

March is Social Work Month

Please accept this invitation to attend our

Annual Awards Luncheon

Friday, March 25, 2011

(see registration form for details)

Meet our 2011 Honorees:



Alumna of the Year

Saunteel Jenkins, MSW

Saunteel Jenkins, who earned her BSW from the school in 1998, and her MSW in 1999, was elected to Detroit City Council last year. Councilwoman Jenkins is a lifelong Detroit native who was educated in Detroit Public Schools, and graduated from Cass Technical High School. She has spent her professional career serving the community, and was the Director of the residential treatment program at Mariners Inn, a shelter and treatment center for men who are homeless and drug addicted prior to her election to Council. Jenkins' history of service to the community also includes working with the Boys and Girls Republic as an adolescent therapist, Detroit Edison as a community educator, Healthy Start, an infant mortality reduction program and Focus: HOPE Food Program.

According to Jenkins, "one of the greatest highlights of my career was serving as a policy analyst and chief of staff to the late Maryann Mahaffey, President Emeritus of Detroit City Council." During her six year tenure in Mahaffey's office, Jenkins served as a liaison to the business community. She also worked on issues including affordable housing, predatory lending, the ethics ordinance and the casino agreements. Jenkins adds, "Maryann was an inspiration to me and served as a true example of how a public servant should govern with integrity and the people's best interest in mind."



Citizen of the Year
Sonia Plata

Sonia Plata is Director of Community Capacity Building for New Detroit, Inc. Plata was nominated by Dr. Joanne Sobeck, Associate Dean for Research and Director of the Center for Social Work Practice and Policy Research. As Director of Community Capacity Building, Plata administers New Detroit's Compassion Capital Initiative to strengthen more than 90 community-based organizations, devoted primarily to human and social services, so that they can more effectively fulfill their missions. In addition, she is responsible for New Detroit's participation in the Skillman Foundation's Good Neighborhoods Initiative, an intensive community-based revitalization effort in Detroit, and New Detroit's participation in the federal government's Compassion Capital Fund.

Prior to joining New Detroit in 1996, Plata was director of the Detroit Leadership Development Program for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. As an advocate for Latino rights, she serves as board chair of Latino Family Services in Detroit. In addition, she is an advisory board member for the Center for Chicano Boricua Studies at Wayne State University in Detroit. Plata holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from the University of Michigan. She is a graduate of the National Hispana Leadership Institute, Center for Creative Leadership, and John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.



Wayne State University School of Social Work and
its Alumni Association recognize
March as Social Work Month!

The 2011 logo communicates option and change. The circles represent movement toward the future. It often takes a variety of people and resources to create positive life change. Social workers “think outside the box” and help others view problems from all sides to overcome adversity.

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.

Wayne State University School of Social work has 10,000 alumni helping to make a change in our society. Join us in celebrating Social Workers and our community positive change agents at this year's Annual Awards Luncheon.

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Alumni Association

Celebrating 75 Years--1935-2010

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Friday, March 25, 2011, 11:30 AM—1:00 PM

and

Join the Alumni Association in honoring

Saunteel Jenkins, MSW Alumna of the Year

Sonia Plata Citizen of the Year

Guest Speaker Dr. Geneva Williams

“Social Work’s Role in the Revitalization of Detroit”

Campus Location: McGregor Memorial Conference Center

495 West Ferry Mall

Detroit, Michigan 48202

Parking available for \$4.75 in Parking Lot #1 on Palmer Ave just West of Cass Ave

USE ATTACHED REGISTRATION FORM

For further details call 313-577-4429 or email ab7097@wayne.edu

Registration Form

- Yes, I plan to attend the Alumni Association Luncheon on Friday, March 25, 2011 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, Baked Cod with dill sauce, Whipped Potatoes, Fresh California Blend Vegetables,
Dessert—Chocolate Layer Cake, fresh brewed regular and decaf coffee, herbal teas*

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

Credit Card (circle): Visa or MC Exp date: _____ Card Number _____

Signature for credit card authorization: _____

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