

# Giving & Getting: SDMNY Partners with the Hunter College Silberman School of Social Work



Not only is SDMNY's NYC site office located in the building that houses the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, we also have a rich partnership that has proven mutually beneficial to both institutions. We—and our Decision-Makers—benefit from high quality facilitation from well-trained and committed students and faculty, while they have found it a valuable and inspiring learning experience, incorporated into the fieldwork component of the curriculum, and an important contributor to developing professional identity.

Like our Decision-Makers, Hunter and CUNY itself, our Social Work School partners are as diverse as the city we call home. Here are a few:



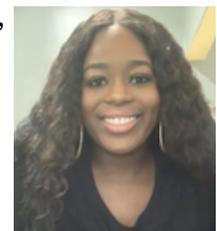
Patricia (Pat) Gray is the Director of Continuing Education and Interim Director of the BSW Internship Program with more than 30 years of social work experience. She is facilitating Jermaine, a young Decision-Maker who wants to be a wrestler, and mentoring the MSW and BSW students.

Komla is an immigrant from Togo, in West Africa, who worked at a provider organization, S:US, before starting his MSW program, and is a proud graduate of the class of 2020. He works with Paul, an older gentleman who hopes to start his own business.



Rosie graduated from the BSW program (where she began working with SDMNY) and is now pursuing her MSW, also at Hunter. She works with Jayden, a transition age student.

Tanisha is an immigrant from Jamaica, the mother of a two-year old, and, like Komla, an August graduate of the MSW program. Tanisha is working with Raven, a self-advocate. Tanisha says that it has been her "honor to be part of the SDMNY project since October, 2019" because of SDMNY's "collective effort, supportive environment and commitment to our Decision-Makers 'maximizing their autonomy'".



What's really exciting about working with these wonderful students is that they will, we know, be effective advocates for SDM as they enter the profession and do the great work for which they have been so well-trained!