Guest speaker for the evening was Lieutenant Colonel Nathan Keller, PhD, LCSW, BCD who has served 16 years as an active duty Army Social Work Officer. He currently serves as Associate Professor at the US Army-Fayetteville State University Master of Social Work Program at the Army Medical Department Center and School in Fort Sam Houston. Additionally, he serves as the mental health consultant to Army South at Fort Sam Houston where he provides both mental health consultation to Army South leadership and direct social work services to soldiers and their families. From August 2006-2008, LTC Keller deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom where he served as Chief of Mental Health Services for the 1st Cavalry Division.

The evening spotlighted and honored current students and alumni of the GCSW to explain the diverse roles that social workers play in the community. David Flores, LaNessa Roberson, Ana Dlouhy ('10), Katelyn Mullen ('08), and Mel Taylor ('79) inspired the crowd with their stories and their commitments as social workers to social justice.

President Renu Khator addressed the crowd referring to the GCSW as a “UH Hero.” She hailed the research efforts and dedication of faculty and staff for the rising national ranking that the college has achieved under Dean Colby’s direction.
A MESSAGE FROM DEAN COLBY

In just a few weeks, the University of Houston once again begins a new academic year and the GCSW will welcome the 42nd class to the College. The beginning of a new academic year is always filled with optimism and anticipation among faculty, staff, and students alike. There is just something exciting about a new beginning; and this fall, the GCSW has much to celebrate as noted below.

Megane Baker, a second year student as well as one of the College's dual degree students in law, was selected as the Texas Social Work Student of the Year and will be recognized during the Texas Annual NASW state meeting this fall.

Second year student Ashley Montondon is one of ten social work students from across the state to receive a scholarship from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health. This special award was created to celebrate the Hogg Foundation’s 70th anniversary.

Beth Christopherson and Matthew Estey, both second year students, are the first University of Houston students to be selected as Schweitzer Fellows. The Schweitzer Fellows, selected from a nationally competitive pool made up of students in health and human services, partner with community-based organizations to identify an unmet health need, design a yearlong service project with a demonstrable impact on that need, and bring that project from idea to implementation and impact.

Two of our doctoral students, Monique Pappadis and Venus Tsui, were honored during the 2010 Joint World Congress on Social Work and Social Development, which was held in Hong Kong. Monique received the Hong Kong Student Award for An Outstanding Paper and Venus was selected as the Best Abstracts-Researcher. Venus Tsui will present a poster, “Intimate partner abuse against men: A research agenda for an understudied and underserved population.” Both have received special recognition for their work.

Dr. Sheara Williams was granted tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor of Social Work. Dr. Williams’ teaching, research, scholarship, service, and leadership are very important to the GCSW and our broader community. Her tenure and promotion recognizes the significant contributions she has made as a member of the GCSW faculty.

Professor Sandra Lopez was promoted to the rank of Clinical Full Professor. Professor Lopez’s promotion reflects her distinguished social work career as both a national leader and certainly an excellent teacher. Professor Lopez’s day in and day out reflects the ideal characteristics that all social workers cherish.

Dr. Paul Raffoul, Associate Dean for Administration and IT, is beginning to move into a new phase in his life as he begins the University’s Voluntary Modification of Employment, which allows a faculty member to “officially” retire from the University while maintaining a part-time position in the College. Dr. Raffoul will continue in his role of Associate Dean and teach one course each year. There will be more news in the future regarding Dr. Raffoul’s retirement and plans to celebrate his extraordinary career.

The Council on Social Work Education awarded the GCSW its full accreditation without requiring any follow-up or interim reports. Under the leadership of Dr. Susan Robbins, the GCSW faculty worked hard throughout a multi-year process to fine tune and craft a cutting edge, proactive advanced social work curriculum, one that is now being modeled by many social work programs nationwide.

Dr. Monit Cheung and Dr. Patrick Leung later this fall will receive the Outstanding Alumnus Award from Ohio State University. The award acknowledges their many individual contributions to the social work profession over the years. Without a doubt, their “fingerprints” are felt throughout the GCSW, the least of which is our global work that includes international travel and student/faculty exchanges.

The College’s scholarship initiative received a significant boost this past spring with nearly $230,000 raised from the biennial scholarship gala. A number of alumni also created important opportunities for our students by establishing endowed scholarships. Even during this difficult economic period, many people continue to assist the GCSW and expand their financial support.

