

# 142nd COMMENCEMENT May 17, 2014

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



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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

### **D. BRUCE AND GAIL JOHNSTONE COMMENCEMENT SUPPORT ENDOWMENT FUND**

#### **Recognizing Global Diversity at SUNY Buffalo State**



SUNY Buffalo State 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, 53 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 2014 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 142nd 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 2014. They can be identified by the flowers and ribbons they are wearing.



## WELCOME TO BUFFALO STATE'S 2014 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES!

### Today is a special day on the Buffalo State campus.

We are sorry to see our graduates leave us, but we are happy to see them leave us as well.

First and foremost, this is a day of celebration. We rejoice at the accomplishments of each member of the Class of 2014. Your diligence, your enthusiastic pursuit of learning, and your commitment to a goal have led you to earning a degree from Buffalo State. Congratulations!

At the same time, we recognize with deep appreciation all those who have helped our graduates along the way. To family and friends, I offer sincere thanks for your role in supporting the academic success of your sons, daughters, husbands, wives, partners, and other loved ones. At Buffalo State, we know how important you are to student success. And to our faculty and staff, I offer my admiration. You are the people who make Buffalo State a student-centered campus, dedicated to the successful learning of our students. Ultimately, a college education is what you have shaped it to be.

Today, of course, is also a day to look to the future.

As graduates, you are prepared with the academic knowledge and professional skills to start down the road to success in a challenging world. We know you are ready to be continuous learners who will handle whatever life sends your way. My greatest wish for each graduate is that you find personal happiness while pursuing a career doing what you love.

In that spirit, I encourage members of the Class of 2014 to stay connected with Buffalo State—whether through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or the old-fashioned way of visiting us in person. You are now 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 2014!

Sincerely,

Howard Cohen, Ph.D.  
Interim President

## CONFERRING OF DEGREES



### Howard Cohen, Ph.D.

Howard Cohen was appointed interim president of SUNY Buffalo State on August 1, 2013, by the State University of New York Board of Trustees.

Dr. Cohen has a distinguished career of more than 40 years in higher education, including more than two decades in leadership roles at public regional universities. He served as chancellor of Purdue University Calumet from 2001 to 2011 and continues as professor of philosophy at the Hammond, Indiana, campus. A champion of regional colleges and universities, he led Purdue Calumet through a 10-year period of renewal and expansion that included record enrollment, the development of an experiential learning initiative, strategies to advance student success, and new outreach efforts to advance the Northwest Indiana economy.

Previously, Dr. Cohen was provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay from 1995 to 2001. From 1991 to 1995, he held administrative posts at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, serving as dean of the School of Liberal Arts and later as interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Dr. Cohen began his four-decade career in higher education in 1970 at the University of Massachusetts-Boston, where he

spent more than 20 years, starting as an assistant professor and rising to various administrative roles. An expert on leadership development, Dr. Cohen has spoken extensively on the topic in the United States and at universities in China. He has also presented at several professional development programs offered by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, an organization for which he has served on the faculty of the New Presidents Academy, as chair of the Committee on Professional Development, and as a member of several other committees.

An active leader in the community, Dr. Cohen has served on a number of local, regional, and civic boards throughout his career, including the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority, the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, and the Indiana Bicentennial Commission.

In 2007, he received the Outstanding Leader in Experiential Education Higher Education Award from the National Society for Experiential Education, and in 2010 was named an Innovation Fellow by the Society of Innovators. A native of Minnesota, Dr. Cohen earned doctoral and master's degrees in philosophy, both from Harvard University, and a bachelor's degree, also in philosophy, from the University of Minnesota. He and his wife, Patricia, have two children and two grandchildren.

## MORNING BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY

10:00 a.m.

### PRELUDE

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

### PROCESSIONAL

The Rockwell Brass  
Ivan Docenko Jr., *Accompanist*  
*Accompanist, Music*  
Lloyd M. Elm, *Mace Bearer*  
*Associate Professor Emeritus, Elementary Education and Reading*

### CONVENING

Robert M. Zak  
*Member, Buffalo State College Council*

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

Members of the Buffalo State Chamber Choir  
Victoria J. Furby, *Director*  
*Assistant Professor, Music*  
Ivan Docenko Jr., *Accompanist*

### WELCOME

Howard Cohen  
*Interim President, Buffalo State*

### SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Adza Beda, *Class of 2014*  
*Bachelor of Arts, Communication Studies*  
Anthony R. Bruno, *Class of 2014*  
*Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering Technology*  
Eric C. Sauerzopf, *Class of 2014*  
*Bachelor of Science, Business and Marketing Education*  
*Bachelor of Science, Business Administration*

#### Presenters

Angelo M. Fatta  
*Trustee, State University of New York*  
Howard Cohen

### PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

Timea Kernacova, *Class of 2014*  
*Bachelor of Science, English Education (7-12)*

#### Presenter

Howard Cohen

### BACCALAUREATE STUDENT ADDRESS

Timea Kernacova

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Frank B. Mesiah, '61, '69  
*President, Buffalo Branch NAACP*

#### Presenters

Marsha D. Jackson, '81, '85  
*President, Buffalo State Alumni Association*  
Susanne P. Bair  
*Vice President for Institutional Advancement*

### COLLEGE COUNCIL MEDAL

Alphonso O'Neil-White  
*Buffalo State College Council Member Emeritus*

#### Presenter

Robert M. Zak

### CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DEGREE

SUNY Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters  
Evelyn S. Lieberman, '66  
*Director of Communications and External Affairs, Smithsonian Institution*

#### Presenters

Angelo M. Fatta  
Howard Cohen

### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Evelyn S. Lieberman, '66

### 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

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### BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE ALMA MATER

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### RECESSIONAL

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

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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  
Ivan Docenko Jr., *Accompanist*  
*Accompanist, Music*  
Stephen N. Andre, *Mace Bearer*  
*Associate Professor Emeritus, Technology*

### CONVENING

Charles J. Naughton, '85  
*Member, Buffalo State College Council*

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*Interim President, Buffalo State*

### SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Melissa M. Ash, *Class of 2014*  
*Bachelor of Science, Art Education*  
Jeff R. Oyo, *Class of 2014*  
*Bachelor of Science, Economics*  
Timea Kernacova, *Class of 2014*  
*Bachelor of Science, English Education (7–12)*

#### Presenters

Eunice A. Lewin  
*Trustee, State University of New York*  
Howard Cohen

### BACCALAUREATE STUDENT ADDRESS

Timea Kernacova

### PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Aaron Podolefsky (Posthumously)  
*Former President, Buffalo State*  
Award Accepted by Ronnie Podolefsky

#### Presenter

Howard Cohen

### YOUNG ALUMNUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Kimberly Evering, '94  
*Web Communications Manager, Northern Virginia Community College*

#### Presenters

Marsha D. Jackson, '81, '85  
*President, Buffalo State Alumni Association*  
Susanne P. Bair  
*Vice President for Institutional Advancement*

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Valerie A. Logan, '89  
*Information Sciences Thought Leader and Former Global Vice President of Strategy, Information Management and Analytics Services Division, Hewlett-Packard Company*

#### Presenters

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Susanne P. Bair

### CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DEGREE

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Arnold L. Mitchem  
*Founder and President Emeritus, Council for Opportunity in Education*

#### Presenters

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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

Ivan Docenko Jr., *Accompanist*  
*Accompanist, Music*

Betty J. Cappella, *Mace Bearer*  
*Distinguished Service Professor Emerita,*  
*Higher Education Administration*

**CONVENING**

Gary M. Brost  
*Member, Buffalo State College Council*

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*Interim President, Buffalo State*

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

Daniel E. Frontera, *Class of 2014*  
*Master of Science, Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration*

**Presenter**

Howard Cohen

**STUDENT ADDRESS**

Daniel E. Frontera

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*Information Sciences Thought Leader and Former Global Vice President of Strategy,*  
*Information Management and Analytics Services Division, Hewlett-Packard Company*

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES**

Dennis K. Ponton

*Provost*

Kevin J. Railey

*Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School*

**CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

Howard Cohen

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## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS SUNY HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS



### **Evelyn S. Lieberman, Class of 1966**

Evelyn Lieberman has been the director of communications and external affairs at the Smithsonian since July 2002. She oversees the institution's internal and external communications, the Office of Government Relations, the Office of Special Events and Protocol, and the Office of Visitor Services, the organization that coordinates Smithsonian volunteers.

Before joining the Smithsonian, Ms. Lieberman was the first under secretary for public diplomacy and public affairs at the U.S. Department of State, appointed by President Bill Clinton. While at the State Department, she oversaw the merger of the U.S. Information Agency and the State Department and also directed the first White House Conference on Culture and Diplomacy.

