

# 143rd COMMENCEMENT May 16, 2015

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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 Buffalo State College**



Buffalo State College embraces international diversity and welcomes students from many parts of the world. Through the generosity of the D. Bruce and Gail Johnstone Commencement

Support Endowment Fund, 84 flags representing the nations that Buffalo State students identify as their countries of origin are on display in the Sports Arena, along with the flag of the United Nations.

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

### **COMMENCEMENT GARDEN**

The president of Buffalo State and the entire campus community honor the Class of 2015 by continuing the tradition of the Commencement Garden. Inaugurated in 2000, the permanent garden is located outside the main entrance to the Sports Arena. The garden represents the messages of environmental awareness, growth, and continuity, all visions embraced by the graduating class. Please enjoy the garden and use it as a backdrop for taking pictures of your graduates.



## WELCOME TO BUFFALO STATE'S 2015 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

## CONFERRING OF DEGREES



### **Katherine S. Conway-Turner, Ph.D.**

Katherine Conway-Turner was confirmed as the ninth president of Buffalo State College by the SUNY Board of Trustees on June 16, 2014.

She is a lifelong learner, educator, scholar, author, and humanitarian. During her 31-year career, she has served in a variety of leadership and administrative positions and has held the rank of professor of psychology at five universities.

Before coming to Buffalo State, Dr. Conway-Turner was provost and vice president for academic affairs at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, from July 2010 until July 2014. From 2004 to 2009, she was provost and vice president for academic affairs at SUNY Geneseo. Dr. Conway-Turner was the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at Georgia Southern University and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Delaware, where she also served as director of the women's studies program and graduate program coordinator. She was an American Council on Education (ACE) fellow at the College of New Jersey, and she has held teaching positions at Santa Clara University and California State University, Long Beach.

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

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

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

## MORNING BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY

10:00 a.m.

### PRELUDE

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

### PROCESSIONAL

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

### CONVENING

Linda A. Dobmeier, '71  
*Chair, Buffalo State College Council*

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

### WELCOME

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

### SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Chelsea E. Davidson, *Class of 2015*  
*Bachelor of Science in Education, Exceptional Education*  
Stephanie S. Kahn, *Class of 2015*  
*Bachelor of Fine Arts, Metals/Jewelry*  
*Bachelor of Science, Dietetics and Nutrition*  
Amy E. Marciniak, *Class of 2015*  
*Bachelor of Science, Childhood Education*

#### Presenters

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

### PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

James A. Martin, *Class of 2015*  
*Bachelor of Science, Forensic Chemistry*

#### Presenter

Katherine S. Conway-Turner

### BACCALAUREATE STUDENT ADDRESS

James A. Martin

### COLLEGE COUNCIL MEDAL

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

#### Presenters

Linda A. Dobmeier, '71  
Katherine S. Conway-Turner

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Roger Wood, '85  
*President and CEO, Dana Holding Corporation*

#### Presenters

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

### YOUNG ALUMNUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Rodneyse Bichotte, '95  
*New York State Assemblywoman, 42nd District*

#### Presenters

Richard J. Trigilio, '90  
Susanne P. Bair

### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Rodneyse Bichotte, '95

### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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

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### BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE ALMA MATER

Members of the Buffalo State Chamber Choir

### RECESSIONAL

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

## AFTERNOON BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY

2:00 p.m.

### PRELUDE

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

### PROCESSIONAL

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

### CONVENING

Todd W. Brason, '85  
*Member, Buffalo State College Council*

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

### WELCOME

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

### SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Diamond J. Briggs, *Class of 2015*  
*Bachelor of Science, Applied Sociology*  
James A. Martin, *Class of 2015*  
*Bachelor of Science, Forensic Chemistry*

#### Presenter

Katherine S. Conway-Turner

### BACCALAUREATE STUDENT ADDRESS

James A. Martin

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Jacqueline V. LoRusso, '62, '64  
*Businesswoman, Philanthropist*

#### Presenters

Chris O'Donnell, '77  
*Past President, Buffalo State Alumni Association*  
Susanne P. Bair  
*Vice President for Institutional Advancement*

### PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

James Brandys, '71, '73  
*Member, Buffalo State College Council*

#### Presenter

Katherine S. Conway-Turner

### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

James Brandys, '71, '73

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

### PRELUDE

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

### PROCESSIONAL

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

### CONVENING

Melissa M. Brinson  
*Member, Buffalo State College Council*

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

### WELCOME

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

### GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS

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

### PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT

Ted J. Mallwitz, *Class of 2015*  
*Master of Science, Higher Education and*  
*Student Affairs Administration*

### Presenter

Katherine S. Conway-Turner

### STUDENT ADDRESS

Ted J. Mallwitz

### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Kathleen C. Hochul  
*Lieutenant Governor, New York State*

### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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

### CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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## GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS SUNY BOARD OF TRUSTEES



### **Eunice A. Lewin**

Eunice Lewin was appointed to the SUNY Board of Trustees by Governor David Paterson on February 2, 2010.

Trustee Lewin has been employed as a bilingual social worker for the Committee on Special Education at the Buffalo Board of Education since 1979. Previously, she worked for three years as a social worker at Buffalo Catholic Charities and the Erie County Department of Social Services in the Division of Child Protection.

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

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

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

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS YOUNG ALUMNUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



### **Rodneyse Bichotte, Class of 1995**

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

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

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

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

Assemblywoman Bichotte has served on a number of boards, including as advocacy chair of Habitat for Humanity New York City; development chair of Turning Point Brooklyn; chair of the Economic Development Committee of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter; scholarship chair of the Chicago Urban League Metropolitan Board; and a member of Brooklyn Community Board 17, the Sickle Cell Thalassemia Patients Network, and the National Black MBA Association. She teaches Sunday school at Cornerstone Baptist Church in the Bedford Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn. She is an alumna of the White House Project at Brooklyn College.

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



### **James Brandys, Class of 1971 and 1973**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Brandys resides in Eggertsville, New York, with his wife, Joy. They have been married for over 42 years.

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



### **Kathleen C. Hochul**

Kathleen Hochul was inaugurated as the 77th lieutenant governor of New York State on January 1, 2015. She was elected with Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on November 4, 2014. Before her election, she was a group vice president for strategic relationships at M&T Bank, serving as liaison for community matters and significant economic development projects.

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

Lieutenant Governor Hochul holds a bachelor’s degree from Syracuse University and a J.D. from Catholic University

in Washington, D.C. At the start of her legal career, she worked at a large firm in Washington and later as in-house counsel to a major corporation engaged in homeland security. She gave up private practice for public service when she was asked to serve as a legal counsel and legislative assistant to Congressman John LaFalce and later to Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

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

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



## COLLEGE COUNCIL MEDAL



### Howard A. Zemsky

Howard Zemsky was nominated by New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo in January 2015 to serve as president and CEO of the Empire State Development Corporation (ESD) and commissioner of economic development. Mr. Zemsky was confirmed by the New York State Senate on March 30, 2015.

