



2007 Commencement

Saturday, May 12, 2007

135th Baccalaureate Ceremonies

Master's Hooding and C.A.S. Ceremony

Buffalo State
State University of New York

Buffalo State College Alma Mater

OUR FINEST HOUR

*A toast to State, to all the days,
All the laughter, all the tears.
You have made our friendships great,
We'll triumph through the years.
With hope anew we'll face the storm
Beyond which stands your lofty tower –
That will be our finest hour.*

*In years to come we'll look to thee,
Yearning for your guiding light.
You'll not fail us, Alma Mater,
Keep us through the night.
When darkness comes and all hope dies,
You will give us strength and power –
That will be our finest hour.*

L. Harry Ray, '51

COMMENCEMENT GARDEN

The president of Buffalo State College and the entire college community honor the Class of 2007 by continuing the tradition of the Commencement Garden. Inaugurated in 2000, the permanent garden is located outside the main entrance to the Sports Arena. The garden represents the messages of environmental awareness, growth, and continuity, all visions embraced by the graduating class. Please enjoy the garden and use it as a backdrop for taking pictures of your graduates.

ALUMNI AMBASSADORS

In honor of the 135th anniversary of the college, alumni ambassadors representing Buffalo State's more than 75,000 successful graduates are here today to celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2007. They can be identified by the flowers and ribbons they are wearing.



D. Bruce and Gail Johnstone Endowment

The D. Bruce and Gail Johnstone Endowment, established in 2003, supports Buffalo State's Commencement ceremonies. D. Bruce Johnstone, with the support of his wife, Gail, served as president of the college from 1979 to 1988 and as chancellor of the State University of New York from 1988 to 1994.



BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

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Congratulations to the graduating class of 2007!

Your experience at Buffalo State College has been an extraordinary time of personal growth and maturation. This academic year marked the 135th anniversary of Buffalo State. Today we celebrate you, the graduate, as well as the many people who helped you along the way.

I encourage you to reflect upon the faculty and staff, family members, and friends who have supported you throughout this journey. I encourage you to acknowledge and remember these inspirational individuals in the future.

As you prepare to move forward, understand that your education is not over. Rather, we have instilled in you a solid foundation for lifelong learning. This foundation includes your formal education in the classroom and your experiential learning through internships and volunteer experiences.

Aristotle said, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." We hope that your Buffalo State College experience has stirred your intellectual curiosity and has fostered the habit of academic excellence. Your scholarly career at Buffalo State does not represent a single, completed act, but is rather the beginning of a lifelong habit of pursuing excellence. Hence, today truly marks a commencement, rather than a culmination, in your life.

We wish you great success, personal fulfillment, and prosperity. Whether you are pursuing a career at this time or furthering your formal education, your greatest accomplishments are yet to come. Again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Muriel A. Howard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Muriel A. Howard, Ph.D.

President

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Muriel A. Howard, Ph.D.



Dr. Muriel A. Howard has served as the president of Buffalo State College since 1996. Dr. Howard's professional and scholarly interests include educational leadership and the representation of women and minorities in the academy.

She teaches a course titled Creative Leadership through Effective Facilitation in the Creative Studies Department at Buffalo State College. In addition, Dr. Howard mentors new college presidents and trains those aspiring to become college presidents through her affiliation with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) New Presidents' Academy and Millennium Leadership Institute.

This year, President Howard is the chair of the AASCU board of directors. The organization's mission is to open the door of opportunity of higher education to all citizens and to embrace students who traditionally have been underrepresented in American colleges and universities. Buffalo State College emulates this mission under the leadership of President Howard. She has also been appointed to the Voluntary System of Accountability Commission, a joint commission sponsored by AASCU and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC). Her other national board commitments include the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities and the National Survey of Student Engagement Advisory Board.

Throughout her career, President Howard has devoted her time and professional service to numerous local and regional boards and organizations. Currently, she serves on the boards of directors of Merchants Insurance, Kaleida Health, Niagara University, the Buffalo Niagara Partnership, the King Center Charter School, and the Buffalo Public Schools Foundation.

Her service to the State University of New York includes membership on the Chancellor's Advisory Group on

Leadership, the University Council of Presidents, the Advisory Council on Teacher Education, and the board of the Center on Russia and the United States. She is also a member of the H. H. Richardson Preservation Board, a gubernatorial appointment.

President Howard has been honored with various awards and recognitions for her contributions to public higher education, service to the community, and commitment to diversity. Selected awards include the State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service; the honorary doctorate of humane letters from the City University of New York; the University at Buffalo Distinguished Alumna Award; the American Jewish Committee Institute of Human Relations Award; the Black Educators Association of Western New York, Educator of the Year Award; and the Cardinal Newman Award from the Newman Center, Buffalo State College.

She is a past recipient of the Governor's State Division of Women Award for Excellence in Education, and a charter inductee into the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame. She was also honored as the 2006 recipient of the Athena Award.

A graduate of the City University of New York's Richmond College, President Howard holds a master's degree in education and a doctor of philosophy degree in educational organization, administration, and policy from the University at Buffalo, as well as a certificate from the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University.

Prior to coming to Buffalo State, Dr. Howard was the vice president for public service and urban affairs at the University at Buffalo, where she served in various leadership capacities over a 23-year period.

She is the seventh president of Buffalo State and the college's first female president.

MORNING BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

The Rockwell Brass

Ricky L. Fleming, Director
Assistant Professor, Music

PROCESSIONAL

The Rockwell Brass

Bryan W. Boyce, Accompanist
Assistant Professor, Music

Peter J. Sowiski, Mace Bearer
Professor Emeritus, Fine Arts

CONVENING

John T. Hoskins

Chair, Buffalo State College Council

Jody B. Ulrich, '82

Buffalo State College Council Emerita

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Members of the Buffalo State College Chamber Choir

Thomas E. Witakowski, Director
Associate Professor, Music

WELCOME

Muriel A. Howard

President, Buffalo State College

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Joel A. Capellán, Class of 2007
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

Megan M. Hoak, Class of 2007
Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology

Kate E. Norwalk, Class of 2007
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

Leah L. Pratt, Class of 2007
Bachelor of Science in Education,
Exceptional Education

Presenter

Muriel A. Howard

STUDENT ADDRESS

Leah L. Pratt

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Richard C. Auerbach, '52, '55

Educator, U.S. Naval Reserve Captain (Retired), Philanthropist

Presenters

Kenneth Quinniey, '78

President, Buffalo State College Alumni Association

Muriel A. Howard

COLLEGE COUNCIL MEDAL

Matthew A. Levin-Stankevich, Class of 2007

Student Representative, Buffalo State College Council

Jody B. Ulrich

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Michael Duffy

Assistant Managing Editor, *Time* Magazine

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BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE ALMA MATER

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RECESSIONAL

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Capturing the Moment

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AFTERNOON BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY

2:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

The Rockwell Brass

Ricky L. Fleming, Director
Assistant Professor, Music

PROCESSIONAL

The Rockwell Brass

Bryan W. Boyce, Accompanist
Assistant Professor, Music

Ellen T. Kennedy, Mace Bearer
Associate Professor Emerita, Social Work

CONVENING

James Brandys, '71, '73
Member, Buffalo State College Council

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Members of the Buffalo State College Chamber Choir

Thomas E. Witakowski, Director
Associate Professor, Music

WELCOME

Muriel A. Howard
President, Buffalo State College

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Leah C. Bernal, Class of 2007
Bachelor of Science, Childhood Education

Katherine W. Coppola, Class of 2007
Bachelor of Science, Speech-Language Pathology

Sarah H. Smith, Class of 2007
Bachelor of Science, Applied Sociology

LaShante M. Thomas, Class of 2007
Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice

Presenter

Muriel A. Howard

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

Leah L. Pratt, Class of 2007
Bachelor of Science in Education, Exceptional Education

Presenter

Muriel A. Howard

STUDENT ADDRESS

Leah L. Pratt

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Stan Szymanski, '78
Senior Vice President Digital Production, Sony Pictures Imageworks

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MASTER'S HOODING AND C.A.S. CEREMONY

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PROCESSIONAL

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Assistant Professor, Music

John S. Montague, Mace Bearer
Professor Emeritus, Technology

CONVENING

William J. Bissett

Member, Buffalo State College Council

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Members of the Buffalo State College Chamber Choir

Thomas E. Witakowski, Director
Associate Professor, Music

WELCOME

Muriel A. Howard

President, Buffalo State College

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT

Ruoqiu Wu, Class of 2007
Master of Arts, Chemistry

Presenter

Muriel A. Howard

STUDENT ADDRESS

Ruoqiu Wu

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

David Lazerson, '77

Author, Educator, Musician

Presenters

Kenneth Quinney, '78

President, Buffalo State College Alumni Association

Muriel A. Howard

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Donald A. Ogilvie, '71, '74

District Superintendent, Erie 1 Board of Cooperative Educational Services

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Richard J. Lee

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BACCALAUREATE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Michael Duffy



Michael Duffy was named assistant managing editor of *Time* in 2005. He joined the magazine in 1985 as a Pentagon correspondent and has been at the center of the magazine's political coverage for the past 20 years.

Mr. Duffy has written or co-written more than 40 *Time* cover stories including, most recently, reports on President Bush's proposed surge plan for Iraq, the Iraq Study Group, and an examination of what war with Iran may look like. He is also a regular contributor to TIME.com.

Mr. Duffy served as *Time's* Washington bureau chief from 1997 to 2005. Previously, he was a national political correspondent, and from 1986 to 1996, covered Congress and both the Bush and Clinton administrations.

He is the coauthor of *Marching in Place: The Status Quo Presidency of George Bush*, published in 1992 by Simon & Schuster. Currently, Mr. Duffy and *Time* editor-at-large Nancy Gibbs are collaborating on *The Preacher and the Presidents*, an account of Billy Graham's unique

and complex relationship with each of the last 11 American presidents. It is scheduled to be published in August 2007.

Mr. Duffy is a two-time recipient of the Gerald R. Ford Prize for Distinguished Reporting, once in 1994 for his coverage of the presidency, and again in 2004 for his reporting on national defense. In 1997, he worked nearly full time on campaign finance scandals with *Time's* Michael Weisskopf and Viveca Novak. The trio earned the 1998 Goldsmith Prize for Investigative Reporting from the Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics, and Public Policy at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Mr. Duffy graduated from Oberlin College in 1980 and currently lives in Chevy Chase, Maryland, with his wife and their three sons.

MASTER'S AND C.A.S. COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

6:00 p.m.

Donald A. Ogilvie, Class of 1971, 1974



Donald Ogilvie, district superintendent of the Erie 1 Board of Cooperative Educational Services (Erie 1 BOCES), serves in a leadership role providing a variety of instructional, managerial, and technology services to 20 school districts in Erie County. As district superintendent, Mr. Ogilvie is also the field representative of the New York State commissioner of education to those 20 school districts, as well as to the Buffalo Public Schools.