From 1997 to 1999, Ms. Lieberman was the director of Voice of America, the largest international nonmilitary

broadcast operation, communicating in 52 languages to 93 million people worldwide.

Ms. Lieberman was a member of the White House staff from 1993 to 1997. She served as assistant to the president and deputy chief of staff, the first woman to hold that title. She also served as deputy assistant to the president and deputy press secretary for operations, and as assistant to the chief of staff in the Office of the First Lady.

Before serving in the White House, Ms. Lieberman was press secretary to then-Senator Joseph Biden Jr. (D-Del.) from 1988 to 1993 and was director of communications at the Children's Defense Fund from 1981 to 1988.

A native New Yorker, Ms. Lieberman and her husband, Edward H. Lieberman, an attorney, live in Washington, D.C.

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS SUNY HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS



### **Arnold L. Mitchem, Ph.D.**

Arnold Mitchem, president emeritus of the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE), has been a voice for low-income, first-generation college students, individuals with disabilities, adult learners, and veterans throughout his entire career. COE provides professional development, program improvement, and advocacy for nearly 2,800 federally funded college opportunity programs at more than 1,000 colleges and universities nationwide, serving close to 800,000 students annually.

During his time as president, Dr. Mitchem used his knowledge of grassroots organizing and understanding of the political landscape at the local, national, and international levels to propel COE to become the "voice for college opportunity." He introduced the concept of "first-generation students" through his Congressional testimony in the late 1970s—and the term was incorporated into the Education Amendments of 1980. Dr. Mitchem has testified before Congress more than a dozen times to share his expertise on education reform, the importance of a quality education, and student loan issues.

Dr. Mitchem is a member of the Executive Committee of the European Access Network and serves on the Board of Trustees of Marquette University. He is a former trustee of the College Board and past president of the Committee for Education Funding, a Washington, D.C.-based coalition of national education associations, and he served on INROADS

Inc.'s first national board. Dr. Mitchem was also the founding president of the Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (1974–1976) and the recipient of the Arturo Schomburg Distinguished Service Award from the Association for Equality and Excellence in Education Inc. He received the 2013 Award for Advocacy of Independent Higher Education from the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) Award of Excellence (2013), and the Institute for Higher Education Policy Champions of Access and Success Award.

For his tireless advocacy on behalf of underrepresented students, Dr. Mitchem has been awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from HACU and honorary doctorates from 10 universities.

Dr. Mitchem began his career on the history faculty at Marquette University and was later named director of Marquette's Educational Opportunity Program, serving in that role until 1986, when he moved to Washington, D.C., to assume the presidency of COE. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Colorado, completed graduate work in European history as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at the University of Wisconsin, and earned a Ph.D. in foundations of education from Marquette University.



## COLLEGE COUNCIL MEDAL



### **Alphonso O'Neil-White**

Alphonso O'Neil-White retired in 2013 as president and chief executive officer of HealthNow New York Inc., a health insurance and health services company in Upstate New York. HealthNow is a BlueCross BlueShield Association licensee in Western New York and in New York's capital district.

After taking the helm at HealthNow in 2003, Mr. O'Neil-White led the company's dramatic turnaround and is credited with returning it to a position of consistent profitability and market leadership. HealthNow is widely viewed as a leader and innovator in the field, at the cutting edge of the dynamic changes sweeping the health-care marketplace.

Mr. O'Neil-White has considerable experience in the health-care arena, spanning national and state government affairs, executive management, health-care operations, and law. Prior to joining HealthNow, he served as vice president and general counsel for the organization now known as America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), the preeminent trade association for the country's health insurance industry. As a representative for the organization, he traveled throughout the country working on health policy issues, testifying before the United States Congress and state legislatures, as well as providing national media commentary on health-care issues.

He has experience in the public sector as well as the not-for-profit health-care sector, serving as senior labor counsel for Humana Inc. and as general counsel for Group Health Association Inc. Mr. O'Neil-White served as chair-elect of the Health Law Section of the American Bar Association and retains his license to practice law in two states and the District of Columbia. He is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia and holds a law degree from the University of Louisville's Louis D. Brandeis School of Law.

He has served as a trustee and director on a number of local and national boards, including the Buffalo State College Council, the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, the National Institute for Health Care Management, and the BlueCross BlueShield Association. He is a member of the executive committee of the Buffalo Niagara Partnership and the board of directors of the Buffalo Club. He is also chair of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. He was recently elected to the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; he previously chaired the board of the New York Fed's Buffalo Branch as well as its Upstate New York Regional Advisory Board.

Mr. O'Neil-White resides in Amherst, New York, with his wife, Marcia, and their youngest son.

## PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



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

Aaron Podolefsky served as Buffalo State's eighth president. He took office on July 1, 2010, and held the post until July 31, 2013, when he stepped down because of health issues. He passed away on August 8, 2013, after a courageous battle with prostate cancer.

A bold visionary and advocate for higher education, Dr. Podolefsky selected "Celebrate, Serve, Imagine: The Promise of Buffalo State" for his inaugural theme to honor Buffalo State's legacy and to demonstrate his commitment to preserving affordable and accessible education, the college's role in community service, and the importance of transcending the economic challenges of the time.

During his ambitious three-year tenure, Dr. Podolefsky oversaw the opening of the new Student Apartment Complex; phase one of the Science and Mathematics Complex; the renovation of Rockwell Hall's third floor; the renovation of the Campbell Student Union; and the new Technology Building. In addition, he extended Buffalo State's service to the community with the opening of the Community Academic Center on Grant Street, which serves as a hub for programming for youth and families on Buffalo's West Side.

From 2005 to 2010, Dr. Podolefsky was president and professor of anthropology at the University of Central Missouri. Dr. Podolefsky previously served as provost and vice

president for academic affairs (1998–2005) and dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (1990–1998) at the University of Northern Iowa. He also taught and served as department head in Western Kentucky University's Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work (1986–1990). Prior to this, he was associate chair and tenured associate professor of anthropology at West Virginia University (1979–1986), and was a research associate for the Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research at Northwestern University (1978–1979). He was a three-time graduate of Stony Brook University, earning master's degrees in liberal studies (1973) and anthropology (1976) and a doctorate with distinction in anthropology (1978). Dr. Podolefsky also held a bachelor's degree in mathematics from San José State University (1968).

He was the author of numerous scholarly works, including books, textbooks, and articles. Dr. Podolefsky was 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. His graduate field studies in anthropology took him and his family to the highlands of Papua New Guinea in the 1970s, an experience he oftentimes fondly recalled.

Dr. Podolefsky is survived by his devoted wife, Ronnie, and his two sons and daughters-in-law, Noah and Molly, and Isaac and Laura, and a grandson, Nikola Aaron Podolefsky.



## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD



### **Valerie A. Logan, Class of 1989**

Valerie Logan has more than 23 years of experience in the areas of applied information sciences and strategies, including performance, process, large-scale program, and change management.

Most recently, as global vice president of strategy in Hewlett-Packard Company's Information Management and Analytics Services division, Ms. Logan was responsible for solutions and services across industries and business process domains. Previously, she oversaw the business intelligence services growth strategy and portfolio within HP Enterprise Services, including common methodologies, knowledge management, and incubation of new service offerings. After joining HP via its acquisition of Knightsbridge Solutions in 2007, Ms. Logan led the creation of HP's Worldwide Information Management Consulting Practice.

Her previous experience includes four years with IBM/PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), leading the internal programs that supported over 2,000 professionals globally; five years in consulting at PwC, leading large-scale programs for financial services clients; and five years in the telecommunications industry.

Recognized as a pioneer in innovative consulting practices, she was named one of eight top women in global consulting in 2008 by *Consulting Magazine*. She is a natural systems thinker, able to understand and distill complex concepts and systems for a general audience. With a natural curiosity and a passion to solve problems in new ways, Ms. Logan combines a rare blend of analytical, technical, business, and organizational strengths. She is known as a friendly, fun, open, and talented professional, dedicated to simplifying the complexity of big data for real impact.

She is an active member of the Dean's Advancement Council for the School of Natural and Social Sciences and the Advisory Board for the Professional Applied and Computational Mathematics program at Buffalo State.

Ms. Logan also enjoys working with youth and young adults to help them discover their unique skills and passions.

She holds a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Buffalo State and a master of science degree in applied mathematics from New Mexico State University, with a concentration in operations research. She lives in Sarasota, Florida, and spends her summers in Rochester, New York.

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD



### **Frank B. Mesiah, Class of 1961 and 1969**

Frank Mesiah is president of the Buffalo Branch NAACP. He also serves as first vice president of the NAACP New York State Conference, of which Hazel N. Dukes is president.

Mr. Mesiah retired as a regional administrator in the Division of Equal Opportunity Development of the New York State Department of Labor. Currently he conducts workshops on sexual harassment prevention, managing diversity, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and general equal employment opportunity/affirmative action (EEO/AA) programs.

