

IN THE LOOP

A WEEKLY SSW STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Spring 25 | March 31



NASW TEXAS CHAPTER
National Association of Social Workers

April 11, 2025
Texas State Capitol

SOCIAL WORK ADVOCACY DAY
**Serving All Texans:
Unity Through
Social Action**



For those of you planning to attend Social Work Advocacy Day on April 11th in Austin, here are some **resources** to help you prepare:

April 2nd at 9AM CT (Virtual) --> During the School of Social Work Virtual Symposium, Dr. Hoefer will share how to quickly conduct advocacy when the situation calls for it. You can register for the Symposium [HERE!](#) Upon registration, you'll receive the Teams link for the sessions.

April 4th at 12PM CT (Virtual) --> The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) will host an Advocacy Day Prep webinar. Here's the registration [LINK!](#)

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT



Social Work Council

Attend the Social Work Council's monthly general body meeting! The SWC aims to promote engagement within the School of Social Work at the University of Texas at Arlington, offer members volunteer and community service opportunities, and provide advocacy experience. This is a great chance to connect with other students, exchange ideas, and stay informed about upcoming council events, activities, and initiatives. Whether you're a returning member

RSVP Here!

OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS



The event **Social Work Advocacy Day at the Capitol** on **April 11, 2025**, from **8 AM to 4 PM** at the Texas State Capitol in Austin. This year's theme, "*Serving All Texans: Unity Through Social Action*," focuses on uniting social workers to advocate for positive change and equitable access to resources for all Texans. Hosted by the **Student Association of Macro Social Work (SAMSW)** and **Social Work Council Student Organizations**, this free event includes entry and transportation to Austin. **Registration is closed, but we highly encourage you to attend if you have your own transportation!**

A poster for 'EDGE Career Stole Eligible Events' featuring a decorative border of colorful circular patterns. The text includes 'GRADUATING WITH THE NEXT YEAR', 'EDGE CAREER STOLE', 'ELIGIBILITY' (must be a graduate student, graduating in Spring, Summer, or Fall 2025), 'ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS' (complete 6 activities within one year), and a list of 'Spring 2025 Career Events' such as 'LIFE AFTER GRAD SCHOOL: FIRST GENERATION TRA...', 'GRADUATE CAREER FAIR', 'SIN MIEDO AL ÉXITO: GRADUATE STUDENT CONFER...', 'LIFE AFTER GRAD SCHOOL: THE ART OF SALARY NEG...', and 'THE BIG EVENT + LUNCHEON ON LEVERAGING VOLU... IN THE JOB SEARCH'.

EDGE Career Graduation Stole – Earn Yours Today!

Students celebrate your commitment to career advancement with the **EDGE Career Graduation Stole!** Eligible graduate students can earn their stole by completing six career engagement activities, including career coaching, LinkedIn Learning courses, and career events.

Who's Eligible? Graduate students graduating in Spring, Summer, or Fall 2025

How to Earn It? Attend career events, complete coaching sessions, and finish two LinkedIn Learning courses

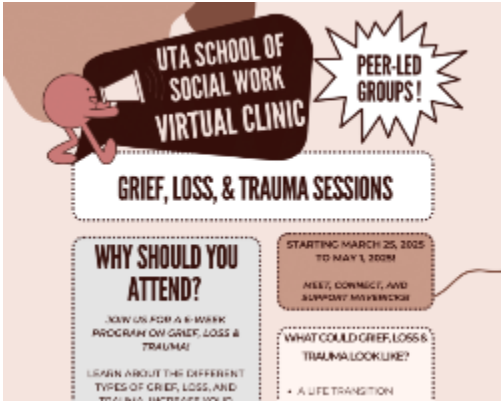
Register Here



Join us for Luncheon & Networking with Aging-Related Agencies and Social Work Alumni, Students, and Faculty.

Friday, April 11th, 2025
 School of Social Work & Smart Hospital
 Room 132
 501 W Mitchell St Arlington, TX 76019
 12 pm - 2pm

RSVP



Alert! New Groups Starting!

UTA School of Social Work Virtual Clinic: Grief, Loss, & Trauma Sessions

The Virtual Clinic is back! Sessions are every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 12 pm and 6pm. Deepen your awareness of trauma's effects and learn practical tools and mindfulness strategies to cultivate resilience after challenging experiences.

Sign up for a Session



River Legacy Nature Center's Earth Day Festival will take place on **Saturday, April 5, 2025**, in Arlington.

10am-2pm

FREE ENTRY!

Learn More



Maverick Advantage Distinction Applications will close on Friday April 18th.

Please allow 2 weeks for applications to be reviewed. After the application is reviewed and approved you will receive an email to sign up for the final step of participating in a casual interview.

If your application doesn't meet the requirements, we will reach out to you for adjustments upon review.

For more detailed information for Application Requirements, please visit this [link](#).