Before becoming district superintendent of Erie 1 BOCES, Mr. Ogilvie served for eight years as superintendent of the Hamburg Central School District. He has also served as superintendent of the Southwestern Central School District, and prior to that as superintendent of the Chadwicks Union Free School District. Mr. Ogilvie was a building principal in the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda School District, and he began his career as a classroom teacher and team leader in the Williamsville Central School District.

Mr. Ogilvie received his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Buffalo State College and a certificate of advanced study in educational administration from the University at Buffalo. Prior to his academic preparation for a career in education, Mr. Ogilvie completed a program in accounting at Bryant and Stratton Business Institute (now Bryant and Stratton College).

Mr. Ogilvie is chair of the board of trustees of the National Federation for Just Communities (NFJC) of Western New York and a trustee of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Society. He is a member of the Rotary Club of

Buffalo and of Leadership Buffalo. He also participates as a member of the Erie Community College President's Advisory Council and the Buffalo State College President's Community Advisory Committee.

Mr. Ogilvie served two terms as a member of the board of trustees of the Western New York Public Broadcasting Association. He continues to serve as chair of the Community Advisory Committee for WNED's ThinkBright.

Mr. Ogilvie was a volunteer with the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County for over 10 years, serving as a member of its board of directors and executive committee. Mr. Ogilvie and his wife, Jane, co-chaired the United Way's 2000 campaign, which raised over \$19 million for community care organizations throughout Erie County.

Mr. Ogilvie was honored by the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce with its Business Recognition Award for an Outstanding Individual. For two consecutive years, the United Way named Mr. Ogilvie its Campaign Volunteer of the Year. He has been recognized by *Business First* of Buffalo with the Pathfinder Award. The Erie County Coalition Against Rape and Sexual Abuse and Sexual Assault has recognized him with its Educator of the Year Award. Junior Achievement of Western New York has also selected him as its Educator of the Year. Mr. Ogilvie also received the Erie Community College Chairman's Outstanding Education Partner Award.

Mr. Ogilvie and his wife reside in Hamburg, New York. They have three adult children and three grandchildren.

COLLEGE COUNCIL MEDAL

Matthew A. Levin-Stankevich, Class of 2007



Matthew Levin-Stankevich, 2006–2007 student representative to the Buffalo State College Council, graduates today with a bachelor of science degree in business administration and a minor in sociology.

An outstanding student leader, Mr. Levin-Stankevich served as president of United Students Government, the first two-term president to be elected since 1989. He served multiple terms on the Buffalo State College Senate, the Faculty Student Association, and the Auxiliary Services Grant Allocation Committee. An All-SUNYAC academic athlete, Mr. Levin-Stankevich was a former member, vice president, and president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

He was active in organizing Kids Night Out and Buffalo State College Community Service Day, and he worked with the March of Dimes. He was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges from 2004 through 2007. He received the United Students Government Presidential Commendation Award for Commitment and Dedication in 2005, the Minnie and Joe Engel Student Humanitarian Award in 2006, and the Mildred Keller Campbell Leadership Award for his strong record of personal development, organizational leadership, citizenship, and community service in 2007.

Jody B. Ulrich, Class of 1982



Jody Ulrich was appointed to the Buffalo State College Council in 1997 by Gov. George E. Pataki. She served the council with distinction for nearly 10 years as a member of the Government Relations and Student Affairs committees and as the council's representative to the Hospitality and Tourism Advisory Council for the college.

Ms. Ulrich graduated from Buffalo State in 1982 with a bachelor of science degree in business studies. Since then, she has given of her time and talents in a number of capacities that have furthered the mission of Buffalo State. An active alumna, she has been a member of the Burchfield-Penney Art Center, co-chaired the planning committee of the Buffalo State College Foundation Scholarship Gala, and served on this year's Foundation Scholarship Gala Honorary Committee. She has convened commencement ceremonies nearly every year since her appointment to the council.

Ms. Ulrich, who coached varsity cheerleading for Williamsville South High School, is active in area community service and cultural institutions as well, including the Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo, the Kenan Showhouse, and the Lockport YWCA. She was named director of suite sales for the Buffalo Sabres and Niagara Frontier Hockey in 2003. Previously, Ms. Ulrich worked for the Buffalo Bills Television Network. She served on the planning committee for *Art on Wheels*, the region's 2003 cultural tourism project sponsored by the Burchfield-Penney Art Center.

Ms. Ulrich was awarded the Buffalo State College Foundation Chairman's Recognition Award in both 1998 and 2006 for leadership as a member of the College Council in advocating and personally supporting the work of the Buffalo State College Foundation.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Richard C. Auerbach, Class of 1952, 1955



Richard Auerbach has distinguished himself in his chosen profession of education, in his service to his country and the community, and in his tireless advocacy for Buffalo State College.

Even before graduating from Buffalo State, Dr. Auerbach distinguished himself by being selected to join the Alpha Honor Society at Buffalo State, a student association made up of campus leaders, and was elected president of the society. He was appointed principal of Willow Ridge Elementary School and later of Heritage Heights Elementary School, both part of the Sweet Home Central School District, and he served as curriculum coordinator in the Amherst Central District.

Upon earning his doctorate in education, Dr. Auerbach taught preservice teachers at both Buffalo State and Daemen College. The New York State Education Department tapped his expertise in designing and presenting training programs for current and future teachers. Dr. Auerbach

also served in the United States Naval Reserve for 26 years, attaining the rank of captain.

For more than 20 years, Dr. Auerbach and his wife, Rita Argen Auerbach, '54, '74, a distinguished alumna, have supported numerous causes at the college, earning the title of "Lifetime Donors," a designation reserved for the institution's most outstanding contributors.

As a volunteer, Dr. Auerbach has worked tirelessly as co-chair of the Alumni Committee for the Burchfield-Penney Art Center Capital Campaign, as a member of the college's Planned Giving Steering Committee, and as a key member of the Armed Services Reunion Planning Committee.

Dr. Auerbach leads with sincerity and great enthusiasm, always stepping forward first to help, and always encouraging others to do their best as well. Buffalo State College is fortunate to benefit from his tremendous energy and commitment.

David Lazerson, Class of 1977



David Lazerson earned his master of science degree from Buffalo State in exceptional education. Ever since, he has been educating and inspiring people as a teacher, musician, conflict-resolution specialist, and author as the beloved "Dr. Laz."

Dr. Lazerson has written three books: the best seller *Skullcaps 'n' Switchblades*, *Ammunition: Battling the Elements*, and *Sharing Turf*. *Skullcaps 'n' Switchblades*—about his teaching experiences in Buffalo—is now under consideration for a major motion picture. His latest book, *Sharing Turf*, recently became a Showtime television movie, *Crown Heights*, which starred Howie Mandel as "Dr. Laz."

After three days of race riots in the Crown Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn in 1991, the mayor of New York invited Dr. Lazerson to be the liaison from the orthodox and Hasidic Jewish community to work with leaders from the African American community. He and his counterparts created Project CURE, a racial harmony group that grew into a major force for positive change. CURE has won many major civic awards including the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Fulfilling the Dream Award.

Dr. Lazerson is a world-famous educator who has received the Teacher of the Year award from New York

State and the 2007 Broward County Public Schools Arts Teacher of the Year award for his highly acclaimed techniques for reaching students with special needs. He received his Ph.D. in educational research and evaluation from the University at Buffalo in 1996. He has directed his own alternative high school program and currently teaches graduate-level courses in research. His ideas and methods have been published in the *New York Times* and many major academic journals.

His current work, which utilizes experiential music for students with Down syndrome, autism, and other profound special needs, has made front-page news and has been featured on national television. He is conducting a research study that focuses on the use of humor and hands-on music for students with profound special needs. The study is leading to dramatic results in helping these individuals build self-esteem and social skills.

As a musician, Dr. Lazerson has entertained audiences throughout the world. His music features an eclectic blend of rap, rock, Hasidic, blues, reggae, jazz, bluegrass, and even gospel! Dr. Laz & the CURE, his multiethnic music group, has played for the U.S. Congress as well as for schools, universities, and institutions across the country.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Stan Szymanski, Class of 1978



Stan Szymanski is senior vice president of digital production for Sony Pictures Imageworks. His expertise covers a wide range of visual effects experience on the creative, managerial, and administrative sides of the business, including stints as a department manager, visual effects producer, production manager, postproduction supervisor, and digital artist.

Mr. Szymanski supervises the overall direction and day-to-day operation of digital production, the largest department at Imageworks. In this role, he is responsible for computer graphics supervisors and digital artists of all types. Imageworks has grown significantly during Mr. Szymanski's tenure, creating the visual effects for such films as *The Polar Express*, *Spider-Man 2*, *Big Fish*, *Bad Boys II*, *The Matrix Reloaded*, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, *Cast Away*, and more. Imageworks has been recognized by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences with an Academy Award for Achievement in Visual Effects for its work on *Spider-Man 2* and for Best Animated Short for the CG-animated film *The ChubbChubbs!* in addition to Oscar nominations for its work on *Spider-Man*; *Hollow Man*; *Stuart Little*; *Starship Troopers*; *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*; and *Monster House*.

The artists in Mr. Szymanski's department currently are in production on *Spider-Man 3*, *Surf's Up*, *Beowulf*, *I Am Legend*, *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, and *Hotel Transylvania*.

Before joining Imageworks, Mr. Szymanski was director of operations for Pacific Ocean Post, where he supervised the digital film division and line-produced the digital postproduction of over 200 visual effects shots on *Independence Day*, winner of the Academy Award for visual effects in 1996.

Prior to this, Mr. Szymanski served in a variety of roles for MetroLight Studios, a CGI production company. He started as digital production manager, quickly expanded his role to include postproduction supervision, and was later named director of production. Mr. Szymanski left MetroLight to join film director Brett Leonard (*Lawnmower Man*) and his company, L2 Communication, as digital postproduction supervisor on *Virtuosity*.

He started his career in the Los Angeles visual effects industry as a graphics and effects producer for Editel/LA. While there, Mr. Szymanski worked on a variety of award-winning broadcast commercial spots for numerous clients. One of these projects, Nike's "The Wall," is included in the collection of television commercials at the Museum of Modern Art.

Mr. Szymanski is also a recognized film scholar and researcher and has presented lectures at MIT and UCLA on film genres and visual story and has served on numerous SIGGRAPH and Visual Effects Society panels. He holds a bachelor of science in graphic design from Buffalo State.

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ADDRESS
SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE
THE PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT**

Leah L. Pratt



Leah Pratt graduates with a bachelor of science in education degree in exceptional education, which includes eligibility for dual teaching certification in childhood special education and childhood education, and a GPA of 3.98.

Ms. Pratt combined high academic achievement with participation in scholarly and volunteer activities relating to her career goals. She was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, a member of the Council for Exceptional Children, and a volunteer with Best Buddies International. At the 2005 Buffalo State

College Student Research and Creativity Celebration, she presented a poster discussing research she conducted on possible causes of Asperger's syndrome. She is also an accomplished singer who performs with the Buffalo Gateway Show Chorus.