Mr. Mesiah worked for several years as a part-time instructor at Canisius College, most recently teaching a graduate course in managing diversity, and part-time with the Cornell University Online Labor Studies Program, teaching managing diversity,

sexual harassment prevention, and general EEO/AA courses. Mr. Mesiah is also the host of "The NAACP Speaks" every other Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to noon on WUFO-AM 1080.

In addition to his work with the local and state NAACP, his extensive community service includes membership on many boards of directors, including the Afro-American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier, the Buffalo History Museum, the Buffalo Economic Renaissance Corporation, Health Now Inc., the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, the YMCA of Greater Buffalo, and the FBI Citizens Academy Foundation. He also serves as secretary to the Black Leadership Forum and as a member of the Near East Side Community Health Task Force, Project Exile (Good Neighbors), and the Executive Committee of the Erie County Industrial Development Agency.

## YOUNG ALUMNUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



### Kimberly Evering, Class of 1994

Kimberly Evering is the web communications manager in the office of Web Services and Digital Media at Northern Virginia Community College. She is an accomplished web editor, blogger, and writer with more than 10 years of experience in digital media. Before focusing her work online, she worked as an editor and features writer in print media.

Ms. Evering has participated in several extraordinary adventures during her vacation time. She was selected from more than 180,000 applicants worldwide as a workforce member for both the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games and the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games. In Sochi, Russia, she worked on the Olympic News Service team as a flash-quote reporter for ice hockey. Jim Handly from NBC's Washington Bureau interviewed her for a two-part series about

her work at the Olympics, and the microblog she launched to share her Olympic adventures was featured in the *Moscow Times*.

Ms. Evering's "Gal on the Go" blog, which documents her life experiences, was featured in *Washington Woman* magazine and the *Bull Run Observer*.

She proudly serves on the alumni board of Buffalo State's student-run radio station, WBNY-FM 91.3, managing the station's website and Facebook page, helping plan events, and mentoring students.

Ms. Evering enjoys being an active member of her community. She volunteers for Friends of Homeless Animals (FOHA), is a lead volunteer for the Monumental Sports & Entertainment Foundation (Washington Capitals Charities), and has served as a team captain for Walk MS, a major fundraiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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



### Daniel E. Frontera

Daniel Frontera has earned a master of science degree in higher education and student affairs administration, attaining a 4.0 GPA while working full time as the coordinator of veterans services at Erie Community College (ECC).

A veteran who logged more than 20 years of service in the U.S. Army and New York Army National Guard, Frontera draws on his experience to provide leadership and mentoring to fellow students. He has shared his insights as a guest speaker in three courses and assisted his peers in securing high-quality internship and project experiences through his office at ECC. His classroom work is marked by its candor, compassion, and intellectual rigor.

Frontera has presented his academic work at the 2013 National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) conference, the 2013 Western New York Student Leadership Conference, and the 2013 SUNY Veterans

Symposium. He will also present at the 2014 NASPA Region I conference.

Outside the classroom, he uses his position as a combat veteran and advocate to advance veterans' issues. In 2010, he founded the Western New York Iraq Afghanistan Memorial effort and secured funding for a memorial at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park to honor local soldiers. He is also the co-creator of Paws & Patriots, a program that connects shelter animals with veterans, as well as the Artists and Veterans Collaborative, a program that allows veterans to experience the healing effects of art.

He is a trusted adviser of New York State Senator Tim Kennedy on legislation affecting student veterans, reservists, and military dependents attending SUNY schools. He also volunteers his time as a firefighter and youth soccer coach. In short, Frontera is a humble leader and lifelong learner who works tirelessly on behalf of fellow veterans and his community.

*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.*

### 2014 PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT FINALISTS

Melissa M. Ash  
Linda M. Banfield  
Tessa C. Bechtold  
Adza Beda  
Anthony R. Bruno  
Michael G. Filipski

Jaimie A. Harris  
Sade S. McKenzie  
Jeff R. Oyo  
Eric C. Sauerzopf  
Brittney D. Singletary  
James A. Willens

### 2014 PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT FINALIST

Maria N. Vilardo



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## PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



### **Timea Kernacova**

Timea Kernacova has earned a bachelor of science degree in English education (7–12), attaining a 3.97 GPA while working as part-time education director at Boys and Girls Club of Buffalo as well as launching several campus and community initiatives.

A talented and hardworking student, Ms. Kernacova represents Buffalo State's best ideals. In class, she was eager to contribute to discussions and course activities, and she regularly produced outstanding papers on important topics in education. At the same time, she turned her ideas into action by successfully completing student-teaching experiences at local schools. Her two supervising teachers praised her work ethic and ability to receive and use constructive feedback to improve her instructional practices, and ranked her among the best student-teachers they have worked with in their careers.

Ms. Kernacova cofounded and served as president of the English Education Student Association, a professional social network focused on providing peer support for Buffalo State students. She also served as president of Buffalo State's chapter of Sigma Tau Delta honor society, where she started the group's popular book blog, *Book Autopsy*. In addition, she founded and served as president of Buffalo State Runners, which trained non-varsity students for local running events. She also served as a senator for United Students Government, volunteered at Buffalo City Mission's literacy program for single mothers, and tutored students at local schools. As a member of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), she represented Buffalo State at the 2013 NCTE annual convention.

Ms. Kernacova's altruism, entrepreneurship, and leadership have allowed her to excel in and out of the classroom and have served as an inspiration for her fellow students.

## SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



### **Melissa M. Ash**

Melissa Ash has earned a bachelor of science degree in art education, attaining a 3.75 GPA while participating in intercollegiate athletics and many service activities.

Ms. Ash is a diligent and well-spoken student who excels both inside and outside the classroom because of her innate desire to achieve new levels of learning. She is conscientious and reflective about developing her skills and is willing to share her talents with the community. As a student teacher, she regularly created interactive units that connected with students and met their needs in meaningful ways. In addition, she has taught art lessons to kindergarteners through high schoolers as part of her coursework at Buffalo State.

A natural leader, Ms. Ash played a significant role in the success of numerous Buffalo State initiatives within the

community, including the Global Book Hour, a youth reading program held at Wegmans; Empty Bowls, an art sale to raise money for local food banks and homeless shelters; Skate for the Cure, a fundraising event sponsored by the women's hockey team; and Kids Night Out, an event for local children sponsored by Buffalo State's Intercollegiate Athletics Department.

Ms. Ash earned SUNY Athletic Conference All-Academic Team honors each semester of her college career and was selected unanimously by her teammates and coaches to serve as captain of the Buffalo State women's hockey team for the 2013–2014 season. Teachers and coaches attest that as a dedicated student, a committed athlete, and a compassionate citizen, Ms. Ash represents what it means to be a true scholar-athlete.

## SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



### **Adza Beda**

Adza Beda has earned a bachelor of arts degree in communication studies, attaining a 3.8 GPA while participating in the Muriel A. Howard Honors and the Ronald E. McNair Scholars programs.

Ms. Beda is an emerging scholar who is dedicated to improving life in both her local and global communities. Her participation in the college's French immersion program in Trois-Pistoles, Quebec, and exchange program at Manchester Metropolitan University in England is evidence of her desire to be a global citizen.

Ms. Beda's crowning academic achievement at Buffalo State was the ambitious independent fieldwork she conducted in the Toledo District of Belize, the country's least developed region. With a growing interest in ethnographic field methodology, Ms. Beda worked closely with a faculty mentor to devise a plan that resulted in a first-rate study of cacao-production issues.

During her time at Buffalo State, Ms. Beda was elected student president of the Muriel A. Howard Honors Program and earned a prestigious Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship and a Federation of Women's Club Scholarship. She received the Minnie and Joe Engel Student Humanitarian Award; the Volunteer and Service-Learning Center's Outstanding AmeriCorps Award and Outstanding Undergraduate Student Community Service Award; and the Niagara Frontier District's Laity Honor for her work at First United Methodist Church.

Ms. Beda has continually synthesized her scholarly interests with community involvement and volunteerism. Her service has touched many lives, and she has been a model representative of Buffalo State both on campus and abroad.

## SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



### **Anthony R. Bruno**

Anthony Bruno has earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering technology, attaining a 3.88 GPA while completing prestigious internships, volunteering in the community, and competing as a member of Buffalo State's swimming and diving team.

Undaunted by difficult and demanding course material, Mr. Bruno contributed to the forward movement of his classes by offering timely and productive questions and well-considered solutions. He is a creative and industrious thinker who excels in both the analytical and technical components of his coursework.

Mr. Bruno is eager to share his work. He presented his senior design project to the Buffalo chapter of ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers) in fall 2013 and at Buffalo State's Student Research and Creativity Celebration

in spring 2014. In 2012, he took fourth place in Buffalo State's highly competitive Information Processors Association Programming Contest, in which contestants write code based on problem statements.

