



**Dean's Message.** Welcome back to another calendar year with all the symbolism that the marking of the New Year brings. I am excited to welcome all of you back to campus for the start of the winter 2022 semester. For those of you joining SVSU for the first time, we are so excited to celebrate you becoming a part of our dynamic community. New Year is probably the most universally celebrated annual event globally. New Year's marks the end and the beginning. Common events across the world such as fireworks and celebrations. This is also the time of the year traditionally for resolutions that promise to do something differently in the new year. Most notable, when a person resolves to continue good practices, change undesired traits or behaviors, accomplish a personal goal, or otherwise improve their life. Regardless of what resolution you commit to, I hope you take time to reflect on who and what is important to you. Hopefully, your holiday gave you time to rest and refresh yourself for the start of a new semester. We all have much excited anticipation for what the New Year will bring. As the new semester begins, I am eager – as I know you are – to immerse myself in the important work ahead of us.

To our students I congratulate you on the decision to pursue a degree within the health professions, a choice that speaks volumes to who you are as a person and what you believe is important. We are drawn together by a common goal of wanting to help people. There are many different paths in life and sometimes yours seems like a roller coaster ride that is long, winding, with plenty of bumps along the way. All these paths will lead you to fulfilling your goals. You all have chosen a path that is crucial to our world right now. I hope this gives you a source of immense pride and inspiration, as it does for me. As we move forward together this semester, I want to thank you, in advance, for demonstrating to our community what it means to be leaders in health service as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Here is to a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

## SAVE THE DATE: Condoleezza Rice Keynote Address

Pre-recorded Fireside Chat with  
**DR. CONDOLEEZZA RICE**  
66th Secretary of State

**MLK Regional Celebration**  
Wednesday, Jan. 19 | 7 p.m. | Open to the public | Register at [svsu.edu/mlk](https://svsu.edu/mlk)

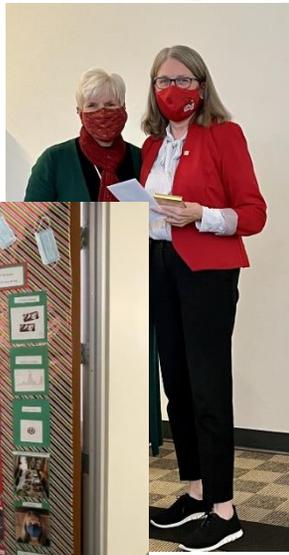
Former Foreign Affairs Advisor to the President, Condoleezza Rice, will be the keynote speaker for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Celebration, hosted by Saginaw Valley State University in collaboration with the Bay Area, Midland Area and Saginaw community foundations.

This event will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 7 p.m. This program has moved fully online. All audience members will be able to access the program virtually, and all previous reservations for in-person attendance will transition to the streamed presentation. To register, [click here](https://svsu.edu/mlk).

# Holiday Door Decorating Contest



1<sup>st</sup> Place – Sally Decker with her rendition of 12 days of Christmas – COVID-19 style



2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Beth Swiercz with her traditional Snoopy's Holiday



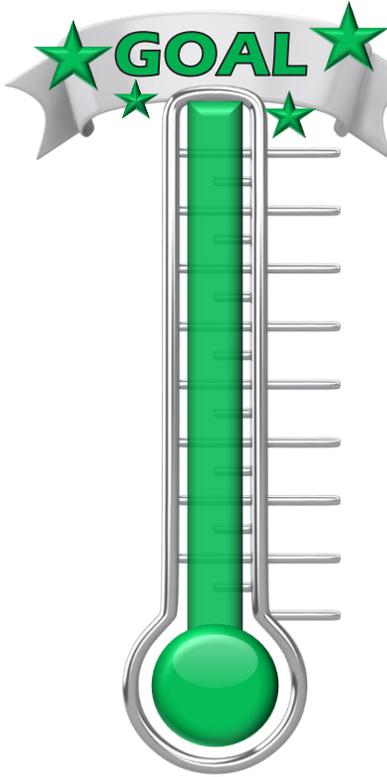
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Danielle Premo with her 3-D Christmas Tree



It was great to celebrate the holidays in person this year. We were grateful to have in-person events that allow us to share this special time of the year with our colleagues. Thanks to all that participated in the events leading up to the holidays. The first annual HHS door decorating contest yielded 11 entrants. They were all great and really shined the light on what the holidays are all about. At the HHS holiday luncheon, the winners were announced.

