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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,

56 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 2016 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 2016 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES!

This is a very special day on the Buffalo State campus.

Through perseverance, intellectual rigor, and a passion for learning, each member of the Class of 2016 has earned a degree from Buffalo State College. Let us celebrate the individual and collective accomplishments of this year's impressive graduating class. Congratulations to all!

Of course, life's greatest accomplishments are typically achieved with the support and encouragement of others. We take time today to offer thanks to family and friends who have helped ensure the academic success of their sons, daughters, husbands, wives, partners, and loved ones.

Our dedicated faculty and staff also deserve our gratitude and appreciation. Buffalo State strives for excellence in all we do. Our mission is to empower a diverse population of students to succeed as citizens of a challenging world. Family and friends and faculty and staff have all played a pivotal role in preparing our students for successful and fulfilling lives beyond this campus.

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.

In the spirit of our shared college identity, I encourage all graduates to stay connected—in person or online—with Buffalo State. You are a member of a large and growing Buffalo State alumni network and will forever be welcome here. We know that your greatest achievements are yet to come, and we ask you to keep us informed about the milestones in your life.

Again, congratulations to Buffalo State's Class of 2016!

Sincerely,



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

CONFERRING OF DEGREES



Katherine S. Conway-Turner, Ph.D.

Katherine S. 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 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

Susan A. Schuman, *Accompanist*
Accompanist, Music Department

Thomas R. McCray, *Mace Bearer*
Associate Professor Emeritus, Communication

CONVENING

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Members of the Buffalo State Chamber Choir

Ricky L. Fleming, *Director*

WELCOME

Katherine S. Conway-Turner
President, Buffalo State College

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Leanna M. Kalinowski, *Class of 2016*
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

Elizabeth A. Malinowski, *Class of 2016*
Bachelor of Science, Childhood Education

Presenter

Katherine S. Conway-Turner

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

Saša E. Vann, *Class of 2016*
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Hospitality Administration

BACCALAUREATE STUDENT ADDRESS

Saša E. Vann

YOUNG ALUMNUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Kyle R. Bradstreet, '02, '04
Writer and Producer, "Mr. Robot"

Presenters

Richard J. Trigilio, '90
President, Buffalo State Alumni Association

Katherine S. Conway-Turner

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Kyle R. Bradstreet

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Melanie L. Perreault
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

James Mayrose
Dean of the School of the Professions

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AFTERNOON BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY

2:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

The Rockwell Brass

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

PROCESSIONAL

The Rockwell Brass

Abigail B. Rockwood Puehn, *Accompanist*
Lecturer, Music

William Lin, *Mace Bearer*
Associate Professor Emeritus, Computer Information Systems

CONVENING

Robert M. Zak
Member, Buffalo State College Council

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President, Buffalo State College

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Devan V. Brady, *Class of 2016*
Bachelor of Arts, Media Production, Public Communication

Saša E. Vann, *Class of 2016*
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Hospitality Administration

Presenters

Byron W. Brown, '83
Trustee, State University of New York

Angelo M. Fatta
Trustee, State University of New York

Katherine S. Conway-Turner

BACCALAUREATE STUDENT ADDRESS

Saša E. Vann

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

David J. Cywinski, '87
Physician, Orthopedics

Presenters

Richard J. Trigilio, '90
President, Buffalo State Alumni Association

Katherine S. Conway-Turner

SUNY HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Madeline D. Davis
Gay Rights Activist, Author, Musician, Actor

Presenters

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RECOGNITION OF POSTHUMOUS DEGREES

Presenters

Melanie L. Perreault

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

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Lecturer, Music

Heidi E. Dietz Faletti, *Mace Bearer*
Associate Professor Emerita, English

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Allen F. "Pete" Grum
Member, Buffalo State College Council

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Associate Professor, Music

WELCOME

Katherine S. Conway-Turner
President, Buffalo State College

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Kenise K. Adams, *Class of 2016*
Master of Science, Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration

Presenter

Katherine S. Conway-Turner

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Ashley L. Weselak, *Class of 2016*
Master of Science in Education, English Education

Presenter

Katherine S. Conway-Turner

GRADUATE STUDENT ADDRESS

Ashely L. Weselak

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Catherine F. Collins, '75
New York State Regent, 8th Judicial District

Presenters

Richard J. Trigilio, '90
President, Buffalo State Alumni Association

Katherine S. Conway-Turner

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Catherine F. Collins

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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Provost

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

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SUNY HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS



Madeline D. Davis

Madeline Davis is a noted gay rights activist, author, actor, and musician. She is a founding member of the Mattachine Society of the Niagara Frontier, the first gay rights organization in Western New York. For more than four decades, Ms. Davis has been an integral force in the LGBT community through her civic engagement, scholarly and artistic activities, and political and social activism. Her efforts have earned her national acclaim and recognition.

In 1972, she became the first openly lesbian delegate at a major political convention, attending the Democratic National Convention in Miami, Florida, where she spoke in support of a gay rights plank. As a member of the Democratic Committee, Ms. Davis worked to foster equal protections and civil liberties for gay and lesbian Americans. She was named to the *Advocate's* Hall of Fame in 2012.

In 1988, she addressed the American Library Association Conference, speaking on AIDS in the workplace. She has also lectured extensively on women's history and sex and gender issues at a number of universities. She co-authored the book *Boots of Leather, Slippers of Gold: The History of a Lesbian Community* and has published numerous articles on sexuality and women's history, as well as short stories and poetry.

Ms. Davis is a founding member of the HAG Theatre, the first all-lesbian theater company in the United States, and a member of Buffalo United Artists theater company. In 1993, she received an Artie Award nomination for her work in the one-woman drama *Cookin' with Typhoid Mary*, directed by Margaret Smith.

Ms. Davis has performed as a folk singer in coffee houses in Buffalo, Seattle, San Francisco, New York, and Toronto. In 1994, she co-founded the Black Triangle Women's Percussion Ensemble, and she continues to perform with the percussion group *Drawing Down the Moon*. She has composed over 45 songs, most with gay and lesbian themes.

Ms. Davis founded the Madeline Davis Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Archives of Western New York to help preserve the history of the region's gay communities. This collection was donated to Buffalo State in 2009, where it remains a treasured resource.

