

Texas Bar Foundation  
Scholar Profiles  
First Steps Facilitator Training  
2019



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Palliative Care Social Work, Navigator  
North Texas Specialty Physicians (NTSP)

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**Favorite movie:** Love Jones



**Xotchil Plascencia MSW**  
Social Work Case Manager  
North Texas Specialty Physicians (NTSP)

“Great program! I really needed the language, methodology and follow up information useful in the primary care setting.”

**Favorite movie:** Sixteen Candles



**Jillian Harrell, RN**

The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders

“I’ve just found most people leave advance care planning as the last thing that they want to talk about or do. But from my personal experience, the more prepared the easier it will be on everyone.”



**Estella Williams**

Retired from federal service

“I’m excited to soak up a new whole world of knowledge. How great it is when we are prepared! Grateful that we are encouraging people not to run from that which is necessary. I really want to help families so they are prepared and not arguing over decision making in times of crisis.”

**Favorite movie:** Thelma and Louise



**Melissa Lopez - MSW**

VITAS

“Excellent presentation! This is critical information needed for working with my patients’ daily care.”

**Favorite movie:** Serendipity



**Cheryl McCutchan, MSW**

Student, TWU and intern with VITAS

“Information was so helpful. I am excited to bring this to the community! I have a passion for helping the aging population remain as independent and comfortable as possible. I hope this training will help in my future practice.”

**Favorite movie:** Rudy



**Father Andrew Powell**

Chaplain, Union Gospel Mission

“As the spiritual director I have many important conversations at UGM and I appreciate knowing about the Respecting Choices approach. My predecessor was very comfortable with this model and after today’s conference I feel well equipped.”

**Favorite movie:** Ben Hur



**Karina Rendon-Ortiz**

UTA Student

She is hoping to reach the Asian community with the advance care planning message.



**Kelly Hampton, LMSW**  
VITAS

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**Natasha Bahr, LMSW, UNT Health Science Center**

“This course was amazing and has changed my approach. Thanks to the wonderful Instructors for showing me a different approach. I believe that this will help me to talk about ACP with families and patients.”

**Favorite movie: La La Land**

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**Justin Sanders, MSN, RN, FNP-BC**  
Trinity Terrace

“How do you foresee using this training? I will use this format throughout my career as an RN working with patients and in clinics as a family nurse practitioner.”

**Favorite movie: The Exorcist**

**Kenneth Altfather**  
Retired Chaplain Director

“I will use this information with residents in CCRC where I live and with the church group as requested.”

**Favorite movie: To Kill A Mockingbird**

**Janie Williams, LVN**  
Patient Navigator, The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders

“I help patients that are newly diagnosed and they are usually not thinking about this topic. Having a template to guide our conversations is really helpful as I interact with all age groups. I really appreciate being awarded the scholarship especially since my husband is on disability. Thank you for your generosity.”

**Favorite movie: Top Gun**



**Mary Collins, RN**  
Nurse Manager, Trinity Terrace

“I do this every day as the Home Care and Resident Nurse Manager for Trinity Terrace. I never really knew how to complete the conversation and now I do! And I’m so thankful!”

**Favorite movie: Forrest Gump**

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