



The Social Buzz



School of Social Work

May 14- May 20, 2025

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

What a week we had last week! So many graduations, celebrations, and goodbyes. To those graduating this May, we have been so lucky to have you with us and wish you the best of luck as you move on to graduate school, a new job, or take some time to soak it all in. Don't forget about us and you will now be added to our alumni newsletter, and we hope you will come back and share all your wisdom, talent and passion with our current and future students.

For our continuing and new students, many of you only have a short break before you start summer classes. We will be with you along the way. The Buzz will come a bit less frequently but will keep you up to date on all that's happening over the summer and into the fall.

Many of our faculty and staff DO take some time off over the summer, so if we don't respond right away, be patient, we promise to make sure all your questions and concerns are answered. We also will have some transitions as we welcome new faculty and advisors as well as say goodbye to some of our faculty. Save the Date for Monday, August 18 for our Social Work Academic Year Kick-Off for a school-wide gathering to meet the faculty, your fellow students, have some food and get to learn more about succeeding at the School of Social Work.

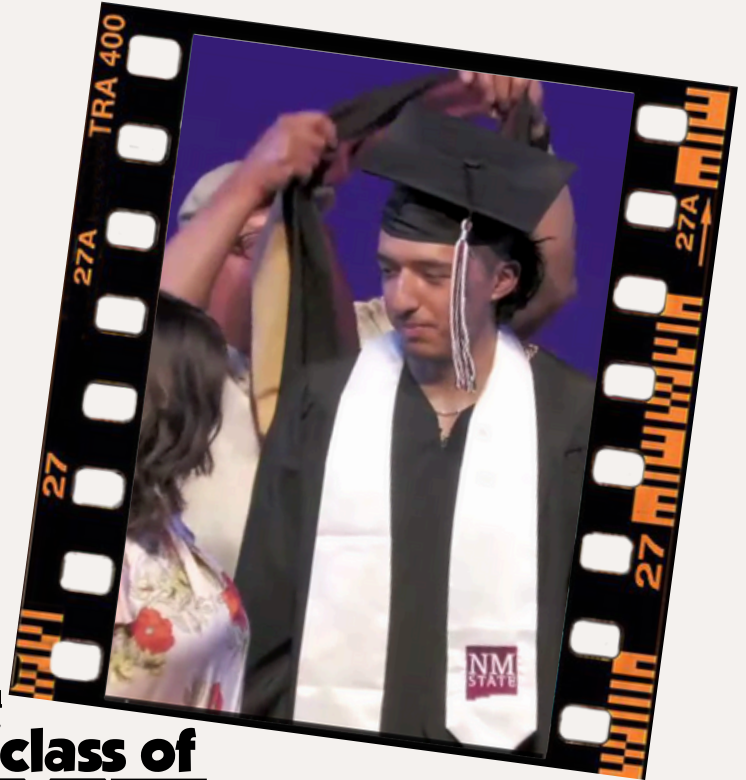
Thank you again to all of you for your wonderful camaraderie as I finish my first year as the Director of the NMSU School of Social Work. It has been such an honor to serve in this role and to learn and grow alongside all of you. No matter what is next, know the School of Social Work will be here ready to support you however we can.