She retired in 1995 as chief conservator and head of preservation in the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System.

BACCALAUREATE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS YOUNG ALUMNUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Kyle R. Bradstreet, Class of 2002 and 2004

Kyle Bradstreet is an award-winning writer and producer whose work has been produced in the United States and Europe. He received his bachelor of arts degree in English with a minor in theater from Buffalo State in 2002, and then went on to earn his master of arts degree in multidisciplinary studies in 2004.

Mr. Bradstreet is currently working on the critically acclaimed *Mr. Robot* (USA Network), for which he has received Golden Globe and Writers Guild of America awards. Past television series include *Berlin Station* (Epix), *Copper* (BBC America), *Borgia: Faith and Fear* (Netflix), and *The Philanthropist* (NBC). He has also written for HBO and FX Productions.

Mr. Bradstreet is the author of the plays *From Prague*, *October Eternal*, and *Honor Thy Mother and Alcohol*, as well as numerous one-acts. His dramas have been produced and developed at the Flea Theater, the Contemporary American

Theater Festival, the Gloucester Stage Company, Cherry Lane Theatre (Barefoot Theatre Company), LabRats theater company, Jimmy's No. 43, the Shortened Attention Span Festival at the Players Theatre, and Microteatro Por Dinero in Madrid.

His short fiction has been published in such literary blogs and journals as *Blood Lotus*, *Third Wednesday*, the *Coachella Review*, *rFISHc*, and *Two Hawks Quarterly*. Guest lecturing stints include New York University's Tisch School of the Arts and Buffalo State College. Mr. Bradstreet is a member of the Dramatists Guild of America and a council member of the Writers Guild of America, East. He actively supports the mission of Buffalo State College through scholarship opportunities and by mentoring students.

GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD



Catherine Fisher Collins, Class of 1975

Catherine Collins was elected to represent the 8th Judicial District of the New York State Board of Regents by the New York State Legislature for a five-year term beginning in March 2015. She has held positions in health care and health planning, education, and administration throughout her professional career. She served as an associate professor at SUNY Empire State College for more than 24 years, and also as a faculty member in Millard Fillmore College at the University at Buffalo (UB), the Criminal Justice Department at Buffalo State College, and the Human Services Department at Medaille College.

Dr. Collins graduated from Buffalo State in 1975 with a bachelor of science degree in vocational technical education. She went on to earn a nursing degree from Trocaire College and a master of science degree in allied health education, evaluation, and curriculum development from UB, where she also completed the School of Nursing's nurse practitioner program. She earned her D.Ed. from UB in 1990, majoring in education administration. She holds three certifications in health education, and is a graduate of England's Oxford University Women's Roundtable.

Dr. Collins served on the Buffalo School Board and the New York State Commission of Corrections Medical Review Board, the first nurse appointed to this position, which she held for more than five years. She is the author of 13 books on women's issues and social justice, and is a mediator for community dispute resolution. She also hosted a health service information program on WIVB-TV for three years and, in 2011, launched "Women's Health with Dr. Catherine Collins," which airs on WWS-AM 1400.

Dr. Collins has exhibited a quest for lifelong learning and has dedicated herself to community service. She has received over 50 awards and honors for her work, including the SUNY Outstanding Faculty Fellow, the 2014 Altes Prize for Exemplary Community Service from Empire State College, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from Jack and Jill of America, where she served as national vice president. In addition, she has spearheaded community initiatives such as Project Love and Hope for Homeless Children that has served children in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD



David J. Cywinski, Class of 1987

David Cywinski is an orthopedic physician at the Finger Lakes Bone & Joint Center in Canandaigua, New York. He graduated from Buffalo State in 1987 with a bachelor of arts degree in biology. While attending Buffalo State, he served as president of United Students Government from 1986 to 1987 and participated on the rugby team and the Ambulance Corps. He also served as a public safety assistant in multiple residence halls.

Dr. Cywinski began his career after graduation as a firefighter and paramedic, but he had always hoped to attend medical school. He went on to SUNY Upstate Medical University, where he earned his doctor of medicine in 2000.

During the war in the Balkans, Dr. Cywinski spent time in the International Medical Corps in Bosnia (1993–1995) and later in Kosovo (1999), teaching emergency medical techniques and treating the war wounded. He assessed the

needs of hospitals and health clinics, and counseled children with post-traumatic stress disorder. In 2010, he spent 10 days in Haiti providing medical relief after the devastating earthquake there.

Dr. Cywinski has a lifelong dedication to service to his community. In 1986, when he was just 21 years old and a student at Buffalo State, he and two friends embarked on an 8,141-mile bike ride to raise money for the Babcock Boys & Girls Club to give back to the organization that provided them with a safe place to go during their childhood. Tragically, a truck struck Dr. Cywinski and one of his companions in Seguin, Texas, and they were unable to complete the ride. Twenty-five years later, in 2011, the three completed the bike ride to benefit the Seneca Babcock Community Center in Buffalo and the Geneva, New York, chapter of the Boys & Girls Club of America.

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



Saša E. Vann

Saša Vann has earned a bachelor of arts degree with dual majors in psychology and hospitality administration, attaining a 3.8 GPA while participating in the McNair Scholars Program and Ross B. Kenzie Family Presidential Scholarship, and earning two-time All-American status as captain of the Buffalo State track and field team.

Throughout her career at Buffalo State, Ms. Vann has excelled in academic performance, citizenship, and leadership. She is an exceptional student whose career interests are focused on clinical neuropsychology and the study of posttraumatic stress disorder among women in the military. She has built an impressive record of undergraduate research, authoring an honors thesis in psychology and participating in the 10-week Summer Trainee and Research Program at the University of Maryland for students preparing for doctoral programs. She has presented her research findings in multiple academic forums, including the Buffalo State Student Research and Creativity Celebration. In recognition of her efforts, she was accepted into Psi Chi, the international honor society in psychology, and was elected chair of the college's chapter of the National Society of Minorities in Hospitality.