*NOTE: HHS received honorable mention for the Dean's Door Decorating contest. College of Education won overall.*

# Theme for Fundraising Campaign



As the college moves into the next decade, it is important to continue to develop strategies to grow. In addition to the more traditional support (e.g., scholarships, naming rights, etc. ), HHS would like to explore more integrative funding opportunities to support our interprofessional activities. A fundraising campaign without a ‘case for support’ is like a protest without a slogan. The goal was to create a message for HHS (and our supporters) to rally behind. In an effort to get input from faculty and staff, a contest was held to help develop HHS’s ‘case for support.’ Faculty and staff were asked to consider a ‘college-wide theme. Once the college received the individual suggestions, they were used to formulate overall themes. Ultimately there were 3 themes that were generated, among which faculty and staff could vote. Below are the three themes from which you are being asked to rank order.

- ✓ Explore new discoveries, technologies, and clinical innovations that transform the future of healthcare delivery.
- ✓ Your vision, our Future...let’s innovate together and achieve the unimaginable.
- ✓ Spark innovation and creativity in research, education, and discovery.

The voting was close, but the winner was *“Explore new discoveries, technologies, and clinical innovations that transform the future of healthcare delivery.”* There were three individuals whose contribution toward the theme received a prize. These were Marilyn Skrocki, Becca Toth, and Jaime Huffman. Congratulations! HHS will be working with the foundation to help fully develop the theme for 2022 fundraising campaign. Thank you to all those who participated in this initiative. More to come.

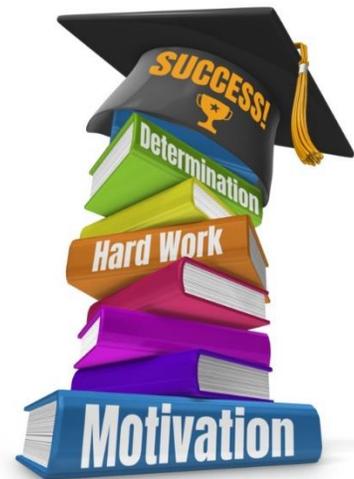
## SVSU Leadership Development Program



Ms. Norma Jimenez was among the first graduating class of SVSU’s first cohort of the Leadership Program. She recently completed the training institute that began in September. SVSU faculty and staff seeking leadership development were able to explore, expand, and deepen their personal and professional leadership skills. If you are interested in the Leadership Program, please keep your eyes open for future opportunities.

# Fall 2021 Commencements

In December, commencement was held for our graduates. We would like to congratulate all our HHS graduates for reaching this important milestone. I would like to begin by thanking all families and friends of our graduates. Nobody makes it to graduation alone and their support is immeasurable. I would also like to thank all of the staff who have worked tirelessly to help students get to this point. Lastly, I would like to thank the faculty, who have served not just as educators but also as mentors and soon to be colleagues. This is a time for all of us to celebrate and honor their accomplishments. College is challenging, even during the best of times. The progress our graduates made and success they have earned during a global pandemic is nothing short of amazing. I am so impressed by the effort, resilience, persistence, and commitment they have shown in their journey toward graduation. Although the path has been tough, the skills developed will serve them well as they venture out into their chosen field.



During the symposium (pinning ceremony) for the BSN students and the hooding ceremony for our graduate students, I shared the following words of wisdom that I have learned over my 44 years in business, healthcare, and academia.

