143rd COMMENCEMENT  May 16, 2015
Baccalaureate Ceremonies  |  Master’s Hooding and C.A.S. Ceremony
D. BRUCE AND GAIL JOHNSTONE
COMMENCEMENT SUPPORT ENDOWMENT FUND

Recognizing Global Diversity at Buffalo State College

Buffalo State College embraces international diversity and welcomes students from many parts of the world. Through the generosity of the D. Bruce and Gail Johnstone Commencement Support Endowment Fund, 84 flags representing the nations that Buffalo State students identify as their countries of origin are on display in the Sports Arena, along with the flag of the United Nations.

Dr. Johnstone, with the support of his wife, Gail, served as president of Buffalo State from 1979 to 1988 and as chancellor of the State University of New York from 1988 to 1994. The Johnstones’ values emphasize global education as well as the importance of student diversity to enhanced learning.

COMMENCEMENT GARDEN

The president of Buffalo State and the entire campus community honor the Class of 2015 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.

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
Katherine S. Conway-Turner, Ph.D.

Katherine Conway-Turner was confirmed as the ninth president of Buffalo State College by the SUNY Board of Trustees on June 16, 2014. She is a lifelong learner, educator, scholar, author, and humanitarian. During her 31-year career, she has served in a variety of leadership and administrative positions and has held the rank of professor of psychology at five universities. Before coming to Buffalo State, Dr. Conway-Turner was provost and vice president for academic affairs at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, from July 2010 until July 2014. From 2004 to 2009, she was provost and vice president for academic affairs at SUNY Geneseo. Dr. Conway-Turner was the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at Georgia Southern University and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Delaware, where she also served as director of the women's studies program and graduate program coordinator. She was an American Council on Education (ACE) fellow at the College of New Jersey, and she has held teaching positions at Santa Clara University and California State University, Long Beach.

In addition to her administrative responsibilities, teaching, and research, Dr. Conway-Turner regularly travels to Haiti to perform humanitarian work as a member of H.O.P.E., a nonprofit, volunteer organization based in Rochester, New York. Through this organization, she and her colleagues assist the people of Borgne, Haiti, in achieving equitable, just, and sustainable living conditions.

Dr. Conway-Turner received her Ph.D. and M.A. in psychology and her B.A. in microbiology, all from the University of Kansas. As a first-generation college student, she embraces the transformative power of education. She has experienced firsthand the potential of schools like Buffalo State, and she views the college as a special place that does incredible work to move its students forward. In short, Buffalo State transforms lives.

Dr. Conway-Turner is married to Dr. Alvin L. Turner, a psychologist engaged in the independent practice of psychotherapy, supervision, training, and forensic psychological services. He is licensed in New York and Delaware. They have three daughters, Shana, Anya, and Jameela.

My greatest wish is that each graduate finds personal happiness, contributes positively to his or her community, and pursues a career doing what he or she loves.

As members of the Class of 2015 leave this arena and go out into the world, I encourage them to stay connected—in person or online—with Buffalo State. You are a member of the Buffalo State alumni family and will forever be welcome here. Your greatest achievements are yet to come—please keep us informed about the milestones in your life.

Again, congratulations to Buffalo State’s Class of 2015!

Sincerely,
Katherine S. Conway-Turner, Ph.D.
President

Today is a very special day on the Buffalo State College campus.

We are gathered to celebrate the individual and collective accomplishments of this year’s graduating class. Through hard work, dedication, and a sheer love of learning, each member of the Class of 2015 has earned a degree from this great college. Congratulations to all!

We also recognize that life’s greatest accomplishments are often achieved with the assistance and support of others. In that light, we thank family members and friends who have helped ensure the academic success of their sons, daughters, husbands, wives, partners, and loved ones. And to our faculty and staff, I offer my gratitude and appreciation. Our college strives for excellence and student engagement. Our mission is to empower a diverse population of students to succeed as citizens of a challenging world. You have played a pivotal role in preparing our students not only for future careers but also for lives well lived.

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CONFERRING OF DEGREES
MORNING BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY
10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE
The Rockwell Brass
Ricky L. Fleming, Director
Associate Professor, Music

PROCESSIONAL
The Rockwell Brass
Abigail B. Rockwood Puehn, Accompanist
Lecturer, Music
George T. Hole, Mace Bearer
SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus, Philosophy and Humanities

CONVENING
Linda A. Dobmeier, ’71
Chair, Buffalo State College Council

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Members of the Buffalo State Chamber Choir
Victoria J. Furby, Director
Associate Professor, Music

WELCOME
Katherine S. Conway-Turner
President, Buffalo State College

SUNY CHANCELLOR’S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE
Chelsea E. Davidson, Class of 2015
Bachelor of Science in Education, Exceptional Education
Stephanie S. Kahn, Class of 2015
Bachelor of Fine Arts, Metals/Jewelry
Bachelor of Science, Dietetics and Nutrition
Amy E. Marciniak, Class of 2015
Bachelor of Science, Childhood Education

Presenters
Angelo M. Fatta
Trustee, State University of New York
Katherine S. Conway-Turner

PRESIDENT’S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT
James A. Martin, Class of 2015
Bachelor of Science, Forensic Chemistry

Presenter
Katherine S. Conway-Turner

BACCALAUREATE STUDENT ADDRESS
James A. Martin

COLLEGE COUNCIL MEDAL
Howard A. Zemsky
President and CEO, Empire State Development
Immediate Past Chair, Buffalo State College Council

Presenters
Linda A. Dobmeier, ’71
Katherine S. Conway-Turner

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD
Roger Wood, ’85
President and CEO, Dana Holding Corporation

Presenters
Richard J. Trigilio, ’90
President, Buffalo State Alumni Association
Susanne P. Bair
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

YOUNG ALUMNUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Rodneyse Bichotte, ’95
New York State Assemblywoman, 42nd District

Presenters
Richard J. Trigilio, ’90
Susanne P. Bair

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Rodneyse Bichotte, ’95

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES
Dennis K. Ponton
Provost
Benjamin C. Christy
Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities
Wendy A. Paterson, ’75, ’76
Dean of the School of Education
Mark W. Severson
Dean of the School of Natural and Social Sciences
Rita M. Zientek, ’90
Interim Dean of the School of the Professions

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Katherine S. Conway-Turner

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

RECESSIONAL
Please join the campus community in celebration at a reception in the Campbell Student Union.
AFTERNOON BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY
2:00 p.m.

PRELUDE
The Rockwell Brass
Ricky L. Fleming, Director
Associate Professor, Music

PROCESSIONAL
The Rockwell Brass
Abigail B. Rockwood Puehn, Accompanist
Lecturer, Music
Charles R. Bachman, Mace Bearer
Professor Emeritus, English

CONVENING
Todd W. Brason, ’85
Member, Buffalo State College Council

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Associate Professor, Music

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MASTER’S HOODING AND C.A.S. CEREMONY
6:00 p.m.

PRELUDE
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Ricky L. Fleming, Director
Associate Professor, Music

PROCESSIONAL
The Rockwell Brass
Abigail B. Rockwood Puehn, Accompanist
Lecturer, Music
Paul J. DeWald, ’79, Mace Bearer
Associate Professor Emeritus, Communication

CONVENING
Melissa M. Brinson
Member, Buffalo State College Council

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Members of the Buffalo State Chamber Choir
Victoria J. Furby, Director
Associate Professor, Music

WELCOME
Katherine S. Conway-Turner
President, Buffalo State College

GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS
Eunice A. Lewin
Trustee, State University of New York

PRESIDENT’S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT
Ted J. Mallwitz, Class of 2015
Master of Science, Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration
Presenter
Katherine S. Conway-Turner

STUDENT ADDRESS
Ted J. Mallwitz

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Kathleen C. Hochul
Lieutenant Governor, New York State

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES
Dennis K. Ponton
Provost
Kevin J. Railey
Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School

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Eunice A. Lewin

Eunice Lewin was appointed to the SUNY Board of Trustees by Governor David Paterson on February 2, 2010. Trustee Lewin has been employed as a bilingual social worker for the Committee on Special Education at the Buffalo Board of Education since 1979. Previously, she worked for three years as a social worker at Buffalo Catholic Charities and the Erie County Department of Social Services in the Division of Child Protection.

Trustee Lewin serves on several boards of directors, including as a founding member of the Roswell Park Alliance Foundation and a member of the Buffalo Urban League, Hispanics United of Buffalo, and the Canisius College Board of Regents. She is also a member of the Hispanic Women’s League and the Buffalo Niagara Guitar Festival Originators.

She was honored with the Ebony and Ivory Civic Award in 1994; inducted into the Western New York Women’s Hall of Fame in 2002; and received the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Education in 2002, the National Conference for Community and Justice of Western New York 50th Annual Citation Award in 2003, and the Marcus Garvey Community Service Award in 2004.

Trustee Lewin was born in Guantanamo, Cuba. Her family migrated to the United States in 1967. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from Marymount Manhattan College in New York City before moving to Buffalo in 1976. She obtained a master’s degree in American and Puerto Rican studies in 1978, and a master’s degree in educational administration in 1989, both from the University at Buffalo.

Rodneyse Bichotte, Class of 1995

Rodneyse Bichotte is the assembly member and state committee woman/district leader for New York State’s 42nd District. Assemblywoman Bichotte is the first Haitian American woman from New York City to be elected to the New York State Assembly.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, she advocates affordable housing and home ownership, increased financial literacy for her communities, public safety initiatives, better relationships with law enforcement, affordable health care, high-quality public and private education, and economic development, especially for people seeking to open small businesses.