Dedicated to her campus community, Ms. Vann volunteered with the Alternative Fall Break program for three consecutive years, serving as a site leader in 2015. She also coordinated a group of 130 volunteers in a cleanup of Scajaquada Creek during Bengals Dare to Care Day, worked with Weigel Health Center on its Tobacco-Free Campaign and other initiatives, and volunteered with the Anne Frank Project.

As an elite sprinter, Ms. Vann twice earned All-American honors in the 4 x 400-meter relay and won an individual ECAC title in the 500-meter dash and an individual SUNYAC title in the 400-meter dash. She received the Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award in 2014 for winter track and in 2015 for spring track.

Ms. Vann is a uniquely gifted student and scholar. She effortlessly combines intelligence, intellectual curiosity, integrity, determination, and generosity of spirit. She created a remarkable collegiate experience by not only participating in but also excelling in all her chosen activities. For this, she is held in high regard by both her peers and faculty members.

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



Devan V. Brady

Devan Brady has earned a bachelor of arts degree with dual majors in media production and public communication, attaining a 3.95 GPA while combining academic achievement with a commitment to community service and a proclivity for research.

Ms. Brady is an ideal student, equally adept at working independently and collaboratively. Her diverse interests, critical thinking skills, and dedication to excellence enriched the academic experience of all those around her as she sought a robust and challenging education. With top-notch writing abilities, communication skills, business acumen, and social media expertise, she built an exemplary undergraduate career.

After traveling to Israel, France, Italy, and Switzerland, Ms. Brady created a video and authored primary research on the benefits of studying abroad. She presented her findings at the 2015 Student Research and Creativity Celebration to encourage others to pursue academic travel. In addition, she

served as the line producer overseeing the daily organization of the filming of *Cappuccino Jones*, a full-scale television pilot produced by Buffalo State television film arts students.

Ms. Brady is a natural leader who served as president of the student board of the college's Muriel A. Howard Honors Program and as a student member of the Buffalo State College Foundation board of directors, helping raise more than \$400,000 annually for scholarships. She also served as president of the college's chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, the honor society of the National Communication Association.

A tireless volunteer, Ms. Brady has devoted time in the community to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign, Depew High School musicals, the New York Special Olympics Polar Plunge, the Wheels with Wings Foundation, and the Skating Association for the Blind and Handicapped.

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.

2016 PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT FINALISTS

Devan V. Brady
Leanna M. Kalinowski
Elizabeth A. Malinowski
Lyndsay M. Raymond
Jennifer J. Steinhorst

2016 PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT FINALISTS

Kenise K. Adams
Courtney R. Blake

The 2016 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



Leanna M. Kalinowski

Leanna Kalinowski has earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology, attaining a 3.8 GPA while participating in the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program and its summer research program.

During her time at Buffalo State, Ms. Kalinowski has distinguished herself with intelligence, motivation, and commitment to academic excellence, as well as consistent, high-quality contributions to the college and greater community. She has amassed a remarkable record of achievement inside and outside the classroom.

Based on six weeks of research that she initiated during the McNair Scholars Summer Research Program, Ms. Kalinowski completed an honors thesis examining the effects of Ecstasy use, with adolescent rats as a neurological model. She also was awarded a separate Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship at Buffalo State to examine visual and cognitive influences on spoken language comprehension. In addition, she conducted research assessing the kinds of information that breach our visual attention filter on an unconscious level.

She has presented her findings at six conferences, including two regional professional conferences. She is a valued teaching assistant and tutor in the Psychology Department and is poised to pursue a career in behavioral neuroscience and psychology. Ms. Kalinowski's campus leadership and volunteer experience is also notable. She served as president of the college's chapter of Psi Chi, the international honor society in psychology, and founded the Buffalo State Psi Chi Research Team, which provides undergraduates with the opportunity to conduct research and present findings at a regional conference. She is an academic mentor and tutor with the Educational Opportunity Program, a peer educator with Weigel Health Center's Health Promotions Office, and a member of the Alternative Winter Break service team that worked with homeless citizens in Washington, D.C.

She embodies the best qualities of a Buffalo State scholar and citizen of considerable zeal and talent. She is an interested and thoughtful participant in academics and in life.

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



Elizabeth A. Malinowski

Elizabeth Malinowski has earned a bachelor of science degree in childhood education with a concentration in mathematics, attaining a 3.69 GPA while serving as captain of the Buffalo State women's soccer team.

Ms. Malinowski is an ambitious student with demonstrated confidence in her teaching abilities and an intangible set of leadership qualities that make her a valued classmate and teammate.

An aspiring teacher and member of Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education, she sought out challenging student-teaching and research assignments that would best prepare her for a career in education. In 2015, she was awarded an Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship through the Buffalo State Undergraduate Research Office to analyze, interpret, and write a case study about reading proficiency among young Native American students. In her student-teaching placements, her mentors described her as

having the classroom-management skills of a veteran teacher with a level of efficiency that was fueled by her strong work ethic and professional concern for her students' progress.

As a student-athlete, she earned SUNYAC All-Academic honors for four consecutive years and helped the soccer team reach the SUNYAC playoffs three times. Tough and durable, she gained the admiration of her teammates and demonstrated how to win with modesty and persevere through losses. Off the field, she was a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and led "I Am College Bound" and "Kid's Night Out" activities for local schoolchildren.

Ms. Malinowski has volunteered in the community with Buffalo State's Global Book Hour as well as the American Lung Association's Fight for Air Climb, the American Cancer Society's Making Strides against Breast Cancer walks, and the Amherst Soccer Association's youth girls programs.

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



Ashley L. Weselak

Ashley Weselak has earned a master of science in education degree in English education, attaining a 3.96 GPA while excelling in campus leadership roles and representing her school in unique international experiences.

Dynamic, curious, technologically conversant, and highly skilled at communicating with individuals from all personal backgrounds and professional levels, Ms. Weselak is a valued ambassador for the college and its graduate programs. In 2015, she was selected as the first student from the School of Education (and first non-theater student) to participate in the Theater Department's Anne Frank Project service trip to Rwanda. She shared drama-based education practices for teacher-trainers at the Wellspring Foundation for Education and later presented her findings about drama-based education in Rwanda to the National Association for Professional Development Schools. In prior education trips, she has visited England, Ireland, Italy, and Poland.

