



Stony Brook
School of Social Welfare



Class of 2026

CONVOCATION

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Stony Brook Arena

5:00 pm

SCHOOL of SOCIAL WELFARE

• MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK • BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (Major in Social Work)

Land Acknowledgement	Carolyn Peabody , PhD, LCSW, ACSW Clinical Professor; Director, Community, Policy and Political Social Action Specialization
Dean's Welcome Address	Shari E. Miller , PhD, MSW Dean and Professor, School of Social Welfare
University Welcome	William Wertheim , MD, FACP, MBA Executive Vice President, Stony Brook Medicine
Convocation Address	Chantel Cabrera , MBA, LMSW'12 Assistant Vice President, Service Programs and Initiatives, New York City Transit
Dean's Choice Award	Janet Masini Director, Alumni Programs, Alumni Engagement
Acknowledgement of Student Degrees of Distinction	Shari E. Miller , PhD, MSW Dean and Professor
BSW Graduating Class Remarks	Grace Kennedy , Bachelor of Science, Class of 2026

PRESENTATION OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE Major in Social Work CLASS OF 2026

MSW Graduating Class Remarks	Suzanne Reek , Master of Social Work, Class of 2026
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PRESENTATION OF THE MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK CLASS OF 2026

Degree Candidates Presented by:

Shari E. Miller, PhD, MSW, Dean and Professor

Maria E. Torres, PhD, MA, Associate Professor; Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Iris Cohen Fineberg, PhD, MSW, OSW-C, Associate Professor; Graduate Program Director

Suzanne L. Velázquez, PhD, LCSW, Clinical Professor; Undergraduate Program Director

Dina Pilgrim, DSW, LMSW, Assistant Dean for Practicum Education; Clinical Associate Professor

Closing Remarks	Shari E. Miller , PhD, MSW, Dean and Professor
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CHANTEL CABRERA, MBA, LMSW, '12

*Assistant Vice President, Service Programs and Initiatives,
New York City Transit*

Chantel Cabrera serves as assistant vice president, service programs and initiatives, directly supporting New York City Transit's (NYCT) chief operating officer and leading strategic efforts to enhance service delivery and operational performance across NYCT. Her portfolio focuses on developing and implementing initiatives that improve customer experience, streamline processes, and align with agency-wide priorities. She most recently served as senior director, subways coordination and solutions in the Office of the Executive Vice President, Department of Subways. She was the department's lead on key projects, including but not limited to; the 1 billion dollar investment in the '25-29 capital plan for wide aisle gate implementation; fare compliance strategies which have contributed to a decrease in fare evasion; school-age engagement with particular attention to youth and community outreach related to combating subway surfing.



Chantel served as director of public affairs for Pace University's New York City campus where she combined her passion for at-risk youth, community relations and local government knowledge. Before Pace she served as the director of community affairs for New York State Senator Brian Kavanagh, representing Lower Manhattan and Brooklyn waterfront communities. Prior to working with the New York State Senate, she spent five years at the New York Center for Interpersonal Development, a leading Staten Island based non-profit organization, as the director of workforce initiatives. Here her focus was youth and workforce development, overseeing Summer Youth Employment and Department of Education contracts dealing specifically with alternative pathways to success. Chantel is a double alumna and an EOP student at Stony Brook University, attaining her BA in Psychology in 2008 and MSW in 2012. She is a Licensed Master Social Worker and achieved her master's degree in business administration at Pace University in August 2023.