Her professors describe her as a conscientious and enthusiastic learner who brings a drive for excellence to the classroom. As a student teacher, she earned high accolades not only for her preparation and presentation, but also for her wide-ranging study of issues affecting her students.

**2007 President's
Medal for Outstanding
Undergraduate Student
Finalists**

Joel A. Capellán
Megan M. Hoak
Sarah H. Smith

The President's Medal is the highest honor the college awards to a graduating senior. It recognizes excellence and distinction in scholarship, service to the college and community, and overall achievement.

GRADUATE STUDENT ADDRESS

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT

Ruoqiu Wu



Ruoqiu Wu graduates with a 4.0 GPA, a master of arts in chemistry, and an impressive record of publications. He has participated in service to the college through his activities with the International Student Organization.

Mr. Wu came to Buffalo State College to pursue his master's degree in chemistry after completing two bachelor's degrees, in applied chemistry and computer science respectively, at Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou, China. At Buffalo State, his professors quickly came to value his academic abilities and his deep understanding of chemistry principles and laboratory technique. He carried out research on the metal ion binding of the porphyrzine macrocycles in the laboratory of Associate Professor William Durfee. His research opened up a field of chemistry that had been neglected for 50 years. The journal *Angewandte Chemie International Edition*, one of the most prestigious journals in chemistry, has published some of his findings. The work was a collaboration with Associate Professor Christopher J. Ziegler of the University of Akron.

During his time at Buffalo State, Mr. Wu was a residence life associate in the Global Living Center on campus, where he organized many activities for international students. He also participated in the organization of the third annual Peace Day conference on Buffalo State's campus in 2004, and he made presentations at the ninth and 10th annual Student Affairs Professional Conferences, sponsored by the International Student Affairs Office.

Mr. Wu was a recipient of the 2005 Buffalo State Chemistry Alumni Award for Outstanding Graduate Student and the 2006 Wilson Greatbatch Industries Graduate Assistant Award. He is listed in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Mr. Wu is currently working as a research associate for XTL Biopharmaceuticals Ltd.

2007 President's Medal for Outstanding Graduate Student Finalists

Melissa M. Laun
Debra S. Pretorius
Josephine Zagarella

The President's Medal is the highest honor the college awards to a graduate student. It recognizes excellence and distinction in scholarship, service to the college and community, and overall achievement.

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Leah C. Bernal



Leah Bernal is a student-athlete who has excelled in her major, childhood education, while participating for four years as a player on the women's lacrosse team, three of them as captain. Ms. Bernal has won high praise for her academic work. She has maintained a high average in her major and a 3.41 GPA overall. During her student teaching, she demonstrated mastery of the subject matter, pedagogical techniques, and classroom control. Her professors were impressed by her diligence, promptness, and willingness to put meticulous effort into all her class work, as well as by her academic achievements.

As a scholar-athlete, Ms. Bernal has been a leader not only on her team but as a member and president of the college's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). Since her freshman year, Ms. Bernal has helped organize SAAC's biggest community-service event, Kid's Night Out. Buffalo State athletes visit Buffalo Public Schools to invite students to campus, where they work on their sports techniques and learn principles of fair play and sportsmanship.

Because of her own desire to excel, Ms. Bernal also served as a senator for United Students Government, a role that allowed her to bring her leadership and community-building skills to the entire campus.

Joel A. Capellán



Joel Capellán has excelled at Buffalo State College as he pursued his bachelor's degree with a major in political science and a minor in criminal justice. He graduates summa cum laude with a GPA of 3.80.

Mr. Capellán arrived in the United States to join his parents when he was 15 years old. He started high school knowing three words of English. At Buffalo State, he participated in the McNair Scholars Program, which helps prepare eligible Buffalo State students for doctoral programs. He was selected as the McNair Outstanding Junior Scholar last year, and was selected to represent the Buffalo State College McNair Scholars Program at the prestigious Southern Regional Education Board Institute on Teaching and Learning. As an academic mentor, he tutored students in political science, Spanish, criminal justice, and history. As a first-year mentor and a peer mentor, he helped other students develop studying strategies and make successful transitions to college.

He conducted research on the role played by human rights in the allocation of foreign aid, working with a faculty mentor on a sophisticated research project employing a statistical procedure known as Heckman modeling. Mr. Capellán presented the results at the New York State Political Science Association's annual conference at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and a revised version will be published in the world's leading bilingual political science journal, *Revista de Ciencia Política*.

The Political Science Youth Caucus, the Student Political Society, the Native American Student Organization, and the American Political Science Association have all benefited from his leadership. He volunteered on behalf of a number of community organizations as well.

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Katherine W. Coppola



Katherine Coppola has earned a bachelor of science in speech-language pathology with a minor in dance, and she has a GPA of 4.0. Her academic achievement is especially noteworthy because she elected to take an advanced topics course called “Introduction to Research in Communication Sciences and Disorders.” She has demonstrated knowledge of research methods, validity and reliability, evidence-based practice, and development of a research proposal.

She served as an undergraduate research assistant with a faculty member investigating the treatment of reading and spelling impairments in people with attention disorders. In this capacity, Ms. Coppola worked in

the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic at Buffalo State, observing clients, recording and analyzing data, and learning about educational and psychological testing.

As a member of the Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education, the Council for Exceptional Children, and the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association, Ms. Coppola has demonstrated her dedication to her discipline.

Ms. Coppola is also a dancer who took advantage of study-abroad opportunities to travel to Prague, Czech Republic, to study and perform modern dance. She will begin graduate study in speech-language pathology at Buffalo State College in the fall.

Megan M. Hoak



Megan Hoak, who has earned a bachelor of arts in anthropology, has demonstrated academic achievement, leadership, and service. She has a GPA of 3.83 (earned while working full time as a restaurant manager) and has been tireless in pursuit of her longtime ambition of becoming an archaeologist. She is especially interested in zooarchaeology, North American archaeology, Paleo-Indians, and large-game specialization.

Ms. Hoak has extended her learning beyond the classroom. She volunteered on an Ice Age excavation at the Hiscock site in Genesee County, directed by the curator of geology at the Buffalo Museum of Science. She participated in the analysis of artifacts from the

site, and used the findings to develop an honors thesis exploring the impact of human hunting on large animals such as mammoths and mastodons. She presented her research at the 2006 Student Research and Creativity Celebration at Buffalo State.

To learn practical archaeological methods, Ms. Hoak applied to a study-abroad program offered by Northern Illinois University. She was accepted, and she traveled to Salemi, Sicily, where she took part in a field experience at a site that has been occupied by different peoples for centuries.

A focused researcher, Ms. Hoak is a member of the Buffalo State Anthropology Society and the Archaeological Institute of America.

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Kate E. Norwalk



Kate Norwalk has earned a bachelor of arts in psychology while maintaining a 4.0 GPA in her major and a 3.79 GPA overall. The faculty members of the Psychology Department are impressed by her academic achievements, her mastery of statistics, her research ability, and her strong interpersonal skills.

Ms. Norwalk came to Buffalo State knowing that she wanted to work with children. She discovered that the best way for her to help children was by going into the field of school psychology. Once she selected her major, she became very involved in research and extracurricular opportunities to gain a thorough understanding of her chosen discipline. She joined the Psychology Club and Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, and held offices in both. She

also served as a peer mentor, helping her fellow students progress toward their degrees.

She excelled both in the classroom and in her research efforts. She co-presented three posters at the 2006 Student Research and Creativity Celebration. She was one of just 10 students from the Northeast and Midwest regions accepted into the Psychology Department's competitive seven-week summer research fellowship program, which is funded by the National Institute of Mental Health.

Besides working full time while in college, Ms. Norwalk volunteered at Bornhava, a preschool for children with learning disabilities. She also excelled at her internship at Hopevale Inc., a family services agency located in Western New York.

Sarah H. Smith



Sarah Smith has earned a bachelor of science in applied sociology and a minor in public administration, with a GPA of 3.90. Her academic achievements include her mastery not only of the coursework but also of applied research.

Applied research is the study of a given problem with the intention of developing solutions. As a student in a service-learning sociology class, she studied housing problems facing residents on the West Side of Buffalo. She participated in the preparation of a housing database for residents from the West Side Community Collaborative area. She also conducted independent research and presented findings to community leaders.

Ms. Smith went on to pursue ethnographic research on the impact of public policy at the Asarese-Matters Community Center, which resulted in a comprehensive needs assessment that is being used by government officials. Ms. Smith also presented a poster at the Eastern Sociological Society conference and a paper at the New York State Sociological Association, both in 2006.

She also has a firm understanding of the theoretical bases for the three dominant paradigms in the discipline of sociology; has won numerous awards including the Herbert Aurbach Social Action Award; and is a member of Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honor Society.

LaShante M. Thomas



LaShante Thomas graduates with a bachelor of science in criminal justice, a minor in social welfare, and a GPA of 3.57.

She has held many leadership roles in which she served her fellow students and Buffalo State College. She has worked for the Residence Life Office as a first-year mentor, a position that enabled her to help first-year students become part of the college community. She also served as an academic tutor and mentor helping students improve their study skills and gain mastery of particular subjects. Both the Orientation Office and the Educational Opportunity Program have employed her as an orientation leader.

As a volunteer, she has served the Admissions Office as a student ambassador, leading campus tours and greeting

visitors. She also volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House of Buffalo. She was a member of the African American Student Organization, the Community Policing Committee, and Chi Alpha Epsilon, the honor society of the Educational Opportunity Program.

Ms. Thomas has expressed gratitude to the faculty at Buffalo State, the staff of the Educational Opportunity Program, and her family. She plans to apply what she has learned by working with children in low-income homes and high-crime neighborhoods, leading with her own example of perseverance and determination. She intends to follow Mahatma Gandhi's advice to "be the change you wish to see in the world" by being a catalyst for hope.

