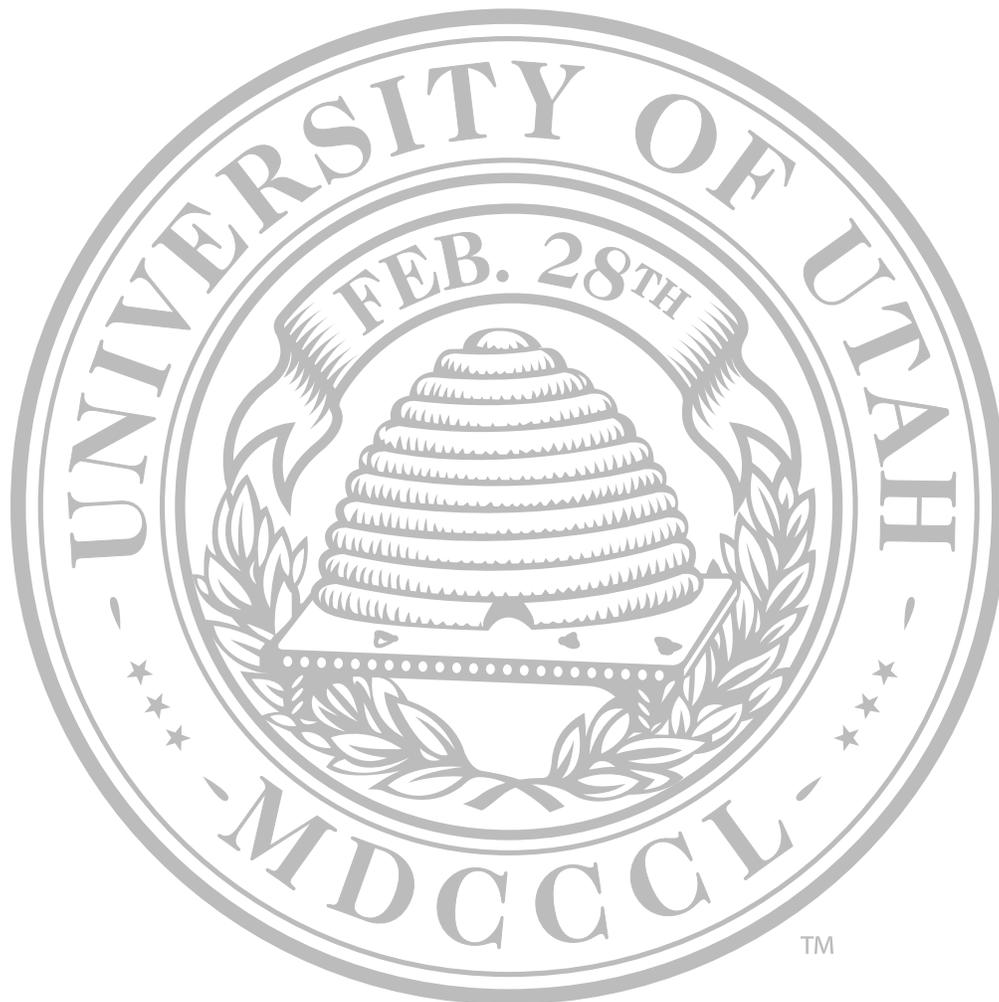


COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK
CONVOCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
COMMENCEMENT 2025

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**Candidates for degrees whose names appear in this program
were applicants for graduation as of March 3, 2025**

The University of Utah has both historical and contemporary relationships with Indigenous Peoples. Given that the Salt Lake Valley has always been a gathering place for Indigenous Peoples, we acknowledge that this land, which is named for the Ute Tribe, is the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Shoshone, Paiute, Goshute, and Ute Tribes and is a crossroad for Indigenous Peoples. The University of Utah recognizes the enduring relationships between many Indigenous Peoples and their traditional homelands. We are grateful for the territory upon which we gather today; we respect Utah's Indigenous Peoples, the original stewards of this land; and we value the sovereign relationships that exist between tribal governments, state governments, and the federal government. Today, approximately 60,000 American Indian and Alaska Native peoples live in Utah. As a state institution, the University of Utah is committed to serving Native communities throughout Utah in partnership with Native Nations and our Urban Indian communities through research, education, and community outreach activities.

