



## Congressional Research Institute for Social Work and Policy

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Dear Dr. Viola Vaughan-Eden,

It is my pleasure to announce that you've been selected as the 2023 *Outstanding Individual in Academia* award recipient. Your work at the Ethelyn R. Strong School of Social Work at Norfolk State University has been impactful in advancing the causes that elevate the needs and priorities of the communities social workers support.

The Congressional Research Institute for Social Work and Policy (CRISP), was established in 2012 as a nonprofit organization to complement the work of the Congressional Social Work Caucus. One of CRISP's most successful endeavors is Social Work Day on the Hill, which brings students to our nation's Capitol to broaden their learning and experience of macro-level advocacy.

This year's theme for Social Work Day on the Hill is Social Workers at the Front Lines of Democracy. Your contributions to the social work profession, from your commitment to advancing social justice to your advocacy for increased awareness of child abuse fatalities, have not gone unnoticed. Your nomination highlighted your work as a leader of the American Professional Society on Child Abuse's Cultural Institute as well as your numerous publications and presentations regarding interpersonal violence and social workers in court settings. Your dedication to advancing social work both at Norfolk State University and in the community, as well as advocating for some of our nation's most vulnerable children, is admirable and deserving of recognition.

You and other award recipients will be honored at the Social Work Day on the Hill Awards Reception next Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 4:00pm. I will be sending the details for the reception shortly, and I hope you can join us! For now, I simply wanted to say congratulations!

Sincerely,

Emily Hopkins  
Vice President, CRISP Board of Directors