Congratulations
School of Social Welfare Graduates!

Class of 2022
CONVOCATION
Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare
Master of Social Work
Bachelor of Science (Major in Social Work)
Thursday, May 19, 2022
Island Federal Credit Union Arena • 4:00 pm
The conferral of a degree is conditional upon satisfactory completion of all current degree and instructional requirements at the time of such award and compliance with University procedures and regulations, including the resolution of any outstanding charges of fees or misconduct.

Lynda Perdomo-Ayala, LMSW, CLC

Ms. Lynda Perdomo-Ayala is the Administrative Department Head in the Department of Pharmacological Sciences at the Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University. Ms. Perdomo-Ayala's longstanding professional service to the University has been instrumental in ensuring the support and progress of communities of color at the University. For thirty-five years, she has been a advocate to the Latin American Student Organization (LASO), where she has worked closely to mentor undergraduates. She was instrumental in the establishment of the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center and continues her advocacy, providing a firm foundation of support for the Center as the Chair of its advisory board. She has supported efforts for the recruitment, retention, and mentoring of minority faculty, staff, and students through her appointments to several University-wide committees and task forces.

Ms. Perdomo-Ayala was appointed to the The Suffolk County Human Rights Commission in 2002 and was elected Vice-Chair in 2003. She was sworn in as Chair in 2019 and has since focused on Police Reform and Reinvention since the killing of George Floyd, as well as Fair Housing and Diversity on Long Island, and the continued development of the Suffolk County Interfaith Anti-Bias Task Force together with a Junior Human Rights Commission.

In addition to being nominated as a 2021 Fellow in the SUNY Hispanic Leadership Institute, Ms. Perdomo-Ayala has received many distinguished honors in the community including the following highlights: as a recipient of Chancellor's award for Excellence in Diversity and Affirmative Action; Stony Brook University Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni for University Service; Distinguished Social Worker, National Association of Social Workers Latino Social Work Task Force; First Caribbean Award of the Top 50 Latino Leader on Long Island; SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service; Outstanding Women in the Town of Brookhaven; the Suffolk County Women's Advisory Board and the Suffolk County Legislature honored her as the 2018 Woman of Distinction County wide for her work; and named Top 100 Influential People on Long Island, 2020. Most recently she was selected as a 2021 Fellow of SUNY Hispanic Leadership Institute and SAIL Academy.

A native of the Bronx, Lynda was born to Puerto Rican parents, Rosalina and Emilio. Lynda received her Bachelor's degree from Adelphi University, earned a Master's Degree in Social Work from Stony Brook University, and has certifications in Conflict Resolution from Cornell University, in Divorce Mediation from the Ackerman Institute for the Family and is a Certified Life Coach from the CLC Institute.
All graduating students and their guests are invited to a reception immediately following the ceremony on the lawn of the Physics building. In the event of rain, please join us in the Island Federal Credit Union Arena lobby.