ESD is the economic development agency of New York State. Mr. Zemsky and his colleagues manage a broad range of programs, incentives, and services designed to increase private-sector investment and job creation in New York State. The organization has a staff of more than 450 people located in 12 offices across the state.

Mr. Zemsky works closely with Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul and the respective regional co-chairs to implement the Regional Economic Development Councils, the governor's decentralized, collaborative, and strategic approach to economic development.

Mr. Zemsky has co-chaired the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council during the past four years and

has worked closely on the governor's Buffalo Billion revitalization initiative. His company, Larkin Development Group, has redeveloped approximately 1 million square feet of building space in Buffalo since 2002, with a particular focus on reclaiming Buffalo's earliest industrial neighborhood, the Larkin Historic District. In recent years, he has chaired the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority and the Buffalo State College Council, serving more than 10,000 students, and he has served as president of the Richardson Center Corporation, a nonprofit board charged with rehabilitation of the Richardson- and Olmsted-designed former New York State Psychiatric Hospital.

Mr. Zemsky has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a master of business administration from the University of Rochester.

He is a Brooklyn, New York, native, a product of Long Island, and a resident of Buffalo, where he and his wife, Leslie, have lived for 30 years with their three children.

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD



### Jacqueline V. LoRusso, Class of 1962 and 1964

Jacqueline LoRusso earned her bachelor of science degree in elementary education in 1962 and her master of science degree in elementary education in 1964, both from Buffalo State. Upon graduation, she taught in the Maryvale School District and at Elmwood Franklin School.

Ms. LoRusso, who owns JVL Management Company, a rental property management firm, has long been involved with alumni events at Buffalo State and has twice served as a member of the Buffalo State College Foundation Board of Directors, from 1993 to 1996 and from 2010 to the present.

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

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD



### Roger Wood, Class of 1985

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

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

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

## PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT



### Ted J. Mallwitz

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

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

Mr. Mallwitz put his research into action by creating the Inspire Creativity and Academic Success Program for Buffalo

State's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP). This mandatory, credit-bearing course provides incoming EOP students with lessons in self-reflection, problem-solving, and strategic planning to promote student success and retention. After designing the curriculum and submitting a successful grant proposal to SUNY's Office of Sponsored Programs in 2013, he served as the new program's coordinator and instructor.

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

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

### 2015 PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT FINALISTS

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

Stephanie S. Kahn  
Amy E. Marciniak  
Sarah L. Minkewicz

### 2015 PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT FINALIST

Aaron D. Burgess



The 2015 award recipients' and finalists' bios, as well as selection criteria, are listed at <http://commencement.buffalostate.edu/current-student-awards>.

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



### James A. Martin

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

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

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

and the Best Presenter Award at Michigan State University.

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

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

## SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



### Diamond J. Briggs

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

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

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

Neumann-Clement Award for the highest GPA among sociology majors (2014).

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

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

## SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



### Chelsea E. Davidson

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

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

She was recently accepted to the selective International Professional Development Schools Program, which includes a three-week travel and service-learning experience in Santiago,

Chile, in May 2015. She will use her field experience working with Chilean students in a public school to document similarities and differences in U.S. and Chilean education systems.

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

In recognition of her accomplishments, Ms. Davidson was elected to the Buffalo State chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education. A regular member of the Dean's List, she was named a Buffalo State Provost's Scholar for four years and was named to the SUNYAC Commissioner's Academic List.

## SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



### Stephanie S. Kahn

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

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

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

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

In addition, her citizenship and leadership are reflected in her volunteer work as a nutrition education coordinator for the Priscilla Project for pregnant refugee women, a site coordinator of Community Service Day, facilitator of the 2012 Anne Frank Project's "Reversing Negativity" interactive installation, and a Girl Scouts troop assistant. She also coordinated and performed in flute concerts at various senior citizen homes, and organized several social activities for mentally and physically disabled adults.

## SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



### Amy E. Marciniak

Amy Marciniak has earned a bachelor of science degree in childhood education, attaining a 3.93 GPA while serving as Buffalo State's student liaison to the Professional Development Schools Consortium.

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

Her commitment to service led her to several leadership posts on campus. She served as co-president of the Elementary Education Club (EEC), leading readings for children at Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo, a school-supplies collection for the Waterfront School in Buffalo, and a fund drive for a fellow teacher candidate whose home was lost in a fire. She also participated regularly in the Global Book Hour,

a Saturday service opportunity for education and literacy students that offers multicultural reading and activities for local families. She has participated in many other events, such as the Elementary Education and Reading Department's "Teacher Tailgate" for teacher candidates and college exploration events for bilingual middle schoolers.

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

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

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 Camilo Vallejo  
 Jeannette Valoy  
 Joy M. Van Dette \*\*\*  
 Curt Ed Vandruff  
 Maxx Vanvorce  
 Alexandra B. Vara \*\*  
 Julissa Vazquez  
 Davidlee Venditti \*  
 Christy M. Ventura \*\*  
 Crystal Vesneske \*\*\*  
 Jeffrey J. Villont  
 Thuy T. Vo

## 2015 CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Colin P. Vogl  
Kendra Lee Volz  
Johny T. Vu  
Rachel L. Wachowski  
Andrew J. Wagner \*\*  
Christopher M. Wagner  
Kailey R. Walck  
Steven Waleszczak  
Sara M. Walter  
Christian D. Warchocki \*  
Katelyn R. Warden \*\*\*  
Amber K. Washington  
Brittany M. Washington  
Ramona M. Washington  
Ashley Waters-Schmitt \*\*  
Joshua D. Way  
Steven M. Weaver  
Nathan J. Webster  
Katelyn M. Weidner  
Alexis E. Weigel  
Katelyn N. Weinlein  
Ryan A. Wendel  
Kathryn E. Wernet  
Mikeyla M. West  
Peter C. Westenberger  
Cortney A. Whalen  
Angelina M. White  
Leah E. White  
Samantha K. White  
Samantha D. Wik  
Kathryn M. Wilcox  
Amanda L. Will  
Alexis Willard  
Alisa Williams \*†  
Claude Williams  
Denzel Williams  
Jaime L. Williams  
Shaquanna L. Williams \*  
Donald J. Willson  
Michaela J. Windom  
David J. Winter  
Kayla Wise  
Danielle E. Wisset \*\*\*  
Nalyja S. Wolfe  
Tabatha Wolinski  
Jacob M. Woods \*  
Eric J. Wozniak  
Allyson L. Wrazen  
Rachel M. Wroblewski  
Jiahui Wu †  
Christopher D. Wyant  
Amber D. Wyatt  
Abdi Yakub \*  
Keziah N. Yisrael  
Andrew W. Yockey  
Lakeshia S. Young  
Shanette F. Young  
Kate F. Zaczkowski  
Mark C. Zak \*

