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GREETINGS

By Kathleen J. Tunney, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Interim Department Chair



Greetings! By the time you read this, we will have elected a new President of the United States. Regardless of your political position, as social workers and as members of a civil society, we all need to continue and increase our efforts to advocate for those who are left behind in a world which becomes ever more

challenging for all of us—economically, socially, and physically.

In this message, I would like to highlight the work of the Department in several dimensions; I know that additional detail on many of these issues will be provided in this and other issues of TAC by the program directors and others.

BSW program: This program remains strong and enrollments are continuing to grow. The program will sadly see the retirement of Shirley Rakers who has given her mind and heart and spirit to this program for over a decade, and we will miss her immensely. However, the program is under the able leadership of Dr. Jerry O'Brien, and he will tell you more about program initiatives in his report.

MSW program: This fall we have the largest entered MSW class ever, with 66 students starting in the fall. We have submitted our new curriculum proposal for university approval, and we anticipate start-up in Fall 2009. This curriculum moves from concentrations in Health-Mental Health-Disabilities and Children-Family Services, to concentrations in Macro Practice and Micro Practice. We also have increased our emphasis on both direct and policy practice skills and group work. We are pleased that Dr. Carl Bentelspacher is MSW Program Director, and we look forward to continued growth.

Faculty: We are very proud of accomplishments here. Dr. Bentelspacher continues his work on African American families and caregiving; Dr. Boyd is focusing

on minority men's health issues; Dr. Duckham continues to develop his research and publication on substance abuse and spirituality; he also serves as a SIUE Residence Hall mentor. Dr. Lawrence is Co-PI (with Dr. Brown, currently Assistant Provost for Faculty Development and Diversity in the SIUE Provost's Office) on a series of grants focusing on Permanency Planning enhancement, while Dr. O'Brien continues to publish in his specialization—stigma and stereotypes of persons with disabilities. Dr. Tunney presented at an international learning conference in Chicago on the use of simulated clients in social work education, and Dr. Wesley is busily visiting field placements, recruiting new ones, and working to organize field evaluation data in a data base for further study and program improvements. Kellene Hamilton continues to deliver high-quality service as Chair of both the Gala committee and the CEU committee, and the popularity of these programs is growing as well. Shirley Rakers is coordinating the Simulated Client Project for the undergraduate program; this program recruits, screens, trains, and implements simulated clients for undergraduate practice courses, and is funded through student fees.

Faculty Recruitment: We have three faculty positions open for which we are actively recruiting. The senior tenure-track position involves serving as department chair; for the junior tenure-track position, we are seeking someone with background in direct practice social work with individuals, families, and small groups. Lastly, we are seeking a non-tenure track Instructor; this person would teach both introductory and practice courses, primarily in the undergraduate curriculum. For more information on these positions, refer to the SIUE Human Resources website.

Students: We are proud to say that we have four active student organizations in the Department of Social Work: The Student Social Work Association (SSWA, for undergraduates); the Graduate Student Social Work Association (GSSWA); the Association for Black Student Social Workers (ABSSW); and the Phi Alpha Iota social work honor society, open to both undergraduate and graduate students in social work. Further, we (*Continued page 4*)

SIUE Department of Social Work



2009 Scholarship Gala

Keynote Speaker

Matt Chambers

Channel 4 KMOV

Meteorologist

Morris University Center Meridian Ballroom

March 21, 2009 - 5:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

Social Hour / Cash Bar / Silent Auction

Live music by Reggie Thomas

Dinner - served promptly at 6:00 p.m.

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Scholarship Gala Committee Announces 2009 Award Recipients

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award

Christie A. Haskenherm

Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Serene M. Tobey

Outstanding Alumni Award

Shirley J. Rakers

Community Organization Award

Kenneth R. Aud

Social Worker of the Year Award

Alva Tevini

Humanitarian Award

Robert and Jane Roennigke

Greetings Continued



have student award-winners in the department: Karen Whitted, an advanced standing MSW student, won the Competitive Graduate Award; Rachael Finley, first year graduate student, received the Graduate Scholar Award. The James Walker Scholarships this year went to Shimere Harrington, Caryn Lewis, Joe Malone, Theresa

Purchas, and Stephanie Young. In terms of awards given within our department, Daad Hariri received the Regulus-Gilmore Award, a fund in honor of the mothers of the late Dr. Regulus and his wife Pamela.

