

## HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

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### SILAS W. KELLY

Class of 1971

While at Copiague, Silas excelled academically and attended Wilson Tech studying Data Processing. He played Varsity Football in his senior year and won the role of back-up quarterback. His greatest level of success was in the game against Commack North engineering two scoring drives.

Silas graduated from Brooklyn College with dual Bachelor's Degrees in Broadcast Journalism and Public Communications. He was awarded nine Academic/Extracurricular Scholarships. Most of the scholarships centered on his accomplishments in radio broadcasting. He made history while there, becoming the first African-American in the history of the college to serve as President and General Manager of the Radio Station, WBCR, Brooklyn College. Silas also graduated with honors from Adelphi University School of Social Work and is a Licensed Master Social Worker.

He presently serves as a Mental Health Social Worker at Concern for Independent Living and a Substance Use Disorder Social Worker for the Town of Smithtown's Horizons Counseling and Education Center. Silas is a skilled speaker and a self-described "E-Journalism Social Work Specialist" who always promotes the Social Work Profession and Social Workers.

Silas is a member of the National Association of Social Workers' (NASW) National, NY State Chapter and Suffolk Division. He is the NASW NY State Region 5 Representative to the Board of Directors and has been duly elected to represent Nassau and Suffolk County. He sits on the Board of Directors of the Association for Mental Health and Wellness. He co-produced and co-hosted a "Get Active" segment on Z-100 to highlight his Association kicking off "Mental Health Awareness Month." Shortly after that an article that Silas wrote on the topic was published in the online publication, "Social Justice Solutions," which highlighted the way people dealing with mental illness many times suffer in silence because of the stigma.

Silas is a Youth Lecturer and Inspirational Public Speaker. He was one of the featured speakers at Stony Brook University's School of Social Welfare's Commencement Ceremony and was the Keynote Speaker at the Inaugural Commencement Ceremony of the new LIU-Brentwood Social Work Program.

***"If we fight through adversity, persevere, and never quit, we will create victory and success."***