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (Major in Social Work)

Tia Acevedo #
 Brianna Balsamo #
 Kimberly Morales Banegas #
 Julina Bellezza Σ #
 Kathyanna Bolbasis #
 Angelina Brown ĉ
 Kelly Cano-Reyes Σ # *
 India Carranza Σ # *
 Catherine Conlin
 Nicole DePasquale Σ Φ #
 Dilara Dincer
 Lauren Disilvio #
 Jessica Drago ĉ #
 Alyssa Erazo η
 Rebecca Fear ĉ #
 Patricia Figueroa ĉ #
 Fiorela Garcia *
 Angel Gonzales η #
 Ava Green
 John Grijalva η *
 Sarah Gunn Σ
 Brianna Halpern #
 Nicholas Hanley Σ *
 Reyna Henderson
 Veronica Hidalgo
 Alexandra Hingle ĉ
 Emily Hocker Σ #
 Ashley Keevan ĉ

Grace Kennedy ĉ Φ #
 Julia Kufeld ĉ
 Max Langenbacher ĉ ♦
 Yosselin Medina Licona Σ #
 Miguel Marrero
 Brianna Matute ĉ
 Jason Montenegro #
 Hailey (Hais) Montville η Φ #
 Jillian Morwood ĉ
 Natalie Munoz #
 Tyler Napoli ĉ
 Courtney Nichols η
 Nia Owens η
 Alexis Pagan Σ Φ
 Kamilah Pasha Σ Φ #
 Melvin Polanco Σ #
 Jerry Rivera
 Amelia Rosen Σ *
 Sierra Sacco η
 Aziza Said ĉ
 Chloe Somontina Σ #
 Leana Ulloa ĉ #
 Georgia Vourou ĉ
 Zachary Zambuto
 Meiqi Zeng
 Jennifer Zhuo #
 Jake Zosimo ĉ



MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Rachel Aaronson
Latifat Adegbenro
Amanda Adler
Amina Ahmad ☐
Olivia Albee
Baylee Albitz
Luke Allen
Cristian Colon Almonte
Dina Alvarenga
Isabella Alvarez
Ashley Alvarez
Angela Amigon
Toni Anne Amodio
Galina Amusina
Kayla Anderson
Kayla Arnoux
Breanna Baichan
Romina Baquerizo
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Alisa Barsch
Crusairy Basora
Jonathan Batres
Dawn Battaglia-Daukantas
Samantha Bazile
Jessica Bender
Latise Benn ☐
Linsey Benton
Dylan Berkowitz
Gianna Biondi
Maria Blanco Argueta
Gracie Boehl
Savannah Boncic
Jayden Bonilla
Jovanna Bove
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Adriana Briguglio
Heather Bromberg
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Jason Brown
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Giselle Castro
Amanda Charalambous ☐
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Jared Cohen
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Jennifer Collins
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Sarah Connelly
Jennifer Consolazio
Liliana Cordero
Kendy Cordova
Margarita Canas Cordova
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Kasey Cosgrove
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Lucy Davies
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Lee Deary
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Jazmine Molina
Chukwuemeka Monwe
Cherae Moore-Drew
Maria Moschos
Madison Moskowitz ✱
Ruhama Mumin
Adrianna Mussumeci
Emely Muy
Akber Naqvi
Sarah Nasr
Jenna Nelson
Taelor Nisbeth
Justin Nudelman
Bryan O'Braskin
Holland O'Hara
Rebecca O'Mara
Esther Ohwodiasa
Cameron Olsen
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Ketwan Pettus
Shanna Pineda
Qinyonie Poole
Kenneth Poulin
Quinlan Pozner
Natalie Pulgarin
Katrina Raben
Marina Rabinovich Φ
Tyteana Ratliff
Shannon Reagan
Suzanne Reek Φ
Alexa Reid
Darlyn Dueñas Resuleo
Gabriella Reyes Φ
Jacob Rivelli
Erynn Rocovich Φ
Emely Rodriguez
Yaniroska Rodriguez
Kiara Rohan
Emelin Romero
Rosa Gomez Romero
Sebastien Anne Rony
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Megan Sullivan
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Stephanie Tedeschi
Hunter Tellerman
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Xiaolong Zheng
Thomas Zuniga



Σ - Summa cum laude

η - Magna cum laude

\hat{c} - Cum laude

Φ - Phi Alpha Honor Society

- BSW Passport to the Profession

\diamond - Practicum Education Award

* - Ambassador

Congratulations

**School of Social Welfare
Graduates!**

Commencement Committee:

*Andrew Capitelli
Laura Coiro
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