

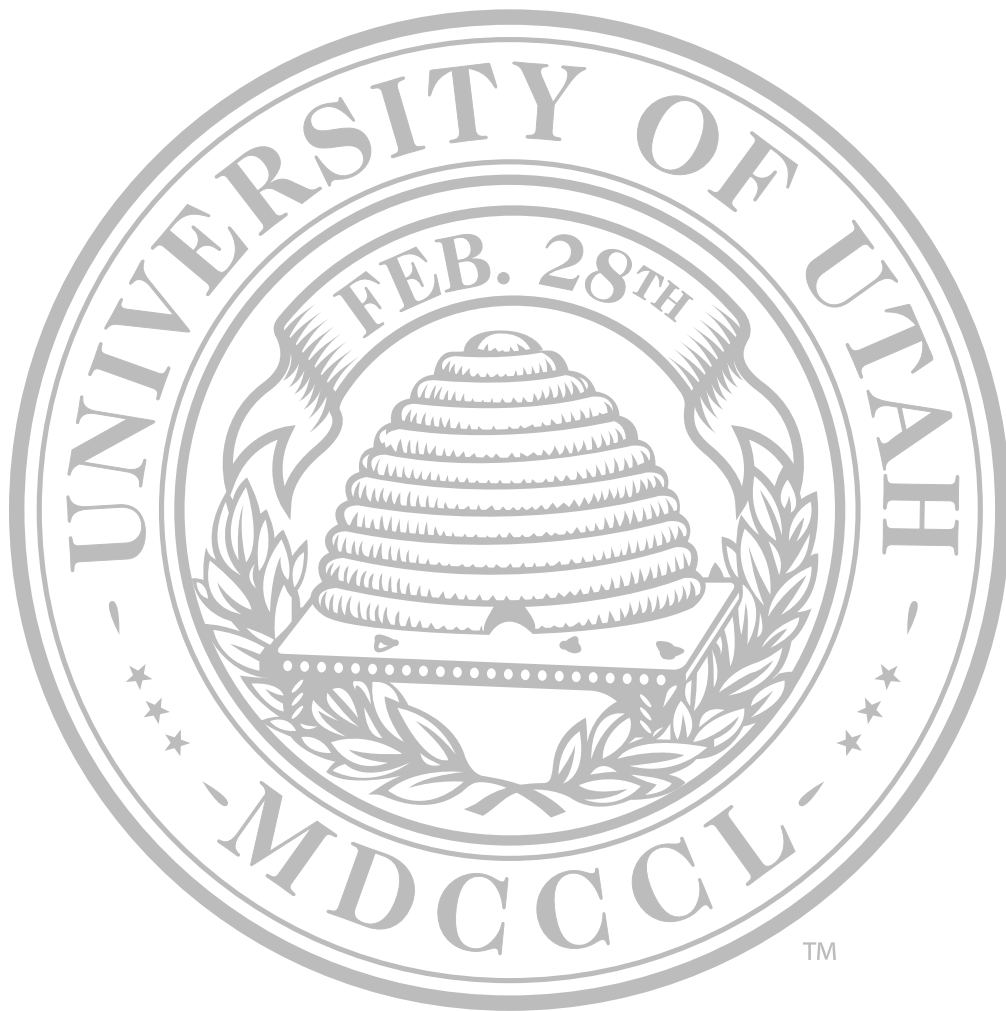


COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK  
CONVOCATION

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**

(Audience please remain seated)

