UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH CAREER MADNESS: STUDENT & ALUMNI NETWORKING EVENT
THURSDAY, MARCH 23rd
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, 2017CL

For more information on these and any other Career Services in the School of Social Work please contact Bobby Simmons at 412-624-6354 or vankirk@pitt.edu.

Register Here

INTERNATIONAL DINNER
FRIDAY, MARCH 31st
4:30PM - 8:00PM, O'Hara Student Center
An evening of live music, dance performances, and great food.
Tickets are on sale now through March 17th, or until the event sells out. Tickets will be sold in the School of Public Health Office of Student Affairs, A519 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., first floor commons. The cost is $5, and children under 5 are free (cash only, exact amount). You must have a ticket for admission. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

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It is time for [us] to teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength.

– MAYA ANGELOU

MESSAGE FROM THE PHARMACY SCHOOL:

From January 16th-March 17th, Pitt’s School of Pharmacy is participating in the Script Your Future National Campaign, which raises awareness about the importance of medication adherence. A portion of this project is to collaborate with health professional students such as yourselves. You can help us by promoting regular medical visits, medication adherence, and providing resources for those who may have barriers to accessing healthcare.

So far, we have reached over 900 patients through outlets such as community pharmacy sites, tabling at hospitals, visiting nursing homes, and reaching out through the media. We want you to be a part of this important campaign by reaching out to the people you see daily! Together, we can impact thousands of patients and allow them to be the healthiest versions of themselves. Please like us on Facebook “Script Your Future - University of Pittsburgh” so we can continue to improve the health of our neighbors!
Let's Talk about Diversity
By NK Owusu, Diversity Chair

Abby Carpenter is from Lake Zurich, Illinois, and a first year student at the University of Pittsburgh. She is a dual degree major at the School of Public Health and School of Social Work. Previously, she studied at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana, where she had an undergraduate degree in Sociology.

1. How did you first become interested in the field of Social Work? I studied abroad and learned a lot about social and economic inequality. I became really passionate about eradicating inequality and making a positive impact on the world.

2. Which countries have you visited? I’ve been to Chile, Argentina, Peru, Uruguay, England, Italy, Mexico, and France. This Spring, I am part of the student delegation visiting Cuba.

3. Out of all the nation’s accredited Social Work institutions, why did you choose to study at University of Pittsburgh of Social Work? I wanted to be close to my parents and Pitt had a cool city environment, which I like.

4. List three words that come to mind when you think of the School of Social Work in relation to diversity and inclusion. “Respect, Conversation, Equal Opportunity”

5. Based on your experience thus far, what can you say about diversity in the School of Social Work? I think the School does a good job of creating a safe space for people of all different intersections of identity.

6. Reflect on a personal experience of diversity and inclusion in the classroom? In diverse populations last Fall, we talked a lot about diverse communities and how important it is for social workers to be aware of this diversity.

7. Has your academic/social experience been affected by this diversity? If so, in what way? It has! I’ve met a lot more people from other races, ethnicities, and cultures and that’s been cool, especially getting to know their perspectives on relevant issues and current events.

8. Have you participated in diversity events at the School? I haven’t. I think mostly because I don’t know about them. Also, when I do hear of any events at all, I’m usually a little too busy or have a lot of work to do.

9. How do you challenge stereotypes and promote sensitivity and inclusion? I ask people why they hold the judgments they do and hold conversations with them about it. In promoting sensitivity and inclusion, I meet people where they are and try to understand things from their perspectives.

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10. Would you say there is enough representation of people from your race in the School? -Yeah, absolutely!

11. What steps could the School take to become a more appealing destination for members of other races?
   I think the School could employ more people of color in faculty positions, making it a more appealing experience for students of color.

Thanks, Abby!

MARCH IS WORLD SOCIAL WORK MONTH!