

# 2013

**141st COMMENCEMENT** May 18, 2013

Baccalaureate Ceremonies | Master's Hooding and C.A.S. Ceremony



**BUFFALO STATE**  
The State University of New York



### **BUFFALO STATE**

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### **BUFFALO STATE 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 and the entire campus community honor the Class of 2013 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 141st anniversary of the institution, alumni ambassadors representing Buffalo State's more than 100,000 living alumni are here today to celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2013. They can be identified by the flowers and ribbons they are wearing.



## WELCOME TO BUFFALO STATE'S 2013 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES!

**Commencement is an extraordinary milestone and a symbolic moment in the lives of our newest graduates.**

A day of pride and joy, this grand tradition celebrates the educational achievements of our graduates as they prepare to embark on the next phase of their lives. It represents the culmination of their Buffalo State experience and their commitment and effort to reaching their college dreams. At the same time, Commencement honors the boundless support, guidance, and nurturing our graduates have received from family, friends, teachers, staff members, and others who encouraged them throughout their academic endeavors at Buffalo State. This day creates memories that will last a lifetime.

To Buffalo State's Class of 2013, your hard work, talents, and dedication to learning have brought you to this point of attaining your educational goals. You've been enriched and challenged, and you have grown in countless ways since you first set foot on Buffalo State's campus. As you leave here as a graduate, I'm confident that you will use this experience to achieve success in all you do, and that you will make a positive mark in your professions and in your communities.

Wherever your life's journey takes you, know that you will always have a home and family at Buffalo State. In your future, I hope you will remain connected to our outstanding institution, to the professors and staff who have mentored you, and to the friends with whom you have shared your student experience. We are grateful to have been such a significant part of your educational accomplishments.

Congratulations to the Buffalo State Class of 2013. Best wishes for much success.

Sincerely,

Aaron Podolefsky, Ph.D.  
*President*

## CONFERRING OF DEGREES



### **Aaron Podolefsky, Ph.D.**

Aaron Podolefsky became the eighth president of Buffalo State on July 1, 2010.

The State University of New York Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Podolefsky on the strength of his distinguished career in higher education leadership and scholarship. Soon after his appointment, SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher asked him to co-chair a SUNY-wide task force on the seamless education pipeline.

Dr. Podolefsky was most recently president and professor of anthropology at the University of Central Missouri, where he raised the institution's academic profile, initiated strategic and master planning efforts, cultivated mutually enriching campus-community partnerships, enhanced regional economic development, and launched landmark energy savings and sustainability initiatives.

Dr. Podolefsky previously served as provost and vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Northern

Iowa. He also taught and served as department chair in Western Kentucky University's Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work and in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at West Virginia University. He was a research associate for the Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research at Northwestern University.

Dr. Podolefsky earned a Ph.D. with distinction in anthropology from SUNY Stony Brook. He holds master of arts degrees in liberal studies and anthropology (also from SUNY Stony Brook) and a bachelor's degree in mathematics from San José State University. He is the author of numerous scholarly works, including books, textbooks, and articles. Dr. Podolefsky is a fellow of the American Anthropological Association, elected by the organization's executive committee in recognition of his significant contributions to the field of anthropology.

Dr. Podolefsky is married to Ronnie Lynn (Shapiro) Podolefsky, an attorney specializing in civil rights, employment law, and mediation. The Podolefskys have two adult sons, Noah and Isaac.

## MORNING BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY

10:00 a.m.

### PRELUDE

The Rockwell Brass

Ricky L. Fleming, *Director*  
*Associate Professor, Music*

### PROCESSIONAL

The Rockwell Brass

Emily W. Boyce, *Accompanist*  
*Associate Professor, Music*

Virginia E. Grabiner, *Mace Bearer*  
*Associate Professor Emerita, Sociology*

### CONVENING

Howard A. Zemsky  
*Chair, Buffalo State Council*

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

Members of the Buffalo State Chamber Choir

Victoria J. Furby, *Director*  
*Assistant Professor, Music*

### WELCOME

Aaron Podolefsky  
*President, Buffalo State*

### SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Kira L. Bruce, Class of 2013  
*Bachelor of Arts, Psychology*

Sara E. Cripps, Class of 2013  
*Bachelor of Music, Music Education*

#### Presenter

Aaron Podolefsky

### BACCALAUREATE STUDENT ADDRESS

Jessica J. Stabell, Class of 2013  
*Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology*

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

William "Bill" T. Cleary, '69, '73  
*Owner, Cleary & Partners*

#### Presenters

Marsha D. Jackson, '81, '85  
*President, Buffalo State Alumni Association*

Susanne P. Bair  
*Vice President for Institutional Advancement*

### CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DEGREE

#### SUNY Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

Carl Wilkens  
*Activist and Humanitarian*  
*Founder, World Outside My Shoes*

#### Presenter

Aaron Podolefsky

### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Carl Wilkens

### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Dennis K. Ponton  
*Provost*

Benjamin C. Christy  
*Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities*

Wendy A. Paterson  
*Dean of the School of Education*

Mark W. Severson  
*Dean of the School of Natural and Social Sciences*

Rita M. Zientek  
*Interim Dean of the School of the Professions*

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## AFTERNOON BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY

2:00 p.m.

### PRELUDE

The Rockwell Brass

Ricky L. Fleming, *Director*  
*Associate Professor, Music*

### PROCESSIONAL

The Rockwell Brass

Emily W. Boyce, *Accompanist*  
*Associate Professor, Music*

Lawrence G. Flood, *Mace Bearer*  
*Professor Emeritus, Political Science*

### CONVENING

Gary M. Brost  
*Member, Buffalo State Council*

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*Assistant Professor, Music*

### WELCOME

Aaron Podolefsky  
*President, Buffalo State*

### SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Amanda R. Pratt, Class of 2013  
*Bachelor of Arts, Geography*  
*Bachelor of Arts, Writing*

#### Presenter

Aaron Podolefsky

### PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

Jessica J. Stabell, Class of 2013  
*Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology*

### BACCALAUREATE STUDENT ADDRESS

Jessica J. Stabell

### YOUNG ALUMNUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Ara H. Bagdasarian, '95  
*CEO and Cofounder, Omnileart LLC*

#### Presenters

Marsha D. Jackson, '81, '85  
*President, Buffalo State Alumni Association*

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

6:00 p.m.

### PRELUDE

The Rockwell Brass

Ricky L. Fleming, *Director*  
*Associate Professor, Music*

### PROCESSIONAL

The Rockwell Brass

Emily W. Boyce, *Accompanist*  
*Associate Professor, Music*

Gary Marotta, *Mace Bearer*  
*Professor Emeritus, History and Social Studies Education*

### CONVENING

Mylous A. Hairston, '86  
*Member, Buffalo State Council*

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

Members of the Buffalo State Chamber Choir

Victoria J. Furby, *Director*  
*Assistant Professor, Music*

### WELCOME

Aaron Podolefsky  
*President, Buffalo State*

### SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

### PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT

Ismet Mamnoon, Class of 2013  
*Master of Science, Creative Studies*

#### Presenter

Aaron Podolefsky

### STUDENT ADDRESS

Ismet Mamnoon

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Brenda W. McDuffie, '74  
*President and CEO, Buffalo Urban League Inc.*

#### Presenters

Marsha D. Jackson, '81, '85  
*President, Buffalo State Alumni Association*

Susanne P. Bair  
*Vice President for Institutional Advancement*

### CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DEGREE

#### SUNY Honorary Doctor of Science

Donna M. Fernandes  
*President and CEO, Buffalo Zoo*

#### Presenter

Aaron Podolefsky

### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Donna M. Fernandes

### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Dennis K. Ponton  
*Provost*

Kevin J. Railey  
*Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School*

### CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS SUNY HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS



### **Carl Wilkens**

Activist and humanitarian Carl Wilkens is the former director of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency International in Rwanda and founder of World Outside My Shoes, an educational nonprofit organization committed to raising awareness about genocide and intolerance.

As a humanitarian aid worker in Rwanda, Mr. Wilkens was the only American to remain in the country when the Hutu extremists' genocide of Tutsis began in 1994. His family was evacuated, but he stayed behind, and his courageous efforts helped protect a group of children and adults seeking safe haven in three orphanages around the capital city of Kigali. When militia prepared to attack the largest orphanage, Mr. Wilkens secured protection from the Rwandan prime minister, and he negotiated directly with militia leaders to get food, water, and aid to people trapped throughout the city. His tireless, courageous vigilance during the Rwandan genocide helped save the lives of hundreds. He succeeded where countless others had failed.

Following the genocide, Mr. Wilkens continued his aid projects in Rwanda, returning to the United States in 1996. As he continued his humanitarian work, he began traveling the country in 2004 to raise awareness about genocide and human

rights. In 2008, he and his wife, Teresa, established World Outside My Shoes to further their efforts in empowering others to stop genocide around the world.

