

2026 CSWE Election: Candidate Statement

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Graduate Program Representative (Dean/Director) – CSWE National Nominating Committee

It is an honor to be nominated for Graduate Program Representative on the CSWE National Nominating Committee. I currently serve as Associate Dean of the School of Social Work at Missouri Baptist University, where I lead graduate program development, faculty collaboration, and strategic growth initiatives. As a student-centered educator, clinician, and leader, my professional background spans clinical practice, crisis response, curriculum design, and organizational strategy. These experiences shape my commitment to strengthening graduate social work education at both the institutional and national levels.

My leadership is grounded in trauma-informed, culturally responsive education that equips students for ethical, competent, and sustainable practice. Throughout my career, I have worked to align academic rigor with real-world application, ensuring that graduate education remains responsive to workforce demands, community needs, and evolving accreditation standards. My scholarship and professional interests focus on trauma-informed practice, survivor-centered service models, culturally responsive pedagogy, and retention in graduate education which are areas that are essential to sustaining excellence in MSW programs nationwide.

In my leadership roles, I have prioritized collaborative governance, transparent decision-making, and mission-driven planning. I believe that strong national leadership begins with thoughtful, inclusive nomination processes that reflect the diversity of our programs, institutions, and communities. Graduate social work education exists within a dynamic landscape shaped by workforce demands, evolving policy contexts, technology integration, and increased attention to inclusive excellence. The National Nominating Committee plays a critical role in identifying leaders who can thoughtfully respond to these shifting demands with integrity and vision.

The National Nominating Committee plays a vital role in ensuring that CSWE leadership reflects the diversity, expertise, and innovation present across graduate programs. As Graduate Program Representative, I would approach this responsibility with discernment, transparency, and a commitment to excellence. I believe effective national leadership requires thoughtful attention to institutional diversity, regional representation, emerging scholars, and leaders prepared to navigate the landscape of contemporary social work education.

Graduate programs are entrusted with preparing the next generation of clinical leaders, policy advocates, researchers, and administrators. I would be honored to support CSWE in identifying and advancing leaders who embody integrity, strategic vision, and a deep commitment to our profession's core values.

Thank you for your consideration.