142nd COMMENCEMENT    May 17, 2014
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BUFFALO STATE
The State University of New York
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.
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.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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
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
Howard Cohen

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

RECESSIONAL

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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

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
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
Trusted, 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 B. 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
Marsha D. Jackson, ’81, ’85
Susanne B. Bair

CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DEGREE
SUNY Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters
Arnold L. Mitchem
Founder and President Emeritus, Council for Opportunity in Education

Presenters
Eunice A. Lewin
Howard Cohen

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

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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

NATIONAL ANTHEM
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Assistant Professor, Music
Ivan Docenko Jr., Accompanist

WELCOME
Howard Cohen
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

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Valerie A. Logan, ’89
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

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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.

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.
Alphonso O’Neil-White

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.

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.
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.

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.
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.

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.
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.

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.
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.

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 student organization, 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.

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.
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Joshua B. Terhaar ***
Samantha J. Tilkins *
Mandi E. Torres **
Brittany M. Wysocki *

MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM GRADUATES
Adza Beda ***
Tamara J. Burross **
Victoria A. DeStefano
Kayla R. James †
Sade S. McKenzie *
Kayla E. Morrell
Katherine A. Mosier *
Jenny Nunn-Stanley ***
Jeff R. Oyo *
Lasasha T. Oyo
Mariah A. Prena
Marcus Samerson
Sabrina A. Santos
Nicole M. Schmidt ***
Brittney D. Singletary **

ROSS B. KENZIE FAMILY PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP GRADUATES
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Jeff R. Oyo *
Lasasha T. Oyo
Glenda C. Ruiz *
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2014 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

ANTHROPOLOGY
Genna L. Ackley
Collins/Tomashovitch Award
Erin K. Baccari
Anthropology Honors Thesis
Amputation and Subsequent Change in Bone Tissue (Faculty Adviser: J. Wieczkowski)
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award
Angela C. Broughton
Lewis Henry Morgan Award
Lindsay 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. Fitzgibbon
William C. Schefler Memorial Award for Excellence in Biometrics
John J. V. Lang
Biology Honors Award
Michael Olejniczak
William C. Schefler Memorial Award for Excellence in Biometrics (2013)
Shelby M. Rarick
Biology Honors Recipient

BUSINESS
Nicholas B. Carter
Outstanding Student in the Business Administration Program

CHEMISTRY
Adam M. T. Fries
Outstanding Student in the Business Department—Management Concentration
Maria Osepechugowa
Outstanding Student in the Business Department—Marketing Concentration
Angela Y. Reynor
Outstanding Student in the Business Department—International Business Concentration

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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. Elbaneh
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)

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)

Michelle A. Milavich
John J. Jaquet 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)

Eric Rose
John J. Jaquet Student Award for Creative Excellence in Communication Design (2013)

Cody S. Weiler
Hyatt Design Awards for Excellence in Communication Design (2012)

Jessica Widmer
Hyatt Design Award for Excellence in Ceramics (2012)

Emily Turnstill Frack
Grace Powell Scholarship (2013)

EARTH SCIENCES AND SCIENCE EDUCATION

Michael J. Kalinka
Carl Seyffert Memorial Award in Geology

Ashley S. Perez
Faculty Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research

Emily R. Stumpf
Irving Tismer Award for Excellence in Geology

Chelsea M. Tavormina
John Murthaugh 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

Devon 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 Baswaah
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 Jurynicz
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)

David V. Bullough Award

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)

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)

FASHION AND TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY
Ebenezer Baawuah
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)
Kelsey A. Bashore
$5,000 FMA 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

HEALTH AND WELLNESS
Matthew J. Dipalma
Health and Wellness Service and Leadership Award
Sarah R. Jacobs-Ferderbar
Health and Wellness Service and Leadership Award
Dale R. Keeney
Health and Wellness Service and Leadership Award
Brian Sage
Health and Wellness Academic Achievement Award

FINE ARTS
Caryn E. Young
Gayle Fish, ’56, and Donald Schrader Award (2011–2012)
Joseph T. Weingold Scholarship awarded through NYSARC Inc. (2010)

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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. Koginos U.S. History Student Award
Norman R. Weaver Award for Excellence in Historical Writing (2013)

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM
Courtney L. Anderson
Pano’s Scholarship
Marisa A. Baker
Starrler Scholarship (2013–2014)
Makayla R. Bidell
Pano’s Scholarship (2013)
Joanna C. Bourin
Starrler Scholarship (2013–2014)
Nicholas J. Deeb
Starrler Scholarship (2013)
Brian D. Deschenes
Pano’s Scholarship
Tarrah R. Devito
Starrler Scholarship (2013–2014)
Ilyana L. Feliz
Starrler Scholarship (2013–2014)
Brandin D. Gause
Starrler Scholarship (2013–2014)
Danielle Kane
Starrler Scholarship (2013–2014)
2014 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