A steadfast advocate devoted to building global human networks to fight injustice, Mr. Wilkens has been a featured speaker at Buffalo State, where he has shared his personal experience of the Rwandan genocide and the courage and resilience he witnessed. He has also become engaged in the college's Anne Frank Project, including serving as a guide for two student educational trips to Rwanda. In addition to his work with Buffalo State, Mr. Wilkens partners with Buffalo's Summer Institute for Human Rights and Genocide Studies, which is organized by the group Buffalo for Africa.

Mr. Wilkens's selfless, valiant efforts in Rwanda were featured in Frontline's "Ghosts of Rwanda" and in the documentary *The Few Who Stayed: Defying Genocide*. His humanitarian work has been recognized with several awards, including the 2004 Dignitas Humana Award from Saint John's School of Theology Seminary and a 2005 Medal of Valor from the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

A graduate of Walla Walla University in Washington, Mr. Wilkens earned an M.B.A. from the University of Baltimore.

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS SUNY HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE



### **Donna M. Fernandes**

Donna Fernandes is a noted scholar, educator, and community leader in Western New York who has enriched the cultural vitality of the City of Buffalo as president and CEO of the Buffalo Zoo. Since arriving in Buffalo in 2000, she has been credited with transforming the nation's third-oldest zoo into one of the premier zoological parks in the United States. Under her leadership, the Buffalo Zoo has completed an exciting new master plan, raised more than \$44 million in capital funds, and opened several new popular exhibits, including the M&T Bank Rainforest Falls, Sea Lion Cove, and Otter Creek. Dr. Fernandes is widely respected for her compassionate approach to zoo leadership and for the care and attention she provides to zoo staff, guests, and animals, including the recently debuted polar bear cub that has captured the world's attention.

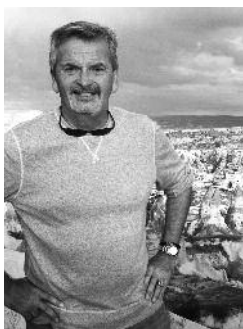
In addition to her extensive duties at the Buffalo Zoo, Dr. Fernandes serves on the board of directors of the Buffalo Niagara Partnership, an organization devoted to advancing the economic vitality of Western New York. She shares her expertise with the next generation of biologists and anthropologists as an adjunct assistant professor in the University at Buffalo's Department of Anthropology and as a part-time instructor at Canisius College.

She also teaches in the Harvard Business School Club of Buffalo's management and nonprofit management programs.

Dr. Fernandes has been recognized with numerous honors, including Buffalo Niagara Business Executive of the Year and Girl Scouts of Western New York Woman of Distinction. She is also a Western New York Women's Hall of Fame inductee and has been honored as a Friend of Veterinary Medicine by the Western New York Veterinary Medical Association.

A native of Norton, Massachusetts, Dr. Fernandes has been interested in animals all her life. After graduating from Brown University with a bachelor's degree in psychology, she went on to earn a master's degree in biology and a doctorate in ecology, evolution, and behavior from Princeton University. Following a year of postdoctoral study at the University of Liverpool, Dr. Fernandes became curator of research and then oversaw education and volunteer programs at Boston's Franklin Park Zoo. She went on to the Prospect Park Wildlife Center in Brooklyn and, as part of the Wildlife Conservation Society, led two teacher safaris to Africa and served as National Public Radio's resident animal expert. Dr. Fernandes left Prospect Park to attend the Simmons School of Management, where she received an M.B.A. just before joining the Buffalo Zoo.

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD



### **William 'Bill' T. Cleary, Class of 1969 and 1973**

Bill Cleary is the owner of Cleary & Partners, a Saratoga, California-based strategic marketing, branding, and technology services firm whose clients include Yahoo, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Nolo Press, and the Montalvo Arts Center.

As consumer marketing manager at Apple Computer in the 1980s, Mr. Cleary played an instrumental role in the development of marketing programs, including sales promotional efforts, advertising, and merchandising. He helped launch the company's groundbreaking Apple IIe and IIc products. In 1987, he founded Cleary Communications, which later became CKS Group. While at CKS, he worked with partners Tom Suiter and Mark Kvamme to build one of Silicon Valley's most technologically savvy advertising agencies. CKS was instrumental in launching several major web brands including Amazon, eBay, Yahoo, and Excite and provided early web communications strategies for Apple, Disney, General Motors, United Airlines, and Mitsubishi among others. Mr. Cleary left CKS Group in 1998 and served as chairman of the board for Matchmaker.com, a highly innovative web company that was ultimately sold to Lycos.

After earning his bachelor's and master's degrees in secondary education (with a concentration in cultural anthropology) from

Buffalo State, Mr. Cleary taught American history, anthropology, and African American studies at Lake Shore High School in Angola, New York, from 1972 to 1978. In 1977, he completed a Fulbright-Hays scholar program at Ain Shams University in Cairo, Egypt.

In 1978, Mr. Cleary shifted his career focus to business and moved to New York City to work as an advertising firm copywriter. He contributed to the marketing of popular brands such as Pepsi, Pizza Hut, and Welch Foods before being recruited to join the fledgling Apple Computer in Cupertino, California, in 1981.

Active in the community, Mr. Cleary is a board member of Wildlife Direct and an enthusiastic youth lacrosse coach. He has also served as an executive fellow, chair of the advisory board, and lecturer at Santa Clara University's Leavey School of Business; a board member of the Montalvo Arts Center and Hillbrook School; a business advisory board member of PGP Corporation and NBX Inc.; and a member of the Dean's Advisory Council at Stony Brook University. In 1999, he participated in the Vital Voices Global Partnership program (on entrepreneurship and the Internet) in Northern Ireland with former President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.



## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD



### **Brenda W. McDuffie, Class of 1974**

Brenda McDuffie is president and CEO of the Buffalo Urban League Inc., an organization whose mission is to empower African Americans, minorities, and disadvantaged individuals to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power, and civil rights. She has led the Buffalo Urban League since 1998 and has committed her personal and professional life to advocating and strengthening families.

From 1994 to 1998, Mrs. McDuffie was executive director of the Buffalo and Erie County Private Industry Council Inc. (PIC). In this role, she worked with individuals and businesses to ensure regional economic growth through workforce development. While at PIC, she served as president of the New York State Association of Training and Employment Professionals and co-chaired the steering committee that produced the recommendations for the future New York State Workforce Development System. Mrs. McDuffie began her career as a paralegal aide for Neighborhood Legal Services and later worked for the City of Buffalo Human Resources Department as the senior manpower coordinator.

A dedicated professional working with a wide array of public service organizations, Mrs. McDuffie currently serves on the boards of directors of the National Urban League, the Independent Health Association, the Great Lakes Health

System, the Care Management Coalition of Western New York, and the Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Investment Board.

During her career, she has earned numerous awards and recognitions, including a position on the *Business First* Power 200 list (2013), the James C. Hansen Humanitarian Award from the University at Buffalo's Graduate School of Education (2012), and the Sojourner Truth Award from the Buffalo Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs (2010). She has been named *Buffalo News* Citizen of the Year, United Way Volunteer of the Year, NAACP Community Service Award winner, YWCA Community Service Award winner, and Leadership Buffalo Values Award winner. She was inducted into the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame in 2003.

At Buffalo State, Mrs. McDuffie served on the College Council from 1999 to 2000, the Foundation Board of Directors from 1996 to 1998, and the Alumni Association Board of Directors from 1987 to 1988.

Mrs. McDuffie earned her bachelor's degree in human development, family, and community relations in 1974 from Buffalo State. She also holds a graduate certificate in human resource development from the University at Buffalo's School of Management.

## YOUNG ALUMNUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



### **Ara H. Bagdasarian, Class of 1995**

Ara Bagdasarian is the CEO and cofounder of Omnilett LLC in Leesburg, Virginia. Omnilett develops integrated multimodal mass notification systems that enable instant and simultaneous delivery of messages to mobile and landline phones, social media, e-mail, web pages, desktops, digital signage, public address systems, and other communication devices.

Through its five brands, Omnilett offers applications specifically designed to meet the communication needs of organizations in business, education, publishing, and sports. Today, more than 11,000 organizations—and more than 5 million subscribers—rely on Omnilett for critical notification systems.

As a lifelong entrepreneur, Mr. Bagdasarian launched his first business, Kidco, at age 8. He founded XNETIX in 1996 and webRESONANCE in 1999. Both companies were full-service web technology firms specializing in interactive media development, search engine optimization, and web master services used by hundreds of Internet startup companies.

Mr. Bagdasarian worked in sales and business development, and as a memory broker at Ingram Micro before founding XNETIX.

Mr. Bagdasarian is an active community leader who served as chairman of the Town of Leesburg's Economic Development Commission, president of the Loudoun Symphony Orchestra, and founding board member of the Loudoun Center for the Arts. He is also an advisory board member at George Mason University's Mason Enterprise Center in Leesburg.

