



METROPOLITAN
STATE UNIVERSITYSM
OF DENVER

Department of Social Work

Master of Social Work Pinning & Hooding Ceremony

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM
Seawell Ballroom at the
Denver Center for the Performing Arts



EMPOWER

1. give (someone) the authority or power to do something.
2. make (someone) stronger and more confident especially in controlling their life and claiming their rights.



Welcome to the 2021 MSW Program Pinning & Hooding Ceremony

Program of Events

Pomp and Circumstance

Welcoming Remarks

Jessica Retrum, MSSW, Ph.D., Department of Social Work Chair

*Rebecca Trammell, Ph.D., College of Health & Applied Science
Interim Dean*

Remarks

*Alfred W. Tatum, Ph.D., Provost and Executive Vice President of
Academic Affairs*

Hooding Ceremony Opening Remarks & Announcement of Capstone Awards

Jessica Retrum, MSSW, Ph.D., Department of Social Work Chair

Hooding Ceremony

Jo Daugherty Bailey, MSW, Ph.D., MSW Program Director

MSW Program Faculty of the Year

Perri Corvino, MSW, LCSW, LAC, Lecturer in Social Work

Student Speakers

Alexandra Hood and Tomi Weinbaum

Closing Remarks

Jo Daugherty Bailey, MSW, Ph.D., MSW Program Director

MSW Program

Regalia and Honors

Academic Hood: The academic hood is a symbol of a degree earned. A hood is comprised of three parts: the shell, an interior lining, and the trim. The shell typically matches the color of the robes. As a graduate of Metropolitan State University of Denver, the lining of our graduates' hoods is red and blue. The trim around the outside of the cowl is indicative of the field in which the academic degree was earned - the citron color on our graduates' hoods represents social work. Finally, the length of the hood indicates the level of the degree earned. A hood that is three and a half feet in length is the symbol of a masters degree.

Phi Alpha Members (*): Blue and yellow braided cords or yellow stoles with the Phi Alpha symbol. The Phi Alpha Honor Society Epsilon Lambda Chapter is the MSU Denver chapter of the national social work honor society.

Child Welfare Scholars (◇): Blue stoles with gold trim. The Title IV-E Child Welfare Stipend Program is designed to prepare students to pursue a career as a caseworker or supervisor in child welfare services.

HEALS Scholars (\$): Gold stoles with blue trim. The Social Work Health Care Education and Leadership Scholars (HEALS) Program is designed to develop the next generation of health care social work leaders.

HRSA Scholars (Δ): Red stoles with gold trim. The HRSA BHWET Stipend Program is designed to prepare students to provide behavioral healthcare services to populations across the lifespan, including in rural and medically underserved areas.

Departmental Scholarship Recipients (†): Each academic year, the Department awards two Commitment to Diversity Scholarships, two Gerontology Scholarships, one Bilingual Scholarship, and five Roadrunners Rising Scholarships to our MSW Program students.

Jennifer S. Mankey Endowed Scholarship Recipient (††): The Jennifer S. Mankey Endowed Scholarship aims to support minority female students in completing their education.

Social Work Student Award Recipients (‡): Each spring, the Department awards three MSW Program students (nominated by faculty and fellow students) with the Social Work Scholar Award, the Social Work Leadership Award, and the Social Justice Advocate Award.

