



*Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work*

Opportunities to *give*

# Minority Scholarships

Respecting diversity is a core principle in social work education and practice. Supporting minority students to achieve a social work degree is the focus of this fund. Increasing the availability of scholarships for minority students will ensure that the next generation of Oklahoma social workers are as diverse as the populations they serve.



"My father served in the Marine Corps, so he is my inspiration to work with those who have fought for our country. I want to be the change that I want to see in the world and being a Social Worker, helping others, gives me that opportunity."

**Crystal Graves**

*Man Keung Ho Memorial  
Minority Scholarship Recipient*

# Nadine J. Roach Memorial Award for Outstanding Practicum Performance

The practicum experience is a key component of social work education and provides our students with high-quality, real-world training. Honoring outstanding practicum students is an important tradition in the School. Since 1982, funds from the Nadine Roach Memorial Award have allowed for the recognition of exemplary performance by our students in the field.

# *Commuting Student* Scholarships

Our array of flexible program options for working students allows many of our students to commute from rural Oklahoma to Norman or Tulsa to attend class. This commute adds additional educational expenses for these students, who expend a great deal of effort to complete their degrees. Many of these students live in rural areas and ultimately serve in communities with high needs and few social workers after graduation. Our support of them is vital to the future of the social work workforce in Oklahoma.

"I began as an advocate for my daughter, and now my passion has become my career. I hope to spread awareness and knowledge about mental illness and create a better world not only for my daughter, but everyone living with mental illness."

**Angel Henson**  
*Toops Memorial Scholarship  
for Commuting Students Recipient*



# *Heritage* Scholarships

Over eighty percent of our students rely on financial aid to cover the cost of their educations, with an average student loan debt of \$33,000. Increased scholarships, such as the Heritage Scholarship, are critical to reducing the student loan debt of our newest graduates. Social Workers provide services to vulnerable populations, often at salaries that do not easily reduce the burden of student debt.



## OUr state and OUr students need you!

For 100 years, the Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work has been dedicated to advancing relevant and high quality knowledge and values of social work practice useful in preparing competent social workers who can elevate the status of people, populations or communities that experience considerable vulnerability and injustice within Oklahoma and the broader society.

Oklahoma's needs are visible in multiple social indicators, whether they involve poverty, health disparities, the issues facing Native American, Latino/a, African American and sexual and gender minority communities, or the needs of elders, parents, children and families. The state as a whole stands at the lower tier of performance on almost all measures of health and well-being, and this indication of high relative need imbues the School with considerable responsibility.

The School has grown progressively over the past ten years, drawing more students from all regions of Oklahoma, as well as the south central and southwestern regions of the US. Over the past several years, the school has attracted a small but significant group of international students as well. The School remains committed to the preparation of students for social work practice in diverse contexts that span across urban and rural areas of the state.

Many students enrolled at the Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work balance work and family commitments while also pursuing their educations. **Eighty-percent of our students rely on financial aid to support their educational journeys; the average loan debt of our alumni is \$33,000.** Annually funded scholarships are a critical component of our financial aid.

For many of our students, challenging financial barriers can halt student progress toward their goals. However, you can be part of supporting their success. During our 100th year, you can help make a difference by championing social work students to achieve their educational dreams of serving others. Your contribution will ensure that scholarship support continues to be available for our students. You can help make a difference! Please complete the enclosed card and return it with your contribution today, or visit [socialwork.ou.edu/giving](https://socialwork.ou.edu/giving).

As Oklahoma's principal school of social work, faculty and students cannot ignore the press of these social indicators and the social forces that make Oklahoma a state requiring considerable social work involvement. Social workers play an integral role in addressing the needs just mentioned, along with assisting other vulnerable and underserved individuals in our state. It is critical that we support students who desire a career in social work.

**On behalf of our students and the school, we thank you for your generosity.**

**Julie Miller-Cribbs, PhD**

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