In 2010, Mr. Bagdasarian coauthored and published the why-to book on entrepreneurship, *The Lemonade Stand: What Every Entrepreneur Should Know to Succeed in Starting and Running Any Business*, which presents a fresh perspective on embracing adversity to create innovative and sustainable organizations. In addition, he cofounded the Lemonhead Movement ([www.lemonheadsrule.com](http://www.lemonheadsrule.com)) and the Lemonhead Council, a volunteer organization of local business leaders that advises early-stage companies toward a path of success.

Mr. Bagdasarian earned his bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Buffalo State in 1995.

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



**Ismet Mamnoon**

Ismet Mamnoon has earned a master of science degree in creative studies, attaining a GPA of 4.0 while serving Buffalo State, the local community, and organizations around the world.

During her time on campus, Ms. Mamnoon has continually practiced the creativity skills she acquired through her coursework. Of particular note, she served as a facilitator for the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council as it developed an economic plan that resulted in a historic \$1 billion investment commitment from New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo.

On campus, Ms. Mamnoon cofounded Camp UpRising (now known as the Beyond Youth Program), a creativity camp held annually at Buffalo State for children ages 10 to 18. She has served as a facilitator for meetings of the Buffalo State Community Task Force, the School of the Professions, and the *Year of the Arts* Committee. In 2012, she was a presenter at the Anne Frank Project and the Student Research and Creativity Celebration.

Off campus, Ms. Mamnoon has delivered team-building workshops and training sessions at Ithaca College, Genesee Community College, the Buffalo Public Schools, and Catholic Health System.

Internationally, she launched the Initiative for Creativity in Education in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), providing training, mentoring, and resources for educators as they integrate creativity into curriculum design. In addition, she facilitated the creation of a vision, mission, and strategy for Ibn Seena English High School in the UAE. She has also worked with clients in Waterloo and Toronto, Ontario.

Ms. Mamnoon has published two books, a tool kit, and four papers on topics in the field of creativity and presented her work at 11 conferences between 2010 and 2012. She has, in short, become a highly sought-after professional in the field of creativity.

**PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ADDRESS**



**Jessica J. Stabell**

Jessica Stabell has earned a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology with minors in forensic anthropology and indigenous studies, attaining a 3.98 GPA.

In the classroom, Ms. Stabell answers questions concisely and correctly and performs lab assignments meticulously. She is a focused researcher, able to organize and complete challenging projects in a timely manner. She undertakes fieldwork with the same diligence and high quality that she demonstrates in lecture-based and seminar courses.

Her abilities led to a teaching assistant position with Dr. Julie Wiczkowski in fall 2012 and guest presenter appearances in Dr. Stephen Vermette's Applied Climatology course. She is a member of the Buffalo State Anthropology Society and the American Association of Physical Anthropologists and is a certified notetaker for the Disability Services Office.

Ms. Stabell earned an Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship in 2012 to study the effects of temperature on

decomposition in Western New York using the method of accumulated degree-days, and she presented her findings at the 2013 Student Research and Creativity Celebration and the 2013 meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists. Earlier in her college career, she was selected as a team member for a community partnership between the Buffalo State Anthropology Department and the McClurg Museum, home of the Chautauqua County Historical Society. On that team, she cataloged and analyzed artifacts from the Orry B. Heath Collection and presented her research at the 2010 Student Research and Creativity Celebration. She also served as a member of the archaeology field school crew at the Martin II site, a multicomponent excavation site in Beaver Island State Park on Grand Island, in summer 2010.

Away from campus, she has volunteered her time with the Genesee County Democratic Committee and the Darien Art Show committee for Darien Community Day.

## SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



### **Kira L. Bruce**

Kira Bruce has earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology with a minor in women and gender studies while attaining a GPA of 3.9.

After beginning her Buffalo State career as an early childhood education major, Ms. Bruce discovered that her professional goal is to work with children and adults as a clinical psychologist. She changed her major to psychology and proceeded to author an outstanding honors thesis examining the effects of parental divorce on adult offspring's intimate relationships. She presented her research at the 2012 Student Research and Creativity Celebration and the 2013 annual conference of the Eastern Psychological Association.

Driven by an interest in both research and clinical work, Ms. Bruce completed an extensive independent study exploring how preschool children respond to gender-stereotypic toys as

well as an internship at the Erie County Holding Center, where she worked with inmates with mental illness. She earned a Small Grant Award from the Undergraduate Research Office at Buffalo State to fund her research activities.

Ms. Bruce was inducted into Psi Chi, the international honor society in psychology, in 2011. She was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges in 2012. In addition, she was selected to serve as a teaching assistant for the undergraduate course Statistics in Psychological Research in spring 2013.

Active outside the classroom, Ms. Bruce worked as a mentor and tutor for the Educational Opportunity Program, contributed as an active member of the women and gender studies program's book club, and participated in Buffalo State's annual Community Service Day. She has established an extraordinary record of academic, work, and volunteer success.

## SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



### **Sara E. Cripps**

Sara Cripps has earned a bachelor of music degree in music education, attaining a GPA of 3.83 while serving as collegiate president of the New York State School Music Association, a chapter of the National Association for Music Education. In her role as collegiate president, she represented the interests of more than 900 students and 23 chapters.

A voice major with a beautiful mezzo-soprano voice, Ms. Cripps sings with exquisite technique and passion. That passion carries over into her studies and volunteer activities.

In the classroom, Ms. Cripps is extremely well organized, motivated, and thoughtful. Her adviser lauded her for an excellent student-teaching experience in which she developed positive and meaningful rapport with a diverse group of young musicians from the Buffalo Public Schools system.

A natural leader, Ms. Cripps served as president of Students in Music, a United Students Government organization that

presents musical events and activities to the campus and community. Her work on the "Battle of the Bands" resulted in a successful canned-food drive that benefited the Food Bank of Western New York and AIDS Family Services, and her leadership in "Caroling for a Cause" helped raise funds for School 84. Buffalo State's Music Department honored Ms. Cripps multiple times with its "Leader of the Pack" Award, recognizing her leadership as an underclassman and upperclassman.

Ms. Cripps, a member of the Buffalo Master Chorale, has shared her voice talents and love of music throughout her time at Buffalo State, singing with the Buffalo State Chamber Choir and participating in recitals for the Erwin H. Johnson Memorial Fund and Canterbury Woods Retirement Community. She also served area youth as the lead chorus teacher at the Buffalo Urban Music Program and a voice teacher at Nardin Academy.

## SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



### Paige Ottaviano

Paige Ottaviano graduates with a bachelor of science degree in business and marketing education and a minor in coaching while attaining a 3.84 GPA.

The native of Port Colborne, Ontario, represents the ideal of a collegiate student-athlete, excelling both in the classroom and on the fields of play. As a member of the volleyball and lacrosse teams, Ms. Ottaviano achieved SUNYAC All-Academic status from 2008 to 2012, and earned the volleyball Coach's Award from 2009 to 2011, which recognizes the player who best exemplifies leadership and commitment.

Ms. Ottaviano accepted increasing levels of responsibility on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, rising from secretary to vice president to president. She led biweekly meetings of more than 40 Buffalo State student-athletes and organized numerous community service projects, including the successful "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" fundraising event. From 2009 to 2012, she served as organizer and director of Kids' Night Out, a recreational program that teaches the importance of education to more than 200 inner-city youth.

Always projecting a positive image for the institution, Ms. Ottaviano was chosen to represent all Buffalo State student-athletes at the 2010 NCAA Career in Sports Forum.

Ms. Ottaviano was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, Alpha Lambda Delta honor society, and Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education. She is a recipient of the Eleanor Blackburn International Alumni Scholarship, awarded to an outstanding international sophomore student; the Kevin J. Shea Memorial Scholarship, awarded to an outstanding social studies education major; and the Frances Siu Lan Tyau International Student Scholarship, awarded to a student who promotes democratic principles in the hope of a greater peace and belief in God.

Away from campus, she volunteered with Stone's Buddies, an organization that aids children who have cancer or are going through cancer treatment; worked with children at Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo; and served as a volunteer assistant coach for the junior and senior girls volleyball teams at Lakeshore Catholic High School in Port Colborne.

## SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



### Amanda R. Pratt

Amanda Pratt graduates with bachelor of arts degrees in physical geography and writing and a minor in environmental science, attaining a 3.92 GPA. She has a distinguished record that exemplifies academic performance, citizenship, leadership, and creativity.

Ms. Pratt continually demonstrated the ability to understand material taught in class and then apply it to real-world activities. She participated in Geography and Planning Department field courses in Thailand, the Bahamas, and the Adirondacks and interned with Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper and Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, where she continued on in volunteer service as a wildlife educator and raptor handler. She will be traveling to Santiago, Chile, this June as part of a global service-learning sociology course.