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

Eric C. Sauerzopf  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award (2012–2014)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2010–2013)

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

Eli C. Seligman  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2012, 2013)

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

Brandon M. Simoncelli  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award (2012–2014)  
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Julia M. Smith  
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SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2012, 2013)

Shannon Yokopovich  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award (2012–2014)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2013, 2014)

Ruth E. Heintz Award  
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Gina M. Callea  
Ernest S. Falbo Modern Foreign Language Prize (2014)

Troy Caruana  
Dean of Arts and Humanities Award for Excellence in Foreign Language  
Dean of Arts and Humanities Award for Excellence in Philosophy  
Dr. Éliane McKee French Education Scholarship (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, second place, finals, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, Connecticut (2012)  
Pi Delta Phi National French Honor Society (2013)  
Alpha Lambda Delta Delta National Honor Society 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 Language Prize

Sarah E. Newton  
Javier Ortiz-Calderon and Maribeth 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 Success (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. Hove 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)

SOCIAL WORK
Christopher R. Janicki-Howe
Outstanding in Social Work Award
Kenisha Velez-Lopez
Outstanding 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)
Rostmery 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

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

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
Jaimie Harris
Undergraduate Summer Research Fellow
(2013)
Solina Krivickovich
Undergraduate Small Grants Award (2013)
Undergraduate Summer Research Fellow
(2013)
Laura Ann Wells Memorial Scholarship
(2013)

STUDENT AFFAIRS
Osayomwonor Rachel Alghedo
Phillip Santa Maria Award for Student Leadership
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 Award
(2013)
Jaimie A. Harris
Mina S. Goossen Award for Excellence in Theatre
Laura Ann Wells Memorial Scholarship
(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 Dallas 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
Samantha M. Wezowicz
Graduating Senior Award

WHO’S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES
Melissa M. Ash
Linda M. Banfield
Tessa C. Bechtold
Adza Beda
Anthony R. Bruno
Hasle S. N. Cameron
Kelly M. Donovan
Michael G. Filipski
Emily Tustall Frack
Sara Garfinkle (2013)
Carissa Handiman (2013)
Jaimie A. Harris
Timea Kernacova
Laura E. Klemann
Steven Lango
Regan McGannon
Sadie S. McKenzie (2013, 2014)
Jeff R. Oyo (2013, 2014)
Rachel E. Parker
Jonathan V. Pollino (2013)
Mariah A. Prensa
Angela Y. Preyor
Eric C. Sauerzopf
Brittney D. Singletery
Christine E. Walker
James A. Willens

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unless otherwise stated.
2014 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES AND C.A.S.

MASTER OF ARTS

December 2013
Amanda L. Behen
Steven R. Bukowski
Emily Busch
Amy L. Chapman
Joselyn C. Green
Megan S. Hahn
Erin E. Hicks
Rebekah L. Keator
Nicole M. Lainhart
Sean McDonald
Meng Mi
William D. Schregel
Ancel Raynaud Soh Feussi
Katherine H. Somerville
Shane Vrabel
Amy B. Widman

May 2014
Renee L. Amos
Christie F. Andrle
Roy W. Bakos
Joshua P. Brodka
Timothy A. Collins
Jennifer R. Conlin
Devon A. Cozad
Joseph A. Cutre
Andrew C. Dumais
Gina M. Emiliani
Allyse M. Fischer
Gail M. Graesser
Alyssa F. Hickey
Paul M. Juette
T racy-Anne King
Lynn Kramer
Blerina Lani
Katie M. Lanza
Francis J. Lukacovic
Margo Masur
David A. Merchant
Dana E. Misheimer
April L. O’Brien
Jennifer E. O’Dee
Christopher J. Quail
Deborah L. Russell
Kathleen E. Slade
Christine M. Smith
Wendy M. Styn
Timothy A. Tielman
William S. Tyler
Benjamin Watkins
Noelle J. Wiedemer
Donna J. Yager
Jessica L. Yerico

August 2014
Emmanuel F. Abreu
Brian O. Baumann
Aaron D. Burgess
Halaina C. Demba
Elyse H. Driscoll
Terra L. Huber
Katherine J. Langdon
Krista A. Lough
Graham J. Patten
Rebecca L. Pollak
Megan Salazar-Walsh
Christina L. Simms

August 2014
Kwabena A. Adusei
Lakwame H. Irby-Warner
Rafael Jimenez
Paige E. Taylor