Stacy W. Zalamea  
Paola D. Zambrano  
Magda E. Zanio  
Robert J. Zemla \*\*  
Andrea M. Zengerski  
Svetlana Zhilevich \*  
Brittany L. Zobrest

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

#### August 2015

Omar N. Abdulrahman  
Bre'Asia I. Andrews  
Tess E. Bannon \*  
Netroya M. Bazilio  
Justin Best  
Theresa K. Blankson  
Hagar A. Boateng  
Derek R. Braun  
Frank A. Briandi  
Kelsey A. Broadley  
Kenneth Brown  
Hamad Buhamad  
Kristen M. Cassella  
Catherine Cieslewicz  
Cheyenne-Marie E. Covey  
Geoffrey R. Crawford  
Jessica L. Czarnecki  
Alicia L. Dirig  
Marissa M. D'Orazio \*\*  
Mizuki Ebisawa  
Karlle M. Falletta  
Jasmine A. Forbes  
Shontia J. Gaines  
Rebecca G. Galanti \*\*  
Michelle L. Hardy  
Orlando J. Hill  
Clint M. Holmes  
Crystal M. Holmes-Smith  
Keasya S. Hudgins  
Adam J. Hurd  
Jacqueline K. Jones  
Chelsea M. Kwasniewski  
Casey R. Maracle  
Adam J. Medina  
Hairo N. Melenciano  
Blake J. Miller  
Olayemi A. Ojo †  
Peter Y. Ojo  
Eugenia N. Okai  
Scarlett M. Ozuna  
Brian M. Pembleton \*\*†  
Dennise A. Ransom  
Sarah E. Rosado  
Collin N. Runkel \*  
Priscilla Sarfo  
Kevin J. Schwicke  
Salima A. Shakur \*\*  
Cara J. Sheridan

Justin D. Shuttleworth  
Harpreet Singh  
Lela R. Stanley  
Dominique L. Tatum  
Julio C. Tavarez  
Eric D. Troutman  
Susan P. Vanderschaaf  
Wendy F. Verrall  
Alexander M. Waters  
Rhonda D. Williams †  
Brittany C. Windham  
Ivana A. Zhune  
Maegan L. Zobel \*

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

#### December 2014

Morgan R. Brown  
Danielle M. Desantis  
Sarah Kirchberger  
Julia K. Krezmien  
Shannon M. Lafferty \*  
Bethany E. Marshall \*\*  
Jenna R. Murphy \*\*\*  
Kylie M. O'Connell \*\*\*  
Michelle L. Phillips \*\*\*  
Chelsey D. Rosolowski  
Elana J. Schneider  
Julia N. Stadelmaier \*  
Ryan D. Travers \*  
Taylor J. Watson \*\*\*

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

#### May 2015

Claire D. Bellavia \*\*  
Kelly L. Beller \*\*  
Mindy L. Bess \*  
Kelly M. Boyle  
Carly A. Cegelski  
Marissa M. Cinquino \*\*\*  
Lauren Cogliovina \*\*  
Chelsea E. Davidson \*\*\*  
Brittany M. Faskel \*\*  
Joanelly Fermin \*\*\*  
Darlisa M. Francois \*  
Ericka L. Galeano  
Nicole L. Gautier  
Samantha L. Hoggard  
Erin N. Kamery  
Tyler R. Krempa  
Chelsey R. Kump \*\*  
Abby J. Markowski \*\*  
Tiarry M. Mc Duffie  
Molly Misso \*\*\*  
Ikhia D. Moore  
Lakeisha T. Nicholas

Kaela M. Paquin  
Shanice Patterson \*  
Molly Pidgeon \*\*\*  
Kathryn M. Piniewski \*\*\*  
Kaitlyn Rozwood \*\*\*  
Brendan R. Ryan  
Tika-Monet L. Walker  
Ayanna J. Woodburn \*\*

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

#### August 2015

Cindy R. Chato  
Shakia J. Hurlock  
Ashley Louimarre

### MURIEL A. HOWARD HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

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

## 2015 CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

### ROSS B. KENZIE FAMILY PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP GRADUATES

Hulgrid Y. Gourgue \*  
Gabriela M. Lyons  
James A. Martin \*\*\*  
Maya E. McGee  
Madeline R. Otero \*\*\*

### MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGAM GRADUATES

Nicole M. Ashman \*\*  
Diamond J. Briggs \*\*\*  
Tamara J. Burross \*\*  
Jeremy D. Diaz \*\*  
Hulgrid Y. Gourgue \*  
Adonis T. Kernan  
Jonie L. Lax \*  
James A. Martin \*\*\*  
Eleana Martinez \*\*\*  
Shakila S. Randall  
Carlos R. Rosales \*\*  
Ashleigh-Ann C. Sutherland

List compiled March 26, 2015. May 2015 graduate listings are anticipated based on successful completion of courses in progress. Honors citations are anticipated based on successful completion of courses in progress and maintenance of current grade point average.

August 2015 graduate listings are anticipated based on successful completion of courses in progress and successful completion of degree requirements during summer 2015. Honors citations are anticipated based on successful completion of courses in progress, successful completion of degree requirements during summer 2015, and maintenance of current grade point average.

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

## 2015 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

### ANTHROPOLOGY

Kristin E. Hatch  
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award  
Anthropology Honors Thesis  
The Woven Way: Indigenous Looms and  
Textiles of the Americas  
(Faculty Adviser: L. M. Anselmi)

Nikkia T. Spencer  
Archaeological Fieldwork Scholarship Award  
(2014)

Michael Stiller  
Lewis Henry Morgan Award

Sarah E. Twardowski  
Collins/Tomashevich Award  
Anthropology Honors Thesis  
The Deployment of Sexuality in  
Various Spaces  
(Faculty Advisers: K. Hart, S. Newmahr)

Dianna M. Urbanski  
Collins/Tomashevich Award  
Archaeological Fieldwork Scholarship Award  
(2013)

Nicollette G. Winiewicz  
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award  
Anthropology Honors Thesis  
Decorated Human Remains  
(Faculty Adviser: L. M. Anselmi)

### ARTS AND LETTERS

Katherine S. Norris  
Dean's Award for Arts and Letters

### BIOLOGY

Nicole M. Ashman  
Biology Honors Award (2014)  
Outstanding Biotechnology Senior Award  
(2014)

Romario R. Gibson  
Biology Honors Award

Rebecca J. Johnson  
Sarah Lobrutto Bihl Scholarship in Biology  
(2014)  
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award to  
an Outstanding Biology Senior

David J. Littere  
Biology Honors Award (2014)

Kayla M. Whelan  
Biology Honors Award (2014)

### BUSINESS

Morgan R. Ciccarella  
Outstanding Student in the Business  
Department—Management Concentration

Simone B. Dawson  
Outstanding Student in the Business  
Department—International Business  
Concentration

Monet E. Lewis  
Outstanding Student in the Business  
Department—Marketing Concentration