Community Links: Our Social Work Advisory Board met on November 13. At that time, I provided the group with an update on program changes, current and planned, as well as sought their input on directions that our program should take in the future. We are very grateful for their continued involvement and support of our program. Other activities included the recent co-sponsorship, with the Kimmel Leadership Center, Departments of Sociology/Criminal Justice, Political Science, Social Work, and others, of two non-partisan voter education events held on campus. I was part of a panel with my faculty colleagues that discussed the importance of critical thinking and independent research as one arrives at an informed decision in voting. Also, we continue to work on our social work website to enhance its attractiveness and information value to potential students, faculty, and the community. Lastly, as mentioned above, our CEU events continue to reach an ever-growing group of social work practitioners from an ever-wider geographic area.

Special Projects: As noted above, we continue to sponsor the use of simulated clients in the undergraduate classroom, and have recently submitted a proposal for student fees to fund the project at the graduate level. Research suggests that the establishment of a healthy and respectful helping relationship is the key to client success; training students with simulated clients has also been shown through re-

search to be one of the most effective methods of developing these helping relationship skills. We are always looking for community-based practitioners to serve as simulated clients, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you are interested in this project.

Lastly, a special community project that I am very excited about: At every CEU event this fall, as part of my welcome message I distributed a half-sheet survey to the participants. This survey asked two questions: "What are the challenges that you face in your practice, and how can social work education better prepare students to face these challenges?" Themes from participant responses suggest that practitioners are most challenged by resource deficits, by interagency as well as intra-agency communication difficulties, and by the burden of record-keeping and understanding various state and federal regulations related to client privacy and service reimbursement. In terms of direct practice client challenges, the respondents point to the dually diagnosed, reluctant/resistant/involuntary clients, and to the lack of safe affordable housing and transportation for vulnerable clients. In terms of how social work education can help prepare students, respondents noted that education should be more practical and less theoretical, with emphasis on methods for working with dually diagnosed clients and domestic violence in particular.

So what does this all mean, taken together? It means that there are many dedicated social workers out there, who are struggling with doing more and more with less and less. As with similar surveys of this type in the past, it appears that the resource development and linkage issues take center stage, with substance abuse, mental health, and involuntary client issues as the main practice challenges.

As a department, we will work to address these challenges in our curriculum; we are committed to sending graduates out with the basic tools they need—we welcome your input into our curriculum and outreach efforts, and we are always looking for guest speakers that can help bring the field into the classroom. We hope to hear from you soon, and keep up the good work!

SIUE Department of Social Work

**"Where Crossroads of Academic Excellence and
Community Commitment Meet"**

Coming to SIUE, March 2009, "...a legend in her field" (Social Work Today, 2003)

By: Kellene M. Hamilton, LCSW, DCSW



Nationally known scholar, teacher, author, and workshop presenter, **Sophia F.**

Dziegielewski will present a full-day workshop for Social

Workers and other human service professionals on **March 13, 2009 at SIUE**. *Assessing and Intervention Success with the Elderly: A Holistic Approach* presented from 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m.

This 6 CEU workshop is designed for social workers and other helping professionals and provides case presentations and application examples highlighting some of the approaches discussed during the workshop.

During the morning session participants will:

- Recognize issues relevant to assessment and treatment with the elderly
- Recognize what is considered normal and abnormal aging
- Recognize physical and mental health changes in aging
- Recognize issues related to sexuality and normal sexual development
- Assess coping strategy and treatment planning considerations for living with chronic conditions

and physical pain

- Review policies surrounding advanced directives and power of attorney
- Suicide and no-harm no risk agreements and standard of practice
- Provide tips and intervention strategy for improved caregiving and helping families in the "sandwich" generation

During the afternoon session participants will:

- Review two common mental health conditions (depression and dementia)
- Become familiar with current assessment strategy and tips for implementation
- Review particular concerns related to the elderly with medication use
- Recognize holistic approaches used with the elderly

Information covered will include:

- Issues and Assessment Relevant to Working with the Elderly
- Mental Health Conditions such as Dementia and Depression
- Medication Compliance and Issues Related to the Elderly

