Our profession is in dire need of Social Workers interested in serving Hispanic populations. This month our School re-committed itself to continue serving and mentoring emerging Social Work students of Americans of Latin heritages.

Village on Nov. 19, 1980, in New York City. It is reported a shooter entered the Ramrod and Sneakers bars.

The Club Q attack also happened on the 42nd anniversary of two attacks at LGBTQ+ bars in Greenwich Village on Nov. 20.

Coincidentally or possibly intentionally, the midnight attack at Club Q coincided with the celebration of Trans Day of Remembrance on Nov. 20. Transgender Day of Remembrance is an annual observance recognizing the memory of transgender individuals killed by violence.

This time Club Q in Colorado Springs, Colorado experienced the hatred of a mass shooter who killed five and injured seven people.


"Our steering committee identified some amazing Social Workers and future Social Workers and Social Work educators for those awards," said Dr. Donnie Woody, associate professor in the UTA School of Social Work.

"Well done!" Dean Ryan wrote of Dr. Woody, who is among a growing group of female Social Work educators recognized as leaders of the field.

"They contribute to the excellence of Social Work education in higher education and affirm the Social Work profession," according to CSWE.

The North Central Texas Fort Worth Area Branch of the National Association of Social Workers will honor UTA School of Social Work Dean Scott Ryan and Associate Professor of Practice Kiva Harper with its two highest Social Work recognitions given by the branch. The honors recognize their contributions to the field.

"COVID made things more complicated," Dr. Hoefer said. "I was notified in 2021, but they couldn’t have the recognition ceremony until this year."

Richard Alan Hoefer will be recognized this week for his three decades of Public Administration and Social Work research and his work on mental health, diversity and social justice. The distinguished Social Work educator and best-selling author of the shift-changing best-seller Advocacy is the latest UTA School of Social Work researcher to be named a Pioneer. Most recently, Dr. Hoefer is the lead author of Practice for Social Justice, which is in its fourth edition, will be released in 2023.

The 2022 Pioneer recognition ceremony will be held at the School of Social Work’s Annual Holiday Luncheon Monday. Each employee will receive a $1,000 stipend.

The four staff members were recognized during a surprise presentation at the School of Social Work's GEM Award for "going the extra mile" in assisting students and departmental peers with their work deeds and for ensuring the success of multiple department initiatives.

The event began in 2020 amidst the then ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, in which many parents faced layoffs from jobs in service sectors, battled rising viral infection rates and experienced other stressors.

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