



WASHBURN

SOCIAL WORK

March 2026
Newsletter

Washburn Student Social Work Association

WSSWA meetings: March 6, 2026 at 12pm

A group for social work students. All are welcome to attend in person and virtually:

<https://washburn.zoom.us/j/86020748528?pwd=Uh6blKCM57ImVvfkFa7twbPDWYoPwo.1>

March is Social Work Month!

The 2026 Social Work Month theme honors the prime mission of the Social Work profession – to enhance human well-being, meet the basic human needs of all people, and put special attention on the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed and living in poverty.

The ability of Social Workers to uplift, defend and positively transform the millions of people they work with each day is needed now more than ever.

For more information visit:

<https://www.socialworkers.org/news/social-work-month>



Student Events

WSSWA members are welcome to stop by the Social Work office during the following times to chalk the window outside of the office with the approved list of phrases and words:

March 2 from 3:30pm-4:30pm, **March 3** from 11:30am-12:30pm, **March 6** from 12:30pm-1:30pm

- **March 5-**

Tabling in the Union 11a.m.-12p.m.- come grab a sweet treat and celebrate SW month with us. WSSWA members will also be allowed to help decorate/chalk the windows of the Union with an approved list of phrases and words.

- **March 12-**

Social work info session

WSSWA and the Social Work Department will be hosting an information session for people interested in learning more about a social work degree or what social workers do. Tell your friends. Stop by for a slice of pizza and share your story with others. 12-1pm



Continuing Education

Courtroom Confidence: Social Work Testimony Training

Presented by: Mickie Brassel, JD & Danielle Packer, JD of Brassel & Packer, LLC

Master the art of courtroom testimony

Learn effective courtroom advocacy strategies & procedures

This social work continuing education workshop (3 CEUS) will provide essential tools to master the art of courtroom testimony. Participants will learn fundamentals of testifying in court, effective courtroom advocacy strategies, and procedural education. This event is open to professional social workers at all license levels and Washburn University Social Work students.

Objectives:

Upon completion of this workshop participants will be able to do the following:

1. Identify the role and responsibilities of social workers as expert and fact witnesses within legal and courtroom settings.
2. Describe the structure and flow of courtroom proceedings and explain how social work testimony fits within direct examination, cross-examination, and judicial decision-making.
3. Demonstrate strategies for providing clear, confident, and professional testimony.
4. Apply ethical decision-making and documentation principles when preparing for court testimony
5. Increase professional confidence and preparedness for courtroom participation.

This event is open to professional social workers at all license levels and Washburn University Social Work students.

Date: April 17, 2025 **Time:** 8:30am - 12:00pm

Location: Washburn University Law - Robert J. Dole Hall

Cost: \$30.00 **Earn:** 3 CEUs

Scan the QR code

Currently enrolled social work students wishing to attend must register and can use **promo code: SW2026** for free registration.

Registration is Required. To Register, [Click Here](#)

Washburn Social Work is a pre-approved CEU provider # 22-011

Questions: call: 785-670-1616 or email: social-work@washburn.edu



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Upcoming Events

- **March 4-**

Nepal Cultural Event, Holi Festival presented by International Club and Nepali Student Association



The festival symbolizes spring and new beginnings by playing with vibrant colors, dancing and splashing water.

This event will be at Memorial Union Lawn from 4-6pm

- **March 11-**

WU host legislative advocacy day

Social work students and educators from universities across Kansas will be coming to Washburn on to learn more about how to advocate in the Kansas legislature. Following a morning of training and inspiring sessions, students will have the opportunity to go to the Statehouse and meet with legislators. To register, [click here](#). Contact [Dr. Ricklefs](#) with questions.

- **April 23-**

Phi Alpha induction ceremony and Graduation Celebration from 5:30-6:30pm. RSVP by April 9th by using this link [RSVP Phi Alpha Induction and Graduation Celebration Spring 2026 – Fill out form](#)

What is Phi Alpha Honor Society?

Social Work's certified and largest honor society founded in 1962.

Certified member, Association of College Honor Societies.

501(c)(3) Non-profit corporation.

339 active chapters in 50 states, DC, Canada, & Puerto Rico.

Members have achieved academic excellence by being ranked in the top 35% of students in their program.

Students are invited into membership by the chapter's Advisor.

[Phi-Alpha-Honor-Society-factsheet-August-2024-1.pdf](#)

Questions about WSSWA or Phi Alpha?

Please reach out to Serena Kent or Kelli Verble.

Social Work Education Online Survey

Current BSW and MSW students are invited to participate.

Questions include:

1. Does the curriculum reflect diverse voices?
2. Whose perspectives are centered, if any?
3. How prepared are you to work with diverse populations?

Scan the QR for the survey



Have questions? Please email Rebecca Mirick rmirick@salemstate.edu or Mbita Mbao mmbao@salemstate.edu

