



**Florida State University  
College of Social Work**

*Student Scholarship &  
Distinguished Graduate  
Dinner*



*Friday, October 25, 2013  
University Center Club*

# *2013 Scholarship Awards Banquet*

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*Master of Ceremonies: Margaret Ashmore  
2012-2013 Student Affairs Committee Chair  
Associate in Social Work*

Welcome &  
Presentation of Distinguished  
Graduate Awards

*Nicholas Mazza  
Dean & Patricia V. Vance  
Professor of Social Work*

Student Reflections

*Jacy Mesch  
MSW Student*

## *Dinner*

Recognition of Donors

*Colette Podgorski  
Director of Development*

Recognition of  
Scholarship Recipients

*Fran Gomory &  
Rosalyn Deckerhoff  
Associates in Social Work*

Special Acknowledgements &  
Closing Remarks

*Nicholas Mazza*

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# *2013 College of Social Work Scholarships*

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## ***Distinguished Graduate Awards***

*Distinguished Emeritus Alumni: Joyce Laidlaw*

*Distinguished Young Alumni: Dana Morris-Brooks*

*Distinguished Social Work Educator: Sharon Maxwell-Ferguson*

*Distinguished Alumni in Social Work Practice: Jeanene Janes*

*Distinguished Alumni in Social Policy & Administration: Guy Spearman*

## ***Bernhard Scher Undergraduate Scholarship***

*Family of Dr. Bernhard Scher*

*Recipients: Joseph Ascuntar*

This scholarship was established in honor of Dr. Bernhard Scher, who served as Dean from 1968 until 1973, and is awarded to undergraduate students who demonstrate a strong commitment to the social work profession through actions and words.

## ***Bill and Nolia Brandt Scholarship***

*Bill & Nolia Brandt*

*Recipients: Raelyn Mosher, Sabrina Cluesman*

Awarded to undergraduate or graduate students who are in good academic standing, high moral character, and have financial need. Students pursuing a dual MSW/MBA degree or the LEAD certificate are encouraged to apply.

## ***C. Aaron McNeece Field Education Scholarship***

*C. Aaron McNeece & College of Social Work Field Advisory Committee*

*Recipients: Jonathan Grosso (Summer 2013), Saskia Weiss (Spring 2014)*

Named in honor of Dean McNeece, this scholarship was established by the College's Field Advisory Committee to provide assistance to graduate and undergraduate students during their internships.

## ***Cheryl Rowland Endowed Scholarship***

*Cheryl Rowland*

*Recipients: Blake Hendricks*

This scholarship is awarded to a social work graduate student with a focus in women's studies.

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## ***Citrus Health Network Scholarship for Graduate Students***

*Citrus Health Networks, Inc.*

*Recipients: Paige Torres, Sofia Fernandez*

This scholarship serves as a tribute to community services provided by Citrus Health Networks, Inc. and is awarded annually to graduate students who are interested in working in the behavioral healthcare field in the Miami-Dade County area.

## ***Coyle & Mabel Moore Scholarship***

*Jim & Kitty Ball*

*Recipients: Jaime Ayers, Roberta Seeman*

This scholarship was established to honor Dr. Moore, the first Dean of the School of Social Welfare at FSU, and his wife Mabel Moore. It supports full-time undergraduate and graduate students who demonstrate a commitment to the social work profession through strong character and service.

## ***Dianne F. Harrison Scholarship***

*Friends & Former Colleagues of Dr. Dianne F. Harrison*

*Recipient: Kristen Brown*

Created to honor former Ph.D. Program Director and Dean Dr. Dianne F. Harrison. This is a competitive award given to doctoral students with the best dissertation prospectus.

## ***Guy and Delores Spearman Scholarship***

*Guy & Delores Spearman*

*Recipients: Adam Hartnett, Chelsea Evans, Kristen Demspey*

This award is created by '75 MSW alumnus, Guy Spearman and his wife Delores Spearman to support exemplary undergraduate and graduate students from Brevard County, Florida.

## ***Herndon Scholarship Program***

*Tom Herndon & the Helios Education Foundation*

*Recipients: Melanie Pelc, Stephanie Prost, Wendy Fields*

Annual support from this scholarship supports graduate social work students who are Florida residents, with preference given to those who have social work practice experience prior to graduate school.

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## ***James & Mary Koalska Undergraduate Scholarship***

*Betty Piccard*

*Recipients: Nakesha Paul*

Established by Professors Paul and Betty Piccard, this scholarship serves to honor Betty's parents. It is awarded to outstanding undergraduate social work students whose parents did not attend college.