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

Convocation Program

Jon M. Huntsman Center, The University of Utah
May 1, 2025 – 2:00 pm

Procession

(Audience please remain seated)
Officials, Faculty, and Candidates for Degrees

Welcoming Remarks

Philip Osteen, *Dean*

BSW Student Speaker, Class of 2025

Cassidy Heacock, *BSW Graduate*

MSW Student Speaker, Class of 2025

Porshai Nielsen, *MSW Graduate*

PhD Student Speaker, Class of 2025

Kyle Rehn, *PhD Graduate*

Presentation of Graduates and Awarding of Degrees

BSW Diplomas

Stephanie Bank, *BSW Director*

MSW Diplomas

Lindsay Gezinski, *MSW Director*

PhD Diplomas

Jeremiah Jagers, *PhD Director*

The Turning of the Tassel Ceremony

Concluding Remarks

Philip Osteen, *Dean*

Recessional

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STUDENT AWARDS

Alumni Association Outstanding Student Award

Dedicated Service to the Practice of Social Work

Carolina Arias
Devon Van Kleek

Blanche Scowcroft Willey Award

Achievement in Leadership in Social Work

Denisse Zepeda

Caren J. Frost Award

Promise in Substance Use Disorder Counseling

Trevan Lowe

Caren J. Frost Award

Promise in Women's Health

Susan Smaellie

College of Social Work BSW Faculty Award

Promise in Social Work

Parker Stringer

College of Social Work MSW Faculty Award

Promise in Social Work

Jennifer Clark

College of Social Work PhD Faculty Award

Promise in Social Work

Devon Musson Rose

Connie Mortensen Woolsey Memorial Award

Promise in the Fields of Health and Mental Health

Emily Rougelot

Edward Yukio Okazaki Memorial Award

Achievement and Promise in Gerontology

Amanda DiConza

Elise Kasteler Hutchings Award for Leadership in the National Association of Social Workers

