





University of Houston
Graduate College of Social Work

Commencement Ceremony
Thursday, May 11, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Fertitta Center

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Message from the President

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

Congratulations, class of 2023! Today you graduate with a first-class education from one of the nation's leading universities. We are so proud of you for reaching this important milestone.

Over the years, you've made new memories and friends, and grown in character and wisdom. And now it's time to take what you've learned and go chart a new course in the world. I know in my heart that you will do well and make a positive impact on our society.

The support of your family and friends, and the encouragement of your UH faculty, advisers and staff have also played a significant part in your success. Thank them for their contribution, as we thank you for choosing our university.

UH is the home of world-renowned researchers and professors, award-winning sports and academic programs. The knowledge and experience you've gained here have prepared you to rise to the top in your field. Many graduates who have come before you have earned national recognition and highly esteemed awards and honors for their work. And now you're joining this great class of alumni. Congratulations! I know you will make us proud.

With my best wishes for a bright and rewarding future, Go Coogs!

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Renu Khator'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

Renu Khator
President, University of Houston





Message from the Provost

Dear Spring Graduates,

You've traveled a long road to reach this moment, but here you are! Congratulations on earning a degree from the University of Houston.

Whether you're the first in your family to graduate from college or perhaps a second-generation Cougar, today's ceremony marks a significant moment in your lives. It's also special for the University of Houston as your success has been our priority since you first stepped foot on campus.

Now, you embark on new journeys. Some of you may be entering the workforce. Others may be headed to graduate school. No matter your destination, please remember those who helped you get to this point.

Stay in touch with peers, professors and staff members and remind them that their guidance supported your academic journeys. Also, thank your spouses, siblings, parents, grandparents and others in attendance today for their daily inspiration.

Of course, be sure to truly recognize the one person responsible for today's celebration—you! You balanced classes, work, family and other obligations. It wasn't easy, but you did it. Now, you are poised to reap the rewards of a degree from UH.

Although you are leaving this wonderful campus, you will remain a member of our University family. You now carry the proud tradition of past UH graduates and will represent our institution in your professional endeavors. Be proud of your time here, and let others know that you are now and forever a Cougar.

Once again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diane Z. Chase', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Diane Z. Chase
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, University of Houston

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Renu Khator

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GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

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Founding Dean

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Founding Dean

Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Nursing

ANDY AND BARBARA GESSNER COLLEGE OF NURSING

Joseph W. Tedesco

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COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

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Distinguished Professor of Science

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

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University of Houston History



The University of Houston was established as the Houston Junior College in 1927. As the college grew, it prospered and officially became the four-year University of Houston in 1934. Two years later, the college attained land for a permanent campus, and in 1939 it constructed its first building, the Roy G. Cullen Building. The University became a state institution in 1963.

The University includes 14 academic colleges, one school and the multidisciplinary Honors College that teach a wide array of subjects – from math, arts and engineering to law, pharmacy and business. What started as a campus with a single building has grown into a world-class university, offering more than 270 undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 46,000 students annually.

UH is a Carnegie-designated Tier One public research university, and its public service and community activities, such as cultural offerings, clinical services, policy studies and small business initiatives, serve a diverse metropolitan population. Likewise, the resources of the Gulf Coast Region complement and enrich the University's academic programs, providing students with professional expertise, practical experience and career opportunities.

In keeping with the University's commitment to excellence, UH raised the benchmark of academic achievement when Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most prestigious academic honor society, awarded UH the approval to start a chapter in 2015. This designation welcomed UH to an elite group of the nation's most esteemed colleges and universities.

Commencement Traditions

Academic costumes of today have a history of nearly eight centuries. In medieval Europe, all townspeople wore long flowing robes and gowns. The materials and colors were governed by royal decree. Gradually, distinctive gowns were developed for the various professions, trades and guilds. Scholars wore robes and hoods to protect their shaved heads. Later, skullcaps were worn on the head, and the hoods became a cape that could be pulled over the head during unpleasant weather.

