

Michael J Wilson Award for Social Justice

Michael Wilson was an MSW student in the part time FSU program. Michael had end stage renal disease and also worked at Northeast Florida State Hospital with adolescents. He was able to complete his studies despite his illness, and graduated in 1989. Michael was a strong advocate for the underserved, and especially for those with disabilities. He inspired his classmates to learn more about advocacy and was awarded social work student of the year. Michael passed away not long after graduation, in early 1992, and his classmates wanted to honor his legacy.

Each year, during Social Work Month, the Northeast Unit bestows the Michael J Wilson Award for Social Justice on an outstanding student who has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to social justice by taking on an issue or challenge that will help improve services and quality of life to families in the Jacksonville community.

Our 2018 honoree for the Michael J Wilson Award is Brandy Leo, Licensing and Resource Manager at Family Support Services of North Florida since 2007 and is a second-year FSU Graduate Student. Brandy will earn her MSW degree in May of this year.