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 Zoran Spasic
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 Jichun Chen
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* cum laude
 ** magna cum laude
 *** summa cum laude
 † dual degree

2007 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

ANTHROPOLOGY

Rebecca G. Bateson-Brown
Lewis Henry Morgan Award

Megan M. Hoak
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award

Lyndsay D. Stover
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award

ART EDUCATION

Heather M. Wilkins
Dean's Award for Excellence in Art Education

BIOLOGY

John O. Elliott
William C. Scheffler Memorial Award
to an Outstanding Biology Secondary
Education Senior (2006)

Jessica E. Gaiser
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award to
an Outstanding Biology Senior (2006)

Dawn M. Schranz
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award to
an Outstanding Biology Senior

BUSINESS

Neil A. Diegelman
Outstanding Student in the Business Department

CHEMISTRY

Kristen M. Burgio
Iota Sigma Pi (2005, 2006, 2007)

Ronald W. Johnson
Greatbatch Enterprises Inorganic/Physical
Chemistry Award (2006)
Linus Pauling Award (2006)
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society (2006)

Michael W. Kawa
American Chemical Society Distinguished
Student Award
American Chemical Society Polymer Education
Award (2006)
American Institute Award (2006, 2007)
Forensic Chemistry Award
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society
Noel Simmons Memorial Award

Matthew W. McKay
Starks Associates Award (2006)

Lori L. McLean
Saul Barron Award
American Chemical Society Distinguished
Student Award (2006)
Margaret Dupree Memorial Award (2006)
Forensic Chemistry Award
Iota Sigma Pi (2006, 2007)
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society (2006)
Noel Simmons Memorial Award (2006)

Courtney M. Saenz
Iota Sigma Pi

COMMUNICATION

Brook F. D'Angelo
Dean's Award for Outstanding Student in
Communication Department

Ashley M. Simmons
Outstanding Student in Public Communication

Kristen L. Torcello
Outstanding Student in Broadcasting

Marcie L. Wright
Outstanding Student in Communication Studies

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Christopher Anderson
Excellence in Computer Information
Systems Award

Joseph W. Riggie
Excellence in Computer Information
Systems Award

Marquan R. Shaw
Excellence in Computer Information
Systems Award

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Mathew P. Gavigan
Donald J. Griffin Memorial Scholarship

Thomas J. Gianadda
Criminal Justice Faculty Certificate of Merit

LaShante M. Thomas
Looseleaf Law Certificate of Merit

DESIGN

Gework Arutunian
John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative
Excellence in Communication Design (2005)

Laura K. Berkeley
John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative
Excellence in Communication Design

Megan E. Cosgrove
Hyatt Award for Excellence in Ceramic Design

Mumetaka Icbikawa
Hyatt Award for Excellence in Ceramic Design
(2006)

Justin M. Lowe
Hyatt Award for Excellence in Communication
Design

Sbeila M. Mansell
Hyatt Award for Excellence in Fiber Design
(2006)

Kristin D. Shumway
Dean's Award for Excellence in Design
Earl Wolfgruber Scholarship Award (2006)

Joshua J. Spaulding
Hyatt Award for Excellence in Communication
Design (2006)

Brendan A. Walsb
Sanford I. Nusbaum Award for Excellence in
Furniture Design

DIETETICS AND NUTRITION

Cara L. Boshart
Mary Switzer Award (2006)
Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship
(2006)

Joelle O. Dunklin
Eunice Frisbee Mason Award (2006)
Katherine Staebell Award (2006)
Yvonne Williams Scholarship (2006)

Katherine H. Schindler
Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship
(2006)

EARTH SCIENCES AND SCIENCE EDUCATION

Amy L. Dembski
Rafael Yalkovsky Award for Best Written
Undergraduate Paper in Geology

Sean G. Hays
John Murtaugh Award for Excellence in
Scientific Field Work

ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

Richard Chambers
Outstanding Student Award

Aneliya Dobрева
Outstanding Student Award

Amanda N. Haner
Outstanding Student Award

Danielle R. Mt. Pleasant
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS

Norman J. Zindle
Career and Technical Education
Undergraduate Student of the Year

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

Delores R. Cummings
Arthur O. Eve Distinguished Student
Achievement Award

Daniel L. Schamber
Buffalo State College Alumni Association Award

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Buffalo State College Alumni Association Award

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

Christina M. Feliz
The Norma Sutter Award for Excellence in
Student Teaching

Zina Matthews-Holmes
Helfrich-Moehlau Award

LaQuida R. Shedrck
Exemplary Urban Educator Award

2007 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

ENGLISH

Jennifer M. Morgan

English Department Award for Excellence in English

Michelle L. Sellepack

English Department Award for Excellence in English

Christopher M. Stampone

Dean's Award for Excellence in English

EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

Craig T. Boss

Gustave and Geraldine Werner Scholarship (2006)

Dawn M. McGee

Horace Mann Award for Outstanding Undergraduate in Exceptional Education

John M. Tryka

Bernard B. Yormak Award for Outstanding Undergraduate in Exceptional Education

FINE ARTS

Courtney S. Brent

Dean's Award for Excellence in Fine Arts

Matthew J. Johnston

Roger B. Smith Award for Excellence in Painting

Derek J. Miller

Outstanding Achievement in Painting

Adam L. Nowicki

Fine Arts Award for Excellence in Sculpture (2006)

Stacy Sauvageau

Fine Arts Award for Excellence in Art History

Ronald S. Westlake

Fine Arts Award for Excellence in Sculpture

GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING

Harmony L. Gugino

National Center for Geographic Education Award (Planning)

Heather M. Lewis

Katherine T. Whittemore Award

Theodore R. McInerney

Updraft Meteorology Award

Gary S. Nelson

Western New York American Planning Association Award

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Andrea M. Cborny

Outstanding Major in Health and Wellness

Krista M. Vazquez

Outstanding Contribution to the Discipline

HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION

Carmen J. Bartolotta

Eric Brunger Award of Merit

Stephanie A. Brown

Eric Brunger Award of Merit

Mark J. Harrington

Thomas G. Powell History Award

Kathryn L. Lamontagne

David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award in History (2006)

Harold F. Peterson Award

Jessica L. Lewis

Kathleen Mallea Award for Excellence in Social Studies Education

Lynn M. Lombardo

Thomas F. Higgins Scholarship

Daniel F. Lorenc

G. Allen McFarren Award for Excellence in Social Studies Education

Valiant D. O'Mahony-Gallagher

Harold F. Peterson Award (2006)

David T. Papke

Scholar Athlete Award (2006)

Nicolas A. Plummer

Kathleen Mallea Award for Excellence in Social Studies Education

Megan F. Posluszny

Anthony Sokolowski Scholarship

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

Amber D. Bigbam

Pano's Scholarship

Dylan E. Collopy

Pano's Scholarship

Krista A. Constantino

Hospitality and Tourism Department Scholarship

Timothy D. Mt. Pleasant

Hospitality and Tourism Department Scholarship

INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES

Judith C. McMabon

Excellence in Individualized Studies Award (2006)

Stephanie R. Silverwood

Excellence in Individualized Studies Award

Nina P. Tomaino

Excellence in Individualized Studies Award (2006)

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Leah C. Bernal

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2006)

Keriann C. Claussen

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Justin J. Huebbers

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SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2006)

Courtney A. Wagner

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2006)

INTERIOR DESIGN

Megumi Shiga

Dean's Award for Excellence in Interior Design

MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

Amanda Boos

Fulbright Teaching Assistantship

John M. Niwinski

Charles A. Messner Classics Prize

Michael M. Ruopoli

Ernest S. Falbo Award (2006)
Javier Ortiz-Calderón Spanish Award

G. William Weisbeck

Dean's Award for Excellence

MUSIC

Bethany A. Eising

Dean's Award for Excellence in Music

Christopher J. Rudroff

Paul R. Homer Endowed Music Scholarship (2005)

Lenore Rollett Wright Award for Achievement in Music

PHILOSOPHY AND HUMANITIES

Julia M. Hoekstra

Religious Studies Minor Award

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Joel A. Capellán

Outstanding Student in Political Science

Josbua P. Coppings

David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award

Iyanna I. Grissom

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Brandon M. Standish

Special Political Science Award

Sberice L. Tyes

Special Political Science Award

PSYCHOLOGY

Daniel W. Platt

Dr. Esther McGinnis Award in Psychology

Kate E. Norwalk

David Vernon Bullough Outstanding Senior in Psychology Award

Rachel L. Sunley

Dr. Esther McGinnis Award in Psychology

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SOCIAL WORK

Seaghan P. Coleman

Excellence in Social Work Award

Ryan W. Daley

Excellence in Social Work Award

Amy L. Guthrie

Excellence in Social Work Award

Cody J. Nichols

Excellence in Social Work Award

Lisa C. Rudolph

National Association of Social Workers Western Division Outstanding Student Award

SOCIOLOGY

Abby C. Dundon

Richard P. Seibert Sociology Internship Award (2006)

Kathleen A. Kolkman

Women's Studies Award (2004)

Nicole L. McCawthran

Narendra Nath Kalia Award for Outstanding Female (2006)

John H. McKee

Kenneth J. Downey Memorial Award for Outstanding Sociology Student (2005)

Conrad Vogler Promising Sociologist Award (2006)

Jordyn E. Rice

Sociology Student Achievement Award (2005)

Flavia J. Rivera

Narendra Nath Kalia Award for Outstanding Female (2006)

Sarah H. Smith

Herbert Aurbach Social Action Award (2005)
Neumann-Clement Scholarship in Sociology (2006)

Kenneth Vargas

David Vernon Bullough Memorial Scholarship in Sociology (2006)

Chandra A. Whitefield

Imaginative Sociologist of the Year Award (2006)

Conrad Vogler Promising Sociologist Award (2004)

Adrianna K. Zullich

Herbert Aurbach Social Action Award (2005)

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Katherine W. Coppola

Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship (2006)

Susan Deabn

Laura Wells Memorial Scholarship (2006)

Guemali Viera

McNair Scholarship (2006)

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Matthew A. Levin-Stankevich

Mildred Keller Campbell Student Leadership Award (2006)

TECHNOLOGY

Justin P. Baryza

Robert J. Elmes Jr. Memorial Scholarship (2004)

Epsilon Pi Tau (2004)

Glenn O. Sallack Scholarship (2006)

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Epsilon Pi Tau (2006)

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Epsilon Pi Tau (2004)

Kevin J. King

Epsilon Pi Tau (2006)

Gerald J. Laventure

Computer Science Engineering and Mathematics Scholarship (2003, 2004)

Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship (2004)

Andrew J. Newman

Bristol-Myers Squibb Scholarship (2006)

John L. Sarazyn

Epsilon Pi Tau (2005)

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Epsilon Pi Tau

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Epsilon Pi Tau (2005)

Zoran Spasic

Epsilon Pi Tau (2006)

Michael L. Trembowicz

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Student of the Month (September 2006)

Brian J. Vanderwalker

Epsilon Pi Tau (2006)

Keith R. Zynda

Epsilon Pi Tau (2006)

THEATER

Bennett L. Ferguson

Dean's Award for Excellence in Theater

Bethany M. Sparacio

Mina S. Goossen Award for Theater

WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Kristine L. Anderson

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Katherine W. Coppola

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

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Doris M. Carter
Michael A. Caruana
Jennifer L. Castonguay
Theresa M. Colosi
Gayle M. Coots
Susan J. Crane-Sundell
Jennifer L. Davis
Michele L. Dawley
Ryan F. DeSantis
Jessica A. Decarlo
Kristin D. Decker
Nicole M. Decker
Nicole C. Dobbs
Kyle D. Doody
Laura K. Dorrell
Nadine M. Drexler
Jessica L. Ecker
Sarah G. Edwards
Molly C. Elliot
Lisa A. El Mesbahi
Holly E. Erwin
Erin M. Esford
Elizabeth M. Favorite
Nicole M. Fiorentino
Tricia L. Fix
Kevin W. Fleck
Miria L. Florence
Amanda L. Fronczak
Donna B. Frymire
Melissa B. Gallineau
Sarah E. Gallivan
Lorraine J. Gammack
Heather E. Garis