As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adapted by their faculties for bachelor's (apprentices of the arts), master's (teachers) and doctoral (teachers who had completed postgraduate studies). When caps and hats came into fashion in the 15th century, the hoods became ornamental, draped over the shoulders and down the back.

The academic hat was first worn as a symbol of the master's degree and existed in various forms. The mortarboard style comes to us from Oxford University. When academic costumes came to America in 1754, styles were quite varied. In Europe, they still are; however, in our country, usage has been standardized by the Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume.

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Bachelor's Degree	<i>Tassel: Violet</i>
Master's Degree	<i>Hood: Violet Tassel: Black</i>

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Bachelor's Degree	<i>Tassel: Brown</i>
Master's Degree	<i>Hood: Brown Hood (Music): Pink Tassel: Black</i>
Doctoral Degree	<i>Hood: Pink Tassel: Red</i>

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Bachelor's Degree	<i>Tassel: Dark Blue</i>
Master's Degree	<i>Hood: Drab Tassel: Black</i>
Doctoral Degree	<i>Hood: Dark Blue Tassel: Red</i>

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree	<i>Tassel: Light Blue</i>
Master's Degree	<i>Hood: Light Blue Tassel: Black</i>
Doctoral Degree	<i>Hood (Ed.D.): Light Blue Hood (Ph.D.): Dark Blue Tassel: Red</i>

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Bachelor's Degree	<i>Tassel: Orange</i>
Master's Degree	<i>Hood: Orange Tassel: Black</i>
Doctoral Degree	<i>Hood: Dark Blue Tassel: Red</i>

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Bachelor's Degree	<i>Tassel: Navy</i>
Master's Degree	<i>Hood: Navy, Red and White Tassel: Black</i>
Doctoral Degree	<i>Hood: Dark Blue Tassel: Red</i>

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UH LAW CENTER

Master's Degree *Hood: Purple*
 Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree *Hood: Purple*
 Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor's Degree *Tassel: Citron*

Master's Degree *Hood: Citron*
 Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree *Hood: Dark Blue*
 Tassel: Red

TILMAN J. FERTITTA FAMILY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Doctor of Medicine Degree
 Hood: Kelly Green
 Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Bachelor's Degree *Tassel: Golden Yellow*

Master's Degree *Hood: Golden Yellow*
 Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree *Hood: Dark Blue*
 Tassel: Red

ANDY AND BARBARA GESSNER COLLEGE OF NURSING

Bachelor's Degree *Tassel: Apricot*

Master's Degree *Hood: Apricot*
 Tassel: Black

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Master's Degree *Hood: Gold*
 Tassel: Black

Doctor of Philosophy Degree
 Hood: Royal Blue
 Tassel: Red

Doctor of Optometry Degree
 Hood: Seafoam Green
 Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Bachelor's Degree *Tassel: Olive*

Master's Degree *Hood: Olive*
 Tassel: Black

Doctor of Philosophy Degree
 Hood: Royal Blue
 Tassel: Red

Doctor of Pharmacy Degree
 Hood: Olive
 Tassel: Red

GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

Master's Degree *Hood: Citron*
 Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree *Hood: Citron*
 Tassel: Red

HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Master's Degree: *Hood: Peacock Blue*
 Tassel: Black

Ceremonial Symbols



THE SEAL

Throughout history, seals have been used to authenticate official documents. The University of Houston and UH System seals both bear the Official Seal of Arms of General Sam Houston, as handed down to him from his noble ancestors. It includes the escutcheon in the center of the seal — consisting of checkered chevrons denoting nobility — and three martlets, gentle lowland birds that symbolize peace and deliverance. A winged hourglass is placed above the shield. Surmounting this is the motto “In Tempore,” meaning “In Time.” The greyhounds indicate speed of giving aid. The UH seal was first adopted in 1938 as the present campus was established. Although the look of the seal has evolved over the years, the first version was etched into the floor of the Roy G. Cullen Building.



