

Class of 2014

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RECESSIONAL	All

*Audience is requested to remain seated until the academic recession is completed.
Reception to follow in the tent adjacent to the Harrison Street Parking Structure.*

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



SANDEE KASTRUL

Sandee Kastrul is president and cofounder of **i.c.stars**. Founded in 1999, **i.c.stars** provides opportunities to break the cycle of poverty that limits inner-city youth. The organization prepares future leaders to develop skills in business and technology. Ms. Kastrul is an engaging and inspiring storyteller who draws on the connections between creativity, innovation, technology, and entrepreneurship. As the founder of a nonprofit and social enterprise, she discusses the powerful result of optimism and raising the standards for our communities.

Ms. Kastrul has worked in education for over two decades. Her educational career includes focused work on cross-curricular integration strategies, diversity training, and curriculum development. Some career highlights include implementing a professional development program with Harold Washington College Career Center and designing a comprehensive science and civics interactive program for Jobs for Youth. She also developed and facilitated diversity trainings and cross-cultural curriculum strategies for the Illinois Resource Center and the Merrillville School Corporation. Additionally, she created artist in residency programs and trained artists to work in classrooms for several Chicago performing arts organizations.

Ms. Kastrul earned her bachelor of fine arts degree from Ithaca College. She proudly serves on the boards of directors for Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment (PAVE), the Local Economic and Employment Development Council, the Experience Institute, and Las Caras Lindas. She received the National Forum for Black Public Administrators Community Service Award in 2012, the Black Data Processors Association (BDPA) Leadership Award in 2009, and the BDPA Spirit Award in 2004.

JANE ADDAMS COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK PIONEER AWARD



WILLIAM COATS

William C. Coats, LCSW, graduated from Jane Addams College of Social Work (then Jane Addams School of Social Work) at the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1971. He has worked at the pioneering edge of the mental health and substance abuse fields his entire career and has brought progress and change to service systems serving the most vulnerable populations.

Mr. Coats entered the field at a pivotal time as de-institutionalization was underway and new contexts of community-based care were emerging and in need of leadership. Immediately following graduation, he assisted a Ravenswood community group by writing and submitting a NIMH Community Mental Health Staffing Grant that was approved, thus creating a new community mental health service to meet the needs of a local community. He became the director of the emergency and outpatient programs at Ravenswood Hospital in Chicago. In 1973, Bill was hired by the newly forming Illinois Dangerous Drugs Commission, where he was a planning executive and became training and technical assistance chief. He helped to privatize the state-operated drug treatment programs and supervised the funding of over 70 not-for-profit community corporations across Illinois.

He served as the county mental health director, starting in 1976, at the Jackson County Health Department, in Medford, Oregon, before returning to the Chicago area in 1982 to join the DuPage County Health Department, where he served as the associate director for 20 years. During those years, he helped create many innovative mental health services, including Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), the first SASS program; a depression awareness and prevention campaign; and one of the first programs to treat persons with co-occurring serious mental illness and substance dependence disorders (MISA). Bill played a pivotal role in bringing together stakeholders and facilitating collaboration to improve services for offenders with mental illnesses and establishing the first mental health court in Illinois. This program, Mental Illness Court Alternative Program (MICAP), continues to operate as a partnership between DuPage County Courts and DuPage County Mental Health.

Since retiring from DuPage County Mental Health in 2002, Bill has worked for Heartland Alliance as the director of multicultural services; Caritas Inc., a substance abuse services agency, where he provided the leadership to earn CARF accreditation, implement automated records, and redesign the quality improvement processes; and StreetWise, where he developed social services for StreetWise vendors. During the past 12 years, Bill has also been actively involved as a social work educator, teaching courses at Aurora University and Jane Addams College of Social Work, and supervising students doing field placements at StreetWise. He presently serves on the boards of Seguin and the Westside Health Authority.

JANE ADDAMS COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION

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JESSICA LEBEAU-RICHMAN	President
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UIC JANE ADDAMS COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONSTITUENCY BOARD MEMBERS

The Alumni Association Constituency Board supports and promotes the educational, social, and charitable interests of the college and works in partnership with the University of Illinois Alumni Association to encourage alumni engagement.

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JANE ADDAMS COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK MISSION

The mission of Jane Addams College of Social Work is to educate students to the level of professional social worker, advance knowledge in the field and provide leadership in the development and implementation of policies and services on behalf of the poor, the oppressed, racial and ethnic minorities, and other at-risk urban populations.

JANE ADDAMS 1860–1935

The original site of the Jane Addams Hull-House, Chicago’s first settlement house, is located on the campus of UIC. Jane Addams, the founder of Hull-House and recipient of the 1931 Nobel Peace Prize, was an advocate and organizer on behalf of immigrants, women, children, and other vulnerable groups. She was a social innovator, able to bridge differences of class, race, and culture in order to solve community problems. She founded the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom and helped establish the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and other progressive organizations. The Jane Addams College of Social Work at UIC continues to build on the great legacy of its namesake. In addition, the very presence of Hull-House on campus, now a museum, is a powerful reminder that tremendous social conditions and challenges remain that require social change and intervention for the most disenfranchised individuals.