Leading with faith

Dr. Helen Mudd transitioned from her role as Dean of Carver School

Dr. Helen Mudd has served full time at the Carver School of Social Work since 2005. She became the BSW Program Director from 2006 to 2017 and the program grew from main campus to offsite locations in Somerset and Louisville. She transitioned to the Dean of Carver School in 2016 and continued to promote phenomenal growth with a new BSW site in Harrodsburg as well in the online BSW and MSW programs. Through her years in leadership at the Carver School, she led with a strength based mindset and strong dependence on her faith to guide her work with faculty, staff and students. Her remarkable kindness and genuineness are evident in her daily interactions with staff, faculty and students. Her commitment to mentoring future social workers and leaders is an immeasurable gift to those around her. Although Dr. Mudd has decided to transition out of her administrator role, she will continue to serve as a fully online professor for the MSW Program.

New Interim Dean

Dr. Michelle Tucker, recent Distinguished Faculty Award winner and new Interim Dean

Dr. Michelle Tucker will be serving as Interim Dean of the Carver School of Social Work as Dr. Helen Mudd moves out of the Dean position and into a full-time faculty role. Dr. Tucker received her BSW from the Carver School and her MSW and PhD from the University of Louisville. She has served in a leadership capacity within the Carver School for many years as MSW Director and Associate Dean. Under her leadership, the MSW program has grown exponentially and includes students from across the United States. Dr. Tucker plays a pivotal role in many aspects of the day-to-day operation of the Social Work program. One of her many contributions is a redesigned program evaluation process that incorporates embedded rubrics in each of the courses - these rubrics are used to evaluate the program's efficiency in teaching the competencies required by the Council on Social Work Education. Dr. Tucker was recently chosen by the CU Board of Trustees to be a recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award. This honor is given annually to recognize outstanding tenured faculty for their work in the classroom as well as their ability to engage students outside of the classroom. The Advancement Board established an endowment for this award and each year presents the winner a stole to be worn at Commencement and a financial stipend for their outstanding work in and out of the classroom. Dr. Tucker certainly exemplifies the spirit of the award and is an excellent example of a servant leader.
New MSW Director
Dr. Dianna Cooper promoted

Dr. Dianna Cooper has become the MSW Director for Carver School of Social Work. Some of her accomplishments include in 2021 being awarded the NASW (National Association of Social Workers) Indiana Chapter Distinguished Service Award, Presenting at CSWE (Council on Social Work Education) APM (Annual Program Meeting) Conference in August.

Dr Cooper’s Education is as follows:
- BS Bachelor of Science. University of Virginia’s College at Wise, Wise, VA. Psychology: 8/1996

Congratulations Dr. Cooper on this promotion.

New Carver Professors
Welcome Dr’s Van Cleave and Joseph

Dr. DeNika Van Cleave
Dr. Van Cleave earned her Doctor of Social Work degree at Capella University in 2021, and her BSW (2015) and MSW (2017) degrees she earned here in Campbellsville. She became part of our team in August 2021. We are excited to have your join us here at Carver School.

Dr. Rigaud Joseph
Dr. Joseph speaks 3 languages: English, French, and Haitian Creole. He earned his Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare in 2017 from Florida International University, Miami, FL. He earned his BSW and MSW from Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL. He became part of our team in January 2022. We are excited to have him here at Carver School.

Kailey Phelps awarded BHWET Grant
Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Grant
Kailey Phelps, an advanced standing CU student, began her practicum at Trager Institute in the fall 2021. She was awarded a $10,000 Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Grant. Trager Institute is a non-profit organization providing leading edge clinical practice, collaborative research, and inter-professional education dedicated to bringing about a new vision of aging.
Spotlight: Samantha Jean Liddicoat

CU Somerset student impacts Elijah Family Homes during practicum

Elijah Family Homes would like to thank Campbellsville University for the opportunity to work with one of their Social Work students, Samantha Liddicoat. Samantha was an asset to organization and will remain ingrained in the fibers of its future. Samantha, a practicum student, helped to build a newer agency by updating current programming, developing new programming, and helping to write new and revised current policy.

Samantha was able to assist in developing programming for the residents to go through while staying in our units. This programming allowed for quantitative goals to be set and a process towards growth. One course that Samantha took on was building the Healthy Relationships curriculum. As soon as the process was put in place we saw positive change affecting the residents.

Samantha also took on the Supportive Employment program that is run by Foundational Community Supports grant. This program was already designed and shown to be evidence based. Samantha took lead on the training and was efficient to where she could train others in the organization.

Samantha is a wonderful social worker. Any agency that takes her on as an employee will be benefited greatly.

Elijah Family Homes was developed 15 years ago by a grass root organization in Washington State. The vision of this group was to provide housing for those who have little to no options left. The program helps to house families for up to three years. Each family has been denied section 8 housing and at least one adult must be in recovery in the family.

Looking back at Fall 2021

2021 Homecoming Winning Float - Carver School!

2021 Homecoming Walkers and Riders

Phi Alpha Recipients Pinning December 2021

25th Year Reunion of Charter Class

December 2021 Carver School Graduate Pinning

Pinning December 2021
Social Work club giving Bibles to Green River Ministries

Providing Christmas presents for a family from Green River Ministries

Students helping to distribute food at Green River Ministries

Carver School Faculty and Staff (L-R) Neil Caldwell, Renee Sartin, Kimberly Mudd-Fegett, Anne Adcock, Dianna Cooper, Michelle Tucker, Anne Moore, Jennifer Houk, Mary Ann Goble, Helen Mudd, Cindy Colyer, DeNika Van Cleave, Candace Hansford, Darlene Eastridge

Not pictured: Beth Sprowles, Kelly Joplin, Rigaud Joseph

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