- Alternative Approaches and Herbal Medicines used by the Elderly
- Types and Kinds of Herbal Products
- Tips and Assessment Strategy for Social Workers

Dr. Sophia F. Dziegielewski is a licensed clinical social worker and Dean of the School of Social Work (2004-present) at the University of Cincinnati. Her areas of interest focus mainly on health and mental health in the time-limited practice setting. Dr. Dziegielewski has authored over 95 publications, including 7 textbooks and 56 peer-reviewed articles. She has presented over 400 workshops/seminars and provided social work licensure prep training to over 14,000 social workers across the United States. Since 1992, her fund raising activities have raised over \$600,000.00. In addition, Dr. Dziegielewski is editor of the Journal of Social Service Research School of Social Work, University of Cincinnati; she serves on various boards, and is the recipient of numerous teaching and leadership awards.

(For more information about Sophia Dziegielewski, go to the University of Cincinnati School of Social Work website.)

Registration: Advance registration is preferred. The registration fee for the entire day is \$79.00. A 50% discount is available for students and for 4 or more registrants from the same agency. This fee includes refreshments in the morning and afternoon, lunch and park-

ing. For more program information contact: Kellene M. Hamilton, (618) 650-2620/email: kehamil@siue.edu

For more registration information contact: Emily Coffin, (618) 650-2663/email: ecoffin@siue.edu

Look for Brochures in the mail soon and for emails if you have attended prior workshops and provided your e-mail address.

This workshop will be held on campus at the Engineering Building.

BSW Program Continues to Grow and Change

By Gerald V. O'Brien, PH.D. , Associate Professor, Director of the MSW Program



The BSW program continues to grow and transform, and we have a number of exciting changes in the works. First, I'd like to note that the program is in the midst of a transition period in regard to leadership. Shirley Rakers, who has admirably guided the program for many years,

is retiring at the end of spring semester 2009. I am presently serving as Program Director for the BSW program, and will be taking on increasing management responsibilities throughout the year. For many of our current and past undergraduate students, Shirley has been the "face" of the program, and we will miss her greatly.

As most of our graduates and community partners are aware, we are now officially a BSW program, with this change being formalized this past year. Our program had previously offered BA and BS degrees, but now graduates will have the degree field included on their graduation certificates and transcripts. This is one small but significant sign of a professional program of study.

We are currently attempting to complete a restructur-

ing of our undergraduate curriculum which will better serve students, and provide a more efficient use of Department resources. Students entering the program will proceed through a more formal admissions process, and take classes on a set schedule. We also plan on making modifications to a few courses in order to more efficiently provide content. A special note of thanks needs to go out to Shirley, Sharon, and the BSW Curriculum Committee. They have worked long and hard over the past several years to shepherd these changes through the system.

The program is also preparing to begin the program review process. Next year the University's Office of Assessment will construct a team of University personnel who will be charged with reviewing the BSW program. This is a regular review procedure that all programs undergo. The review will allow us to assess program strengths and needs, and to prepare for our next review by the Council on Social Work Education.

As always, thank you to all our graduates, practicum supervisors, community and University supporters, and our current students. We have a lot to be proud about in regard to our BSW program, and this is the result of a broad network of support.

MSW Program News and Notes

By: Carl E. Bentelspacher, PH.D., Associate Professor, Director of the MSW Program

This fall semester has been a very busy time for the MSW Committee. Members of the committee, with expert help from Kathleen Tunney, Jerry O'Brien, Shirley Rakers, and Sharon Haar (our Office Support Specialist) reviewed and edited all of the syllabi for our proposed new curriculum. Plus, there were many forms to complete. We submitted our proposal to the College of Arts and Sciences in early October. The entire Social Work Department has contributed to this effort, and we look forward, with a considerable degree of confidence, to approval from the College, and transitioning to the new curriculum in Fall semester 2009. Keep your fingers crossed!

The MSW Committee has now begun a new project. Specifically, we are conducting a review/examination of the models and methods of social work practice being taught in our foundation and concentration year courses, and the teaching methods being used to train our students to be competent practitioners.

Once this task is completed, we will compare the social work practice methods being taught in our curriculum with the models and methods of social work practice being used by local community agencies. The understanding we gain from this process will help us to develop our new curriculum so that it provides our graduates with the knowledge and skills needed by community agencies. In addition, we hope that our graduates will bring new approaches to social work practice to the agencies that employ them.