Mr. Bruno provided leadership as president of Buffalo State's chapter of the SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) Mini Baja Series. He also served as president of Buffalo State's ASME chapter and led an effort to host a Buffalo chapter meeting on campus for the first time in six years.

As an intercollegiate swimmer, Mr. Bruno earned SUNY All-Academic Team status in 2011 and 2012 and was named a Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete in 2011–2012.

A highly motivated and dedicated individual, Mr. Bruno has emerged as a true leader in his field during his time at Buffalo State.

## SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



### **Eric C. Sauerzopf**

Eric Sauerzopf has earned a bachelor of science degree, dual majoring in business and marketing education and business administration while attaining a 3.71 GPA. He also served as president of United Students Government and as captain of Buffalo State's men's cross-country team.

An outstanding example of a student who can ably balance academic coursework with student service, athletics, community service, and career achievement, Mr. Sauerzopf is a fast learner with highly developed communication, problem-solving, and decision-making skills.

Outside the classroom, he is a natural leader dedicated to serving others. As the elected student body president, he oversaw a \$1.4 million budget and represented the college at the 2013 Student Assembly of the State University of New

York conference. He has been lauded for running a student government with a direct business focus that meets student needs and efficiently operates campus activities.

In the community, Mr. Sauerzopf is an Eagle Scout and a longtime member of the Boy Scouts organization, providing more than 300 hours of service in the past year while mentoring younger scouts. As a member of Buffalo State's award-winning chapter of Best Buddies, he established friendships with intellectually disabled children and adults, and as an organizer of Kids Night Out, he worked with local children as a representative of the college's Intercollegiate Athletics Department.

In short, Mr. Sauerzopf recognizes opportunities to lead and is willing to devote his time and energy to improving the student experience at Buffalo State and the quality of life in his community.

## SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



### **Jeff R. Oyo**

Jeff Oyo has earned a bachelor of science degree in economics, attaining a 3.54 GPA while emerging as a top student researcher and scholar.

As an economics major and mathematics minor, Mr. Oyo has excelled in a carefully planned and intentionally rigorous undergraduate course of study that he designed to prepare himself for attaining his ultimate goal of earning a doctorate in economics. Mr. Oyo has inspired fellow Buffalo State students with his diligent work and has shared his experiences with high school students to encourage them to pursue higher education.

As a researcher, he pursued multiple intensive opportunities to engage with emerging and veteran economists on and off campus. He participated in the Ohio State University's Summer Research Opportunities Program in 2013 and the University of Maryland's Summer Research Initiative in 2012,

demonstrating the ability to take economic theory and apply it in a pragmatic way.

In the community, Mr. Oyo has served as a mentor with United Black Men of Queens County and as a volunteer with special-needs children at public schools in New York City and Buffalo. He has also volunteered his time with Women for Human Rights and Dignity, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, and the Buffalo State Disability Services Office.

A participant in the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, the Ross B. Kenzie Family Presidential Scholarship program, and the Arthur O. Eve Educational Opportunity Program, Mr. Oyo has brought prestige to Buffalo State. He was one of 50 McNair scholars nationwide to be selected for the Southern Regional Education Board's Doctoral Scholars Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, setting him on a path to a successful career in academic research, teaching, and mentoring.



## 2014 CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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 Garrett Eimiller  
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 Justin Kahabka  
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Eboni O. Watson  
Brandon V. White  
Richmond Wills  
Tariq A. Zahran

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#### December 2013

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Ian Carr †  
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Francesca D'Angelo  
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Kirk J. Love  
Christopher G. Osmanski  
Elizabeth J. Pagano  
Virginia A. Porten  
Cody S. Weiler  
Sarah A. Wintle  
Amelia L. Ziegler  
Audra L. Zombek

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#### May 2014

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Kayla E. Morrell	Jessalyn N. Payne	Thomas M. Ristich	Kasey T. Schlager
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Michael J. Willer  
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Emanuel D. Williams  
Emily K. Williams  
Gabriel Williams  
Tevin Williams  
Arkeida A. Wilson  
Jonathan D. Wilson  
Tiffany M. Wilson  
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Yuan Li Zhou  
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Laci J. Zywar

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Vasilij Belous

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Joanna C. Boutin  
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Michelle E. Cronshaw  
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Gregory Guadeloupe  
Corey Harris  
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Sierra L. Lewis  
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Ebony L. Owens  
Lashae M. Palmer  
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Maria C. Sciandra  
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### MURIEL A. HOWARD HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Kraig A. Adams  
Timothy M. Anderson \*  
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\* cum laude  
\*\* magna cum laude  
\*\*\* summa cum laude  
† dual degree

## 2014 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

### ANTHROPOLOGY

Genna L. Ackley  
Collins/Tomashevich Award  
Erin K. Baccari  
Anthropology Honors Thesis  
Amputation and Subsequent Change in Bone Tissue (Faculty Adviser: J. Wiczowski)  
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award  
Angela C. Broughton  
Lewis Henry Morgan Award

Lindsey A. Bryant  
Anthropology Honors Thesis  
The Culture within a Child Care Facility: Daily Life Inside a Day Care Center (Faculty Adviser: K. Hart)

Tanya J. Percy  
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award

Joseph J. Reed  
Anthropology Honors Thesis  
Interactions within the Aztec Empire's Sphere of Influence and Their Post-Contact Repercussions (Faculty Adviser: L. M. Anselmi)

### ARTS AND LETTERS

Susan S. Duval  
Dean's Award for Arts and Letters

### BIOLOGY

Anthony C. D'Auria  
Biology Honors Award (2013)  
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award to an Outstanding Biology Senior

Danielle K. Fitzgibbons  
William C. Scheffer Memorial Award for Excellence in Biometrics

John J. V. Lang  
Biology Honors Award

Michael Olejniczak  
William C. Scheffer Memorial Award for Excellence in Biometrics (2013)

Shelby M. Rarick  
Biology Honors Recipient

### BUSINESS

Nicholas B. Carter  
Outstanding Student in the Business Administration Program

Adam M. T. Fries  
Outstanding Student in the Business Department—Management Concentration

Maria Osepchugova  
Outstanding Student in the Business Department—Marketing Concentration

Angela Y. Preyor  
Outstanding Student in the Business Department—International Business Concentration

### CHEMISTRY

Osayomwonbor Rachel Algebedo  
Constance Milliner Outstanding Service Award

Nathan J. Busch  
American Chemical Society Distinguished Student Award

American Chemical Society Inorganic Chemistry Award

American Chemical Society Polymer Education Award (2013)

American Chemical Society Undergraduate Analytical Award (2013)

American Institute Award

Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society

Noel Simmons Memorial Award

Surjit Singh Physical Chemistry Award

Jennifer Gibson  
Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society (2013)  
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society

Alexis N. Kriegl  
Nicholas Jonmaire Forensic Award  
Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society (2013, 2014)  
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society

Shannon N. Suchy  
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society (2012)

### COLLEGIATE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ENTRY PROGRAM

Marcus Samerson  
Academic Excellence Award

### COMMUNICATION

Leah M. Daily  
Dean's Award for Excellence in Communication

James M. Lewis  
Outstanding Student in Media Production

Darrell A. Porter  
Outstanding Student in Public Communication



## 2014 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

Johnathan J. Snyder  
Outstanding Student in Communication Studies

Samantha J. Wulff  
Outstanding Student in Journalism

### COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

David Dupre  
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Andrew R. Elbanah  
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Shawn Galante  
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Jeffrey S. Rodgers  
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Alireza Talebizadeh  
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Raymond A. Zilliox  
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Christina N. Coleman  
Donald J. Griffin Memorial Scholarship Award

Jacob A. Wackowski  
Criminal Justice Faculty Certificate of Merit

### DESIGN

Mary E. Bennett  
Barbara and Donald Nelson Scholarship in Communication Design (2012)

Courtney E. Craig  
Hyatt Design Award for Excellence in Fibers (2013)

Norman A. Cramer  
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award in Wood/Furniture (2013)

Dean's Gallery/School of Arts and Humanities Creative Associates in Wood/Furniture (2013)

Marie Dellas Creative Achievement Award in Wood/Furniture (2013)

James Lombardo Sr. Award for Excellence in the Visual Arts in Wood/Furniture (2012)

Dana Fischer  
James Lombardo Sr. Award for Excellence in the Visual Arts for Communication Design (2013)

Suzanne F. Molnar Goad  
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award in Ceramics (2013)  
John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence in Ceramics (2008)  
James Lombardo Sr. Award for Excellence in the Visual Arts for Ceramics (2010)

Michelle A. Milanovich  
John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence in Ceramics (2013)

Reann T. Nye  
Dean's Gallery/School of Arts and Humanities Creative Associates in Communication Design (2013)  
Hyatt Design Award for Excellence in Communication Design (2013)