1. Stay positive. Martin Luther King, Jr said, “We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope.” Success comes to those who learn to step back, dust themselves off, and try again.
2. Practice Resilience. When faced with setbacks and disappointments, find a strategy that will cushion the blow and allow you to bounce back.
3. Keep dreaming. Your only limitation is your imagination. Look at every single day as an opportunity for you to start fresh. Take change in stride and be your authentic self. The idea is to keep moving forward.
4. Understand that you do not know everything and that is okay. The world is a very demanding place. It's fast pace, rapidly changing, and there's always something new chasing down the path of the old. Don't be afraid to admit you don't know something, or even that you have made a mistake. Winston Churchill once said, “success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm.”
5. Lastly, find ways to give back to others. You have so much to give! Make room for others, smooth their paths, and welcome them into your personal and professional networks. Aristotle said over 2300 years ago, “what is the essence of life? It is to serve others and to do good.”

The definition of ‘commencement’ very simply is “the beginning or start.” A quote from Abraham Lincoln says it all, “the best way to predict your future is to create it.” On behalf of the SVSU administration, faculty, and staff, we congratulate all graduates on their incredible success and the bright futures.



## Fall 2021 Commencements (Cont.)

December 2021 marked the first time SVSU held three ceremonies and supported not only those who were scheduled to graduate in December, but also inviting back graduates from 2020 who were unable to attend an in-person ceremony. In addition to the traditional ceremonies, HHS holds two special ceremonies. One for the BSN students and a graduation recognition ceremony. This is time for our students, with the support of family and friends, to celebrate the dream achieved and all that it took to achieve that dream. Walking across the stage at commencement with faculty, staff, family, and friends cheering in the background marks a significant milestone in life. That moment gives graduates an opportunity to commemorate all they've learned and accomplished. While life is busy, and often tempting to quickly move on after all the Pomp and Circumstance fades, graduates should take time to savor their success. The Class of 2021 (and previously 2020) has demonstrated such focus, perseverance, and strength throughout the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Below provides some information and photos from each ceremony.

### **BSN SYMPOSIUM (December 16, 2021, 6:00pm)**

The Fall 2021 Health and Human Services BSN Symposium took place in the Ryder Center. Congratulations go out to our graduates during this unique and special ceremony specific to those receiving their bachelor's degree in nursing. This ceremony is a symbol of the nursing students' hard work and dedication towards their coursework and clinicals. It is an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishment of becoming a nurse with family, friends, faculty, and staff. This marks their transition from student to nurse, and the first time the nursing graduate enters the nursing community with its rich and proud history. As the students walked across the stage, they were pinned by a member of the SVSU nursing department, or a chosen family or friend who was a nurse.

This year's keynote was provided by Dr. Sally Decker, who spoke about the power of hope. The keynote was very moving and provided the new graduates with 'hope' for the future as they start the next chapter of their lives.



Dr. Sally Decker, Presenting Keynote  
on Power of Hope to BSN students

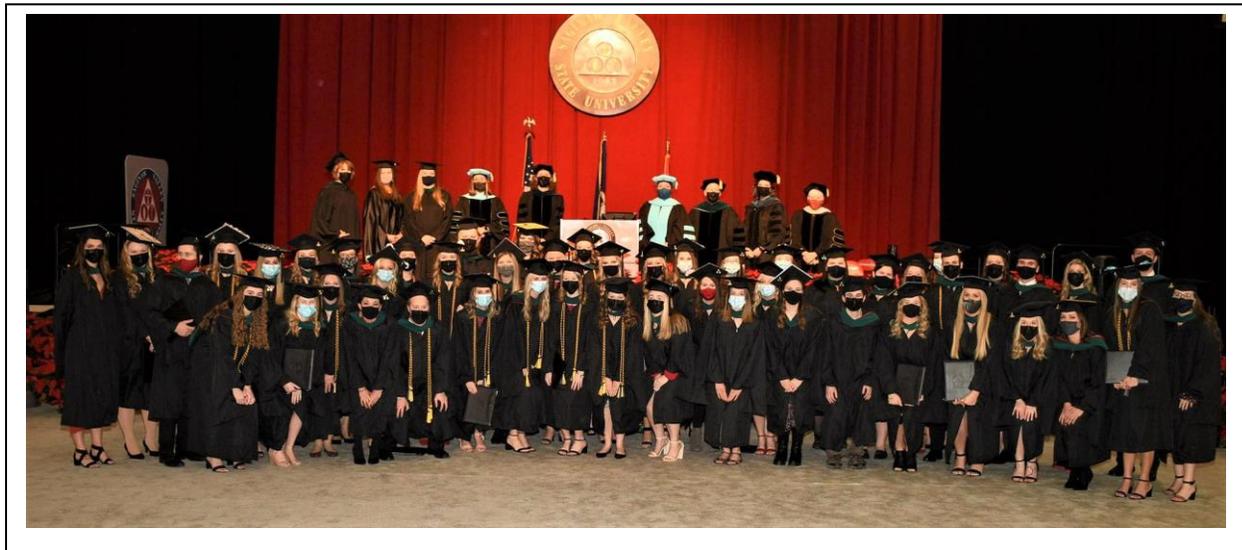
## Fall 2021 Commencements (Cont.)

