April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month!

"Since 2001, NSVRC has coordinated the national Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign observed every April. This year's theme is 'We Can Build Safe Online Spaces.' Join the campaign by accessing free resources at nsvrc.org/saam.

The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence, educate communities on how to prevent it and bolster prevention efforts throughout the year. Free online campaign materials include resources on online abuse and trauma, digital consent, keeping kids safe online and building safe online communities.

NSVRC has also developed virtual event templates to help individuals and organizations host their own online events.

"Sexual Assault Awareness Month isn't just about raising awareness; it's also about prevention," said Laura Palumbo, Communications Director at NSVRC. "We can stop sexual harassment and abuse before it happens by addressing the bigger picture in which it occurs. The "We Can Build" campaign calls on leaders and individuals to play a role in creating safe online communities and stepping in when harmful behaviors occur online."

What’s Your Calling?

I’ve yet to meet a social work student that didn’t come to the program for a personally meaningful reason... Do you know your reason?... In all that you do in your education, are you working from that reason, purpose, or calling? If not, you’re heading for trouble.

I’ve noticed a concerning trend among social work students where they can go through many years of education and training without being challenged, encouraged, and supported to think about, search for, wrestle with, and follow their calling. By the time these students reach the conclusion of their education, they aren’t just unsure of what to do or what job to search for, they’re not working from the heart, they’re lacking passion, and they’re already showing signs, or fully in the throws, of fatigue and burnout.

From The Book of Awakening, Mark Nepo shares sage advice from Carlos Castaneda that can be applied to the extended period of time you will spend and throughout the great range of experiences you will have in higher education:

“Look at every path closely and deliberately Try it as many times as you think necessary Then ask yourself, and yourself alone..... Does this path have a heart? If it does, the path is good. If it doesn’t, it is of no use.”

It’s been said that the difference between a profession and a vocation is the training, skills, and education, but, literally, that’s not quite right. Social Work is considered a helping profession, but, maybe, again, that’s not quite right. The word vocation comes from the Latin word vocare: to call, a call, a calling. At its best, quite literally, Social Work is a vocation. At its best, Social Work is the response to a calling.

We all hear a call. Whether you consider it your conscience, the voice inside, your soul, or God, something calls to and moves each of us to act. To better yourself, others, and all that may be accomplished through social work, I’d consider your response to this question essential: What’s your calling?

Craig Keaton, MSW | Doctoral Student | Adjunct Professor

If you like You Matter posts and want to explore them more deeply, please consider joining us for a Wounded Healers meeting. You can find us on Teams!
### ADVISING

- **Summer class registration opens April 5th.**

  We've heard from you that many of you are interested in learning more. Stay tuned as we are developing a guide with the different paths to the LCDC that will be shared in this newsletter at a future time.

- If your advisor's appointment schedule is full, please consider emailing them for email-advising, or attend their weekly Power Hour. Please check advising appointments every Monday when new availability opens up for the coming weeks.

- Don’t need a full advising appointment but have general questions? Join your advisor for their weekly Power Hour!

  - Toy Howard  Monday 10-11  [Click here to join the meeting](#)
  - Valerie Adame  Tuesday 11-12  [Click here to join the meeting](#)
  - Maresia Davis  Wednesday 11-12  [Click here to join the meeting](#)
  - Cleondria Marable  Thursday 11-12  [Click here to join the meeting](#)

### GRADUATION

- Our School of Social Work Ceremony will be combined with College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs, Division of Student Success and the Honors College. The ceremony will be held on **Friday, May 14th at 9:00 a.m.** at Globe Life Field.

- The **Virtual Commencement will take place on Sunday, May 16th at 5:00pm CST** through an on-demand website that will have auto-generated name calling, graduate slides, and videos from university officials. We do not yet know which day the Social Work commencement will be. We will share additional details as soon as we receive them.

- **The deadline to apply to graduate in May passed on March 1. To apply late, contact your advisor.** (There is a $60 late fee) All students planning to graduate this spring must apply to graduate using MyMav. You must apply to graduate regardless of whether you will walk at a commencement ceremony. Applying to graduate is necessary to have your degree conferred AND in order to receive your diploma. Fee is $40.

- In-person, virtual commencement programs planned for May
  - UT Arlington will host **in-person commencement ceremonies** at Globe Life Field from May 13-16 to celebrate its spring 2021 and all 2020 graduates, while preserving virtual commencement ceremonies for those who prefer an online celebration. The spring commencement exercises will mark the first time UTA has hosted in-person ceremonies since December 2019, as all 2020 ceremonies were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - All 2020 and spring 2021 graduates should RSVP with their intention to participate in an in-person or virtual commencement ceremony. To do so, they should [register with MarchingOrder](#) using their UTA student email address. (Although the deadline of 3/17 has already passed, students are still able to register via this form).

### FIELD PLACEMENTS

- **Summer Field Application closes Apr. 09, 2021.** Late applications will not be accepted.

- The Fall Field application is tentatively scheduled to be open April 12th-Jun 4th.

- InPlace has a new URL! All students, agencies, and Field Instructors will need to use the new URL. [https://inplace.uta.edu/](https://inplace.uta.edu/)

- The InPlace fee is $67 per year or $130 for a lifetime. Each student will need to plan to pay the InPlace fee on the first day of class for that semester they are starting field.

- InPlace Training and Logbook Training can be found here!

