A Social Work Buckeye You Should Know!

Geneva Sanford

COLLEGE: College of Social Work

DEGREE: BSSW ’89, MSW ’01

CAREER: Social Worker and Chemical Dependency Counselor

NOTABLE: Geneva Sanford, MSW, LSW, LICDC, is an experienced social worker and chemical dependency counselor who has specialized in the field of substance abuse and addiction for 22 years. Geneva received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from The Ohio State University’s College of Social Work. She has primarily worked in formalized treatment programs prior to joining the Grant Medical Center Trauma Program in October 2007. She developed and coordinates the SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral & Treatment) program at Grant to provide interventions to hospitalized trauma patients with substance use disorders. In addition, Geneva is a community lecturer at the college and adjunct faculty member at Columbus State Community College. She has received several awards for her professionalism and development of programs over the years.

On a personal note, Geneva received a basketball scholarship to Ohio State in 1985-89. She is a former “Lady Buckeye.” Her team won three Big Ten Championships and went to the Final 16 and Final 8 of the NCAA tournaments. During her senior year she was awarded the Student-Athlete Brown Leadership Award.

A few of Geneva’s more recent accolades include: Business First Health Care Hero Nominee (2011), Ohio Hospital Association Albert C. Dykes Health Care Worker of the Year Nominee (2010), OhioHealth-Grant Medical Center Star of the Month Nominee (2010), and OhioHealth-Grant Medical Center Power #1 7th Floor Supporter (2010).