



Happy Social Work Month! March 2011

The Social Work Month 2011 theme promotes the role of social worker as positive change agent. There are 640,000 professional social workers in the United States who have dedicated their careers to either helping people transform their lives, or improving environments that make such progress possible. For more information, visit: www.naswdc.org/pressroom/swMonth/2011

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Barry Goldman-Hall, Social Worker of the Year. Barry is being honored as Social Worker of the Year by NASW San Jose Unit - Region B. Congratulations Barry!

Social Workers in the Library. Deborah Estreicher, Librarian and Family Literacy Coordinator at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library is being honored as a Stand Up Social Worker of the Year by NASW's San Jose unit for her creation of and service with Social Workers In the Library (along with Peter Allen Lee, and support from NASW's Glenn and Cyndy Thomas). SWITL provides free information and referral consultation by volunteer professional social workers to anyone in need in the community through the MLK library.

Rebekah Garcia. Rebekah Garcia was chosen to serve on the CASA committee to create the newly established annual CASA Outstanding Staff Award. Thanks Rebekah for representing our School and staff.

Rebeca Rojas Barrans. Rebeca will be recognized as our Distinguished Alum nominee from the School of Social Work at the Dean's reception in May. Congratulations Rebeca!

Mike Gorman. Mike's presentation "Enhancing Student Engagement in Global Social Work Learning Experiences: Argentina and South Africa Two Models for International Social Work Education" has been accepted for the Fourth Conference on International Social Work, March 25-27, 2011 at USC.

CASA Research Forum and Visit by Dr. John Landsverk. Thanks to Greg Payne, CASA Associate Dean of Research and Amy D'Andrade for hosting Dr. John Landsverk and two other nationally-recognized scholars who presented on scholarly writing, publication, and research. Dr. Landsverk was also able to share his personal experiences and tips for success with us in an informal meeting at the School.

SWGSA. The Social Work Graduate Student Association hosted a fundraiser at Chevy's on Thursday February 24th. Students, families, friends, and representatives from NASW visited the event and enjoyed great food and company.

Pupil Personnel Services Credential Program. Thanks to Katie Galvin, Dick Evans, and our colleagues in the Connie L. Lurie College of Education who assisted with the reaccreditation visit from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC). Our PPSC program was part of the positive evaluation in the initial set of findings. Our PPSC program is an important part of our School of Social Work, and we are thankful for support from all our colleagues.