And, just as impressive is the incoming class this fall whose members speak 22 different languages! The diversity and unique experiences this group brings only adds to the richness of the GCSW experience.

Yes, there is much to celebrate but, as in the past, we cannot and will not rest on these, or any other, laurels that may come our way. Future clients - individuals, families, groups and communities – expect that the GCSW’s commitment to excellence remains resolute. All will agree that the social issues facing our many communities are only exacerbated during this tumultuous economic time. And in the face of such difficulties, the GCSW will continue to be responsive to the broader community and continue to partner with both governmental and non-governmental organizations.

The GCSW’s motto, We Must Become the Change We Want to See, lives and breathes throughout the GCSW experience and serves as our beacon of justice for the future.

Ira C. Colby
Dean and Professor of Social Work
Drug abuse, particularly among Hispanics, continues to rise throughout the nation. The number of researchers committed to investigate the problem remains relatively small and the venues to discuss and share new ideas and research remain few. To this end the Center for Drug & Social Policy Research (CDSPR) hosted the eighth National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse Interdisciplinary Research Training Institute on June 2-13 at the University of Houston. The National Institute of Health and National Institute on Drug Abuse funded the training.

“This institute is meant to train, mentor and provide networking opportunities for promising graduate students in drug research methods, increase knowledge of drug issues and promote professional commitment to Hispanic drug abuse,” says Avelardo Valdez, professor and director of the CDSPR, which is housed in the UH Graduate College of Social Work. “In addition, we want to foster a mentoring relationship between the students and leading Hispanic drug abuse researchers.”

The IRTI aims to ensure a constant support infrastructure for fellows to conduct, present, publish and acquire funding for drug abuse research. Throughout the institute, fellows had the opportunity to meet, receive consultation and begin to foster potential mentoring relationships with senior faculty with expertise in their particular areas of interest. A dozen of the next generation of Hispanic drug abuse researchers from all over the US and Mexico learned from leading experts about new issues and approaches to the study of the largest minority population in the United States.

Along with the lecture component, fellows were able to choose from one of two intensive workshop series designed to integrate the overarching theme of translational research, bringing the social, behavioral, biological and medical sciences to the clinic or to community prevention and service provision. Each fellow was required to develop a research prospectus which took the form of an abbreviated NIH research application.

Selected IRTI fellows are expected to make a two year commitment beginning with participation in the IRTI Summer Program. During this two year period, fellows supported by mentors are expected to achieve benchmarks of progress including academic career progress, if applicable (i.e. thesis, candidacy, dissertation); scientific publications in peer reviewed journals; scientific presentations at national scientific meetings; and preparation and submission of an application (K awards, F31, F32, R03, R21, or R01) for funding to NIH as well as support for diversity supplements and loan repayment program opportunities.

Nalini Negi, a University of Texas-Austin graduate on whose Ph.D. committee Dr. Valdez served, was awarded the 2010 Society for Social Work and Research Outstanding Dissertation Award. Dr. Negi, who is now an assistant professor at the University of Maryland, is also a current member of the GCSW, CDSPR. Her dissertation is entitled “Protective and risk factors for well-being among Latino day laborers.”

Dr. Negi and other members of the CDSPR have an article in press in the Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health entitled, “Fumando La Piedra: Emerging Patterns of Crack Use.”
Affecting Social Policy in Austin by Januari Leo

On Friday, March 5th, students in the Affecting Social Policy class traveled to Austin to visit with state legislators, staff, lobbyists and organizations who support the health and human services agenda. Organized by Dr. Suzanne Pritzker, students had the opportunity to first meet with Joe Madden, Chief of Staff for Representative Garnet Coleman and Executive Director of the progressive Legislative Study Group. The theme throughout the day centered on the $10-12 billion budget deficit that is expected in the next legislative session. NASW-TX intern Colette Nies underscored the importance of public and professional testimony when advocating for services, and Jason Sabo, Senior Vice President of Public Policy for the United Way, highlighted how necessary it is to reframe the issue when crossing party lines.

House District 47 Representative Valinda Bolton stressed that more women need to run for office. She detailed the uphill battle that women in the House and Senate face, and how a critical mass is necessary in order for change to truly be affected. House District 49 Representative Elliot Naishtat, who holds an MSW degree, gave a first-hand account of the 2003 Democrat flight to Oklahoma in order to prevent a quorum from being present to vote on Republican-led redistricting. Students voiced a number of advocacy-centered questions for each of the speakers, and came away with a greater understanding of what it takes to effectively influence state policy.

