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Emily Branch, CWEL Student

Emily Branch has received the George and Sylvia Plutchok Student Resource Fund. This award is granted to MSW students at the University of Pittsburgh who demonstrate exceptional dedication, growth, and impact during their practicum experience. Emily says of her practicum experience: "My practicum experience has been one of the most impactful parts of my MSW journey, shaping my growth and confidence as a developing social worker. Working in child welfare has deepened my commitment to supporting children and families during vulnerable moments, and this recognition affirms the work I strive to do each day." Please help us congratulate Emily on her award!

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Aja King, CWEL Student

Aja King received a Kudos award from Philadelphia County for the ability to effectively assess families' needs, connecting them to services and resources that meaningfully improve their quality of life. Aja was recognized for unwavering advocacy for families involved in complex systems. The county highlighted Aja's strong work ethic, professionalism, and consistent ability to forge trusting relationships with clients and community partners. Of the award Aja states: "Overall, I truly love my profession working with diverse communities, collaborating with community groups, supporting my city, and being surrounded by such dedicated and inspiring colleagues. More than anything, this recognition reinforced my commitment to continue serving children and families with humility, care, integrity, and a genuine desire to make a lasting difference in their lives." Help us congratulate Aja on her award!



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A portrait of Morgan Haught, a young woman with wavy brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a white lace top. The background is a soft-focus green and white.

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Morgan Haught, CWEB Student

Morgan Haught presented a poster at the 43rd The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors (BPD) conference in New Orleans last month. Morgan's poster provided a detailed literature review on the American foster care system. From Morgan: "The children in Foster Care and the young adults who are aging out are not being supported enough to promote their overall well being and their transition into adulthood. The NASW states that Social Workers should pay particular attention to those who are vulnerable, living in poverty and are in marginalised communities. Foster Care Children mark all three of those criteria based on their high risk factors, the minimal support they receive and how initiatives and bills in legislation for them often get pushed to the side. It's time to call out for a change by pushing more legislation that will support Foster Care, improving upon educational and mental health service accessibility, increasing the amount of funding they receive and how it is distributed and promote awareness and accountability."

Help us congratulate Morgan on successfully representing CWEB and foster kids at a national conference!

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A portrait of Arianis Rosario, a woman with long, dark, curly hair, wearing a red top and a necklace. The portrait is set against a dark background and is partially overlaid by a light brown circle.

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Arianis Rosario, CWEL Student

Arianis Rosario received a GOAT award from Berks County. Arianis works in the Sexual Abuse Unit in the Intake department. Her intake manager shared that agency supervisors praised Arianis's positive attitude, her willingness to help other co-workers with translation, visitations, and transporting clients. Arianis was recognized for volunteering to work on weekends and help with emergency duty after her workday. Arianis notes of her award: "...many of the clients being served in our community are Spanish-speaking with not many bi-lingual caseworkers available to translate." Arianis also wants to highlight "while I'm in the midst of obtaining my MSW through CWEL, my husband and I are preparing our own high school junior going to college to pursue a degree in the social justice field. ...it is really a full circle moment- being a first gen college graduate, and a teen parent, and seeing my own child following in my footsteps."

Help us congratulate Arianis on her award!

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Yessica Abreu Robinson, CWEB Graduate

Yessica Abreu Robinson received the JEI Student Award from Alvernia University. Yessica received this award for her steadfast commitment to engage cultural traditions and cross-cultural experiences. This award is only one of Yessica's accomplishments during her time at Alvernia. Yessica was the founding president of Pura Vida, a student lead organization with the following mission: "to help the Alvernia community understand the political, educational, and social issues that affect the Latine/Hispanic community by recognizing and supporting Latine/Hispanic students at Alvernia University...To inspire and empower Latine students to become dynamic leaders and identify and address critical issues that affect the Latine/Hispanic community." For her work as president with Pura Vida, Yessica received the President of the Year award in 2024 for "her creativity, dedication to club members, and efforts in bringing engaging events to campus."

Help us congratulate Yessica on her awards and her dedication to the Latine/Hispanic community at Alvernia University!

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Charles Roos, CWEB Graduate

Charles Roos received a "Charlie" award from Chester County. Charles received the "Charlie" award in appreciation for outstanding service to the children and youth of Chester County. Charles exemplified this services by volunteering to stay overnight in a hotel to watch over a highly autistic, nonverbal child and his grandmother while the county worked to secure a placement.

Help us congratulate Charles on his award!



CHESTER COUNTY CHILDREN & YOUTH
"Charlie" Award
Presented on July 10, 2025
Intake Department
In appreciation of outstanding service to the children and youth of Chester Co.