

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON GRADUATE COLLEGE of SOCIAL WORK

Child Welfare Education Project

25th Anniversary

Celebrating CWEP

Graduation Class 2024

May 2, 2024
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Rockwell Pavilion, UH Main Library

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Welcome from GCSW

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Dean Sarah Larsen

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Welcome from DFPS

TEXAS Department of Family and Protective Services

Ashley Edwards

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Welcome from CWEP

CHILD WELFARE EDUCATION PROJECT
A CPS-GCSW Partnership

Dr. Renita Laury

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Keynote Speaker: Gwen Franks-Carter

Introduced by: Bella Alex

- Gwen Franks-Carter is a Licensed Clinical Worker-Supervisor who has worked as a school social worker since 2015.
- Prior to her tenure as a school social worker, Ms. Franks-Carter served as a media specialist, CPS supervisor, and CPS worker for a total of 28 years. She is a proud CWEP graduate in the MSW program in 2005.
- She is currently completing her dissertation on risk and protective factors in suicide among African American youth for her PsyD.
- Her daily mantra is "Treat others as you want to be treated while doing no harm."

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Class of 2024

- Ashley Edwards, MSW
- Leiza Francia-Siebert, MSW
- Evelyn Vasquez, MSW

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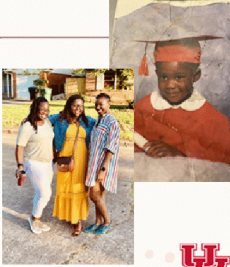
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Ashley Edwards, MSW

- ◆ In her 8 years with CPS, Ashley served as a Caseworker, Conservatorship Supervisor, and Adoption Preparation Caseworker.
- ◆ Ashley's greatest desire is to "perfect the well-being and safety of children as she also helps them to maximize their potential despite the obstacles they have faced."
- ◆ Ashley began the MSW in 2022 in the Advanced Standing Online Program, focusing on clinical social work.
- ◆ Ashley has future aspirations of Hospital Social Work in a pediatric unit following graduation.



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Leiza Francia-Siebert, MSW

- ◆ Leiza became employed with the DFPS as a conservatorship specialist in Conroe in 2006, and later transitioned to an adoption prep caseworker. She has served as a conservatorship supervisor since 2014.
- ◆ Leiza considers being the mother to Evelyn and Olivia as "her biggest accomplishment and most important job."
- ◆ Leiza's goal after college is to obtain her license for her MSW and to continue bringing about much needed social work into our CPS world.



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Evelyn Vasquez, MSW

- ◆ In 2013, Evelyn started working for DFPS, and has worked as a CPI Investigator, a Family Based Safety Services (FBSS) Worker, and is currently a Kinship Specialist with the agency.
- ◆ During her tenure, Evelyn developed a profound love for the rewarding work she was doing in the community, and decided to further her education by earning a MSW at the University of Houston.
- ◆ Evelyn plans to use her new set of skills to continue to work for the DFPS.



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Graduate: Ashley Edwards
Mentor: Kathy White, LCSW

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2024 CWEP Mentors

Graduate: Leiza Francia-Seibert
Mentors: Evelyn Seibert and Olivia Seibert

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Graduate: Evelyn Vasquez
Mentors: Rachael Brooks and Marva King

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CWEP 2024 Honorees:

- ❖ **Marsha Wright**
College Business Administrator
- ❖ **Ann Liberman**
Office of Alumni, Career & Development

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GCSW welcomes you to our Alumni Relations website:



Welcoming Alumni

Ann Liberman

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Recognizing CWEP Staff

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CWEP Team



 Dr. Trish Taylor, LCSW-S	 Dr. Renita Laury	 Dr. Monit Cheung, LCSW	 Dr. Patrick Leung
 Danielle Puente, BS	 Arnitia Walker, LMSW	 Vanessa Shippard, MSW	

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Graduate Assistants

- ❖ **Gabrielle Aquino-Adriatico**
- ❖ **Hailey Park**
- ❖ **Molly Hinkel**
- ❖ **Bella Alex – CWEP Contractor**

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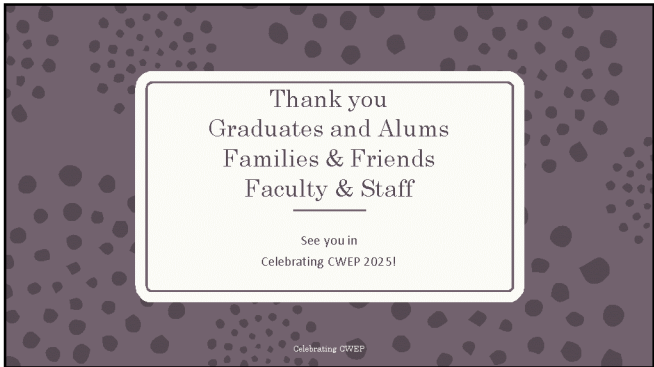
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