You Matter

As a student, you'll face many challenges, but always remember that you are not alone. Here are some tips to help you navigate these tough times:

Create a Schedule and Break Tasks into Smaller Chunks: Organizing your tasks will help you manage your time effectively and prevent feeling overwhelmed.

Don't Hesitate to Ask for Help: Whether it's from classmates, professors, mentors, or peer groups, asking for support can make a big difference in overcoming challenges.

Take Care of Your Well-Being: The workload and emotional demands can be intense. Make time for relaxation and social activities outside of school to recharge and maintain balance.

Reflect on Your Experiences: Regular self-reflection will help you recognize your strengths and identify areas for growth, allowing you to improve as you go along.

Stay Involved and Engaged: Connect with your peers to stay motivated and inspired. Supporting each other can make the college experience more enjoyable and manageable.

As you continue on your academic journey, stay focused, stay organized, and take care of yourself—you've got this!

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

Advocating for Equality and Empowering Communities



March is **National Social Work Month**, a time to celebrate the vital contributions of social workers who empower individuals and strengthen communities. As we close out this month, we reflect on the enduring impact of social workers who have championed social justice, equity, and inclusion throughout history and continue to do so today.

One such figure is **Dr. Tricia Bent-Goodley**, a distinguished social worker and professor at Howard University School of Social Work. Dr. Bent-Goodley has dedicated her career to addressing critical issues like domestic violence and child welfare, emphasizing the importance of culturally responsive practices and community engagement. Her work has been recognized nationally for its impact on policy and practice, particularly in how it supports marginalized communities. Dr. Bent-Goodley's leadership in social work education and advocacy underscores the power of social work to drive systemic change.

As we honor National Social Work Month, let us draw inspiration from leaders like Dr. Bent-Goodley who exemplify how compassion paired with bold action can break barriers and create lasting change. Celebrate this month by supporting local organizations or learning more about the **National Association of Social Workers (NASW)** at [NASW National Social Work Month page](#). Together, we can build stronger, more inclusive communities.

ADVISING UPDATES

UTA School of Social Work Advising FAQs can be found [here](#).

We have some changes in our Academic Advising & Practicum Offices, and we want to share those changes with you. For contact information to each person, please click [here for advisors](#) and [practicum specialist](#).

[Former Specialties]	Practicum Specialists	[New] Letters	Advisor
BSW/BSSUT	Dimekia Hicks	<i>no change</i>	Kyleigh Easter; Daisy Jones; Desiree Warren
Foundation	Vanessa Caraveo	A-D	George Jauss
Children & Families	Monica Brown	E-K	Meverlyn Maisonave
Aging, CAP, Health	Cindy Bassey	L-P	Cleondria Marable
MH	Sharon Martin	Q-Z	Tara Harris

We also have a Same Day advisor who can assist BSW, BSSUT, and MSW students and his information is below:

Same Day Advisors: Matthew Williams & Keiana Crain

If you need immediate assistance, please contact the Student Affairs Administrative Assistant, Emily Rappaport (emily.rappaport@uta.edu).

IMPORTANT DATES

- **April 4:** Last day to drop classes; submit requests in MyMav prior to 4 pm
 - **April 5:** Phi Alpha Induction
 - **April 11:** Social Work Advocacy Day
 - **April 7:** Registration opens for Summer 2025 & Fall 2025
 - **April 11:** Gerontology Annual Luncheon
 - **April 29:** Last day of classes
 - **April 30:** Student Study Day (no classes)
 - **May 1 - May 7:** Final exams
 - **May 5:** Last day to earn hours
 - **May 7:** Last day of term
 - **May 8:** Celebration of Excellence 6p-8p
 - **May 9:** Commencement Ceremonies
 - **May 12:** Grades due
 - **August 7:** SW Graduation at College Park
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STUDENT SUCCESS



Academic Success Center

The Academic Success Center (ASC) is your portal to achieving academic success at UT Arlington. We make every effort to assist students in meeting their academic goals across a wide variety of subject areas. Through supplemental instruction, tutoring, mentoring, and collaborations with campus partners, the Academic Success Center focuses on helping you maximize your potential and thrive in your undergraduate career at UT Arlington.

The Academic Success Center provides the following resources:

- Academic Mentoring
- Tutoring
- Supplemental Instruction
- Peer Led Team Learning
- IDEAS Center
- Trio SSS

Learn more [here](#).

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK RESOURCES

STUDENT SUCCESS

ACADEMIC ADVISING

PRACTICUM PLACEMENT

LICENSURE

DEAN'S LETTER FOR LICENSURE

UTA RESOURCES

- [UTA Academic Calendar](#)
- [Webinar Library](#)
- [UTA Counseling & Psychology Services \(CAPS\)](#)
- [SAR Center](#)

- [Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#)
- [Free Windows Apps with Student ID](#)
- [Emergency Assistance Fund](#)
- [Free & Confidential HIV Testing](#)
- [UTA/Tri-C Food Pantry Distribution](#)

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