Suzanne M. Gaskill
Bradley F. Gearhart
Stacy R. Geib
Michele S. Gibson
Brenda D. Good
Dayna J. Gramza
Jennifer L. Griffiths
Christine L. Gugino
April C. Hall
Courtney E. Hallahan
Alethea L. Harns
Johanna M. Hawkins
Kristin C. Hendrix
Christine E. Herberger
Joseph D. Hill
Kristyn M. Hill
Thomas M. Hoar
Blair J. Hodgson
Lisa M. Holler
Michael S. Holmes
Shirtona M. Horton
Melissa R. Hugar
Karen L. Hulsizer
Thomas A. Ingalsbe Jr.
Michael L. Insalaco
Lisa M. Jarkiewicz
Adrian C. John
Russell J. Joy II
Stacey L. Kalenik
Michael J. Kanick
Darryl A. King
Rose V. Kisiel
Kathleen M. Klun
Jane M. Kobos
Carl C. Koppmann
Kamie T. Kozubal
Kate L. Krawczyk
Matthew P. Kresge
Gregory D. Kummer
Candy M. LaRue
Nicole M. Lasut-Campbell
Melissa M. Laun
Marney L. Lenney
Sara J. Lewinski
Lisa A. Lucente
Jennifer L. Lyons Lizak
Brian R. MacKay
Stacey L. Mackowiak
Rose-Marie Mango
Ryan L. Marsillo
Christine M. McCulloch
Nicole L. McCumber

Maureen F. McKee
Lisa L. McPhee
Colleen A. McQuade
Michele M. Meaney
Amber Miller
Caroline A. Miller
Karen E. Miller
Kathryn W. Miller
Meagen A. Miller
Larry R. Millson
Kelly E. Muhl
Dana L. Mulivich
Heather P. Murawski
Melody B. Murchie
Andrea J. Nabozny
Joseph A. Necci
Judith A. Nesbit
Amber Nevinger
M. Antoinette Newkirk
Andrea Niro
John P. Nowak
Julia A. Nowak
Stephen A. Nowak Jr.
Lori L. O'Rourke
Jill M. Odrobina
Kathleen M. Opanashuk
Barbara A. Opper
Erica J. Osinski
Judith A. Palleschi
Cynthia L. Palmer
Kim A. Parzymieso
Michael C. Parzymieso
Gina M. Patrone
Michael J. Pawlikowski
Thomas E. Pearse
Robin E. Pettapiece
Jeanne L. Pierino
Carrie A. Pirson
Debra S. Pretorius
Jennifer L. Raimondo
Patricia C. Ramsey
Paul J. Raskob
Danielle L. Raymond
Noah Raymond
Christina M. Reid
Jason D. Renzo
Ehrens Reynolds
Katherine A. Richelt
Karen A. Robinson
Korey A. Rogers
Nicholas Romano
Crystal L. Rumsey

2007 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES AND C.A.S.

Megan L. Ryan
Alexis A. Sadlocha
Samuel J. Saeli
Heidi D. SanGeorge
John A. Sandecki
Kelly M. Sanfilippo
Mary C. Saternus
Krista L. Schwab
Mary A. Sciascia
Michael J. Segal
Elizabeth A. Singleton
Frank Sita
Dawn M. Smith
Joanne M. Smith
Michael M. Smith
Susan D. Spampata
Eileen A. Spooner
Andrew J. Starr
Shannon L. Stockton
Alison Sullivan
Sherry A. Swenson
Amy L. Swieczkowski
Krista M. Syruws
Sherri A. Szczepanski
Eric M. Szpylman
Katrina L. Szucs
Christopher J. Tarantelli
Angela M. Targia
Kristy Tedesco
Amy R. Thomas
Jill A. Tokasz
Michelle L. Turcan
Nadeen S. Tutuska
Marcie L. Ulicki
Andrea L. Verhague
Edward A. VonInderstein
Kimberly B. Walwyn
Laura E. Wanamaker
Michelle L. Weiglein
Paul G. Wekarski
Jonathan P. Welka
Nicole M. Welka
Jessica R. Welker
Heather R. White
Stacey L. Williams

Sarah A. Winkowski
Elizabeth A. Young
Jill C. Zeh
Joseph Ziegler
Christine L. Ziobro
Sara E. Zogby

AUGUST 2007

Jennifer M. Barba
Sabrina L. Berry
Nancy L. Childs
Jennifer L. Covotta
Jacqueline L. Denzel
Stacey L. DiNatale
Natalie L. Domroes
Carolyn M. Grandoni
Matthew W. Gregoire
Brandon D. Holland
Stacie M. Karl
Kathleen I. Kawahara
Colleen M. Malysza
Annquienette Moore
Alice F. Moses
Jessica L. Murdock
Kimberly L. Piontkowski
Anthony C. Rizzo
Susan M. Rudnicki
Larissa L. Santomieri
Holly E. Sega
Finune O. Shaibi
Joy L. Stoldt
Kimberly M. Streicher
Michael A. Suwala
John P. Targia
Salvatore A. Tatto
Joanne L. Walter
Kerri A. Watson
Kristen E. Wilkosz
Karen A. Wittek
Rachel L. Wolgast

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

DECEMBER 2006

Charles L. Fish
Melissa A. Leumer
Jillian R. Rindos

MAY 2007

Colleen A. Politowski
Jennifer L. Schreiber

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY

DECEMBER 2006

Michael J. Belle-Isle
Amy B. Moeller

MAY 2007

Reynelda M. Brown
Gregory A. Johnson
Josephina A. Milioto
Dawn F. Solomon

AUGUST 2007

Victoria A. Binder
Rebecca J. Cashman
Margo I. Delidow
Jennifer T. DiJoseph
Anne R. Grady
Stephen J. Kochan
Allen R. Kosanovich
Vincent S. Leone
Julie M. Parker
Rachel A. Penniman
Samantha Sheesley
Lauren M. Varga

List compiled March 6, 2007

May 2007 graduate listings are anticipated based on successful completion of courses in progress.

August 2007 graduate listings are anticipated based on successful completion of courses in progress and successful completion of degree requirements during the summer 2007.

* cum laude
** magna cum laude
*** summa cum laude
† dual degree

2007 GRADUATE AWARDS

APPLIED ECONOMICS

Hui Wang

Outstanding Master's Student Award (2006, 2007)

ART CONSERVATION

Victoria A. Binder

Margaret and Charles Balbach Art Conservation Fellowship (2005)
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2004, 2005)
Leo and Karen Gutmann Foundation Fellowship (2004, 2005)
Ross B. Kenzie Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2004)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2004, 2005, 2006)
Linda Joan Levy Paull Art Conservation Fellowship (2005)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2004)

Rebecca J. Cashman

Bandrowski Art Conservation Fellowship (2004)
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2004, 2005)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2005)
Leo and Karen Gutmann Foundation Fellowship (2004, 2005)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2004)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2005, 2006)
Saxe Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2005)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2004)

Margo I. Delidow

C. Teo and Jennifer Balbach Art Conservation Fellowship (2005)
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2004, 2005)
Gordon and Gretchen Gross Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2004, 2005)
Leo and Karen Gutmann Foundation Fellowship (2004, 2005)
Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2006)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2004, 2006)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2005)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2004)

Jennifer T. DiJoseph

Melissa T. Balbach and John K. Bace Art Conservation Fellowship (2005)
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2004, 2005)
Getty Grant Program Fellowship (2005)
Leo and Karen Gutmann Foundation Fellowship (2004, 2005)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2004, 2005)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2006)
Linda Joan Levy Paull Art Conservation Fellowship (2004)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2004)

Anne R. Grady

Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2004, 2005)
Leo and Karen Gutmann Foundation Fellowship (2004, 2005)
Marks Family Foundation Art Conservation Fellowship (2004)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2004, 2005)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2005, 2006)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2004, 2005)

Allen R. Kosanovich

Bandrowski Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2004)
Brost Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2005)
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2004, 2005)
Leo and Karen Gutmann Foundation Fellowship (2004, 2005)
Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2006)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2004, 2005, 2006)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2004)

Julie M. Parker

Melissa T. Balbach and John K. Bace Art Conservation Fellowship (2004)
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2004, 2005)
Leo and Karen Gutmann Foundation Fellowship (2004, 2005)
Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2004)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2005, 2006)
Fannie Kestenbaum Paull Memorial Art Conservation Fellowship (2005)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2004)

Rachel A. Penniman

Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2004, 2005)
Leo and Karen Gutmann Foundation Fellowship (2004, 2005)
Ross B. Kenzie Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2004)
Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2006)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2004, 2006)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2005)
Fannie Kestenbaum Paull Memorial Art Conservation Fellowship (2005)
Margaret L. Wendt Foundation Fellowship (2004)

Samantha Sheesley

Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2004, 2005)
Leo and Karen Gutmann Foundation Fellowship (2004, 2005)
Gordon and Gretchen Gross Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2004, 2005)
Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2006)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2004, 2005, 2006)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2004)

Lauren M. Varga

Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2004, 2005)
Getty Grant Program Fellowship (2005)
Leo and Karen Gutmann Foundation Fellowship (2004, 2005)
Allan Kenzie Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2005)
Marks Family Foundation Art Conservation Fellowship (2004)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2004, 2006)

CHEMISTRY

Danni Que

Buffalo State College Chemistry Alumni Award (2006)

Paul M. Seidler

Wilson Greatbatch Graduate Assistant Award (2006)

Ruoqiu Wu

Buffalo State College Chemistry Alumni Award (2005)
Wilson Greatbatch Graduate Assistant Award (2006)

Bibuan Zhong

Buffalo State College Chemistry Alumni Award

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Gwaina D. Wauldon

Morgan Graduate Award

EDUCATIONAL COMPUTING

Matthew W. Gregoire

Educational Computing Program Award for Outstanding Contributions

David J. Neiss

Educational Computing Program Award for Outstanding Contributions

John P. Targia

Educational Computing Program Award for Outstanding Contributions

Kristen E. Wilkosz

Educational Computing Program Award for Outstanding Contributions

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS

Paul J. Raskob

Career and Technical Education Graduate Student of the Year

ENGLISH

Alison Pipitone

English Department Outstanding Graduate Student Award (M.A.)

