2007 Commencement
Saturday, May 12, 2007
135th Baccalaureate Ceremonies
Master’s Hooding and C.A.S. Ceremony
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.
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,

Muriel A. Howard, Ph.D.
President
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. Norris, Class of 2007
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology
Leah L. Pratt, Class of 2007
Bachelor of Science in Education, Exceptional Education

PRESENTERS
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 Quinney, ’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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COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Michaël Duffy
Assistant Managing Editor, Time Magazine

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES
Dennis K. Ponton
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Dennis M. McCarthy
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Ronald S. Rocken
Dean of the School of Education
Lawrence G. Flood
Dean of the School of Natural and Social Sciences
Garry W. Jones
Dean of the School of the Professions

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Muriel A. Howard

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE ALMA MATER
Members of the Buffalo State College Chamber Choir

RECESSIONAL
Please join the campus community in celebration at a reception
in the Campbell Student Union Quadrangle.

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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. Witasikowski, 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

Suny Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD
Stan Szymanski, ’78
Senior Vice President Digital Production, Sony Pictures Imageworks

Presenters
Kenneth Quinney, ’78
President, Buffalo State College Alumni Association
Muriel A. Howard

Commencement Address
Michael Duffy
Assistant Managing Editor, Time Magazine

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees
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Ruoqiu Wu, Class of 2007
Master of Arts, Chemistry

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STUDENT ADDRESS
Ruoqiu Wu

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David Lazerson, ’77
Author, Educator, Musician

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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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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.
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 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.
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 2*, *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.
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.
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 porphyrazine 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.
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.
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 3.85 (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.
The SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence recognizes students who have distinguished themselves through exceptional academic achievement and leadership. This year’s awardees are Sarah Smith, LaShante Thomas, and Kate Norwalk.

**Sarah 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.

Ms. Smith 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 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 Bornhava, a preschool for children with learning disabilities. She also excelled at her internship at Hopervale Inc., a family services agency located in Western New York.

**Kate 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 Hopervale Inc., a family services agency located in Western New York.

Ms. Norwalk 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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ANTHROPOLOGY
Rebecca G. Bateson-Brown
Lewis Henry Morgan Award
Megan M. Hoak
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award
Lyndsey 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. Schefler 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
Greathouse Enterprises Inorganic/Physical Chemistry Award (2006)
Linaa Pauling Award (2006)
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society (2006)
Michal W. Kauz
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

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. Bigrigg
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award
Durquan R. Shaw
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Matthew P. Garrigan
Donald J. Griffin Memorial Scholarship
Thomas J. Gunsharda
Criminal Justice Faculty Certificate of Merit
LaShante M. Thomas
Looseleaf Law Certificate of Merit

DESIGN
Gerow Aroutanian
John J. Jaquart Student Award for Creative Excellence in Communication Design (2007)
Laura K. Berkley
John J. Jaquart Student Award for Creative Excellence in Communication Design
Megan E. Coggrove
Hyatt Award for Excellence in Ceramic Design
Munetaka Ichikawa
Hyatt Award for Excellence in Ceramic Design (2006)
Justin M. Lowe
Hyatt Award for Excellence in Communication Design
Sheila M. Mansell
Hyatt Award for Excellence in Fiber Design (2006)
Kristin D. Shumway
Dean’s Award for Excellence in Design
Earl Woflguber Scholarship Award (2006)
Joshua J. Spaulding
Hyatt Award for Excellence in Communication Design (2006)
Brendan A. Walsh
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 Stadbru 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
Aneleva Dobreva
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
Laquida R. Shedrick
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
Hofrichter-Moravian Award
LaQuida R. Shedrick
Exemplary Urban Educator Award

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Cara L. Boshart
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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

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
Katherine W. Coppola
Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship (2006)
Susan Deahn
Laura Wells Memorial Scholarship (2006)
Guenomi Viere
McNair Scholarship (2006)

STUDENT AFFAIRS
Matthew A. Levin-Stankervich
Mildred Keller Campbell Student Leadership Award (2006)

