

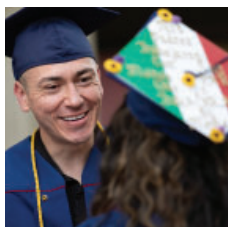
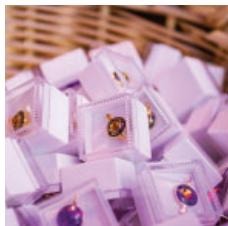
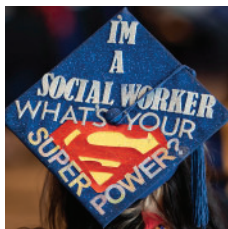


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Master of Social Work Pinning & Hooding Ceremony

Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Boettcher Concert Hall at the
Denver Performing Arts Complex



Welcome to the 2023 MSW Program Pinning & Hooding Ceremony

Program of Events

Procession of Graduates

Welcoming Remarks

Jessica Retrum, MSSW, Ph.D., Social Work Chair and Professor

*Jo Daugherty Bailey, MSW, Ph.D., Interm Assistant Dean,
College of Health & Human Sciences*

Inge Wefes, Ph.D., Associate Vice President, Graduate Studies,

Keynote Speaker

Bre Dóvez, LCSW, AAT, CYT

Founder, Executive Director, and Clinician at Joy as Resistance

Recognition of Faculty Excellence, Student Excellence, and Student Impact on Community

Jessica Retrum, MSSW, Ph.D., Social Work Chair and Professor

Hooding Ceremony Opening Remarks

Angela Mason-Warren, MSW Class of 2023 Student Speaker

Hooding Ceremony

Name Reading: Elizabeth De La Rosa, M.A.

*Hooding of Graduates: Jessica Retrum, MSSW, Ph.D.
and Tanya Greathouse, LCSW, Ph.D.*

Placing of Stoles: Julie Clockston, DSW, LCSW, Cert Ed

Pinning of Graduates: Louise Haimowitz, LCSW

Closing Remarks

Kris Atkinson, MSW, Ph.D., Social Work Assistant Professor

Shawna Farrell, MSW, Ph.D., Social Work Lecturer

Keynote Speaker



Bre Dóvez, LCSW, AAT, CYT Founder, Executive Director, and Clinician at Joy as Resistance

Bre (all pronouns) is a dreamer, innovator, and disruptor, drawing inspiration from adrienne maree brown’s idea that we must “make the revolution irresistible.” Bre grew up in the greater Denver area, experiencing the trials and triumphs of being queer in Colorado. Coupled with their three years as a middle school social worker before founding Joy as Resistance, Bre has been reminded in too many situations that mental health resources are severely lacking, especially for LGBTQIA2+ youth. Despite this, Bre knows that joy is essential to resistance, and they center celebration of self, community, and equity in all that they do.

Bre is a graduate of the Master of Social Work Program at MSU Denver and was the MSW Class of 2017 student speaker.



MSW Program

Regalia and Honors

Social Work Colors (Teal and Citron): Teal is used by social work organizations such as the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), and you may see students wearing teal cords indicating that they are NASW members. Citron is the color used to represent the field of social work in academic regalia.

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.

Stoles: A type of regalia worn by graduates over their shoulders to honor and acknowledge a variety of achievements and identities, including but not limited to academic achievement, membership of a professional organization, or an identity held by the graduate.

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.

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.

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.

2023 Master of Social Work Program Graduates

April Abbey
Katrina Abbott
Brittany Albrecht
Lyric Michaela Anderson
Molly C. Anderson
Emily Anderson-Diepenbrock
Chrissy Andreasen
Ana Antonio Rodriguez Δ
Rachael Arthur *
Kuiana L. Askew †
Emily M. Aspenwall *
Cinzia Carolina Ayite
Hepzibah Bailon Rojas
Billie Bain ◊
Suzanne Baity *
Emma Barcenas
Elia Barraza
Molly Barth *
Lisa Bates
Allison Becker *
Devon Beezley
Anna Elizabeth Boehm *
Leandra Amber Borrego
Anita Bosnic-DeFeo *
Aubree Brewer
Jody Britton ‡
Nicole Brooks ◊
Kayleigh Brunner
Emma Bruxvoort Δ
Amy Rose Bryant
Deysi Bueno De Luna
Katy (Kathleen) Marie Burke Δ
Samantha Cardini
Sandra Carter
Rohini Chandra †
Michelle Renee Christensen
Natassa Christides
Skyelar Rae Kimberly Clark
Laura A. Cleaver Δ
Cynthia Louise Coffin *
Zoe Colvin
Sarah C. Cooley *
Anais Cruz Perez
Isabelle Davis Δ
Flannery Phelps Davis Love Δ
Samantha Day Δ
Claire J. Deskin
Victoria D. Dunda ‡
Michelle Dwyer
Aubrey Elmer
Rachel Ann Entsminger *◊
Kailey Montez Erkhart
Vanessa Escobar Nicholls
Ovella Fick ◊
Ana Figueroa-Nunez
Hannah Fischer Δ
Zachary Fischer
Jason A. Flores
Nichole Fuqua ◊
Christian E. Galvan-Jasso Δ
Miranda P. Garwood
Jalia Garza
Dominique Rea Gaston Δ
Rose Gatto
Mikaela Barbour Gershman
Lindsey Louise Gilbert *
Annette Godbout *Δ
Esmeralda Gonzalez-Saenz
Yolanda Gonzales †
Mariana Gonzalez Ramos Δ
Arley Gordon Δ
Kelseigh Marie Gorman
Jake Goulder
Angela (Angie) M. Green *◊
Emily M. Greene
Alondra G. Guevara †