In other news, as is previous years, we held an Orientation Day for our new MSW students. Post-session evaluations from the incoming students indicated that the orientation was very helpful to them.

Thanks again for your interest and support of the MSW Program. We look forward to your continued involvement.

Alumni Corner

By Autumn Molinari, MSW, LCSW



Hello I am Autumn Molinari, and I am currently employed at Scott AFB as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker at the Mental Health Clinic. Some of my job duties include mental health outpatient, individual and marital therapy, consulting and coordinating services with doctors, nurses, psychiatrists, and outside hospitals and agencies on behalf of the patient; performing special duty clearances, crisis risk services, maintaining a high risk patient log and procedures, and performing briefings on base for a variety of units. The population that we serve includes active duty members and their adult dependents including

spouse or child. We also see retirees. It is an extremely rewarding experience to be able to provide assistance to those that are serving our country. It is the least we can do to give something back to them.

Some of my hobbies include spending time with my family (I have a husband, one son, a step-daughter, and a step-son), volunteering with church activities (I am currently the Sunday school superintendent and the Religious Education Committee Chairperson) shopping, and going to the movies.

Sincerely,
Autumn Molinari, BSW 2001, MSW 2002.

Today's Students - Tomorrow's Leaders

By Jeffrey Morris, MSW



After a four year break from academic studies (during which time I served in the United States Air Force), I returned to school to pursue an undergraduate degree in Social Work from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. I was graduated with a BSW in May 2005 and accepted an entry-level position at Family Resource Center in St. Louis, Missouri. At Family Resource Center, I worked as a Foster Care/Adoption case manager. Sensing a desire to continue my education and to further develop my clinical skills, I enrolled at Saint Louis University in the MSW program in August 2005; I received my Masters degree in August 2008 after fulfilling the requirements for their Family Concentration. I am currently in the

early stages of LCSW supervision with an anticipated licensure date of 2010.

In November of 2005, my wife and I became the proud parents of a beautiful little girl that we adopted from Russia. Through the process of International Adoption, I became keenly aware of how societal problems and injustice can be found in all areas of the world, and I wanted to get involved in helping eradicate this problem. I was offered a position with Children's Hope International (an International Adoption and Humanitarian Aide organization) in November of 2006 where I worked as the Kazakhstan program social worker completing psycho-social assessments, home studies and post placement reports for families who are pursuing international adoption. I became the director of the Kazakhstan program in July 2008.

Charlene O'Brien—1950-2008

Former SIUE Social Work Graduate, (BSW 1993, MSW 2002) Charlene O'Brien, nee Reed, 58, of Belleville, Illinois, born July 3, 1950 died on October 16, 2008 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville. She worked at St. Louis Efforts for AIDS and will be sorely missed as a friend and colleague. Sympathy goes out to her family and friends from the Social Work Faculty and Staff. She will be remembered fondly by all those who knew her.

ABSSW News and Activities

By Janell Smart, MSW Student

Report on the Association of Black Student

Social Workers

Current Officers:

President:	Janell Smart
Vice President:	Bernard Nutsukpui
Treasurer:	Caryn Lewis
Secretary:	Latosha Blaylock

Over the summer, MSW students, Janell Smart, Bernard Nutsukpui, Caryn Lewis and Latosha Blaylock, joined together and re-organized the Association of Black Student Social Workers of Southern Illinois University (ABSSW). The purpose of the ABSSW is to provide a structure through which social workers and other disciplines can exchange ideas, offer services, and develop programs that promote social justice, provide cultural awareness, and address the needs of metro-east communities. With both compassion and conviction, the ABSSW is committed to empowering and celebrating the strengths of Black families, promoting unity as a people, and raising America's conscious in order to address barriers that uphold racism, and hinder progression. The organization's objectives are to:

- Support and develop projects that address the social well-being of both the campus community and the surrounding metro-east communities
- Provide advocacy for underprivileged populations through establishment of social policy

initiatives

- Enhance cultural awareness initiatives through lecture series and forums
- Address racial disparities from a local, statewide, and national perspective
- Advocate for individuals, agencies, and groups that are providing effective service delivery

Currently, the ABSSW is working on collaborations with other student organizations like the Black Student Union and the Retention of African American Males in order to establish social awareness events on campus. ABSSW members are involved with SIUE's Black Heritage Committee and participating in the development of events for February, 2009. We are also excited about upcoming plans for community events and advocacy projects in targeted metro-east communities. Another goal of ABSSW is to become a charter member of the National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW). Coming soon – ABSSW will provide a quarterly newsletter in our efforts to connect with the community and fellow alumni.