TECHNOLOGY
Justin P. Buryza
Epsilon Pi Tau (2006)
Glenn O. Sallack Scholarship (2006)
Elena B. Bennefield
Epsilon Pi Tau (2006)
Timothy R. Boash
Epsilon Pi Tau (2005)
Andrea J. Clause
Epsilon Pi Tau (2003)
Reginald B. Cole
Epsilon Pi Tau (2005)
Jennette M. Cray
Epsilon Pi Tau (2006)
Kathryn J. Doane
Epsilon Pi Tau (2005)
Gabrielle M. Duggan
Epsilon Pi Tau (2005)
Sara E. Farnham
Epsilon Pi Tau (2004)
Glenn O. Sallack Scholarship (2005)
Keneth V. Franssen
Epsilon Pi Tau (2006)
Brianna T. Fuller
Epsilon Pi Tau (2006)
Starlet M. Holmes
Epsilon Pi Tau (2005)

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
Leah C. Bernal
Joel A. Capellán
Katherine W. Coppola
Aneliya Dobreva (2006, 2007)
Knucklesha K. Dushatellier
Brianna T. Fuller (2006)
Leonid Golyadkin
Matthew A. Levin-Stankervich
Jessica L. Lewis
Kate E. Norwalk
Leah L. Pratt
Sarah H. Smith
Christopher M. Stampone
Rachel L. Stanley
LaShantce M. Thomas

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# 2007 Candidates for Graduate Degrees and C.A.S.

## Master of Arts
### December 2006
- Sandra C. Bartz
- Timothy J. Gallagher
- Paul E. Lubieniecki
- James N. McCarthy
- Jill A. Petersen
- Joseph M. Peterson
- Abhinav D. Sharma
- Ruoqiu Wu

### May 2007
- Jessica A. Anderson
- Charles W. Bash
- Richard S. Campagna
- Adam P. Cunningham
- John W. Elliott
- John M. Feeney
- John J. Gangemi
- Timothy W. Glass
- James L. Goller
- Jason M. Hall
- Clinton M. Holcomb
- Zijia Huang
- Sylvester A. Jusu
- Peter J. Krakowiak
- Michael L. Lukasik
- Rosalina Mantione
- Reneé Mapp
- Rebecca A. May
- Katherine E. McMahon
- Kimberly R. Pettigrew
- Alison A. Pipitone
- Suzanne M. Prabucki
- Ayana O. Ryan
- Marlene A. Seiffert
- Lauren S. Thompson
- Hui Wang
- Yuanhong Wei
- Lauren A. White
- Jessica L. Wyse
- Shian Zhang
- Bihuan Zhong

### August 2007
- Victoria A. Binder
- Rebecca J. Cashman
- Margo I. Delidow
- Jennifer T. DiJoseph

## Master of Science
### December 2006
- Jasser F. Aldabbous
- Brian A. Backlund
- Maren S. Baermann
- Adriana Botero
- Cesar A. Cabrera
- Joseph R. Caprio III
- Paul H. Casillo
- Jeffrey A. Clark
- Lois C. Cobb
- Christopher J. Townie
- Elizabeth M. Casoek
- Christopher E. Davis
- Susan H. Elbing
- Susan B. Edwards
- Andrea L. Fabiano
- Christine L. Farrow
- Elizabeth O. Gregory
- Stephen E. Hadcock
- Kenya L. Harrigan
- Karen L. Healy-Heary
- Nestor D. Hernandez
- Jeffrey J. Hollenbach
- Bonnie J. Hopkins
- Alegra Jennings
- Copeland Johnson
- Ivana Kakarigi
- Tith Kong
- Lisa N. Kraska
- Margaret R. Kucharski
- Elise Langley
- Brian M. Leeb
- Jonathan E. Lindner
- Mary E. May
- Kevin J. McCue
- Katherine L. McKenna
- Martha L. Meegan
- Pamela R. Mendoza
- David M. Merlo
- Michael J. Mondoux
- Jill R. Ninos
- Scott L. O’Dell
- Rafael J. Perez
- Dominique Pierre
- Christina A. Pino
- David S. Provenzo
- Stephanie E. Richards
- Jenny M. Rosetti
- Brian G. Ross
- Charles A. Santa Maria
- Melanie E. Saunders
- Michael F. Schmiltz
- Isabel Searson
- Tanisha N. Sewell
- Colleen M. Sikorski
- Ruth Solaiman
- Cynthia R. Stites
- Sarah A. Telatsnik
- Cheryl A. Thompson
- Emily R. Thompson
- Brian J. Towne
- Patricia A. Travis
- Amy M. Valenti
- Angela Vickroy
- Sanderta C. Von Cannon
- Rita V. Ware
- Laura H. Weder
- John F. Whitten
- Leza S. Wolf
- Rachel M. Woock
- Tsfaye Y. Werke
- Alexander von Reumont