Ms. Weselak is socially adept and flexible in multiple situations and places. In the classroom, she continually shows

initiative and intellectual risk-taking by considering all sides of an issue, but she always remains committed to student-centered learning. For this reason, she was named a lead graduate student on a research project conducted through the Woods-Beals Endowed Chair in Urban Education at Buffalo State. She managed the collection and analysis of data to study how online learning environments can help foster academic and critical literacy development for adolescents.

Outside the classroom, she served her fellow students as a senator in the Graduate Student Association and was selected as a SUNY student fellow at the 2015 SUNYCON conference. As an AmeriCorps volunteer, she worked as head teacher of the English as a second language program and organized citizenship courses.

With a rare blend of academic training, fierce initiative, and thoughtful engagement, Ms. Weselak is adept at teaching, leading, and inspiring people. Her consistent performance and attitude make her an ideal educator.

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



Kenise K. Adams

Kenise Adams has earned a master of science degree in higher education and student affairs administration, attaining a 4.0 GPA while being actively involved in the campus and global communities.

Driven by a positive attitude and a keen sense of the needs of others, Ms. Adams brings a critical inquiry perspective and skill set to a research setting that rivals most doctoral students. Her attention to detail is impeccable, and she uses her strong quantitative and writing skills to explore issues of professional development, social justice, and socioeconomics.

Ms. Adams is particularly passionate about international students and their experiences. After learning of the struggles of international students while working at the International Student Services Office at Buffalo State, she conceived of and developed the college's International Student Mentoring Program to assist first-year international students in their transition to campus.

She has shared and expanded her knowledge of the higher education field by conducting seven presentations and attending six conferences in a two-year period. Involved with groups at the state and national levels, she was selected as one of five SUNY student fellows at the 2015 SUNYCON conference, engaging in system-level discussions on issues in higher education. She also served as an American College Personnel Association mentor and brand ambassador.

On campus, Ms. Adams has demonstrated leadership in action as chair of the Professional Development Committee of the Graduate Association of Student Personnel Administrators and as a resident director, supervising 20 resident assistants. She is a poised leader whose care and commitment to the successful development of students is evident in her dedicated work as a scholar and a professional.

2016 CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

December 2015

Craig A. Abraham *
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Recognition for Anthropology Honors Thesis
A Short Overview of Polynesian and North American Tattooing
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Recognition for Anthropology Honors Thesis
Skeletal Osteoarthritis and Its Medical Implications
Julie A. Wiczowski, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Thesis Adviser

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Anthropology News Undergraduate Columnist, American Anthropological Association (2015–2016)
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award
Recognition for Anthropology Honors Thesis
Buffalo's Revival: Transformation through Music and Space
Kimberly L. Hart, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Thesis Adviser

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An Exploration of GIS Applications in Landscape Archaeology of Old Fort Niagara
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ARTS AND LETTERS

Jessie R. Soto
Dean's Award for Arts and Letters

BIOLOGY

Madeleine M. Pope
Biology Honors Recipient (2015)

Mariah Schaus
Biology Honors Recipient (2015)
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award to an Outstanding Biology Senior
William C. Scheffler Memorial Award for Excellence in Biometrics (2015)

BUSINESS

Tonaxi S. Chavez
Outstanding Student in the Business Administration Program

Esther G. Ekong
Outstanding Student in the Business Department—International Business Concentration

Britni N. Mignon
Outstanding Student in the Business Department—Marketing Concentration

Tyshame M. Reid
Outstanding Student in the Business Department—Management Concentration

**CAREER AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION**

Peter Flanagan
Nova John Popovich Scholarship (2015–2016)

Sean A. Sweetser
Glenn O. Sallack Scholarship (2014)

CHEMISTRY

Elizabeth M. Flowers
Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society (2015)

Eric Gauchat
American Chemical Society Distinguished Student Award
American Chemical Society Inorganic Chemistry Award
American Chemical Society Organic Chemistry Award
American Chemical Society Polymer Education Award (2015)
American Chemical Society Undergraduate Analytical Award (2015)
American Institute Award
Saul Barron Memorial Award
Chemical Rubber Company Award (2013)
Albert A. Himmel Electives Award
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society
Noel Simmons Memorial Award
Dr. Surjit Singh Physical Chemistry Award

Kasey J. Hoopsick
Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society (2015)
Constance Milliner Outstanding Service Award

Eridania Marte
Dr. Richard Chrzanowski Analytical Award (2015)
Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society (2015)
Minority Student Award (2015)

Colleen Martin
Margaret Dupre Memorial Award (2014)
Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society (2014)
Starks Associate Award (2015)

Krystal A. Norman
Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society (2015)

Kelsey B. Sargent
Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society (2015)
Linus Pauling Award (2015)
Starks Associates Award (2016)

Jessica L. Spencer
Excellence in Analytical Chemistry (2015)
Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society
Nicholas Jonmaire Forensic Award
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society

2016 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

COMMUNICATION

- Devan V. Brady
Dean's Award for Excellence in Communication
Dr. Julia Piquette Communication Scholarship (2014)
- Labria T. Burgess
Dr. Julia Piquette Communication Scholarship (2015)
- Mary K. Hughes
Outstanding Student in Media Production
- Jeffrey Mayne
Outstanding Student in Journalism
- Jonathon-Tyler R. Southwell
Buffalo News Scholarship Award (2014)
Outstanding Student in Communication Studies
- Erika E. Taylor
Outstanding Student in Public Communication

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

- Sean C. Ellis
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award
- Joseph S. Fedyna
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award
- Jenna M. Gleason
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award
- Aaron Laskoski
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award
- Justin M. Moore
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award
- Joshua Popelka
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award
- Adam A. Stockton
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award
- Allen A. Westenfeld
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award
- Adam J. Zimnicki
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- Joseph D. Creek
Donald J. Griffin Memorial Scholarship Award (February 2016)
- Timothy A. Fricke
Criminal Justice Faculty Certificate of Merit (February 2016)
- Alisa Williams
Looseleaf Law Publications (February 2016)