Brent Ricci  
Allentown Village Art Society Scholarship in Communication Design (2012)  
John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence in Communication Design (2013)

Eric Rose  
John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence in Wood/Furniture (2011)  
James Lombardo Sr. Award for Excellence in the Visual Arts in Wood/Furniture (2013)

Ashley Vining  
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award in Metals/Jewelry (2012)  
John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence in Wood/Furniture (2013)

James Lombardo Sr. Award for Excellence in the Visual Arts for Metals/Jewelry (2013)  
Sandy Nussbaum Award for Wood/Furniture (2012)

Cody S. Weiler  
Hyatt Design Awards for Excellence in Communication Design (2012)  
Earl Wolfruber Award in Communication Design (2013)

Jessica Widmer  
Hyatt Design Award for Excellence in Ceramics (2012)  
James Lombardo Sr. Award for Excellence in the Visual Arts for Ceramics (2013)

### DIETETICS AND NUTRITION

Emily Turnstall Frack  
Grace Powell Scholarship (2013)  
Mary Switzer Scholarship (2012)  
Yvonne Williams Scholarship (2013)

### EARTH SCIENCES AND SCIENCE EDUCATION

Michael J. Kalinka  
Carl Seyfert Memorial Award in Geology

Ashley S. Perez  
Faculty Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research

Emily R. Stumpf  
Irving Tesmer Award for Excellence in Geology

Chelsea M. Tavormina  
John Murtaugh Award for Excellence in Scientific Field Work

Kelly C. Whelan  
David Vernon Bullough Award for Academic Excellence

### ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

Jeff R. Oyo  
Outstanding Student Award

Ryan R. Winegarden  
David Vernon Bullough Award

### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

LaGuardia P. Billingslea  
Buffalo State College Alumni Association Award

Challis C. Cooks  
Arthur O. Eve Distinguished Student Achievement Award

Shantay T. Owens  
Buffalo State College Alumni Association Award

### ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

Devin K. Bartlett  
Circle of Excellence Award

Donna E. Gorman  
Circle of Excellence Award

Michelle L. May  
Circle of Excellence Award

Quincy E. Townsend  
Circle of Excellence Award

Morgan M. Wicks  
Circle of Excellence Award

### ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Ebenezer Baawuah  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)

Michael J. Baldino  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)

Henrietta V. Brauer  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)

Alfonso Bravo  
Carleton Technologies Scholarship (2010)

Anthony R. Bruno  
Glenn O. Sallack Scholarship (2013)

Anthony J. Cosentino  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)

Michael J. Daigler  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)

Austin E. Dibble  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)

Eric R. Fiorello  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2011)

Connor J. Grabowski  
Glenn O. Sallack Scholarship (2011, 2012)

Michael C. Groves  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2011)

Joshua Jurynec  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)

Brandon M. Kapral  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2012)

Todd J. Owen  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2011)

Ronald F. Roman III  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2012)

Michael H. Rudik  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2012)

Marcus Samerson  
Carleton Technologies, Inc. (2012)  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2010)  
Glenn O. Sallack Scholarship (2013)

Thomas J. Schneider  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)

Daniel T. Unkrich  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2011)

Matthew M. Vankoughnett  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)

## 2014 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

### ENGLISH

Timea Kernacova  
English Department Award for Excellence,  
Bachelor of Science, English Education (7–12)

Moira M. Madden  
English Department Award for Excellence,  
Bachelor of Arts, Writing

Rachel E. Saathoff  
Arts and Humanities Deans Award for  
Excellence

Laura E. Wood  
Bradford Award (2012–2013)  
English Department Award for Excellence,  
Bachelor of Arts, English

### EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

Heather Bermingham  
Gayle Fish, '56, and Donald Schrader Award  
(2012–2013)

Meghan E. Cuddihy  
Gustave A. and Geraldine F. Werner  
Undergraduate Award (2012–2013)

Ellen U. C. Erman  
Paul Thoms Council on Exceptional  
Children Membership Scholarship (2013)

Mary E. Lelonek  
Gayle Fish, '56, and Donald Schrader Award  
(2013–2014)  
Horace Mann Travel Award for Council on  
Exceptional Children Students (2013)  
Paul Thoms Council on Exceptional Children  
Membership Scholarship (2011, 2013)

Cassandra J. Matuszak  
Gustave A. and Geraldine F. Werner  
Undergraduate Award (2012–2013)

Casey M. Orth  
Paul Thoms Council on Exceptional  
Children Membership Scholarship (2011)

Jaclyn K. Phillips  
Paul Thoms Council on Exceptional  
Children Membership Scholarship (2011)

Jonathan V. Pollino  
Gayle Fish, '56, and Donald Schrader Award  
(2012–2013)  
Gustave A. and Geraldine F. Werner  
Undergraduate Award (2011–2012)

Kayla M. Williams  
Paul Thoms Council on Exceptional  
Children Membership Scholarship (2013)  
Dr. Bernard Yormak Award for Outstanding  
Undergraduate Student (2013)

Caryn E. Young  
Gayle Fish, '56, and Donald Schrader Award  
(2011–2012)

Joseph T. Weingold Scholarship awarded  
through NYSARC Inc. (2010)

### FASHION AND TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY

Ebenezer Baawuah  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)

Kelsey A. Bashore  
\$5,000 YMA Fashion Scholarship Fund  
Scholarship (2013)

Kristin M. Brown  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)

Sholunda Cruz  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2012)

Rachel N. Hamerski  
\$100 Creativity in Design Award at the 2012  
Cotton Symposium

\$250 First Place Research Award (2012)  
\$1,000 First Place Cotton Inc. Student  
Collection Award (2013)

\$1,000 First Place Lifestyles in Cotton  
Design Award

Emily E. Knauer  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2011)  
\$150 Second Place Research Award (2012)

Kayla R. Kuechle  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2011)

Dany R. Marcelino  
\$100 Creativity in Design Award at the 2012  
Cotton Symposium

Lucile H. Ragot  
\$5,000 YMA Fashion Scholarship Fund  
Scholarship (2012)  
\$200 Grand Prize in Design at the 2012  
Cotton Symposium

Chelsea P. Randorf  
\$150 Second Place Research Award (2012)

Jane E. Schweichler  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2012)

### FINE ARTS

Joshua Fitz  
Outstanding Achievement Award in  
Printmaking

Chelsea M. Kettle  
Hyatt's Award, Art History

Jeremiah R. Kirby  
Hyatt's Award, Mixed Media

Mackenzie Loftis  
Outstanding Achievement in Art History  
Award

Allison Orzeszek  
Hyatt's Award, Photography

Nicole M. Schmidt  
R. Steven Janke Memorial Award Fund for  
Art History

Kevin M. Whalen  
Outstanding Achievement Award in Painting

### GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING

Mark A. Hitchcock  
National Council for Geographic Education  
(Planning)

Thomas D. Lampo  
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award in  
Geography

John P. Long  
Western New York American Planning  
Association

William V. Matalonis  
National Council for Geographic Education  
(Geography)

Christine R. Spencer  
Updraft Meteorology Award

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Matthew J. Dipalma  
Health and Wellness Service and Leadership  
Award

Sarah R. Jacobs-Ferderbar  
Health and Wellness Academic Achievement  
Award

Dale R. Keeney  
Health and Wellness Service and Leadership  
Award

Brian Sage  
Health and Wellness Academic Achievement  
Award

### HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION

Christy L. Galletti  
G. Allen McFarren Award for Excellence in  
Student Teaching

Candi N. Jacques  
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award in  
History

David A. Janicki  
Anthony Sokolowski Scholarship Award

John J. Janora  
Kathleen Mallea Award for Excellence in  
Social Studies Education

Theodore C. Luckett  
Eric Brunger Award of Merit (2013)

Kimesha O. McDonald  
Eric Brunger Award of Merit

Rachel V. Nicolosi  
Norman R. Weaver Award for Excellence in  
Historical Writing

Deidre B. Reynolds  
Dr. Manny T. Koginis U.S. History Student  
Award

Norman R. Weaver Award for Excellence in  
Historical Writing (2013)

### HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

Courtney L. Anderson  
Pano's Scholarship  
Statler Scholarship (2013–2014)

Marisa A. Baker  
Statler Scholarship (2013–2014)

Makayla R. Bidell  
Pano's Scholarship (2013)

Troy J. Benson  
Pano's Scholarship

Jamie M. Blumrick  
Pano's Scholarship

Joanna C. Boutin  
Statler Scholarship (2013–2014)

Nicholas J. Deeb  
Statler Scholarship (2013)

Brian D. Deschenes  
Pano's Scholarship

Tarrah R. Devito  
Statler Scholarship (2013–2014)