Before her election to public office, Assemblywoman Bichotte served as a public school math teacher and member of the teachers union, an engineer working overseas in Japan and China, and a finance manager. She has traveled all over the world, including to seven countries in Africa and several countries in Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East. Her extensive global experience has helped her navigate various business customs, acquire key negotiation tactics, and build customer relations around the world.

Assemblywoman Bichotte earned an M.B.A. from Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management, an M.S. in electrical engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology, a B.S. in electrical engineering from the University at Buffalo, and a B.S. in mathematics secondary education and a B.T. in electrical engineering from Buffalo State College. She is a graduate of the New York City public school system, including LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts.

Assemblywoman Bichotte has served on a number of boards, including as advocacy chair of Habitat for Humanity New York City; development chair of Turning Point Brooklyn; chair of the Economic Development Committee of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority’s Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter; scholarship chair of the Chicago Urban League Metropolitan Board; and a member of Brooklyn Community Board 17, the Sickle Cell Thalassemia Patients Network, and the National Black MBA Association. She teaches Sunday school at Cornerstone Baptist Church in the Bedford Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn. She is an alumna of the White House Project at Brooklyn College.
Kathleen C. Hochul
Kathleen Hochul was inaugurated as the 77th lieutenant governor of New York State on January 1, 2015. She was elected with Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on November 4, 2014. Before her election, she was a group vice president for strategic relationships at M&T Bank, serving as liaison for community matters and significant economic development projects.

From 2011 to 2013, then-Congresswoman Hochul served in the House of Representatives for New York’s 26th Congressional District. Before that, she served as Erie County clerk from 2007 to 2011, the highest-ranking female elected official in Erie County. She also served for 14 years as a member of the Hamburg Town Council.

Lieutenant Governor Hochul holds a bachelor’s degree from Syracuse University and a J.D. from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. At the start of her legal career, she worked at a large firm in Washington and later as in-house counsel to a major corporation engaged in homeland security. She gave up private practice for public service when she was asked to serve as a legal counselor and legislative assistant to Congressman John LaFalce and later to Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

In 2006, Lieutenant Governor Hochul joined her mother and aunt in establishing the Kathleen Mary House, a transitional home for victims of domestic violence, and served on its board of directors. She co-founded the Village Action Coalition to help local businesses survive competition from big-box stores.

She has been married to her husband, Bill, since 1984 and has two children, Will and Katie.

James Brandys, Class of 1971 and 1973
Jim Brandys has devoted decades of service to his alma mater, Buffalo State, to which he has been immeasurably generous with his time, talent, and financial support. His leadership of the highly successful “Endowing the Future” scholarship campaign not only raised more than $10 million for endowments but also gave birth to the college’s legacy giving group, the Peterson Society. The society currently has more than 340 members who have made planned gifts to the college.

Mr. Brandys serves with distinction on the Buffalo State College Council, and he has served on the Buffalo State College Foundation Board of Directors, the Burchfield Penney Art Center Board of Trustees, and committees too numerous to mention. He has also actively recruited community leaders to serve on campus committees and boards.

Mr. Brandys made one of the earliest leadership-level gifts to the “Transforming Lives” campaign, which exceeded its $20 million goal more than 16 months ahead of schedule. He has supported the campus with personal gifts to every school and every campaign throughout his more than 40-year affiliation with the college.

In recognition of his special dedication and extensive volunteer efforts, as well as his work with the college’s Planned Giving Committee, Mr. Brandys was presented with the Buffalo State College Foundation Chairman’s Recognition Award in 1991, 1999, and 2003. He also received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1999.

Recently retiring as a managing director at Merrill Lynch (now a subsidiary of Bank of America Corporation) after 39 years of service, Mr. Brandys received the company’s Lifetime Community Achievement Award. The award recognizes employees whose ongoing commitment to community service best exemplifies the principle of responsible citizenship.

Mr. Brandys has been active in other community organizations but has chosen to spend the majority of his time working for Buffalo State College and the Burchfield Penney Art Center, and he received the Outstanding Volunteer Fundraising Award from the Western New York Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals in 2011 for his work with both.

Mr. Brandys resides in Eggertsville, New York, with his wife, Joy. They have been married for over 42 years.
Howard A. Zemsky
Howard Zemsky was nominated by New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo in January 2015 to serve as president and CEO of the Empire State Development Corporation (ESD) and commissioner of economic development. Mr. Zemsky was confirmed by the New York State Senate on March 30, 2015.
ESD is the economic development agency of New York State. Mr. Zemsky and his colleagues manage a broad range of programs, incentives, and services designed to increase private-sector investment and job creation in New York State. The organization has a staff of more than 450 people located in 12 offices across the state.
Mr. Zemsky works closely with Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul and the respective regional co-chairs to implement the Regional Economic Development Councils, the governor’s decentralized, collaborative, and strategic approach to economic development.
Mr. Zemsky has co-chaired the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council during the past four years and has worked closely on the governor’s Buffalo Billion revitalization initiative. His company, Larkin Development Group, has redeveloped approximately 1 million square feet of building space in Buffalo since 2002, with a particular focus on reclaiming Buffalo’s earliest industrial neighborhood, the Larkin Historic District. In recent years, he has chaired the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority and the Buffalo State College Council, serving more than 10,000 students, and he has served as president of the Richardson Center Corporation, a nonprofit board charged with rehabilitation of the Richardson- and Olmsted-designed former New York State Psychiatric Hospital.
Mr. Zemsky has a bachelor’s degree from Michigan State University and a master of business administration from the University of Rochester.
He is a Brooklyn, New York, native, a product of Long Island, and a resident of Buffalo, where he and his wife, Leslie, have lived for 30 years with their three children.

Jacqueline V. LoRusso, Class of 1962 and 1964
Jacqueline LoRusso earned her bachelor of science degree in elementary education in 1962 and her master of science degree in elementary education in 1964, both from Buffalo State. Upon graduation, she taught in the Maryvale School District and at Elmwood Franklin School.
Ms. LoRusso, who owns JVL Management Company, a rental property management firm, has long been involved with alumni events at Buffalo State and has twice served as a member of the Buffalo State College Foundation Board of Directors, from 1993 to 1996 and from 2010 to the present.

She is a lead donor in the college’s “Transforming Lives” campaign. Her first major gift to the campaign endowed a scholarship fund for music students. In recognition of that gift, the recording studio in the new music complex in Rockwell Hall was officially named the Jacqueline V. LoRusso Control Room and Recording Studio. A second major gift has allowed the campus to move forward with the construction of an alumni house and visitor center that will be named in her honor.
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Roger Wood, Class of 1985

Roger Wood serves as president and chief executive officer of Dana Holding Corporation. Since joining Dana in April 2011, Mr. Wood has inspired Dana’s vision to be the global technology leader in efficient power conveyance and energy management solutions. In addition, he has implemented an operating model that encourages decision making by those in the organization closest to the customers, and he has delivered four consecutive years of improved profitability.

Prior to joining Dana, Mr. Wood served as executive vice president and group president for the Engine Group at Borg Warner. In his 26-year career at Borg Warner, he held various leadership roles with global operations responsibilities.

Mr. Wood holds a bachelor’s degree in engineering technology from Buffalo State and a master of business administration from Syracuse University. He is a member of the board of directors for both the Dana Holding Corporation and the Brunswick Corporation and also serves as a member of the board for Business Leaders for Michigan and the Ohio Business Roundtable. In addition, Mr. Wood serves on the board of trustees for the Manufacturers Alliance for Productivity and Innovation (MAPI) and as CEO council for the Original Equipment Suppliers Association (OESA).

PRESIDENT’S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT

Ted J. Mallwitz

Ted Mallwitz has earned a master of science degree in higher education and student affairs administration. In addition, he holds a bachelor’s degree in history and a master’s degree in creative studies from Buffalo State, and is a graduate of the college’s Muriel A. Howard Honors Program. This purposeful academic work has prepared him to be a change leader in higher education.

A polished orator and scholar, particularly in the areas of research and inquiry, Mr. Mallwitz brought a critical-inquiry perspective and skill set that rivals that of most doctoral students. At the same time, he frequently engaged other students in how to best develop a conceptual framework for their own research projects. In the process, he continually added to the richness of discussions that are critical to higher education. His hunger and enthusiasm for tackling big questions in a complex world are contagious and inclusive.

Mr. Mallwitz put his research into action by creating the Inspire Creativity and Academic Success Program for Buffalo State’s Educational Opportunity Program (EOP). This mandatory, credit-bearing course provides incoming EOP students with lessons in self-reflection, problem-solving, and strategic planning to promote student success and retention. After designing the curriculum and submitting a successful grant proposal to SUNY’s Office of Sponsored Programs in 2013, he served as the new program’s coordinator and instructor.

Mr. Mallwitz, who also serves as logistics coordinator for the creative studies distance program and the Creativity Expert Exchange, intuitively approaches life with a positive, proactive attitude and professional drive. His care and commitment to the field of higher education is evident in his actions as a scholar and a professional. He has already contributed much to the field of higher education and has made a difference in the lives of countless students on the Buffalo State campus.

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

2015 PRESIDENT’S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT FINALISTS

Diamond J. Briggs
Veronica L. Darlow
Chelsea E. Davidson
Crystal M. Holmes-Smith

2015 PRESIDENT’S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT FINALIST

Aaron D. Burgess

The 2015 award recipients’ and finalists’ bios, as well as selection criteria, are listed at http://commencement.buffalostate.edu/current-student-awards.
SUNY CHANCELLOR’S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE
PRESIDENT’S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

James A. Martin

James Martin has earned a bachelor of science degree in forensic chemistry, attaining a 3.91 GPA while participating in the Muriel A. Howard Honors Program and the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program.