Angela J. Walker  
Outstanding Student in the Business  
Administration Program

### CHEMISTRY

Cody J. Lippincott  
American Chemical Society Polymer  
Education Award (2014)  
American Institute Award  
Saul Barron Memorial Award (2014)  
Excellence in Analytical Chemistry (2014)  
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society  
Noel Simmons Memorial Award

James A. Martin  
American Chemical Society Undergraduate  
Analytical Award (2014)  
Albert A. Himmel Electives Award  
Minority Student Award (2014)  
Nicholas Jonmaire Forensic Award  
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society

Megan E. Niesyty  
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society (2014)  
Edward M. Schulman Award (2014)

Marta V. Schoenle  
American Chemical Society Distinguished  
Student Award  
Saul Barron Memorial Award  
Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society (2014)  
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society (2012)  
Edward M. Schulman Award  
Surjit Singh Physical Chemistry Award

Margo E. Weber  
American Chemical Society Organic  
Chemistry Award (2014)  
Albert A. Himmel Electives Award (2014)  
Starks Associate Award (2013, 2014)

## 2015 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

### COMMUNICATION

Rachel Doktor  
Outstanding Student in Media Production

Autumn L. Evans  
Outstanding Student in Journalism

Adam R. Tefel  
Outstanding Student in Communication Studies

Brayton J. Wilson  
Dean's Award for Excellence in Communication

Charity M. R. Wimmer  
Outstanding Student in Public Communication

### COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Chris P. Carter  
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Jason Christopher  
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

James W. Corpening  
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Troy Paul  
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Adam M. Ruda  
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Sue L. Sol  
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Andrew J. Wagner  
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Jacob M. Woods  
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Janelle S. Anderson  
Donald J. Griffin Memorial Scholarship Award

Joshua A. Powell  
Looseleaf Law Publications Award

Tyler A. Skoczylas  
Criminal Justice Faculty Certificate of Merit

### DESIGN

Scott Annese  
Mike Lang (Robert L. Miller) Student Award for Excellence in Wood/Furniture (2014)

James Lombardo Sr. Award for Excellence in the Visual Arts in Wood/Furniture (2014)

Jordan T. Burby  
James Lombardo Sr. Award for Excellence in the Visual Arts for Communication Design (2014)

Megan A. Connell  
Hyatt Design Award for Excellence in Metals/Jewelry (2014)

Robin L. Connell  
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award in Metals/Jewelry (2014)  
Hyatt Design Award for Excellence in Metals/Jewelry (2013)  
Barbara and Donald Nelson Scholarship in Metals/Jewelry (2014)

Allison R. Frey  
John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence in Metals/Jewelry (2014)

Seth D. Hughes  
John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence in Communication Design

Miles T. Jackson  
Hyatt Design Award for Excellence in Communication Design (2014)

Stephanie S. Kahn  
Dean's Gallery/School of Arts and Humanities Creative Associates in Metals/Jewelry (2013)  
John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence in Metals/Jewelry (2013)  
James Lombardo Sr. Award for Excellence in the Visual Arts for Metals/Jewelry (2012)

Sarah J. Kieffer  
James Lombardo Sr. Award for Excellence in the Visual Arts for Metals/Jewelry (2014)

Juliana Leone  
Hyatt Design Award for Excellence in Ceramics

Yasmin Medina  
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award in Metals/Jewelry  
Dean's Gallery/School of Arts and Humanities Creative Associates in Metals/Jewelry

Destiny M. Perez  
Hyatt Design Award for Excellence in Fibers (2014)

Barbara and Donald Nelson Scholarship in Communication Design (2013)

Brent Ricci

Allentown Village Art Society Scholarship in Communication Design (2012)

John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence in Communication Design (2013)

Eric W. Robinson  
Earl Wolfgruber Award in Communication Design

### DIETETICS AND NUTRITION

Sarah K. Boyer  
Community Service Learning Award (2014)  
Provost's Scholarship (2011–2015)

Stephanie Busse  
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Dorothy MaCrae Hyman Memorial Scholarship (2014)  
Buffalo State College Dietetics Department Blanch E. Kelsey Scholarship (2014)  
Undergraduate Student Research Fellow (2014)

Kimberly M. Chwojdak  
Katherine Staebell Scholarship (2014)  
Yvonne Williams Scholarship (2013)

Holly R. Layer  
Genevieve C. and Richard C. Brown Scholarship (2012–2015)

Rachel A. Neilans  
Eunice Frisbee Mason Scholarship (2014)

### ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

Bogusia Carroll  
Outstanding Student Award

Jacob R. Casel  
David Vernon Bullough Award

Robert C. Harms  
Outstanding Student Award

### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

Constance Boakye  
Theresa A. Shepard Advocacy Award

Diamond J. Briggs  
Buffalo State College Alumni Association Award  
Educational Opportunity Program Director's Award

John-Paul G. Joss  
Buffalo State College Alumni Association Award

Ikhia D. Moore  
Arthur O. Eve Distinguished Student Achievement Award

### ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

Erica M. Birdsong  
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award (2014)

Elise M. Briandi  
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award

Jennifer L. Buczek  
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award

Lauren Coglievina  
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award

Jahmala A. Cornelius  
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award (2014)

Chelsea E. Davidson  
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award

Lisa A. DellaPenta  
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award

Kaitlyn N. Derrick  
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award

Laura J. Imperiale  
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award (2014)

Sara E. Juergens  
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award

Amy E. Marciniak  
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award

Kayla Meyer  
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award

Kimberly L. Mitchell  
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award

Madeline R. Otero  
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award

Molly Pidgeon  
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award

Nicole M. Pilarz  
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award (2014)

Sarah C. Priore  
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award

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Brianna D. Snyder  
Elementary Education Circle of  
Excellence Award (2014)

Susan M. Thomason  
Elementary Education Circle of  
Excellence Award

Joshua Treu  
Elementary Education Circle of  
Excellence Award (2014)

Heather Tysco  
Elementary Education Circle of  
Excellence Award

Katelyn R. Warden  
Elementary Education Circle of  
Excellence Award

Danielle E. Wisset  
Elementary Education Circle of  
Excellence Award

Ayanna J. Woodburn  
Elementary Education Circle of  
Excellence Award

Emily Wright  
Lenore Levy Award for Exemplary  
Performance in an Urban School (Fall 2014)

Liza Sang Yan  
Elementary Education Circle of  
Excellence Award (2014)

### ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Erica Agley  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)

John Anderson  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2014)

Patrick M. Anderson  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)

Jason M. Curry  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)

Matthew T. Gibbon  
Emerson Neuhardt Scholarship (2014)

Nathanael Kankiewicz  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)

Christopher J. Sclavunos  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2014)  
Glenn O. Sallack Scholarship (2014)

Crystal Vesneske  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)

Maegan L. Zobel  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)