2007 GRADUATE AWARDS

EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

Melissa M. Laun

Horace Mann Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in Exceptional Education

Debra S. Pretorius

Bernard Yormak Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in Exceptional Education

HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION

Jessica L. Wjse

Dr. Manny T. Koginos U.S. History Student Award

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Frank R. Martin

Student of the Month (November 2005)

LITERACY SPECIALIST

Colleen L. Logan

Alpha Upsilon Alpha Action Research Award

Heidi J. Mesmer

Alpha Upsilon Alpha Action Research Award

Heidi A. Pikula

Alpha Upsilon Alpha Action Research Award

Katie M. Smith

Alpha Upsilon Alpha Action Research Award

Stephanie A. Thum

Alpha Upsilon Alpha Action Research Award

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Sarah E. Gallivan

Academic Excellence Award (2006, 2007)
Thomas R. Berchou Memorial Scholarship (2006)

Christine L. Gugino

Academic Excellence Award (2006, 2007)
Clinical Excellence Award (2006, 2007)
Vivian Louise Anderson Glen Memorial Scholarship (2006)
Speech Hearing Association of Western New York (SHAWNY) Scholarship (2006)

Lisa M. Jarkiewicz

Academic Excellence Award (2006, 2007)
Clinical Excellence Award (2006, 2007)

Rose-Marie Mango

Deborah Moll-Richmond Foundation Scholarship (2006)

Karen E. Miller

Upstate New York Speech-Language Pathology Consortium Scholarship

Andrea J. Nabozny

Academic Excellence Award (2006, 2007)
Clinical Excellence Award (2006, 2007)

Danielle L. Raymond

Academic Excellence Award (2006, 2007)
Clinical Excellence Award (2006, 2007)

Kristy Tedesco

Academic Excellence Award (2006, 2007)

Nadeen S. Tutuska

Upstate New York Speech-Language Pathology Consortium Scholarship

Marcie L. Ullicki

Academic Excellence Award

Heather R. White

Academic Excellence Award
Clinical Excellence Award

STUDENT PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Jacob F. Benninger

Academic Achievement Award

Lakeisha S. Flood

Academic Achievement Award

Christine A. Frezza

Academic Achievement Award

Judith A. Kingsland

Academic Achievement Award

Nancy B. Marks

Academic Achievement Award

Josephine Zagarella

Academic Achievement Award

WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Mona M. Abdulla

Paul J. Raskob

Lauren A. White

Jinghua Yao

Wei Yuanbong

OUTSTANDING MASTER'S THESIS AND PROJECT AWARDS

The Graduate Advisory Council initiated the Outstanding Master's Thesis and Outstanding Master's Project Awards in 2004 to recognize students whose special achievements demonstrate the highest standard of scholarship.

OUTSTANDING MASTER'S THESIS

Robin L. Foster

A Study of the Hellbender Salamander (*Cryptobranchus Alleganiensis*) in the Allegheny River Drainage of New York State: Examination of Population Trends, Assessment of Capture Methods, and Development of Genetic Techniques
Amy M. McMillan, Thesis Adviser

Carol Marie Hammond

Critically Negotiating the Visual: An Action Research Project Documenting the Creation of a New Curriculum that Emphasizes the Deconstruction of Visual Culture Through the Exploration of Gender Stereotypes in the Media
Alice C. Pennisi, Thesis Adviser

David J. Shapiro-Zysk

The Separation of Church and Twain: Deist Philosophy in the Writings of Mark Twain
Thomas J. Reigstad, Thesis Adviser

OUTSTANDING MASTER'S PROJECT

Penny Carlson-Palma

Visual Culture Discussions in an Affective Environment: Changing the Pedagogical Approach and Course Content of a Sixth Grade Art Curriculum
Alice C. Pennisi, Project Adviser

Ashwini J. Kulkarni

Reassessment of Valuation Ratios and Portfolio Returns
Theodore F. Byrley, Project Adviser

Bonnie S. Rice

Overcoming Students' Science Misconceptions: Shedding Light on the Earth-Moon-Sun System
Barbara J. Smith, Project Adviser

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AWARD PAST RECIPIENTS

SUNY HONORARY DOCTORATE

1985

William Cruickshank

1986

B. F. Skinner
Willard Genrich

1987

Milton Glaser
John Patrick Montague
Katherine Dunham

1988

Paul G. Bulger

1989

Tom Wicker

1991

Carl T. Rowan

1992

Mary Futrell
A. R. Gurney

1993

David Maybury-Lewis

1994

Diane English
Milton Rogovin

1995

Charles Rand Penney

1996

Robert Guthrie
Laura Rankin
Cornel West

1997

Elaine Wingate Conway
Tom Fontana
Horace Mann
Robert Pokelwaldt

1998

Avery Brooks
Colin Powell

1999

Barry Callaghan
Allen Tinney

2000

Robert Kresse
Christopher Newton
Oscar Arias Sanchez
Maurice Sendak

2001

Monroe Fordham
Rita Moreno
Thomas Murphy

2002

Ross B. Kenzie
Darlene Clark Hine

2003

Susan Schmidt Bies
G. Peter Jemison

2004

Vern L. Bullough
André De Shields

2005

Deborah Oppenheimer
Thomas C. Perry

2006

Ruben Santiago-Hudson
Hank Nuwer

SUNY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR

1973

Harold F. Peterson—History

1983

Irene M. Hulicka—Psychology

1987

Vern L. Bullough—Dean, Faculty of
Natural and Social Sciences

2002

Francis R. Kowsky—Fine Arts

SUNY DISTINGUISHED TEACHING PROFESSOR

1973

Fraser B. Drew—English

1978

Joseph F. Wincenc—Music

1995

Marvin J. LaHood—English

1997

George T. Hole—Philosophy and
Religious Studies

1998

Dan A. Kushel—Art Conservation

2000

James D. Haynes—Biology

SUNY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PROFESSOR

1975

John Urban—Biology

1977

Richard Brown—History and Social
Studies Education
Stanley A. Czurlas—Art Education
Walter B. Greenwood—English

1979

J. Stephen Sherwin—English

1982

Ruth B. Noller—Center for Studies
in Creativity

1985

Horace Mann—Exceptional Education

1986

Joseph A. Fekete—Geography and
Planning

1992

Nuala M. Drescher—History and
Social Studies Education

1997

F. Christopher Tahk—Art Conservation

1999

Edward O. Smith Jr.—History and
Social Studies Education

2002

Betty J. Cappella—Educational
Foundations

2003

Janet E. Ramsey—Communication

2005

Sharon F. Cramer—Exceptional
Education

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

1973

Arthur P. Ackerman—Learning and
Behavioral Disorders

Eric Brunger—History

Thomas S. Weinberg—Sociology

1974

John C. Carbonara—Philosophy
Bradley A. Lown—Psychology

Richard C. Towne—Learning and
Behavioral Disorders

1975

Stanley A. Czurlas—Art Education
John B. Morganti—Psychology
Antoinette M. Paterson—Philosophy

1976

M. Virginia Wyly—Psychology

1977

Robert Davitt—Geosciences
James R. Orgren—Geosciences
John A. Palmer—Behavioral and
Humanistic Studies
Norman F. Weaver—History

1978

John E. Mack—Geosciences
Rex Miller—Industrial
Arts/Vocational Education

1980

Gerhard Falk—Sociology
Francis Lestingi—Geosciences,
Physics, Interdisciplinary Sciences

1981

Ann L. Egan—Consumer Studies
and Home Economics

1982

Nancy B. Belfer—Design

1985

Marvin LaHood—English

1988

Howard M. Reid—Psychology

1989

Donald D. Leopard—History and
Social Studies Education
Frank J. Pascarella—Health,
Physical Education, and Recreation

1990

William E. Engelbrecht—
Anthropology

1991

James Palermo—Educational
Foundations
Richard P. Seibert—Sociology

1994

Victor H. Balowitz—Philosophy and
Religious Studies
Donald L. Bird—Earth Sciences
and Science Education
Thomas J. Quatroche—Educational
Foundations

1995

Eileen M. Schoaff—Mathematics

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AWARD PAST RECIPIENTS

1996

Scott G. Isaksen—Center for Studies in Creativity

1997

Virginia E. Grabiner—Sociology
James O. Grunebaum—Philosophy and Religious Studies
Andrea Guiati—Foreign Language

1998

Katherine B. Hartman—Art Education
Eliane McKee—Foreign Language
Kerran L. Sanger—Communication

1999

David A. Carson—History and Social Studies Education
M. Katherine C. Sacca—Exceptional Education

2001

Frederick C. Howe—Educational Foundations

2002

Michael Johnson—Modern and Classical Languages
Kay Johnson-Gentile—Elementary Education and Reading

2005

Theodore F. Byrley—Economics and Finance

2006

Barbara T. Bontempo—English

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FACULTY SERVICE

2005

Howard M. Reid—Psychology
Zhang Jie—Sociology

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

1977

William Troy—Financial Aid

1978

Joyce E. Fink—Public Affairs
Daniel R. Hunter—Financial Aid
H. Gene Steffen—Instructional Resources
Robert A. Sweeney—Great Lakes Laboratory

1981

Minerva J. Goldberg—Instructional Resources

1987

Jack C. Brueckman Jr.—Small Business Development Center
David A. Burdette—Budget Office

1996

Wendy A. Paterson—Academic Skills Center
Steven E. Shaffer—Facilities Planning

1997

Scot R. Eckert—Campus Services

1998

Roslyn Berkovitz—Educational Opportunity Program
Richard J. Lee—Associate Dean, Faculty of Applied Science and Education

2000

Stephen S. Mangione—Instructional Technology

2001

Karen L. Johnson—STAR Program

2002

Stephanie B. Zuckerman-Aviles—Career Development Center

2003

Rebecca J. Schenk—Budget Office

2004

Linda K. Gleckel—Faculty of Applied Science and Education
Mary E. Greene—Institutional Advancement and Development

2006

Gail F. Maloney—Intercollegiate Athletics

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LIBRARIANSHIP

1983

Susan P. Besemer—E. H. Butler Library

1987

Sr. Martin Joseph Jones—E. H. Butler Library

1989

Shirley A. Posner—E. H. Butler Library

1990

Bruce K. Andrew—E. H. Butler Library

1992

Mary K. Delmont—E. H. Butler Library

1994

Carol J. Richards—E. H. Butler Library

1997

Levirn Hill—E. H. Butler Library

1999

G. Charles Newman—E. H. Butler Library

2002

Albert F. Riess—E. H. Butler Library

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

2004

Harish C. Sikka—Great Lakes Center

2005

Kevin Railey—English
William F. Wieczorek—Center for Health and Social Research

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

1998

Karen Edmond—Bachelor of Science
Eugene Harvey—Bachelor of Science
Richard Paige—Bachelor of Science in Education
Alex Perry—Bachelor of Science in Education
Theresa Varney—Bachelor of Science in Education

1999

Craig Dana—Bachelor of Science

2000

Clare M. Cavanaugh—Bachelor of Science in Education
Ayanna Sholá Perrin—Bachelor of Science in Education

2001

Jonathan C. Litwin—Bachelor of Arts
Carol Szalach—Bachelor of Science in Education
Kelly van Hoeckel White—Master of Science in Education

2002

Pooja Tivary—Bachelor of Science
Paulette M. Wydro—Bachelor of Science
Julie Ann Reszczenski—Master of Science in Education

2003

Sheetal Anand—Bachelor of Science
Kwabena Boakye—Bachelor of Arts
Julie A. Dils—Bachelor of Science
Lorraine J. Gammack—Bachelor of Science in Education
Viktoriya Magid—Bachelor of Arts
Craig Reynolds—Master of Science in Education

2004

Tiffany D. Ciolek—Bachelor of Arts
Jude M. Jayatilleke—Bachelor of Science
Brian R. Kramer—Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Science
Siobhan K. McCollum—Bachelor of Arts
Kevin A. Reynolds—Bachelor of Science
Carol J. Shaw—Bachelor of Science in Education
Andrew D. Verity—Bachelor of Arts
Krista L. Wierzbicki—Bachelor of Arts

2005

Nalini D. Goolsarran—Bachelor of Science
William N. Hoffman—Bachelor of Arts
Francisco A. Lopez—Bachelor of Arts
Mary Jane Masiulionis—Bachelor of Arts
Laticia G. McNaughton—Bachelor of Arts
Chantz B. Miles—Bachelor of Science
Crystal C. Rodriguez—Bachelor of Science
Pamela R. Shannon—Bachelor of Science
Sarah E. Wilson—Bachelor of Arts

2006

Scott S. Bindemann—Bachelor of Science in Education
Jennifer M. Breier—Bachelor of Science
Jessica A. Bryant—Bachelor of Arts
Nicole G. Maiorana—Bachelor of Arts
Nija D. Marshall—Bachelor of Arts
Pamela B. Szefer—Bachelor of Science in Education
Jude M. Jayatilleke—Master of Science

Awards, names, and titles listed were current at the time awards were given.