A Ross B. Kenzie Family Presidential Scholar, Mr. Martin has an exemplary record of academic performance, is an involved and dedicated member of the campus community, and has demonstrated record of excellence in leadership and creativity. He is keenly interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in chemistry or biology after graduation.

Mr. Martin has participated in undergraduate research on and off campus. In 2013, he participated in the McNair Summer Research program, and in 2014, he participated in the Summer Research Opportunity program at Michigan State University. He has presented his research findings at numerous conferences and symposia, winning first place for undergraduate oral presentation at North Carolina A&T State University and the Best Presenter Award at Michigan State University.

As a result of his academic prowess, the Chemistry Department honored him with the American Chemical Society Analytical Award and the Minority Student Award, and the Mathematics Department honored him for his outstanding achievement in calculus. In addition, he was presented with a Residence Life Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement and the Nurturing Initiative and Achievement (NIA) Program’s Mentor of the Year for 2014.

He is always willing to help others, formally tutoring Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) students in math and science and informally offering help to classmates who struggle with upper-level chemistry courses. He spoke to students at open houses, represented the honors program at the Scholarship Gala, and co-presented a workshop on research at Orientation. Off campus, he has volunteered his time with the Alternative Fall Break program and the PAL Summer Youth Employment program.

Diamond J. Briggs

Diamond Briggs has earned a bachelor of science degree in applied sociology, attaining a 3.92 GPA while participating in the Muriel A. Howard Honors Program, the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, and the National Student Exchange Program.

An engaging student leader and peer role model, Ms. Briggs applies herself in everything she does and has a voracious appetite for learning, gaining new experiences, developing leadership skills, and working for social justice.

In the classroom, she is a conscientious, hardworking, and dedicated student. While at Buffalo State, she earned membership in the Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society and was awarded the Educational Opportunity Program’s (EOP) award for highest GPA in 2012. In 2014, she received two awards from the Residence Life Office—the Excellence for Student Success Award and the Academic Excellence Award for the highest GPA among resident assistants—as well as the Sociology Department’s Neumann-Clement Award for the highest GPA among sociology majors (2014).

Ms. Briggs became involved with research during her freshman year as part of the Student Investigators Learning Community, which allowed her to integrate and synthesize major themes across disciplines. She was selected to present her paper “Civil Disobedience” at the annual Learning Community Symposium.

Outside the classroom, Ms. Briggs is a model college citizen. She has participated in numerous extracurricular activities and functions, including Saturday of Service and the Westside Ministry soup kitchen, and as a math tutor at Buffalo Public School 45. She is also a resident assistant and served as an officer of the African American Student Organization, a member of the Fashion Student Association, and an EOP first-year mentor and tutor. In 2013, she served as the student host of the EOP Honors Convocation.

Chelsea E. Davidson

Chelsea Davidson has earned a bachelor of science in education degree, majoring in exceptional education. She attained a 3.84 GPA while participating as a member of Buffalo State’s intercollegiate cross-country and indoor and outdoor track and field teams.

A dedicated student-athlete, Ms. Davidson leads by example. As a team member, whether in a cooperative learning group, research collaboration, or work environment, she is focused and conscientious in meeting her own responsibilities and encouraging the participation of others. Her impressive grade point average does not fully describe the quality of work she puts into all her endeavors, going beyond requirements to implement assignments with creativity and passion.

She was recently accepted to the selective International Professional Development Schools Program, which includes a three-week travel and service-learning experience in Santiago, Chile, in May 2015. She will use her field experience working with Chilean students in a public school to document similarities and differences in U.S. and Chilean education systems.

Her primary focus is on teaching, and she has a keen interest in researching evidence-based practices for students with disabilities. Outside the classroom, she has combined her interest in athletics and advocacy for individuals with disabilities with her long-term work with Special Olympics. She also developed a program at Maryvale Intermediate School in Cheektowaga, New York, to raise funds to purchase equipment for students with disabilities.

In recognition of her accomplishments, Ms. Davidson was elected to the Buffalo State chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education. A regular member of the Dean’s List, she was named a Buffalo State Provost’s Scholar for four years and was named to the SUNYAC Commissioner’s Academic List.
Amy E. Marciniak
Amy Marciniak has earned a bachelor of science degree in childhood education, attaining a 3.93 GPA while serving as Buffalo State’s student liaison to the Professional Development Schools Consortium.

Throughout her career at Buffalo State, Ms. Marciniak has distinguished herself by performing above and beyond the increasingly demanding requirements of teacher candidates. Her ability to balance work, participation in campus life, and community volunteer activities is impressive. She consistently demonstrates excellence in the classroom: she is always prepared, actively participates in class, is well read, and is as passionate about learning as she is about teaching.

Her commitment to service led her to several leadership posts on campus. She served as co-president of the Elementary Education Club (EEC), leading readings for children at Women and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo, a school-supplies collection for the Waterfront School in Buffalo, and a fund drive for a fellow teacher candidate whose home was lost in a fire. She also participated regularly in the Global Book Hour, a Saturday service opportunity for education and literacy students that offers multicultural reading and activities for local families. She has participated in many other events, such as the Elementary Education and Reading Department’s “Teacher Tailgate” for teacher candidates and college exploration events for bilingual middle schoolers.

One of her signature achievements was co-creating the EEC’s “Greater Than Me Network,” a voluntary project that builds strong communities through kindness and positive deeds. She presented information about the network at the Buffalo State Professional Development Schools Consortium retreat in 2013 and the Anne Frank Project conference in 2013 and 2014. She is always willing to be involved—and willing to encourage others to participate as well.

A delightful, intelligent, and compassionate educator and student, Ms. Marciniak has earned several honors, including induction into Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education, and the Norma Toelsin Payne Scholarship.

Stephanie S. Kahn
Stephanie Kahn has earned a bachelor of science degree in dietetics and a bachelor of fine arts degree in metals/jewelry, with minors in sociology and creative studies, attaining a 3.63 GPA.

Competent and creative, Ms. Kahn is a highly focused, self-directed individual who fully engages the learning process. Whether in the classroom or in a clinical setting, she has the ability and confidence to grasp complex concepts, think quickly, exercise excellent judgment, and follow through with sound decisions. She has shared her expertise with others as a presenter at the annual Student Research and Creativity Celebration.

She has displayed diverse academic interests throughout her college career and has demonstrated a commitment to excellence in academic pursuits as a student in the Muriel A. Howard Honors Program. She has completed several small grants and the summer research fellowship through the Undergraduate Research Office. She has also been recognized for her achievements with membership in Sigma Alpha Pi, the national honor society of leadership and success, and Alpha Lambda Delta, the national first-year honor society.

Outside the classroom, she was active on campus with Students Involved in the Art of Metalsmithing (vice president), the Nutrition Club, the Wilderness and Adventure Club, and the Rotoract Club. She was also a first-year mentor and apartment assistant for four years, an orientation leader, a student ambassador, and a conference assistant. As an artist, she represented Buffalo State in exhibits in Albany, New York, where she won best of show, and in Beijing, China.