## **STUDENT AWARDS**

### **Alumni Association Outstanding Student Award**

*Dedicated Service to the Practice of Social Work*

Carolina Arias  
Devon Van Kleeck

### **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**

Mace Warren

**James C. and Lucile P. Hunter Scholarship**

Katie Graham

**Jane and Ernest Bebb Family Endowed Scholarship**

Annie Vu

**Joseph and Kathleen Sorenson Legacy Foundation Scholarship**

Henry Miller

Alexa Minson

Michelle Price

**Julia M. Watkins Endowed Scholarship**

LaLa Pickard

**Lee S. Skidmore Scholarship**

Crystal Hatch

**Lou Ann B. Jorgensen Doctoral Scholarship**

Morgan Cruz Erisman

Megan Foster

**Louise Browning Scholarship**

Annalee Bour

Michelle Corona

Surreal Cox

Aundrea Dilanchian

Parto Hosseini

Arica Martinez

Melanie Montelongo-Bernardino

Mackaully Parada

Julie Schubert

Devon Van Kleek

**Luke Family Scholarship**

Ang Mordell

**Martin Hiatt Scholarship**

Jenny Hansen

**Maurice W. Warshaw Scholarship**

Steph Chappell

Max Oliver

Jessica Ruddy

Emma Spicher Halligan

**Mary Alice and Bennet Brown Foundation Scholarship**

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

**Candidates for the  
Degree of Doctor of Philosophy**

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

**Candidates for the  
Degree of Master of Social Work**

Ackerman, Linsee Leigh  
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  
Dahl, Amelia Rae  
Dahlstrom, Ally-Marie  
Dean, Carter Mckay  
DiConza, Amanda Sue  
Diaz-Herrera, Melannie C  
Dickinson, Paige Sierra

Diener, Eliza  
Dunford, Joshua Ronald  
Evans, Allison June  
Evenson, Chase Garnder  
Finch Mendes, Katherine Elizabeth  
Fisher, Kaylynn Raye  
Flores Salmeron, Carlos  
Francom, Lok Yee  
Frehner, Karmen Mckenzie  
Funk, Jason William  
Galaz Reyes, Paulina  
Galbraith, Alicia Glead  
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 Lilian  
Hatch, Crystal  
Hatfield, Jacob Golden  
Hauptman, Lindsay Dana  
Hawkins, Tyler James  
Herrera, Kaelan Metzger Delinger  
Hoglund, Jaclyn Amaya  
Humphreys, Casey James  
Hussein, Amina M  
Insignares, Kyndle Corin  
Irvine, Jessica Dawn  
Jacobson, Alex Reed  
Jenni, Merynne Elise  
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  
McKee, Megan B  
Meidlinger, McKay Richard  
Metzger, Ashley Marie  
Michalec, Caiden J  
Miller, Henry C  
Minson, Alexa  
Montelongo, Marisol  
Montelongo-Bernardino, Melanie  
Moran, Moises Alarcon  
Moser, Cameron Seth  
Moss, Jazmin Michelle  
Moss, Shannon O'Dell  
Mowery, Hiroko Shiramizu  
Murray, Lauren Elisabeth  
Negron, Elena S  
Nielsen, Porshai Kat  
Nomberto, Misty Dawn  
Olson, Tara Jill  
Owen, Robert Lowell  
Petersen, Chantel Yauman  
Pickard, Tiare Kawaiianuheaalani  
Puckett, Julia E  
Pye, Elicia Nichole  
Rattigan, William Michael  
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  
Siale, Ilaisaane F Elaine  
Smaellie, Susan Elaine  
Smith, Aubrey Briquel  
Smith, Yanita Budhi  
Sosa, Morgan L  
Sparkman, Jeanine Marie  
Staley, Jessica Lynn  
Stephenson, Julie Dawn

Stepp, Ysabelle  
Stott, Wei Hsin  
Thompson, Olivia Claire  
Tiffany, Marcie Kaye  
Tingey, April  
Turner, Madison Lorraine  
Ulloa, Daniella  
Vazquez-Amaral, Joel  
Vu, Annie K  
Wasden, Michelle  
Wasser, Rachel  
Watts, Adair  
Weegman, Melissa Jayne  
Wendel, Joel Alexander  
Whetton, Elizabeth  
Wight, Carissa  
Wilde, Cami Jo  
Williams, Austin  
Wiser, Ashlee  
Withers, Hannah Kess  
Zepeda Diaz, Laura Denisse

**Candidates for the  
Degree of Honors Bachelor of Social Work**

Lucas, Amanda  
Moss, Emily Marie

**Candidates for the  
Degree of Bachelor of Social Work**

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  
Faull, 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\*\*\*  
Johnson, Emma Suzanne  
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  
Middleton, Anisha Marie  
Mitchell, Heather Rose  
Montgomery, Jennifer\*  
Moreira, Aubrey  
Mortensen, Stephanie Nicole  
Murdock, Annie  
Nay, Courtney Leah  
Nelson, Tessa Jade  
Ockey, Mylie Autumn  
Pastrana, Kendall Noell  
Perno, Jude Francis  
Pollack, Emma Jane  
Ramazani, Mwamini Aline  
Rangel, Melanie Chalise  
Rodgers, Lilly  
Rodriguez, Alyssa  
Sailor, Melissa Crumley  
Sanchez, Marissa Nichole  
Sandoval, Adrian Benito  
Spicher Halligan, Emma\*\*\*  
St. James, Carter Aidan  
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  
Lee, Jacie  
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





