SSWA Leadership ALE

 This semester I was able to attend meetings for the Student Social Work Association. As the semester went on, though, I was not able to attend several meetings because it conflicted with my internship that I was involved in. The few meetings that I was able to attend, I found it to be beneficial for myself in growing and also beneficial to be a part of a group and learn different aspects of the individuals within a group.

 This organization made me more aware that each of us are leaders within the community and it is important to participate in the activities of the group. It is important to have a strong leader for the organization to help keep everything on track so that we can get everything done that is planned. Since we are all leaders within the group and in the community, it is also important to speak out the ideas that each one has. Speaking out your opinion has helped me understand that my voice is important and so is everyone else’s voice in the group.

 I think that there is a great value placed on leadership because there are a lot more people that often don’t step up to be leaders within the community. We need more leaders to stand up and take action for those who are in need of support. Others are more prone to follow a good cause or someone who is standing up for a good cause, than if nothing is being done. Every activity that was a part of the SSWA was a learning experience for leadership and taught qualities about being a leader. It also gave a view that it doesn’t matter where you come from, what religion you are or what you look like, anyone can be a leader.

 This organization taught that sometimes it is more beneficial to do things in groups rather than do things individually. When a group gets together for a cause, much more can be done to help others. People are all have different gifts to bring and different ideas to others. Everyone has a strength and if those strengths and ideas come together, then the group can help and accomplish much more than just one individual leader. It is important to work within a group and to learn from one another because in jobs and in the community, there will always be groups to work with.

The goal is to help those forgotten, those who are hurting, those who are alone, and those who are broken as a social worker. This organization does a very good job of trying to plan and help the ones that are in need of support. I’ve enjoyed being a part of this group and hope to be able to attend more on a regular basis in the upcoming semesters.