Dr. Mary Nienow, Director

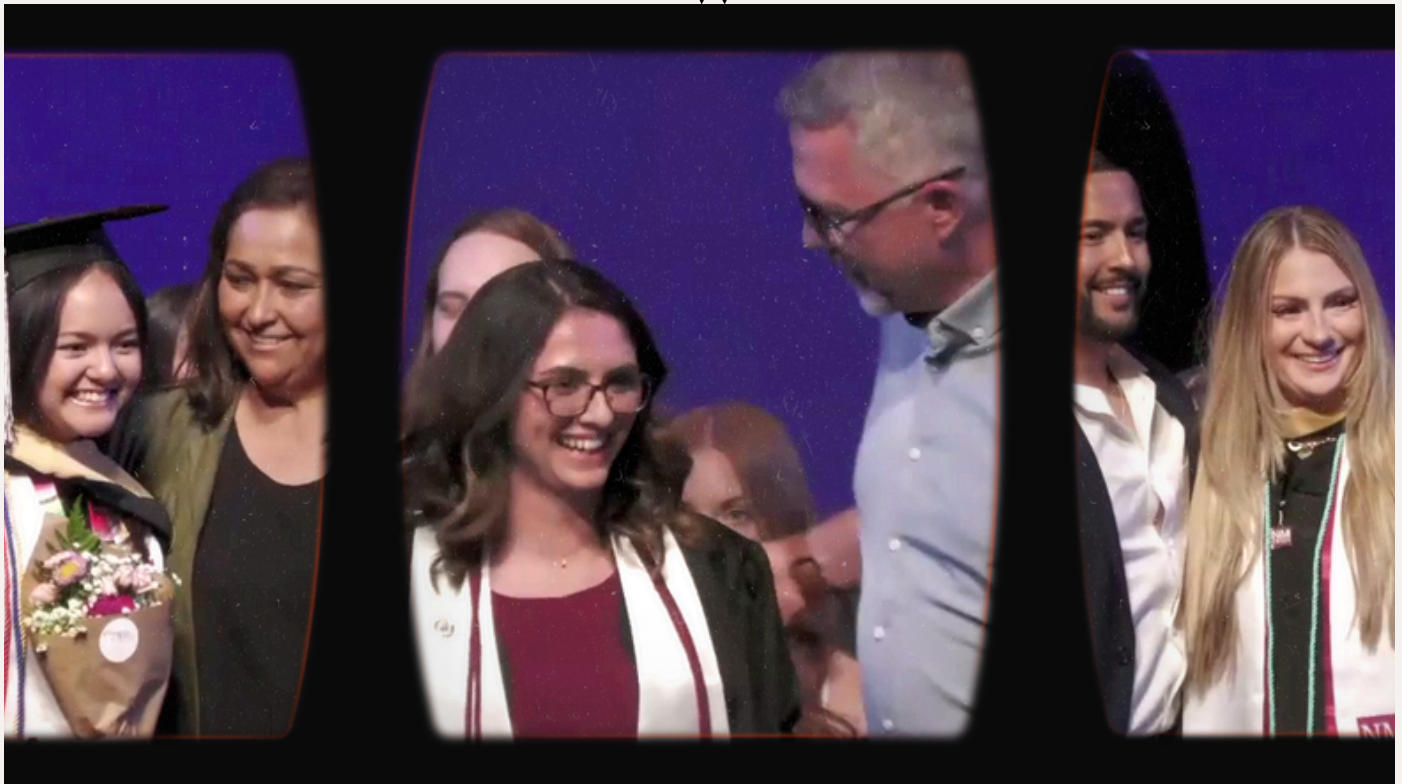




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SUMMER

Taking summer electives is a great way to reduce your workload during the academic year. This School Social Work Class is only offered in the Summer and is not available during the academic year.

Don't miss out!

29240 SWK 5996 U71 Special Topics: SW in and with Schools

This is a great course if you are going into a school social work practicum in the fall or are interested or curious about school social work. School social work is more focused than generalist practice, therefore this course is meant to provide foundational policy and practice skills impacting school social work and the provision of school-based non-academic supports broadly. While the focus will be on social work, we will cover issues of educational equity, school mental health, social-emotional learning, and behavior supports in a way that is accessible to all school-based professions. When you leave this course, you should have engaged in some critical thought about the ways in which schools address student social and behavioral needs as well as some concrete skills for assessment, intervention, and evaluation in these areas.

COURSE





School of Social work Summer 2025 Course Offering



Interested in Child Welfare?

Looking for an elective course option to take this summer?

- **SOWK 5996 Family and Child Welfare Practice (Trauma Informed Child Welfare Practice) with Special Populations**
 - (Asynchronous Online)
 - Main Campus (M72), CRN: 30254
 - NMSU Global (U72), CRN: 30255
- **SOWK 4996**
 - Main Campus (M71), CRN: 30252
 - NMSU Global (U71), CRN: 30253
 - Course Dates: 5/14/25 – 7/3/25
 - Instructor: Mónica Montoya
- Course Description: This course offers a critical examination of the occurrence and impact of trauma with special populations and client systems in the child welfare system. Students will develop an understanding of trauma and how it impacts the development and functioning of infants, children, adolescents, and adults.





**JUNE 10-11,
2025**

STUDENT OPPORTUNITY!

Dr. Finno-Velasquez is **seeking a motivated student** for a unique opportunity to attend and assist with **a statewide convening** for approximately 75 invitees on **June 10-11, 2025 in Albuquerque, NM**. We are especially in need of a student **with interest and/or experience in managing audio/visual equipment e.g., microphones, etc.**

- The event will be a full day on June 10th (approx. 9:30am – 5:00pm plus a 2 hr reception 5:00pm-7:00pm) and a half day (approx. 8:00am-2:00pm) on June 11th.
- This event will bring together **immigrant-serving organizations from across the state** to launch a statewide collaborative focused on building capacity, sharing resources, and developing strategic partnerships to enhance service quality for immigrant families throughout New Mexico.
- The event will feature various **panels and interactive sessions** on topics such navigating the current immigration landscape; sensitive locations, and organizational security; family preparedness and support; networking, and more. Students are welcome to attend convening panels and learning sessions.
- Students traveling from outside the Albuquerque area will receive **up to a \$400 stipend** to cover the cost of travel and accommodations. Food will be provided (breakfast snacks, lunch, and hors d'oeuvres on June 10th and breakfast, lunch, and snacks on June 11th).
- **Student responsibilities may include** assisting with attendee check-in, set up and break down, note-taking for panels and breakout sessions, assisting with managing audio/visual equipment, and other duties to support project staff.



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In next week's edition, we'll bring you:

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- Upcoming Events and Workshops
- Student and Faculty Features
- Useful Resources and Tips

Got something to share or a question to ask?

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We'd love to hear from you and feature your news in our next issue!