UNIVERSITY MACE

The University Mace, which is carried in academic processions, is a staff symbolizing the University’s authority and unity. The tradition of the academic mace began in the late 14th century when two ancient instruments, the royal scepter and the battle mace, were combined to form a university president’s symbol of authority.

THE ALMA MATER

All hail to thee,
 Our Houston University.
 Our hearts fill with gladness
 When we think of thee.
 We’ll always adore thee
 Dear old varsity.
 And to thy memory cherished,
 True we’ll ever be.

Words and music by Harmony Class of 1942





Graduate College of Social Work
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Message from the Associate Deans

Congratulations on your graduation today from the Graduate College of Social Work.

This celebration honors your accomplishments as Graduate College of Social Work students, and marks the beginning of a career addressing the social, racial, economic, and political injustices that exist in our society and around the world. Your motivation and perseverance to complete this degree have prepared you to be of service to those who are in need. Now more than ever, social workers are needed to confront societal injustices and to create a society where justice is no longer an aspiration, but a reality.

Today, we want to honor your accomplishments, as well as the support of your family, significant others, and classmates who have helped along the way. We also express gratitude to our incredible faculty and staff whose encouragement and counsel have also contributed to your success.

We, along with the faculty and staff of the Graduate College of Social Work, wish you every success in the coming years and we look forward to your continued involvement with our College and with our Graduate College of Social Work Alumni Association. We honor you today on your achievement and hope that your future is enriched through a successful and significant social work career.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Pritzker, Ph.D., MSW
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Sarah Narendorf, Ph.D., MSW
Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development

Samira Ali, Ph.D., MSW
Associate Dean for Doctoral Education

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PROCESSIONAL	Moores School of Music Candidates for Graduation Platform Party
CALL TO ORDER	Sarah Narendorf <i>Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Moores School of Music Brass Quartet
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	Associate Dean Narendorf
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	Suzanne Pritzker <i>Associate Dean for Academic Affairs</i>
INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER	Associate Dean Pritzker
STUDENT SPEAKER	Carunya Achar <i>MSW Candidate</i>
PRESENTATION OF PH.D. CANDIDATES	Samira Ali <i>Associate Dean for Doctoral Education</i>
HOODING OF PH.D. CANDIDATES	Dissertation Advisors
PRESENTATION OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES	Associate Dean Pritzker
CANDIDATE NAMES READ BY	Melanie Pang <i>Clinical Assistant Faculty</i>
HOODING OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES	Steven Parks <i>Lecturing Faculty</i>
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	Sarah C. Larsen <i>Interim Dean</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	Associate Dean Pritzker
RECESSIONAL	Moores School of Music Platform Party Graduates



Student Speaker

Carunya Achar

CARUNYA (CARO) ACHAR is a passionate political social worker and proud Houstonian. As a queer, immigrant woman of color, she believes there is nothing more powerful than an intersectional vision of community care.

Caro received her Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University, where she spent the bulk of her campus career leading student-labor solidarity campaigns. After graduation, Caro worked as an Organizer for National Nurses United (NNU), where she successfully organized unions at hospitals—in Tucson, AZ, Los Angeles, CA, and Asheville, NC—and politically advocated for Medicare for All. After two years at NNU, she transitioned her experience in the labor movement into economically just climate policy as the Strategic Researcher/Maryland Organizer for the Labor Network for Sustainability.

In Summer 2021, Caro made the move back to Houston to pursue a Master of Social Work at the Graduate College of Social Work. She was selected as a Graduate Assistant for Dr. Pritzker’s qualitative study, “Reducing Civic Inequality: Facilitators and Barriers to AAPI Youth Civic Engagement.” Caro completed her generalist placement through the Houston Policy Practice Placement Initiative with Common Cause Texas, and she completed her concentration placement with Harris County Precinct One’s Programs Division, serving under County Commissioner Rodney Ellis. While at the GCSW, Caro wrote and organized students to sign two key petitions: a petition opposing Gov. Abbott’s transphobic order regarding CPS investigation of all children receiving gender affirming care and a petition opposing the unilateral and unfounded demotion of the abolitionist Dean Dettlaff. Caro was also a member of the working group that drafted the GCSW’s newly adopted Racial Justice Principles.