In the area of citizenship, she served as editorial assistant for the journal *Middle States Geographer*, an orientation leader for the Geography and Planning Department, a tutor in the

Buffalo State Writing Center, layout editor and board member of *Elm Leaves* literary and arts magazine, and vice president of the Alpha Pi Chi chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society.

On campus, Ms. Pratt has been a member of the Buffalo State Student Chapter of the New York Water Environment Association, the Wilderness Adventure Club, and Spanish Club. Off campus, she has volunteered at Porter Farms' community supported agriculture (CSA) program and helped to plan and build a community garden at the Asarese-Matters Community Center. She also coordinated a writing workshop with students at the Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts as well as a blog project designed to praise the students' individuality.

Additionally, in summer 2012, Ms. Pratt thru-hiked 500 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail in Oregon and Washington, highlighting the determination and love for the outdoors that has marked her time on the Buffalo State campus.

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 Brent A. Tolbert  
 Eric J. Tomczak  
 Christine C. Tomlinson  
 Marvin C. Tooke  
 Isaiah Torres  
 Denise M. Townsend-Wacker \*  
 Gabriel J. Traina  
 Audrey G. Trautwein  
 Kristen A. Traynor  
 Stefanie C. Troidl  
 Ashley D. Turri  
 James E. Tyrrell \*  
 Latoya Underwood

Megan M. Urbanski \*  
 Yeishamaily Vega  
 Kyrie G. Vermette \*\*\*†  
 Stephanie M. Villafranca  
 Jonelle Virgin  
 Jack Wagner  
 Kelsey L. Walck  
 Vanessa P. Walcott  
 Victoria Walizada  
 Crystal L. Walker  
 Sharayah L. Walker †  
 Bruce T. Wallace  
 David J. Walsh  
 Annabelle L. Wardzala \*\*  
 Charnaye A. Watson  
 Emily H. Wax \*  
 Chelsea N. Weaver  
 David G. Weaver  
 Alyssa M. Weiss  
 Cassie E. Weldon \*\*  
 Adam P. Wenig  
 Carissa M. Wertman \*  
 Craig D. Westfall  
 Samantha L. Weston \*\*  
 Jennifer D. Whitaker  
 Garret T. White  
 William W. White  
 Ashley L. Widmer \*\*\*  
 Harley R. Wiertel \*\*\*  
 Kendal R. Wiertel \*\*\*  
 Jason S. Wiewiorski  
 Brian M. Wightman  
 Jeffrey A. Wilcox \*\*\*  
 Ian C. Wilhelm  
 Kristen M. Wilkinson  
 Melissa M. Will  
 Ashley R. Williams  
 Shemelly O. Williams  
 Courtney E. Wilson  
 Jerome N. Wilson  
 Alicia M. Winterkorn \*  
 Ashley M. Witt  
 Ashley R. Wittlief \*\*\*  
 Vera A. Woods  
 Luke D. Work \*\*  
 James T. Wray  
 Andrea B. Wright †  
 Steven J. K. Yang \*\*  
 Predolino D. Zelasko \*†  
 Baomei Zheng  
 Jin Yong Zheng  
 Ryan T. Zmuda †

### August 2013

Hoodo Ahmed  
 Nisaa Azeem  
 Jennifer L. Babcock †  
 Ashley L. Bajer  
 Shayla R. Barnes

## 2013 CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Zachary A. Barringer  
 Brandon Baxter  
 Bridgitte R. Berthiaume  
 Michael P. Brady  
 Lindsay N. Carney \*\*\*  
 Nicole S. Chambers  
 Ishtiak A. Chowdhury  
 Lisa M. Clark  
 Marissa A. Cooney  
 Krystal M. Cooper  
 Taja T. Cox  
 Louis D. Dangelo  
 Marquita S. Davis  
 Sherron Davis  
 Timmya Davis  
 Justin R. Devantier  
 Latasha P. Dunbar  
 Steven Evans †  
 Michelle Fatta  
 Matthew R. Feldt \*\*†  
 Susan M. Fimbel  
 Jordan R. Fuentes  
 Iris A. Gauthier  
 Bradford M. Gray  
 Judean N. Griffith  
 Bobby R. Hall  
 Barbara Harris  
 Jaleel T. Harris  
 David S. Heaney  
 Elaine C. Henriquez  
 Justin M. Hernandez  
 Rebecca A. Horne \*\*\*  
 Lauren A. Horozko  
 Christine Houck  
 Juba H. Jefferson Sr.  
 Dominique Q. Jones  
 Courtney L. Kiff  
 Kelly A. Krapf  
 Brittany S. Krezmien  
 Joseph P. Laporta  
 Rebecca K. Larsen  
 Jiyeon Lee  
 Dion E. Leonard  
 Mikael J. Leveille  
 Alexandra K. Lewis  
 Justin Li  
 Zachary M. Lincoln  
 Mariliz Maravilla \*  
 Ashley Maxi  
 Luke McCann  
 Destinee Mckenzie  
 Velencia E. Miller  
 Monica A. Moses \*  
 Rosemarie A. Mulla  
 Kamila D. Mysiak \*\*\*  
 Amanda E. Nunez  
 Kenneth Owusu  
 Charles K. Palmer  
 Simone R. Parris  
 Ronak G. Patel

Enmanuel Payano  
 Joshua Peguero  
 Jocelyn A. Pena  
 Ella Perry-Piniewski  
 Grace M. Platt \*  
 Javon Pratt  
 Angela Y. Preyor \*  
 Kayla M. Quarles  
 Sarah E. Reed  
 Courtney L. Rinker  
 Krystal L. Rodriguez  
 Alyssa K. Rottger \*\*  
 Dysheika M. Sadiyogeswaran  
 Gisselle S. Sanchez  
 Daniel J. Sciandra  
 Deanna I. Shepherd  
 Jake Simmons  
 Sue C. Sims  
 Jazmine M. Smith  
 Kellie M. Sonnenfeld  
 Kevin J. Stapleton  
 Brandon Stark  
 Danabel Terc  
 Erica W. Thomas  
 Trevor L. Thomas  
 Aranza B. Valdez  
 Dennis R. Vieira  
 Brittany M. Washington  
 Aquasia N. White  
 Paris R. White  
 James A. Willens  
 Jasmine A. Williams  
 Tiera S. Wright \*  
 Nancy Yeboah

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

#### December 2012

Ashley A. Berger \*  
 Brianna L. Borsuk  
 Ariel M. DeCarlo  
 James P. Doran  
 Jacquelyn M. Foote \*\*  
 Angela A. Glomb  
 Amanda J. Krzysiak \*\*  
 Heather L. Loliger  
 Dana E. Lyons  
 Aliyah P. Madison  
 Marissa A. Mineo  
 Stephanie L. Mongiolo \*\*  
 Mark A. Pilecki  
 Kristina M. Polino  
 Amanda L. Serio  
 Sydney A. Silver  
 Bobbilynn Webster  
 Hannah E. Williams \*  
 Julianne E. Wojcik \*\*  
 Holley D. Young  
 Lizel D. Zelasko \*\*\*

#### May 2013

Morgan J. Billi  
 Britany E. Breidenstein \*  
 Amanda H. Brower  
 Kelly L. Buchanan \*\*  
 Eric D. Daigler \*  
 Andrea R. Demont \*\*\*  
 Elizabeth A. Emser \*\*  
 Lauryn F. Fish  
 Maria T. Fleming  
 Samantha P. Goldstein  
 Laura Goodman \*  
 Megan E. Grandits-Mahan \*\*\*  
 Tabitha E. Izard \*  
 Rebecca L. Kasprzyk  
 Kathryn C. Kozlowski \*  
 Noel K. Kraebel \*  
 Chelsea D. Lafayette \*  
 Kristen B. McGee  
 Yvette A. Mercado \*  
 Brittany Nagowski  
 Justine M. Pelligrino  
 Lauren M. Polito  
 Danielle M. Watson \*\*  
 Brittany E. Wier \*\*  
 Jenna L. Zografos \*

#### August 2013

Ashley R. Caporizzo  
 Edward N. Gallio  
 Sara Garfinkle  
 Catherine M. Hennes  
 Shawntell Milton  
 Jonathan V. Pollino

### MURIEL A. HOWARD HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Sarah R. Banas \*  
 Melissa J. Bender \*\*\*†  
 Ashley S. Bennett \*\*\*  
 Tara N. Blair \*  
 Kiandra R. Brown  
 Sarah J. Brown \*\*  
 Rachel C. Caputi \*\*\*  
 Sarah E. Caputi \*\*  
 Travis J. Carlson \*\*\*  
 Joanna M. Cianciosa \*\*  
 Joshua Coty \*  
 Ari S. Darlow \*\*\*  
 Cynthia M. Delaney \*\*\*  
 Daniel J. Dienhoffer  
 Anna P. Dinger \*\*  
 Breanna L. Fenski \*\*  
 Valerie E. Fleischauer \*\*\*  
 Rachel L. Frank \*  
 Gretchen Garrity \*\*\*  
 Keri D. Gould \*\*\*  
 Angela J. Hastings \*\*\*†  
 Jenna M. Hutzler

