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## Students inducted into social work honor society

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Andre Anderson, a visually impaired student in the school of Social Work, was awarded a Bronze pin from the White House and The President's Volunteer Service award on Friday Nov. 5th, when CSU's Delta Zeta Chapter of the Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society held an induction ceremony for high achieving students graduating with a bachelor's and master's degree from the school of social work.



According to their mission

statement, the Phi Alpha Honor Society's purpose is "to provide a closer bond among students of social work and promote humanitarian goals and ideals."

"It's unbelievable to me, I was shocked," said Anderson. "It's really amazing to be rewarded for doing something that you actually love" said Anderson. Anderson's family was also recently selected for an episode of ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition to be aired sometime in December.

In the same spirit of giving, Anderson plans to continue to give back to the Cleveland community through the upstart organization he and his wife, Jasmine, started-This Ability Awareness, which aims to educate citizens about people living with disabilities.

He also hopes to offer counseling to those dealing with the loss of ability.

“Not only is he a person that has proved himself, but he also represents what Cleveland State University is all about,” said Professor Andrew Edwards as he presented Anderson with his award.

Later, President Berkman was presented with an honorary membership by Dr. Greg Sadlek, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, who praised his forward thinking in creating the k-12 international baccalaureate school on campus as well as his reaching out to neighboring businesses to expand CSU’s reach into Cleveland’s workforce and create real life work experience for students.

“One can do nothing but be in awe of students who choose at this age to choose a vocation of service,” said President Berkman as he humbly accepted the award. Berkman went on to charm the crowd with throughout the event as he made witty jokes while taking photos with inductees and their families.

In total, 17 students graduating with a Bachelor’s Degree and 25 graduating with a Master’s Degree in Social Work were inducted into the Honor Society.