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE AWARD PAST RECIPIENTS

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

1965

David O. Cooke, '41 —
Assistant Secretary of Defense

William J. Fairlie, '52 —
Principal, Woodlawn Junior
High School, Buffalo

1966

Donald G. Brossman, '36 —
Former Associate Director, NYS
Schools Boards Association

Veronica E. Connor, '35 —
Supervising Principal, Grand
Island Public Schools

1967

Margaret A. Grant, '29 —
Director, Home Economics
Division, Buffalo State College

Marion G. Olsen, '22 —
Principal, Buffalo Public
School 84

1968

John P. Walsh, '39 —
President Emeritus, The
William Hood Dunwoody
Industrial Institute

Stanley H. Witmeyer, '39 —
Director, School of Art and
Design, Rochester Institute of
Technology

1969

Evelyn G. Bell, '27 —
Director of Personnel, City of
Buffalo School Department

George R. Sherrie, '37 —
Vice President Emeritus for
Administration, Buffalo State
College

1970

Rev. Laman H. Bruner Jr., '39 —
Chaplain, New York State
Assembly

A. Marie Murphy, '32 —
Faculty Member, Lockport
Senior High School

1971

Howard S. VanHoff, '26 —
Assistant Superintendent for
Elementary Education,
Buffalo Public Schools

Jack Wolsky, '55 — Associate
Professor, SUNY College at
Brockport

1972

Mildred Keller Campbell, '28
— Community Volunteer and
Philanthropist

1973

Martin Fried, '28 —
Professor of English,
Buffalo State College

1974

Edward W. Sontag, '64 —
Department Head, University
of Wisconsin School of
Education

1975

Dr. Eldene Cook Woellhof, '45
— Director, Psychology
Department, Topeka State
Hospital

1976

Helen Bickel Wolfe, '55 —
Dean, Western Maryland
College

1977

George F. Budd, '42 —
President Emeritus, Kansas
State College of Pittsburg
G. Wesley Ketcham, '34 —
Former Education Consultant,
Bureau of Elementary and
Secondary Education,
Connecticut State Department
of Education

1978

Albert N. Abgott, '47 —
Chairman, Erie County
Legislature; President,
Partners' Press Inc.

1979

Margaret Goff Clark, '36 —
Children's Novelist

1980

William E. Lawson, '72 —
Executive Director, Veterans
Federal Coordinating
Commission

1981

Edward T. Hunt Jr., '52 —
General Manager, Western
Area, New York Telephone

1982

Kenneth J. Braun, '75 —
Erie County Sheriff
Michael J. Fenello, '38 —
Deputy Administrator, Federal
Aviation Commission

1983

Lenora Cole-Alexander, '57 —
Director for Women's Bureau,
U.S. Department of Labor

Richard M. Cooke, '52 —
Major General, U.S. Marine
Corps

1984

Donald P. Quinlan, '53 —
CEO and President, Graphic
Controls Corp.

Eugene T. Reville, '53 —
Superintendent, Buffalo
Public Schools

1986

Daniel R. Idzik, '56 —
Senior Vice President, General
Counsel, and Secretary, Booz,
Allen, and Hamilton Inc.

1987

Tom Fontana, '73 —
Television Writer/Producer
(*Oz*, *St. Elsewhere*, and
Homicide: Life on the Street)

1988

Thomas Y. Hobart Jr., '60 —
President, NYS United
Teachers AFT/AFL-CIO

1989

Robert L'Italien, '50 —
General Manager, Teledyne
Hanau Division Inc.

1990

Thomas L. Clark Jr., '70 —
President, Carver Federal
Savings Bank

Thomas F. Higgins, '71 —
Erie County Sheriff

1991

Alden F. Schutte, '63 —
President, The Schutte Group

Nancy Walker Volkert, '57 —
Former President, Volkert
Meeting Planners Inc.

1992

Kathleen A. Moskal, '65 —
President, Hue Legwear
Company

Randolph Smith, '71 —
Hartford Hellcats Head Coach;
Former Player, Buffalo Braves
and New York Knicks

1993

Susan Bring Tobe, '71 —
Assistant County Attorney for
Erie County

1994

Diane English, '70 —
Television Writer/Producer
(*Murphy Brown*)

1995

Mary Lou Rath, '56 —
New York State Senator

1996

Linda Duch, '76 — Buffalo
District President, Key Bank

Margaret J. Barr, '61 — Vice
President for Student Affairs,
Northwestern University

1997

Robert Ian Bruck, '73 —
Director, Institute for
Environmental Technology
Education, North Carolina
State University

Lynne M. Shuster, '68 —
Volunteer Coordinator, Alliance
for the Mentally Ill

1998

William Murabito, '66 —
Associate Vice Chancellor for
University Life, SUNY System
Administration

Kevin O'Connell, '71 —
Emmy Award-Winning
Broadcaster and Meteorologist,
Channel 2 News

1999

James Brandys, '71/'73 —
First Vice President -
Investments, Merrill Lynch
Private Client Group

Tom Calderone, '86 —
Vice President for Music
Programming and Talent, MTV
Hank Nuwer, '68 — Author

2000

Ernestine R. Green, '59 —
Educator and Volunteer

Evelyn S. Lieberman, '66 —
Undersecretary of State for
Public Diplomacy and Public
Affairs, U.S. Department of
State

Christine N. Thrun, '81 —
President and CEO, Thrun
Manufacturing

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2001

Scott A. Baxter, '84 — Founder and CEO, Vesta Technologies

Kathleen Gaffney, '71 — Playwright and Actress; President, Artsgenesis Inc.

Deborah Oppenheimer, '75 — Film and Television Producer; President, Mohawk Productions

2002

Marion Cañedo, '74, '81 — Superintendent, Buffalo Public Schools

Norma Munger Sutter, '42, '59 — Educator and Volunteer

2003

Susan Schmidt Bies, '67 — Member, Federal Reserve System Board of Governors

Robert J. Lamendola, '72 — Executive Vice President, The St. Paul Companies; President and CEO, The St. Paul Companies Global Surety and Construction

Howard S. Muscott, '77 — Professor of Education, Rivier College

Anne Rogovin, '40, '62 — Educator, Author

Paul A. Tokasz, '71 — Majority Leader, New York State Assembly

2004

Rita Argen Auerbach, '54, '74 — Artist and Educator

Marcia Mulé, '81 — Television Producer

E. Jeannette Ogden, '77 — Buffalo City Court Judge

2005

Harry Ausprich, '54 — President Emeritus, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania

Robert J. Kaupelis, '51 — Artist and Educator

Theodore G. Sturgis, '53 — Educator and Civic Leader

2006

Sylvia L. Rosen, '71 — Ceramic Artist, Philanthropist

Edwin F. Rosinski, '50 — Founding Director, Office of Research in Medical Education, Medical College of Virginia

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

1971

Frank Sedita

1972

Hon. Perry B. Duryea Jr.

1973

Ersa Poston

1975

Robert Millonzi

1976

William Donaldson

Lackey E. Dent

1977

Katheryne Thomas Whittemore

1978

Florence Baugh

1980

Mildred K. Campbell

Stephen R. Greco

1981

Kate B. Wallis

1982

Hon. Arthur O. Eve
Whitworth Ferguson

1983

Charles G. Blaine

Paul G. Bulger

1984

U.S. Rep. Jack Kemp

1985

Hon. William B. Hoyt

1986

Mario M. Cuomo

1987

Murray Light

1988

Herbert F. Darling Jr.

1990

Margaret Wendt Foundation

2002

Edna M. Lindemann

2003

Rev. Msgr. John C. Weimer

2006

William J. Magavern II

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

1985–1986

Francis S. Lestingi—Physics

Howard M. Reid—Psychology

1993–1994

Marianne C. Ferguson—Philosophy and Religious Studies

1994–1995

Robert P. Delprino—Psychology

Kathleen Mallea—History and Social Studies Education

Diane L. Ryndak—Exceptional Education

1995–1996

M. Katherine C. Sacca—Exceptional Education

1997–1998

Geraldine E. Bard—English

Sharon L. Raimondi—Exceptional Education

1999–2000

Lucy Andrus—Art Education

Deborah L. Hovland—Modern and Classical Languages

2000–2001

Susan M. Leist—English

2001–2002

Zhang Jie—Sociology

2002–2003

Scott L. Johnson—Criminal Justice

Jill M. Norvilitis—Psychology

2004–2005

James R. Maxwell—Business

2005–2006

Andrew J. Kahn—Theater

Gary S. Solar—Earth Sciences and Science Education

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, AND CREATIVITY

1985–1986

Sidney J. Parnes—Creative Studies Education

Edward M. Schulman—Chemistry

James R. Spotila—Biology

1986–1987

Hadar Isseroff—Biology

1987–1988

Joseph R. Piccillo—Art Education

1990–1991

Ann C. Colley—English

1994–1995

Robert L. Wood—Design

1995–1996

Joseph M. Kelly—Business

F. Christopher Tahk—Art Conservation

Jurgis Karuza Jr.—Psychology

1996–1997

Kimberley N. Irvine—Geography and Planning

P. Rudolph Mattai—Educational Foundations

Charles Mancuso—Performing Arts

1997–1998

H. G. Parsa—Nutrition, Hospitality, and Fashion

Gregory W. Ebert—Chemistry

Ann C. Colley—English

1998–1999

Stephen F. Phelps—Elementary Education and Reading

1999–2000

Maria Assad—Modern and Classical Languages

Harish Sikka—Great Lakes Center for Environmental Research and Education

2000–2001

William F. Wiczorek—Center for Health and Social Research

2001–2002

James L. Palermo—Educational Foundations

Thomas J. Reigstad—English

2003–2004

Gerhard J. Falk—Sociology

Carol B. Kirby—Modern and Classical Languages

2004–2005

Pamela Schuetze—Psychology

2005–2006

Richard J. Herdlein—Student Personnel Administration

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PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LIBRARIANSHIP