DESIGN

- Emily L. Beresford
Dean's Gallery/School of Arts and Humanities Creative Associates in Fibers (2014)
- Rebecca M. Dwight
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Awards in Fibers (2015)
Nancy Belfer Scholarship/Fibers Design Student Award for Excellence in Fibers (2015)
Dean's Gallery/School of Arts and Humanities Creative Associates in Fibers (2015)
James Lombardo Sr. Award for Excellence in the Visual Arts for Fibers (2014)
- Stephanie L. Fowler
John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence in Ceramics (2015)
James Lombardo Sr. Award for Excellence in the Visual Arts for Ceramics (2014)
- Dylan D. Goodsell
Dean's Gallery/School of Arts and Humanities Creative Associates in Communication Design (2015)
Earl Wolfgruber Award in Communication Design (2014)
- Eric D. Johnson
Earl Wolfgruber Award in Communication Design (2015)
- Patrick K. Martin
John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence in Communication Design (2014)
- Sean M. Pantling
Dean's Gallery/School of Arts and Humanities Creative Associates in Communication Design (2015)
- Megan E. Sweeney
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Awards in Communication Design (2014)
Dean's Award for Excellence for Communication Design
James Lombardo Sr. Award for Excellence in the Visual Arts for Communication Design (2015)

EARTH SCIENCES AND SCIENCE EDUCATION

- Kari-Anne L. Clayton
David Vernon Bullough Award for Academic Excellence (2015)
- Trevor W. Jennings
Irving H. Tesmer Award for Excellence in Geology (2015)
John Murtaugh Award for Excellence in Scientific Field Work
- Brandon D. Luther
Carl Seyfert Memorial Award (2015)
Irving H. Tesmer Award for Excellence in Geology
- Christopher A. Poliso
David Vernon Bullough Award for Academic Excellence
- Hiruni C. Senarath Dassanayake
Carl Seyfert Memorial Award

ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

- Alexandria J. Blumberg
David Vernon Bullough Award
- Anuj K. Ramaiya
Outstanding Student Award
- Emilee Rosa
Outstanding Student Award
- Matthew Sanchez
Outstanding Student Award

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

- Daquan R. Anderson
Theresa A. Shepard Advocacy Award
- Ericka S. Brooks
Arthur O. Eve Distinguished Student Achievement Award
- Anna M. Niyonzime
Arthur O. Eve Distinguished Student Achievement Award
- Pedro L. Pagan
Buffalo State College Alumni Association Award
- Joseph Springer
Buffalo State College Alumni Association Award

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

- Kathryn M. Arent
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award (2015)
- Emily A. Babcock
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award (2015)
Lenore Levy Award for Exemplary Performance in an Urban School
- Jessica L. Dubois
Alice Stielow Wehrung Schmidt, '41, Endowed Scholarship in Elementary Education (2015–2016)
- Stacy C. Erokwu
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award (2015)
- Jamie L. Guerra
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award (2015)
- Nicole L. Hahn
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award (2015)
- Emily K. Honsberger
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award (2015)
- Daniel Klein
Professional Development Schools Consortium Leadership Award
- Tyler Lago
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award (2015)
- Elizabeth A. Malinowski
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award (2015)
- Kaitlyn Rozwood
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award (2015)
- Alexandra J. Seibert
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence Award

2016 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Richard Andrzejewski
Epsilon Pi Tau (2012)

Scott M. Andzel
Epsilon Pi Tau (2014)

Joel D. Branson
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)

Afolabi Soetan
Glenn O. Sallack Scholarship (2015)

Jason Sowersby
Epsilon Pi Tau (2014)
Glenn O. Sallack Scholarship (2015)

Chad E. Walker
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)

ENGLISH

Caroline R. Baldwin
Arts and Humanities Dean's Award for
Excellence

Katharine Brown
English Department Award for Excellence,
Bachelor of Arts, English

William J. O'Neill-White
English Department Award for Excellence,
Bachelor of Science, English Education (7-12)

Petrina M. Scaglione
Bard Cappella Academic Award for Applied
Literacy

Jillian D. Swisher
Epsilon Pi Tau International Honorary for
Professions in Technology (2011)

EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

John L. Alessandra
Horace Mann Award for Outstanding
Undergraduate Student in Exceptional
Education (2015)
Horace Mann Scholarship for Exceptional
Education Students (2015-2016)

Cindy R. Chatoo
Horace Mann Scholarship for Exceptional
Education Students (2014)
Horace Mann Travel Award for Council for
Exceptional Children Students (2014)

Courtney J. Denmark
Gustave A. and Geraldine F. Werner
Undergraduate Award (2014-2015)
Paul Thoms Council for Exceptional
Children Membership Scholarship (2014)

Amelia J. Dick
Gustave A. and Geraldine F. Werner
Undergraduate Award (2015-2016)

Alexandra J. Seibert
Gayle Fish, '56, and Donald Schrader
Undergraduate Award (2014-2015, 2015-2016)

Annalise N. Stark
Gustave A. and Geraldine F. Werner
Undergraduate Award (2014-2015)
Horace Mann Award for Outstanding
Undergraduate Student in Exceptional
Education (2014)

Kathryn A. Vitale
Dr. Bernard Yormak Award for Outstanding
Undergraduate Student in Exceptional
Education (2015)
Paul Thoms Council for Exceptional
Children Membership Scholarship (2015)

Jennifer M. Wojcik
Paul Thoms Council for Exceptional
Children Membership Scholarship (2013)

FASHION AND TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY

Elizabeth M. Knights
\$1,000 Runway 8.0 First Place Senior
Collection (2015)

Itana Merced
Epsilon Pi Tau (2014)

Brooke L. Michaels
Epsilon Pi Tau (2014)

Amy M. Michel
Marion Thomas Swenson, '39, Scholarship
(2015-2016)

Jose G. Moscoso
\$5,000 YAM Fashion Scholarship Fund
Scholarship (2015)
Runway 8.0 Best Student Collection (2015)

Jennifer J. Steinhorst
Sustainable Innovation Award (2015)
Marion Thompson Swenson, '39, Scholarship
(2013)

Hannah K. Trainer
Runway 8.0 Best in Show (2015)

Mirna Wilson
Epsilon Pi Tau (2014)
Runway 6.0 First Place Individual Design
(2013)