Student Day at the Texas Legislature

On Tuesday, April 13, 2010, eleven students, along with faculty member Dr. Suzanne Pritzker and academic advisor Jamie Parker, LMSW, traveled to Austin for Social Work Student Day at the Texas Legislature. This event was sponsored by the Texas Association of Social Work Deans & Directors, with the support of the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), with the goal of introducing social work students to the legislative process first-hand, and encouraging them to become engaged in advocacy. The GCSW contingent joined with more than 500 students representing social work schools from across the state to speak with policymakers. They presented information about the value of the profession, and encouraged them to adopt the National Association of Social Worker’s “Social Work Re-Investment” initiative. The UH GCSW delegation also spoke with legislative staff about improving access to food stamps for Texans. These GCSW students and 2010 graduates plan to attend the NASW Day at the Legislature on March 3, 2011, where they will continue to work on these issues.

A Tribute to Michael Roberts
Our Dear Friend and Alumni Association Board Member
December 14, 1957 – January 3, 2010

Michael Roberts was born in Center, Texas. He enrolled in the military when he was 18 years-old, was honorably discharged and proud of his service. He graduated from UH Clear Lake with a Bachelor’s Degree and from UH GCSW with a Master of Social Work. Michael enjoyed spirited discussions about politics, cultures and history. His grandmother was one of the greatest loves of his life.

Before becoming a social worker, Michael spent 12 years as a phlebotomist in the children’s unit at MD Anderson. The children loved Michael and frequently refused having another phlebotomist draw their blood. A few years ago, Michael received a call from a leukemia survivor who knew him from MD Anderson. The little boy that Michael treated was then 32 years-old, happily married, and a new father to his first child: a baby boy named Michael, in honor of our dear friend.

By Ana Rositi Duffey
After a brief orientation to the Campus Accessibility Tour (CAT) day schedule, the 40+ accessibility study volunteers, including GCSW alumni, students and staff, were divided into small UH campus touring groups assigned to explore the campus. The charge of each participant was to tour the campus either using a wheelchair or blindfolded using a cane. Participants were asked to provide feedback to be summarized as recommendations for campus wide accessibility improvements.

Throughout the two hour tour, our group visited four campus buildings to evaluate accessibility of elevators, water fountains, restrooms, Braille signage, sidewalks, signage to handicap entrances, audible signals, access buttons into buildings, and crosswalks. The purpose of the day was to increase awareness of some of the issues that people with various disabilities encounter when navigating campus.

It was particularly interesting being led on the tour by a wheelchair bound student who took the lead and maneuvered campus with expertise and independence, while I in my rookie effort required the assistance of another group member to keep up! I enjoyed being able to talk along the way as she pointed out the pluses and minuses of campus accessibility. Today as I walk around campus, I find that the day’s experience has left me with a greater sensitivity and understanding of those in wheelchairs. I have shared the day’s experiences with colleagues and family members and in doing so, feel that I have served and will continue to serve as an advocate for the rights of those with disabilities with a greater level of understanding.

The Justin Dart, Jr. Center for Students with DisABILITIES (CSD) office provides accommodations and support services to UH students who have temporary or permanent health impairments, physical limitations, psychiatric disorders, or learning disabilities. Students are assisted in developing independence and self-reliance to function competitively with others in both the college setting and the campus community. CSD staff serve as liaisons between students and faculty, administrators, and outside agencies.

Ann Liberman

Cheryl Amoruso (’98)
Director of the Center for Students with DisABILITIES

Cheryl Amoruso has served as the Director of the Center for Students with DisABILITIES since February 1999. She is a Licensed Master Social Worker and a graduate of the UH Graduate College of Social Work. She earned a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology at Western Illinois University and is a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor.

Prior to joining the University of Houston, Cheryl was the Education & Training Director at the Mental Health Association (MHA) for four years. She was responsible for educating the community about mental health issues, supervising Information & Referral services, developing the Self-Help Clearinghouse, and staffing numerous committees and advisory groups. She has 10+ additional years of program administration, program development and service provision experience working with people who have a variety of disabilities, primarily mental illness, brain injuries, and substance abuse disorders in educational, vocational, inpatient, and rehabilitative settings.