Specific action steps for November

- Food drives for targeted community organizations
- Volunteer service with homeless organizations and holiday related events
- Fundraisers

Drs. Roger Boyd and Rita Arras Exchange Vows



Drs. Roger Boyd and Rita Arras exchanged wedding vows on Oct. 25, 2008 at The Church of the Red Rocks in Sedona, Arizona attended by 35 intimate friends and family, followed by a reception at the Cucina Rustica. A local reception was later held on Nov. 2nd at the Bellecourt Banquet Center in Belleville, IL for about 150 friends, family and colleagues.

The newly married couple first met five years ago at SIUE at New Faculty Orientation when Roger joined the Social Work faculty and Rita became an Assistant Professor in the SIUE School of Nursing. Dr. Arras has been affiliated with SIUE since 1981.

We wish all the best to the happy couple from the entire SIUE Social Work family.

GSSWA Announces Officers

By Samantha Christie, MSW Student

The 2008 – 2009 Graduate Student Social Work Association Officers are:

2nd year Chair – Brianna Fritsch
 1st year Chair – Serene Tobey
 Faculty Liaison – Samantha Christie
 Faculty Liaison – Serene Tobey
 Community Liaison – Christian Cooper
 Community Liaison – April Schutz
 Secretary – Jessica Diel
 Treasurer – Beth Revell

- Project Homeless: Chestnut Health Systems, Maryville Center. December 03, 2008 from 10a -2p. People who are homeless will be brought off the street for a day of pampering.
- East St. Louis Toy Drive for Christmas.
- Team with SIUE University Housing for a Thanksgiving Food Drive.
- Working with SSWA to host a family for Christmas, providing them with food and presents.

The Group had its first Officer's meeting on Wednesday October 29. They are looking for ways to become involved in the surrounding communities. Projects of interest include:

GSSWA is looking into partnering with other departments and organizations on campus to put on larger programs and become involved more campus-wide.

SSWA Highlights

By Kelli Frey, MSW Student

As a very busy fall semester is coming to an end, Student Social Work Association is looking forward to all of their upcoming activities.

The officers for 2008-2009 include: President: Stephanie Ondes; Vice-President: Megan Panella; Treasurer: Christie Haskenherm; Secretary: Carrie Larson; Student Liaisons: Kelli Frey and Kendra Donaldson.

The Student Social Work Association's mission is to bring about a positive change in the local area by service and empowering those in our community. This semester, SSWA has been busy doing just that by becoming involved in activities in the surrounding area. On October 21st, we played Bingo at the University Nursing Center with the residents. We provided candy for prizes, and they asked us to come back in the spring. SSWA has collected food to donate to a family that we adopted from Behavioral Health Alternatives in Wood River for

Thanksgiving. We put a tree up in the Social Work office and collected hats, gloves and scarf's to donate to children and adults who are in need of warmth for the winter. We teamed up with GSSWA for donations so we ended up with a full tree! SSWA is also collecting food and other needed items to donate to a family for Christmas.

During this semester, we have also been looking for a social issue to become involved in. The group decided on The Madison County Silent Witness Exhibit. This is an educational display on domestic violence. This exhibit uses cutouts of women, men and children who have died in domestic violence related circumstances. Although we are beginning to plan for this event now, the exhibit will actually be on display sometime during the spring '09 semester.

Where have all the Alumni Gone?

Alaina Pipas, MSW 2007, Family Support and Right Track Programs as a Home Based Specialist with Lutheran Child and Family Services in Sparta, IL

To appear in **Where Have All the Alumni Gone ?** e-mail information to kehamil@siue.edu or send to SIUE Social Work Department, Campus Box 1450, Edwardsville, IL 62026.