- The [Spring Field Calendar](#) lists important dates for current field students, as well as summer field application dates.

- Field forms are available here!

- Field FAQ

- Spring 2021 Field Accomodations Q&A

- If you are having technical difficulties with InPlace please email sswfield@uta.edu and include a screenshot of the issue.

### FIELD POWER HOURS

This is an opportunity for you to check in and ask questions, similar to Office Hours for faculty!

- **Foundation MSW**
  - Field Advisor: Natalie Mangham
  - 1st & 3rd Monday of the month, 3-4
  - [Click here to join the meeting](#)

- **CAP & Children & Families**
  - Field Advisor: Monica Brown
  - 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 3-4
  - [Click here to join the meeting](#)

- **Mental Health**
  - Field Advisor: Hector Ramos
  - 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 3-4
  - [Click here to join the meeting](#)

- **Aging & Health**
  - Field Advisor: Sharon Martin
  - 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 3:30-4
  - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
Virtual Events of the Week

Social Work Licensing Information Session
Scan the QR code or click here to join the event on Teams.
Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, Microsoft Teams

Bring your questions and join Professor Karen Magruder, LCSW for a special information session on professional licensing* for BSW and MSW students.

*This is an independent educational session for UTA students and is not sponsored by ASWB or BHEC.

An Evening with Wynton Marsalis
On Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 7:30 pm, take a study break to tune into a free virtual performance by jazz musician, trumpeter and Grammy Award winner Wynton Marsalis.

Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day Symposium
Mark your calendars to join us on May 6 for the 4th annual Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day Symposium! This free, all-day, virtual event will feature engaging plenaries, informative session, and a diverse array of topics addressing the most pressing needs in older adult mental health.

• Registration opens starting April 5th.
• When searching for classes, be sure to select the correct term. MyMav may default to 2218 (Fall). 2215 is Summer.

• Course Modalities will be listed under Course Attribute in MyMav. If the Course Attribute is blank, this will be populated shortly; UTA is worked to fix a glitch. More information about each modality can be found here. Here are some examples:

  - Online 1: Asynchronous
    
  - Online 2: Synchronous (live virtual class during times listed)
    
  - Hybrid (combination of face-to-face and live virtual class)
Emergency Rental Assistance Program
The Neighborhood Services Department is offering an Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) to Fort Worth residents who have been impacted by COVID-19. Click Here to Apply for Emergency Rental Assistance.

Hiring Peer Educators
The Goudsouzian Success Center is hiring for Peer Educators for FALL 2021 in the following areas:
- Career Center Peer Educators
- Peer Advising
- Career Center Peer Educators

Social Work Course Guides

Student Research Opportunity Center

Funding

UTA continues protocols to protect campus community
In the interest of the health and safety of our community, UTA’s current COVID-19 protocols and guidance will remain in effect through May 31, at which point they will be reassessed. This decision has been made after review of the latest Governor’s Executive Order, which goes in effect Wednesday, March 10, and its direction that higher education institutions are to follow the most recent guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency. Read the announcement.

Dean Ryan’s Statement on COVID-19 Health Disparities

If you believe you have contracted COVID19, please type in ‘COVID-19 Testing’ and your zip code into the Texas Health and Human Services to find a testing location closest to you.

Have you tested positive? Had close contact with someone with Covid?
1. Complete mandatory reporting form
2. If needed, you can:
   • Ask professors for deadline leniency
   • Contact your USL, Program Director and/or Academic Advisor for additional support and guidance.

Face Covering Protocol:
To create the safest possible environment on campus, UTA implemented a mandatory face-covering protocol, effective until further notice. For more information, click here.

Managing Stress and Anxiety during COVID-19
UTA Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

Thrive App
Download "Thrive at UT" on App Store or Google Play

Mays Talk 24HR Crisis Line
Call 18172728219

For more information, visit uta.edu/caps
UTA Academic Calendar

Check Canvas for the MavsUnite Page!
To add please e-mail: Chantinia Chansler

Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide

SAR Center
(Formerly Office of Students with Disabilities)

UTA Library Accessibility
On-Demand & Live Fitness Classes

Webinar Library
Isabella Hong, an MSW Alum, graciously compiled a list of webinar resources and a video going over the basic functioning of Teams to any who may need assistance. Special thanks to Jose B. Yerena, LCPAA, who has taken over updating the list on a weekly basis! Please note that it is necessary to ask your supervisor permission for these to count towards any required field hours.

Rental Assistance Program
The Tarrant County Rental Assistance Program assists residents who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more details, email renthelp@tarrantcounty.com or call 817-850-7940.

Emergency Assistance Fund
UTA students with a temporary financial hardship resulting from a sudden emergency may apply for financial help.

Get Microsoft 365, The Wall Street Journal and Other Apps FREE with your student email!

How to gain access to SSW writing resources: Advising & Student Success Canvas

UTA/Tri-C Food Pantry Distributions
Currently distributing groceries on Thursdays only, from 9-11:45 a.m. and 2-4:45 p.m. To receive these grocery bags you must send an email to utafoodpantry@gmail.com to request a pickup time. Include student name, last four digits of UTA ID, requested grocery pickup time, choice of vegetarian, chicken, or any meat groceries.

If you have any questions or content suggestion for the newsletter, please contact Meghan Sheridan: mls9929@mavs.uta.edu

"Do things that feed your soul, not your ego, and you will be happy."
- Robert Tew