

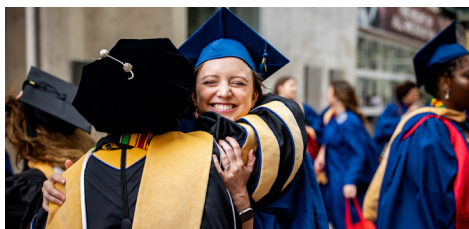
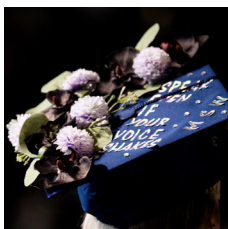


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Master of Social Work Pinning & Hooding Ceremony

Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 5:00 PM
Seawell Ballroom at the
Denver Center for the Performing Arts



Welcome to the 2024 MSW Program Pinning & Hooding Ceremony

Program of Events

Procession of Graduates

Land Acknowledgement

Adrianna Taylor, DSW, Social Work Assistant Professor

Welcoming Remarks

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

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

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

Keynote Speaker

*Dawn Matera Bassett, MSW, LCSW, Ph.D., Grants Director,
College of Health & Human Sciences*

Introduced by Tanya Greathouse, LCSW, Ph.D., MSW Program Director

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

Sierra Haines, MSW Class of 2024 Student Speaker

Hooding Ceremony

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

*Hooding of Graduates: Tanya Greathouse, Ph.D., Lori Darnel, JD,
Jessica Retrum, Ph.D., Eileen Francis-McInerney Starr, Ph.D.*

Pinning of Graduates: Ann Sullivan, Ph.D., MSW Faculty of the Year

Closing Remarks

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

Keynote Speaker



Dawn Matera Bassett, MSW, LCSW, Ph.D. Grants Director, College of Health & Human Sciences

During the past 30 years Dr. Matera Bassett has worked with children, adolescents, transition-aged youth and their families who have complex behavioral health issues. Dr. Matera Bassett has worked in residential, day treatment, community-based, and sub-acute mental health settings as a Program Manager; Cultural Competence Liaison; Continuity of Care Coordinator; Family, Group & Individual Therapist, Program Specialist & Trainer, Case Manager; Family Preservation Counselor; and Youth Treatment Counselor.

Dr. Matera Bassett has been a member of several federal, state, and private grant projects. Her grant project foci has included workforce development, vicarious trauma, children of incarcerated parents, and recruitment of foster parents with diverse identities. Dr. Matera Bassett has also been involved in grant projects from the Colorado Department of Human Services and the Daniels Fund where she has developed curricula and trained therapists, case workers, teachers, foster parents, and paraprofessionals on how to effectively work with children and adolescents and their families. She has drafted policy white papers and legislation that have been adopted by the state of Colorado.

Dr. Matera Bassett's research interests lay in improving the efficacy of services provided to children, adolescents and families. The foci of her interest are on projects which support clinical staff development; address the impact of vicarious trauma on the workforce; build personal, familial and community assets; and explore the efficacy of interventions. Dr. Matera Bassett actively engages in dissemination of scholarship through National and International presentations and peer-reviewed journals.

MSW Program Regalia

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

Academic Hood: The academic hood is a symbol of a degree earned. 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 three and a half foot length of the hood indicates 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.

MSW Program Honors

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.

CoAccess Scholars (§): White stoles with blue trim. The CoAccess Scholars Program is designed to prepare students to address mental and behavioral health workforce needs across the state of Colorado, including in underserved and rural communities.

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.

2024 Master of Social Work Program Graduates

Fakiya Y Adam §
Shiloh Akari
Tahereh Mona Akbari
Celeste Elizabeth Alamillo
Daniel Andres Alanis
Renee Marie Allen
Emtethal (Amy) Almasri Δ
Ramzi Amer
Laurie A. Amodeo Δ
Melany Anderson-Sibanda
Maria Andreakos
Layla Archuleta †
Kelly Louise Ashley *
Meghan Atwell
Donna Lynn Babb *Δ
Grace Evelyn Baker
Kayla L Banks
Nikki Beavers
Stephanie Bell *
Lia Beyer
Jamie Billings
Karin Boerger
Sarah Bolotin
Kathryn Victoria Witcher Bolt
Eliza Boote *
Sara Bray
Chelsie Brehm
Adamaris Briseño
Sarah Brown
Briana Brown Outlaw §
Sarah Veronica Buche ◇
Avery Butcher ◇
Brittanyanne Cahill
Madison Caparros
Christa Carbajal ‡
Elizabeth Mariel Carchidi
Jordan Carelock
Megan Carneal *
Abbey Case
Alexandra Cline Δ
Sophia Coker Gunnink Δ
Suzi Conner
Nathanael Cooper
Nicholas Corbo-Cruz *Δ
Madeline Corsi
Dana Crooks Δ
Brittany Crossman *
Paige Davies §
Audra Davis
Nicholas Dawson
A.J. De La Garza
Viviana De La Torre De La Rosa *Δ
Kelsey Michelle Decker
Liv DeHaan *
Barbara Demery-Shells
Alyssa DeNardo
Madison Dezelsky
Megan Diener
Kodie Donaldson
Ann Marie Dorchak *
Dominique Dubois §
Julia Dunlap
Conor Mark Dunn
Audra Ebsen
Karina Epstein *
Veronica Angelina Escobar *◇
Emily Evans
Ellen Fisher
Alexis Franklin
JR Gallegos *§†
Elizabeth Garcia Perez
Maya Elizabeth Gelormino
Donna Gisi
Jessica D. Gonzales Δ
Glendy Gonzalez-Huizar §
Kim Graham *Δ
Meggan Greenwald *
Megan Grimes *◇Δ