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Anna Guidone
Yunniang Guo
Lauren Gutierrez *
Zaira Gutierrez Sanchez †
Chase Hagen *◇
Rachel Hagens ◇
Anna Hallinan *
Avery J. Hansen
Jayme Harker
Giavanni Aida Heflin
Vida Hejazi ◇
Kendall Hemphill
Brenda Herrera Garcia
Anna Kirsten Hillmann
Charles Hinshaw
Baylee Hodack
Katelyn Holowitz △
Jennifer Holthus ◇
Alexandra Holz
Ryah Houby
Charlotte Brielle Hough ‡
Savanna Hughes
Rachel Hunter
Khayla Iacino-Krichau *
Josie Ipock
Rivers Isaacson *
Maryan Issack *+
Lain Jackson
Morris Jaspers
Chaltu Jateny
Cory Faye Jenkins
Allison Joel
Dennis Johnson *
Tiffany Johnson △
Veronica Joyce
Holly Kaiser *
Talia Samantha Karu Katz *
Pamela Kaspar

Audrey Keen
Shanda L. Kinch
Alyssa Kirkpatrick
Kira Kranzusch
Jennifer Kullby △
Lindsey Lakatos
Miguel Eduardo Lander △
Ryan Lappi
Amber Laurienti
Christina Lavelly
Emma Lawton *
Roman Leckey
Kendra Mei Lee
Tina LeMarr
Lisa Jane Libhart *
Paige Lindbloom △
Michelle Desideria Link △
Ruby Grace Linkhart *
Emani Lovette
Emily Low *
Teresa Lozano
Amy Lyden †
Elana Maling
Aiyana Maloney
Sasha Marin *△
Gabriela Marquez-Huerta
Lizbeth Martinez
Catherine Marx
Angela M. Mason-Warren △
Jess McBrayner *
Daniel McCabe *◇
Rachael McDonald
Katherine McElwain
Cole Meierhoff
Mary Ann Mercado
Andrea Meza
Elizabeth Miller
Margarita Mironova

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Ki'ajah Moore
Peyton Moore ◊
Kandyse Morales
Nohely Morales
Allie Morris
Sydney Mueller
Kaitlyn Murdoch *
Karina L. Muro *Δ‡
Brandon K. Murphy
Alise Lucille Nichols
Erin O'Brien ◊
Heather Olson
Thomas Overton
Laura Parsons
Mattea Pedersen
Nicholas S. Peterson *
Jade Aleysia Phinn Δ
Ruby Rae Pino
Barbara J. Quinto-Huarez
Elizabeth M. Reiser
Victoria Lee Rentie
Kaylin Riggs Δ
Stephanie Roberts
Anna Elizabeth Robinson *
Candice Romero
Martha Estrella Ruiz Gutierrez
Natasha L. Salzer
Greta Sandberg
BreAnn Nicole Sandoval *
Marina Rose Scalise
Elisabeth Schade
Desiree Schneider Δ
Joshua Segura
Sharon Sena *
Tanya Solis
Frida Fernanda Soto Leyva †
Rivkah Standig *

Talia Sternberg *
Haley Stutler
Jillian Swanson Δ
Emilia Tamalunas
Olivia Tangren *
Dao Than
Sean E. Theodoratos
Elana Thomas
Samantha R. Thomas *
Carmen Leticia Torres Δ
Nyriah Kendra Tovar
Liliana Turcios ◊
Ana Francisca Urbina
Amy Louise Van Roo *
Jocelyn Vangundy
Raychel Vieira *Δ
Jackson Vincent Δ†
Jessica Wade
Wiley Wakeman
Luke Walker
Brittney Wasielewski †
Andrea Watkins
Steven Harold Wells *
Desarae White
Chelsea Wiegert
Joshua Wilde
Taylor Will *
Essence Williams *
Valerie Lynn Williamson
Samantha Wogensen
Kristi Wood
Renae Christine Aria Wright
Stephanie Yerman



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