

MAY 2024

INNOVATE TO ELEVATE: A SEASON FOR CHANGE AGENTS

As Social Workers we are not only advocates, but also change agents, characterized by an:



Evolving commitment to challenge the status quo and achieve positive transformation. We understand that change won't happen without our dedication to the work.



Ability to inspire others to make and embrace change. We build communities that are invested in the well-being, growth, and advancement of the people.



In an interview with **Dr. LaShawn Heard, Class 2014 Alumna**, she shares why she chose Chicago State University to pursue her Master's Degree and her vision for the program.

Chicago State University is a "close knit community school." This allows more opportunity for one-on-one interactions with professors, making students more comfortable in their learning. A hidden gem, Chicago State University provides an experience that larger universities don't in order for students to become effective Social Workers.

"An effective Social Worker takes care of his/her well-being to effectively support the communities and individuals that turn to them for aid."

A change agent herself, Dr. Heard conducts research to close the health gap of African American/Black administrators in public school systems. She hopes to see more opportunities for Alumni to connect with the new generation.

**DR.
LASHAWN
HEARD**

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Letter From A 2023 Scholarship Recipient

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for awarding me the Dr. Mikal Rasheed Legacy Award. I am deeply honored to have been selected as the recipient of this prestigious scholarship.

Receiving this scholarship is not only a tremendous financial support but also a validation of my commitment to the values and principles that Dr. Mikal Rasheed stood for. His dedication to community activism, mental health, and spirituality has been a profound source of inspiration for me, and I am truly humbled to be associated with his legacy through this scholarship.

This award will significantly alleviate the financial burden of my education and allow me to focus more on my academic and professional pursuits in social work. It reaffirms my dedication to addressing systemic injustice and discrimination within the field and motivates me to continue my journey towards social justice, equity, and compassionate community engagement.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the scholarship committee for recognizing the importance of incorporating racial equity and anti-oppression perspectives in the realm of social work. Your support will enable me to make a meaningful impact in the lives of individuals and communities, striving towards a more equitable and just society.

Once again, thank you for this incredible opportunity. I am eager to embrace the responsibilities that come with this scholarship and to uphold the ideals it represents.

Sincerely,
Danielle Bradford



Your donations matter!

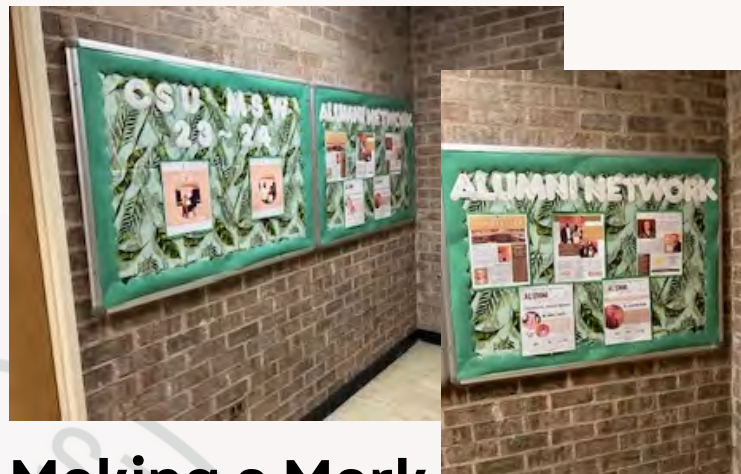
We appreciate your continued support of our students and commitment to the Social Work field.

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Celebrating 25 Years!

The Department of Social Work will celebrate 25 years! We invite Alumni, family, and friends to celebrate with us. We'll make an announcement in the coming weeks.



Making a Mark

Alumni, Dr. Jennifer Doucet, makes a mark for the Alumni Network on the Chicago State University campus.

Visit the MSW program building to get the latest updates on what the Alumni Network is up to, or just stop by to say “hey!”

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Refer a friend to learn more about becoming a Social Worker. Our MSW program offers multiple track options and prepares you for any career in Social Work.

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New Positions in Social Work

Ready for a change in your career? The field of Social Work is booming and ready for professionals who can make a difference.

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