Fall 2008 CEU Events in Review

By Kellene M. Hamilton, LCSW, DCSW

Mandatory Ethics Training--

St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville, Illinois was the host site for the Ethics and Issues workshop held on Friday, October 10, 2008. The mandatory Ethics training was co-sponsored by SIUE Department of Social Work and Care Coordination, St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Natalie Holtzman, MSW, LCSW was the featured speaker for this event. The workshop was attended by over 100 Social Workers from throughout the southern Illinois region and focused on ethics and issues in health care, mental health, and with special populations. This workshop met the 3 CEU Ethics training requirement for Social Workers toward licensure renewal.



ment of schizophrenia, depression, bipolar disorder and other mood and anxiety disorders. This workshop was presented by Dr. Kelly N. Gable, Pharm. D., BCPP, Assistant Professor, SIUE School of Pharmacy. Dr. Gable also discussed medication mechanisms of action, common and rare adverse affects of psychotropic medications, compliance/non-compliance with use of medication by the mentally ill as well as new and innovative treatment options for psychiatric disorders.

Electronic Aggression and the Victimization of Children.

Mike Bazzell was the speaker for the afternoon workshop on *Electronic Aggression and the Victimization of Children*. This presentation provided the audience with information on how predators lure children into becoming victims and what can be done to prevent this from happening. Portions of the workshop were conducted live on the Internet using "real" examples of the procedures discussed during the presentation.

Psychopharmacology: A Practical Perspective for Social Workers... and Electronic Aggression and the Victimization of Children—



On Friday, October 28, 2008, the SIUE Department of Social Work presented a full-day of continuing education for Social Workers and other human service professionals. The day began with a morning workshop on *Psychopharmacology: A Practical Perspective for Social Workers and Other Professional Providers* and offered attendees an over-

view of psychotropic medications used in the treat-

Mike Bazzell is a Computer Crime Detective and part of the Administration Division of the Alton Police Department. He handles all cases involving any type of computer crime and computer forensic analysis, including State and Federal cases throughout the St. Louis area. Mike also serves as the Director of the Regional Computer Crime Enforcement Group, a group initiated by the Illinois Attorney General's Office to train local and state law enforcement officers in how to handle high-tech crimes.

Fall Commencement 2008

Congratulations from Faculty and Staff !

Bachelors of Social Work

Lacy Elizabeth Barkley, Starlette Felicia Mc Coates
and Kristina Nicole Redden.



PHI Alpha Inducts New Members

By: Autumn Dunham-Neubert, MSW Student

On October 9, 2008, the IOTA Chapter of Phi Alpha Honor Society for Social Work majors inducted 18 new members: Amy Aussieker, Ashley Buehnerkemper, Gary Crone, Autumn Dunham-Neubert, Elizabeth Hayn, Misty Jones, Alesha Loudermilk, Bernard Nutsukpui, Carrie Pegg, Theresa Purchas, Mallory Sample, Erin Schmitz, Megan Slusser, Janell Smart, Ray Thompson, and Shannon Zakrzewski. Honorary inductees included Dr. Bryan Duckham (SIUE Social Work faculty) and Belinda Gunning (community), Director of Behavioral Health Alternatives, Wood River, Illinois. (Both Carrie Pegg and Mallory Sample were unavailable to attend the event.)

The Phi Alpha Honor Society ceremony was conducted by Dr. Shonda Lawrence and Dr. Roger E. Boyd. Dr. Venessa A. Brown, Assistant Provost for Faculty Development and Diversity was the guest speaker for the event. During the ceremony, inductees received an honorary medallion and certificate of membership. Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held for the inductees and their family members, friends and faculty.



“Through Knowledge the
Challenge to Serve”

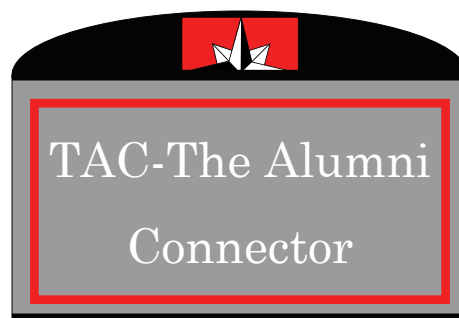


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REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GALA ON

MARCH 21, 2009 5:00—9:30 P.M.

MORRIS UNIVERSITY CENTER, MERIDIAN BALLROOM



Matt Chambers

KMOV News Channel 4

Meteorologist

Keynote Speaker for 2009