### HHS Graduate Recognition and Hooding Ceremony (December 17, 2021, 8:30am)

The Fall 2021 Health and Human Services Graduate Recognition and Hooding Ceremony took place in the Ryder Center. At this ceremony, HHS graduate students are recognized through a special hooding ceremony. This special ceremony is one of the oldest and most colorful customs that links 21st century education with its origins. The academic apparel that contemporary scholars wear dates to medieval times and the rise of universities. Medieval scholars dressed in gowns, caps, and hoods to distinguish themselves as belonging to the Guild of Academics. The hoods are the most expressive component of the academic costume. They serve to communicate the graduate's school, degree, and field of study through their length and the colors of the lining and binding. The tradition of special academic dress entered the USA in the 1880's.

- ✓ The hoods for all degrees are lined with silk of the colors of the academic institution conferring the degree (Cardinal Red and Royal Blue).
- ✓ The edging or trim of the hood is a wide velvet band, the color of which indicates the academic field of study. (Apricot for Nursing and Gold for Occupational Therapy).
- ✓ The doctoral hood differs from the master hoods as they are longer, have a wider velvet edging, and expose more of the silk lining.
- ✓ The gowns themselves are also different. The sleeves of the master's gown are oblong with the base being square cut forming a pocket-like space. The doctoral has velvet trimming down the front and three bars of velvet across the sleeves which can be either black/gold as in my case, or the color of the degree.

The Hooding Ceremony is a very special recognition ceremony for masters or doctoral degree candidates. During the ceremony, a faculty, advisor, or mentor places the hood over the head of the graduate, signifying their success in completing the graduate program. Their presence and participation remind us that the complex journey to an advanced degree is made possible only with continued encouragement, guidance, and support of those individuals.



# DECEMBER 2021 COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATIONS

## Fall 2021 HHS Commencement (December 17, 2021, 12:30pm and 4:00pm)

This year's commencement activities were conducted in-person in the Ryder Center. In keeping with COVID-19 restrictions, the university split the ceremony into two. The 12:30pm celebrated the graduates of the Colleges of Education; Arts and Behavioral Sciences; and Science, Engineering and Math. The 4:00pm ceremony celebrated the graduates from the Colleges of Business, and Health and Human Services. HHS doctoral graduates were hooded by Provost Deborah Huntley and Dean Marcia Ditmyer.



# DECEMBER 2021 COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATIONS

## Class of 2020 SVSU Commencement (December 18, 2021, 11:00am)

As previously mentioned, this year's commencement activities were conducted in-person in the Ryder Center. Because many of the class of 2020 were unable to have an in-person graduation, SVSU elected to host a 3<sup>rd</sup> graduation ceremony for any 2020 graduate. The ceremony celebrated graduates from all the colleges. The ceremony included over 150 graduates from the class of 2020. While it had been a year, the excitement in the Ryder Center was still very electrifying as you could see the proud look of accomplishment on the faces of the graduates as they crossed the stage.