### ENGLISH

Tamara J. Burross  
Arts and Humanities Dean's Award for  
Excellence

Heather R. Chrosniak  
English Department Award for Excellence,  
Bachelor of Arts, English

Alyssa Moretti  
English Department Award for Excellence,  
Bachelor of Science, English Education (7–12)

### EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

Morgan R. Brown  
Horace Mann Travel Award for Council for  
Exceptional Children Students (2013)

Paul Thoms Council for Exceptional  
Children Membership Scholarship (2011)  
Gustave A. and Geraldine F. Werner  
Undergraduate Award (2013–2014)

Lauren Coglievina  
Gayle Fish, '56, and Donald Schrader  
Undergraduate Award (2013–2014)

Brittany M. Faskel  
Paul Thoms Council for Exceptional  
Children Membership Scholarship (2013)

Joanelly Fermin  
Richard G. D. Winston Caribbean Student  
Scholarship (2012)

Michelle L. Phillips  
Dr. Aaron Podolefsky AmeriCorps ABLE  
Fellowship (2014)

Taylor J. Watson  
Gustave A. and Geraldine F. Werner  
Undergraduate Award (2013–2014)

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

### FASHION TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY

Catriona K. Buchanan  
\$5,000 YAM Fashion Scholarship Fund  
Scholarship (2014)

Keiana K. Burton  
\$775 Marion Thompson Swenson, '39,  
Scholarship (2014)

Kaitlyn S. Emminger  
Buffalo State Bengal Plaid Designer Award  
(\$500)  
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)

Meizhen Lin  
\$500 Second Place Runway 7.0 (2014)  
Best in Show Runway 7.0 (2014)

Julianne Reich  
\$1,000 Erika Hoerner Scholarship (2014)

### FINE ARTS

Grace A. Borowski  
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award  
for Photography

Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award  
for Printmaking

Megan A. Cavanaugh  
Ruth M. Flock Scholarship

Michelle E. Meyers  
Fine Arts Department Outstanding  
Achievement in Photography Award

Monica L. Nickles  
Promising Sculptors Award

### GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING

Michael L. Bly  
Western New York American Planning  
Association Award

Timothy L. Hurysz  
National Council for Geographic Education  
Excellence of Scholarship (Planning) Award

Paula Jones  
Katherine T. Whittemore Award

Spencer T. Podsiadlo  
National Council for Geographic Education  
Excellence of Scholarship (Geography)  
Award

Alexandra J. Santora  
Katherine T. Whittemore Award

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Elle C. Anderson  
Health and Wellness Academic  
Achievement Award

Mariah Brown  
Health and Wellness Service and  
Leadership Award

Anastasia M. Gabriele  
Health and Wellness Service and  
Leadership Award

Thuy T. Vo  
Health and Wellness Academic  
Achievement Award

Alexis E. Weigel  
Health and Wellness Service and  
Leadership Award

### HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION

Briar Baker  
G. Allen McFarren Award for Excellence in  
Student Teaching  
Kevin Shea Memorial Scholarship Fund  
(2014)

Sean F. Donohue  
G. Allen McFarren Award for Excellence in  
Student Teaching

Hakeem M. Jackson  
Thomas G. Powell History Award (2014)

Benjamin Kanaley  
Norman F. Weaver Award for Excellence in  
Historical Research and Writing

Nathaniel P. Osmond  
Harold and Lucille Peterson Scholarship  
(2011–2015)

James J. Siniscalchi  
Bernard and Nancy Belfer Scholarship Fund  
Award (2014)  
Thomas F. Higgins Scholarship Award  
Donald D. and Barbara J. Leopard Memorial  
Scholarship Fund Award

Joshua S. Thompson  
Eric Brunger Award of Merit

### HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

Kenneth K. Armstrong  
New York State Restaurant Association  
Scholarship

Christopher P. Case  
Statler Scholarship (2014–2015)

Esmeralda J. Cepeda  
Hospitality and Tourism Department  
Scholarship

Nicole M. Dussault  
Pano's Scholarship  
Statler Scholarship (2014–2015)

James C. Fleming  
Pano's Scholarship

Teresa Galante  
Pano's Scholarship

Leanne E. Prati  
Pano's Scholarship

Carol M. Reyes  
Pano's Scholarship



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Brittany L. Schlager  
Pano's Scholarship  
Statler Scholarship (2014–2015)

Kaitlin J. Stillman  
Hospitality and Tourism Department  
Scholarship

Samantha D. Wik  
Statler Scholarship (2014–2015)

### INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES

Emmanuel B. Johnson  
Inspiration Award

Kayla M. Keitz  
Excellence in Academic Achievement

Meyada Majeed  
Excellence in Academic Achievement

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

### INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Katelyn Brownell  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
(2013–2015)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2012–2014)  
SUNYAC Commissioner's List (2013, 2014)

Megan M. Chapple  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2013, 2014)  
SUNYAC Commissioner's List (2014)

Todd A. Colas  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award (2014,  
2015)

Madeline I. Coneys  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
(2013–2015)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2013, 2014)  
SUNYAC Commissioner's List (2014)

Chelsea E. Davidson  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
(2013–2015)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2012–2014)  
SUNYAC Commissioner's List (2013, 2014)

Collin J. deGuehery  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
(2013–2015)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2013–2015)  
SUNYAC Commissioner's List (2013–2015)

Meghan E. Farrell  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award

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

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

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

Kaitlyn M. Gustafson  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award  
(2013–2015)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2013, 2014)  
SUNYAC Commissioner's List (2014)

Ian C. Huntoon  
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete Award (2015)  
SUNYAC All-Academic Team (2014)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### INTERIOR DESIGN

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

Tara K. Hollingworth  
Dean's Award for Excellence  
School of Arts and Humanities Creative  
Associate—Dean's Gallery

Jessica Muehlbauer  
Illuminating Engineering Society of North  
America-Ignite Scholarship (2014)  
Barbara L. Czurles Nelson and Donald J.  
Nelson Scholarship (2013–2014)  
School of Arts and Humanities Creative  
Associate—Dean's Gallery

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

### MATHEMATICS

Sarah E. Herberger  
Ruth E. Heintz Award

Eleana Martinez  
Ruth E. Heintz Award

Whitney R. Viggiano  
Mabel D. Montgomery Award

Jeffrey C. Weiss  
Douglas W. King Award

### MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

Gabriela M. Lyons  
Dean's Award for Excellence in Foreign  
Languages  
Pi Delta Phi Honorary Society French Award  
(2013)  
Sigma Delta Pi Honorary Society Spanish  
Award (2013)

Maria E. Rivera  
Ernest S. Falbo Foreign Language Award

Alicia L. Shields  
Dr. Eliane McKee French Education  
Scholarship  
Pi Delta Phi Honorary Society French Award  
(2013)