Commitment to the Relevance of NASW

Edwin Santos Lepiz

James Garland Woolsey Memorial Award

Promise in the Fields of Health and Rehabilitation

Henry Miller

John Hardy Stewart Legacy Award

Promise in Advocacy for Underrepresented Groups

KT Finch Mendes
Xochitl Juarez-Cardenas

Dr. Sharon Goodwill Memorial Award

Excellence in the Field of Mental Health

Evie King

Student Practicum Awards

Outstanding Performance in the Area of Field Practicum

Lauren Fratto, BSW Practicum Student of the Year

Isabel Corrales, MSW Generalist Practicum Student of the Year

Susan Smaellie, MSW Specialist Practicum Student of the Year

Suazo Social Justice Macro Practice Award

Achievement and Promise in Advocacy and Activism

Natalie Clark

BSW STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT-SELECTED AWARDS

BSW Student Association Outstanding Faculty Award

Richie Landward

BSW Student Association Outstanding Staff Award

Jessi Thompson

BSW Student Association Outstanding Practicum Faculty Award

Laura Van Hook

BSW Student Association Outstanding Contract Faculty Award

Elle Bateman Barton

MSW STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT-SELECTED AWARDS

MSW Student Association Outstanding Faculty Award

Josh Kivlovitz

MSW Student Association Outstanding Faculty Award

Danielle Littman

MSW Student Association Outstanding Online Faculty Award

Veronica Timbers

MSW Student Association Outstanding Staff Award

Inka Johnson

MSW Student Association Outstanding Practicum Faculty Award

Sumiko Anderson

MSW Student Association Outstanding Contract Faculty Award

Malissa Morrell

COLLEGE AWARDS

Dean's Medal

Lisa E.M. Himonas

College of Social Work Career Line Faculty Excellence Award

Sumiko Anderson

College of Social Work Staff Excellence Award

Aspen Read

College of Social Work Staff Excellence Award

Rebecca Smith

Dr. Judy Watts Brady Teaching Award for Contract Faculty

Michael Babcock

Mary Shields McPhee Memorial Award for Faculty Excellence in Teaching

Alysse Loomis

SCHOLARSHIPS

American Indian-Alaska Native Scholarship

Yanibah Bayles

ARUP Doctoral Matching Challenge Scholarship

Denae Cook

Sarah Elizabeth Garza-Levitt

Malissa Morrell

Mace Warren

Blanche Scowcroft Willey Scholarship

Vanessa Alday

Dan Baird

Kennya Casiano-Barriga

Kristin Culp

Chelsea Francom

Dalia Gohary

Xochitl Juarez-Cardenas

Scarleth Lozada-Trujillo

Marisol Montelongo

LaLa Pickard

Carmencita Totua

Annie Vu

Denisse Zepeda

Bordenave Scholarship

Julie Schubert

Burt Annin Child Welfare Scholarship

Tanya Schwemmer

BSW Field Fund Scholarship

Jared Gomez

Christopher Hae

Christopher Johnson

Ang Mordell

BW Bastian Foundation Student Scholarships that Diversify Community Care

Jessica Irvine
Lane Kunzie
Heath Smith

Chieko Nishimura Okazaki Endowed Scholarship for Elementary-based Social Work

Marisol Montelongo

Chris Wellington and Beryl Peters Mental Health Scholarship

Steph Chappell
Michelle Corona
Kristin Culp
Emma Spicher Halligan

College of Social Work Alumni Scholarship

Amber French
Jaki Wolley

College of Social Work General Scholarship

Dan Baird
Mack Gahan
Katie Graham
Anisa Plastow
Mariah Vu

Community Advisory Board Scholarship

Jared Gomez
Melissa Guzman
Christopher Hae
Christopher Johnson
Ang Mordell

Daniels Martinez Scholarship

Mariah Vu

Dr. Judy Watts Brady MSW Student Scholarship

Dalia Gohary

E. Daniel & Margie Egbert Edwards American Indian Scholarship

Yanibah Bayles

Edward Yukio Okazaki Scholarship

Anisa Plastow

Elise Kasteler Hutchings Scholarship for Leadership in the National Association of Social Workers

Vanessa Alday

Elizabeth McDonald Richards Scholarship

Nindy Le

Eva V. Hancock Endowed Scholarship

Morgan Cruz Erisman
Sarah Elizabeth Garza-Levitt

Florence Smith Jacobsen Scholarship

Rachel Johnson
Rosa Kim
Caitlin Lau
Devon Musson Rose
Finau Rabuka-Conklin

Frances A. Jones Endowed Scholarship

Emily Paul

George S. & Dolores Doré Eccles Neighbors Helping Neighbors Scholars

Adam Bacall
Thelma Boulos
Amanda DiConza
Tonua Hamilton
Saane Siale

Georgia W. Murdaugh Scholarship

Jessica Irvine

Georgia Willey Snyder Scholarship

Emily Paul

Gerontology Social Work Scholarship

Amanda DiConza
Misty Nomberto

Gilbert Teemley Smith Scholarship

Melanie Montelongo-Bernardino

Gisella and Dan Chace Scholarship

Evelyn Acosta
Cali Arryo
Natalie Clark
Slater Douglas
Jocelyn Juarez
Angie Krebbs
Jasmin Mateos
Nathalie Ramirez-Ortiz
Vanessa Richmond
Cameron Rose
Melissa Sailor

Hank Liese Scholarship

Makayla Greener
Zack Haggerty

Helen R. Henderson Scholarship

Shannon Moss

Helen Tsai Scholarship

Brentton Hansen
QingQing Lin

Jamal O'Jack Scholarship

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James C. and Lucile P. Hunter Scholarship