FINE ARTS

Marshall M. Cancilla
Bacon Best of Studio Award for Painting
(2015, 2016)

Barbara L. Czurlis Nelson and Donald J.
Nelson Scholarship (2013)
Hyatt's Award for Figure Drawing

Taylor E. Correa
Fine Arts Department Award for Outstanding
Achievement in Drawing

Janelle C. Johnson
Fine Arts Department Award for Outstanding
Achievement in Printmaking

Vernetta M. Knox
Bacon Best of Studio Award for Photography

Pamela J. Koons
R. Steven Janke Memorial Fund

Kenny Leon
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award
for Printmaking (2015)
James Lombardo Sr. Award for Excellence in
Printmaking (2015)

Tiffany C. Rohrback
Bacon Best of Studio Award for Photography
(2015)
Barbara L. Czurlis Nelson and Donald J.
Nelson Scholarship (2014)
Fine Arts Department Award for Outstanding
Achievement in Photography
James Lombardo Sr. Award for Excellence in
Printmaking (2015)

Sabrene W. Salem
Hyatt's Award for Photography

GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING

Seth Atkinson
Updraft Award
Katheryne T. Whittemore Award for
Outstanding Graduate in Geography
and Planning

Justin Blicharski
Updraft Award

Sarah E. Gatti
Western New York American Planning
Association Student Merit Award

Keith R. House
National Center for Geographic Education
Excellence of Scholarship Award (Planning)

Megan Klein
National Center for Geographic Education
Excellence of Scholarship Award (Geography)

Elliot R. Love
David Bullough Memorial Award for
Academic Excellence

Scott M. Thompson
Chair's Discretionary Award

HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND DIETETICS

Sara A. Gardner
Health and Wellness Major GPA Award
Service Award and Outstanding Undergrad-
uate Health Education Major of the Year,
Society of Public Health Education

Sarah A. Gorski
Health, Nutrition, and Dietetics Major
GPA Award

HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION

Kyle M. Anderson
Kathleen Mallea Award for Excellence in
Social Studies Education (2015)
G. Allen McFarren Award for Excellence in
Student Teaching

Claire M. Deschamps
Kathleen Mallea Award for Excellence in
Social Studies Education
Kevin Shea Memorial Scholarship Fund (2015)

Jason Drzymala
Anthony Sokolowski Scholarship Award

Katie L. Gojevic
Dr. Manny T. Koginos U.S. History Student
Award

James A. Walkowiak
Bernard and Nancy Belfer Scholarship Fund
Award (2015)
Donald D. and Barbara J. Leopard Memorial
Scholarship Fund Award

2016 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

- Jessica C. Adams
Pano's Scholarship (2015–2016)
- Jonathan T. Barnhard
Hart Hotel Scholarship (2014–2015)
Statler Scholarship (2015–2016)
- Thomas E. Bland
Hospitality and Tourism Chair's
Scholarship
- Megan E. Bratjan
Pano's Scholarship
- Jessica L. Chamberlin
Statler Scholarship (2015)
- Ashley M. Coleman
Hospitality and Tourism Chair's
Scholarship
New York State Hospitality and Tourism
Association Scholarship (2015)
- Cara Crowder
Statler Scholarship of Excellence (2015–2016)
- Amelia L. Gillman
Statler Scholarship (2015)
Hospitality and Tourism Department
Scholarship
- Benjamin Glisman
Statler Scholarship (2015–2016)
- Carissa L. Kacko
Hospitality and Tourism Department
Scholarship
- Jacklyn E. Kertznie
Statler Scholarship (2015–2016)
Pano's Scholarship
- Jamison R. Powell
New York State Restaurant Association
Scholarship
- Saša E. Vann
Hospitality and Tourism Chair's
Scholarship

INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES

- Eric J. Gersbacher
Individualized Studies Award for Civic
Engagement
- Matthew C. Janish
Excellence in Academic Performance Award
- Lazarus E. Lynch
Excellence in Entrepreneurship Award

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

- John L. Alessandra
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2014–2016)
- Jennifer L. Cecchettini
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2014–2016)
- Kristina N. Change
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2014–2016)
- Andrew A. Cleveland
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2014–2016)
- Sarah M. Exposito
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete
- Sara A. Gardner
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2014–2016)
- Sarah A. Gorski
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2014–2016)
- Sean Hrivnak
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2014–2016)
- Rachelle C. Kelchlin
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2014–2016)
- Alison J. Kolczynski
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2014–2016)
- Robert M. Kuhnle
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2015, 2016)
- Kendel O. Levy
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete
- Jacob J. Lipowski
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2014–2016)
- Elizabeth A. Malinowski
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2013–2015)
- Stephanie A. Novo
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2014–2016)

- Joseph R. Oca
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2014–2016)
- Shuntone Pricher
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2015, 2016)
- Hannah M. Renaldo
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2015, 2016)
- Matthew J. Ringer
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2014–2016)
- Jordan L. Sarat
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2014–2016)
- Nick V. Schiro
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2014–2016)
- Dallas I. Taylor
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2015, 2016)
- Saša E. Vann
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2014–2016)
- Akeem K. Williams
Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2015, 2016)

INTERIOR DESIGN

- Elizabeth A. Decker
Bruce Elliot Award (2015–2016)
Barbara L. Czurlis Nelson and Donald J.
Nelson Scholarship (2015–2016)
- Darcy L. Engle
Hazel M. Bleeker Scholarship (2013–2014)
Crit 500 Place Awards by International
Interior Design Association, First Place
(2013–2014)
Barbara L. Czurlis Nelson and Donald J.
Nelson Scholarship (2014–2015)
Barbara L. Czurlis Nelson and Donald J.
Nelson Special Support Award (2014–2015)
Dr. Marie Dellas Creative Award
(2015–2016)
Illuminating Engineering Society Lighting
Design Competition/Scholarship (2015)
Illuminating Engineering Society Young
Professionals Scholarship (2015–2016)
New York State Organization of Bursars
and Business Administrators Scholarship
(2013–2014)
Team Tim Horton's Corporate Scholarship
(2013–2014)
Winter Camp to Zheng Zhou University
of Light Industry Cultural Exchange Award
(2014–2015)

