Jane Addams College of Social Work

May 4, 2012

Class of 2012

**PROCSSIONAL** .................................................. Jane Addams Graduates, Faculty, and Administration

**OPENING REMARKS** .............................................. Faith Johnson Bonecutter

Associate Dean, Academic Affairs and Student Services

**“AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL”** ..................................... Lillian Murphy

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**GREETINGS** ........................................................... Creasie Finney Hairston

Dean

**INTRODUCTION OF THE PROVOST** .......................... Creasie Finney Hairston

**PROVOST'S REMARKS** ............................................. Lon S. Kaufman

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost
Professor of Biological Sciences and Adjunct Professor of Bioengineering

**INTRODUCTION OF FACULTY** .................................... Faith Johnson Bonecutter

**INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER** ............ Creasie Finney Hairston

**COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS** ...................................... Mildred “Mit” Joyner, MSW, LCSW, BCD

President, Council on Social Work Education
Professor Emerita, West Chester University

**PRESENTATION OF JANE ADDAMS PIONEER AWARD** ........ Creasie Finney Hairston

**PRESENTATION OF PhD CANDIDATES** (see list on page 46) .... Laura Lee Junker

Associate Dean, Graduate College

Conferral of PhD Degrees ......................................... Lon S. Kaufman

Hooding and Presentation of Doctoral Diplomas ................. Jane Addams College Faculty

**PRESENTATION OF MSW CANDIDATES** (see list on page 47) ... Faith Johnson Bonecutter

Conferral of MSW Degrees ......................................... Lon S. Kaufman

Presentation of MSW Diplomas ..................................... Jane Addams College Administration

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GREETING** ............................... Arlene Norsym, MBA

Associate Chancellor for Alumni Relations, UIC
Vice President, University of Illinois Alumni Association

**RESPONSE FROM THE CLASS OF 2012** ........................ Sheena McNeal

President, Jane Addams Student Government

**CLOSING REMARKS** ................................................ Creasie Finney Hairston

**RECESSIONAL** ........................................................ All

*Audience is requested to remain seated until the academic recession is completed. Reception to follow in the tent adjacent to the Harrison Street Parking Structure.*
MILDRED “MIT” JOYNER

Mildred “Mit” Joyner (MSW ’74, Howard University) is president of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the sole national accrediting body for graduate and undergraduate schools of social work in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, and Caribbean.

A member of the West Chester University (Pennsylvania) faculty since 1981, Professor Joyner chaired the undergraduate social work program for more than 25 years. Her research interests include child abuse and diversity issues as well as gerontology. She coauthored Critical Multicultural Social Work (2008).

In honor of her leadership and vision, in 2005 the Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work established a scholarship, the Mit Joyner Gerontology Leadership Award, for undergraduate social work faculty and students to promote leadership in gerontological social work practice. Recently retired as a full professor and chair emerita of the undergraduate social work department at West Chester, Professor Joyner coauthored a second book, Caregivers of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS in Kenya: An Ecological Perspective (2011). Professor Joyner serves on numerous professional and advisory boards. She is a former president of the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, serves as treasurer and executive committee member of the Institute for the Advancement of Social Work Research, and is a previous board member of the Institute for Geriatric Social Work.

In her community, she has been on the board of directors for DNB First (previously known as Downingtown National Bank) since 2005. Presently, she is the fundraising chair of the Frederick Douglass Institute of West Chester University charged with raising $200,000 to erect a campus sculpture of Douglass.

DIAN M. POWELL

Dian M. Powell (MSW ’85) epitomizes the pioneering social worker spirit. She currently serves as president/chief executive officer of Chicago’s Roseland Community Hospital (RCH). Ms. Powell played a significant role in advocating for the newly designated “Roseland Medical District,” the state of Illinois’s 4th medical district. It enables health-care advocates to develop new medical research and treatment facilities for a historically disenfranchised community. Ms. Powell’s leadership comes at a time when the phenomenal growth in retail, recreational, and transportation development in Roseland demands innovative, creative planning. Prior to RCH, she served as the executive director (retired) of the Metropolitan Family Services Calumet Center in the Roseland community. Under her leadership, a multimillion dollar facility was built allowing increased services to be provided to children and families.

Ms. Powell currently chairs the Board of Trustees of New Life Christian Ministries of Greater Chicago and the Board of Directors of Dorothy Sutton Branch Head Start. She formerly chaired the Board of Directors at RCH and the Illinois African-American Family Commission’s Legislative Committee. She was also a three-term president of the National Association of Black Social Workers-Chicago Chapter (NABSW-CC).

Ms. Powell earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Roosevelt University and Master of Social Work degree from the Jane Addams College of Social Work. She is a State of Illinois licensed clinical social worker. Ms. Powell’s awards and honors for her professional accomplishments and community services include the Kizzy Award, which recognizes outstanding African American women for community service, public image, professional achievements, and personal integrity as an inspiration to others and positive role model for America’s youth; the NABSW-CC’s Distinguished Social Worker Award; the Roseland Family YMCA Outstanding Community Leadership Award; the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Chairman’s Award; and Chicago Black Women’s Expo Phenomenal Woman Award.
# Jane Addams College of Social Work Faculty and Administration

**Dean**
- Creasie Finney Hairston

**Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Student Services**
- Faith Johnson Bonecutter

**Associate Dean for Doctoral Studies and Academic Programs**
- Christopher Mitchell

**Associate Dean for Administration**
- Martin Mc Dermott

**Director of Field Instruction**
- Barbara Coats

**Director of Advancement**
- Helene Eubanks-Drew

**Director of Communications**
- Greg Holden

**Director of College Fiscal Operations**
- Kimberly Padgett

**Director of Admissions and Financial Aid**
- Edward Potts

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- Sheena McNeal

**Vice President**
- Hope Williams

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- Aleska Bolyanatz

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- Rachel Stoll

**Part-Time Program Liaison**
- Alexis KarpiK
The Alumni Association Constituency Board supports and promotes the educational, social, and charitable interests of the college and works in partnership with the University of Illinois Alumni Association to encourage alumni engagement.

NICOLE MILANO LEYVA (BSW '00, MSW '01) ....................... President
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JANE ADDAMS COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK MISSION

The mission of Jane Addams College of Social Work is to educate professional social workers, develop knowledge, and provide leadership in the development and implementation of policies and services on behalf of the poor, the oppressed, racial and ethnic minorities, and other at-risk urban populations.

JANE ADDAMS 1860–1935

The original site of the Jane Addams Hull-House, Chicago’s first settlement house, is located on the campus of UIC. Jane Addams, the founder of Hull-House and recipient of the 1931 Nobel Peace Prize, was an advocate and organizer on behalf of immigrants, women, children, and other vulnerable groups. She was a social innovator, able to bridge differences of class, race, and culture in order to solve community problems. She founded the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom and helped establish the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and other progressive organizations. The Jane Addams College of Social Work at UIC continues to build on the great legacy of its namesake. In addition, the very presence of Hull-House on campus, now a museum, is a powerful reminder that tremendous social conditions and challenges remain that require social change and intervention for the most disenfranchised individuals.