2021 Master of Social Work Program Graduates

Laure Abercrombie

Emina Acosta

Monica Acosta *

Elodi Aguirre Δ †

Leslie Alamo

Kimberly Allen

Staci Alley

Amayrani Andrade

Kelsey Antun

Crystalann Archuleta ◇

Michelle Avila Quintero

Alondra Banuelos Robles * Δ

Tara Barrett

Marcia Batchelder

Tara Benegas ◇

Sheila Benintendi *

Kimberlyn Bennett †

Paula Bishop

Hannah Blake Δ

Katherine Bouchard *

Sydney Branaman

Shannon Breaux

Anna Brennan

Tara Brooks

Hayley Brown *

Carmelita Bryant *

Lydia Bumpers

Matthew Burkhart

Caroline Cameron

Jennifer Campos *

Joseph Cardamone Δ

Caitlin Carranza

Brandon Carson

Kristy Casulo

Stacy Cavanaugh

Rocio Cazares

Carley Clark

Kristin Clark

Meladie Clopton * ††

Erin Cocchiario §

Rebecca Cohen

Antonio Conde

Emilianne Coringrato * †

Sarah Critchfield

Larissa Cunningham *

Rachel Dance Δ

2021 Master of Social Work Program Graduates

Katie Davis	Margaret Frasure Δ
Graciela De La Cruz	Michelle Frias
Alexis Deignan Δ	Sandra Garcia Δ
Sabre Diaz	Kayleigh Gates Δ
Vanessa Dill	Alix Gleave
Shauna Diner	Debra Goodstein
Mekinzi Douglas Δ	Samantha Gray *
Lillian Duffy	Lisa Hale
Rachael Durham	Holly Harris ◇
Grace Ehemann	Ashley Heidekrueger ◇
Wendy Emmel	Julie Herrera-Rivera
Abigail Ensmenger	Kent Hess
Hawa Fahn	Laura Hirsch *
Michelle Fancher	Nicole Hodges
Andrea Fillingane	Katherine Holcomb Δ
Chaya Finck	Alexandra Hood
Amanda Finn *	Chelsea Hull ++
Silvia Flores Pasillas	Chidiebere Ihekweazu
Errol Flynn	Arya January
Ashley Foldes	Mikayla Jones
Kellyn Forsman	Marissa Josub *
Benjamin Fox ◇	Anna Khandrueva *
Soraya Frank	Shaunna Kimble *

2021 Master of Social Work Program Graduates

Alysa Kipersztok Δ	Karla Muniz
Rachel Kisselman	Areli Munoz * ◇
Lena Knechtel *	Alyssa Nazario Δ
Sarah Knighten	Rondi Noden Δ
Mary Beth Kruger *	Natalie Noll
Chelsie Lawson Δ	Sara Novicki
Kelsey Leffel	Frida Ocadiz-Ortega *
Amara Lehrburger Δ	Mesa Owen
Allison Leon	Catherine Page
Sophia Lind	Mikayla Palma Δ
Jesse Liu	Gage Papierski * Δ
Maria Aurora Lopez Villa Gallardo	Laura Patterson ◇
Chantel Lucero	Emily Permenter
Somer Lundborg	Melissa Phifer *
Jerusalem Mamo	Amber Picciurro
Kendall Marlow	Lisa Power
Lauren Matias	Jennifer Price * Δ
Kelly McGinnis	Kelly Rankin
Nancy Medina * Δ	Daniel Reichwein * Δ †
Cassidy Meehan	Elizabeth Richter
John Mok-Lamme	Toni Riney ◇
Susanna Molnar ◇	Arianna Rivera
Emily Morin ††	Faith Roberts

2021 Master of Social Work Program Graduates

Zsanae Roberts ◊

Amanda Thomas Δ

Amanda Ruckstuhl ◊

Jacklyn Thompson ‡

Roni Ruiz

Ricky Thompson

Beth Ruybal

Courtney Thoms *

Alena Ruzicka

Elizabeth Tice

Leah Schmidt

Ali Timlin

Brandon Schwartz

Alexandra Valdez Δ

Callie Shelton * †

Anna Valiante *

Shawna Shirazi Δ

Abigail Vance

Hannah Shirley

Stephanie Velazquez ◊ †

Lindsay Shomaker

Erin Waanders

Jahayra Sifuentes

Katherine Walter

Leslie Sotelo ◊

Jill Ward *

Erika Spraker

Tomasen Weinbaum * Δ ‡

Jacoy Springer

Carla Whitlatch-Lopez

Claire Steeno

Claire Wiley

Susan Sterne *

Jamie Williams *

Caleb Stewart

Elizabeth Wilson

Amber Stroud

McKinnley Witty *

Brenna Swanson

Ley-Lonni-Marie Woodruff * † ††

Ana Swoboda

Alexandra Wright



METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITYSM OF DENVER

Department of Social Work

Connect with us on social media:



Twitter:
@MSUDenverSWK



Instagram:
@MSUDenverSWK



Facebook:
Department of Social Work MSU Denver



YouTube:
MSU Denver Department of Social Work

Use **#MSUDenverMSW21** on Twitter and Instagram or tag us on Facebook and we may share your post to our pages!

This ceremony is also being live-streamed on the “Graduation Events” page on our website. The video will be available to watch after the event on our website and our YouTube page.

www.msudenver.edu/socialwork