- Casey L. Kelley
Ron Brown/Information Technology
Exchange Center Scholarship
(2013–2014)
- Rebecca L. Sturniolo
Arts and Humanities Dean's Award for
Excellence (2015–2016)
Arts and Humanities Dean's Gallery
Participant in Interior Design (2015–2016)
Brass Ring 100 Residential Architecture
Competition Bronze Medal (2014)
Crit 500 Place Awards by International
Interior Design Association Second Place
(2013–2014)
Illuminating Engineering Society Young
Professionals Scholarship (2015–2016)
Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship
Grant to Study Art Museum Architecture
(2015–2016)

MATHEMATICS

- Melissa C. Heidenreich
Mabel D. Montgomery Award
- Timothy D. Miller
Ruth E. Heintz Award
- Caleb T. Moore
Douglas W. King Award

MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

- Christian Ambrosioni
Dean's Award for Excellence in Foreign
Languages
Ernest S. Falbo Foreign Language Award
(2015)
Javier Ortiz-Calderon and Maribel Garrett
Award (2015)
- Alpha Diallo
The Arthur O. Eve Educational Opportunity
Program Honors Award (2013, 2014)
- Alexander B. Mogavero
Javier Ortiz-Calderon and Maribel Garrett
Award

2016 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

Valerie J. Spaeth
Buffalo State College Presidential
Scholarship (2011–2015)
Delta Sonic Car Wash Scholarship
(2014–2016)
Dr. Eliane McKee French Education
Scholarship (2013)
Pi Delta Phi National French Honor
Society (2014)

James B. Wemesfelder
Ernest S. Falbo Foreign Language
Award

MUSIC

Jacqueline R. Jacokes
Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society

Emily A. Leminger
United Students Government Senator of the
Month (Fall 2012)
United Students Government President's
Accommodation Award (Spring 2015)
United Students Government Executive
Board Member of the Month (Fall 2015)

Ellen R. Pieroni
Lenore Rollett Wright Music Achievement
Award

Sarah C. Tripi
Annual Young Artist Competition,
Vocal Performer Winner (2015–2016)
Arts and Humanities Dean's Award

PHILOSOPHY AND HUMANITIES

Maria I. Lema
Dean's Award for Excellence
George T. Hole Scholarship (2015)

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Samar Al-Alam
Special Political Science Award

Ashley C. Etienne
Outstanding Student in Political Science
Award

Alejandra A. Hunt
Raymond P. Stone Memorial Award

Talisa C. Woodroffe
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award

PSYCHOLOGY

Lindsey S. Harrington
Dr. Jack Morganti Award for Excellence
in Service

Leanna M. Kalinowski
David Vernon Bullough Outstanding
Senior in Psychology

Samantha M. Zak
Dr. Esther McGinnis Award

SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Takisha J. Morancy
Carol Wright Henry Award for
Undergraduate Achievement in
Pre-Medical Studies

SOCIAL WORK

Brittany Bennett-Allis
Excellence in Social Work Student Award

Joshua B. Keller
Excellence in Social Work Student Award

Christopher J. Seufert
Excellence in Social Work Student Award

Renee S. Slemmer
Excellence in Social Work Student Award

Donald J. Willson
National Association of Social Workers
New York State Western Division Award

SOCIOLOGY

John P. Figueroa
Kenneth J. Downey Memorial Award for
Outstanding Sociology Student

Daniel Hayles
Richard P. Seibert Outstanding Internship
Award

Justin T. LaRusch
Conrad Vogler Promising Sociologist Award

Chanel J. Prince
Neuman-Clement Scholarship in Sociology
Award

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Lauren J. Calabrese
Buffalo State College Undergraduate Research
Office Travel Award

Vanessa A. Clifton
Buffalo State College Undergraduate Research
Office Travel Award

Lauren A. Farage
Buffalo State College Undergraduate Research
Office Travel Award

Mindy M. Lamb
Buffalo State College Undergraduate Research
Office Travel Award
Laura Ann Wells Scholarship Award (2015)

Shakera Murray
Buffalo State College Undergraduate Research
Office Travel Award

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Allie O. Diamond
Minnie and Joe Engel Student Humanitarian
Award (2015)

Molly D. Diamond
Minnie and Joe Engel Student Humanitarian
Award (2015)

Ashley C. Etienne
Phillip Santa Maria Student Humanitarian
Award

Derek C. Jorden
Mildred Keller Campbell Student
Leadership Award

Lazarus E. Lynch
Luis M. Antonetti Student
Humanitarian Award (2015)

Dallas I. Taylor
Phillip Santa Maria Award for Student
Leadership in Equity and Campus Diversity

THEATER

Molly E. Bader
Dean's Award for Excellence

Justine A. Bessinger
National Honor Society for Dance Arts

Mary-Jenna Briest
Alpha Psi Omega

Rebecca R. Cannizaro
Alpha Psi Omega

Mario J. Cataffo
Alpha Psi Omega
Mina S. Goossen Award for Excellence
in Theater

Jeremy B. Catania
Alpha Psi Omega
Michael Dominico Performing Arts Award

Cassandra M. Elahrag
Donald J. Savage Theater Arts Award

Henry Farleo
Alpha Psi Omega

Alyssa S. Juda
National Honor Society for Dance Arts

Samuel M. Merriman
Alpha Psi Omega

Britni N. Mignon
National Honor Society for Dance Arts

Ryan W. Mulvihill
Alpha Psi Omega

Allyssa I. Pellino
Alpha Psi Omega
Donald J. Savage Theater Arts Award (2015)

Courtney M. Rosiek
Alpha Psi Omega

Emma E. Siddon
Alpha Psi Omega

Jessie R. Soto
National Honor Society for Dance Arts

Daniel F. Torres
Donald J. Savage Theater Arts Award

2016 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

VOLUNTEER AND SERVICE LEARNING

Kathryn M. Arent

Outstanding Student Community Service in a Service-Learning Course (2014)

Ryan M. Beiter

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Neighborhood Advocate (2015)

Elizabeth Davis

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Community Supporter (2015)

Allie O. Diamond

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Active Citizen (2015)

Molly D. Diamond

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Active Citizen (2015)