# A Warm Welcome to HHS

We are very excited to welcome some new faculty and staff to SVSU. Joining our Nursing Department is Carol Essenmacher. Joining our Social Work Department are Ashley Sanders and Rebecca Salvner. Joining the Health Sciences department as the Director of Medical Lab Science is Margot Alvey. See below for brief highlights. Please take time to introduce yourself to these new members of our family when you see them. We are so pleased to have them join us.

*Carol Essenmacher, Assistant Professor, Department of Nursing*



Carol completed her BSN in 2001, and a PMH (Psychiatric Mental Health) MSN in 2007. She finished her DNP in 2014 at Madonna University in Livonia, Michigan. Most recently, Carol served in the role of Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor and Track Coordinator of the PMHNP program at Indiana University (IU PUI in Indianapolis). Most of her career was dedicated to clinical practice in psychiatric nursing at the Battle Creek VA Hospital. She also served as adjunct faculty for undergraduate nurses at Grand Valley State University for three years.

Due to her extensive clinical practice background, she has also been a frequent guest lecturer on topics such as addictions treatment, specifically tobacco dependence), caring for Veterans, PTSD treatment, and psychiatric staff nurse professional development. She is a subject matter expert in Motivational Interviewing (MI) and developed a three-hour continuing educational session available to all nurses regardless of membership. As an active with the American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA), Carol currently leading a task force who recently completed the development of nursing competencies for treating tobacco use and dependency. She has 2 adult children and 3 granddaughters. She enjoys flower and herb gardening and recently moved from Michigan to Noblesville, IN. She will be moving back to Michigan this spring/summer.

We are excited to welcome Carol to SVSU HHS!

## A Warm Welcome to HHS, (Cont.)

*Margot Alvey, Assistant Professor and Director of Medical Lab Science Program*



Margot graduated from SVSU with a B.S. in Medical Technology and Biology in 2010. She received her MLS certification following her internship in 2011 at William Beaumont School of Medical Technology. She has worked as a chemistry educator and blood bank technologist at Covenant HealthCare in Saginaw, MI. In 2013, Margot became a generalist Medical Technologist at the Saginaw VA Medical Center, where she later advanced as the Lead Medical Technologist for Hematology, Coagulation, and Urinalysis, gaining expertise in areas such as hematological cell morphology evaluation.

Margot has also been teaching as an adjunct professor at SVSU in the MLS program since 2013. Margot received her M.S. in Health Administration and Leadership from SVSU in 2017. Her capstone project, *"Integration of Interprofessional Education Collaborative Core Competencies into Undergraduate Health Professions Education,"* investigated health professions students', particularly MLS and nursing, perceptions of one another's professional roles and values using a simulation-based activity. Margot's passion for interprofessional education coincides with her passion for teaching, and she hopes to pursue this area more in research and practice in the future. Margot also has two sons, 4-year old Jayce, and 1-year old Brady, who make her absolutely crazy and crazy-happy daily. Margot enjoys camping, running, reading, and spending time with her children, cat, dog, and husband.

We are excited to welcome Margot to SVSU HHS.

## A Warm Welcome to HHS, (Cont.)

*Ashley Sanders, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work*



Ashley A. Sanders has joined SVSU as an Assistant Professor of Social Work. She is a veteran and from the local area. Sanders obtained an Associate in Science from Carl Sandburg College and two bachelors from Saginaw Valley State University: Bachelor of Social Work and a Bachelor of Arts with a minor in Communications. She has a master's in Social Work and a Certificate in School Social Work from Michigan State University and currently pursuing her doctorate in Education in Community Care and Counseling. Sanders is a Licensed Social Worker and worked as a Clinical Social Worker for the State of Michigan within the prison system, was a medical social worker for home health care, and volunteered as an assistant director for a community depot.

We are excited to welcome Ashley to SVSU HHS!

*Rebecca Salvner, Social Work Field Education Coordinator*



Rebecca comes to us from Bay City working in area of child welfare for the last twenty-one years for local nonprofit agencies. For the past eight years Rebecca has been a program manager overseeing adoption supervisors and their staff in three offices across Michigan.