Cheryl is the current President for the Brain Injury Association of Texas, the Texas Brain Injury Network, and the Houston Community College System’s Human Service Technology Advisory Board.

STAY CONNECTED: JOIN THE UH GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK FACEBOOK PAGE

The GCSW now maintains an official page on Facebook, where updates and photos of college, student, alumni, faculty and staff happenings are posted. Stay connected to the GCSW and your fellow alumni by searching “UH Graduate College of Social Work” on Facebook and clicking “Like” on our page.

Please share your updates by writing on our wall. See you there!
Virginia “Ginger” Robbins, LMSW-AP, Director of Field Education at the GCSW was honored as NASW-Houston Branch Social Worker of the Year at the Tenth Annual Social Work Awards Breakfast on March 11th. Ginger is the consummate social work professional and exemplifies the essence of character for the significant NASW honor that she received.

Ginger has been influencing the social work profession for 40+ years and continues to work harder than ever to promote a positive image for the profession. Throughout her career, Ginger has worked and supported NASW at the national, state, and local levels to make a difference in graduate social work programs. She has worked tirelessly over the past three decades to improve, challenge, and strengthen the field education experience for graduate students at the University of Houston as well as on a national scale.

Ginger has served as a member and as the Chairperson for the Commission on Field Education through the Council on Social Work Education and as the Chairperson for the Texas Social Work Field Educator’s Consortium. She has continued to serve the UH GCSW as Director of Field Education and as Clinical Associate Professor, contributing to the quality of social workers being trained to work and embody the ethics of the social work profession. Ginger’s influence, dedication and commitment to the ideals of the social work profession are transferred daily to students, alumni, and colleagues with whom she comes in contact.

Social Work Award Recognition

Gene Gundersen, MSW, JD was honored with the GCSW Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumni Award. Gene combines expertise and dedication as both a social worker and attorney on behalf of the children of Harris County through her passionate efforts with the Harris County Attorney’s Office, Protective Services Division where she coordinates the centralized intake of all Texas Department of Family and Protective Services physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect case filings in the Juvenile and Family District courts as Intake Section Chief, Senior Assistant County Attorney. She staffs cases for removal and legal filing with caseworkers, supervisors, program directors and represents TDFPS in child abuse and neglect cases in court litigation and mediation. She represents the HCAO on the 247th STAR Family Intervention Drug Court team and represents TDFPS in all drug court proceedings and statutory hearings.

Earlier in her career, Gene founded and served as Executive Director for the Community Service Option Program, Inc. which became the first community service restitution organization in Texas, providing services to the Federal, State and County Criminal Courts and over 400 non-profit organizations of Harris County.

Gene received a MSW from the GCSW in 1980 and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence in 1987, also from UH. She has served as a dedicated member of the UH GCSW Alumni Association Board and as an Adjunct Professor at the GCSW.

Social Workers Walking the Walk by Kimberly Buckert

This March, in honor of Social Work month, the GCSW participated in the AIDS Walk Houston, a three mile, non-competitive walk benefiting AIDS Foundation Houston (AFH). Founded in 1982, AFH provides instrumental services for the HIV/AIDS community including housing, education and prevention, advocacy efforts, prison initiatives, and much, much more. The AIDS Walk is traditionally one of their largest fundraisers of the year, and is crucial not only in terms of raising money, but in spreading the word about the importance of HIV/AIDS awareness and education in the community.

As a reflection of our social work values and ethics, the Social Workers Walking the Walk team had 40 participants and raised more than $3,500 for the AFH! As social workers, we strive for social justice and equal access to care for all people and are willing to put these values into practice. The AIDS Walk was an opportunity for us to not only make an immediate difference, but to show the Houston community what a presence we possess.

Thank you to team leaders, Januari Leo and Tony Aucoin as well as all participating organizations, including: GCSW Student Association, GCSW Alumni Association, National Association of Social Workers Houston, UH Downtown Department of Social Work, and UH Clear Lake Department of Social Work!
**FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS**

**Andrew Achenbaum**, Professor of History and Social Work, was awarded the University of Houston Alumni Association 2009 Outstanding Faculty Award.

**Steven Applewhite**, Associate Professor, is a leader of the Latino Social Work Educator’s Group. Over the years, he has been a consistent advocate to strengthen the place for Latinos in social work education while reminding the profession to increase access and opportunities across the educational continuum.