Mackenzi R. Jacobs \*\*\*  
 Matthew T. Kanaley \*\*  
 Jonathan A. Keenan \*\*  
 Veronica J. Keymel \*\*\*†  
 Nathan C. Kindred \*\*\*  
 Carla E. Lanze  
 Ashley A. Lapinski  
 Molly J. Lundquist \*\*\*  
 Veronica Luppino \*\*  
 Laura M. Mooney  
 Shawniqua S. Moultrie  
 Kamila D. Mysiak \*\*\*  
 Lauren R. Nichter \*\*\*  
 Carrie A. O'Donel \*  
 Jonathan T. Rutter \*\*\*  
 Emily E. Schiller \*  
 Eric M. Snyder  
 Stephanie L. Soto  
 Abigail P. Spoth \*\*\*  
 Alison M. Stroczkowski \*\*  
 Ciera B. Sundquist \*\*  
 Brittany L. Vandermeulen  
 Kyrie G. Vermette \*\*\*†  
 Maureen M. Vitali \*\*\*†  
 Kaitlyn M. Wardour \*  
 Jade J. Welch

### MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Kimaya K. Lee  
 Shawniqua S. Moultrie  
 Melissa E. Noel \*\*  
 Jenna M. Tomasello \*\*\*

### ROSS B. KENZIE FAMILY PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP GRADUATES

Kiandra R. Brown  
 Aziza S. DuBois \*\*  
 Eileen R. Griffin  
 Ahmad D. Islam  
 Shawniqua S. Moultrie  
 Muhammed S. Sumbundu  
 Stephanie P. Tobar \*\*\*

List compiled April 10, 2013. May 2013 graduate listings are anticipated based on successful completion of courses in progress. Honors citations are anticipated based on successful completion of courses in progress and maintenance of current grade point average.

August 2013 graduate listings are anticipated based on successful completion of courses in progress and successful completion of degree requirements during summer 2013. Honors citations are anticipated based on successful completion of courses in progress, successful completion of degree requirements during summer 2013, and maintenance of current grade point average.

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

## 2013 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

### ANTHROPOLOGY

Megan E. Barr  
Archaeological Fieldwork Scholarship (2011)  
Lambda Alpha Honor Society

Joshua C. Coty  
Lambda Alpha Honor Society

Karen A. Hammer  
Lambda Alpha Honor Society

Sean M. Johnston  
Archaeological Fieldwork Scholarship (2012)  
Collins/Tomashevich Award  
Lambda Alpha Honor Society

Kelsey A. Lombard  
Lambda Alpha Honor Society

Brian M. McGrath  
Lambda Alpha Honor Society

Amanda L. Oldham  
Archaeological Fieldwork Scholarship (2012)  
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award  
Lambda Alpha Honor Society

Shannon C. Sedor  
Lambda Alpha Honor Society

Brandi R. Simmang  
Lambda Alpha Honor Society

Jessica J. Stabell  
Lambda Alpha Honor Society  
Lewis Henry Morgan Award  
Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship (2012)

### ART EDUCATION

Katey A. Kalanges  
Marilyn Brauch-Jahn Art Education Award

Sara F. Qureshi  
Anthony and Mary Hubbard Caccamo  
Award in Art Education

### ARTS AND LETTERS INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM

Anthony M. Henry  
Dean's Award in Arts and Letters

### BIOLOGY

Jeremy J. Brady  
Biology Honors Award  
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award  
to an Outstanding Biology Senior

Torri A. Ivancic  
Biology Honors Award  
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award  
to an Outstanding Biology Senior (2012)

Brianne L. Tulumello  
William C. Scheffler Memorial Award for  
Excellence in Biometrics (2012)

### BUSINESS

Angela J. Hastings  
Outstanding Student in the Business  
Administration Program

Valerie Klug  
Outstanding Student in the Business  
Department—Marketing Concentration

Molly J. Lundquist  
GEICO Achievement Award (2012)

Lauren R. Nichter  
Outstanding Student in the Business  
Department—International Business  
Concentration

Keith C. Pelkey  
Kratus Award  
Outstanding Student in the Business  
Department—Management Concentration

### CHEMISTRY

Cara L. Angie  
American Chemical Society Undergraduate  
Award (2010)  
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society (2012)  
Iota Sigma Pi National Honor Society

Hillary J. Bird  
Chemical Rubber Company Award (2010)

Josephine R. Bochiechio  
Iota Sigma Pi (2012, 2013)  
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society (2012)

Ari S. Darlow  
American Chemical Society Polymer  
Education Award (2012)  
Nicholas Jonmaire Forensic Chemistry Award  
Outstanding Performance in CHE 301  
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society (2012)

Valerie E. Fleischauer  
American Chemical Society Distinguished  
Student Award

American Chemical Society Inorganic  
Chemistry Award  
American Chemical Society Polymer  
Education Award (2011)

Saul Barron Memorial Award  
Margaret Dupre Memorial Award (2011)  
Excellence in Analytical Chemistry Award  
(2012)

Iota Sigma Pi National Honor Society  
(2012, 2013)

Linus Pauling Award  
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society (2012)  
Noel Simmons Memorial Award  
Starks Associates Award (2011)

Tiffany J. Greenfield  
Margaret Dupre Memorial Award (2012)  
Albert A. Himmel Electives Award  
Iota Sigma Pi National Honor Society  
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society (2012)  
Edward M. Schulman Award (2012)

Thomas P. Nelson  
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society (2012)

Brandon J. Sligh  
Dr. Richard Chrzanowski Analytical Award  
(2012)

Julia Wald  
American Institute Award  
Chemical Rubber Company Award (2012)  
Iota Sigma Pi National Honor Society  
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society (2012)

Jade J. Welch  
American Chemical Society Organic  
Chemistry Award  
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society (2011)  
Edward M. Schulman Award

### COMMUNICATION

Brian M. Alexander  
Outstanding Student in Journalism

Katherine M. Anderson  
Outstanding Student in Journalism

Kari R. Beyers  
Departmental Certificate for Excellence in  
Academics or Service

Gabrielle Chiddy  
Departmental Certificate for Excellence in  
Academics or Service

Katherine M. Guenther  
Outstanding Student in Communication  
Studies

Calvin B. Gwinner  
Outstanding Student in Media Production

Molly J. Lundquist  
Dean's Award for Excellence in  
Communication

Agnieszka Pankiewicz  
Outstanding Student in Public  
Communication

Nicholas R. Stutzman  
Departmental Certificate for Excellence in  
Academics or Service

Kaitlyn M. Wardour  
Outstanding Student in Media Production

## 2013 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

### COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

- Elizabeth A. Hymiak  
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award
- Anthony J. Moreno  
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award
- Henry J. Prutsman  
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award
- Jeremy Schiefer  
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award  
Robert A. Clark Computer Information Systems Scholarship (2012)
- Jack K. Spillman  
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award
- Matthew S. Suarez  
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award  
Infotech Niagara Student Beta Award
- Steven J. K. Yang  
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- Melissa E. Noel  
Criminal Justice Faculty Certificate of Merit
- Alexa M. Stitt  
Looseleaf Law Publications Award
- Nobi Thomas  
Donald J. Griffin Memorial Scholarship Award

### DESIGN

- Nathaniel L. Hall  
Hyatt Design Award for Excellence in Wood/Furniture  
Dean's Gallery/School of Arts and Humanities Creative Associate (2012)  
Sanford Nussbaum Award (2011)
- Amanda Hippert  
Nancy Belfer Sterling Award in Fibers (2012–2013)  
Dean's Gallery/School of Arts and Humanities Creative Associate (2012)  
John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence in Fibers (2012)
- Veronica J. Keymel  
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award in Metals/Jewelry  
John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence in Metals/Jewelry (2012)  
JPHii Jewelers Award
- Jodi L. Soper  
Earl Wolfruber Award in Communication Design (2012)
- Jaime M. Strible  
Sylvia Garofalo Miller '43 Art Student Award (2012–2013)  
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award in Communication Design (2102)
- Predolino D. Zelasko  
Ceramics Anonymous Donor Award (2012)  
School of Arts and Humanities Dean's Award for Excellence in Design

### DIETETICS AND NUTRITION

- Anna N. Deskov  
Eunice Frisbee Mason Scholarship (2012)
- Abigail C. Copenhaver  
Alma R. Roudebush Scholarship (2012)  
National Dairy Promotion and Research Scholarship (2010)
- Susan E. Lombardi  
Wegmans Scholarship (2012)
- Melissa M. McDonald  
Provost Scholarship (2012)  
Lois M. Jackson Scholarship (2011)

### ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

- Daniel K. Flaherty  
Outstanding Student Award
- Brett J. Frank  
Outstanding Student Award
- Alexandra E. Liebel  
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award

### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

- Gabriel Casillas  
Arthur O. Eve Distinguished Student Achievement Award
- Anthony J. Frank  
Buffalo State Alumni Association Award
- Christal D. Guthrie  
Buffalo State Alumni Association Award

### ENGLISH

- Ashley S. Bennett  
Bradford Award Winner (2011–2012)  
English Department Award for Excellence, English
- Cynthia M. Delaney  
Arts and Humanities Dean's Award for Excellence
- Sarah A. Miller  
English Department Award for Excellence, English Education
- Amanda R. Pratt  
English Department Award for Excellence, Writing

### EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

- Jacquelyn M. Foote  
Paul Thoms Council on Exceptional Children Membership Scholarship (2012)
- Rebecca L. Kasprzyk  
Gustave A. and Geraldine F. Werner Undergraduate Award (2011–2012)
- Amand J. Krzysiak  
Gayle Fish, '56, and Donald Schrader Undergraduate Award (2011–2012)

- Yvette A. Mercado  
Gustave A. and Geraldine F. Werner Undergraduate Award (2012–2013)  
Paul Thoms Council for Exceptional Children Membership Scholarship (2012)

- Stephanie L. Mongiolo  
Horace Mann Undergraduate Award (2010–2011)

- Danielle M. Watson  
Paul Thoms Council for Exceptional Children Membership Scholarship (2012)

- Julianne E. Wojcik  
Paul Thoms Council for Exceptional Children Membership Scholarship (2011)

### FINE ARTS

- Stacey A. Stiffler  
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award for Painting

### GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING

- Frederick J. Bloom  
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award in Geography
- Michael Borrelli  
Katheryne T. Whittemore Award
- Sarah E. Caputi  
Chair's Discretionary Award
- Santiago D. Navarro  
Western New York American Planning Association
- Jeffrey E. Penzes  
National Council for Geographic Education (Planning)
- Amanda R. Pratt  
National Council for Geographic Education (Geography)
- Samantha S. Thomas  
Updraft Meteorology Award
- Luke D. Work  
Chair's Discretionary Award

## 2013 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Angela J. Hastings  
Health and Wellness Academic Achievement Award  
Health and Wellness Department Community Service Award (2012)

Jamie R. McCarty  
Health and Wellness Academic Achievement Award

Amanda J. Minotti  
Health and Wellness Outstanding Student Award

### HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION

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

Katie Bowen  
Kathleen Mallea Award for Excellence in Social Studies Education (2010)

Kanisha N. Greaves  
Bernard and Nancy Belfer Scholarship Fund Award

John Guzda  
Donald D. and Barbara J. Leopard Memorial Scholarship Fund Award (2012)  
G. Allen McFarren Award for Excellence in Student Teaching  
Kevin Shea Memorial Scholarship Fund (2012)  
Anthony Sokolowski Scholarship Award (2010)

Jason Hugar  
Thomas G. Powell History Award

Jonathan Keenan  
Thomas F. Higgins Scholarship Award  
Donald D. and Barbara J. Leopard Memorial Scholarship Fund Award

Catherine E. Shea  
Bernard and Nancy Belfer Scholarship Fund Award

### MURIEL A. HOWARD HONORS PROGRAM

Travis J. Carlson  
Paul T. Orrange Memorial Award

Kamila D. Mysiak  
Paul T. Orrange Memorial Award

### INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM

Kamila D. Mysiak  
Award for Excellence

Maureen E. Remus  
Paul Thoms Council on Exceptional Children Membership Scholarship (2010)

Kyrie G. Vermette  
Award for Excellence

### INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Daniel Andersson  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2012, 2013)

Ari S. Darlow  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2011–2013)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2010–2012)  
SUNYAC Commissioner's List (2011, 2012)

Breanna L. Fenski  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2011–2013)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2010–2012)  
SUNYAC Commissioner's List (2011, 2012)

Rio B. Flynn  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2011–2013)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2011, 2012)  
SUNYAC Commissioner's List (2011, 2012)

Catherine M. Hennes  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2011–2013)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2012)

Sasha Gay Henry  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2012, 2013)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2012)  
SUNYAC Commissioner's List (2012)

Brandon J. Hodgins  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2011–2013)

Andrew P. Klin  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2012, 2013)

Melissa S. Mahoney  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2011–2013)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2009–2012)  
SUNYAC Commissioner's List (2010–2012)

Lauren A. Mallo  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2011–2013)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2011, 2012)  
SUNYAC Commissioner's List (2011, 2012)

Trevor R. McKinney  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2012, 2013)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2012)  
SUNYAC Commissioner's List (2011, 2012)

Sherrell M. McLean  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2011–2013)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2011, 2012)  
SUNYAC Commissioner's List (2012)

Carrie A. O'Donel  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2011–2013)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2010–2012)  
SUNYAC Commissioner's List (2011, 2012)

Paige Ottaviano  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2010–2012)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2009–2012)  
SUNYAC Commissioner's List (2010–2012)

Seth J. Runge  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2011–2013)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2010–2012)  
SUNYAC Commissioner's List (2011, 2012)

Samantha J. Strapason  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2011–2013)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2010–2012)  
SUNYAC Commissioner's List (2011, 2012)

Sara B. Sweeney  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2011–2013)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2009–2012)  
SUNYAC Commissioner's List (2010–2012)

### INTERIOR DESIGN

Austin M. Ballin  
Arts and Humanities Dean's Award for Excellence in Interior Design

Nicholas Tribunella  
Arts and Humanities Creative Associate—Dean's Gallery (2012–2013)

### MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

Chelsea C. Bernardi  
Dr. Eliane McKee French Education Scholarship (2012)

### MUSIC

Sara E. Cripps  
Dean's Award for Excellence in Music

Rachel Giuseppetti  
Lenore Rollett Wright Award for Achievement in Music

### PHILOSOPHY AND HUMANITIES

Sarah E. Caputi  
Dean's Award for Excellence in Philosophy  
Dr. George T. Hole Philosophy Scholarship (2011, 2012)

Joseph J. Schroeder  
Outstanding Religious Studies Minor

Jenna M. Tomasello  
Victor H. Balowitz Scholarship (2012)  
Outstanding Major in Philosophy

### POLITICAL SCIENCE

Therese M. Brick  
Raymond P. Stone Memorial Award

Melanie A. Dingeldej  
Raymond P. Stone Memorial Award

Nathan C. Kindred  
Outstanding Student in Political Science Award

William E. Respress  
Special Political Science Award

Arianna G. Stupple  
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award

Muhammed S. Sumbundu  
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award



## 2013 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

### PSYCHOLOGY

Chelsie J. Larson  
Dr. Esther McGinnis Award in Psychology

Pamela S. Mordick  
David Vernon Bullough Outstanding  
Senior in Psychology Award

### SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Ari S. Darlow  
Carol Wright Henry Award for  
Undergraduate Achievement in  
Pre-Medical Studies

### SOCIAL WORK

Christal D. Guthrie  
Excellence in Social Work Student Award  
National Association of Social Workers  
New York State Western Division Award

Jodi M. Herrera  
Excellence in Social Work Student Award

Tricia E. Lewis  
Excellence in Social Work Student Award

### SOCIOLOGY

Alyssa E. Hansen  
Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor  
Society for Sociology (2012)  
Richard P. Seibert Outstanding Internship  
Award

Shawniqua S. Moultrie  
Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor  
Society for Sociology (2012)  
Herbert Aurbach Social Action Award

### SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Jaimee E. Pochatko  
Laura Ann Wells Memorial Scholarship  
(2012)

### STUDENT AFFAIRS

Gabriel Casillas  
Luis M. Antonetti Humanitarian Award

Cynthia M. Delaney  
Phillip Santa Maria Award for Student  
Leadership in Equity and Campus Diversity

Kelly C. Farrell  
Phillip Santa Maria Award for Student  
Leadership in Equity and Campus Diversity

Sara Garfinkle  
Mildred Keller Campbell Student Leadership  
Award

John K. Guzda  
Phillip Santa Maria Memorial Award (2012)

Muhammed S. Sumbundu  
Phillip Santa Maria Award for Student  
Leadership in Equity and Campus Diversity

### TECHNOLOGY

Brittany L. Blidy  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2011)

Brittany V. Chapman  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2010)

Kelly J. Conway  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2010)

Hannah M. Davis  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2012)

Eugenia Episcopo  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2010)

Justine E. Fitch  
American Apparel and Footwear  
Association Scholarship (2011)

John A. Guzzo  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2010)

Lauren G. Hickman  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2010)

Richard T. Hofer  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2011)

Emily E. Mawer  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2011)

Kristina A. Murray  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2011)

