



TAYLOR HARDIN CELEBRATES NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH March 2020



School of
Social Work

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA*

GENERATIONS STRONG



This year's theme Social Work: Generations Strong highlights the fact that social workers have been working for generations to improve the lives of every single American. Many of the

myriad benefits Americans enjoy today—including more access to health and mental health care, a minimum wage and Social Security—are because of the work of social workers and others.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special thank you to The University of Alabama School of Social Work for providing

Taylor Hardin with a new banner to feature outside of the building for National Social Work Month!



NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH 2020



National Nutrition Month® is celebrated each year during March, focuses on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits.

Allison Woods, RD is the Registered Dietitian for our

facility. Allison evaluates the nutritional care of patients by utilizing labs, treatment notes, diagnosis, and various physical conditions in order to meet the nutritional needs of the patient. She attends Treatment Team meetings to provide input when nutrition is a treatment issue.

NATIONAL DOCTOR'S DAY 2020

National Doctors' Day is held every year on March 30th in the United States. It is a day to celebrate the contribution of physicians who serve our country by caring for its' citizens.

We are celebrating doctors with a healthy dose of gratitude on this day and all year long!

Thank you!

To all medical staff, your compassion and commitment to healing makes a difference in our hospital and community everyday.

ADVOCATE'S CORNER

Taylor Hardin has a new Facility Advocate!

Brandon Heath began his role as the Facility Advocate in November 2019.



Previously employed as the facility's Court Liaison/Admissions Coordinator, this is Brandon's second time with Taylor Hardin, so he is already familiar with the workings of the hospital. Now as an employee of the Alabama Department of Mental Health's Internal Rights & Advocacy Program, he is tasked with actively assisting in the safeguarding the right of patients served by Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility.

Brandon can be notified of any patient rights concerns by contacting the ADMH Hotline at 1-800-367-0955.

SENDING MAIL?

THSMF patients may not receive packages. Family members/friends, etc. may send a check or money order to your loved one and they may purchase canteen items or request to purchase items allowed on their program through THSMF staff. Cash will not be accepted through the mail. Any packages received will be

returned and/or placed in the patient's personal possessions.

When sending mail, please make sure to put your loved one's name on the envelope.

KEY DATES

March 3: Caregiver Appreciation Day

March 8: Daylight Saving Time Starts, spring those clocks one hour forward!

March 17: St. Patrick's Day and World Social Work Day

March 20: Family Education Class from 10:00 AM until 11:30 AM.

Our Family Education Class is all about providing education to you - our families. We want you to learn more about mental health and THSMF.

March 30: National Doctor's Day

VISITATION

- All visitors must be pre-approved.
- One drink item and one food item only and both items must be purchased from the THSMF vending machines.
- Bring pictured identification if over the age of 16.
- No cell phones, umbrellas, coats, bags, tobacco products, weapons, or lighters are allowed.
- You will be asked to clear the metal detector prior to entering the visitation area
- Once entering the visitation area, you will not be allowed to exit and re-enter.
- Special visits must be requested at least seven days in advance of the desired visit date and special visits can only be scheduled Monday through Thursday.

Any visitor who assists or attempts to assist in escape plans, schemes for creating disorder, or passes or attempts to pass any unacceptable item will not be allowed further visits and will be subject to criminal action.



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