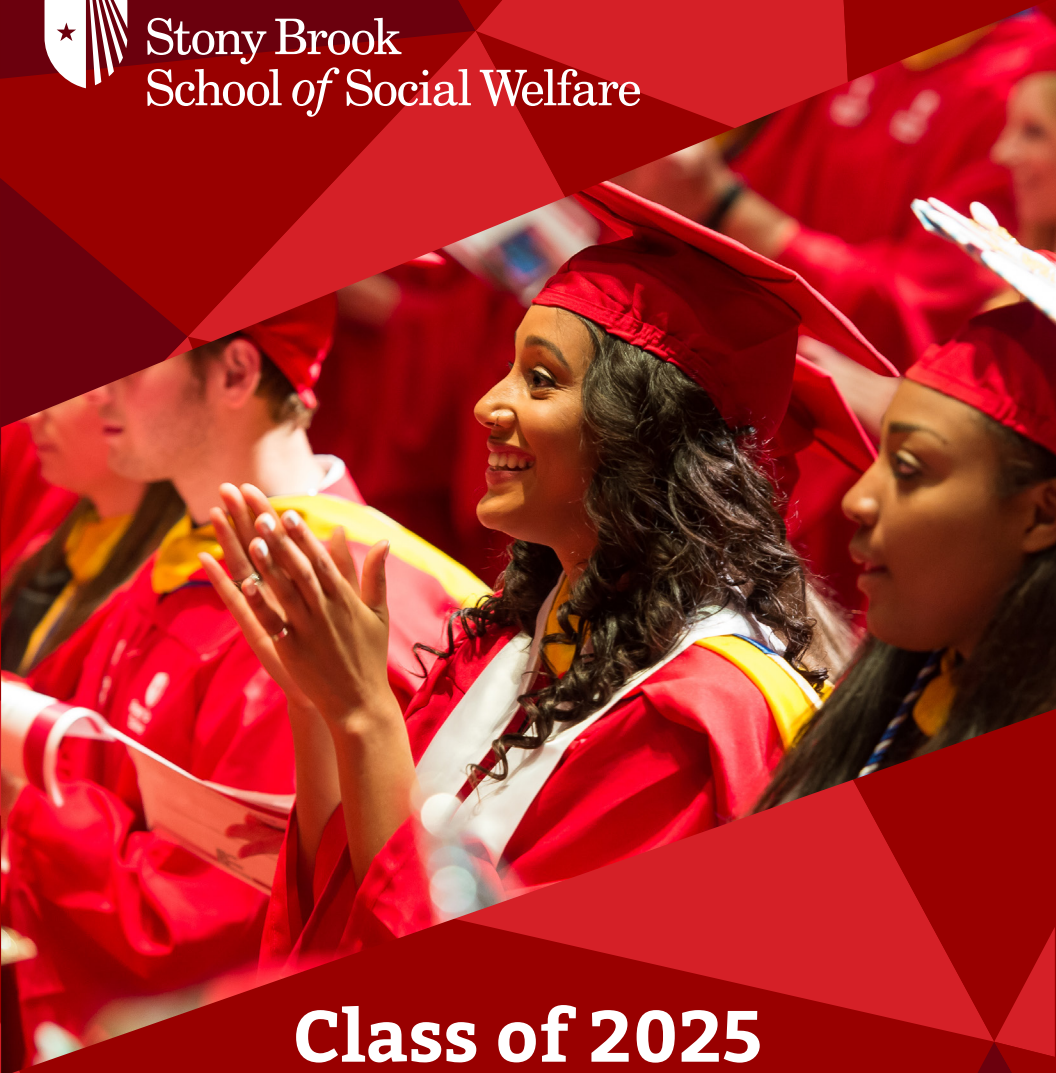




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Class of 2025

CONVOCATION

**Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare
Master of Social Work
Bachelor of Science (Major in Social Work)**

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025
Stony Brook Arena • 5:00 pm**

SCHOOL of SOCIAL WELFARE

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN SOCIAL WELFARE • MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK • BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (Major in Social Work)

Graduation Singer	Kimberly Omezi , MSW '25, Master of Social Work
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 Executive Vice President, Stony Brook Medicine
Convocation Address	Sandra Davidson , LMSW '05 Associate Commissioner, New York City Regional Director, Child Welfare & Community Services
Dean's Choice Award	Leighmarie Regan Assistant Director, Alumni Engagement
Acknowledgement of Student Leaders and Student Degrees of Distinction	Shari E. Miller , PhD, MSW Dean and Professor, School of Social Welfare
BSW Graduating Class Remarks	Tyler Jehle '25, Bachelor of Science

PRESENTATION OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE MAJOR IN SOCIAL WORK CLASS OF 2025

MSW Graduating Class Remarks	Dennis Scruggs , MSW '25, Master of Social Work
Recognition of MSW/MA	Michelle S. Ballan , PhD, MSW Professor & Associate Dean for Research
Recognition of MSW/MPH	Amy Hammock , PhD, MSW Associate Professor

PRESENTATION OF THE MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK CLASS OF 2025

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 Professor; Director of Undergraduate Program

Closing Remarks	Shari E. Miller , PhD, MSW, Dean and Professor
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Sandra Davidson, LMSW '05

*Associate Commissioner,
New York City Regional Director,
Child Welfare & Community Services*



Sandra Davidson is a Licensed Master of Social Work with over 25 years of experience working with children and families within the child welfare system. Her professional life includes a commitment to serving the needs of the voiceless, ensuring that the children and families that come to the attention of the child welfare system have the necessary resources to improve their own families and individual outcomes.

In her current role as associate commissioner and regional director of New York City with the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), she leads a team of committed individuals responsible for overseeing and monitoring one of the largest child welfare agencies in New York State, the NYC Administration for Children Services (ACS). The ACS provides child protective, preventive, foster care, adoption, and juvenile justice services.

Davidson started her work in a variety of voluntary agencies that provided direct care services to children who were abused and considered to have intellectual disabilities, as well as adults with mental illness. She found her passion working in the child welfare system, specifically the child protective system, for which she has spent the last 20+ years implementing initiatives to support child safety, permanency, and well-being. Her past roles include front-line kinship foster caseworker; child protective specialist; NYC assistant commissioner of program, policy, information technology, and intergovernmental and interagency affairs; and chief deputy commissioner of Suffolk County Department of Social Services.

Career highlights include successfully implementing Family Assessment Response (now called CARES: Collaborative Assessment, Response, Engagement and Support) in all five NYC boroughs; the implementation of mobile technology throughout NYC Child Protection; collaborating on various new child welfare curriculums to include LGBTQAI+ core foundations for child protective specialists; and the development of the Workforce Institute's NYC Child Welfare Training Academy. In her new role at OCFS, she provides administrative and managerial leadership for the NYC regional office and maintains relationships with ACS, foster care agencies, and preventive agencies. Her role is pivotal in setting policy and balancing oversight, accountability, and best practices in a large child welfare system.

Davidson holds a master's degree in social work from the School of Social Welfare at Stony Brook University and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Long Island University. She is proud to represent and protect her community without a title, just in uniform, as a volunteer firefighter in Cherry Grove.



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