Zachary C. Nobles  
Glenn O. Shallack Scholarship (2012)

Heather Sloma  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2012)

Tiera S. Wright  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2012)

### TELEVISION AND FILM ARTS

John T. Szablewski  
Arts and Humanities Dean's Award for  
Excellence

### THEATER

Lee M. Becker  
Mina S. Goossen Award for Excellence in  
Theater

Shabar S. Rouse  
Dean's Award for Excellence

Derick J. Sherrier  
Michael Dominico Jr. Performing Arts  
Award

Benjamin J. Streeter  
Donald J. Savage Theater Arts Award  
(2012)

### WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM

Kira L. Bruce  
Women and Gender Studies Graduating  
Senior Award

### WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Cecelia M. Barron (2012)

Kira L. Bruce (2012, 2013)

Sarah E. Caputi

Gabriel Casillas

Sara E. Cripps

Ari S. Darlow

Anna N. Deskov (2012)

Lakisha Forde (2012)

Sara Garfinkle

Andrea G. Gustafson

Ninteretse Jean Pierre

Stephen J. Malone (2012)

Sherrell M. McLean

Hsiang Ngai

Paige Ottaviano

Jonathan V. Pollino

Amanda R. Pratt

Jessica J. Stabell

Matthew S. Suarez

Muhammed S. Sumbundu

Jenna M. Tomasello

Kyrie G. Vermette

All awards listed were granted in 2013  
unless otherwise stated.

## 2013 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES AND C.A.S.

### MASTER OF ARTS

#### December 2012

Xue Bai  
Marjorie E. Carignan  
Todd B. Duval  
Christine L. Puza  
Gregg Schnitzer  
Lynn M. Socha  
Cynthia W. Thomason  
Christopher A. Wayne

#### May 2013

Roy W. Bakos  
Kara L. Barrett  
Vincent S. Betts  
Emily Busch  
Amy L. Chapman  
Michael A. Church  
Jennifer R. Conn  
Christopher R. Coughlin  
Steven R. Dillsworth  
Gina M. Emiliani  
Allyse M. Fischer  
Martha J. Franklin  
Michael T. Gallagher  
Matthew G. Gianno  
Fawn N. Goodberry  
Megan S. Hahin  
Erin E. Hicks  
Meghan K. Jensen  
Paul M. Juette  
Rebeka L. Keator  
Ellen Kongphet  
Vandyke Kotoroka-Yiadom  
Elizabeth M. LaDuc  
Nicole M. Lainhart  
Blerina Lani  
Katie M. Lanza  
Ashley C. Larocque  
Dawn C. Mankowski  
Joelle L. Mann  
Margo Masur  
David W. McDonald  
Sean McDonald  
Sarah A. McMichael  
Kevin T. McNamara  
Laura M. Neufeld  
Ashley R. North  
Jennifer E. O'Dee  
Suzanne M. Prabucki  
Mark P. Ramos  
William D. Schregel  
Niall T. Shanahan  
Kathleen E. Slade  
Christine M. Smith  
Ancel Raynaud Soh Feussi

Katherine H. Somerville  
Daniel P. Stanford  
Wendy M. Styn  
Timothy G. Szocki  
Heidi Wallace  
Daniel J. Weaver  
Sarah E. White  
Jennifer M. Wilcott  
Jing Yang  
Jessica L. Yerico  
Steven C. Zapel  
Yiwen Zhou

#### August 2013

Genevieve A. Bieniosek  
David R. Doxbeck  
Ashleigh N. Ferguson  
James C. Gleason  
Ashley F. Jehle  
Fran E. Ritchie  
Lianne T. Uesato  
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### MASTER OF SCIENCE

#### December 2012

Kelly M. Abad  
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Janet Acara  
Mary A. Agbor  
Sumona Akhtar  
Lawrence M. Banach  
Gretchen A. Bergdolt  
Colleen J. Boerner  
Katherine N. Bolognese-Gress  
Michael D. Bowe  
Jeffrey D. Boyd  
Roselyn M. Cabrera  
Aura Castro de Amador  
Scott G. Cerny  
Ashley K. Chiodo  
Kathryn S. Chwojdak  
Laura A. Crandall  
Chendan Cui  
Stephanie G. Cummings  
Raul A. Del Hierro  
Ashley M. Dreyer  
Allison W. Elliott  
Sean M. Fitzgerald  
Mariana Flores Legorreta  
Adriana M. Franco  
Maureen A. Gardner  
Daivon A. Garrick  
Danielle D. Gates  
Kayla R. Geelan  
Christopher A. Geiman  
Adam M. Goldfarb

Jacquelyn M. Guglietta  
Kaori Hakone  
Stephanie W. Hamm  
Robyn J. Hardy  
Timothy D. Heuser  
Jeffrey Hirschfeld  
Jacqueline S. Johnson  
Christopher J. Kennedy  
Henrik A. Lemos  
Karli A. Lomax  
Michael H. Lomax  
Megan D. Lumadue  
Joshua M. Marks  
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Eva McGovern  
Rosmery A. Mejia Ysabel  
Ebony L. Miller  
Tamara Nashim  
Mario I. Navarrete Otero  
Todd J. Nowak  
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Mary J. Odden  
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Craig J. Paterson  
Caroline A. Pauly  
Nandini Pavaphiphat  
Christopher J. Penberthy  
Jenna L. Pieniazek  
Justin J. Pitts  
Abbie L. Potts  
Clara E. Quintero  
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Miroslav Rakic  
Jenna K. Ralicki  
Ali I. Raza  
Michelle Rua  
Jennifer L. Rubino  
Welma K. Russell  
Tami L. Sanders  
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Carole A. Stanley  
Christopher P. Steffens  
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Lamar Timmons-Long  
Laura A. Tyrrell  
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Ebonie L. White-Gilbert  
Patrick M. Woodward

#### January 2013

Scott R. Syroczyński

#### May 2013

Steven P. Abbamonte  
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Tiffany L. Aiken  
Jessica Bashaw  
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Alyssa M. Boron  
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Kia C. Brooks  
Casey L. Brown  
Melissa A. Buckley  
Samantha Bush  
Carlo Cammilleri  
Joseph F. Carey  
Carol A. Cerasuolo  
Jayshree M. Chestnut  
Mary Ellen K. Clasgens  
Alexander C. Constantinou  
Meghan J. Coyne  
Mary K. Culpepper  
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Yu-Mei Ding Lien  
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Thomas L. Sacilowski  
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Jamie M. Sanchez  
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Donald Schier  
Leane Schultz  
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Beth D. Slazak  
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Daniel S. Spencer  
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### August 2013

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### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

#### December 2012

Stephanie N. Allaire  
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Laura L. Delaney  
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Joseph P. Doherty  
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Kaitlin P. Eakes  
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Steven J. Grzelewski  
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Christine L. Haist  
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Lisa M. Henning  
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Trisha A. Ippolito  
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Sara A. Kennedy  
Sheri N. Kirsch  
Colleen M. Klas  
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Michelle M. Laesser  
Danielle E. LaJudice  
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Edward C. Williams  
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Marci E. Young

### May 2013

Liza M. Acanfora  
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Ahood N. Aldehilan  
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Yolanda Baez-Hinchliffe  
Kaitlin G. Bailey  
Lisa Barrett  
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Ginger M. Bidell  
Morgan Blair  
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Kyle R. Canfield  
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Kathleen L. Carpenter  
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Sarah A. Chudyk  
Tanya H. Chutko  
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Mary F. Clifton  
Nicholas J. Corigliano  
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Hannah Gibbs  
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Erin Goodlander  
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Damariz Hacker  
Rio-Fay Harden  
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Kathryn L. Martin  
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Louis D. Mattiuzzo  
Norman J. McClaney  
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Erin O'Donnell  
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Meghan E. O'Hearn  
Emily A. Orbank  
Caitlin O'Rourke  
Nicole V. Passafiume  
Daniel Penski  
Gina M. Postolese  
Rachael L. Prell  
Melanie M. Prynn  
Erin K. Puntoriero  
Katherine M. Queen  
Matthew E. Raines  
Colby J. Rehrauer  
Stephanie M. Reinhardt  
David F. Ring  
Grace N. Robinson  
Christopher J. Roll  
Marcia A. Ross  
Marie E. Rueter  
Thomas L. Sacilowski  
Steven J. Sahlem  
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Kathleen E. Santiago  
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Katie Schmandt  
Rachel E. Schmit  
Jaclyn E. Schueler  
Catherine G. Schwandt  
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Bonnie K. Striegel  
Sara M. Szczerbinski  
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Andrea M. Testa  
Denise K. Uschakow  
Kimberly A. Vaughn  
Jessica J. Weiglein  
Brian A. Whipple  
Caitlin M. White  
Annalisa P. William  
Kimberly E. Wilson  
Kimberly E. Zaffram  
Vanessa A. Zahorchak  
Steven L. Zdrojewski