In addition, her citizenship and leadership are reflected in her volunteer work as a nutrition education coordinator for the Priscilla Project for pregnant refugee women, a site coordinator of Community Service Day, facilitator of the 2012 Anne Frank Project’s “Reversing Negativity” interactive installation, and a Girl Scouts troop assistant. She also coordinated and performed in flute concerts at various senior citizen homes, and organized several social activities for mentally and physically disabled adults.
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Carol M. Reys *
Nichole Reynolds
Mikayla A. Rice
Shaun M. Ricketts
Jennifer A. Righetti
Ana M. Rivera
Anthony J. Rivera
Dominick F. Roa
Jeremy E. Roberts
Symone Robertson
Rebekah Robinson
Jennifer L. Robison †
Aaron Rodriguez
Omar Rodriguez
Kelsey E. Rogers
Carlos R. Rosales **
Justin W. Rose *
Darce J. Rosinski
Michelle A. Rossi
Bradley M. Rozwood
Adam M. Ruda **
Kelly L. Ruettimann **
Maria N. Ruiz *
Owen R. Ruppert
Carolyn A. Russell
Shakara Russell
Jacob A. Rydzynski
Mamadou Sacko
Karla X. Salamea *
Oluosia Saliu
Lindsay J. Saltsman
Tiffany M. Sams
Roseline Sanon
Sara A. Santarsiero
Stephanie Santoro
Joseph Santos Mercieca
Andrea J. Sapp
Do Monique V. Sapp-Clay
Francine R. Satermus
Laurie Sawyer **
Chelsea L. Saxe **
Angela R. Scarpello ***
Alec T. Schappert
Kaitlyn Schena
Matthew J. Schiavone
Brian Schiralli
Brittany L. Schlager *
Daniel D. Schmidt
Wayne J. Schmitz
Marta V. Schoene *
Marykate Schroeder
Amy M. Schultz
Michael J. Schuster
Christopher Scavunos **
Tyreek D. Seawell
Jeffrey C. Sexton ***
Reed S. Seymour
Katie Shapiro
Chelsea M. Shelton **
Alicia L. Shields *
Britnee M. Siegmann
Maria N. Silverman
Morghann D. Sims **
Avis M. Sinclair
Taliek J. Singletery
Leah M. Singleton
Naomi M. Skarupinski
Tyler A. Skoczylas ***
Brodie M. Skowronski
Lonisa D. Sledge †
Herbert F. Small
Kadian S. Smalling
Danielle C. Smerda **
Emily S. Smith
Jessica D. Smith **
Jordan Smith
Melanie A. Smith
Michael Smith
Shaiya T. Smith
Travis J. Smith
Nicholas M. J. Sobaszek
David R. Sobiczynski
Sue L. Sol ***
Gladys R. Sosa
Mark Sowers
Niasia J. Spand
Jonathan Sparks
Devin J. Spencer
Andrew J. Speyer **
Christine Sprehe **
Thomas K. Stachowski
Devin A. Stampley
Kelly N. Stark
Samantha M. Steiner
Jasira Stephens
Nikita Stewart
Kaitlin J. Stillman **
Steven J. Stock *
Matthew J. Stoklosa *
Alexandra L. Storms
William F. Strakosch
Hannah E. Stryker ***
Lindsay R. Suchyna ***
Amanda M. Sullivan
Taylor D. Swiatek
Melissa M. Swinnich **
Amiesha L. Swinton
Matthew T. Szarleta
Kalene Szary
Steven Szczepanowski
Katherine M. Szpala
Tyler P. Szumada
Kailer E. Tabbi
Denise E. Takas ***
Kayla M. Tankeley
Julie A. Tarro ***
Tewodros Tella
Sarah M. Terhaa **
Savanna L. Terreberry *
Ashley L. Thartharthel
Adrianna L. Thomas
Alanna Thomas
Charish E. Thomas
Kendra N. Thomas *
Susan M. Thomason **
Christopher A. Thompson
Janine M. Thompson
Michael S. Thompson †
David R. Thornbury
Janisa J. Thorne
Sherri M. Thurmord
Ambria D. Tim
Sheidy Tineo
Kevin P. Tkatschf
Christy Tolevski ***
Tracey L. Tong
Xavier Torres
Aminata Tournay
Mouhamed Toure
Michael Trimmer
Mara B. Trottier
Saladean S. Tuckett
Shameka L. Turner
Jillian L. Tuzzo
Heather Tusco
Nicki J. Underhill
Michelle Valevich **
Camillo Vallejo
Jeannette Valoy
Joy M. Van Dette ***
Curt Ed Vandruff
Maxx Vanvorce
Alexandra B. Var **
Julissa Vazquez
Davidde Venditti *
Christy M. Ventura **
Crystal Vesneske ***
Jeffrey J. Villont
Thuy T. Vo
2015 CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Colin P. Vogl
Kendra Lee Volz
Johny T. Vu
Rachel L. Wachowski
Andrew J. Wagner **
Christopher M. Wagner
Kaitly R. Walck
Steven Walesczak
Sara M. Walter
Christian D. Warchocki *
Katelyn R. Warden ***
Amber D. Wyatt
Christopher D. Wyant
Jiahui Wu † □
Rachel M. Wroblewski
Allyson L. Wrazen
Michaela J. Windom
Donald J. Willson
Shaquanna L. Williams *
Jaime L. Williams
Denzel Williams
Claude Williams
Alisa Williams †
Kevin J. Schwicke
Priscilla Sarfo
Collin N. Runkel *
Sarah E. Rosado
Dennise A. Ransom
Brian M. Pembleton **†□
Scarlett M. Ozuna
Eugenia N. Okai
Peter Y. Ojo
Ursula D. Ozuna
Brian M. Pemberton ‡
Dennise A. Ransom
Sarah E. Rosado
Collin N. Runkel *
Priscilla Sarfo
Kevin J. Schwicke
Salima A. Shakur **
Cara J. Sheridan
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

August 2015
Omar N. Abdurrahman
Bre’Asia I. Andrews
Tess E. Bannon *
Netroyn M. Bazilio
Justin Best
Theresa K. Blankson
Hagar A. Boazeng
Derek R. Braun
Frank A. Briandi
Kelsey A. Broadley
Kenneth Brown
Hamad Buhamed
Kristen M. Cassella
Catherine Cieslewicz
Chyenne-Marie E. Covey
Geoffrey R. Crawford
Jessica L. Czarnecki
Alicia L. Dirig
Marissa O. D’Orazio **
Mizuki Ebisawa
Karlie M. Falletta
Jasmine A. Forbes
Shontia J. Gaines
Rebecca G. Galani **
Michelle L. Hardy
Orlando J. Hill
Clint M. Holmes
Crystal S. Holmes-Smith
Keasya S. Hudgins
Adam J. Hurd
Jacqueline J. Jones
Chelsea M. Kwasniewski
Casey R. Maracle
Adam J. Medina
Hairo N. Melenciano
Blake J. Miller
Olayemi A. Ojo †
Peter Y. Ojo
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Salima A. Shakur **
Cara J. Sheridan
Justin D. Shuttleworth
Harpreet Singh
Lela R. Stanley
Dominique L. Tatum
Julio C. Tavarez
Eric D. Troutman
Susan P. Vanderschaaf
Wendy F. Verral
Alexander M. Waters
Rhonda D. Williams †
Brittany C. Windham
Ivana A. Zhune
Maegan L. Zobel *
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
EDUCATION

December 2014
Morgan R. Brown
Danielle M. Desantis
Sarah Kircher
Julia K. Krezmien
Shannon M. Lafferty *
Bethany E. Marshall **
Jenna R. Murphy ***
Kyle M. O’Connell ***
Michelle L. Phillips ***
Chelsey D. Rosolowski
Elana J. Schneider
Julia N. Stadelmaier *
Ryan D. Travers *
Taylor J. Watson ***
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
EDUCATION

May 2015
Claire D. Bellavia **
Kelly L. Beller **
Mindy L. Bess *
Kelly M. Boyle
Carly A. Cegelski
Marissa M. Cinquino ***
Lauren Coglievina **
Chelsea E. Davidson ***
Brittany M. Faskel *
Joanelly Fermin ***
Darlisa M. Francois *
Erica L. Galeano
Nicole L. Gautier
Samantha L. Hoggard
Erin N. Kamery
Chelsea R. Kump **
Abby J. Markowski **
Tiarry M. Mc Duffie
Molly Misso ***
Ilkia D. Moore
Lakeisha T. Nicholas
Kaela M. Paquin
Shanice Patterson *
Molly Pidgeon ***
Kathryn M. Piniewski ***
Kaitlyn Rozwood ***
Brendan R. Ryan
Tika-Monet L. Walker
Ayanna J. Woodburn **
MURIEL A. HOWARD
HONORS PROGRAM
GRADUATES

Nicole M. Ashman **
Cassandra A. Ball ***
Meghan J. Bart **
Diamond J. Briggs ***
Hannah L. Bronstein ***†
Mariah Brown *
Taylor L. Chavanne **
Juliana V. Conidi *
Veronica L. Darlow ***
Nicole M. Deci **
Anna H. Gordon ***
Kristin E. Hatch ***
Kasey M. Heisler ***
Sarah E. Herberger ***
Hakeem M. Jackson *
Stephanie S. Kahn †
Kris M. Kleinfeld **
Gabriela M. Lyons
James A. Martin ***
Megan E. Niesytn **
Charles A. Pacholski ***
Hayley D. Payne **
Nicole M. Pilar **
Chelsea L. Saxe **
Danielle C. Smerda **
Colin W. Sperrazza ***
Hannah E. Stryker **
Lindsay R. Suchyna ***
Julie A. Tatro ***
Michelle Valevich **
Joy M. Van Dette **
Angel D. Waggiover **
Taylor J. Watson ***
Brian N. Webster **
Jeffrey C. Weiss **
Brayton J. Wilson ***
Nicollette G. Winiewicz ***
2015 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

ANTHROPOLOGY
Kristin E. Hatch
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award
Anthropology Honors Thesis
The Woven Way: Indigenous Looms and Textiles of the Americas
(Faculty Adviser: L. M. Anselmi)
Nikkia T. Spencer
Archaeological Fieldwork Scholarship Award (2014)
Michael Stiller
Lewis Henry Morgan Award
Sarah E. Twardowski
Collins/Tomashevich Award
Anthropology Honors Thesis
The Deployment of Sexuality in Various Spaces
(Faculty Advisers: K. Hart, S. Newmahr)
Dianna M. Urbanski
Collins/Tomashevich Award
Archaeological Fieldwork Scholarship Award (2013)
Nicollette G. Winiewicz
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award
Anthropology Honors Thesis
Decorated Human Remains
(Faculty Adviser: L. M. Anselmi)

BUSINESS
Morgan R. Ciccarella
Outstanding Student in the Business Department—Management Concentration
Simone B. Dawson
Outstanding Student in the Business Department—International Business Concentration
Monet E. Lewis
Outstanding Student in the Business Department—Marketing Concentration
Angela J. Walker
Outstanding Student in the Business Administration Program