In her free time, Caro enjoys spending time with her friends at weekly trivia, craft nights, and coffee shops; both her personal and professional endeavors are soundtracked by fellow Houstonian and national treasure, Beyoncé. After graduation, she’s excited to join the strong tradition of social workers fighting for a future of collective health, collective safety, and collective joy.

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Fall 2022 – Graduates

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Caroline Kate Beckham
Kara Bissen
Stephani Brodi
Bianca Lissette Cardenas
Acacia Covington

Mercedes-Mieko Cozart
Juntre William Francis
Taylor Lee Freeman
Anna M. Garza
Gregory Ronald Gomez
Paul Keeton

Raichelle M. Lloyd
Krystal D. Marshall
Ebonie Alexis Newton
Matthew B. Robbins III
Betty J. Scott
Heidi C. Tso

Spring 2023 – Candidates for Graduation

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Chinyere Yvonne Eigege
Pushing Through: The Experience of
Perinatal Loss among Black Women
COMMITTEE CHAIR: Dr. McClain Sampson

Caitlyn Louise Mytelka
Exploring the Bidirectional Relationship
between Early Adolescent Coping Style
and Internalizing Symptoms
COMMITTEE CHAIR: Dr. Sarah Narendorf

Lindamarie Elizabeth Olson
Neurofeedback Enhanced Trauma
Treatment for Adolescents in Residential
Treatment
COMMITTEE CHAIR: Dr. Patrick Leung

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Carunya (Caro) Achar
Brittany Nicole Andry
Ernestina Anim
Nancy Lynn Ayre
Sarah Elena Barahona
Kimberly Vanessa Bautista
Eleanor Anne Becerra
Jillian Alexandra Best
Sidhhi Jayeshkumar Bhakta
Ceejay Jensen Blake
Eva Asabea Boateng
Mallory Bubbett
Brice L. Buchanan
Shania Lynn Callaway
Leslie A. Campos
Kristin M. Carr
Aaron G. Castillo

Amal H. Charif
Livonn Jennell Chen
Kerialys Cintron Rodriguez
Zack T. Coapland
Emily Contreras Herrera
Linda Esmeralda Cruz
Alaina Mariel da Costa
Hang Bich Monica Dang
Shayla V. Dang
Natasha DiGenio
Nia Ayanna Dingle
Linh Khanh Do
Karina Licet Duran
Elizabeth Erica Essary
Taylor JaNae Fields
Kaylyn Simone Fisher
Alexus I. Flores
Shirley Shek Fregly
Hanna C. Fry
Danica Fultz
Jose David Garcia
Jax Gheorghe
Camila Gonzalez Freire
Deborah Lynn Gonzalez
Sofi Gonzalez
Chanta Shamyra Gosby
Scott Guillory
Shalonda Raychele Hall
Chyanne Halone
Ashley R. Hegeholz
Morgan Alexis Holomon
Morgan Arnell Hughes
Elvia E. Islas
Nicole Olivia Jacobs

Lauren Jade Jerry
Celeste Maria Jones
Hanson Ellis Davenport Kriegel
Erika Z. Lawson
Alyssa Leavitt
Savannah Nicole Lee
Rachael Drees Logue
Gianni Luisi
Esmeralda Luna
Grace Marcelo-Ramirez
Ana Lucia Martinez
Benjamin Alexander Martinez
Cecilia Martinez
Abigaile McGowen
Stephanie Yamileth Melendez
Tyricka A. Mikel
Tara Michelle Miller
Abigail Elizabeth Moore
Christina Moran
Mayuri Murali
Sarah Joyce Myint
Emily Odessa Nash
Alice Navarro
Sarah Helen Negron
Lauren Renee Nemeth
Tanae Cherron Nious
Marlena Nip
Kate Irene O'Donnell
Marcelo Gaspar Ortiz
Sharon Soorim Park
Payal Patel
Isabel Rose Guihama Paulk
Brenda Gonzalez Perez
Melissa Perrone

