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SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

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TO: All First-Year Distance Education Triangle Students
FROM: Anna Scheyett, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
DATE: June 30, 2009

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 7**. 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 buy books at the UNC Health Affairs Book Store (919-966-2208) which is located adjacent to the School of Nursing. The bookstore is on the opposite side of Medical Drive beside the Fordham Building. You can also order books online at the bookstore website: 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 Card – Prior to your first class you will be given a library card so you can use the libraries on campus during the first two years of the DE Triangle program. In your final year of the DE Triangle 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 – Parking is at a premium on campus. You will need to give yourself ample time to find parking on August 7. For campus and commuter options, please visit www.chtransit.org and www.dps.unc.edu. The on-campus buses run frequently and are free.

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 . 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 of any name, address, phone, and email changes you may have over the summer.

2009-2010 Special Events – We hope that you will reserve these dates on your calendar and plan to join faculty, staff and students for these fun events:

- **Welcome Reception**
Friday, August 21, 4-6:00 pm, School of Social Work lobby
- **School of Social Work Potluck**
Saturday, September 12, 2009, 4-7:00 pm, Wilson Park in Carrboro
- **Harambee** (a multi-cultural celebration)
Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 12-1:30 pm, 5th floor lounge

We're expecting about 318 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 23 in the new class of DE Triangle students. If you have any questions, please contact DE Triangle Program Director Travis Albritton at 962-6432 or email him at travis_albritton@unc.edu . His office is Room #346. Student Services Manager Linda Wilson will also be happy to help with questions. Her office is Room 370-C and she can be contacted by calling 919-962-6442 or via email at LWilson@unc.edu.

Faculty and Staff are hard at work this summer preparing for your arrival on campus August 7. 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:

- Tentative Orientation Schedule for 1st Yr DE Triangle (all events)
- Tentative Orientation Schedule (August 7 only)
- JumpSTART schedule
- School Activities Calendar
- Foundation Course Exemption Request Reminder
- SoWoSO Greetings
- Fall Family Potluck flyer
- Mobile SHAC flyer
- Map and Directions to Rams Head Parking Deck