Ilyana L. Feliz  
Statler Scholarship (2013–2014)

Brandin D. Gause  
Statler Scholarship (2013–2014)

Danielle Kane  
Statler Scholarship (2013–2014)

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Bonnie Lambert-Wall  
Hospitality and Tourism Department  
Scholarship  
Statler Scholarship (2013–2014)

Christina M. Marcusa  
Pano's Scholarship

Meghan R. Marotta  
Statler Scholarship (2013)

Emily McCabe  
Statler Scholarship (2013–2014)

Alexandra S. Melbardis  
Statler Scholarship (2013–2014)

Raven J. Owusu  
Hospitality and Tourism Department  
Scholarship

Claire R. Perrott  
Statler Scholarship (2013–2014)

Matthew Pfeiffer  
Hart Hotel Scholarship (2013–2014)

Kathy Rondinelli  
Pano's Scholarship (2013)

Shannon Yokopovich  
Statler Scholarship (2013–2014)

Justin Zigrossi  
Statler Scholarship (2013–2014)

### INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES

Penelope Panagopoulos  
Academic Excellence Award

Debra S. Slater  
Excellence in Academic Achievement

### INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Anthony R. Appiani  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
(2012–2014)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2011–2013)

Melissa M. Ash  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
(2012–2014)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2011–2014)

Shane D. Avery  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
(2012–2014)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2011–2014)

Linda M. Banfield  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
(2012–2014)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2010–2013)

Kelsey A. Bashore  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
(2013, 2014)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2011–2013)

Heather A. Becker  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
(2013, 2014)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2012, 2013)

Mary E. Cain  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2013)

Andrew M. Dugan  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
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SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2010–2013)

Ellen U. C. Erman  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
(2012–2014)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2011–2014)

Sarah M. Horvath  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2012, 2013)

Brett A. Lanham  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
(2012–2014)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2010–2012)

Jordan Lee  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team

Staci S. McElroy  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
(2011, 2012, 2014)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2011, 2012)

Taylor J. McGraw  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
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SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2011–2014)

Rachel E. Parker  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2012, 2013)

Melyssa Peplowski  
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Sean P. Sanders  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
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Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
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Eli C. Seligman  
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Samantha J. Tilkins  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
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SUNYAC All-Academic Team  
(2010, 2011, 2013)

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Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
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SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2012, 2013)

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Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
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SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2011–2013)

Christina M. Zandri  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
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SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2012–2014)

Michael A. Zannella  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
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SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2011–2014)

### INTERIOR DESIGN

Jennifer Ramirez  
Barbara L. Czurlis Nelson and Donald J.  
Nelson Scholarship (2012–2013)  
Dean's Gallery / School of Arts and  
Humanities Creative Associate (2013)

Raelyn M. Woltz  
Illuminating Engineering Society of North  
America-Ignite Scholarship (2013)

### MATHEMATICS

Michael G. Filipiski  
Ruth E. Heintz Award

Joshua B. Terhaar  
Ruth E. Heintz Award

### MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

Gina M. Callea  
Ernest S. Falbo Modern Foreign Language  
Prize (2014)

Troy Caruana  
Dean of Arts and Humanities Award for Ex-  
cellence in Foreign Language

Dean of Arts and Humanities Award for Ex-  
cellence in Philosophy

Dr. Éliane McKee French Education Schol-  
arship (2013)

Dr. George T. Hole Philosophy Scholarship  
(2013)

Association for Practical and Professional  
Ethics (APPE) Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl  
National

Competition, San Antonio, Texas (2013)

APPE Northeast Regional Competition, sec-  
ond place, finals. Sacred Heart University,  
Fairfield, Connecticut (2012)

Pi Delta Phi National French Honor Society  
(2013)

Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Soci-  
ety for First-Year Students (2010)

Rotary Young Adult Leadership Award,  
District 7090 at SUNY Fredonia (2011)

Rachael M. Engert  
The Ernest S. Falbo Modern Foreign Lan-  
guage Prize

Sarah E. Newton  
Javier Ortiz-Calderon and Maribel Garrett  
Award  
Sigma Delta Pi National Collegiate Hispanic  
Honor Society (2013)

Certificate of Recognition Alternative Winter  
Break Buffalo (2013)

The National Society of Leadership and Suc-  
cess (2012)

First Place Buffalo State College Writing  
Essay Contest (2010)

## 2014 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

### MUSIC

Laura E. Klemann  
Dean's Award

John M. Smigielski  
Mary A. Mancuso Scholarship

### PHILOSOPHY AND HUMANITIES

Casey R. Brescia  
Victor H. Balowitz Award (2012–2013)

Troy Caruana  
Dean's Award for Excellence in Philosophy  
George T. Hole Scholarship (2013–2014)

Leslie D. Edmiston  
Victor H. Balowitz Award

Carissa Handiman  
Sterling Scholarship (2012–2013)

Joshua Terhaar  
Victor H. Balowitz Award  
Outstanding Religious Studies Student  
(2013–2014)

William F. Watkins  
Victor H. Balowitz Award (2012–2013)

Samantha M. Wezowicz  
Outstanding Philosophy Student (2013–2014)

### PHYSICS

Steven Tarasek  
Rustgi Family Memorial Award

### POLITICAL SCIENCE

Bonnie Bethea  
Outstanding Student in Political Science  
Award

Ohanes Kalayjian  
David Bullough Memorial Award

Kaitlyn L. Marinelli  
Raymond P. Stone Memorial Award

Mariah A. Prensa  
Special Political Science Award  
American Political Science Association  
Minority Fellowship (2013–2014)

Sean P. O'Connor  
Outstanding Student in Political Science  
Award

### PSYCHOLOGY

Tessa C. Bechtold  
Dr. Jack Morganti Award for Excellence  
in Service

Jennifer K. L. Hacker  
David Vernon Bullough Outstanding Senior  
in Psychology Award

Kathryn R. Przybysz  
Dr. Esther McGinnis Award in Psychology

### SOCIAL WORK

Christopher R. Janicki-Howe  
Excellence in Social Work Award

Kenisha Velez-Lopez  
Excellence in Social Work Award  
National Association of Social Workers,  
Western New York Division—Social Worker  
of the Year

### SOCIOLOGY

David Ashelman  
Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology  
Honor Society (2013)

Conrad Vogler Promising Sociologist Award

Christina N. Boston  
Outstanding Imaginative Sociologists Award  
(2013)

Lawrence J. Cole  
Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology  
Honor Society  
David Vernon Bullough Memorial  
Scholarship Award

Jillian B. Heenan  
Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology  
Honor Society  
Outstanding Imaginative Sociologists Award  
(2013, 2014)

Rosmary Hidalgo  
Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology  
Honor Society

Kayla R. James  
Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology  
Honor Society

Dana E. Kaiser  
Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology  
Honor Society

Adora S. Mack  
Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology  
Honor Society (2013)

Magdalena Mpinga  
Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology  
Honor Society

Glenda C. Ruiz  
Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology  
Honor Society  
David Bullough Memorial Scholarship  
Award in Sociology (2013)

Brianna L. Wright  
Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology  
Honor Society

### SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Jaimie Harris  
Undergraduate Summer Research Fellow  
(2013)

Solina Krickovich  
Undergraduate Small Grants Award (2013)

Undergraduate Summer Research Fellow  
(2013)

Laura Ann Wells Memorial Scholarship  
(2013)

### STUDENT AFFAIRS

Osayomwonbor Rachel Algbedo  
Phillip Santa Maria Award for Student Lead-  
ership in Equity and Diversity

Adza Beda  
Minnie and Joe Engel Student Humanitarian  
Award (2013)

Oliver W. Colbert  
Phillip Santa Maria Student Humanitarian  
Award (2013)

Sara Garfinkle  
Mildred Campbell Student Leadership  
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Steven Lango  
Luis M. Antonetti Humanitarian Award

Rachel E. Parker  
Minnie and Joe Engel Student Humanitarian  
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Marcus Samerson  
Phillip Santa Maria Humanitarian Award  
Mildred Keller Campbell Student Leadership  
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Jaquilla L. Vinson  
Phillip Santa Maria Award for Student Lead-  
ership in Equity and Campus Diversity (2013)

### THEATER

Lakia J. Lewis  
Donald J. Savage Theater Arts Award

Christina M. Metauro  
Mina S. Goossen Award for Excellence in  
Theatre

Allison E. Monaco  
Maria Dellas Creative Achievement Award  
Donald J. Savage Theater Arts Award (2013)

Julia M. Smith  
Dean's Award for Excellence

### WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES MINOR

Moira M. Madden  
Outstanding Student Award (2013)

Aileen R. McCluskey  
Outstanding Student Award

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Graduating Senior Award

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Amy C. Gardner  
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### MASTER OF SCIENCE

