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TO: All First-Year Mountain Area Distance Education Students  
FROM: Anna Scheyett, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Academic Affairs  
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In addition to sending greetings and welcoming you, this memorandum is intended to provide valuable information as you plan for the upcoming fall semester: We look forward to seeing you on orientation day **Friday, August 14** at the Blue Ridge Community College. JumpSTART is the second part of orientation and will be held **Friday, August 21, 2009**.

On-line History of Oppression Pre-course – Along with this letter I am sending you separate information about an on-line pre-course for a class you will take in the Spring, SOWO 501 Confronting Oppression and Institutional Discrimination. This on-line pre-course is an overview of the history of oppression and *must be completed prior to registering for SOWO 501 in October*. The URL for this course is included in the "Accessing On-Line Courses Via Sakai" document, and there are instructions for logging on to the web site, so that you can begin exploring this course. Please read this information carefully.

On-line Writing Assessment – In addition to the on-line information mentioned above I am also sending you information regarding an on-line writing assessment. The purpose of this assessment is to give you some feedback before classes start about strong points and areas for improvement in your writings, and to connect you with some resources to improve any aspects of your writing that need strengthening. The URL for this course is included in the "Introduction and Instructions: School of Social Work Writing Assessment for Incoming Students – Fall 2009" document, and there are instructions for logging on to the web site.

Purchasing Books – You may order books online at the Health Affairs Bookstore website: [www.store.unc.edu/hab](http://www.store.unc.edu/hab). There is usually a NC Tax-Free Weekend in August. Due to the bad economy it may be cut this year, but historically it is the first weekend in August.

Library Services – During the first two years of the DE Mountain Area program you will have access to the UNC libraries. For information about those services visit <http://www.lib.unc.edu/de/>. In your final year of the DE Mountain Area MSW program, you will need to get a UNC ONE card which will allow you to access many other services on campus including the use of recreational facilities.

Parking – Ample free parking is available at the Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC). Go online to [http://www.blueridge.edu/about\\_brcc/map2campus.php](http://www.blueridge.edu/about_brcc/map2campus.php) for a map and directions.

Parking is at a premium on the UNC campus in Chapel Hill. You will need to give yourself ample time to find parking on August 21. We have included directions to the Rams Head parking deck. Keep in mind that it does cost \$1.25/hour to park at Rams Head parking deck.

ONYEN Needed – If you have not done so already, it is imperative that you create an ONYEN for your UNC email address as soon as possible and send the ONYEN to Linda Wilson at [LWilson@unc.edu](mailto:LWilson@unc.edu) . Instructions to create an ONYEN can be found in the computer technology section of the orientation materials at <http://ssw.unc.edu/students/orientation> .

Change of Address – Please notify Student Services Manager Linda Wilson at 919-962-6442, or [LWilson@unc.edu](mailto:LWilson@unc.edu) of any name, address, phone, and email changes you may have over the summer.

Special Event – Although we recognize the geographical difference, we want to extend an invitation for you to join faculty, staff and students at the **School of Social Work Fall Family Potluck** scheduled for Saturday, **September 12, 2009**, 4-7:00 pm, Wilson Park in Carrboro.

We're expecting about 317 full-time, distance education and advanced standing students in the fall, and we're excited that you will be one of them. There will be 17 in the new class of Mountain Area DE students. If you have any questions, please contact Mountain Area DE Program Director Kelly Reath at [kbreath@email.unc.edu](mailto:kbreath@email.unc.edu) . Student Services Manager Linda Wilson will also be happy to help with questions. She can be contacted by calling 919-962-6442 or via email at [LWilson@unc.edu](mailto:LWilson@unc.edu).

Faculty and Staff are hard at work this summer preparing for your arrival on August 14. On behalf of the entire School community, we welcome you. We are excited that you will be enrolling in our MSW program and look forward to seeing you.

Documents on this webpage for your review:

- JumpSTART schedule
- School Activities Calendar
- Foundation Course Exemption Request Reminder
- SoWoSO Greetings
- Fall Family Potluck flyer
- Map and Directions to Rams Head Parking Deck