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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

DR.  
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JOSEPH  
CLASS OF 2016

A Conversation with Dr. Joseph...



# WHY CSU?

"I chose the MSW program at CSU because it felt like a family dynamic. It was the first predominately Black college I had been to, and I wanted that experience. Our Professors didn't just talk the talk, they walked the walk. We had activities outside of class and opportunities to engage in the community where we could apply what we learned. Overall, I'd say the culture and environment made me feel like home; it felt natural. I remember asking myself - *Where you been at this whole time? You were supposed to have been here!*"

# PROUDEST MOMENT IN CAREER?

"When I was an intern in the MSW program, I had an opportunity to counsel youth at Henderson Elementary School. My, then, Supervisor was promoted around the time I was graduating, and reached out to me to see if I wanted his prior position. I kid you not, one week after graduating from the program, I had a job in my field! I'm now at the same school working as a Child Therapist, and truly appreciate the growth of the students I serve and the comments I get from parents. I'm proud to say I've been serving there for six years."

# VISION FOR THE MSW PROGRAM?

" My vision for the MSW program would be to increase engagement with youth in the community. It would be nice to see our Social Work Department become the pillar for resources and group therapy for youth and their families."

# AN EFFECTIVE SOCIAL WORKER...

" An effective Social Worker makes change for the better and creates leaders among leaders. Social Workers are change agents, so when I think of us, I think of how we leave the blueprint and create a legacy for change to happen in our homes and communities."

# FOLLOW DR. JOSEPH

Dr. Joseph recently completed his Doctoral Thesis on middle school students and their connection to skilled trades. Interested in bringing a new outlook to education, he examined the attitudes & job satisfaction between households where skilled trades were highlighted versus households where college was highlighted.

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