.ly/odVj30jsJI

Attention Oklahoma Social Workers
Primary care or integrated healthcare

Are you an Oklahoma social worker in a primary care or integrated healthcare setting? If so, we want to hear from you. The Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work is conducting a survey to learn more about the services and needs of social workers in these settings. Follow the link below to participate and share this message with your social work network to help us spread the word about this important work. For more information, contact Dr. Kim Cassie at kmcassie@ou.edu. http://ow.ly/Dzz030jH66M

Community-Engaged Programming
Partnering with Cigna

The Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work is pleased to announce a new partnership with Cigna to fund community-engaged programming. Cigna is donating $10,000 to support the Oklahoma City Southside Initiative, Double Up Oklahoma program, and #WhyIMatter project.

The OKC Southside Initiative brings together OKC Public Schools, Southern Oaks Library, The Oklahoma City Wellness Now Coalition, and OKC Parks and Recreation Department Community Centers to provide high value free after school programming targeted at promoting wellness, safety, enrichment, and community engagement. Children and youth aged 6-14 participate in programming focused on physical activity, creative expression, mindfulness, and healthy choices.

Double Up Oklahoma (DUOK) is a program that allows Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP---aka 'food stamps') to receive free OK grown produce from participating farmers’ markets. For every SNAP dollar a recipient spends, he/she receives a free dollar’s worth of produce, up to $20/visit.

#WhyIMatter: Building hope and resiliency for Whittier Middle School students. Students will have lessons on hope and resiliency in addition to the Lifelines suicide prevention and age appropriate interventions lessons. They will then write reflections on what makes them unique and special. A photograph of every student, faculty and staff member of the school will be taken as they hold a small white board that states "I matter because: ___________." Photographs will be printed and displayed around the school in a gallery style arrangement. A community gallery walk will be held that will open to the public.
Staff Congratulations
Susan Blossom, "Graddy" Award

Congratulations to our own Susan Blossom, Admissions & Enrollment Coordinator-Norman campus. She recently won the OU Graduate College "Graddy" Award, an award given for outstanding service to graduate students & Graduate College programs. We couldn't agree more! Congrats, Susan!

Faculty Tribute
Congratulations!

On April 11, three of our own were honored for their teaching, research, and service. You can read more here.

Continuing Education
Never stop learning!

The Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work Program for Continuing Education seeks to provide high quality continuing education events to Oklahoma social workers. We have events on both the Norman and Tulsa campus as well as in Northwest Oklahoma. View our current offerings here.

Stay Connected

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much"

- - Helen Keller