### May 2007
- Mona M. Abdulla
- Chelbi L. Abram
- Kay Alameen
- Angi S. Augguri
- Kripa Asrani
- Helen Louise Azzara
- James M. Baco
- Angelle C. Bass
- Jacob F. Benninger
- Kimberly A. Billoni
- Sarah E. Bourdette
- Willie Bowen
- Jennifer A. Brady
- Louann M. Brock
- Jean E. Brosseau
- Rachel Y. Brown
- William R. Burgin
- Trena L. Casey
- Erin Cassino
- Marina S. Christopher
- Kelly R. Chrzanoski
- Shannon E. Costello
- Mary Crance
- Evelyn D. Davila
- Cynthia A. Doss
- Erik A. Eckstrand
- Todd V. Espinosa
- Dorothy K. Evans
- Jeffrey T. Farrell
- Stephen F. Ficaretta
- Pamela S. Fischer
- Lakeisha S. Flood
- Emilio E. Fontaine
- Sarah E. Frank
- Christi R. Fredrick
- Christine A. Frezza
- Kenneth M. Fuller
- Jade L. Gardner
- Stephen E. Gareau
- Kimberly R. German
- David G. Goetz
- Pia E. Grizzle
- Alexander Gyanbrahim
- Brandon T. Hafner
- Weimin Han
- Kirk F. Heim
- Michael C. Hill
- Nyein H. Hla
- Lauren A. Hoch
- Kaye E. Hogan
- Kandice T. Hood
- Yin M. Hui
- Sarah L. Infante
- Erica M. Jackson
- Lanette Jennings
- Lori A. Kaczor
- Matthew Kaulius
- Helen M. Keogh
- Judith A. Kingsland
- Eric J. Kiupp
- Stephen J. Kochan
- Abby E. Kagler
- Christian J. Kull
- Sruhthy Kuruvilla
- Mark L. Lauk
- Erica A. Ledzdon
- Mark A. Lewis
- Lee, Ling-an
- Dennis M. Lobosso
- Amanda B. Looczak
2007 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES AND C.A.S.

Angelica Lopez
Scott J. MacDuffee
Linda M. Madigan
Marilee S. Mahler
Sarah Mar
Nancy B. Marks
Frank R. Martin
Lameyci Martin
Mary Masudulisonis
Khine Maw
Renee M. McArthur
Shirnika M. McCall
Carmel A. McGinnick
Renee L. McDaniel
Nicole L. McIwayn
Regina McKinney
Douglas G. McNabb Jr.
Brandon B. Mecca
Joshua M. Milewich
Maryam A. Mohammed
Timothy C. Morley
Yolanda Morris
Theingi Myaing
Tin Tin NO
Benjamin J. Parker
Donald L. Pemberton
Jennifer L. Plaza
Lisa Qonita
Danni Que
Diah S. Rajasa
Valerie Raso
Colleen P. Reedy
Darcy L. Rickard
Jason K. Rowley
Kyriss M. Russ
Winsome M. Saldanha
Nina D. Sanders
Chris M. Sansone
Lisa J. Schaeffer
Diana M. Schmit
Kimberly A. Cedeno-Scott
Rashone D. Scott-Williams
Monica G. Selfa
Theresa J. Shankland
Gwendolyn M. Smith
Michelle L. Solly
Erica L. Somogye

Christina L. Spink-Formanski
Donna H. Stewart
Joshua G. Symes
Glenn E. Taplin
Colleen M. Tapan
Rachael J. Tarapacki
Soe S. Thun
Thet M. Tutt
Gwendolyn E. Ubens
Ann M. Vecchio
Christine M. Vukman
Natalie S. Waldron
Iris Wangarutaravanich
Gwainda M. Waullon
Desiree A. Williams
Kaitly L. Wilson
Roxa Win
Sandra M. Wiskup
Delores A. Witt
Kelly Wozniak
Josephine Zagarella
Wendy J. Zealsko
JuanPing Zhou

AUGUST 2007
Gloria C. Cardarelli
Paul E. Guthart
Mary C. Kelly
Nicolle D. Kozaak
Thomas S. Maniscalco
Jennifer E. Phillips
Kimly B. Reeth
Paul M. Seidler
J. Algene Steele
Sonja O. Vargas
Sharor Walsh
Molly R. Zeigler

MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN EDUCATION

DECEMBER 2006
Caterina Antonacci
Jennifer M. Aumer
Nicole E. Backstrom
Kimberly M. Baker
Nathan R. Boorman
Marnie E. Boyd
Bridgett M. Braunscheidel
Amy J. Brown
Jennifer A. Caldero
Diane M. Caldwell
Kelly L. Canzoneri
Paulaya E. Carroll
Amanda V. Chmura
Chelsea L. Culverhouse
Melissa L. Curry
Peggan M. Damiani
Lindsey M. Darrow
Michele A. Dacomb
Brenda L. Day
Dawn L. Delahoy
Ellen M. Della Penna
Kari A. DiPaolo
Paul E. Dreier
Katherine E. DeVall
Nicole S. Elmes
Ellen M. Engelhart
Amy K. Everett
Marianne L. Fabiano
Kimberly T. Falco
Sara D. Farnaas
Tammy M. Fleming
Robert J. Florio
Karen L. Fogarty
Rose Foss
Christa L. Fox
Sherril L. Friedrich
Kristen M. Gallineau
Patricia L. Gates
 Rochelle D. Gerstung
Karen M. Givens
Amy B. Golden
Michelle A. Gornolka-Ciesla
Edward J. Gordon
Sally A. Graves-Ramos
Gilbert P. Grodern
Dana Gump
Melissa A. Hahn
Tia-Kristina Harden
Brian T. Hartnett
Dinesen M. Harvey
Sarah M. Heim
Margaret A. Henry
Nicole M. Herkey
John D. Hoolihan
Matthew J. Hout
Tara A. Inmiola
Lequisha J. Jacobs
Lisa J. Jaworski

Steven E. Johnston
Jennifer L. Kelchlin
Christopher M. Keicher
Kirsty A. Keller
Rachel E. Kennedy
Michelle L. Kessler
Daniel E. Kiel
Allison K. Kist
Sandra M. Klaasen
Christina A. Klein
Shannon M. Knauer
Tracy L. Knuew
Melissa M. Kosmowski
Rose L. Kowalski
Joan Kozlowski
Michael E. Lepley
Suzanne G. Lewke
Joan E. Logacino
Colleen L. Logan
Kelly B. Losauks
Danielle M. Lyford
Justin B. Lyford
Heather C. Maggiori
Lindsay K. Mandiak
Leslie E. Manning
Christina C. Martinelli
Ryan S. McCaffery
Kelly M. McElhinney
Jennifer A. McGee
Amber M. McKenzie
Jennifer L. Mergenhagen
Heidi J. Mesmer
David R. Mileham
Kelly A. Miller
Amie J. Minderer
David G. Mitchell
Michelle A. Mosko
Christopher J. Mulcahy
Sean C. Muldoon
Patrick F. Murtaugh
Debra A. Musili
Kelly L. Myers
Amy M. Myzyska
Tara R. Nagel
James R. Neubauer
Jennifer L. Neumann
Sean L. Nevin
Mary Nixon
Stacy A. O’Neill
Adam J. Oleksy
Virginia L. Pasceri
Orrin B. Pava
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MAY 2007

Rebecca L. Allen
Carlos R. Alvarez Jr.
Sarah A. Amato
Christine Amendola
Roseann M. Aridu
Elizabeth R. Badger
Danielle E. Baumgartner
Michael S. Benham
Kelli M. Bennett
Robert G. Bentley
Quiyatta S. Brown
Kevin A. Buchholz
Krista M. Bull
Lindsay M. Burke
Sarah E. Buttnino
Melissa Cardinal
Jessica K. Carlin
Penny M. Carlson-Palma
Doris M. Carter
Michael A. Caruana
Jennifer L. Castonguay
Theresa M. Colosi
Gayle M. Coats
Susan J. Crane-Sundell
Jennifer L. Davis
Michele D. Dawley
Ryan E. 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. Elliott
Lisa A. El Mesbahi
Holly E. Erwin
Erin M. Esford
Elizabeth M. Favorite
Nicole M. Fiorentino
Tricia L. Fix
Kevin W. Fleck
Mirna L. Florence
Amanda L. Fraczek
Donna B. Frymire
Melissa B. Gallineau
Sarah E. Gallivan
Lorraine J. Gambac
Heather E. Garis