CHEMISTRY
Cody J. Lippincott
American Chemical Society Polymer Education Award (2014)
American Institute Award
Saul Barron Memorial Award (2014)
Excellence in Analytical Chemistry (2014)
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society
Noel Simmons Memorial Award
James A. Martin
American Chemical Society Undergraduate Analytical Award (2014)
Albert A. Himmel Electives Award
Minority Student Award (2014)
Nicholas Jostmaire Forensic Award
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society
Megan E. Niesytry
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society (2014)
Edward M. Schulman Award (2014)
Marta V. Schoenle
American Chemical Society Distinguished Student Award
Saul Barron Memorial Award
Iota Sigma Phi Honor Society (2014)
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society (2012)
Edward M. Schulman Award
Surjit Singh Physical Chemistry Award
Margi E. Weber
American Chemical Society Organic Chemistry Award (2014)
Albert A. Himmel Electives Award (2014)
Starks Associate Award (2013, 2014)
COMMUNICATION
Rachel Doktor
Outstanding Student in Media Production
Autumn L. Evans
Outstanding Student in Journalism
Adam R. Tefel
Outstanding Student in Communication Studies
Brayton J. Wilson
Dean’s Award for Excellence in Communication
Charity M. R. Wimmer
Outstanding Student in Public Communication

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS
Chris P. Carter
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award
Jason Christopher
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award
James W. Corpening
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award
Troy Paul
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award
Adam M. Ruda
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award
Sue L. Sol
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award
Andrew J. Wagner
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award
Jacob M. Woods
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Janelle S. Anderson
Donald J. Griffin Memorial Scholarship Award
Joshua A. Powell
Looseleaf Law Publications Award
Tyler A. Skoczylas
Criminal Justice Faculty Certificate of Merit

DESIGN
Scott Annese
Mike Lang (Robert L. Miller) Student Award for Excellence in Wood/Furniture (2014)
James Lombardo Sr. Award for Excellence in the Visual Arts in Wood/Furniture (2014)
Jordan T. Burby
James Lombardo Sr. Award for Excellence in the Visual Arts for Communication Design (2014)
Megan A. Connell
Hyatt Design Award for Excellence in Metals/Jewelry (2014)
Robin L. Connell
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award in Metals/Jewelry (2014)
Hyatt Design Award for Excellence in Metals/Jewelry (2015)
Barbara and Donald Nelson Scholarship in Metals/Jewelry (2014)
Allison R. Frey
John J. Jaquet Student Award for Creative Excellence in Metals/Jewelry (2014)
Seth D. Hughes
John J. Jaquet Student Award for Creative Excellence in Communication Design
Miles T. Jackson
Hyatt Design Award for Excellence in Communication Design (2014)
Stephanie S. Kahn
Dean’s Gallery/School of Arts and Humanities Creative Associates in Metals/Jewelry (2014)
John J. Jaquet Student Award for Creative Excellence in Metals/Jewelry (2013)
James Lombardo Sr. Award for Excellence in the Visual Arts for Metals/Jewelry (2012)
Sarah J. Kieffer
James Lombardo Sr. Award for Excellence in the Visual Arts for Metals/Jewelry (2014)
Juliana Leone
Hyatt Design Award for Excellence in Ceramics
Yasmin Medina
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award in Metals/Jewelry
Dean’s Gallery/School of Arts and Humanities Creative Associates in Metals/Jewelry
Destiny M. Perez
Hyatt Design Award for Excellence in Fibers (2014)
Barbara and Donald Nelson Scholarship in Communication Design (2013)
Brent Ricci
Allentown Village Art Society Scholarship in Communication Design (2012)
John J. Jaquet Student Award for Creative Excellence in Communication Design (2013)
Eric W. Robinson
Earl Wollgruber Award in Communication Design

DIETETICS AND NUTRITION
Sarah K. Boyer
Community Service Learning Award (2014)
Provost’s Scholarship (2011–2015)
Stephanie Busse
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Dorothy McGee Hyman Memorial Scholarship (2014)
Buffalo State College Dietetics Department Blanch E. Kelsey Scholarship (2014)
Undergraduate Student Research Fellow (2014)
Kimberly M. Chwojdak
Katherine Stadbell Scholarship (2014)
Yvonne Williams Scholarship (2013)
Holly R. Layer
Rachel A. Neilans
Eunice Frisbee Mason Scholarship (2014)

ECONOMICS AND FINANCE
Bogusia Carroll
Outstanding Student Award
Jacob R. Casel
David Vernon Bullough Award
Robert C. Harms
Outstanding Student Award

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM
Constance Boakye
Theresa A. Shepard Advocacy Award
Diamond J. Briggs
Buffalo State College Alumni Association Award
Educational Opportunity Program Director’s Award
John-Paul G. Joss
Buffalo State College Alumni Association Award
Ikia D. Moore
Arthur O. Eve Distinguished Student Achievement Award

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING
Erica M. Birdsong
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award (2014)
Elise M. Briandi
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award
Jennifer L. Buczek
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award
Lauren Coglevina
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award
Jahmala A. Cornelius
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award
Chelsea E. Davidson
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award
Lisa A. DellaPenta
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award
Kaitlyn N. Derrick
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award
Laura J. Imperiale
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award (2014)
Sara E. Juergens
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award
Amy E. Marciniak
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award
Kayla Meyer
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award
Madeline R. Otero
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award
Molly Pidgeon
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award
Nicole M. Pilarz
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award (2014)
Sarah C. Priore
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award
2015 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

ENGLISH
Tamara J. Burross
Arts and Humanities Dean’s Award for Excellence
Heather R. Chroniak
English Department Award for Excellence, Bachelor of Arts, English
Alyssa Moretti
English Department Award for Excellence, Bachelor of Science, English Education (7–12)

EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION
Morgan R. Brown
Horace Mann Travel Award for Council for Exceptional Children Students (2013)
Pual Thoms Council for Exceptional Children Membership Scholarship (2011)
Gustave A. and Geraldine F. Werner Undergraduate Award (2013–2014)
Lauren Cogliovina
Gayle Fish, ’66, and Donald Schrader Undergraduate Award (2013–2014)
Brittany M. Fasel
Paul Thoms Council for Exceptional Children Membership Scholarship (2013)
Joanelly Fermin
Richard G. D. Winston Caribbean Student Scholarship (2012)
Michelle L. Phillips
Dr. Aaron Podolefsky AmeriCorps ABLE Fellowship (2014)
Taylor J. Watson
Gustave A. and Geraldine F. Werner Undergraduate Award (2013–2014)
Ayanna J. Woodburn
Gustave A. and Geraldine F. Werner Undergraduate Award (2014–2015)

FINE ARTS
Grace A. Borowski
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award for Photography
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award for Printmaking
Megan A. Cavanaugh
Ruth M. Flock Scholarship
Michelle E. Meyers
Fine Arts Department Outstanding Achievement in Photography Award
Monica L. Nickles
Promising Sculptors Award

GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING
Michael L. Bly
Western New York American Planning Association Award
Timothy L. Hurysz
National Council for Geographic Education Excellence of Scholarship (Planning) Award
Paula Jones
Katheryne T. Whittemore Award
Spencer T. Podsialdo
National Council for Geographic Education Excellence of Scholarship (Geography) Award
Alexandra J. Santora
Katheryne T. Whittemore Award

HEALTH AND WELLNESS
Elle C. Anderson
Health and Wellness Academic Achievement Award
Mariah Brown
Health and Wellness Service and Leadership Award
Anastasia M. Gabriele
Health and Wellness Service and Leadership Award
Thuy T. Vo
Health and Wellness Academic Achievement Award
Alexis E. Weigel
Health and Wellness Service and Leadership Award

HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
Briar Baker
G. Allen McFarren Award for Excellence in Student Teaching
Kevin Shea Memorial Scholarship Fund (2014)
Sean F. Donohue
G. Allen McFarren Award for Excellence in Student Teaching
Hakeem M. Jackson
Thomas G. Powell History Award (2014)
Benjamin Kanaley
Norman F. Weaver Award for Excellence in Historical Research and Writing
Nathaniel P. Osmond
Harold and Lucille Peterson Scholarship (2011–2015)
James J. Siniscalchi
Bernard and Nancy Belfer Scholarship Fund Award (2014)
Thomas F. Higgins Scholarship Award
Donald D. and Barbara J. Leopold Memorial Scholarship Fund Award
Joshua S. Thompson
Eric Brunger Award of Merit

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM
Kenneth K. Armstrong
New York State Restaurant Association Scholarship
Christopher P. Case
Statler Scholarship (2014–2015)
Esmeralda J. Cepeda
Hospitality and Tourism Department Scholarship
Nicole M. Dussault
Panos’ Scholarship
Terese Galante
Panos’ Scholarship
Leanne E. Prati
Panos’ Scholarship
Carol M. Reyes
Panos’ Scholarship

HUMANITIES

I. ROOTS OF HUMANITIES

Artemis J. Scimeca
Phi Epsilon Kappa Award (2014)

J. CROSS-CULTURAL HUMANITIES

Andrea L. Chilson
Phi Epsilon Kappa Award (2014)

II. ADVANCED HUMANITIES

Brianna D. Snyder
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award (2014)
Susan M. Thomason
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award
Joshua Treu
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award (2014)
Heather Tyasco
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award
Katelyn R. Warden
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award
Liza Sang Yan
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award (2014)

III. GREAT HUMANITIES

Lauren Cogliovina
Gayle Fish, ’66, and Donald Schrader Undergraduate Award (2013–2014)

IV. DECISIONS HUMANITIES

Ayanna J. Woodburn
Gustave A. and Geraldine F. Werner Undergraduate Award (2014–2015)

II.Jwt
2015 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

Brittany L. Schlager
Pan’s Scholarship
Statler Scholarship (2014–2015)

Kaitlin J. Stillman
Hospitality and Tourism Department Scholarship

Samantha D. Wik
Statler Scholarship (2014–2015)

INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES

Emmanuel B. Johnson
Inspiration Award

Kayla M. Keitz
Excellence in Academic Achievement

Meyada Majed
Excellence in Academic Achievement

Naomi M. Skarupinski
Engineering Technology, Epsilon Pi Tau (2012)