Rebecca is a licensed social worker who earned a Bachelor of Social Work from Saginaw Valley State University, and her master's degree in Social Work from Wayne State University.

Rebecca, and her husband Andrew, live in Saginaw with their daughter Riley who is a freshman in high school. They also share their home with two cats, Quinn and Cooper. In her free time Rebecca enjoys reading, camping, and is currently learning how to knit.

We are excited to welcome Rebecca to SVSU HHS!

## Nursing Department Research Forum

On December 7th, 2021, Theta Chi, the SVSU Chapter of the Nurses Honor Society, and the Nursing Department at SVSU, held a Nursing Research Forum in Gilbertson Hall 202. Nursing faculty, staff, students, friends, Theta Chi members, and area nurses were invited to attend this continuing education program that offered one contact hour for re-licensure. There were three presenters:



- ✓ Ashley Howe, RN and MSN Student, presenting her group MSN field study entitled "Food Insecurity in the Era of COVID-19". Dr. Beth Roe was her Chairperson.
- ✓ Marissa Palmer, RN, DNP, presented her DNP project entitled "Reducing Hospital Associated C-Diff Rates". Dr. Jaime Huffman was her Chairperson.
- ✓ Patrick Beasley, RN, DNP, presented his DNP project entitled "Improving Patient and Organizational Outcomes Through the Implementation of a Mobility Program for Open-Heart Surgery Patients". Dr. Beth Roe was his Chairperson.

## Social Work Community Engagement Project

Fall semester was an opportunity for MSW social work students to experience firsthand the challenges and benefits of community engagement. Enrolled in the elective "Photovoice for Marginalized Communities," these 10 students collaborated with the Saginaw County Prevention Coalition on a project designed to increase awareness of substance use among area teens. Funded by an SVSU Dow Professor Grant, the course introduced students to the theory and methods of Photovoice, a form of qualitative research in which subjects who are part of a vulnerable or marginalized population are asked to take photos and write narratives that represent their lived experiences.

Seven young people met with SVSU students three separate times in the university's newest downtown Riverside Center space. Through a series of icebreakers, photography skills training from an SVSU Art student, and some one-on-one sharing about their risk for substance use and abuse, the youth and students worked collaboratively to plan, market, and host a community art exhibit featuring photographs the youth took of their lived experiences. The exhibit was held on December 14 at the Success Academy in Saginaw. The partnership was not always easy. One student, for example, noted the challenge of engaging with middle school youth. She said, "I was nervous about working with youth at first. I normally feel more comfortable with people who are the same age or older than me, and tween and teens are usually the hardest for me to connect with."

## Social Work Community Engagement Project (Cont.)

By the end of the project, however, students were able to envision the benefits of true community engagement. A student noted how the experience had the potential to make a difference in the lives of the youth: "Although the community may have a prominent substance use issue, the youth we were working with were able to identify outlets to help them stay away from substances." A third student recognized the gain such projects have on the community as a whole: "Youth don't have a lot of opportunities to have their voice heard by community leaders. It was also beneficial to the community because it shed light on issues that should be important to its residents." Written by: Mark Giesler

Pictures from the Photovoice for Marginalized Communities event.



## Staff Highlight



Adrienne A Galbraith  
Nursing Simulation Educator  
Department of Nursing

Adrienne Galbraith is a Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator in the Nursing Simulation Center. She has been involved in simulation education for the past 12 years. In her role, she has worked to develop, implement, and evaluate simulation experiences to include numerous interprofessional simulations within our College.

Due to her efforts, in collaboration with Mike Mosher from SVSU Art Department and Jennifer Feeney and Michelle Claypool from nursing, was awarded an SVSU Foundation Resource Grant for an interprofessional project. The goal of this project is to expand interprofessional education beyond health professions through collaboration between the nursing and art departments, while assisting in creating a psychologically safe learning environment in the Nursing Simulation Center.