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Jane and Ernest Bebb Family Endowed Scholarship

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Henry Miller
Alexa Minson
Michelle Price

Julia M. Watkins Endowed Scholarship

LaLa Pickard

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Megan Foster

Louise Browning Scholarship

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Jessica Irvine
Lane Kunzie
Heath Smith

Milton G. Thackeray Scholarship

Jenny Hill
Tillie Powell

Patricia Rothermich Memorial Scholarship

Shayla Donley

Pete Suazo Social Justice Scholarship

Christopher Johnson

Rex A. Skidmore Scholarship

Haley Lewis

Robin Arnold-Williams Public Policy Endowed Scholarship

Jasmine Aaenson-Fletcher

Roger M. & Mary F. Lowe Legacy Scholarship

Carolina Arias

Marissa Gilley

Denisse Heredia

Ashley Metzger

Mickayla Porter

Chrissy Taylor

Sarah Jane & Jeffrey D. Dunn Scholarship

Shannon Moss

Schmid American Indian Child Welfare Scholarship

Yanibah Bayles

William M. McPhee Scholarship

Jasmine Aaenson-Fletcher

Mariah Cowell

Rosa Kim

Women's Risk Needs Assessment (WRNA) Scholarship

Sofia Acala

Sierra Haran

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Degree of Doctor of Philosophy**

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Ghneim, Staci, Social Work
Howey, Whitney, Social Work
McIntyre Goodsell, Misty M, Social Work
Rehn, Kyle, Social Work

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Acosta, Evelyn Aissa
Alcala, Sofia Linda
Allan, Ashley
Arias, Brissa Natalia
Arrasi, Sonja Lalei
Arroyo, Cali
Aurich, Rachelle
Bailey, Pamela Denise
Baird, Dan J
Bakke, Caysie
Bannister, Emily Ann
Bates, Ruby M
Bayles, Yanibah Clare
Beckstead, Adam Patrick
Bell, Adison Clarinda
Bell, Lindie Kathryn
Belnap, Becky Jo
Bingham, Raven Nicole
Bissell, Brandon James
Bodily, Ali Marie
Bonilla, Denisse
Brewster, Tainui JaLee
Brown, Megan
Browning, Brittan
Burwell, Makenna Aleise Jacobsen
Cannon, Eleanor Marie
Cannon, Joshua Steven
Cano, Angel
Carr, Lauren
Carr, Rachel B.
Casiano-Barriga, Kenya
Cedeno Blanco, Abigail
Cervantes, Luis F
Chady, Sean Yarden
Chambers, Skyler
Christensen, Kimberly Nicole
Clark, Jennifer Lynn
Clark, Natalie Nicole
Crow, Kelly Catherine
Crump, Tawnya Kaye
Culp, Kristin Diane
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Dahlstrom, Ally-Marie
Dean, Carter Mckay
DiConza, Amanda Sue
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Dickinson, Paige Sierra

Diener, Eliza
Dunford, Joshua Ronald
Evans, Allison June
Evenson, Chase Garnder
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Fisher, Kaylynn Raye
Flores Salmeron, Carlos
Francom, Lok Yee
Frehner, Karmen Mckenzie
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Gohary, Dalia
Gonoratskiy, Lyly Nemith Ratmyseng
Gordon, Halley Rose
Graham, Kathryn Rose
Greener, Makayla Marie
Greenwood, Emma Ruth
Gregory, Annalisa
Guido, Katelyn Anne
Hall, Mikayla
Hamatake, Mary Rebekka
Haran, Sierra Nicole
Hardinger, Jaida Lillian
Hatch, Crystal
Hatfield, Jacob Golden
Hauptman, Lindsay Dana
Hawkins, Tyler James
Herrera, Kaelan Metzger Delinger
Hoglund, Jaclyn Amaya
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Irvine, Jessica Dawn
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Jensen, Kirra Danielle
Jeppesen, Kobe C
Jolley, Annelise Larue
Jones, Aspen Gray
Jorgensen, Clay Kennedy
Juarez, Aaliyah
Juarez, Xochitl Citlalli
Kauvaka, Salina Melipa
King, Evangeline Noel
Krebs, Angie Lynn
Kunzie, Lane Mathew
Lake, Ashley Kathleen
Lamplugh, Rachel
Larsen, Amanda Diana Robinette
Layton, Ashley Lynn
Lazcanomeraz, Sheila Patricia
Le, Nindy
Lee, Tommy Du
Lewis, Haley Romberger
Long, Jewel Alexis
Lotz, Mahalia Gudrun
Macmillan, Sophie Mariah