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Meghan E. Farrell
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award

Kyle L. G. Foster
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award (2013–2015)
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2012, 2013)
SUNYAC Commissioner’s List (2013, 2014)

Rebecca G. Galanti
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award (2013–2015)
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2012–2014)
SUNYAC Commissioner’s List (2013, 2014)

Colleen E. George
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award (2013–2015)
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2012–2014)
SUNYAC Commissioner’s List (2013, 2014)

Ian C. Huntoon
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award (2014)
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2013, 2014)

Hillary R. Kollar
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award (2014, 2015)

Austin R. Lubas
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award (2014, 2015)
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2013, 2014)
SUNYAC Commissioner’s List (2014)

Megan E. Niesyty
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award (2014, 2015)
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2013, 2014)

Samantha Parente
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award (2013–2015)
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2012–2014)
SUNYAC Commissioner’s List (2012–2014)

Justin L. Ragusa
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award (2013–2015)
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2012–2014)
SUNYAC Commissioner’s List (2013, 2014)

Taylor D. Swiatek
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award (2013–2015)

Kendra N. Thomas
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award (2013–2015)
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2012–2014)
SUNYAC Commissioner’s List (2013, 2014)

Michael C. Workley
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award (2013–2015)
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2013, 2014)
SUNYAC Commissioner’s List (2014)

INTERIOR DESIGN

Julia C. Hagen
Dr. Marie Dellas and Poppy Dellas Scholarship Award (2013, 2014)
School of Arts and Humanities Creative Associate—Dean’s Gallery (2014)

Tara K. Hollingworth
Dean’s Award for Excellence in Social Work
School of Arts and Humanities Creative Associate—Dean’s Gallery

Jessica Muehlbauer
Illuminating Engineering Society of North America-Ignite Scholarship (2014)

Courtney E. Regan
School of Arts and Humanities Creative Associate—Dean’s Gallery

MATHEMATICS

Sarah E. Herberger
Dr. Ruth E. Heintz Award
Eleana Martineze
Dr. Ruth E. Heintz Award

Whitney R. Viggiano
Mabel D. Montgomery Award

Jeffrey C. Weiss
Douglas W. King Award

MUSIC

Hannah R. Clark
Dean’s Award for Music

Andrew J. Fisher
Marie Dellas Creative Achievement Award

PSYCHOLOGY

Meghan J. Batt
Dr. Esther McGinnis Award (2015)

Emma C. O’Connor
David Vernon Bullough Outstanding Senior in Psychology

Emma E. Walsh
Dr. Jack Morganti Award for Excellence in Psychology

SOCIAL WORK

Adam B. Lyle
Carol Wright Henry Award for Undergraduate Achievement in Pre-Medical Studies

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Adam J. Wozniak
Excellence in Social Work Student Award

Maria E. Rivera
Ernest S. Falbo Foreign Language Award

Alicia I. Shields
Dr. Ethel McKee French Education Scholarship

Pi Delta Phi Honorary Society French Award (2013)

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Megan A. Connelly
Outstanding Student in Political Science Award

Christopher M. Garozzo
Special Political Science Award

Michelle E. Imafidel
Raymond P. Store Memorial Award

SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Susan L. Dolan
Excellence in Social Work Student Award

Martana J. Eldridge
Excellence in Social Work Student Award

National Association of Social Workers New York State Western Division Award

Anna K. Frey
Excellence in Social Work Student Award

Eric J. Woźniak
Excellence in Social Work Student Award

ENGLISH

Gabriela M. Lyons
Dean’s Award for Excellence in Foreign Languages

Pi Delta Phi Honorary Society French Award (2013)

Sigma Delta Pi Honorary Society Spanish Award (2013)
2015 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

SOCIOLOGY

Cassandra A. Ball
Neumann-Clement Scholarship in Sociology Award (2014–2015)

Emily S. Barber-Dubois
Conrad Vogler Promising Sociologist Award (2014–2015)

Diamond J. Briggs
Neumann-Clement Scholarship in Sociology Award (2013–2014)

Steven Spencer
Mildred Keller Campbell Award

Abbas H. Cali
Herbert Aurbach Social Action Award (2014–2015)

Yulonda T. Fears
Richard Siebert Outstanding Internship Award (2014–2015)

Sonja Lyles-Johnson
David Vernon Boulough Memorial Award—Outstanding Minority Student (2014–2015)

Volunteer and Service

Mildred Keller Campbell Award

TELEVISION AND FILM ARTS

John P. Petrillo
Dean’s Award for Excellence

THEATER

Maiya E. Carson
Outstanding Dancer Award (2014)

Deonna L. Dolac
Mina S. Goosn Award for Excellence in Theatre

Katherine S. Norris
Michael Dominico Performing Arts Award

Jesse R. Tiebor
Dean’s Award for Excellence

Casey N. Weidman
Outstanding Dancer Award

LEARNING

Amanda E. Allaire
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Active Citizen, 400 Hours of Service

Kimberly L. Asbach
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Active Citizen, 400 Hours of Service

Kristine M. Assue
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Active Citizen, 400 Hours of Service

Robin A. Calabrese
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Community Supporter, 120 Hours of Service

Danielle M. Carbone
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Community Supporter, 120 Hours of Service

Tamiika Casey
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Community Supporter, 120 Hours of Service

Kristen L. Corbran
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Community Supporter, 120 Hours of Service

Rashard W. Cunningham
Outstanding Student Community Servior in a Service-Learning Class (2013–2014)

Channel C. Davis
Outstanding Community Service Work-Study Student (2010–2011)

Jenna M. Del Bove
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Neighborhood Advocate, 200 Hours of Service

Susan L. Dolan
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Active Citizen, 400 Hours of Service

Justine B. Hunt
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Community Supporter, 120 Hours of Service

Allison R. Hyman
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Active Citizen, 400 Hours of Service

Stephanie S. Kahn
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Active Citizen, 400 Hours of Service

Rachel Neilans
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Community Supporter, 120 Hours of Service

Michelle R. Nito
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Community Supporter, 120 Hours of Service

Hayley D. Payne
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Neighborhood Advocate, 200 Hours of Service

Brian M. Pembleton
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Active Citizen, 400 Hours of Service

Veronica Perez
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Neighborhood Advocate, 200 Hours of Service

Dwayne A. Remolado

WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES

Sarah E. Twardowski
Graduating Senior Award

Emma E. Walsh
Outstanding Student Award

INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR

Diamond J. Briggs
Alexis C. Childs
Veronica L. Darlow
Chelsea E. Davidson
Deonna L. Dolac (2014)
Romario R. Gibson (2014)
Catherine Guichardo (2014)
Richard A. Hoey (2014)
Crystal M. Holmes-Smith
Stephanie S. Kahn
Amy E. Marciniak
James A. Martin
Regan McGannon (2014)
Sarah L. Minkewicz
Janey L. Nemard
Madeleine R. Otero (2014)
Shakila S. Randall
Ashleigh-Ann C. Sutherland
Christine E. Walker (2014)

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2015 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES AND C.A.S.

MASTER OF ARTS
December 2014
Julie A. Boerner
Allyse M. Fischer
Britt R. Franklin
Walaa M. Gaslan
Kenneth R. James
Rawan S. Linjawi
Christopher J. Quail
Debra S. Slater

January 2015
Michael T. Gallagher

May 2015
Brad M. Agen
Mohamed Alinur
David Ashelman
Roy W. Bakos
Amanda T. Boos
Lance P. Boos
Michael Borrelli
Matthew Candeias
Jennifer R. Conn
Stacy A. Creech
Anthony J. Digesare
Chelsea B. Garbe
Crystal Grabowski
Amizetta J. Haj
Benjamin S. Hietanen
Brian P. Hinckley
Lori A. Holmes
Torri A. Iavicin
Angela M. Knupfer
Adam C. Labatore
Katie M. Lanza
Xiang Li
YuanYuan Li
Francis J. Lukacovic
Angui D. Macham
Leslie A. Makowski
Kasimu J. Mayundo
Philicia T. Montgomery
Danielle S. Morgera
Karrie E. Myers
Stephanie K. O’Bryan
Solomon Oke
Adyannsa S. Elmendorf
Tamar D. Fernandez
Omar Florez
Kate A. Forge
Diego M. Garcia
Jeremy B. Hall
Kristen L. Hargrave
Michelle Hibbert
Nidia Goitia
Chelcie Gramza
Robert P. Horwitz
Rafael Jimenez
Carolyn Martino
Quinta S. McKinney
Andrea B. Meyers
Lisa M. Noonan
Doralis M. Nunez
Miguel A. Reyes-Mariano
John R. Rodgers
Joan M. Sponn
Erica M. Stempniak
Tara A. Territo
John P. Wagner
Cheryl A. Wailand
Sam Yuvar

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
August 2015
Kwabena A. Adusei

MASTER OF SCIENCE
December 2014
Amany A. Abdel-Mageed
Marietta I. Acosta
Jose P. Alcazar Zamacona
Murray Altman-Kaough
Leslie A. Barnhizer
Kimberley E. Smith Bentley
Nilubon Bhusri
Amanda R. Borenstein
Jason L. Brent
Nicole L. Brown
Loisa T. Camacho Bautista
Leeann Catanzaro
Eugene P. Comer
Neil J. Commons
Shany Daccarett
Victoria S. Derr
Emily I. Diem
Mary J. Dwyer
Anissa Eglington
Miguel A. Reyes-Mariano
John R. Rodgers
Joan M. Sponn
Erica M. Stempniak
Tara A. Territo
John P. Wagner
Cheryl A. Wailand
Sam Yuvar

