

**University of Georgia School of Social Work  
2020-2021 Honor's Day Award Recipients**

**Alumni**

**James "Jim" Dodd Distinguished Alumni Award**  
**Mamie Harper, BSW '09**  
*Executive Director, Carrie's Closet*

**BSW Program**

**Elizabeth Reed Stewart**  
*Presidential Award of Excellence*

**Ellen Lopez**  
*Blue Key Honor Society*

**Elkana Alexandre**  
*BSW Student of the Year*

**Mary Caplan**  
*BSW Teacher of the Year*

**MA NML Program**

**Andrew Flaherty**  
*MA NML Student of the Year*

**Tony Mallon**  
*MA NML Teacher of the Year*

**PhD Program**

**Christopher Strickland**  
*PhD Student of the Year*

**Joon Choi and Javier Boyas**  
*PhD Teachers of the Year*

**MSW Programs**

**Athens Campus**

**Travis Williams**  
*Athens MSW Generalist Student of the Year*

**Bat'se Ekanem**  
*Athens MSW Specialist Student of the Year*

**Jennifer Elkins**  
*MSW Athens Teacher of the Year*

**Gwinnett Campus**

**Kevin Linder**  
*MSW Gwinnett 1<sup>st</sup> Year Student of the Year*

**David Terraso**  
*MSW Gwinnett Generalist Student of the Year*

**Bryan Armstead, Jr. and Lera Harben**  
*MSW Gwinnett Specialist Year Students of the Year*

**Lemule "Life" LaRoche**  
*MSW Gwinnett Teacher of the Year*

**Online**

**Claudia Calle**  
*MSW Online Student of the Year*

**Llewellyn Cornelius**  
*MSW Online Teacher of the Year*

### Part-Time Faculty

**David Meyers**

*Part-Time Faculty Excellence Award*

**Bob Sleppy**

*MA NML Part-Time Teacher of the Year*

**Amy Shipp**

*MSW Athens Part-Time Teacher of the Year  
MSW Gwinnett Part-Time Teacher of the Year*

### Staff

**Jenae Brown Bryan**

*Staff Person of the Year  
(voted on by faculty and staff)*

**Ellen Pauloski**

*Most Supportive Staff Person to Students  
(voted on by students)*

### Field Instruction

**Mary Barrett Yancey and Team,  
Clarke and Oconee Counties DFCS**  
*BSW Field Instructors of the Year*

**Dorothy Foxx and Team,  
Southern Regional Hospital**  
*Field Instructors of the Year – MSW Generalist*

**Elesha Curvey, Lisa Jamison and Team,  
Atlanta Public Schools**  
*Field Instructor of the Year – MSW Specialization*

**Honorable mention to all field instructor  
teams in hospitals, schools and DFCS**



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### Scholarship and Award Winners

**Samantha Barnhart**

*The Giving Hope Award*

**Jeniece Cordova**

*The Helen Elizabeth Huey Scholarship Award*

**Luz Covarrubias**

*The Helen Elizabeth Huey Scholarship Award*

**Erica Daniel**

*Robert A. Vonk Scholarship Award*

**Chiodera Drayton-Smith**

*The Dean Charles Stewart Award*

**Maria Fernandez**

*Latinix Social Work Award*

**Anna Galster**

*Pauline Durant Lide Scholarship Award*

**Gabriela Lor**

*Wilbur P. Jones Scholarship Award*

**Abbegale Malone**

*A Strong Hand Up  
Leadership in Social Justice Award*

**Haeun Paik**

*Joe and Diane Perno Scholarship Award*

**Ja'Keila Scott**

*David and Helen Rasmussen Scholarship Award*

**Mary Virginia Smith**

*Sue Stephenson Single Parent Support Fund*

**Johanna Weller-Fahy**

*Heather Christina Wright Memorial  
Graduate Scholarship Award*

**Mandy Weida**

*Kenneth Whiddon Scholarship Award*

**Elizabeth Zzulka-Byers**

*Memorial Scholarship Award*