

Legislative Lobby Days 2014

Here's what fellow MSW students had to say about their Lobby Days experience this year. Lobby Days was in Sacramento April 6th and 7th:

"Legislative Lobby Days is an opportunity for social work students from across the state to gather in Sacramento, be educated on the process of political advocacy, and lobby current legislation impacting the field of social work at the state capital. This year we lobbied AB1554 to improve the handling of complaint investigations at residential care facilities for the elderly, AB1555 to provide school counseling services to victims and witnesses of bullying, and SB1005 to extend health care coverage to undocumented immigrants in CA. This event takes place annually...if you can go next year, I'd recommend it. Legislation greatly impacts what we can and can't do with and for the populations we serve. Being capable and skilled at advocating at the local, state, and national level is a powerful tool for the profession."

"I went into Lobby Days feeling apprehensive. I read the description about what we were to do there, and was interested but it was a little unnerving to not hear anything about it from the graduate program so I felt a bit alone. But to my gratefulness and to my surprise I realized there were a number of graduate students that were attending too and I was happy to have met them and gotten to share the Lobby Days experience with them."

I personally enjoyed Lobby Days and thought it was a great experience. It was nice getting to go to the capitol and we got firsthand experience of what its like to advocate for social issues directly to Senators and legislators. This process always seemed intimidating but actually being there changed my perspective quite a bit.

I really enjoyed meeting other social work students not just from SDSU graduate program but from the undergraduate program as well. It was also fun to see other social work schools represented at this event, and to have gotten to meet and work with some of them while lobbying for our bills.

It was good. I would consider going again next year."



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