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Cassandra Peterson
Isabella Pauline Platamone
Estephany Ramos
Julia Michelle Raptis
Alexis C. Reichstein
Melissa G. Reyes
Rachel C. Robertson
Amanda K. Root
Genevieve Ryan
Luis Gerardo Sanchez
Raymond Carl Saucillo Balderas

Camryn R. Shepard
Te'Ericka La-Trece Smith
Hannah Marie Spear
Cassidy Simone Starks
Chriara C. Stevenson
Jaliyah R. Tabb
Guadalupe Tello
Evan Walker Tiffany
Megan E. Tipps
Christian Robert Trantham

Monetria Lashae Turner
Ciara D'nai Valdery
Huy N. Vo
Heaven Catherine Wallace
Dejah Jahon Washington
John Stedwell Webber
Elizabeth Dawn Westbrook
Amber Symone Wilrich-Kwelle
Jessica Zeigler
Lauren K. Ziff

Summer 2023 – Candidates for Graduation

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Arlene Ann Bjugstad

Institutional and Environmental
Predictors of Social, Emotional,
and Behavioral (SEB) Skills Among
Minoritized Youth: A Globalized
Perspective

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Dr. Jodi Berger
Cardoso

Wen Xu

Becoming a Mother in Contemporary
Mainland China: A Narrative Approach

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Dr. Monit Cheung

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Stephanie Alexandra Alvarez

Celena Marie Amador

Jasmine Desiree Anderson

Lorena M. Arista

Cindy Lee Armstrong

Amy Lynn Atwood

Alyssa Augustson

Rodriga Avila

Antoinette Shanice Batton

Mary Benbow

Mary Frances Beslin

Kyra Alanei Brown

Cameron Elise Canchola

Kristin M. Carr

Jasmine R. Carter

Goreth Jazmin Castellanos

Monicia JoMea Christian

Anthony J. Ciatto

Morgan Sonya Coleman

Julia Celeste Cottle

Erin Michelle Cressy

Angela C. Davis

Hunter Leigh DeCarolis

Sarah Catherine Deck

Carlos A. Delgado

Patience Dennis

Megan Alexandra DeYoung

Stephanie Diaz

Madeleine M. Doucet

Lexis Douglas

Alyssa Gabrielle Elmer

Joshua Dejshun Epkins

Sharon Stacy Erazo

Kylie Erp

Charlie E. Esie

Carlshanee Krisha Evers

Ofelia Marlene Ferman

Yicel Fierros

Stephanie Zorahy Flores

Morgan Lynn Foster

Victoria M. Frutos

Maxie Junior Garcia

Noah Daniel Garza

Hannah M. Gehrig

Griselda Gomez

Miriam E. Gonzalez

Talisha Lashell Griffith

Marlen Guerrero

Sanjuanita Guerrero

Carrie Ann Hendricks-Helm

Benjamin K. Houghton

Kamoné Jamon Hyman

Jennifer Eileen Jackson

Kyah Renee Johnson

Brianna Celia Jones

Hannah Valerie Juarez

Griffin Royal Kelly

Thora Ansell Kingsley

Kayleen H. Lam

Sammie Lawson, Jr.

Jennifer Layer

Ashton Lejano

Talia Michelle Lewis

Coleen Kristine Lim

Cheryl A. Lovelady

Yasmin Veronica Lozano

Elizabeth G. Lumia

Alexandra Maranos

Kristen S. Marrero-Choe

Andie Grace Martinez

Clara P. Martinez

Kendra McClarin

Emily Ivette Martinez Morales

Layla Dawn Martinez

Catherine Fowler McDonald

Kenia Medina Cuesta

Lucia Ninoska Merrin

Kayla Elizabeth Meyertons

Lexy Jenae Miller

Imani Leigh Morgan

Sarah A. Mueller

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Amanda Murt
Lesly A. Navarro
Khadesia Symone Nedd
Colista Beth Nemec
Cynthia M. Njatcha
Juliet Ogechukwu Ogbonna
Francisca Mary Okwara
Courtney Ann-Marie Ontiveros
Mia Marie Ouma
Natasha Williams
Krysta Lynn Pacini
Violet Jean Peterson
Sarah Morghan Poehler

