Monthly Meetings

JUMP IN!!

All OSSW meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:15pm in the social work kitchen on the 7th floor of the education building.

This month we will talk about how to use OSSW as a personal resource, how to get involved and why it is we want to send YOU to the BPD conference this year.

Can't wait, see you there!

Mission of OSSW

The BSU Organization of Student Social Workers (OSSW) serves to provide the social work student community with an opportunity for additional growth and development during their college careers. The organization seeks to offer continual learning experience for students in the areas of policy decision making, administration, leadership, and organizational skills development. The organization also exists to provide students with current information and knowledge regarding the profession of social work.

The Organization of Student Social Workers was established at Boise State University in 1974. OSSW seeks to provide the social work student with an additional opportunity for learning in such areas as leadership, organization skills, policy, and decision making, as well as providing a sense of community among students in the School of Social Work.

One of the many goals of OSSW this school year is to foster a welcoming and accepting environment to encourage a variety of people to partake in our organization. We do many fundraisers and service projects.

Our main fundraising resource is concessions at the Taco Bell Arena with Aramark. Taking an active role and volunteering at the concessions is a great opportunity to meet new and friendly people who share the same interests as you.

Any Social Work declared major is automatically a member of OSSW. Along with the guidelines of being a full time and registered student. We are frequently involved in community projects, volunteering, and advocacy for many organizations. We have a great time! The BSU Organization of Student Social Workers (OSSW) serves to provide the social work student community with an opportunity for additional growth and development during their college careers. Be a part in choosing our community projects by coming to our meetings.
OSSW officers...

-Presidents-
Naomi Johnson,
is a native Idahoan, and a senior at Boise State University. She feels like there are untapped resources that we need to utilize, and OSSW is our opportunity to help out.

-Vice President-
Dina Denney,
is a senior. She chose a social work major because she felt it is the only field that allows her to help people on a micro level while at the same time providing many opportunities to create change on a macro level.

-Treasurer-
Tim Walsh,
is a senior here at Boise State University. He began his life in Brooklyn, New York and is now in Boise. Tim loves being part of OSSW and feels it is a great way to practice helping other people.

-Secretary-
Connie Bevins,
is a native Idahoan and a senior at Boise State University. She is thrilled to be a part of OSSW and is looking forward to being a source of information for Social Work students.

-Newsletter-
Lori Ann Shaw,
From a small town in Ohio, she moved to Honolulu and settled in Idaho. She enjoys building relationships and feels OSSW is a great way for Social Work students to create community.

-OSSW Advisor-
Dr. Bonnie Kenaley,
born in Danvers, Massachusetts. Dr. Kenaley is our OSSW advisor. She enjoys working with students helping them achieve their career/educational goals to become outstanding social workers.

WAYS TO KEEP IN TOUCH

FACEBOOK
http://www.facebook.com/groups/127971771753/

ORGSYNC
http://www.orgsync.com/

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Don’t want to miss anything?
The absolute easiest and most productive way to take advantage of the many resources OSSW plans on providing is to simply add us on facebook.

1.) Log on to facebook.com
2.) Search for: “organization of student social workers”
3.) Request to join!

Once in, you will never have to worry about missing an opportunity!
2013 BPD Conference
Myrtle Beach, North Carolina

Next year’s conference will take place March 6-10, 2013 at the Kingston Plantation, A Hilton and Embassy Suites Resort, in Myrtle Beach South Carolina.

BPD has been instrumental in the development of undergraduate social work for entry level professional practice and has been a driving force in the development of generalist practice as the professional foundation for social work. As the primary organization that represents undergraduate social work, BPD holds an annual conference focusing on educating and building the profession. Come to meetings to find how you can earn your way there.

“BPD is unique in that the conference attendees come from a wide variety of universities from across the country and the energy is often centered around their passion of social work and using best practices in social work education and practice. It’s a great opportunity to learn, to network with social workers from across the country and to have some fun. It is also a great opportunity to create some lasting memories with peers prior to graduation and peers going off in different directions professionally.” Raymond Mullenax

LET US SEND YOU!

One of OSSW’s main goals this year is to pay for our fellow students to go to BPD (The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors). This year we are going to be sending the people who help us out the most in fundraising and volunteering. Sound simple? Imagine, helping out our community an hour here, an hour there, and in turn you receive a trip to Myrtle Beach. Sound like a deal?

We will have plenty of fun and rewarding ways for students to earn hours towards this trip, a few upcoming events: football concessions, car washes, and volunteering at local events!

If you want to get a head start just contact Naomi, the president of OSSW and she can get you signed up for hours!