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
January 2015
Dinash Lal

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
May 2015
Shardai Adger
Jill Bach
Matthew Bellittiere
Kyle A. Boxhorn
Abdirahman A. Farah
Maria D. Garozzo-Payne
Kimberly R. German
Patrick J. Hillman
Miriam S. Hoffman
Alexandra R. Hogan
Stephanie E. Howell
Ian T. Huffaker
Brandon L. Ihrig
Carolina D. Campillo Jimenez
MeLinda Tatum Kaiser
William A. Kaputa
Thomas J. Karanas
Kirstin N. Koschmeder
Ba Zan Lin
Timothy L. Manley
Melinda A. Marshall
Monika L. McFoy
Bryan P. McGowan
Jennifer A. McLaurin
Johanna P. Medina
Eugenia Meneses
Kacey L. Molloy
Corinne M. Monette
Lauren R. Morgan
Jarron M. Mortimer
Djuana Munn
Joel J. Nalley
David J. Neuman
Sandra L. Noguera
Pamela E. Opara
Maria de Lourdes Ornelas
Patrick J. Parisi
Caitlin E. Mann Pauszek
Marcus J. Pereira
Lisa M. Plonka
Wendy S. Powell
Laura V. Puentes Ramos
Marina M. L. Rabelo
Shantell M. Reid
Holly S. Reslink
Renato M. Rongcral Jr.
Maria P. Rouco
David D. Rueb
Mary L. Ruhven
Maria Lorena Saenz Mora
Joseph A. Santora
Ahmade K. Shah
Nancy A. Sharara
Jeong Hoon Shin
Andre P. Simoes
Rashida R. Stewart
Scott A. Tanyi
Georgina Tenorio Davila
Angela M. Torres Rangel
Travis N. Turner
Henrietta Twumasi-Ankrah
Paulo Valenza
Nicole G. Vega
Maureen M. Vitali

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2015 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES AND C.A.S.

Brent D. Wasylenko
Clair Weston
Shawn M. Witzkowski
Courtney Zwart

MASTER OF SCIENCE

January 2015
Joshua J. Koszuta

MASTER OF SCIENCE

May 2015
Rumman H. Ahmad
Natasha Almonte
Anna M. Alvarado
Shara A. Armstong
Theresa B. Bass
Richard Beaumont
Mario L. Bermudez
Melissa L. Boler
Casey L. Brown
Adam J. Buffomante
Latimah S. Clark
Daphne K. Collier
Hilary K. Collins
Annie E. Connors
Lindsay M. Cwiklinski
Jalila N. Daley
Keshia Daniel
Jane E. Dasher
Susan DeMatteo
Nadra T. Dennis
Rebecca A. Deliberto
Brenda Durfee
Carly Duszynski
Maryjo K. Erway
David W. Eyman
Clodagh B. Forde
Joan Gearhart
John R. Grabowski
Gaila R. Grant
Kayla R. Grewisch
Andrea G. Gustafson
Jean-Pierre J. Issa
Andrea G. Johnson
Blythe Kaczmarczyk
Matthew W. Kalinowski
Shawn P. Kassirer
Darlene Kent
Melanie L. Leswing
John R. Macinnes
Ted J. Mallwitz
Jerrell T. Mason
Brittany Mazurkiewicz
Merissa G. McAskey

Iryna Z. Molodecky
Jennifer L. Moscone
Michael A. Nemhbad
Jessica R. Newcombe
Cornelius R. Newman
Cameron M. Olson
Yahya Ozyardimci
Lucresha Pierre
Mark Pietrusik
Kamalah I. Poles
Joy M. Pulera
Jennifer A. Quarrie
Carol E. Reis
Taryn Reynolds
John T. Roberts
Krystal L. Rodriguez
Craig D. Root
Esther Rosbrook
Patricia A. Schindler
Robert P. Schmidt
Walter J. Seary
Scott A. Silverman
Jennifer M. Smith
Lauren St. George
Joanna Stein
Eva Teruzzi
Susan J. Thomas
Trevor A. Tomson
Michael Updegraff
Laura K. Vasilko
Ilene E. Vick
Emily L. White
Katrina E. Whitlow
Christina J. Williams
William R. Zeiter
Geoff G. Zeeckler

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

December 2014
Jill M. Anderson
Nicole E. Austin
Ashley L. Barrick
Kristen M. Bartkowski
Susanne L. Boyes

Sebastian L. Case
Katelyn M. Casey
James J. Cory
Malorie M. Cummings
Matthew E. Dixon
Marlena G. Franke
Ryan P. Frost
Zachary A. Gitlin
Kristen Green
Sherrie L. Green
Katie A. Harringer
Scott D. Hisel
Jeanne M. Hocieniec-Gentile
Laura R. James
Emily G. Junik
Alyse S. Kelm
Kaitlyn R. Kinan
Katherine S. Kipp
Atisha B. Lacey
Donald J. Lapa
Vanessa V. Louis
Nicholas R. Lundgren
Jason A. Malczewski
Ashley L. Malinowski
Dylan Malone
Joseph D. Martimore
Joel M. May
Breanna K. McKenley
Amanda E. Moehlau
Valerie M. Morellaro
Jessica L. Obercon
Alicia R. Palmer
Alycia M. Pici
Jeffrey M. Pohlman
Sydney A. Silver
Constance M. Smith
Jenna M. Smith
John P. Smith
Lori M. Smith
Kaitlyn M. Snell
Lydia Sobczyk
Daniel J. Tarnowski
William S. Tokasz
Joseph A. Vella
Jennifer L. Walter
Julianne E. Wojcik
Andrea Wolf
Deanna L. Wood
Jaime Wyzkowski

MASTER OF SCIENCE

August 2015
Jillian Demps
Shannon M. Fisher
Vivian L. Geffen
Jane Harvey
Kathryn P. Haydon
Felix-Kingsley N. Obialo
Anthony W. Rauth
Marta Villanueva

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

May 2015
Joseph R. Bach
Elizabeth A. G. Baker
Sarah R. Banas

David M. Barron
Daniel W. Beattie
Laura K. Berkeley
William P. Blenk
Nicole A. Bossert
Brittany E. Breidenstein
Chelsey M. Broderick
Elisa M. Burgasser
Rachelle M. Burns
Alicia L. Buss
Rachel L. Case
Dorothy A. Chrzanowski
Katherine A. Coley
Olivia R. Colgrove
Lisa M. Cook
Deele R. Croisdaile
Victoria A. Czine
Benjamin C. Daley
Miranda R. DeGroot
Patricia A. Della Penna
Kristine T. Dipasquale
Amanda L. Dolan
Xin Dong
Nichole D. Dracup
Daniel C. Duggan
Jan M. Dylewski
Krista M. Engels
Meghan Enright
Tyler J. Evans
Rebekah T. Farrar
Sarah F. Flannery
Aleah M. Ford
Debora M. Frank
Christa R. Frost
Kaitlyn M. Gardner
Sara Garfinkle
Sumeet K. Gulati
Erin R. Harrington
Annmarie J. Henesey
Jessica L. Hills
Stephanie A. Hollis
Thomas W. Homestead
Elizabeth M. Horner
Abby L. Howard
William E. Hunt III
Tabitha E. Izard
Brianna L. James
Amy L. Jaskowiak
Emily M. Johnson
Mary B. Johnson
Mary B. Johnson
Krista N. Kajfasz
Hannah L. Kassel
Melody F. Kegel
Shannon M. Kellner
Christine E. Kostek
Katherine L. Krzyzaniak
2015 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES AND C.A.S.

Elizabeth N. Larocca
Natalie M. Lazarus
Starr Lederer
Lori A. Lenoci
James R. Leppert
Keri L. Lock
Abigail K. Long
Danielle M. Long
Elisa P. Lorenz
Ashley V. Lynch
Tyler A. Mack
Peter Martin
Courtney L. Martinic
Michael P. Masich
Daniel C. McCray
Lindsey M. McSharar
Elizabeth A. Miller
Asma A. Mohamoud
Michael S. Murray
Alicia N. Myers
Chelsea J. Nabozny
Brittany Nagowski
Zachary C. Nobles
Kelly O’Hara
Megan Q. Olscamp
Katelyn M. O’Neill
Cheryl Oyer
Payal Patel
Justine M. Pelligrino
Charles R. Perry
Leeann Pilarski
Jamie E. Pocharko
Christopher J. Pollard
Sarah D. Pressberg
Hollie A. Pringle
Devon R. Printup
Shauna M. Pucillo
Jessica R. Raff
Bethany M. Reeb
Gabrielle M. Rodriguez
Claire Rohrabacher
Patricia E. Rosekrans
Thomas J. Sarratori
Rebecca L. Saunders
Derek T. Schalk
Nicole Schiske
Lauren M. Schroder
Jill M. Seifert
Amanda L. Sero
Deenah Simchick
Paul J. Skotnicki
Lauren Stegeman
Jocelyn A. Stein
Eric B. Streobel
Megan E. Sullivan
Lindsay Sutherland
Jessica M. Szalasy
Daniel J. Tarnowski
Evan L. Tuculver
Marjorie Thomas
April L. Thompson
Marissa A. Thompson
Brittany A. Thrun
Colleen L. Tighe
Rebecca R. Truell
SaTina Turner
Sarah M. Turner
Joseph J. Uhrich
Ashon Vertalino
Alicia M. Vetter
Chanelle D. Wallace
Kristen N. Weber
Brittany M. Wienke
Harley R. Wiertel
Ashley A. Wodzinski
Caroline Zatyko
Caterina M. Zuppardo