### MUSIC

Hannah R. Clark  
Dean's Award for Music

Andrew J. Fisher  
Marie Dellas Creative Achievement Award

### POLITICAL SCIENCE

Megan A. Connelly  
Outstanding Student in Political Science  
Award

Christopher M. Garozzo  
Special Political Science Award

Michelle E. Imafidon  
Raymond P. Stone Memorial Award

### PSYCHOLOGY

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

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

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

### SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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

### SOCIAL WORK

Susan L. Dolan  
Excellence in Social Work Student Award

Martana J. Eldridge  
Excellence in Social Work Student Award  
National Association of Social Workers New  
York State Western Division Award

Anna K. Frey  
Excellence in Social Work Student Award

Eric J. Wozniak  
Excellence in Social Work Student Award

## 2015 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

### SOCIOLOGY

Cassandra A. Ball  
Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society (2014–2015)  
Neumann-Clement Scholarship in Sociology Award (2014–2015)

Emily S. Barber-Dubois  
Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society (2013–2014)  
Conrad Vogler Promising Sociologist Award (2014–2015)

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

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

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

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

Steven Spencer  
Imaginative Sociologists of the Year Award (2014–2015)

Rita I. Yelda  
Herbert Aurbach Social Action Award (2013–2014)

### SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Hayley D. Payne  
Laura Ann Wells Memorial Scholarship (2014, 2015)  
Undergraduate Summer Research Fellow (2014)

Katelyn M. Weidner  
Undergraduate Summer Research Fellow (2014)

### STUDENT AFFAIRS

Kristine M. Assue  
Phillip Santa Maria Award for Student Leadership in Equity and Campus Diversity

Naomi Feliz  
Student Employee of the Year (2014–2015)

Crystal M. Holmes-Smith  
Phillip Santa Maria Student Humanitarian Award

Ashleigh-Ann C. Sutherland  
Mildred Keller Campbell Award

### TELEVISION AND FILM ARTS

John P. Petrillo  
Dean's Award for Excellence

### THEATER

Maiya E. Carson  
Outstanding Dancer Award (2014)

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

Katherine S. Norris  
Michael Dominico Performing Arts Award

Jesse R. Tiebor  
Dean's Award for Excellence

Casey N. Weidman  
Outstanding Dancer Award

### VOLUNTEER AND SERVICE LEARNING

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

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

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

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

Danielle M. Carbone  
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Neighborhood Advocate, 200 Hours of Service

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Allison R. Hyman  
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Active Citizen, 400 Hours of Service (2013–2014)

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

Kayla A. Lanzalaco  
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Community Supporter, 120 Hours of Service

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dwayne A. Remolado  
Outstanding Alternative Break Participant (2013–2014)

Symone Robertson  
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Neighborhood Advocate, 200 Hours of Service

Travis J. Smith  
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Active Citizen, 400 Hours of Service

David R. Sobczynski  
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Active Citizen, 400 Hours of Service

Christy Tolevski  
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Community Supporter, 120 hours of Service (2013–2014)

Joy M. Van Dette  
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement—Neighborhood Advocate, 200 Hours of Service

### WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR

Sarah E. Twardowski  
Graduating Senior Award

Emma E. Walsh  
Outstanding Student Award

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

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

All awards listed were granted in 2015 unless otherwise stated.

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

### MASTER OF ARTS

#### December 2014

Julie A. Boerner  
Allyse M. Fischer  
Britt R. Franklin  
Walaa M. Gashlan  
Kenneth R. James  
Rawan S. Linjawi  
Christopher J. Quail  
Debra S. Slater

### MASTER OF ARTS

#### January 2015

Michael T. Gallagher

### MASTER OF ARTS

#### May 2015

Brad M. Agen  
Mohamed Alinur  
David Ashelman  
Roy W. Bakos  
Amanda T. Boos  
Lance P. Boos  
Michael Borrelli  
Matthew Candeias  
Jennifer R. Conn  
Stacy A. Creech  
Anthony J. Digesare  
Chelsea B. Garbe  
Crystal Grabowski  
Amizetta J. Haj  
Benjamin S. Hietanen  
Brian P. Hinckley  
Lori A. Holmes  
Torri A. Ivancic  
Angela M. Knupfer  
Adam C. Labatore  
Katie M. Lanza  
Xiang Li  
YuanYuan Li  
Francis J. Lukacovic  
Angui D. Macham  
Leslie A. Makowski  
Kasimu J. Mayundo  
Phylicia T. Montgomery  
Danielle S. Morgera  
Karrie E. Myers  
Stephanie K. O'Bryan  
Jennifer E. O'Dee  
Peng Peng  
Alexey Petrov  
Naomi E. Reden  
Antonio L. Rockwell  
Christopher P. Root  
Carlos J. Salbany

Leah A. Schwab  
Kathleen E. Slade  
William S. Tyler  
Dawn M. P. Wallace  
Benjamin Watkins  
Linxuan Wu  
Jiazhen Zhang

### MASTER OF ARTS

#### August 2015

Amanda G. Chau  
Margaret E. Davis  
Alana A. Fajemisin  
Charlene H. Gray  
Jena E. Hirschbein  
Jennifer L. Johnson  
Zachary T. Long  
Tara L. Lyons  
Colleen P. O'Shea  
Erica C. Schuler  
Yelizaveta Sorokin  
Alison M. Spongr  
Christina M. Taylor  
Brandon V. White

### MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

#### December 2014

Michelle O. Amoako  
Siraj Bah  
Jeffrey E. Brown  
Roxanne Cuebas  
Megan M. Keogh  
Daniel R. Keppel  
Joella A. Lukwiya  
Leishia B. Smallwood  
Elizabeth A. Smith  
Megan L. Wilson

### MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

#### January 2015

Dinash Lal

### MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

#### May 2015

Shardai Adger  
Jill Bach  
Matthew Bellittiere  
Kyle A. Boxhorn  
Abdirahman A. Farah  
Maria D. Garozzo-Payne  
Kimberly R. German

Nidia Goitia  
Chelcie Gramza  
Robert P. Horwitz  
Rafael Jimenez  
Carolyn Martino  
Quinita S. McKinney  
Andrea B. Meyers  
Lisa M. Noonan  
Doralis M. Nunez  
Miguel A. Reyes-Mariano  
John R. Rodgers  
Joan M. Sponn  
Erica M. Stempniak  
Tara A. Territo  
John P. Wagner  
Cheryl A. Wailand  
Sam Yuwar

### MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

#### August 2015

Kwabena A. Adusei

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

#### December 2014

Amany A. Abdel-Mageed  
Marietta I. Acosta  
Jose P. Alcazar Zamacona  
Murray Altman-Kaough  
Leslie A. Barnhizer  
Keri A. Marrs Barron  
Kimberley E. Smith Bentley  
Nilubon Bhusri  
Amanda R. Borenstein  
Jason L. Brent  
Nicole L. Brown  
Melissa Buttafaro  
Loisa T. Camacho Bautista  
Leeann Catanzaro  
Eugene P. Comer  
Neil J. Commons  
Shany Daccarett  
Victoria S. Derr  
Emily I. Diem  
Mary J. Dwyer  
Anissa Eglington  
Solomon Eke  
Adryanna S. Elmendorf  
Tamara D. Fernandez  
Omar Florez  
Kate A. Forgie  
Diego M. Garcia  
Jeremy B. Hall  
Kristen L. Hargrave  
Michelle Hibbert  
Patrick J. Hillman  
Miriam S. Hoffman  
Alexandra R. Hogan  
Stephanie E. Howell  
Ian T. Huffaker  
Brandon L. Ihrig  
Carolina D. Campillo Jimenez  
MeLinda Tatum Kaiser  
William A. Kaputa  
Thomas J. Karanas  
Kirstin N. Koschmeder  
Ba Zan Lin  
Timothy L. Manley  
Melinda A. Marshall  
Monika L. McFoy  
Bryan P. McGowan  
Jennifer A. McLaurin  
Johanna P. Medina  
Eugenia Meneses  
Kacey L. Molloy  
Corinne M. Monette  
Lauren R. Morgan  
Jarron M. Mortimer  
Djuana Munn  
Joel J. Nalley  
David J. Neuman  
Sandra L. Noguera  
Pamela E. Opara  
Maria de Lourdes Ornelas  
Patrick J. Parisi  
Caitlin E. Mann Pauszek  
Marcus J. Pereira  
Lisa M. Plonka  
Wendy S. Powell  
Laura V. Puente Ramos  
Marina M. L. Rabelo  
Shantell M. Reid  
Holly S. Reslink  
Renato M. Rongcal Jr.  
Maria P. Rouco  
David D. Rueb  
Mary L. Ruthven  
Maria Lorena Saenz Mora  
Joseph A. Santora  
Ahmade K. Shah  
Nancy A. Sharara  
Jeong Hoon Shin  
Andre P. Simoes  
Rashada R. Stewart  
Scott A. Tanyi  
Georgina Tenorio Davila  
Angela M. Torres Rangel  
Travis N. Turner  
Henrietta Twumasi-Ankrah  
Paulo Valenza  
Nicole G. Vega  
Maureen M. Vitali

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

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

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

#### January 2015

Joshua J. Koszuta

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

#### May 2015

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

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

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

#### August 2015

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

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

#### December 2014

Jill M. Anderson  
Nicole E. Austin  
Ashley L. Barrick  
Kristen M. Bartkowski  
Susan L. Boyes

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

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

#### May 2015

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

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

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

Elizabeth N. Larocca  
Natalie M. Lazarus  
Starr Lederer  
Lori A. Lenoci  
James R. Leppert  
Keri L. Lock  
Abigail K. Long  
Danielle M. Long  
Elisa P. Lorenz  
Ashley V. Lynch  
Tyler A. Mack  
Peter Martin  
Courtney L. Martinic  
Michael P. Masich  
Daniel C. McCray  
Lindsey M. McSharar  
Elizabeth A. Miller  
Asma A. Mohamoud  
Michael S. Murray  
Alicia N. Myers  
Chelsey J. Nabozny  
Brittany Nagowski  
Zachary C. Nobles  
Kelly O'Hara  
Megan Q. Olscamp  
Katelyn M. O'Neill  
Cheryl Oyer  
Payal Patel  
Justine M. Pelligrino  
Charles R. Perry  
Leeann Pilarski  
Jamie E. Pochatko  
Christopher J. Pollard  
Sarah D. Pressberg  
Hollie A. Pringle  
Devon R. Printup  
Shauna M. Pucillo  
Jessica R. Raff  
Bethany M. Reeb  
Gabrielle M. Rodriguez  
Claire Rohrabacher  
Patricia E. Rosekrans  
Thomas J. Sarratori  
Rebecca L. Saunders  
Derek T. Schalk  
Nicole Schiske  
Lauren M. Schroder  
Jill M. Seifert  
Amanda L. Serio  
Deenah Simchick  
Paul J. Skotnicki  
Lauren Stegemann  
Jocelyn A. Stein  
Eric B. Streebel  
Megan E. Sullivan

Lindsay Sutherland  
Jessica M. Szalasny  
Daniel J. Tarnowski  
Evan L. Teculver  
Marjorie Thomas  
April L. Thompson  
Marissa A. Thompson  
Brittany A. Thrun  
Colleen L. Tighe  
Rebecca R. Truell  
SaTina Turner  
Sarah M. Turner  
Joseph J. Uhrich  
Ashton Vertalino  
Alicia M. Vetter  
Chanelle D. Wallace  
Kristen N. Weber  
Brittany M. Wienke  
Harley R. Wiertel  
Ashley A. Wodzinski  
Caroline Zatyko  
Caterina M. Zuppardo

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

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

### CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY

#### December 2014

Jennifer L. Spong

### CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY

#### May 2015

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

### CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY

#### August 2015

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

List compiled March 26, 2015. May 2015 graduate listings are anticipated based on successful completion of courses in progress.

August 2015 graduate listings are anticipated based on successful completion of courses in progress and successful completion of degree requirements during summer 2015.

## 2015 GRADUATE AWARDS

### ADULT EDUCATION

Shannon M. Fisher  
Award for Excellence

### APPLIED ECONOMICS

David Ashelman  
Outstanding Graduate Student Award in  
Economics and Finance

Angui D. Macham  
Outstanding Graduate Student Award in  
Economics and Finance

### ART CONSERVATION

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

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

Jena E. Hirschbein  
Margaret and Charles Balbach Art  
Conservation Fellowship (2013)  
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant  
(2012–2014)  
Samuel H. Kress Fellowship (2013, 2014)  
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship  
(2012–2014)  
National Endowment for the Humanities  
Fellowship (2012)  
Linda Joan Levy Paull Family Art  
Conservation Fellowship (2014)  
F. Christopher Tahk Art Conservation  
Fellowship (2014)

Jennifer L. Johnson  
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant  
(2012–2014)  
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship  
(2012–2014)

Zachary T. Long  
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant,  
(2012–2014)  
Dan Kushel Art Conservation Fellowship  
(2013, 2014)  
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship  
(2012–2014)  
National Endowment for the Humanities  
Fellowship (2012–2014)

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

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

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

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

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

### ART EDUCATION

Brittany A. Thrun  
Outstanding Graduate Student Award

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Mary J. Dwyer  
Morgan Graduate Award

### EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Jill M. Anderson  
Excellence in Educational Technology  
Graduate Student Award

Daniel W. Beattie  
Excellence in Educational Technology  
Graduate Student Award

Katelyn M. Casey  
Excellence in Educational Technology  
Graduate Student Award

Joseph D. Mattimore  
Excellence in Educational Technology  
Graduate Student Award

Lindsey M. McSharar  
Excellence in Educational Technology  
Graduate Student Award

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Excellence in Educational Technology  
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Graduate Student Award

