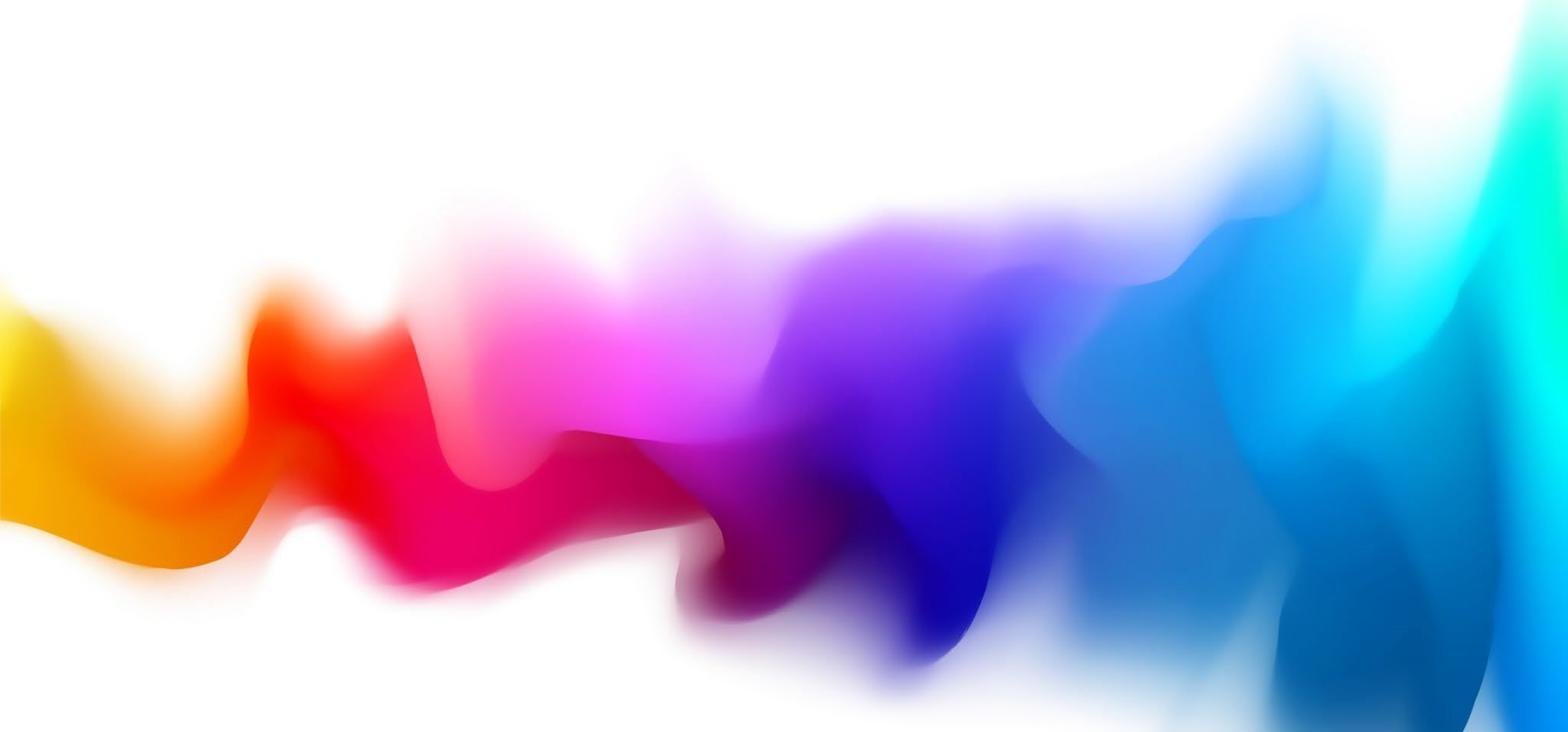




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LERIA FELIX, CWEL STUDENT

Leria Felix received the 2025 Kim and Larry Davis Student Research fund award from the University of Pittsburgh. This award is granted to MSW students who show excellent ability to participate in research-informed practice or practice informed research. Leria was nominated for this award because of extraordinary ability to apply CBT techniques in her practicum and her ability to approach each case with cultural humility and a trauma focused lens. Please help us congratulate Leria on her award!



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BROOKE WHITE, CWEL STUDENT

Brooke White received the 2024 Permanency Leader Award. Brooke's agency tracks the number of children that achieve permanency on each worker's caseload either through adoption or reunification with their biological parents. Brooke successfully achieved permanency for 10 children on her caseload in 2024, which earned her the 2024 Permanency Leader Award through Westmoreland County's Children's Bureau.

Please help us congratulate Brooke on her award!



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DESIREE BINDA-MARSHALL, CWEL STUDENT

Desiree Binda-Marshall was nominated and received the exceptional graduate student in the MSW program award at PennWest University. Desiree was invited to speak about her experiences in the MSW program and her future career goals with other students, PennWest Faculty, and representatives from the Council of Social Work Education as part of PennWest's reaccreditation.

Please help us congratulate Desiree on her award!



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MICHAELA KASKEY, CWEB GRAD

Michaela Kaskey received the Temple BSW Outstanding Senior Undergraduate Student for the 2023-2024 school year. This honor is awarded to a Temple senior who “excelled in leadership, service, and scholarship throughout their Temple career.” Michaela was active in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Independence, was the community service coordinator for Temple’s National Social Work Honor Society, and was active in the Philadelphia community. In addition to working at Philadelphia DHS, Michaela says “I hope to continue to serve the Philadelphia community as best as I can beyond my time at Temple. ”

Please help us congratulate Michaela on her award!



Thursday, March 27

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KATIE VASALANI, CWEB STUDENT

Katie Vasalani, a current CWEB student, attended The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors conference in March to present a poster explaining Child Death Review teams and a social worker's role in preventative practices toward child fatalities. The poster's main goal is to strengthen fatality prevention, increase awareness of risk factors for child fatalities, and suggest reforms to protect vulnerable children and increase the effectiveness of child death review teams. Katie delves into the gaps in child death review teams and suggests improvements through multidisciplinary collaboration, evidence-based policy, advocacy, and ethical frameworks. Please help us congratulate Katie on her achievement!

