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# SJSU SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK NEWSLETTER

Welcome back Spartans! This monthly newsletter aims to provide information about upcoming events, opportunities, highlights, and news within our School of Social Work.

## Follow Us on Social Media

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We thrive to build a connection with our social work community. The best way to share resources, events, and highlighting our community is through social media!

Click the links below to view:



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# The Social Work Experience Podcast 2024

The Social Work Experience Podcast - Sponsored by  
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## Welcome Our Podcast Hosts



Luna Khahil  
She/They  
Full-Time On Campus



Maddy Western  
She/Her  
Online/Hybrid



Jessica Silva  
She/Her  
Full-Time On Campus



We are excited to announce the new season of **The Social Work Experience** podcast! Please welcome our new hosts: Luna Khahil, Maddy Western, and Jessica Silva!

On season 3, episode 1 of "The Social Work Experience". they delve into first-day jitters and the different ways to address self-care. It is available now on Spotify! The link is below.

[Podcast Link](#)

# The School of Social Work

## Orientation

Please welcome the new class of MSW students! We had an amazing time at orientation and were able to connect with our new community members.



*All of the photos are of incoming Online/Hybrid Students*

# The School of Social Work

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## Dr. Migdalia Reyes

After dedicating 30 years here at San Jose State, Dr. Migdalia Reyes will be stepping into retirement. Below is a small article about Dr. Reyes' journey and contribution to social work.




Dr. Migdalia Reyes grew up in the small mountain towns of Cayey and Cidra in Puerto Rico. From a young age, she was aware of a number of problematic situations (e.g., Puerto Rico being a colony of the USA, extreme class divisions between the rich and poor, and the draft, which led many Puerto Rican men, including her father, to be drafted and forced to fight in the Korea War, WWII, and later, in the Vietnam War). These, and several other forms of oppression, led her to develop political awareness and use herself consciously as an agent of social change. Stating when she was a young adult, she became involved in activism with different social movements. Some include fighting to decolonize Puerto Rico; union organizing in a rural area tobacco factory; doing community organizing on gang prevention with Puerto Rican and African American youth in Philadelphia; fighting against sterilization abuse of women of color, ending violence against women, and supporting LGBTQ+ rights.

In 1980, at 28, she became the Director of the Puerto Rican Studies Project and a professor at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work. In 1994, she joined the San Jose State University School of Social Work faculty. Aside from teaching, she served in numerous capacities, including being an Associate Dean when the school was a college, creating SW224, a social work practice course in Spanish, and being the chair of the Spanish Counseling Credential (now Proficiency). According to Dr. Reyes, her main passion during her tenure at SJSU-SSW has been mentoring students. As she steps down for retirement, she wants to remind all of the students in the BASW and MSW programs that this is a better world because of their contributions to clients/client systems and due to working for social justice.

# The School of Social Work

## On Campus Student Check In


There will be an on campus student check in with Dr. Jenn Price Wolf! Please come by if you have any questions, concerns, or guidance! The info for the Zoom is on the flyer below, but there will also be a link under the flyer directly to the Zoom meeting.

**ON CAMPUS** 

**STUDENT CHECK IN**

▶▶▶▶ DR. JENN PRICE WOLF ▶▶▶▶

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|                                     | SEPTEMBER, 26 2024        |                  |
|                                     | 🕒 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM 🕒     |                  |
| VIA ZOOM: <a href="#">Zoom Link</a> | Meeting ID: 886 6366 1166 | Passcode: 662430 |



CONTACT US : [SWGSA.STUDENT REP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SWGSA.STUDENT REP@GMAIL.COM)

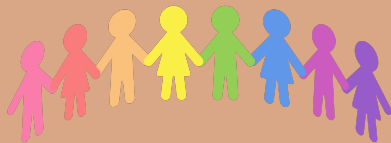
[On Campus Student Check in Zoom Link](#)

# Undergraduate Social Work Association (USWA)

## Meet & Greet

Our Undergraduate Social Work Association (USWA) is here to support all undergraduate social work students! Interested in joining? Scan the QR code or follow the link below. Their first event, USWA Meet & Greet will be on **Monday, Oct. 7th from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM!** Location TBD.