Thomas J. Sarratori  
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Graduate Student Award

### ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

Michelle Hill  
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

Michaela A. Korczynski  
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Elizabeth A. Smith  
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Kayla M. Williams  
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### ENGLISH

Stacy A. Creech  
English Department Award for Excellence,  
Master of Arts

Chelsey J. Nabozny  
English Department Award for Excellence,  
Master of Science in Education, English  
Education

### EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

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

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

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

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

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

## 2015 GRADUATE AWARDS

### HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

- Anna M. Alvarado  
Al Ciardi Leadership and Service Award
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Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
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Outstanding Academic Achievement Award  
Robert A. Davis Endowed Scholarship
- Kayla R. Griewisch  
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
- Andrea G. Gustafson  
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award  
Outstanding Service to the Commission for  
Commuter Students and Adult Learners
- Jeremy B. Hall  
Outstanding Research Award
- Blythe Kaczmarczyk  
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
- Brittany Mazurkiewicz  
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
- Monika L. McFoy  
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
- Merissa G. McKasty  
Hurculine Guthrie Commitment to Diversity Award  
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
- Jennifer A. McLaurin  
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
- Jarron M. Mortimer  
Outstanding Contribution by a First-Year  
Higher Education Administration Student,  
Co-curricular Programs (2014)
- Caitlin E. Mann Pauszek  
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
- Jennifer M. Smith  
Hurculine Guthrie Commitment to  
Diversity Award  
Outstanding Internship Award
- Joanna Stein  
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award  
Outstanding Research Award (2014)
- Rashada R. Stewart  
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
- Laura K. Vasisko  
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
- Christina J. Williams  
Outstanding Research Award

### HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION

- Lance P. Boos  
Dr. Manny T. Koginos U.S. History Student  
Award  
Harold and Lucille Peterson Scholarship  
(2014–2015)
- Christopher P. Root  
E. O. Smith Jr. Endowed Scholarship Award  
(2014)

### MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

- Ashley A. Wodzinski  
Outstanding Postbaccalaureate Student  
(2011)

### OUTSTANDING MASTER'S PROJECT

- Tracy Fox  
A Case Study Investigating How Art  
Education Fosters Collaboration in an Urban  
Environment through the Lens of Public  
Pedagogy (January 2014)  
Shirley Hayes, Associate Professor of Art  
Education, Project Adviser
- Corinne Carter-Stadler  
Kimberly Farr  
Liane Schaub  
Jessica Washington  
Using an Early Reading Intervention  
Program to Increase Phonological Awareness  
Skills in Pre-Kindergarten Students At-Risk  
for Reading Failure (May 2014)  
Theresa M. Janczak, Associate Professor of  
Exceptional Education, Project Adviser

### OUTSTANDING MASTER'S THESIS

- Timothy A. Collins  
Rap Aesthetics and the Postmodern  
Imaginary (May 2014)  
Jennifer D. Ryan-Bryant, Associate Professor  
of English, Thesis Adviser
- Allyse M. Fischer  
Effects of Round Goby Presence on  
Invertebrate and Microbial Communities  
in Decaying Leaf Matter of a Lake Erie  
Tributary System (December 2014)  
Christopher M. Pennuto, Professor of  
Biology, Thesis Adviser

- Ashley Smith  
Artist Practice in the Elementary Classroom:  
Redefining Art Teaching through Artist-  
Teacher Philosophy (May 2014)  
Alice C. Pennisi, Associate Professor of Art  
Education, Thesis Adviser
- April O'Brien  
"God Loves All Them Feelings": Renegotiat-  
ing Faith and Sexuality in The Color Purple  
and Angels in America (May 2014)  
Jennifer D. Ryan-Bryant, Associate Professor  
of English, Thesis Adviser

### SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

- Rebekah T. Farrar  
Academic Excellence Award
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Clinical Excellence Award
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Academic Excellence Award (2014, 2015)
- Courtney Martinic  
Academic Excellence Award  
Clinical Excellence Award
- Kelly O'Hara  
Clinical Excellence Award
- Megan Q. Olscamp  
Clinical Excellence Award
- Payal Patel  
Academic Excellence Award (2014, 2015)  
Cynthia Steiger Beery Speech-Language  
Pathology Graduate Scholarship (2014)  
Deborah Moll-Richmond Foundation  
Scholarship (2013)
- Jaimee E. Pochatko  
Academic Excellence Award (2014)
- Lindsay Sutherland  
Academic Excellence Award (2014)  
Clinical Excellence Award

- Colleen L. Tigue  
Academic Excellence Award (2014)
- Alicia M. Vetter  
Academic Excellence Award (2014, 2015)
- Caroline Zatyko  
Academic Excellence Award (2014, 2015)

### STUDENT AFFAIRS

- Jerrell T. Mason  
Graduate Student Employee of the Year

### VOLUNTEER AND SERVICE LEARNING

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

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

- Kaitlyn M. Gardner  
Andrea G. Gustafson  
Elizabeth Kuttresch  
Ted J. Mallwitz  
Jarron M. Mortimer

All awards listed were granted in 2015  
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## ACADEMIC TRADITIONS

### ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The processional begins with the entrance of the seating marshals. After the degree candidates have been directed to their seats, the faculty members march to their places preceded by the head marshal. The mace bearer leads the platform party, which includes dignitaries, honorees, and the college administration.

### THE MACE AND MEDALLION

By tradition, seals of office and tools of authority have been incorporated in the ceremonies that invest individuals with the responsibilities and power of official leadership. Today purely symbolic, these objects once effected control themselves, the mace having been originally an iron club capable of breaking armor.

About the middle of the thirteenth century, the mace was adopted for civic purposes. Much earlier, seals, from which the college medallion was derived, constituted the official signatures of heads of church and state. Today, the academic seal, representing the office of the college president, and the mace, standing for order and authority, have become part of the pageantry of symbolism involved in formal academic ceremonies.

For Buffalo State, both mace and medallion are enhanced by their being the design and work of faculty members. The gold medallion was designed by the late Earl W. 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 bachelor's students who have maintained a minimum 3.50 grade point average for all work completed at Buffalo State. Graduates who have completed a minimum of 54 credit hours at Buffalo State with an average of 3.80 to 4.00 are designated summa cum laude, 3.65 to 3.79 magna cum laude, and 3.50 to 3.64 cum laude.

##### The Gold Tassel

Graduates wearing gold tassels on their mortarboards have completed Buffalo State's Muriel A. Howard Honors Program. Students must maintain a minimum 3.50 cumulative grade point average overall and take a number of honors courses to remain in the program. Qualified students enter the program as freshmen from high school, sophomores already attending Buffalo State, and juniors transferring from community colleges.

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

##### Military Honors Cord

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

##### Honor Society Cords

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

##### Student Organization Regalia

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

##### International

Students with international affiliations may wear stoles in accordance with their cultural traditions.

### 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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