On January 17, the Akron Region of the National Association of Social Workers honored this year’s recipients of awards for outstanding service and achievement. The Akron region includes Erie, Huron, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit Counties.

Jennie Sette, a part-time faculty member in the School of Social Work, received the Emerging Leader award for the Akron Region of the National Association of Social Workers. Sette was recognized for her excellence in teaching undergraduate social work practice courses as well as her full-time work as a social worker in the Northwest Local school system. Sette earned both her Master of Social Work degree as well as her undergraduate degree in Social Work from the University of Akron. While at UA, she was involved in a number of leadership positions in the School of Social Work and across the UA campus.

Nicole Minor was selected as the MSW Student of the Year for the Akron Region of the National Association of Social Workers. Nicole is scheduled to graduate with her MSW degree this May. Nicole completed both her BASW and MSW degrees on a part-time basis over the past 10 years. In spite of a range of obstacles including child care for her three young sons, and balancing school, employment and internships, Nicole has excelled in the MSW program. Nicole is currently employed as Oriana House where she works as a Chemical Dependency Treatment Counselor, and plans to work in the field of Addictions after earning her MSW degree.

Kellie Lockemer was selected as the BSW Student of the Year for the Akron region. Kellie is an honors student, double majoring in Social Work and Philosophy. She is set to graduate from UA this coming May. Kellie has served in a wide range of leadership and service positions at UA, and is currently the President of the Student Social Work League. Kellie is completing her field placement at the UA Law School clinic, and plans to pursue a law degree after graduating with her Social Work degree.