

Carver School News

Facilitating progressive change

Celebrating Dr. Darlene Eastridge

Charter faculty member of the Carver School at CU, Dr. Eastridge leaves a legacy.



Carver School celebrated the retirement of Dr. Darlene Eastridge on May 5, 2022. Dr. Eastridge has been with Carver School since the beginning here at Campbellsville University. She has been instrumental in the development of both the BSW and MSW programs. She has served as a Social Worker for 29 years. She will be greatly missed by all, but we congratulate and celebrate with her as she retires.

Acknowledgment of a Job Well Done

Class of 2022 Carver School of Social Work Pinning Ceremony, May 2022.



Complete album of Carver School BSW and MSW pinning photos can be downloaded at <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjzXfXK>

The Dean's List

All three deans of the Carver School: Dr. Darlene Eastridge, Founding Dean; followed by Dr. Helen Mudd, Dean from 2016-2022 and Dr. Michelle Tucker, who was officially named Dean of the Carver School in June of 2022.



The Zareyah N. Sartin Award

Presentation by Dr. Renee Sartin

Based on the tragic loss of her son, Michael, Dr. Sartin has started a non-profit organization entitled “A Call to Action: Grief to Growth”. Through this effort, Dr. Sartin strives to help others who have experienced loss due to gun violence to turn their grief into an opportunity for growth. Dr. Sartin states:



(l-r) Zareyah N. Sartin, Jalene Bene

“My family and I began this journey when our son Michael was murdered in September 2020. We believe if we share our story and talk about how we and others can heal from our grieving it will allow those suffering to process what they are feeling and seek help if needed.”

In memory of her son and in honor of his daughter, Dr. Sartin has established “The Zareyah N. Sartin Award”. This honor will be presented to a Person of Color (POC) BSW graduate and a Person of Color (POC) MSW graduate who has achieved educational success while overcoming life changing challenges during their time as a social work student in the Carver School. Each award recipient will receive a check for \$150.00 at the Carver School Pinning Ceremony held prior to graduation each spring, starting in May 2022. The first recipient of this scholarship awarded for May 2022 was Jalene Bene. Congratulations Jalene.

Carver School goes to Washington, D.C.

By Dr. Helen Mudd



In an increasingly globalized world, competent social work practice cannot occur without understanding the global dimensions of various social problems. Social workers play a key role in addressing such social problems and challenges, nationally and internationally.

Experiential learning and traveling with students are ways the Carver School helps students develop a global perspective and an appreciation for serving others. In April 2022, Dr. Kimberly Mudd-Fegett, Dr. Helen Mudd, and Dr. DeNika VanCleave traveled to Washington DC on an experiential learning/service trip with a group of 15 Carver School of Social

Work graduate and undergraduate students. Students from Main

(Washington, D.C. cont.) Campus, Harrodsburg, Louisville, and Online programs participated. Students traveled to D.C. from five different states to join the Kentucky group. While in

“What a wonderful experience! I immediately felt a connection to this group. My previous university did not serve together as the Carver School does.”

Washington DC, faculty and students served at The Christ House and at the Michelle Obama Food Pantry. The Christ House specializes in meeting the medical needs of homeless males in the Washington DC area. Dr. Mudd-Fegett and students served meals, organized clothing and living areas, cleaned and painted. This opportunity afforded students the opportunity to interact with the residents one on one during their service.

"The Washington D.C trip helped me think about different ways I can take in the information I learn and how I can use that information in my practice as a social worker."

Dr. Mudd, Dr. VanCleave and students volunteered at the Michelle Obama's Food Pantry organizing and packing food bags. Each month food pantry provide nutritious groceries, including fresh fruits, vegetable, and meats to more than 8,400 clients living near the federal poverty line. Working at the pantry afforded students to learn about the extensive need for food in the Washington DC area where 324,000 households experience food insecurity. While in Washington DC the group toured the Holocaust Museum, African American Museum, 911 Memorial at the Pentagon, National Archives Building, Arlington Cemetery and walking tour of the White House and Monuments in the National Mall area. Students enjoyed free time in the evening where they were allowed to explore/visit shopping areas.

"To visit the African American Museum was a dream of mine. The Carver School helped me achieve that dream. This experience has been life changing."

C.U. Students and Faculty travel to serve.

Texas/Mexico Border March 2022



In March, 2022, the Carver School and the Campbellsville Theology Department joined together to send two professors and sixteen students to the Texas/Mexico Border to work with Buckner International Border Ministries. Buckner International transforms the lives of vulnerable children, enriches the lives of senior adults, and builds strong families through Christ-centered values. Serving with Buckner was a life changing experience. The days of service in the Rio Grande Valley were filled with laughter, love, new

experiences and perhaps a few tears. Watch for notices of our upcoming service/experiential learning trips. When students and faculty travel and serve together it is indeed a life changing experience.

Reflections on the Southern Border

This week has been one of the most eye-opening and rewarding weeks in my social work career. I took a trip with the Campbellsville University Carver-School Social-Work to the Texas/Mexico border to work with children and families who have immigrated to the US. We participated in children ministry at a mission church, volunteered at McAllen Catholic Charities Humanitarian Respite Center Awareness, painted a house with Buckner Rio Grande Valley, and assembled senior food boxes for Food Bank RGV INC

I have experienced every emotion with tears of both sorrow and gladness. I have seen what is real, and I have had deep conversations on the topic of immigration and humanitarian relief. Above all else, I have a deeper understanding of what my students and families may have gone through when they immigrated to the US for a better and safer life.

Please pray for the people of Penitas, TX, the people of the Rio Grande Valley, and all those who are crossing the border to seek safety and refuge in the US.

*Sincerely,
Amanda Bar Hirtz (MSW, 22)*

Children's Advocacy Centers Honor 2022 Legendary Partners



On Monday, March 14th at noon in the Capitol Rotunda, the Children's Advocacy Centers of Kentucky honored the 2022 Legendary Partners, seventeen individuals and organizations from across Kentucky who have made a difference in the lives of child victims of abuse in their communities. Governor Andy Beshear provided the opening remarks and presented the awards. Honorees were also capped by CAC Kentucky Executive Director Caroline Ruschell, recognizing that these partners' actions have made them superheroes to those around them. CU's own Dr. Kimberly Mudd-Fegett was among this year's honorees.

Our child victims and their families benefit from the collaboration of multidisciplinary teams working to investigate and prosecute child abuse cases while also helping children heal from their trauma. CACs are thankful for these important partnerships and take time each year to celebrate just a few of the partners who have made a tremendous impact in their community.