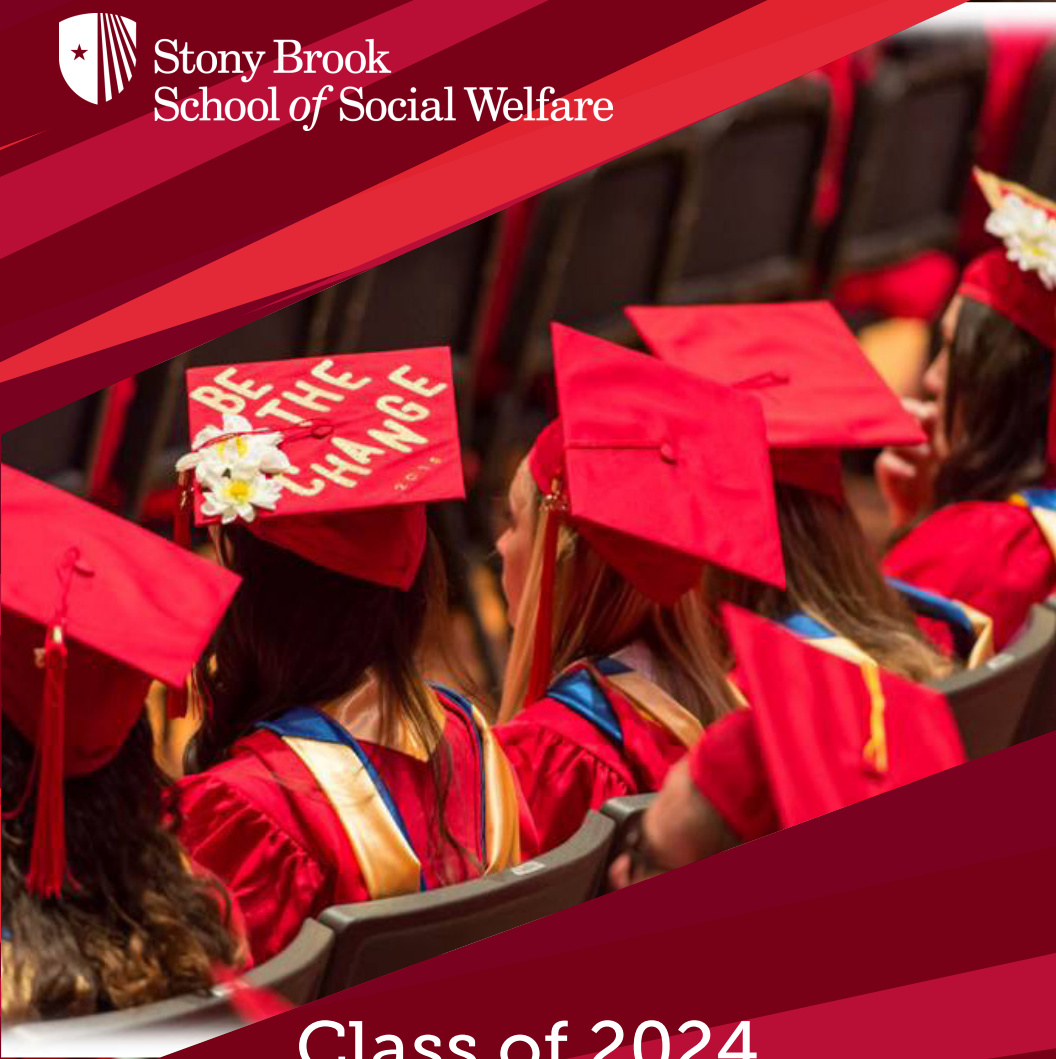




Stony Brook  
School of Social Welfare



Class of 2024

# CONVOCATION

**Master of Social Work  
Bachelor of Science (Major in Social Work)**

**Thursday, May 16, 2024  
Island Federal Credit Union Arena • 5:00 pm**

# SCHOOL of SOCIAL WELFARE

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

Graduation Singer

**Yvana Clowney**, BSW Senior

Land Acknowledgement

**Carolyn Peabody, PhD, LCSW, ACSW**  
*Clinical Professor; Director, Community, Policy & 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**  
*Interim Executive Vice President,  
Stony Brook Medicine*

Convocation Address

**Elizabeth A. Justesen, Esq., MSW**  
*Chief Community Outreach Officer of the Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County; Adjunct Professor at SUNY Stony Brook*

Dean's Choice Award

**Warren K. Graham, LCSW, ACSW, CASAC**  
*Assistant Dean, Practicum Education; Clinical Associate Professor*

Acknowledgement of Student Leaders and Student Degrees of Distinction

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

BSW Graduating Class Remarks

**Petal Bowel-Walcott**, *Bachelor of Science, Class of 2024*

## PRESENTATION OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE Major in Social Work CLASS OF 2024

MSW Graduating Class Remarks

**Shavona Layne**, *Master of Social Work, Class of 2024*

Recognition of MSW/MA

**Richard H. Morgan, PhD, MSW**, *Associate Dean; Clinical Professor; Director of Graduate Program*

Recognition of MSW/MPH

**Amy Hammock, PhD, MSW**, *Associate Professor*

## PRESENTATION OF THE MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK CLASS OF 2024

### *Degree Candidates Presented by:*

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

**Richard H. Morgan, PhD, MSW**, *Associate Dean; Clinical Professor; Director of Graduate Program*

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

**Warren K. Graham, LCSW, ACSW, CASAC**, *Assistant Dean, Practicum Education; Clinical Associate Professor*

Closing Remarks

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

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## ***Elizabeth A. Justesen, Esq., MSW***

***Chief Community Outreach Officer, Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County***

Elizabeth graduated magna cum laude, in 2006 with a Juris Doctor (JD) and Master of Social Work (MSW) dual degree from Touro Law Center and the School of Social Welfare at Stony Brook University. She is currently the Chief Community Outreach Officer of the Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County, and conducts programs educating community members on their rights and the various issues they confront in the court system. She oversees the “holistic lawyering” practices for the organization, educating attorneys and support staff on holistic practices and collateral consequences. For the past ten years she has been instrumental in developing the Social Work Bureau within The Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County’s criminal division. Previously, for ten years, Elizabeth was a practicing defense attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County, working in family and criminal court.

Elizabeth is Chair of the Resources sub-committee for the Suffolk County Re-Entry Task Force, which works to improve the lives of people re-entering the community post-conviction. She is on the Board for New Hour, a non-profit working with incarcerated women and their families with programs both while in custody and also services as they transition home to the community. Elizabeth is the supervising attorney for Breaking Barriers, a cooperative pro bono project between The Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County and Touro Law Center assisting persons with criminal convictions overcome barriers to employment and educational licenses through the application of post-conviction certificates and sealing motions.

Elizabeth is currently an adjunct professor at SUNY Stony Brook’s School of Social Welfare where she teaches Forensic Social Work for the master’s degree program and is an adjunct professor for the Holistic Criminal Defender and Post-Conviction Clinics at Touro Law School. In May 2021, Elizabeth became a certified trainer for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) on “How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice Outcomes”. She is a member of the Suffolk County Bar Association, participates in the Access to Justice - Community Legal Help Project, and was named co-chair for The Suffolk County Women in the Courts Committee 2021-2023 session.







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