Suzanne M. Gaskill
Bradley E. Gearhart
Stacy R. Gelb
Michele S. Gibson
Brenda D. Good
Dayna J. Gramza
Jennifer L. Griffiths
Christine L. Gugino
April C. Hall
Courtney E. Hallahan
Alethea L. Harris
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. Hugger
Karen L. Hulsizer
Thomas A. Ingalishe Jr.
Michael L. Jankiewicz
Adrian C. John
Russell J. Joy II
Stacey L. Kalenik
Darryl A. King
Rose V. Kisiel
Kathleen M. Klun
Jane M. Kobos
Carl C. Kopplmann
Kamie T. Konbal
Kate L. Krawczyk
Matthew P. Kresge
Gregory D. Kummer
Candy M. LaRue
Melissa M. Lasat-Campbell
Melissa A. Laun
Marney L. Lenney
Sara J. Lewinski
Lisa A. Lucente
Jennifer L. Lyons Lizak
Brian R. MacKay
Stacey L. Mackowiak
Rose-Marie Mancini
Ryan L. Mansillo
Christine M. McCalloch
Nicoia L. McCumber

Maureen F. McKee
Lisa L. McPhiee
Colleen A. McQuade
Michele M. Meaney
Amber Miller
Caroline A. Miller
Karen E. Miller
Kathryn W. Miller
Meghan A. Miller
Larry R. Millson
Kelly E. Muhl
Dana L. Mulvihill
Heather M. Murawski
Melody B. Murchie
Andrea J. Nabozny
Joseph A. Neczi
Judith A. Neshit
Amber Nevinger
M. Antoinette Newkirk
Andrea A. Nowak
John P. Nowak
Julia A. Nowak
Stephen A. Nowak Jr.
Lori L. O'Rourke
Jill M. Odrabina
Kathleen M. Oparausch
Barbara A. Oppor
Erica J. Olsinski
Judith A. Paliweski
Cynthia L. Palmer
Kim A. Parzynske
Michael C. Parzynske
Gina M. Patrone
Michael J. Pawlikowski
Thomas E. Pearson
Robbin E. Pettapiece
Jeanne L. Pierino
Carrie A. Pirson
Debra S. Pretorius
Jennifer L. Raimond
Carolyn A. Ramsey
Paul J. Raskob
Sandelle E. Raymond
Noah Raymond
Christina M. Reid
Jason D. Renzo
Ehren Reynolds
Katherine A. Richelt
Karen A. Robinson
Korey A. Rogers
Nicholas Romano
Crystal L. Ramsey

Molly R. Pecoraro
Josie M. Perkins
Elaine Pescecow
Kristy L. Peterson
Jennifer M. Phillips
Benjamin R. Pierce
Staci A. Pike
Heidi A. Pikula
Judith A. Pirela
Christina Polito
Danielle L. Preisch
Fatma N. Ramadan
Bradley W. Rausch
Nicole L. Reisch
Bonnie S. Rice
Erika S. Rice
Melinda C. Rice
Ann M. Biggie
Sarah M. Roesgen
Scott D. Root
Matthew J. Roth
Leeann M. Russell
Sheryl Y. Sacco
Anne C. Salvo
Pamela A. Santillo
Elham A. Shairi
Katie A. Shea
Gregory D. Sherman
Melissa J. Shick
James W. Siegel
Traci A. Simmons
Christopher P. Smith
Katie M. Smith
Michelle L. Smith
Karen L. Stefanik
Laura A. Steves
Sharon M. Stoll
Rebecca L. Sundt
Sarah C. Tabelski
Christine M. Taggart
Stephanie A. Thurn
Gloria Todd
Kelly C. Tomaszewski
Jennifer M. Trigilio
Kirk E. Walter
Douglas J. Weiss
Denise R. Wilczak
Kathleen A. Wilson
James P. Wlodarczyk
Jaime L. Wojcik
Dennis M. Wright
2007 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES AND C.A.S.