2024 Master of Social Work Program Graduates

Sonja Spies
Sierra Haines *
Allyson Jade Hale
Kayti Hale
Jenny Hansen
Reggie Hardiman *
Amanda Aniela Hargis *
Tanya Harris †
Mindy Henkel ◊
Huldah Henry
Biancka Hernandez
Carolyn Hewlett
Olivia Hinterman
Cassandra Hoffschneider
Amber Holder
Scarlet Holiday §
Halle Horn
Hannah Marie Horn
Rachel M Howard
Quinlan B. Hubbard
Hannah Louise Hughey
Ellie Ingram
Gabrielle M Inslee
Davina Michelle James ◊
Brenda M. Jarmon ◊
Sara Jimenez
Justin E. Jones
Steven Michael Junkersfeld *
Jessica Kaehn
Caitlin Kahl
Thomas Kaiser
Holly Kintner
Shiloh Kirby *§
Rachel Kirkpatrick ◊
Katie Kirkwood ◊
LeEtta Klink
Ronika B. Kone
Josh Kumin
Dacre Kurth ◊

Kimberly Kushel-Smith ◊
Emily Lafferrandre
Alicia Lavy
Bree Lawler *△
Zachary Lees
Courtney Nicole Leonard *△
Allison Lincoff *◊
Melissa Linden
Emily Litt
Alessa Noely Loor §
Renaë Loring
Elizabeth Marie Loy
Oscar Lozano
Olivia N. Lucero
Joseph Anastacio Maes ◊
Logan Ian Magnussen *
Sinéad Maguire △
Greg Malbon
Yvanna Mar
Alexa Marque Meraz
Alicia Mercedes Martinez
Eduardo Martinez Aguilera
Itzel Martinez Bernal
Gabrielle Mata
Dacia Matzkanin
Jenae McCall
Molly Inez McCracken
Julie A. McElvain *△
Claire McHenry
Bridget June McIntosh
Sydney Anne Michalenko ◊
Cassie Miller
Molly Miller
Angelina Ratika Mistretta
Virginia Moreno
Mietra Mott
Stephanie Mueller
Erin Nelson
Annaleah Newman

2024 Master of Social Work Program Graduates

Katrina Nicholson Δ	Resa Seck ◇
Ashley Nihem	Randi Shampine ◇
Kathryn Noriega	Madeline Sirianni Δ
Shelsea Ibeast Ochoa	Emma Garcia Slater *
Kelly J Ocock	Jason Smartt
Morgan Olsson ◇	Gemma Smith Δ
Theresa N Omobude *◇†	Hayden Smith
Connie Maria Orona ◇	Taleysha Smith *
Kascee Mae Ortega	Adacia Solomon
Jovonna Vanessa Aubree Ortega-Reyes	Malayah Stamps
Esmeralda Osorio-Portillo Δ	April A.L. Stewart Δ
Maria Pallon	Madison Stieb Δ
Aliyah Palumbo	Erica Stockhausen
Kindra Parimuha	Jacob Street *
Thomas Pauciullo	Mae Street
America Pedroza-Rojas †	Brittany Suchland ◇†‡
Randi Peet	Rachel Flora Sullivan
Ana Lucia Peña Δ	Diandra Tavarez
Alexandra Perez *	Melissa Thompson
Matthew Phillips	Megan Thornberry
Louie Loren Pinkerton *	Lydia van der Vorst
Jessica Poe	Tatum McDaniel Verbrugge
Stephanie Price	Jamie Pautin Villa
Shawn L. Raglin *§	Maria Villegas Alvarez §
Kristi Resler *	Mariana Vivas §
Jennifer Reyes	Ngan Vo Δ
Rachel Tucker Richardson	Lah Say Wah
Yamilet Rocha Castaneda	Christy Walker
Rosary Rodriguez Δ	Emma Walls
Amada Y. Rodriguez Lopez	Benjamin Warner Δ
Celene Rubio	Nicolette Watson ◇
Bailey Rueckert	Kelsey Weber
Molly Kate Ruterbories *	Jaime Werner
Clare Ryan	Natasha Widdowson
Avel Sandoval	Sarah Carmelita Williams ◇
Milli Sandoval	Nicole A. Williamson *
Sarah Anne Sandoval ◇	Kathryn Wilson
Madaline Schamburek	Catherine Wolf-Rodda
Carson Kay Schulte Δ	Alisha N. Zellner ‡



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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 YouTube page.

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