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

December 2013
Donald T. Dentice

May 2014
Shardai Adger
Axel Andrews
Siraj Bah
LaTonia M. Benjamin
Cornesha S. Brown
Kathrine M. Brown
Virginia A. Eddy
Donna J. Estrich
Jestina R. Eubanks
Tamela L. Gatewood
Sharmim Jimenez
Anthony G. Jones
Ashley E. Manning
Gia L. LaScala
Samuel R. Mattie
Genna M. Mitchell
Katia I. Paniagua
Dove Russo
Melissa J. Schindler
Joyce M. Sconiers
Norman L. Simmons
Leishia B. Smallwood
Aileen M. Soto
Justin Stokes
Seraphine Udahemuka-Sargent
Laquita M. White
Jesse T. Young

May 2014
Sharada Adger
Axel Andrews
Siraj Bah
LaTonia M. Benjamin
Cornesha S. Brown
Kathrine M. Brown
Virginia A. Eddy
Donna J. Estrich
Jestina R. Eubanks
Tamela L. Gatewood
Sharmim Jimenez
Anthony G. Jones
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Melissa J. Schindler
Joyce M. Sconiers
Norman L. Simmons
Leishia B. Smallwood
Aileen M. Soto
Justin Stokes
Seraphine Udahemuka-Sargent
Laquita M. White
Jesse T. Young

August 2014
Steven P. Abbamonte
Lara T. Al Masri
Antonio J. Almeida
Rawan J. A. Anabtawi
Pedro Aparicio Nicolas
Lissa M. Asfura
Barbara Aviles
Frederico Azevedo
Sedat Bakay
Joy E. Battison
Jimmy A. Bedgood
Ilia M. Beecher
Christina M. Belesovski
Getulio A. R. Brasil
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Samuel R. Mattie
Genna M. Mitchell
Katia I. Paniagua
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Melissa J. Schindler
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Justin S. Wisnouskas
Zachary J. Zunic

Meghann D. Loncar
Kelly J. Macagnone
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Michelle R. Manzella
Emily R. Markel
Kristen S. May
Emily M. McAndrews
Randi McCoy
Rebekah Mislin
Kristopher S. Moseley
Alice M. Munschauer
Caitlin J. Palmer
Corina E. Pignatti
Andrew J. Piliblud
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Heather A. Pohl
Joseph M. Powers
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Denise M. Rich
Ellen M. Richmond
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Sarah L. Rittberg
Dana M. Rizzotto-Morton
Jennifer M. Rott
Jennifer Samulske
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Morgan R. Siskar
Justin Snook
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Lauren M. Almeter
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Kristen M. Bartkowski
Monica R. Beback
William P. Blenk
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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
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Andrew L. Moran
Rachel Moorelo
Angel C. Moses
Stephanie L. Myers
Angela L. Needham
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Caitlin O’Rourke
Jennifer C. Pavlock
Brittanie E. Phillips
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Nicole Procopovici
Travis D. Pulpaff
Katelyn L. Racine
Michelle A. Randel
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Nicholas A. Rockwell
Rebecca Rogers
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Gina M. Sanita
Liane E. Schaub
Kelliann M. Scherf
Carly M. Schrader
Patrick J. Schunk
Julie E. Semueller
Bonnie M. Simmons
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Kyle D. Smith
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Megan E. Sullivan
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Lisa M. Wellsby-Ackley
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Kristen M. Willman
Kristin L. Wilson
Christopher J. Wittmeyer
Steven L. Zdrojewski

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Ashley Boberg
Erin J. Cappello
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
Scott W. Barto
Lindsey B. Dust
Jason M. Hall
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 (2011, 2013)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2011–2013)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2011–2013)
Bandrowski Art Conservation Fellowship (2011)
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant (2012)
Hoskins-Smith Art Conservation Fellowship (2011)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2011–2013)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2011–2013)
Arthur E. Smith Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2012)

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 (2011–2013)
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 (2011–2013)

Graham J. Paten
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant (2011–2013)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2011–2013)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2012, 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)
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. Brackowski
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
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society
Brittany E. Lis
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society
Courtney E. Manhard
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society
Kelsey A. Mash  
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

Jacqueline A. Schneggold  
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. Kovcási  
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 (2013–2014)

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

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

Sarah M. Prisznuk  
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. Fellinger  
Student Employee of the Year Award (2013)

**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  

Keli A. Garas-York, Associate Professor of Elementary Education and Reading, Project Adviser

**PHYSICS**

Justin Snook  
Physics Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant of the Year (2015)

**SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY**

Emily DiDuro  
Academic Excellence Award

**STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Anthony M. Nicosia  
Graduate Student Employee of the Year Award

**STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES**

Daniel E. Frontera  
Maria N. Vilardo

**UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES WHO’S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES**

David N. Ben-Merre, 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

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 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
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- 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)
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