UTA School of Social Work

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

MAY IN REVIEW

Thrive Here, Thrive Forever!

A UTA School of Social Work student sits with a decorated cap as she waits to cross the stage at the UTA Spring 2026 Commencement Ceremony. (Photo by Jaelon Jackson)

UTA School of Social Work graduates 281 students

By Jaelon Jackson

The University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work recognized student achievement and celebrated graduating students during the Celebration of Excellence held May 1 and the university's Commencement Ceremony on May 3.

CLICK TO READ MORE ABOUT THE 2026 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Dr. Rick Hoefer, a professor at the University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work, speaks during a retirement ceremony. (Photo by Jaelon Jackson)

Social work professor honored with national textbook award, announces retirement

By jaelon Jackson

After more than three decades of teaching, research and service, Dr. Rick Hoefer is closing out his career at The University of Texas at Arlington with a national recognition for his long-standing contributions to social work education.

CLICK TO READ MORE ABOUT DR. HOEFER'S RETIREMENT

Dr. Debra Woody, an associate professor at the UTA School of Social Work, gives a speech during her retirement ceremony. (Photo by Jaelon Jackson)

A Career of Impact: Celebrating Dr. Debra Woody's Legacy in Social Work

By Thomas Johns

After decades of service, leadership and dedication to students, Dr. Debra Woody is closing a remarkable chapter at the University of Texas at Arlington's School of Social Work, a chapter defined not only by innovation and growth but also by a steadfast commitment to the profession's core values.

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Looking Toward June

Watch the Dean's June Pep Talk to Students and read the stories below.

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- **Jun. 11:** Dallas UTA Alumni Happy Hour
- **Jun. 25:** Fort Worth UTA Alumni Happy Hour
- **Jun. 26:** Rules, Relationships & Results: CEU for Supervisors
- **Jul. 1:** Summer Book Club Starts
- **Jul. 15:** Houston UTA Alumni Happy Hour
- **Aug. 7:** School of Social Work Summer Commencement (more details coming soon)
- **Sept. 17:** UTA Night at the Rangers
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