[Meet & Greet Link](#)



For any questions,  
email  
[uswasjsuofficers@  
gmail.com](mailto:uswasjsuofficers@gmail.com)

## USWA Meet & Greet

**MONDAY OCT 7TH  
6:00PM - 7:30PM**

- Meet BASW students
- Games, Raffles, and Food!
- Introduction to USWA
- Learn more about the School of Social Work



Follow our Instagram  
for updates!!

→ @USWASJSU



## JOIN THE USWA!

Interested in joining the USWA officers? Scan the QR code for more information!



### Available Positions:

- Merchandise Coordinator(s)
- Student Representative(s)
- Social Events Coordinator(s)
- Education & Empowerment Coordinator(s)
- Graduation Coordinator
- Social Media Officer
- Member Relations Officer

### USWA's mission is to:

- create a network among all SCWK students
- increase communications between students and faculty
- fundraise
- advocate for our fellow classmates



# Social Work Graduate Student Association (SWGSA)

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The Social Work Graduate Student Association (SWGSA) is a student organization created by and for MSW students at SJSU. SWGSA thrives to build connections and enact social change on every level as well as be a voice for the students.

## Meet the new SWGSA leaders



Wendy Siguenza  
President

Zitlaly Martinez  
Hernandez  
Vice President



Parneet Kaur  
Secretary



Victoria Sanchez  
Secretary



Giselle Silva  
Convocation  
Chair



Jamie Kang  
Treasurer



# Meet the new SWGSA leaders (cont.)



Jessica Silva  
Outreach  
Chair/Podcast Host



Lacey Luong  
Outreach Chair



Raymond Chung  
Education &  
Empowerment Chair



Gabrielle Laporte  
Social Justice Chair



Marissa Medina  
Social Justice Chair



Emilce Perez  
On-campus Student  
Rep. Chair



Thomas Arnold  
NASW Student Rep.  
Chair



Stephanie Rosa  
NASW Student Rep.  
Chair

## Meet the new SWGSA leaders (cont.)



Stormy Speirs  
Online/Hybrid  
Student Rep. Chair



Katrina Castellanos  
Online/Hybrid Student  
Rep. Chair



Luna Khahil  
Podcast Host



Maddy Western  
Podcast Chair

### **SWGSA leaders who recently joined:**

Daniel Galván - *Social Events Chair*

Gabriella Ceja - *On-Campus Student Rep. Chair*

### **SWGSA BOD Application**

SWGSA is still filling some chair/cohort rep. positions! If you are interested, please click the link below to fill out the application.

### **24-25 SWGSA BOD Application**

If you have any questions related to SWGSA, please email us at  
**[swgsa.president@gmail.com](mailto:swgsa.president@gmail.com)**

# Financial Aid Information

## **Basic Info That Determines Financial Aid Amount**

Determining financial aid awards can be defined as the difference between the **Cost of Attendance (COA)** and the **Student Aid Index (SAI)**.

### Cost of Attendance (COA)

- Colleges determine their estimated Cost of Attendance (COA)
- The budget includes tuition/fees, books & supplies, room & board, etc
- cost of attendance (COA) establishes a student's financial need
- sets the limit on the total aid that a student may receive

### Student Aid Index (SAI)

The Federal Student Aid determines the estimated Student Aid Index (SAI) of each student. The SAI is calculated according to a formula based on the information provided in a student's FAFSA.

- also used to determine grant eligibility. For example:

To be eligible for the 2024-25 State University Grant, the SAI **cannot** exceed \$5,000.

In addition to your SAI, the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office must also take into consideration any other financial/educational resources available to the student. These can include:

- Various fee waivers
- Scholarships
- Vocational rehabilitation benefits
- Foundation stipends, etc.

## Newsletter & Social Media Submissions

*Are you interested in being featured in the next newsletter or social media posting? Please fill out the interest form below. We would love to showcase individuals within our community!*

*Interest Form*