ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Please accept this invitation to attend our Annual Awards Luncheon Friday, March 26, 2010
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Meet our Honorees for 2010

Alumna of the Year

Odeather Allen Hill, MSW, PhD

Odeather Allen Hill (MSW Class of 1982) is the founder and president of the Youth Advocacy Program, Inc., a non-profit organization with a mission to provide college scholarships to high school seniors, and to recognize adult volunteers who enhance the lives of young adults. She is also the founder and director of Professional, Preventive, Restoration and Consultant Service, LLC (PPRCS), a social service agency providing services to children and families to prevent abuse and neglect and sustain family connections. The Wayne County Juvenile Assessment Center and the Michigan Department of Human Services contract with Dr. Hill’s agency, referring families who are coping with grief and loss issues following both separation and reunification. For 15 years, Dr. Odeather Allen Hill has served her alma mater by providing supervision for social work students completing field work placements at her agency. While she was married, like many Wayne State social work students, Odeather had to balance the challenge of being a housewife and mother of four children with the challenges of higher education and completing both her BSW and MSW degrees at WSUSSW. She also became a foster parent following graduation from Wayne.

Odeather Allen Hill has also worked as a clinical social worker and program coordinator for case management and residential placement programs serving young adults in need of mental health services. Dr. Hill completed her doctorate in 1995 at the Union Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio. Her doctoral dissertation and subsequent professional work focuses on the study of African-American young men and the challenges they face making transitions toward independent living. As program coordinator for the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency she provided program development and management consultation to other mental health programs. While working for the D-WCCMHA, she also conducted evaluations identifying gaps in services to individuals involved in the criminal justice system in need of substance abuse treatment and mental health services.

In addition to professional and family life, Dr. Hill has provided public service in Detroit and the State of Michigan, serving on the City of Detroit Youth Advisory Committee and Board of Zoning Appeals, and, by gubernatorial appointment, serving on the African American Male Health Steering Committee. For three years she was the executive producer of the WDTR radio show titled, Young, Gifted and Black. Dr. Hill has also been recognized in the media, and appeared on the Tavis Smiley Show, for developing innovative techniques using music to help individuals improve their math skills.
Osvaldo “Ozzie” Rivera was born in Puerto Rico and lived in southwest Detroit most of his life. A graduate of the Chicano-Boricua Studies program at Wayne State and the University of Michigan School of Social Work, Ozzie Rivera has more than three decades of involvement in community advocacy and human services. His social work career has included serving as mental health director for ACCESS (Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services), Executive Director of Latino Family Services, dean of students at Wayne County Community College, and director of Multicultural Affairs at Madonna University. In his current role with the State of Michigan Department of Human Services he oversees Special Projects for Wayne County’s Children and Family Services.

Ozzie Rivera is being recognized as “Citizen of the Year” for his many cultural contributions to the Detroit Metropolitan area and the State of Michigan. For over 35 years he has been enriching the cultural life of the community and bringing the community together through the musical arts. Through non-profit broadcast media, lectures and performances, Ozzie has shared his love of music, especially Latin-Caribbean and Afro-Hispanic musical styles. As director of the salsa band, La Inspiracion, he performs throughout Michigan with other artists who share his love of music and community. Ozzie uses musical performances and lecture formats to teach and bring people together, especially in multicultural settings. Annually Ozzie Rivera helps organize the Concert of Colors, a three-day-long, free to the public, music festival held at Detroit’s Orchestra Hall which brings to Detroit many performing artists from around the world and around the United States. The Detroit Council of the Arts commissioned Ozzie to develop study guides on African-Hispanic Music, with accompanying audio/video and written materials for instructors at different levels of educational instruction. For 19 years he was the producer and host for the radio program Caribe Serenade on Detroit Public School’s radio WDTR, and he is a past program director for El Grito de mi Raza, a Latino music and affairs radio program aired on Wayne State public radio, WDET. Ozzie Rivera served on the New Detroit High School Innovation Task Force and serves on the Community Impact Cabinet of United Way for Southeastern Michigan.
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Friday, March 26, 2010, 11:30 AM—1:00 PM
and
Join the Alumni Association in honoring

Odeather Allen Hill, MSW, PhD Alumna of the Year
Osvaldo “Ozzie” Rivera, MSW Citizen of the Year

Guest Speaker: Saunette Jenkins, MSW Detroit City Council

Campus Location: McGregor Memorial Conference Center
495 West Ferry Mall
Detroit, Michigan 48202

Parking available for $4.25 in Parking Lot #1 on Palmer Ave just West of Cass Ave

USE ATTACHED REGISTRATION FORM
For further details call 313-577-4464 or email aa2851@wayne.edu

Registration Form

☐ Yes, I plan to attend the Alumni Association Luncheon on Friday, March 26, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.
At the McGregor Memorial Conference Center on the Campus of Wayne State University

Please reserve _______ tickets at $25.00 per person. $___________

Name(s): ____________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________ City____________________ Zip________________

Phone:_________________________ email address________________________

Buffet luncheon menu includes: Fresh Dinner rolls, Tossed Garden Salad, Fresh Fruit Platter,
Beef Tips Bordelaise, Herb Baked Chicken, Whipped Potatoes, Fresh California Blend Vegetables,
Dessert—Chocolate Layer Cake, fresh brewed regular and decaf coffee, herbal teas

Make check out to WSUSSWA (Wayne State University School of Social Work Alumni Association)
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