Madill, Rebecca Lynn
Madison, Kacee Celeste
Manwaring, Lisa
Marcoux, Erin Elizabeth
Markelz, Jennifer
Martinez, Reyna
Mateos, Jasmin Esperanza
Matthews, Ericka
Matthews, Henry Allan
May, Teshina
McCarty, Elys Michiko
McDonough, Melissa D
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Meidlinger, Mckay Richard
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Miller, Henry C
Minson, Alexa
Montelongo, Marisol
Montelongo-Bernardino, Melanie
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Mowery, Hiroko Shiramizu
Murray, Lauren Elisabeth
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Nielsen, Porshai Kat
Nomberto, Misty Dawn
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Owen, Robert Lowell
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Pickard, Tiare Kawaiianuheagonalani
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Reyes, Emily Rose
Rosenberg, Tobias
Rougelot, Emily Virginia
Ruiz, Amanda Gualotuna
Sanger, Aryanna
Santos Lepiz, Edwin
Saylee, Helen Deborah
Schell-Huven, Ashley Jade
Schreck, Codi Leigh
Schreiner, McKell Elizabeth
Schubert, Julie
Schwemmer, Tanya
Seeley, Elizabeth A
Shimada, Samantha Michiko
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Smith, Aubrey Briquel
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Staley, Jessica Lynn
Stephenson, Julie Dawn

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Thompson, Olivia Claire
Tiffany, Marcie Kaye
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Ulloa, Daniella
Vazquez-Amaral, Joel
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Wasden, Michelle
Wasser, Rachel
Watts, Adair
Weegman, Melissa Jayne
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Williams, Austin
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Withers, Hannah Kess
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Lucas, Amanda
Moss, Emily Marie

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Arnold, Noah
Bashir, Mousfrah Abdelmanan
Beesley, Lindsay Dawn
Bernson, Lexington Belle
Boyd, Rian*
Call, Jacen Christian*
Chaney, Mary Esther*
Chappell, Stephanie D
Childress, Chandee Cyrena
Chow, Christine Anne
Crow, Baylee Chrisann
Davis, Lauren Susan
Deines, Andy Zane
Dickey, Natalie Jill
Erickson, Briel Theresa
Escobar, Alyssia Marie
Espinoza, Abril
Etchegoyen, Madison Mae
Faul, Summer Anne
Ferguson, Jaden Kelsee Torres
Fewkes, Chelsea Liann
Floyd, Amora Lynne
France, Adam Jason
Fratto, Lauren
Garcia Beltran, Jennifer
Gomez, Jared Timothy
Green, Cody
Grieve, Amelia Anne
Hae, Christopher

