"Just wanted to send a BIG THANK YOU to the Tulsa OU MSW program professors and staff for the support they gave during my MSW journey. Commuting from Lawton to finish the program was tough, but I'm glad I finished the program. On August 7, 2017, I began my new career as a Psychological Clinician II at the Southwest Oklahoma Juvenile Center with the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA)." - Pennyrose Perez, MSW ('17)

Our array of flexible program options for working students allows many of our students to commute from rural Oklahoma to Norman or Tulsa to attend class. This commute adds additional educational expenses for these students, who expend a great deal of effort to complete their degrees. Many of these students live in rural areas and ultimately serve in communities with high needs and few social workers after graduation. Our support of them is vital to the future of the social work workforce in Oklahoma. Support for commuting students is provided through the Deborah Grace Toops Memorial Scholarship.

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