

FIRST YEAR INTERNS GAIN SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE



The WAGE Center staff, joined by Field Supervisor, Ray Cardona, recognized and thanked SUNY Interns for their first year field work with a lunch at dp Brasserie on Monday, May 8, 2017. They were presented with engraved Cross pens commemorating their time at the WAGE Center.

WAGE Center Interns have spent the academic year gaining skills in case management, group leadership, and client engagement. In addition to working with those seeking employment, interns worked with clients on a holistic approach to self-improvement, whether it be through advocacy, helping with accessing and utilizing community resources, medical and mental health services, income support and housing issues.

SUNY Interns worked on a WAGE Center website and helped staff a new location at 41 North Swan Street in Albany. They marketed and facilitated a Women's Support Group during the winter and spring. The group focused on encouraging participants to consider healthy lifestyle topics, examine perceptions of themselves and the people surrounding them and practicing empowerment techniques in their lives. The peer component allowed women to feel that they were not alone in many of their experiences and challenges and could discuss them in group.



Throughout the year, interns participated in all staff events, including staff meetings where their input was an integral part. They attended community meetings, researched and interacted with numerous community providers. Weekly meetings with a Field Instructor focused in integrating MSW classroom learning with experience in the field, through case reviews and interaction with task supervisors at the WAGE Center.