Alumni Association

March is Social Work Month

Please accept this invitation to attend our Annual Awards Luncheon

Friday, March 23, 2012 (see registration form attached for details)

Meet our 2012 Honorees:

Alumnus of the Year—Ryan Hertz, MSW

Ryan Hertz, who earned his MSW from the school in 2008, has served as the Executive Director of South Oakland Shelter since May of 2010. Previously, he was the Executive Director at HOPE Hospitality and Warming Center, Inc. in Pontiac, MI. In his time with HOPE, the agency experienced a remarkable transformation and 144% growth in annual revenues. In 2009, Crain’s Detroit Business recognized Hertz for his community efforts, naming him to their “20 in their 20s” list.

Hertz is also Principal of EcoZoic L3C, a consulting firm specializing in organizational transitions, social enterprise, multi-sector collaboration, process facilitation, and new media applications to achieving social outcomes.

A resident of Ferndale, MI, Hertz is actively involved in several local and global community initiatives, serving on the Board of Directors for the Greater Detroit Network of Social Innovators, as well as for the Upland Hills School. He is a co-founder of the Water for Huicholes initiative, a social enterprise in partnership with the indigenous community of La Laguna, Jalisco, Mexico. Hertz is also actively involved in the Oakland County Taskforce on Homelessness and Affordable Housing.
Citizen of the Year—Representative Rashida Tlaib

Rashida Tlaib was first elected to the Michigan House of Representative for the 12th House District (Detroit) in 2008. A daughter of Palestinian immigrants, Representative Tlaib made history by becoming the first Muslim woman elected to the Michigan Legislature.

Prior to being elected, Representative Tlaib worked at a number of non-profit organizations, including the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) and the International Institute of Metro Detroit, where she advocated for better access to human services, education and civil rights. She has received numerous awards, including the Women of Wayne Headliners award and United Community Housing Coalition’s Maryann Mahaffey Award. Crain’s Detroit Business named her as a “Women to Watch.” Most recently, she was named to the "Top 10 Heroes" list by Immigrants' List for her advocacy work on behalf of immigrants.

Representative Tlaib has distinguished herself with her tireless work ethic and visibility on a multitude of issues that affect her district. She fights to protect the families she represents through direct service programs and strong advocacy at her Neighborhood Service Center, which is the only fully staffed community-based center established by a Michigan legislator and which provides over ten anti-poverty programs. Representative Tlaib received her bachelor’s degree in Political Science from Wayne State University in 1998 and her law degree from Thomas Cooley Law School in 2004.

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Why Social Work Matters...

For more than a century, the social work profession has been instrumental in achieving civil rights and human rights advances in the United States and across the globe. The primary mission of social work is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable. We strive to accomplish this mission through many different roles in many different fields of practice.

The collaborative and consultative nature of our work ensures that social workers make an impact in many different organizations and human service systems. Most importantly, the social work profession has a mandate to identify and address gaps in social systems that impede the full participation of individuals or groups in society. Social workers have an ethical obligation to advocate for social changes that will benefit the most people. Our nation would be less successful without the contributions of America's 640,000 social workers. Wayne State University School of Social Work has over 10,000 alumni helping to make a change in our society. Join us in celebrating Social Workers and those in our communities that make a difference at this year’s Annual Awards Luncheon.
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*Representative Rashida Tlaib: Citizen of the Year*

Friday, March 23, 2012, 11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

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

Parking Structure 1 located at 1450 W. Palmer is available for guest parking. $5.00 credit card-no cash-must swipe card in and out. See www.campusmap.wayne.edu for a campus map and further parking information.

Register online at:


or use attached registration form

For further details call 313-577-4429 or email ag1802@wayne.edu

Registration Form

☐ Yes, I plan to attend the Alumni Association Luncheon on Friday, March 23, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. at the McGregor Memorial Conference Center on the Campus of Wayne State University

Please reserve _______ ticket (s) at $25.00 per person. $___________ Buffet luncheon served

Name (s): _____________________________________________________________

Address:______________________________________________________________Zip__________

Phone:_____________________________ email address__________________________________

Make check out to WSUSSWAA (Wayne State University School of Social Work Alumni Association) or Credit Card (circle): Visa or MC Card exp date:_____ Card Number_______ _______ _______ _______

Signature for credit card authorization: _______________________________________________________

Fax or email of credit card information not acceptable. Please mail information to address below or call to RSVP and to provide credit card information at (313) 577-4429.

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