A mural will be designed by SVSU art students and will be installed at the entrance of the nursing labs with The Basic Assumptions™ statement. "We believe that everyone participating in activities at SVSU is intelligent, capable, cares about doing their best, and wants to improve," will be displayed on the entrance walls to the simulation labs. This project has been selected as an awardee for a Fall 2021 Foundation Resource Grant.

We look forward to the results of this collaboration!

## Student Highlight



Vaneta Lindsey  
Social Work

Vaneta Lindsey is a senior social work scholar from Saginaw, Michigan. She is the proud mother of Dy'Min Cannon and Dy'Terres Lindsey. Her daughter, Dy'Min, has graduated with her Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism and now working CNN in Atlanta, GA. Her son Dy'Terres, is obtaining his degree in physical therapy at Florida A&M University.

Here children are her motivation! From the very beginning, Vaneta has enjoyed every moment of college life, including the interactions with her classmates, staff, and professors. Her ultimate goal is to graduate in May with my BSW and work her way within her community to help adolescents. She wants to use her voice and be the advocate for whomever comes across her path. We congratulate Vaneta for having entered a profession that will allow her to make such a difference in our community.

## Student Highlight, (Cont.)



Madelene Cifrulak  
Nursing

Madelene is a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship at SVSU and was a Freshman Direct Admit into the nursing program. Madelene was selected for the Roberts Fellowship Program, a distinguished leadership program that included weekly seminar discussions about aspects and issues related to global and intercultural leadership. During her time in this program, she conducted a community service group project, partnering with the Midland sector of the Children's Grief Center of the Great Lakes Bay Region. This project consisted of a gardening day at the center's new location where the kids planted flowers and painted rocks dedicated to their lost persons. Her group also spearheaded a campaign on SVSU's campus that raised awareness of the Grief Center and college group sessions. The project also included a letter of support on behalf of the Roberts Fellows for the Grief Center to receive the money raised for the Battle of the Valleys. The Grief Center was the recipient of the \$41,000 raised by SVSU.

Madelene's honor's thesis was "A Comparison of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Western Medicine and Related Health Behaviors". She will present her thesis study findings at the Midwest Nursing Research Society Conference in Chicago at the end of March in 2022. Upon graduation, Madelene would like to work in the Intensive Care Unit before going to Graduate School to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

"After being a member of the Honors Program and working through my thesis, I can with good conscience say that it has been a worthy, challenging, and rewarding experience that has prepared me well for graduate school and further research opportunities. I hope to continue my education and research in a Nurse Anesthesia Program within the coming years." Madelene



# SCHOLARSHIP

## Publications:

1. Djarv T, Douma M, Palmieri T, Meyran D, Berry D, Kloeck D, et al. Duration of cooling with water for thermal burns as a first aid intervention: A systematic review. *Burns*. 2021. [doi.org/10.1016/j.burns.2021.10.007](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.burns.2021.10.007)
2. Giesler, M. (2021). Perceptions of the public library social worker: Challenges and opportunities. *Library Quarterly: Information, Community, Policy*. 91(4), 402-419.
3. Pashak, T. J., & Heron, M. R. (In Review). Build Rapport and Collect Data: A Teaching Resource on the Clinical Interviewing Intake. *Discover Psychology*.