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

August 2015
Emily R. Castiglia
Danielle Cortese
Jenna Fanara
Elizabeth K. Fruehauf
Kimberly R. Groff
Mitchell W. Grosfisky
Micaela E. Herd
Michelle Hill
Courtney L. Knoph
Michaela A. Korczynski
Lydia N. Kurt
Elizabeth Kurtesch
Cherisse M. Lipp
Kaycie J. McKenzie
Scott M. Musial
Jennifer S. Newhouse
Emmalee K. Pearce Olgin
Vera C. Parker-Kennedy
Alyssa D. Pauli
Jennifer M. Siffringer
Rada Sinik
Elizabeth A. Smith
Hannah E. Tanalski
Lauren E. Weber
Danielle K. Whiteside
Kayla M. Williams
John M. Zamojski

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY

December 2014
Jennifer L. Spong

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY

May 2015
Kerry A. Buell
Nicole Caputi
Jason Guzzetta
Michael A. Ippolito
Donna M. Ringholz

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY

August 2015
Amanda G. Chau
Margaret E. Davis
Jena E. Hirschbein
Jennifer L. Johnson
Zachary T. Long
Colleen P. O’Shea
Erica C. Schuler
Yelizaveta Sorokin
Christina M. Taylor
Dawn M. P. Wallace

List compiled March 26, 2015. May 2015 graduate listings are anticipated based on successful completion of courses in progress. August 2015 graduate listings are anticipated based on successful completion of courses in progress and successful completion of degree requirements during summer 2015.
2015 GRADUATE AWARDS

ADULT EDUCATION
Shannon M. Fisher
Award for Excellence

APPLIED ECONOMICS
David Ashelman
Outstanding Graduate Student Award in Economics and Finance
Angui D. Macham
Outstanding Graduate Student Award in Economics and Finance

ART CONSERVATION
Amanda G. Chau
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant (2012–2014)
Hokins-Smith Art Conservation Fellowship (2013)
Samuel H. Kress Fellowship (2013, 2014)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2012–2014)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2012–2014)

Colleen P. O’Shea
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant (2012–2014)
Czurles-Nelson Special Support Art Conservation Fellowship (2014)
Samuel H. Kress Fellowship (2014)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2012–2014)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2012, 2013)
Stockman Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2013)
E. Christopher Tahk Art Conservation Fellowship (2013, 2014)

Erica C. Schuler
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant (2012–2014)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2012–2014)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2012, 2013)
Stockman Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2013)
Fannie Kestenbaum Paull Memorial Art Conservation Fellowship (2013, 2014)
Stockman Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2013)

Yelizaveta Sorokin
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant (2012–2014)
Samuel H. Kress Fellowship (2014)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2012–2014)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2012, 2013)
Stockman Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2013)
Fannie Kestenbaum Paull Memorial Art Conservation Fellowship (2013, 2014)
Stockman Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2013)

Christina M. Taylor
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant (2012–2014)
Samuel H. Kress Fellowship (2013, 2014)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2012–2014)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2013, 2014)

Dawn M. P. Wallace
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant (2012–2014)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2012–2014)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2012, 2013)

ART EDUCATION
Brittany A. Thrun
Outstanding Graduate Student Award

CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Mary J. Dwyer
Morgan Graduate Award

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY
Jill M. Anderson
Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award

Daniel W. Beattie
Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award

Katelyn M. Casey
Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award

Joseph D. Mattimore
Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award

Lindsey M. McSharrar
Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award

Elizabeth A. Smith
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

Brittany M. Wienke
Joseph and Mary Daly Varga, `43, Graduate Scholarship (2014–2015)

EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION
Brittany E. Breidenstein
Dr. Judith Bondurant-Utz Early Childhood Award (2014)
Horace Mann Endowment for Exceptional Education Scholarship (2014–2015)

Valerie M. Mortellaro
Horace Mann Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in Exceptional Education (2014)

Jill M. Seifert
Horace Mann Scholarship for Exceptional Education Students (2014–2015)

April L. Thompson
Dorothea and Mildred Seegler Endowed Scholarship Award (2014–2015)

Morgan Graduate Award

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING
Michelle Hill
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society
Michaela A. Korczyński
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society
Lydia N. Kurt
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society
2015 GRADUATE AWARDS

HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

Anna M. Alvarado
Al Ciardi Leadership and Service Award

Annie E. Connors
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Carly Duszynski
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Robert A. Davis Endowed Scholarship

Kayla R. Griewisch
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Andrea G. Gustafson
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Outstanding Service to the Commission for Commuter Students and Adult Learners

Jeremy B. Hall
Outstanding Research Award

Blythe Kaczmarczyk
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Brittany Mazurkiewicz
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Monika L. McFoy
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Merissa G. McKasty
Hurculine Guthrie Commitment to Diversity Award

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Jennifer A. McLaurin
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Jarron M. Mortimer
Outstanding Contribution by a First-Year Higher Education Administration Student, Co-curricular Programs (2014)

Caitlin E. Mann Pauszek
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION

Lance P. Boos
Dr. Manny T. Koginos U.S. History Student Award

Harold and Lucille Peterson Scholarship (2014–2015)

Christopher P. Root
E. O. Smith Jr. Endowed Scholarship Award (2014)

MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

Ashley A. Wodzinski
Outstanding Postbaccalaureate Student (2011)

OUTSTANDING MASTER’S PROJECT

Tracy Fox
A Case Study Investigating How Art Education Fosters Collaboration in an Urban Environment through the Lens of Public Pedagogy (January 2014)

Shirley Hayes, Associate Professor of Art Education, Project Adviser

Corinne Carter-Stadler
Using an Early Reading Intervention Program to Increase Phonological Awareness Skills in Pre-Kindergarten Students At-Risk for Reading Failure (May 2014)

Theresa M. Janczak, Associate Professor of Exceptional Education, Project Adviser

OUTSTANDING MASTER’S THESIS

Timothy A. Collins
Rap Aesthetics and the Postmodern Imaginary (May 2014)

Jennifer D. Ryan-Bryant, Associate Professor of English, Thesis Adviser

Allyse M. Fischer
Effects of Round Goby Presence on Invertebrate and Microbial Communities in Decaying Leaf Matter of a Lake Erie Tributary System (December 2014)

Christopher M. Pennuto, Professor of Biology, Thesis Adviser

Ashley Smith
Artist Practice in the Elementary Classroom: Redefining Art Teaching through Artist-Teacher Philosophy (May 2014)

Alice C. Permini, Associate Professor of Art Education, Thesis Adviser

April O’Brien
“God Loves All Them Feelings”: Renegotiating Faith and Sexuality in The Color Purple and Angels in America (May 2014)

Jennifer D. Ryan-Bryant, Associate Professor of English, Thesis Adviser

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Rebekah T. Farrar
Academic Excellence Award

Sarah E. Flannery
Clinical Excellence Award

Brianna L. James
Academic Excellence Award (2014, 2015)

Krista N. Kajfasz
Academic Excellence Award (2014, 2015)

Clinical Excellence Award

Melody F. Kegel
Academic Excellence Award (2014, 2015)

Clinical Excellence Award

Peter Martin
Academic Excellence Award (2014, 2015)

Courtney Martinic
Academic Excellence Award

Clinical Excellence Award

Kelly O’Hara
Clinical Excellence Award

Megan Q. Olscamp
Clinical Excellence Award

PHYSICAL THERAPY

Colleen L. Tighe
Academic Excellence Award (2014)

Alicia M. Verter
Academic Excellence Award (2014, 2015)

Caroline Zatyko
Academic Excellence Award (2014, 2015)

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Jerritt T. Mason
Graduate Student Employee of the Year

VOLUNTEER AND SERVICE LEARNING

Shara A. Armprester
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Neighborhood Advocate, 200 Hours of Service

WHO’S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Kaitlynn M. Gardner
Andrea G. Gustafson
Elizabeth Kurtesch
Ted J. Mallwitz
Jarron M. Mortimer

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ACADEMIC TRADITIONS

ACADEMIC PROCESSION
The procession begins with the entrance of the seating marshals. After 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. Wolfgemberger, 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.

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 3 1/2 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.

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
ACADEMIC TRADITIONS

GRADUATE HOODING AND VESTING CEREMONY
Buffalo State master's degree recipients are individually recognized by the ceremonial placement of their degree-appropriate hoods, called hooding, during the Commencement ceremony. Hooding assistants from the Graduate School faculty assist the Graduate School dean and designated Graduate School faculty members, representing each student's academic department, in the hooding ceremony. Certificate of advanced study (C.A.S.) recipients are vested with black and orange stoles.

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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 bachelor's 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 College Foundation.

Military Honors Cord
The red, white, and blue cord is used nationally to recognize honorably discharged U.S. veteran students, current students serving in the U.S. military (active duty, National Guard, Reserves), and Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) students commissioned upon graduation. Military-affiliated faculty and staff processors may also wear this cord.

Honor Society Cords
Students who are inducted members of national honor societies affiliated with Buffalo State are eligible to wear the appropriate honors cords designating their disciplines and honor societies.

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Student members of campus professional and cultural organizations are eligible to wear the cords or stoles representing their groups.

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PAST AWARDS
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- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)***

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