Tichina Kiara Rhodes
Yahaira Jazmin Rios
Yazmelin Rodriguez
Julie Anna Rojas
Natalie Rojas-Melendez
Orfa Linda Roldan
Jaquelin Rosas
Rayvaughn M. Rose
Rudi Omar Sandoval
Carl Schwartz
Breslyn B. Shapiro
Karin Cristina Simpson
Kadijah G. Smith

Marcus M. Smith
marie Elexis Soto
Rome Street
Allison Paige Stults
Alexis Lanae Sturrock
Adam Jace Thomas
Seanan Kristine Thomas
Emily Nicole Waclawczyk
Meryl A. Walker
Ursela Unae Whetstone Knox
Jaleesa Raneé Willis-Brice
Danielle Marie Willmore
Jastinee Gowzhone Xiong

Graduate College of Social Work Scholarships

ANN PARHAM SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

Rachel C. Robertson

BARBARA MCGINITY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Hang Bich Dang Monica

Hanna C. Fry

Camryn R. Shepard

DR. BARBARA (BOBBI) & MR. J. VICTOR SAMUELS DEAN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

Carunya (Caro) Achar

Jasmine Desiree Anderson

Mary Benbow

Charlotte Zhongxue Rothwell Davis

Megan Aleksandra DeYoung

Nia Ayanna Dingle

Taylor JaNae Fields

Kaylyn Simone Fisher

Camila Gonzalez Freire

Ashley R. Hegeholz

Benjamin K. Houghton

Kamoné Jamon Hyman

Kayleen H. Lam

Ashton Lejano

Mayuri Murali

Juliet Ogechukwu Ogbonna

Marcelo Gaspar Ortiz

Melissa G. Reyes

Genevieve Ryan

C.F. REIBENSTEIN ENDOWMENT FOR SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

Shalonda Raychele Hall

Cheryl A. Lovelady

Tyricka A. Mikel

Mia Marie Ouma

CATHERINE TUONG SO LAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Linh Khanh Do

CHILD WELFARE EDUCATION PROJECT STIPEND (CWEP)

Carlos A. Delgado

Patience Dennis

CSWE MINORITY FELLOWSHIP

Gaby A. Mohr-Avitia

DEAN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

Carunya (Caro) Achar

Mallory Bubbett

Chinyere Yvonne Eigege

Cheryl A. Lovelady

Mayuri Murali

Mia Marie Ouma

ELVIRA DELL KRAUSE SCHOLARSHIP

Linda Esmeralda Cruz

FLORENCE CLEMENGER PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIP

Arlene Ann Bjugstad

Gaby A. Mohr-Avitia

GEORGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Amal H. Charif

Shayla V. Dang

Nia Ayanna Dingle

Maxie Junior Garcia

Noah Daniel Garza

Kayleen H. Lam

Lesly A. Navarro

Khadesia Symone Nedd

Yahaira Jazmin Rios

Rudi Omar Sandoval

Evan Walker Tiffany

Christian Robert Trantham

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GCSW Scholarships

Meryl A. Walker
Elizabeth Dawn Westbrook
Ursela Unae Whetstone Knox

**GLOBE: TEAM TRAINING FOR BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH WORKFORCE STIPEND**

Brice L. Buchanan
Anthony J. Ciatto
Karina Licet Duran
Kamoné Jamon Hyman
Layla Dawn Martinez
Khadesia Symone Nedd
Tanae Cherron Nious
Sharon Soorim Park
Payal Patel
Raymond Carl Saucillo Balderas
Ursela Unae Whetstone Knox

**GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK
FUND SCHOLARSHIP**

Stephanie Alexandra Alvarez
Rodriga Avila
Brice L. Buchanan
Goreth Jazmin Castellanos
Monicia JoMea Christian
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