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Jennifer Samulski  
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Michael D. Gengo  
Kourtney Gerstung  
Karen M. Glassman  
Ashley L. Graham  
John A. Graham  
Victoria Hainz  
Rina A. Hanna-Gregoretti  
Ashlee M. Harris  
Courtney L. Hartman  
Carolyn F. Hayden  
Tara K. Hecke  
Danae M. Hobaica  
Lindsey A. Hoffman  
Lindsay M. Hojnowski  
Caroline A. Holland  
Tonya L. Howard  
Meghan M. Hughes  
Heather L. Hyla  
Donald P. Jackson  
Andria N. Janese  
Kelly M. Johnson  
Nicole M. Jones  
Mark K. Kelkenberg  
Emily A. Kelly  
Alyssa M. Kennedy  
Natalia Kim  
Leah A. Kingston  
Danielle L. Kozub  
Emily E. Kraft  
Kathie L. Kreppenneck  
Elizabeth M. Krok  
Eric M. Kyre  
Jennifer M. Leone  
Lauren M. Lewandowski  
Brittany E. Lis  
Elisabeth Malchoff  
Courtney E. Manhard  
Jordan K. Manley  
James Matte  
Kaitlin N. Mattle  
Teresa M. Maurici  
Melissa Maxwell  
Jessica N. McGill  
Jenny L. McMurray  
Nadezda Mease  
Andrew L. Moran  
Rachel Morello  
Angel C. Moses  
Stephanie L. Myers  
Angela L. Needham  
Laura Nowak  
Joseph D. Olaf  
Jacquelyn R. O'Mara

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Jennifer C. Pavlock  
Brittanie E. Phillips  
Sarah M. Prisaznuk  
Nicole Procopovici  
Travis D. Pufpaff  
Katelyn I. Racine  
Michelle A. Randel  
Janai Redpath  
Angela R. Reeb  
Andrea A. Reese  
Elena E. Rizzo  
Tammy E. Robinson  
Nicholas A. Rockwell  
Rebecca Rogers  
Melissa A. Ruh  
Lena A. SanFilipo  
Gina M. Sanita  
Liane E. Schaub  
Kelliann M. Scherf  
Carly M. Schrader  
Patrick J. Schunk  
Julie E. Seemueller  
Bonnie M. Simmons  
Ashley L. Smith  
Colisha S. Smith  
Kyle D. Smith  
Rebecca G. Smith  
Ilana P. Spector  
Megan D. Spencer  
Elizabeth M. Stamer  
Jaclyn S. Stearns  
Nichole M. Stefanski  
Ryen M. Steffans  
Lindsey N. Strauss  
Megan E. Sullivan  
Sara Y. Suranyi  
Tammy L. Sweet  
Abigail M. Swyers  
Lindsey M. Tomczak  
Rebecca R. Truell  
Zachary R. Trunzo  
Amy S. Urbank  
Mariya Vasilchenkova  
Jessica D. Washington  
Allyson M. Webb  
James D. Weiss  
Lisa M. Wellsby-Ackley  
Jenna Wieand  
Jeremy P. Wierchowski  
Kendal R. Wiertel  
Kristen M. Willman  
Kristin L. Wilson  
Christopher J. Wittmeyer  
Steven L. Zdrojewski

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

#### August 2014

Ashley Boberg  
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Jennifer A. Carlo  
Keri L. Del Terzo  
Kim-Marie Eisenhauer  
Jessica L. Frain  
Angela C. Frost  
Ryan P. Frost  
Alexandria L. Jasek  
Stephanie L. Krentz  
Alanna R. Letson  
Kelsey A. Mash  
Jeffrey M. Pohlman  
Katie Syruws  
Christine N. Szafran  
Amber Vesey  
Caterina M. Zuppardo  
Kristin Zwolinski

### CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY

#### December 2013

Antoinette L. DiBellonia  
Gabrielle Rivera  
Karen A. Smith  
Brandon F. Wojcik

### CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY

#### May 2014

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Lindsey B. Dust  
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Jacqueline M. Kelly  
Jon F. Mellott  
Tracey L. Travis

List compiled April 10, 2014. May 2014 graduate listings are anticipated based on successful completion of courses in progress.

August 2014 graduate listings are anticipated based on successful completion of courses in progress and successful completion of degree requirements during summer 2014.



## 2014 GRADUATE AWARDS

### ADULT EDUCATION

Ba Zan Lin  
Adult Education Scholarship for Social Justice

### APPLIED ECONOMICS

Sean McDonald  
Outstanding Graduate Student Award

### ART CONSERVATION

Aaron D. Burgess  
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant (2011–2013)  
Czurles-Nelson Special Support Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)  
Garman Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2011)  
Hoskins-Smith Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)  
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2012, 2013)  
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2011, 2013)  
Saxe Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)

Halaina C. Demba  
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant (2011–2013)  
Marks Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2011)  
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2011–2013)  
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2013)  
Linda Joan Levy Paull Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)  
Stockman Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)

Elyse H. Driscoll  
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant (2011–2013)  
Hoskins-Smith Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)  
Fannie Kestenbaum Paull Memorial Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)  
Marks Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2011)  
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2011–2013)  
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2013)  
Barbara and Donald Nelson Scholarship in Art Conservation (2013)

Terra L. Huber  
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant (2011–2013)  
Marks Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)  
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2011–2013)

Katherine J. Langdon  
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant (2011–2013)  
Hoskins-Smith Art Conservation Fellowship (2011)  
Lippes Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2011)  
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2011–2013)  
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2013)  
Arthur E. Smith Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)

Krista A. Lough  
C. Teo and Jennifer Balbach Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)  
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant (2011–2013)  
Allan Kenzie Family Foundation Fellowship (2011)  
Samuel H. Kress Fellowship (2013)  
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2011–2013)  
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2012, 2013)

Graham J. Patten  
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant (2011–2013)  
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2011–2013)

Rebecca L. Pollak  
Alumni Student Fellowship (2011)  
Margaret and Charles Balbach Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)  
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant (2011–2013)  
Gross Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2011)  
Lippes Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)  
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2012, 2013)  
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2012, 2013)

Megan Salazar-Walsh  
Margaret and Charles Balbach Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)  
C. Teo and Jennifer Balbach Art Conservation Fellowship (2011)  
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant (2011–2013)  
Garman Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)  
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2011–2013)  
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2011, 2013)

Christina L. Simms  
Alumni Student Fellowship (2011)  
Bandrowski Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)  
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant (2011–2013)  
Hoskins-Smith Art Conservation Fellowship (2011)  
Samuel H. Kress Foundation (2012)  
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2011–2013)  
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2013)  
Arthur E. Smith-Hoskins Art Conservation Fellowship (2011)

### ART EDUCATION

Zoe E. Fabian  
Graduate Student Award

### CHEMISTRY

Chelsea N. Aldridge  
Buffalo State Graduate Assistant Award (2013, 2014)

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Kendra Middleton  
Morgan Graduate Award

### EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Daniel D. Barrancotta  
Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award  
Rachel L. Bracikowski  
Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award  
Lindsay M. Hojnowski  
Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award

Danielle L. Kozub  
Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award

Ryan Manchester  
Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award

Michelle R. Manzella  
Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award

James Matte  
Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award

Jeffrey M. Pohlman  
Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award

Steven F. Szopinski  
Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award

Zachary R. Trunzo  
Excellence in Educational Technology Graduate Student Award

### ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

Hilary A. Berbach  
Circle of Excellence Award (2013)

Kim-Marie Eisenhauer  
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

Brittany A. Fehskens  
Circle of Excellence Award (2013)

Angela C. Frost  
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

Bonnie M. Gervase-Stegeman  
Circle of Excellence Award (2013)

Alexandria L. Jasek  
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

Sally M. Kocher  
Circle of Excellence Award (2013)

Stephanie Lynn Krentz  
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

Alanna R. Letson  
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Brittany E. Lis  
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Courtney E. Manhard  
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Kelsey A. Mash  
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

Jacqueline A. Schneegold  
Circle of Excellence Award (2013)

Katie Syruws  
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

Scott Valenta  
Circle of Excellence Award (2013)

Kayleigh A. Witkowski  
Circle of Excellence Award (2013)

Kristin Zwolinski  
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

### ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Richard D. Field  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)

### ENGLISH

Sára J. Kovács  
English Department Award for Excellence,  
Master of Science, English Education

### EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

Jennifer K. Grant  
Dr. Judith Bondurant-Utz Early Childhood  
Graduate Award (2013)  
Joseph and Mary Daly Varga '43 Graduate  
Award (2012–2013)

Victoria Hainz  
Paul Thoms Council on Exceptional  
Children Membership Scholarship (2013)

Amanda M. Hiczun  
Dr. Judith Bondurant-Utz Early Childhood  
Graduate Award (2012)