**Monit Cheung**, Professor, was elected API Track Chair for the upcoming CSWE-APM.

**Ira C. Colby**, Professor and Dean, was inducted into the prestigious National Academies of Practices (NAP) as a distinguished scholar in social work. The ceremony took place at NAP’s annual conference in Arlington, Va. Founded in 1981 in recognition of the need for interdisciplinary collaboration in healthcare, the National Academies of Practice is a nonprofit organization representing ten of the healthcare disciplines. Members are elected to the National Academies of Practice with criteria that guarantee that only the best and most distinguished scholars and practitioners are admitted.


**Patrick Leung**, Professor, is president of the Asian-American Social Work Education Association and represents this constituency group on the CSWE Commission for Diversity and Social and Economic Justice which enhances the Council’s partnerships in the global Asian-Pacific region.

**Susan Robbins**, Associate Professor, serves on the editorial Board for the *Journal of Social Work Education*. The Board sets the journal’s direction, identifies and selects special topics, all with the objective to strengthen the journal’s impact factor.


**Luis Torres**, Assistant Professor, played an important role in the preparation of the new CSWE brochure *Advanced Social Work Practice in Clinical Social Work* having served on its Steering Committee. This brochure is the third in a series of supporting materials to assist graduate programs develop advanced practice behaviors in various areas.


We wish Dr. Traylor the best in her move to the School of Social Work at the University of Alabama where she will begin Fall 2010 as an Assistant Professor.
Doctoral Student Updates

Darla Beaty ('10) begins as Assistant Professor at West Texas A&M in Canyon on August 15th. She will be joining the social work faculty there as they begin a new MSW program.


Darla has served from 2009-2010 as Student Board Member for the UH Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects.


Larry Hill was awarded $75,000 from Gulf Coast Community Services Association to conduct a University-Community Engagement project which helps Sunnyside residents engage in the Green-Collar Economy. (awarded November 2009).

Alicia LaChapelle has been accepted as a Summer 2010 fellow with Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. in Princeton, New Jersey. Mathematica Policy Research is a non-partisan research firm that provides a full range of research and data collection services including program evaluation, policy research and survey design, and data collection. Alicia will study 21st Century Community Learning Centers and African-American youth.

Lucinda Nevarez has been selected to join the 2010-2012 cohort of the Kellogg Health Scholars at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center site. The Kellogg Health Scholars Program is a two-year post doctoral fellowship aimed at conducting research toward the reduction and elimination of health disparities.


Josephine Tittsworth was awarded the Dee McKellar Award at the Houston Transgender Unity Banquet (HTUB), the largest single evening event in the world for the transgender community. Tittsworth was honored as “the local individual who has steadfastly stood up as a staunch advocate for the values of the local Transgender Community.”


The University of Houston Black Alumni Association honored Sallie Creuzot ('70) at the 21st Annual Scholarship & Awards Celebration on March 12. Sallie is a member of the GCSW’s Pioneer Class.

Sallie was born in Halifax, Virginia, attended public schools and began at Hampton University at age 16. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics in 1947. With three children (two of which were in college) and a husband who had just started a business (Frenchy’s), the family simply needed additional income. Creuzot knew that she needed additional education to increase her earning potential, so she enrolled in the first class at the UH Graduate School of Social Work. Creuzot graduated in 1970 as the first African American graduate of the social work program.

For Sallie Creuzot, education is a family value. She had two grandparents who were slaves. Her grandmother, a former slave, lived in the family home as she was growing up. Creuzot believes that her grandmother was taught to read because she was the daughter of the master. Both of Creuzot’s parents were college educated, so despite the time in history, education was expected for Creuzot.

Creuzot is a hard driving, tenacious person who dislikes procrastination in people and admires energy and focus. She is extremely active in the family business, is an active member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church where she has served in numerous capacities, and has served on the boards of Omni Bank and Neighborhood Centers, Inc.

She is proud of her strong family relationships with her recently deceased husband Percy, their three children, their six grandchildren, and their great grandson. She hopes that her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren will continue her legacy of educational achievement and community giving.

Social Work Day at the United Nations

For the second year, GCSW students, faculty, staff and alumni traveled to New York City for the 27th Annual Social Work Day at the United Nations, Social Work and Social Welfare: A Commitment to Partnership with the United Nations. Held in conjunction with the Day at the UN, the Global Social Work Day Student Conference was held at Fordham University the day before. Both events provided excellent opportunities for participants to learn about social work organizations that affect change throughout the world.