## Conference Presentations

1. Freddolino, P., Sun, F, Kim, H, Macomber, C., Wishart, D., & Godek, E. (2021). Developing older adults' desire to learn about technology: The role of relationships. Co-Presenter—Poster Session—Aging and Health Informatics Conference—December 2021
2. Giesler, M. (January 2021). *Conducting ethical, valid, and reliable ethnographic research: A case study*. Ft. Lauderdale, FL: The Qualitative Report 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (virtual).
3. Giesler, M. (April 2021). *Where social work meets the public library: Three Michigan-specific examples*. Lansing, MI: NASW-MI Annual Conference (virtual).
4. Giesler, M. (June 2021). *Social work interns in public libraries: An exploratory study*. Las Vegas, NV: Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Conference (virtual).
5. Giesler, M. (July 2021). *Where rural meets urban: A virtual immersion experience for beginning MSW students*. California PA: 46<sup>th</sup> National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas (virtual).
6. Giesler, M. (November 2021). *Photovoice for MSW students: An experience in privilege and oppression*. Orlando, FL: Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting.
7. Giesler, M. (November 2021). *Top 5 things social workers need to know about culturally sensitive LGBT practice*. Cass City, MI: Thumb Area Psychological Services (virtual) (Invited).
8. Johnson, S., Paauw, M., & Giesler, M. (November 2021). *Field experiences of social work students in public libraries*. Orlando, FL: Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting.
9. Macomber, C. (2021). Working with Older Adults: Interprofessional Ethical Issues. Lead Presenter—Workshop—Mental Health & Aging Project Fall Conference—September 2021—Invited Presentation
10. Macomber, C. (2021). Ethical Decision Making. Lead Presenter—Workshop—Edison Electric Institute: Occupational Safety & Health Committee—October 2021
11. Macomber, C. (2021). Recognizing Dementia at Home. Lead Presenter—Workshop—Mary Keane Foundation for Geriatrics Excellence—November 2021
12. Macomber, C., Fike, C., & Brooks-Herd, V. Antiracism in the BSW Curriculum—Culture to Classroom: A Work in Progress. Lead Presenter—Workshop—Council on Social Work Education—November 2021
13. Macomber, C., Schachman, K., & Mitchell, M. (2022). The GRACE Project: Gaining Recovery in Addiction for Community Elders. Lead Presenter—Workshop—2022 On Aging Conference—April 2022
14. Muchimba M, Zyambo C. Characteristics and Sexual Risk Behavior of Men Who Never Tested for HIV in Zambia. *American Journal of Men's Health*. November 2021. [doi.org/10.1177/15579883211063343](https://doi.org/10.1177/15579883211063343).

### Grants:

1. Saginaw Valley State University, May 2021-May 2022 *Faculty Research Grant*. A \$1,030 award to complete a research study entitled, *A Survey of Field Instructor Supervisors of Social Work Interns Placed in Public Libraries*
2. Saginaw Valley State University, May 2020-December 2021. *SVSU Center for Academic Innovation (CAI) Grant*. A \$2,000 award to offer an elective in the MSW program entitled, *Bringing Photovoice to SVSU: Social Work-Art Department Collaborative*

## Conversation with the Dean

The winter started with many challenges. We will continue to monitor and provide updates as they become available. During the winter semester, Dean Ditmyer will continue to meet with the Administrative Professionals on a regular basis. In addition, there will be monthly meetings with faculty. Each month there will be 2 opportunities to join in the conversation (morning and early evening). Please keep an eye out for the email invitations. These will be less formal and allow for sufficient Q&A time. Lastly, the dean will continue to schedule a couple of sessions during the winter semester, similar to those held in the fall 2021 semester. Please keep an eye out for the email invitation. These will continue to be remotely until such time as it is deemed safe to hold them in-person.



## Upcoming Events

The following events have been scheduled for January and February 2022.

### JANUARY 2022

- 14 Winter Last Day to Withdraw with a 100% Refund
- 19 M.L.K. Celebration ([Click here for more details](#))
- 21 Winter Last Day to Withdraw with a 75% Refund and ""W"" Grade
- 22 Cardinal College Day ([Click here for more details](#))
- 28 Winter Last Day to Withdraw with a 50% Refund and ""W"" Grade

### FEBRUARY 2022

- 4 Winter Last Day to Withdraw with a 25% Refund and ""W"" Grade
- 9 Music Majors in Recital
- 12 Rhea Miller Concert - So Percussion
- 23-27 Silent Sky Performance (Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts)  
([Click here for full schedule](#))

## Well Wishes

It is always sad to see a member of our family leave us. Below are two who are leaving us within the next month. We appreciate their service to HHS and wish them both the best.



Amy Zastrow has accepted a position within the Scholarships and Financial Aid office. Amy has been with our college in the Dean's office for the past 5 years and we will truly miss her.

Kim Johnson, Field Education Coordinator for the MSW program is retiring effective February 4, 2022. We wish her the best in the next chapter of her life.

