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## 2021 Rising Star Award: Kristina McTigue, 2012

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*The College of Our Hearts Always*

2021 Rising Star Award—Kristina McTigue, 2012

June 23, 2021

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Kristina McTigue '12 is a co-recipient of the Rising Star Award. McTigue, a first lieutenant and licensed clinical social worker in the U.S. Air Force, is vice president of her class and helped organize alumni events in Washington, D.C.

00:01

this university of maine alumni

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association rising star award

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is sponsored by rh foster

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i'm nate wilds christina mctigue

00:15

graduated with degrees in social work

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and psychology from the university of

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maine in 2012 and hit the ground running

00:21

i met christina in 2015 i was a program

00:25

manager

00:25

and i was on an interview panel for

00:28

hiring social workers to come on board

00:30

and work with kids in foster care

00:32

i remember the interview like it was

00:34

yesterday and was very impressed and

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knew that we would hire her and that she

00:38

would be great as soon as she walked out

00:40

the door

00:40

she is full of compassion and

00:43

understanding

00:44

and strives every day to make

00:47

this world a little bit better for

00:48

everyone that she loves

00:51

working with teach for america and

00:52

charlotte north carolina earning her

00:54

master's in clinical social work with a

00:56

focus in mental health and joining the

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child and family services agency in the

00:59

district of columbia

01:02

some call her christina but to me she's

01:04

known as chrissy i will also tell you

01:07

i call her lbw little baby wisdom

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because she is one of the um

01:14

smartest people i have met who is still

01:18

figuring out her career

01:21  
she feels very passionate about how  
01:24  
things should be  
01:25  
for people and so she wants to ensure  
01:28  
that the contribution she's making has a  
01:30  
great return  
01:31  
for as many people as possible lindsay  
01:34  
nix  
01:34  
assistant attorney general for the  
01:35  
district of columbia worked with mctag  
01:37  
on complicated and challenging medical  
01:39  
child abuse  
01:40  
cases i actually met chrissy because she  
01:43  
was interested  
01:44  
in one of the cases that i had at the  
01:46  
time some people would run from these  
01:48  
cases  
01:49  
and chrissy stepped up to handle this  
01:51  
case  
01:52  
the work that chrissy and i did on this  
01:54  
case set a precedent that future cases  
01:57  
in dc must consider the ada and that was  
02:00  
a win

02:01  
when not helping shape law mktag rallied  
02:04  
fellow umaine alumni at events in our  
02:05  
nation's capital  
02:07  
today colleagues at wright-patterson air  
02:09  
force base call lieutenant christina  
02:10  
mctigue  
02:11  
invaluable she can help me navigate the  
02:13  
kind of questions asked and just  
02:16  
getting at some of the things that are  
02:17  
deeper that the patient might not want  
02:19  
to talk about at first  
02:21  
to do what lieutenant mctonic does it  
02:23  
takes  
02:24  
the head and the heart to be able to  
02:27  
cradle somebody baby that just died and  
02:30  
just be there  
02:31  
for for the mom that's the type of  
02:34  
person that  
02:35  
that she is the person that have heart  
02:38  
for other people chrissy gets up in the  
02:41  
morning to help people and i know that  
02:44  
sounds contrived but it's true

02:46

your work is very meaningful really

02:50

i know that the entire alumni

02:52

association

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is proud of what you've done by the

02:55

support uh

02:56

children all around the country the work

02:58

that you've done

03:00

uh and you know the the focus that

03:02

you've brought to

03:04

mental health and so i applaud the

03:05

university of maine

03:07

for whatever impact they had on christie

03:09

she's a star

03:10

as a person and a social worker

03:12

chrissy's time at the university of

03:14

maine

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very much formed the parts of her that

03:17

all of us

03:18

are so grateful for we need more

03:21

christina mctime

03:23

in our world christina mctagg

03:26

a tireless advocate and a rising star

03:29  
in umaine's 2021 alumni achievement  
03:32  
awards  
03:33  
thank you umaine for the honor of being  
03:34  
selected as a rising star this year  
03:36  
and the honor of representing black  
03:38  
bears in such a special capacity  
03:40  
i am forever grateful to have been a  
03:42  
part of an institution that allowed for  
03:44  
me to grow as a leader  
03:46  
and provide opportunities that have been  
03:48  
the foundation of my many successes  
03:51  
i'm extremely proud to be a part of a  
03:53  
system that not only recognizes  
03:55  
but celebrates the crucial work that  
03:58  
happens at the community level and draws  
04:00  
attention to the importance of the work  
04:01  
occurring in the field of mental health  
04:04  
umaine always provided me with a sense  
04:06  
of community  
04:08  
one that i am i was happy to extend and  
04:11  
help create for others  
04:12  
in all types of capacities in washington

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dc

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it is what makes umaine and its alumni

04:18

such a special and unique thing to be a

04:20

part of

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thank you to everyone that has helped me

04:22

thus far everyone that took the time to

04:25

celebrate and extend their kind words

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and the university of maine for this

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award i am proud to be an

04:30

airman proud to do this critical work

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and always proud to be a black bear

English (auto-generated)

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