



**CONGRATULATIONS
2019 SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES**

SANTANNA HERNANDEZ, LIIDLII KUE NATION, NWT

“I have recently accepted an offer at the Cummings School of Medicine for the Class of 2023. The skills I have learned in my Social Work Degree will help shape me into a more well-rounded Physician with a patient centered focus. Mahsi Cho!”



REBECCA DAVIES

“I am so grateful for my family, peers, and teachers for supporting me throughout this degree. I currently love my job as a Special Education Provider, and am looking forward to taking the time to explore what paths I can take in the future. Congratulations to all my fellow grads! We did it!”



CARLA LEUSCHEN

VICTORIA, BC

“I completed my MSW in the fall semester and opened my private practice business called "Strength in Heart Counselling"!



MARY KATHRYN BADESSO

VICTORIA, BC

“I am grateful for the education received and the people who have helped me along the way. I look forward to future opportunities for service and practice.”



EILEEN HOFMANN

“I want to extend my gratitude to my family for putting up with years of working on essays and readings, while I worked full time and tried to be a good mother and wife simultaneously. I acknowledge I failed as the maid however.

I am working in the field of Domestic Violence Prevention, and am currently involved in a process for streamlining court in Edmonton while giving victims a voice in a more immediate wrap-around service model.”



MANDY ZAPSHALA

VICTORIA, BC

"Congratulations to the graduating class of 2019! I am thrilled to be graduating from the University of Victoria with my BSW! Currently, I am working in the field as a Support and Education Coordinator with the Alzheimer Society of B.C. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with people living with dementia and their caregivers throughout the dementia journey."



CHANTALLE MONDOR OKOTOKS, AB

“My future plans in social work are to work with children and families.”



MACKENZIE GODLIEN

CALGARY, AB

"I look forward to starting my career in adoption social work at the beginning of this month. Supporting and advocating for children, youth and families in my community is my dream, so this beginning truly feels like it's meant to be. :)"



ARYN CLARKE

WHITEHORSE, YUKON

"I am thrilled to have finished my BSW and thankful for the challenges and opportunities that I have experienced and will continue to working in my role as a social worker with Family and Children's Services working in a pilot project in the Kwanlin Dun First Nation Community in the Yukon."



TOBIAS MACISAAC

METCHOSIN, BC

“I look forward to continuing to explore various avenues of social work in the future. Thank you, everyone, for your support during my UVic social work journey.”



SHONA MOCKFORD

VICTORIA, BC

“I’m happily finishing my BSW with the intention of working with men coming out of the prison system.”



COREY WEIN

“I will be pursuing suicide intervention work first and foremost, then moving on to prevention work in policy analysis and implementation, as well as program and tool development for the same purpose later on. Currently I am working in a psychiatric setting, with hopes of doing outreach later on.”



ASIA WILCOX

WEST VANCOUVER, BC

"I am originally from West Vancouver, and I have spent time in quite a few parts of the world over the years. For the last few years I have had the privilege of living on Coast Salish territory on Vancouver Island, studying social work at UVIC, and playing in the woods of BC. I look forward to continuing to hone my social work skills through engagement with the diverse field of social services."



Brandi Jeune, Campbell River, BC

“I grew up on the traditional lands of the Wei Wai Kum and We Wai Kai first nations bands in Campbell River, BC.

My future social work plans are to support and advocate for a world where all children and families are nurtured, valued, and safe.”



Rachel Friedrich

“I have been working with my local health authority for the past 6 years as a mental health and substance use outreach support worker in a rural and remote area. I have a strong passion for community work and advocating for those who struggle with addiction. I am open to and embrace change in my life and can see my career path leading me towards exploring and learning in multiple areas of the social work profession.”