### August 2013

Sarah N. Anthon  
Melissa J. Barris  
Adrienne Battaglia  
Ruth A. Brass  
Clair F. Carrell  
Laura L. Curcio  
Nicole L. Dunz  
Meghan F. Farrell  
Nicole C. Fry  
Janelle Ganger  
Mary A. Hager  
Steven D. Hess  
Katelyn M. Hitzges  
John J. McGowan  
Melanie M. McGraw  
Jeremy M. McPhail  
Christine M. Oehman  
Katie L. Olejarski  
Cori A. Raybon  
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Kellie E. Russell  
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Alicia J. Tripi  
Ashley L. Venters

### MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

#### May 2013

Peter N. Anthony  
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Eric R. Jones  
Belinda M. Kane  
Joshuan Lamourt-Rivera  
Quinita S. McKinney

Abu B. Musa  
Paul C. Perez  
Suzeana M. Stewart  
Megan E. Swendsen  
Dewayne Thomas  
Brian K. Travis II  
Samantha E. Tucker  
Tyriek B. Washington  
Ulysees O. Wingo

### August 2013

Adrianne Jones  
Charles A. Mays  
Katiurka P. Paniagua

### CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY

#### December 2012

Holly E. Erwin  
Christine L. Puza  
Kelin C. Ryan  
Jessica P. Sipes

#### May 2013

Eric S. Johnson  
Tanya D. Johnson  
Jacqueline M. Kelly  
Andrew J. Starr  
Michael A. Suwala

List compiled April 10, 2013.

May 2013 graduate listings are anticipated based on successful completion of courses in progress.

August 2013 graduate listings are anticipated based on successful completion of courses in progress and successful completion of degree requirements during summer 2013.

## 2013 GRADUATE AWARDS

### ART CONSERVATION

Genevieve A. Bieniosek

Margaret & Charles Balbach Art Conservation Fellowship (2011)

Buffalo State Tuition Grant (2010–2012)

Garman Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)

Samuel H. Kress Fellowship (2011)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2010, 2012)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2011)

Ashleigh N. Ferguson

Margaret & Charles Balbach Art Conservation Fellowship (2011)

Buffalo State Tuition Grant (2010–2012)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2010, 2012)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2011)

James C. Gleason

Brost Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)

Buffalo State Tuition Grant (2010–2012)

Samuel H. Kress Fellowship (2012)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2010, 2012)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2011–2012)

Barbara and Donald Nelson Scholarship in Art Conservation (2012)

Saxe Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)

F. Christopher Tahk Fellowship (2011)

Ashley F. Jehle

Margaret & Charles Balbach Art Conservation Fellowship (2011)

Buffalo State Tuition Grant (2010–2012)

Samuel H. Kress Fellowship (2011–2012)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2010–2012)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2011–2012)

Elizabeth M. LaDuc

Margaret & Charles Balbach Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)

Buffalo State Tuition Grant (2010–2012)

Ross B. Kenzie Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)

Samuel H. Kress Fellowship (2012)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2010–2012)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2011)

Saxe Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2011)

Dawn C. Mankowski

Buffalo State Tuition Grant (2010–2012)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2010–2012)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2011)

Laura M. Neufeld

Bandrowski Art Conservation Fellowship (2011)

Brost Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)

Buffalo State Tuition Grant (2010–2012)

Hoskins-Smith Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)

Marks Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2010, 2012)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2011)

Fran E. Ritchie

Buffalo State Tuition Grant (2009–2011)

Ross B. Kenzie Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2011)

Lippes Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2010–2012)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2011)

Linda Joan Levy Paull Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)

Lianne T. Uesato

Buffalo State Tuition Grant (2009–2011)

Ross B. Kenzie Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2011–2012)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2010–2012)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2011)

Christopher Tahk Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)

Aisha Wahab

Buffalo State Tuition Grant (2009–2011)

Gross Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)

Samuel H. Kress Fellowship (2011)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2010, 2012)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2011)

Fannie Kestenbaum Paull Memorial Art Conservation Fellowship (2011)

Arthur E. Smith Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)

Christopher Tahk Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)

### BIOLOGY

Fawn N. Goodberry

Natural and Social Sciences Dean's Summer Research Fellowship (2012)

Meghan K. Jensen

Natural and Social Sciences Dean's Summer Research Fellowship (2012)

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Megan K. Sorce

Morgan Graduate Award

### ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

Xue Bai

Outstanding Graduate Student Award

### EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Kelli A. Ackerman

Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award

Kimberly A. Aquilio

Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award

Bryan T. Hansen

Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award

Sheri N. Kirsch

Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award

Kelly C. Martin

Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award

Stephanie A. Martin

Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award

Colby J. Rehrauer

Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award

Kathleen E. Santiago

Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award

Danielle R. Stiegler

Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award

## 2013 GRADUATE AWARDS

### ENGLISH

Joelle L. Mann  
English Department Award for Excellence,  
Master of Arts

Joanna M. Reed  
English Department Award for Excellence,  
Master of Science in Education

Heidi Wallace  
English Department Award for Excellence,  
Master of Arts

### EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

Laura L. Delaney  
Ron Brown ITEC Scholarship (2010)

Katie F. Orlowski  
Paul Thoms Council for Exceptional  
Children Membership Award (2010)

Matthew E. Raines  
Bernard B. Yormack Award (2011–2012)

### GRADUATE SCHOOL

#### Outstanding Master's Project

Lawrence M. Banach  
Isostatic Pressing Effects on Silicon Carbide  
(December 2012)

Mohan S. Devgun, Professor of Technology,  
Project Adviser

#### Outstanding Master's Thesis

Christopher N. Brown  
Perceptions Measurement of Professional  
Certifications to Augment Buffalo State  
College Baccalaureate Technology Programs,  
as a Representative American Postsecondary  
Educational Institution (May 2012)

John J. Earshen, Associate Professor of  
Technology, Thesis Adviser

William Marks  
Structural Analysis of the Drosophila  
Innexin ShalB: Role of the N-Terminus in  
Rectifying Electrical Synapses (May 2012)

I. Martha Skerrett, Associate Professor of  
Biology, Thesis Adviser

Alana Ryder  
By My Side: Charles E. Burchfield's Letters  
to Bertha K. Burchfield from 1923 to 1963  
(May 2012)

Cynthia A. Conides, Associate Professor of  
History, Thesis Adviser

### HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

Kia C. Brooks  
Robert A. Davis Endowed Scholarship  
(2012)

Samantha Bush  
Outstanding Academic Achievement  
Award

Roselyn M. Cabrera  
Hurculine Guthrie Commitment to  
Diversity Award (2012)

Kathryn S. Chwojdak  
Outstanding Research Award (2012)  
Outstanding Internship Award (2012)

Meghan J. Coyne  
Outstanding Academic Achievement  
Award

Rhina M. Duquela  
Outstanding Academic Achievement  
Award

Gina L. Foster  
Robert A. Davis Endowed Scholarship

Stephon Hamell  
Outstanding Academic Achievement  
Award  
Outstanding Internship Award

Jeffrey Hirschfeld  
Hurculine Guthrie Commitment to  
Diversity Award (2012)  
Outstanding Research Award (2012)

Booker T. Piper  
Hurculine Guthrie Commitment to  
Diversity Award

Katheryn J. Ross-Winnie  
Outstanding Academic Achievement  
Award  
Outstanding Research Award

Jeff Saint Dic  
Al Ciardi Leadership and Service Award  
Outstanding Academic Achievement  
Award

Ruthie M. Sawyers  
Hurculine Guthrie Commitment to  
Diversity Award

Emily I. Zurner  
Outstanding Academic Achievement  
Award  
Outstanding Research Award

### SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Katie L. Benson  
Academic Excellence (2012, 2013)  
Clinical Excellence

Morgan Blair  
Clinical Excellence

Amy A. Frauen  
Clinical Excellence

Shelagh M. Huckins  
Academic Excellence (2011, 2012)

Sara A. Kennedy  
Academic Excellence (2011, 2012)  
Clinical Excellence (2012)

Chelsea M. Meredith  
Clinical Excellence

Central New York Speech-Language  
Hearing Scholarship Award (2012)

Meghan E. O'Hearn  
Academic Excellence (2012, 2013)  
Clinical Excellence

Vanessa A. Zahorchak  
Academic Excellence (2012, 2013)  
Clinical Excellence

### WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Rhina M. Duquela

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### PAST AWARDS

For a historical listing of State University of New York award recipients,  
Buffalo State award recipients, and Buffalo State Distinguished Alumnus Awards,  
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## ACADEMIC TRADITIONS

### 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 the 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 Muriel A. Howard 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.

Muriel A. Howard Honors Program students receive an academic scholarship of \$2,500 per year. Scholarship funds are provided by private donations and administered by the Buffalo State 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.

## ACADEMIC TRADITIONS

### 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 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
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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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