Sarah A. Winkowski
Elizabeth A. Young
Jill C. Zeh
Joseph Ziegler
Christine L. Ziebro
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. Mahysza
Annquienette Moore
Alice F. Moses
Jessica L. Murdock
Kimberly L. Pioro
Anthony C. Rizzo
Susan M. Rudnicki
Larissa L. Santorneri
Holly E. Sega
Firuzne O. Shabli
Joy L. Stoldt
Kimberly M. Streicher
Michael A. Sowala
John P. Targa
Salvatore A. Tatro
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
Josepinha A. Milotto
Dawn F. Solomon

AUGUST 2007
Victoria A. Binder
Rebecca J. Cashman
Margo I. Delidow
Jennifer T. DiJoseph
Anne R. Grady
Stephan J. Kochan
Allen R. Kosansovich
Vincent S. Leone
Julie M. Parker
Rachel A. Penniman
Samantha Shesley
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)
Linda Joan Levy Paull Art Conservation Fellowship (2005)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2004)

Rebecca J. Cashman
Barzowski Art Conservation Fellowship (2004)
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2004, 2005)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2005)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2004)
Saxe Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2005)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2004)

Margo J. Delidow
C. Tao and Jennifer Balbach Art Conservation Fellowship (2005)
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2004, 2005)
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. Baze Art Conservation Fellowship (2005)
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2004, 2005)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2004, 2005)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2006)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2004)

Anne R. Grady
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2004, 2005)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2004, 2005)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2004)

Allen R. Kosanovich
Barzowski Art Conservation Fellowship (2004)
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2004, 2005)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2004)

Julie M. Parker
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2004, 2005)
Fannie Kestenbaum Paull Memorial Art Conservation Fellowship (2005)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2004)

Rachel A. Penniman
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2004, 2005)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2006)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2005)
Fannie Kestenbaum Paull Memorial Art Conservation Fellowship (2005)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2004)

Samantha Showlesy
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2004, 2005)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2004)

Lauren M. Varga
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2004, 2005)
Getty Grant Program Fellowship (2005)
Allan Kenzie Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2005)
Marks Family Foundation Art Conservation Fellowship (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 (2006)
Wilson Greatbatch Graduate Assistant Award (2006)

Bihuan Zhong
Buffalo State College Chemistry Alumni Award

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Gwainna D. Wauddon
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. Wilkoss
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.)
**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. Wyse*
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. Berthou 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. Ulicki*
Academic Excellence Award

**STUDENT PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION**

*Jacob F. Benninger*
Academic Achievement Award

*Lakeshia S. Flood*
Academic Achievement Award

*Christine A. Freeza*
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 Yuanhong*

**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
SUNY HONORARY DOCTORATE

1985  William Cruickshank
1986  B. F. Skinner
1987  Willard Genrich
1988  Milton Glaser
1989  John Patrick Montague
1991  Katherine Dunham
1992  Paul G. Bulger
1993  Tom Wicker
1994  Carl T. Rowan
1995  Mary Futrell
1996  A. R. Gurney
1997  Robert Pokelwaldt
1998  Avery Brooks
1999  Colin Powell
2000  Barry Callaghan
2001  O. Arias Sanchez
2002  Monroe Fordham
2003  Ross B. McKenzie
2004  Vern L. Bullough
2005  Deborah Oppenheimer
2006  Ruben Santiago-Hudson

SUNY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR

1973  Harold F. Peterson—History
1974  Irene M. Hulicka—Psychology
1975  Vern L. Bullough—Dean, Faculty of Natural and Social Sciences
1976  Francis R. Kowsky—Fine Arts
1977  Fraser B. Drew—English
1978  Joseph E. Wincenc—Music
1979  Marvin J. LaHood—English
1980  George T. Hole—Philosophy and Religious Studies
1981  Dan A. Kushel—Art Conservation
1982  James D. Haynes—Biology

SUNY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PROFESSOR

1975  John Urban—Biology
1977  Richard Brown—History and Social Studies Education
1979  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 F. Fekeete—Geography and Planning
1997  F. Christopher Tahk—Art Conservation
1999  Betty J. Cappella—Educational Foundations
2000  Janet E. Ramsey—Communication
2001  Sharon F. Cramer—Exceptional Education

SUNY DISTINGUISHED TEACHING PROFESSOR

1973  John Urban—Biology
1977  Richard Brown—History and Social Studies Education
1979  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 F. Fekeete—Geography and Planning
1997  F. Christopher Tahk—Art Conservation
1999  Betty J. Cappella—Educational Foundations
2000  Janet E. Ramsey—Communication
2001  Sharon F. Cramer—Exceptional Education