1985–1986

Mary C. Hall—E. H. Butler Library

1986–1987

Sr. Martin Joseph Jones—E. H. Butler Library

1994–1995

Albert F. Riess—E. H. Butler Library

1995–1996

Marilyn C. Kihl—E. H. Butler Library
Hilary I. Sternberg—E. H. Butler Library

2000–2001

Donna J. Davidoff—E. H. Butler Library

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

1986–1987

Jack C. Brueckman Jr.—Small Business Development Center
David A. Burdette—Budget

1988–1989

Edward O. Smith Jr.—History and Social Studies Education

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE

1989–1990

Karen L. Jurewicz—Space Management

1992–1993

Patricia A. Sullivan—Lifelong Learning

1993–1994

Gussie Cranford—Custodial Services
Thomas Laudico—Maintenance Equipment Building System
Marianne R. Savino—Academic Skills Center
Frank Wenske—Physical Plant

1994–1995

Judith L. Janus—Exceptional Education
Florence D. Johnson—Academic Skills Center
Diane E. Salvamoser—Art Education
Alice H. Sullivan—Weigel Health Center

1995–1996

Janice D. Mazurek—Geography and Planning
Scot R. Eckert—Physical Plant
Mae F. Moses—Physical Plant
Jerrold J. Richmond Jr.—Physical Plant

1996–1997

Joseph W. Ball—Campus Services
John D. Lysek—Campus Services
Angeline M. Price—Weigel Health Center
Gail V. Wells—Minority Student Services

1997–1998

Donna L. Brooks—Registrar's Office
Carolyn S. Fusco—Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Dean's Office
Stephen S. Mangione—Instructional Resources Center
Stephanie Zuckerman-Aviles—Career Development Center

1998–1999

Debra A. Heisler—Faculty of Natural and Social Sciences, Dean's Office
Gay E. Hardoby—Human Resource Management
Carole E. Schaus—Registrar's Office

1999–2000

Nadine P. Carvelli—Elementary Education and Reading
John J. Freidhoff—Great Lakes Center for Environmental Research and Education
Nancy Terreri—Dean of Students' Office

2000–2001

Thomas E. Coates—Events Management
Beverly J. MacKenzie—Human Resource Management
Tim G. Ngo—Copy Center

2001–2002

Jerry S. Boyes—Intercollegiate Athletics
Susan P. Kendt—Faculty of Arts and Humanities Dean's Office
Therese M. Locher—Purchasing Office
Diana M. McNemey—Art Conservation Department

2002–2003

Judith A. Miller—Registrar's Office
David J. Ross—Instructional Resources Center
Richard L. Saddleson—Campus Services and Facilities
Gwendolyn Veira—SABRE Project

2003–2004

Gail F. Maloney—Intercollegiate Athletics

2004–2005

Kathleen M. Babcock—E. H. Butler Library
John L. DeNisco—Business
Joan L. McCool—Counseling Center
Peter J. Sowiski—Fine Arts
Robert N. Spaner—Center for Development of Human Services
Kathryn A. Ward—Alumni Affairs

2005–2006

Stephen A. Chris—Counseling Center
Warren J. Hoffman—Financial Aid Office
Samuel Lunetta—University Police

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT

1985–1986

Richard J. Foster—Geosciences
S. James Jakiel—English

1987–1988

Thomas A. Donovan—Chemistry
Raymond W. Waxmonsky—Geography

1988–1989

Linda K. Gleckel—Exceptional Education
James D. Haynes—Biology

1990–1991

Sarah Slavin—Political Science

1991–1992

Roswell Park IV—Lifelong Learning

1992–1993

Robert Clark—Computer Information Systems
Sharon F. Cramer—Exceptional Education
Marianne C. Ferguson—Philosophy and Religious Studies
Karen L. Johnson—Academic Skills Center

1993–1994

Shirley Bennett-Fenty—Academic Skills Center
Linda Chalker-Scott—Biology
George T. Hole—Philosophy and Religious Studies
Stephen F. Saracino—Design

1995–1996

Proves R. Banks—Technology
Roslyn A Berkovitz—Educational Opportunity Program
Emile C. Netzhammer III—Communication
Ottillie M. Woodruff—Educational Opportunity Program

1996–1997

Lily M. Bink—Educational Opportunity Program
Barbara Ann Sherman—Computer Information Systems

1997–1998

Robert W. Brock—Fine Arts

1998–1999

Ronald D. Smith—Communication

2000–2001

Michaelene M. Meger—Exceptional Education
Evelyn Rosario—Educational Opportunity Program

2002–2003

Maureen A. Smith—Exceptional Education

2003–2004

Leslie K. Day—Elementary Education and Reading

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF EQUITY AND CAMPUS DIVERSITY

1999–2000

Lucy Andrus—Art Education

2000–2001

Geraldine E. Bard—English

2002–2003

Kevin J. Railey—English

2003–2004

Hilary I. Sternberg—E. H. Butler Library

2005–2006

Lori V. Quigley—Elementary Education and Reading

Awards, names, and titles listed were current at the time awards were given.

ACADEMIC TRADITION

Academic Procession

The procession begins with the entrance of the seating marshals. After all the degree candidates have been directed to their seats, the faculty members march to their places preceded by the head marshal. The mace bearer leads the platform party, which includes dignitaries, honorees, and the college administration.

The Mace and Medallion

By tradition, seals of office and tools of authority have been incorporated in the ceremonies that invest individuals with the responsibilities and power of official leadership. Today purely symbolic, these objects once effected control themselves, the mace having been originally an iron club capable of breaking armor.

About the middle of the thirteenth century, the mace was adopted for civic purposes. Much earlier, seals, from which the college medallion was derived, constituted the official signatures of heads of church and state. Today, the academic seal, representing the office of college president, and the mace, standing for order and authority, have become part of the pageantry of symbolism involved in formal academic ceremonies.

For Buffalo State, both mace and medallion are enhanced by their being the design and work of faculty members. The gold medallion was designed by the late Earl W. Wolfgruber, a member of the Design Department faculty for 20 years. A gift of the Class of 1968, it was first used that year for the inauguration of President E. K. Fretwell Jr. and has been worn on official college occasions since. A neck piece was added in 1987, designed and crafted by Stephen F. Saracino, professor of design.

The 1968 inauguration was also the first occasion for the use of the rosewood and silver mace, designed and built by Douglas E. Sigler, at that time an assistant professor of design. The flaring silver flanges that circle the crown of the mace carry the engraved names of each president of the college. Incorporated in the total design are abstract concepts of flame, dove, and hands, used by the college to signify learning and aspiration. All formal academic processions are led by a mace bearer with this staff of authority in hand.

The Gold Honors Cord

Graduates wearing gold cords at commencement have achieved the distinction of graduating with academic honors. An honors citation is given to students who have maintained a minimum 3.50 grade point average for all work completed at Buffalo State. Graduates who have completed a minimum of 54 credit hours at Buffalo State with an average of 3.80 to 4.00 are designated summa cum laude, 3.65 to 3.79 magna cum laude, and 3.50 to 3.64 cum laude.

The Gold Tassel

Graduates wearing gold tassels on their mortarboards have completed Buffalo State's All College Honors Program. Students must maintain a minimum 3.50 cumulative grade point average overall and take a number of honors courses to remain in the program. Qualified students enter the program as freshmen from high school, sophomores already attending Buffalo State, and juniors transferring from community colleges.

All College Honors Program students receive an academic scholarship of \$2,000 per year. Scholarship funds are provided by private donations and administered by the Buffalo State College Foundation.

Academic Attire

Academic attire—cap, gown, and hood—is higher education's link with its long and illustrious past. Like judicial dress, it originated in the twelfth century with the medieval clergy, whose ecclesiastical dress probably derived, in turn, from civilian attire at an earlier age. Medieval scholars were almost all clergymen, and the earliest illustrations available show gowns that somewhat resemble cassocks. Universities of the period were primarily education guilds, the term "bachelor" denoting an apprentice, "master" a full member of the guild, and "doctor" one who had attained the highest degree of learning in a particular field.

In the United States, academic attire began to be used extensively at the end of the nineteenth century. It has given America a beautiful and impressive method of signifying academic honors.

The bachelor's gown is black and worn closed, distinguished by its long, pointed sleeves; the master's is designed to be worn open and has long sleeves with square base and arc cut; the doctor's, worn open or closed, has velvet panels down the front and three bars on the round, full sleeve. The color of the velvet may signify the field of study.

The hood is the most distinguishing feature of academic attire. Its colors indicate the degree of the wearer and the institution attended. The bachelor's and the master's hoods are similar in design, but the bachelor's is 3 feet long while the master's is 3½ feet long. The colors of the silk lining exposed in the center of the hood are those of the institution conferring the degree, for example, blue and gold for the State University of New York. The edging of the hood indicates the academic discipline.

Since the hood no longer serves as a head covering, the mortarboard, which originated in English universities, is worn. A long tassel of black or of a color appropriate to the degree is fastened in the middle of the top of the cap. The doctor's cap may have a gold tassel. Recently, soft velvet tams have become popular for holders of advanced degrees.

Academic attire serves two purposes: It gives a sense of dignity and tradition to the ceremony, and it links those who wear it—students, faculty, and professionals—to all the men and women who have sought learning over the past centuries.

African Kente Cloth

The red, black, and green hood, relatively new on college campuses, is traditionally worn during important ceremonies by the leadership and elders of countries that include the Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Ghana, and Nigeria. In this country, the Kente cloth is worn as a stole on important occasions.

Degree colors are as follows:

<i>agriculture</i>	<i>maize</i>
<i>arts, letters, humanities</i>	<i>white</i>
<i>business</i>	<i>drab</i>
<i>dentistry</i>	<i>lilac</i>
<i>economics</i>	<i>copper</i>
<i>education</i>	<i>light blue</i>
<i>engineering</i>	<i>orange</i>
<i>fine arts</i>	<i>brown</i>
<i>forestry</i>	<i>russet</i>
<i>journalism</i>	<i>crimson</i>
<i>law</i>	<i>purple</i>
<i>library science</i>	<i>lemon</i>
<i>medicine</i>	<i>green</i>
<i>music</i>	<i>pink</i>
<i>nursing</i>	<i>apricot</i>
<i>pharmacy</i>	<i>olive green</i>
<i>philosophy</i>	<i>dark blue</i>
<i>physical education</i>	<i>sage green</i>
<i>public administration</i>	<i>peacock blue</i>
<i>public health</i>	<i>salmon pink</i>
<i>science</i>	<i>golden yellow</i>
<i>social science</i>	<i>cream</i>
<i>social work</i>	<i>citron</i>
<i>speech</i>	<i>silver gray</i>
<i>theology</i>	<i>scarlet</i>
<i>veterinary science</i>	<i>gray</i>

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