Sarah M. Prisaznuk  
Horace Mann Award for Outstanding  
Graduate Student in Exceptional Education  
(2013)  
Joseph and Mary Daly Varga '43 Graduate  
Award (2013–2014)

### HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

Timothy S. Bojanowski  
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award  
Outstanding Research Award

Renee L. Fellingner  
Student Employee of the Year Award (2013)

Lavere Foster  
Hurculine Guthrie Commitment to  
Diversity Award

Daniel E. Frontera  
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award  
Outstanding Internship Award

Frederick G. Gilbert  
Hurculine Guthrie Commitment to  
Diversity Award

Amanda J. Harding  
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Rachel A. LaPaglia  
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Margaret A. Loops  
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Ryan P. Mahanna  
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Mary Kate Metzger  
Robert A. Davis Endowed Scholarship  
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Helena L. Mica  
Hurculine Guthrie Commitment to  
Diversity Award  
Outstanding Contribution by a First-Year  
HEA Student, Cocurricular Programs (2013)

Anthony M. Nicosia  
Outstanding Research Award

Kianna E. Thomas  
Al Ciardi Leadership and Service Award  
CSPA-NYS Outstanding Graduate Student  
Award (2013)

Maria N. Vilardo  
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award  
Outstanding Internship Award (2013)  
Outstanding Research Award

Thomas A. Waters  
Outstanding Internship Award

### HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION

Alyssa F. Hickey  
Harold F. Peterson Scholarship Award  
(2012–2014)

### INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR STUDIES IN CREATIVITY

Julia G. Roberts  
Parnes and Noller Scholarship

### OUTSTANDING MASTER'S PROJECT

Sarah A. Chudyk  
Parentage Analysis and Conservation  
Genetics Educational Material for  
the Eastern Hellbender Salamander,  
*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis*  
(May 2013)

Amy M. McMillan, Associate Professor of  
Biology, Project Adviser

Lisa J. Pavlak  
Be Your Own Art Teacher: How a Novice Art  
Teacher Learns about Contemporary Art and  
How to Teach It Meaningfully (December  
2012)

Alice C. Pennisi, Associate Professor of Art  
Education, Project Adviser

Katarina N. Silvestri  
Vocabulary Instruction for Young English  
Learners: A Cross-Cultural Comparative  
Study Examining Best Practices for a  
Growing Population (August 2013)  
Keli A. Garas-York, Associate Professor of  
Elementary Education and Reading, Project  
Adviser

### OUTSTANDING MASTER'S THESIS

Darlene Garcia-Torres  
Sustainability through Autonomy, Safety,  
Ownership, and Adaptability: A Qualitative  
Case Study of Locust Street Art in Buffalo,  
NY (May 2013)

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

Meghan K. Jensen  
Conservation Genetics in New York's  
Giant Salamander: The Eastern Hellbender  
(*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis*) (August 2013)  
Amy M. McMillan, Associate Professor of  
Biology, Thesis Adviser

Joelle L. Mann  
(Re)Visions of Gender: Reading the  
Uncanny in Virginia Woolf, Gwendolyn  
Brooks, and Hilda Doolittle (May 2013)  
Peter J. Ramos, Associate Professor of  
English, Thesis Adviser

Heidi Wallace  
Now, in the Time of Salpiglossis: A Study of  
Sound and Image in the Poetry of Stevens,  
Moore, and Bishop (August 2013)

David N. Ben-Merre, Associate Professor of  
English, Thesis Adviser

### PHYSICS

Justin Snook  
Physics Outstanding Graduate Teaching  
Assistant of the Year (2013)

### SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Emily DiDuro  
Academic Excellence Award

Alysa Dilts  
Bridge the Gap Scholarship

Brittany A. Edenhelm  
Academic Excellence Award  
Speech-Language Pathology Graduate  
Alumni Award (2013)

Brienna L. Faust  
Clinical Excellence Award

Alyssa M. Kennedy  
Clinical Excellence Award

Emily E. Kraft  
Deborah Moll-Richmond Foundation  
Scholarship (2012)

Kaitlin N. Mattle  
Academic Excellence Award (2013, 2014)  
Clinical Excellence Award

Lena A. SanFilippo  
Clinical Excellence Award

### STUDENT AFFAIRS

Anthony M. Nicosia  
Graduate Student Employee of the Year

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

Daniel E. Frontera  
Maria N. Vilardo

All awards listed were granted in 2014  
unless otherwise stated.

## 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.

### 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.

#### 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.

### STUDENT HONORS ACHIEVEMENT

#### STUDENT ORGANIZATION AFFILIATIONS

##### 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.

##### 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 SUNY Buffalo State are eligible to wear the appropriate honors cords designating their disciplines and honor societies.

##### Student Organization Regalia

Students members of campus professional and cultural organizations are eligible to wear the cords or stoles representing their groups. The African Kente Cloth is a red, black, and green hood traditionally worn during important ceremonies by the leadership and elders of countries that include Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Ghana, and Nigeria. In the United States, it is worn as a stole on important occasions such as Commencement.

### PAST AWARDS

For a historical listing of State University of New York award recipients, Buffalo State award recipients, and Buffalo State Distinguished Alumnus Awards, please visit <http://commencement.buffalostate.edu/previous-award-recipients>.

### ACCREDITATIONS

SUNY Buffalo State is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104; (215) 662-5606. The Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. secretary of education and the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation. Buffalo State also is accredited by the Board of Regents, University of the State of New York. In addition, the following professional organizations have determined that Buffalo State programs meet their accreditation requirements:

*Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)\**

*Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (Weigel Health Center)*

*Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)\*\**

*Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration*

*Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC)*

*American Association of Museums (Burchfield Penney Art Center)*

*Council on Academic Accreditation (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association)*

*Council for Interior Design Accreditation*

*Council on Social Work Education*

*International Association of Counseling Services (Counseling Center)*

*National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT)*

*National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)*

*National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)*

*National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST)*

*National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)\*\*\**

\*The coordinated and didactic programs in dietetics at Buffalo State are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, (312) 899-0040 ext. 5400, [www.eatright.org/ACEND](http://www.eatright.org/ACEND).

\*\*Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, 111 Market Place, Suite 1050, Baltimore, MD 21202, (410) 347-7700.

\*\*\*The professional education programs at Buffalo State are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, 2010 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 466-7496. The accreditation includes the initial teacher preparation and advanced levels of professional education offered at the college.

## 2014 COMMENCEMENT

### HEAD MARSHAL

Karen O'Quin  
Associate Dean, School of Natural and  
Social Sciences

### SEATING MARSHALS

Lisa Marie Anselmi  
Department Chair and Associate Professor,  
Anthropology

Anthony J. W. Chase  
Assistant Dean, School of Arts and  
Humanities

Cynthia A. Conides  
Associate Professor, History and Social  
Studies Education

Kelly M. Frothingham, '94, '97  
Department Chair and Associate Professor,  
Geography and Planning

Lisa R. Hunter  
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Humanities

Kimberly J. Jackson, '84  
Assistant Dean for Strategic and Enrollment  
Planning, Graduate School

Heather D. Maldonado  
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Michele Ninacs, '93  
Assistant Professor, English; Director,  
Writing Program

Christopher M. Pennuto  
Professor, Biology

Howard M. Reid  
Professor, Psychology

Kathy L. Wood  
Associate Dean, School of Education

Joseph L. Zawicki  
Associate Professor, Earth Sciences  
and Science Education

### ANNOUNCERS

Gabriele S. DiMaio, '86  
Lecturer, Communication

Roger L. Firestien, '79  
Lecturer, Creative Studies

Marguerite E. Knowles  
Associate Professor, Communication

Thomas R. McCray  
Associate Professor, Communication

Seth A. Oyer  
Assistant Professor, Communication

Ronald D. Smith  
Professor, Communication

### COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE

#### Academic Areas

##### School of Arts and Humanities

Andrea Guiati  
SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor,  
Modern and Classical Languages  
Director, Muriel A. Howard Honors  
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Committee Vice Chair  
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##### School of Education

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Education

##### School of Natural and Social Sciences

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Cynthia A. Conides  
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##### School of the Professions

Sarbani Banerjee  
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James J. Sobol, '95,  
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### Graduate School

Kimberly J. Jackson, '84  
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### Administrative Areas

#### Academic and Student Affairs

Patricia A. Alessandra, '87  
Senior Staff Associate  
Commencement Director for Academics

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Secretary 2

#### Finance and Management

Peter M. Carey, '82  
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Director of Instructional Technology,  
Instructional Resources

#### Institutional Advancement

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Mary-Jo Jagord  
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### President's Office

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Chief of Staff

### Student Affairs

Daniel C. Vélez, '01  
Associate Vice President for  
Student Success

### Student Representatives

#### Undergraduate

Zainab A. Salawu  
Intern President's Office

Eric C. Sauerzopf  
President, United Students  
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