SUNY CHANCELLOR’S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

1983  Arthur P. Ackerman—Learning and Behavioral Disorders
1985  Eric Brunger—History
1987  Thomas S. Weinberg—Sociology
1989  John C. Carbonara—Philosophy and Religious Studies
1991  George T. Hole—Philosophy and Religious Studies
1993  Dan A. Kushel—Art Conservation
1995  James D. Haynes—Biology

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AWARD PAST RECIPIENTS

SUNY SERVICE PROFESSOR

1975  John B. Morgan—Psychology
1976  Antoinette M. Patterson—Philosophy
1977  M. Virginia Wyly—Psychology
1978  Robert Davitt—Geosciences
1979  James R. Ogren—Geosciences
1980  John A. Palmer—Behavioral and Humanistic Studies
1981  Norman F. Weaver—History
1982  John E. Mack—Geosciences
1983  Rex Miller—Industrial Arts/Vocational Education
1984  Gerhard Falk—Sociology
1985  Francis Lestingi—Geosciences, Physics, Interdisciplinary Sciences
1986  Ann L. Egan—Consumer Studies and Home Economics
1987  Nancy B. Belfer—Design
1988  Marvin LaHood—English
1989  Howard M. Reid—Psychology
1990  Donald D. Leopard—History and Social Studies Education
1991  Frank J. Pascarella—Health, Physical Education, and Recreation
1992  William E. Engelbrecht—Anthropology
1993  James Palermo—Educational Foundations
1994  Richard P. Seibert—Sociology
1995  Victor H. Balowitz—Philosophy and Religious Studies
1996  Donald L. Birdd—Earth Sciences and Science Education
1997  Thomas J. Quatroche—Educational Foundations
1998  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
Elinee 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 F. 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
Scott 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. Beemer—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
Levin 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 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 Sholiá Perrin—Bachelor of Science in Education

2001
Krista L. Wierzbicki—Bachelor of Arts

2003
Sheetal Amand—Bachelor of Science
Kwabena Boukye—Bachelor of Arts
Julie A. Dils—Bachelor of Science
Lorraine J. Gammack—Bachelor of Science in Education
Viktória 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. Goosarran—Bachelor of Science
William N. Hoffman—Bachelor of Arts
Francisco A. Lopez—Bachelor of Arts
Mary Jane Masiliounis—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. Sazler—Bachelor of Science in Education
Jude M. Jayatilleke—Master of Science

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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. Grossman, '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. Luman 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. Sortag, '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, '54 —
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. Laeson, '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 Ian Bruck, '73 —
Director, Institute for Environmental Technology Education, North Carolina State University
Lynne M. Shuster, '68 —
Volunteer Coordinator, Alliance for the Mentally Ill

1990
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

1991
Hank Nuwer, '68 —
Author

1992
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
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. Larmendola, ’72 — Executive Vice President, The St. Paul Companies; President and CEO, The St. Paul Companies Global Surety and Construction
Harry S. Muscott, ’77 — Professor of Education, Rivier College
Anne Rogovin, ’40, ’62 — Educator, Author
Paul A. Tokasz, ’71 — Majority Leader, New York State Assembly

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
Era Poston
1975
Robert Millonzi
1976
William Donaldson
1977
Katheryne Thomas Whittenmore
1978
Florence Baugh
1980
Mildred K. Campbell
1981
Kate B. Wallis
1982
Hon. Arthur O. Eve
1983
Charles G. Blaine
1984
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. Magavero 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
Andrew J. Kahn—Theater
Gary S. Solar—Earth Sciences and Science Education
2005–2006
James R. Maxwell—Business
2007–2008
Pamela Schuetze—Psychology
2009–2010
Richard J. Herdlein—Student Personnel Administration

1986–1987
Hadar Isserof—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. Pana—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. Wieczorek—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 ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT

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<td>Joseph W. Ball—Campus Services</td>
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<td>Debra A. Heisler—Faculty of Natural and Social Sciences, Dean’s Office</td>
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<td>2001–2002</td>
<td>Jerry S. Boyes—Intercollegiate Athletics</td>
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<td>Susan P. Kendt—Faculty of Arts and Humanities Dean’s Office</td>
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<td>David J. Ross—Instructional Resources Center</td>
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### PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF EQUITY AND CAMPUS DIVERSITY

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<td>Kevin J. Railey—English</td>
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<td>Lori V. Quigley—Elementary Education and Reading</td>
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ACADEMIC TRADITION

Academic Procession
The processional 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:

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

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