## ***Joanna F. Gorman Endowed Scholarship***

*Louise Finkelstein, Family & Friends of Dr. Joanna Gorman*

*Recipients: Melanie Hare, Sara Groff, Andrea Beaulieu, Abigail Novak, Colleen Speicher*

Established to honor Dr. Joanna F. Gorman, this scholarship is given to full-time students who show outstanding academic achievement and high moral character who plan to work for one year in the area of child welfare, health or mental health.

## ***John Henry Scholarship***

*John Henry*

*Recipients: Olivia Garrison*

The John Henry Scholarship is awarded to a social work student from the College of Social Work's general scholarship fund.

## ***John P. & Jane W. Wakeman Memorial Scholarship Fund for Arts in Social Work***

*Mary Wakeman*

*Recipients: Jamie Clem, Alexandria Jette*

This endowed scholarship was established by Mary Wakeman in honor of her parents. It is designated for undergraduate or graduate students in the College of Social Work with an expressed interest in the study and practice of the arts in social work.

## ***Joyce Harper Laidlaw Scholarship in Child Welfare***

*Joyce & Donald Laidlaw*

*Recipients: Jacy Mesch, Rachel Shannon, Rakiyah Sutherland, Sarah Hindle*

This scholarship established by alumna Joyce Laidlaw and her husband Donald Laidlaw is awarded to graduate students who have chosen child welfare as their area of focus.

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## ***Lamar F. Everett Endowed Scholarship in Social Work***

*Lamar Everett Estate*

*Recipients: Chun Rosenkrantz*

This scholarship is awarded to academically worthy undergraduate or graduate students, with needs-based preference given.

## ***M. Sharon Maxwell-Ferguson Undergraduate Scholar Award***

*Sharon Maxwell-Ferguson & Howell Ferguson*

*Recipients: Christopher Collins*

This award was created to honor retired Professor Maxwell-Ferguson and her contributions to community-based services for survivors of violence and the Institute of Family Violence Studies (IFVS). It is given to undergraduate students working within the IFVS who intend to explore career opportunities to help end family violence.

## ***Margaret H. Jacks Scholarship in Aging***

*In Honor of Margaret Jacks*

*Recipients: Pamela Wakefield*

This award is designated for graduate students with a demonstrated commitment to the field of aging, in honor of Ms. Jacks' contribution to gerontology over more than five decades.

## ***Mark DeGraff & Lula Hamilton DeGraff Scholarship***

*Mark & Lula Hamilton DeGraff Trust*

*Recipients: Emily Maddox, Jungup Lee*

Awarded to a senior undergraduate or graduate student who intends to conduct research on factors influencing the growth and development of youth, or who intends to work professionally with youth.

## ***Mary DiNitto Endowed Scholarship***

*Diana DiNitto*

*Recipients: Sara Andrews*

This scholarship is awarded to undergraduate or graduate students who are in good academic standing, be of high moral character, have financial need, and demonstrate a commitment to the field of social work.

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## ***Richard M. King Scholarship in Social Work & Business Administration***

*Rick King*

*Recipient: Kelly O'Sullivan*

This endowed scholarship was established to support graduate students who demonstrate interest in earning both an MSW and MBA, or who are social work students pursuing additional coursework in business and leadership.

## ***Robert P. Hurrle Doctoral Scholarship***

*Robert P. Hurrle*

*Recipient: Erin King*

Selected by the Ph.D. program director, this scholarship is awarded to full-time doctoral students newly entering the program. Academic excellence and dedication to evidence-based social work is considered during selection, with priority given to students interested in working with the aged or veterans.

## ***Walter Hudson Doctoral Scholarship***

*Lora Tucker, Family and Friends of Dr. Walter Hudson*

*Recipient: Jaclyn Williams*

Established in honor of long-time faculty member, Dr. Walter Hudson, this scholarship supports Ph.D. students whose career interests most closely match Dr. Hudson's areas of research in assessment and in empirical practice.

## ***Victoria E. Warner Scholarship***

*In Honor of Dr. Victoria Warner*

*Recipient: Samara Hicks*

Created by family, friends and former colleagues of Dr. Victoria Warner, this scholarship is awarded to an MSW student who received an undergraduate degree from Florida A&M University and intends to pursue a career working with the African-American community.

## ***Student Affairs Committee 2013-2014***

Rosalyn Deckerhoff (Chair),

Fran Gomory, Vicky Verano, Linda Vinton

Student Representatives: Stephanie Prost, Colleen Speicher

Staff Representative: Ashley Clark

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