Along with the conference events, the group took the opportunity to enjoy an Alumni/Student Brunch with GCSW New York area alumni. The brunch was especially exciting this year with Sara Lewis, Ex-Officio President joining the travel group for the opportunity to meet and report on alumni activities. It was exciting to hear of the amazing work our alumni are doing. Jennifer continues to serve seniors; Annemarie is involved with cancer research; Patti directs field and is a clinical faculty member at New York University; Maura is in private practice; and Bertha is involved in consulting work. We were thrilled to continue the tradition and look forward to seeing our NYC friends again next year!
IN THE Spotlight

Cindy Reibenstein, LCSW, ACSW, Diplomat in Clinical Social Work, is a renaissance woman of social work. Since her graduation from the GCSW in 1988, she has worked as an advocate, a therapist, and a medical social worker. She has been an adjunct faculty member of the GCSW since 1993 and opened Reibenstein and Associates, LLC in 2000.

Through Reibenstein and Associates, LLC, Cindy provides services as a consultant, educator, supervisor, presenter, and counselor. “As a professional coach in my earlier career, I coached athletes to be the best they could be and off the court. Now, I not only coach professionals and students to grow and become the best they can be, but also my individual clients” she says. Cindy is a member of the Dean’s Advisory Council, the Better Business Bureau, and serves as the Board Director of the Greater Heights Chamber of Commerce. She has also been an active member of NASW, serving in both leadership positions and on numerous committees.

Cindy is grateful for each experience and opportunity she has been given. She enjoys the variety in her work and her passion is evident to her students and colleagues. Cindy feels her best accomplishment is “to see a ‘light bulb’ go off, when a student applies knowledge to practice. When they ‘get it’, more clients, communities and organizations will be enhanced and we can each ‘Become the Best You Can Be!’ [the motto of Reibenstein and Associates, LLC].” While she is greatly inspired by her students, colleagues, and clients, Cindy is most proud of her family for working to design the new Harris County Mental Health Court.

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Greetings, Alumni! It is both an honor and a privilege to begin serving as President of the GCSW Alumni Association Board, following in the footsteps of the many successes of outgoing President Dee Dee Parker Wright. Dee Dee and her family relocated to Maryland in March to begin a new chapter in their lives. I would like to take this opportunity to express gratitude for her leadership the past several years! Moving forward, I am eager to work with Vanessa Flores, our new President-elect, and our wonderful Board Members as we strive to strengthen our relationships with GCSW students, the University of Houston, and our Houston community.

We have had an incredibly busy spring semester; I will recap a few of our favorite highlights! At the Greater Houston Social Work Awards Breakfast, we awarded Gene Gundersen (’80) with the Distinguished Alumni Award for her outstanding service, and the Charlotte Campbell Scholarship to recipient, Claudia Mullins, for her dedication to service and spirit for the profession of social work. Our wonderful Professional Development Committee organized Reframing Change: How to Lead Consciously, a workshop presented by Dr. Jean Kantambu Latting and Stephanie Foy (’94). We are excited about the success of this event and will continue to seek out opportunities for professional development for all of you! Just in the past few weeks, we had an opportunity to partner with the GCSW Student Association in hosting the Aloha Picnic at Hermann Park. The weather was beautiful, and we even had a visit from Shasta! Finally, in honor of past Board Member, Michael Roberts, we have officially renamed the pinning of graduates at the ceremony as The Michael Roberts Pinning Ceremony. We were pleased to have the opportunity to pin this year's graduates and look forward to continuing the tradition in honor of Michael in future years.

The members of the Alumni Association would like to express sincere congratulations to the Class of 2010 on the great accomplishment of joining the ranks of GCSW Alumni! We look forward to your active participation in future alumni events. For ways to get involved with the Board of Directors or other alumni activities, please do not hesitate to contact me at allison.harter@gmail.com.

On behalf of the alumni, I would also like to extend a special thank you to Ann Liberman, Director of Alumni and Career Services, for her unwavering support of the Alumni Association. We have kept her incredibly busy this spring!

Allison Harter, LMSW (’09)
GCSW Alumni Association Board, President

GCSW Alumni, Faculty, Staff and Students celebrate a UH football victory at the Council on Social Work Education Conference

Jaime Parker accepts the Red Banner Award

GCSW Class of 1980 30 Year Reunion
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In Memoriam
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