

Metropolitan Business Academy
Meet our Social Work Interns
Academic Year 2020-2021

Dear Metropolitan Community,

We are the social work interns at Metro this year. We are graduate students representing seven universities; the Manhattanville, NYU, Fairfield, Gateway, Southern Connecticut, Quinnipiac and Sacred Heart schools of social work. We are available to listen and offer support to any student who may need additional emotional help outside of class.

We offer crisis intervention, one-on-one counseling in one or multiple sessions, and are available to consult with teachers about students or class dynamics. We also hope to develop advisory groups for students who have similar problems. One or more of us will be available every day during the two lunch hours for students who want to stop by, in addition to our individual office hours. We are also available by appointment.

You can reach us by email, [mswinterns.mba@gmail.com](mailto:mwinterns.mba@gmail.com) or in our "Turnaround Room" office at (475)220-7723. We are located next to the counselor's office on the main floor. If there is a conflict during the school day, please call us to pick up the student or give her a pass to come see us in the office. You can find our schedules below and they are also posted on our doorstep. We have included a table that indicates which intern will handle crisis intervention and referrals to the intern office at different times of the day. We look forward to working with all of you this year!

Sincerely,

Ms. Lexy, Ms. Amanda, Ms. Karina, Ms. Dalila, Ms. Tracy and Mr. Randall.
(Our supervisors are Ms. Connie and Ms. Nicole.)

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Hi! My name is **Lexy DeLeo** and I am from Meriden, CT. I recently graduated from Manhattanville College where I got my bachelor's degree in Psychology. I am currently a graduate student at New York University where I will be getting my master's degree in Social Work. My current job is working for a company called Ascend Autism where I am a behavior tech. In my free time I enjoy traveling, shopping, getting my nails done, and hanging out with my friends/family. During the pandemic, I got into yoga which is something I encourage everyone to try! I am so super excited to start my journey at METRO and work with you all!

My METRO hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30-2:30; Connie is my supervisor.

Hello, my name is **Amanda Franco** and I live in Shelton, Ct. I graduated from Fairfield University with a bachelor's degree in psychology. I am currently a graduate social work student at Southern Ct. State University and I work at a Fairfield pediatric office. During my free time I enjoy reading and spending time with my family and friends! I look forward to working with students and staff at Metro this year.

My hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30-12:30 and Friday 9:30-2:30.

Connie is my supervisor



My name is **Randall Rissing**. I was born in Saint Croix, United States Virgin Islands. I recently graduated from Southern Connecticut State University with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health with a concentration in Health Promotion. I am a graduate student obtaining a Master of Social Work Degree with a specialization in social work in school settings at Southern Connecticut State University. During my free time I like to listen to music and dance to Soca music

I am thrilled to be working as one of the school social work intern at METRO! -Let's bring the energy

My hours at METRO are: Mondays 8:30-2:30, Tuesdays 8:30-12:30, and Wednesdays 9:00-12:00. My supervisor is Nicole.

Nicole is my supervisor

Hi everyone! My name is Dalila Acosta and I am a graduate of Quinnipiac University with a bachelor's degree in Spanish and a minor in Legal Studies. I work as a paralegal in a New Haven law firm and have been part of the New Haven community for the past 4 years. I am excited to be pursuing my MSW degree at Southern and a new career path that I am passionate about. Outside of school and work, I am someone who loves hiking, astrology, watching Red Sox games, and checking out the New Haven pizza scene. I look forward to learning and working with you all this year!

My Metro hours are **Mondays 8:30-2:30, Tuesdays 9:30-1:30, and Wednesdays 9:00-12:00**. Nicole is my supervisor.



Hello, my name is **Tracy Nguy**. I'm from North Haven, CT.

I graduated from Sacred Heart University in May of 2020 with a bachelor's degree in Psychology and a minor in Social Work. I am very excited to study at SCSU for my MSW. I currently work at Silver Hill Hospital. But during the summertime, I am also a lifeguard since I grew up a swimmer. During my free time, I enjoy spending it with my family and friends as well as swimming. I look forward to working with you all through my internship at METRO this year.

My hours at METRO are **Mondays 8:30-1:30, Tuesdays 9:30-2:30, and Wednesdays 8:30-11:30**. Nicole DeRobertis is my supervisor.

Hi! **My name is Ana Karina Torres, but I prefer Karina** because that is what my family calls me.

I graduated from Gateway community college with my associate degree in **Human services and am currently attending my last year in the Bachelor's in Social Work program at Southern CT State University.**

I was born in Mexico, but my Spanish is a little rusty since my family and I have been here since 1994. I spend a lot of my free time with them!

I'm so excited to begin working with everyone at METRO this school year!

My hours are Wednesdays 8:30-12:00, Thursdays 8:30-11:30, and Fridays 9:30-12:00. My supervisor is Connie.





My name is **Nicole DeRobertis** and I am a licensed clinical social worker. I earned my Master's degree in social work from Fordham University and have worked in a variety of settings ever since.

I have extensive experience working in community mental health settings, emergency crisis intervention services, court-based clinical services, and oversight of comprehensive care services for families in need.

I am trained to work with all ages, but my primary focus has been working with teens and tweens to help them navigate the unique challenges they face.



Hello Metro, I am **Connie Catrone** and I have supervised the internship group for the past 8 years. This role has been the highlight of my career. Metro is a very special and wonderful school. I look forward to another busy, productive, and fruitful year.

Welcome back!