Hall, Jennifer Amity
Hamilton, Garrett Robert
Hansen, Brentton V
Harmon, Rylei Ann
Harp, Jacob Clayton
Heacock, Cassidy*
Hendricks, Tyson David
Henrie, Jayden
Herrera, Sofia
Holt, Sarah White
Jensen, Alexandria Kay***
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Kendall, Finn Yvonne
Kende, Jacqueline
Kimball, Trey Ned
Krummel, Kacy
Lalliss, Caroline
Larsen, Talia Anne*
Lazzari, Brenda Elizabeth*
Leduc, Belle Rose
Lee, Jacie
Lopez, Alivia
Marelli, Jessica Sarah
Martinez, Arica R
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Mitchell, Heather Rose
Montgomery, Jennifer*
Moreira, Aubrey
Mortensen, Stephanie Nicole
Murdock, Annie
Nay, Courtney Leah
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Ockey, Mylie Autumn
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Perno, Jude Francis
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Rodgers, Lilly
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Spicher Halligan, Emma***
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Stringer, Parker Benjamin
Thomas, Trevan
Trimble, Madeline Adams
Udy, Rachelle Afton
Van Kleek, Devon Kathryn
Velazquez, Chantel Abigail
Vu, Mariah
Waller, Madison Shayne
Wang, Jessica Lily
Webb, Miranda
Whiten Jr., Jeffery Dale
Wilson, Olivia G
Wood, Joseph David

Worlton, Gelsey
York, Allison Marie
Zarnegin, Logan Zeke

Certificates

Candidates for the Undergraduate Certificate in Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment

Jensen, Alexandria Kay
Lazzari, Brenda Elizabeth
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Montgomery, Jennifer
Moreira, Aubrey
Waller, Madison Shayne
Webb, Miranda

Candidate for the Undergraduate Certificate in Criminology and Corrections

Spicher Halligan, Emma

Candidate for the Undergraduate Certificate in Diversity

Lopez, Alivia

Candidate for the Undergraduate Certificate in Financial Planning

Call, Jacen Christian

Candidate for the Undergraduate Certificate in Social Justice Advocacy

Wilson, Olivia G

Honor Societies

Student Elected to the Honor Society of Alpha Kappa Delta

Lotz, Mahalia Gudrun

Students Elected to the Honor Society of Phi Alpha

Bannister, Emily Ann

Bates, Ruby M

Manwaring, Lisa

Mateos, Jasmin Esperanza

McIntyre Goodsell, Misty M

McKee, Megan B

Metzger, Ashley Marie

Pardun, Kyndle Corin

Stephenson, Julie Dawn

Students Elected to the Honor Society of Phi Eta Sigma

Fratto, Lauren

Gordon, Halley Rose

Student Elected to the Honor Society of Sigma Alpha Pi

Thomas, Trevan

***Summa Cum Laude

**Magna Cum Laude

*Cum Laude

BSW Student Association

Mack Gahan, President
Parker Stringer, Vice President
Belle LeDuc, Communications Chair
Tessa Nelson, Design Chair
Rachelle Udy, Pre-BSW Liaison
Valeria Wilson, Class Representative

MSW Student Association

Denisse Zepeda, Co-President
Tobias Rosenberg, Co-President
Julia Puckett, Social Chair
Emily Reyes, MSW Student Representative
Mason Christensen, First-Year MSW Student Representative
Saela Rossetti, Class Representative
Norzom Tenzin, Class Representative
Shannon Moss, NASW Representative

ANTICIPATED CERTIFICATES WITHIN THE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

(provisional titles)

Advanced Substance Use Disorder Treatment Training Certificate

Adrian Sandoval

Interdisciplinary Graduate Women’s Health Certificate

Cali Arryo
Ali Bodily
Annalisa Gregory
Aspen Jones
Rachel Lamplugh
Jasmin Mateos
Tara Olsen
Elicia Pye
Susan Smaellie

Leadership, Justice, and Community Practice Graduate Certificate

Franscine Anmontha
Carolina Arias
Paige Dickson
Yovie Saiz Rodriguez

Social Justice Advocacy Certificate

Lea Cinq-Mars
Emily Moss
Tessa Nelson
Olivia Wilson

Substance Use Disorder Treatment Training Certificate

Rian Boyd	Jacie Lee
Madison Etchegoyen	Jennifer Montgomery
Christopher Hae	Aubrey Moreira
Rylei Harmon	Heather Mitchell
Cassidy Heacock	Parker Stringer
Alexandria Jensen	Madison Waller
Casidi Kirkham	Miranda Webb
Brenda Lazzari	Devon Van Kleek