Amelia J. Dick

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Community Supporter (2015)

Outstanding Student Community Service in a Service-Learning Course (2014)

Purushottam Ghimire

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Community Supporter

Jessica M. Miranda

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Community Supporter (2015)

Bethany A. Person

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Community Supporter (2015)

Ashley A. Termini

Outstanding Alternative Break Participant (2015)

Kathryn A. Vitale

Outstanding Student Community Service in a Service-Learning Course (2015)

WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR

Samantha N. Kittinger

Graduating Senior Award

WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Antonnea Bolden

Zoe Bolden

Devan V. Brady

Rebecca R. Cannizzaro (2015)

Mario J. Cataffo

Jeremy B. Catania

Tiffany A. Chang

Ashley C. Etienne

Derek C. Jordan

Leanna M. Kalinowski

Maria I. Lema (2015)

Emily A. Leminger (2015)

Elizabeth A. Malinowski

Georgia A. Mavrogeorgis (2015)

Samuel M. Merriman

Takisha J. Morancy

Lyndsay M. Raymond

Afolabi Soetan

Jennifer J. Steinhorst

Saša E. Vann

All awards listed were granted in 2016 unless otherwise stated.

2016 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES AND C.A.S.

MASTER OF ARTS

December 2015

Mohamed Alinur

Amanda T. Boos

Stacy A. Creech

Charlene H. Gray

Torri A. Ivancic

Shahd A. Kadhim

David C. Lock

Margo Masur

Shannon M. McGovern

Naomi E. Reden

Benjamin Watkins

Jiazhen Zhang

MASTER OF ARTS

May 2016

Kory Ahlstrom

Megan E. Barr

Isabelle C. Bateson-Brown

Raven P. Baxter-Christian

Husain A. Bneed

Brittany T. Book

Eric L. Bruestle

Oscar W. Budde

Zachary A. Cava

Anthony G. Cevaer

Meghan A. Clough

Jacob L. Cochran

Christopher R. Coughlin

Melissa M. Ferreira

Alyssa M. Frijey

Yuli P. Gomez Bravo

Amizetta J. Haj

Shane Hallnan

Chenliuli Jiang

Brittney N. Jimerson

Nicole C. Kondziela

John J. V. Lang

Saliym A. Lanzot

Xiang Li

Francis J. Lukacovic

Jeffrey J. Maciejewski

Joshua I. Maiman

Bona Mu

Karrie E. Myers

Ali H. Naji

Amanda L. Niemi

Christopher T. Nightengale

Donna M. Nowak

Michael Olejniczak

Jorge L. Orozco Gomez

Christopher A. Osborne

Christine A. Parker

Philip L. Pinzone

Maureen A. Porter

Deirdre B. Reynolds

Christopher P. Root

Emily E. Simms

Kathleen E. Slade

Stephen H. Tentinger

Ryan J. Undercoffer

Chun Wang

Brandon V. White

YingYu Zhang

MASTER OF ARTS

August 2016

Michiko Adachi

Turki M. Almusiened

Janelle Batkin-Hall

Kellie C. Boss

Jonathan D. Cummings

Danielle D. Delia

Alana A. Fajemisin

Kim A. Gajewski

Joseph J. Gucciardo

Leslie A. Makowski

Abigail R. Merritt

Michal Mikesell

Liane Na'auao

Nicole L. Peters

Julie L. Ribits

Christine P. Romano

Anne D. Schaffer

Anthony C. Sturniolo

Joseph D. Tucceri

MASTER OF MUSIC

December 2015

Adam Brignone

Cassandra Brignone

Angela M. Currier

Melissa J. Steiger

Carrie Styles

MASTER OF MUSIC

May 2016

Kimberly A. Harrison

Joshua M. Pacino

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

December 2015

Ryan J. Gadzo

Kimberly R. German

Ashley M. Hawley

William E. Langer

Sharon L. Rochelle

Esperance U. Rwigamba

Jordan P. Then

2016 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES AND C.A.S.

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

May 2016

Edmund Barfour
Matthew Bellittiere
Kyle A. Boxhorn
Kayla Carrasquillo
Krystal M. Collado
Abdirahman A. Farah
Peter K. D. Frimpong
Joseph A. Gramaglia
Jholane R. Haber
Jennifer L. Jacobs
Evelyn S. Jones
Heather A. Laforme
Abuk D. Masham
Christine Matos
Alaska N. McInnis
Corenia K. Murphy
Marisa L. Nold
Kimberly Rose Renda
Megan E. Swendsen
John P. Wagner
Naima Yancey
Sam Yuwar

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

August 2016

Quinita S. McKinney
Allison Polakiewicz

MASTER OF SCIENCE

December 2015

Hussein Abdelmoneim
A. M. Abdelfatah
Frida Z. Abi Fares
Sally M. Abu Sakha
Jean M. Acton
Sara H. Al-Naber
Alaa M. Alzweri
Silvia Barreto
Jasoswinee Behera
Susana C. Blanco
Manouchehr Bolourchi
Samuel J. Bourke
Keisha L. Brandy
Emily A. Buell
Rubys L. Chinchia Arias
Elizabeth A. Chirico
Emily A. Cloud
Anna C. Contreras Vasquez
Willard E. Crabtree
Isaac F. Currey
Rebecca R. Currey

Ana L. Daza
Beshewamyelish B. Demissie Gordon
Chao Ding
Dana M. Donato
Jeanine R. Donato-Catanaro
Kevin J. Duerr
Ashley M. Ellis
Melodie E. Erickson
Leah S. Eulberg
Amina I. Faidi
Melissa A. Fargino
Shannon M. Fisher
Richard J. Frasca
Nelly C. Gayon
Omer Halilovic
William D. Harris
Lorene Hattar
Amy L. Hoffman
Bailey E. Hornung
Tala A. Issa
Ahmad N. Jamjoom
Shawn B. Keddy
Kristin L. Kegler
Marina A. Khaleel
Kristi M. Leitch
Tamika T. Lewis
Diego Mahecha
Susan M. Mancuso
Colette J. Matola
Ann D. McCormick
Kaitlyn M. McNamara
Letasha Montgomery
Hilda L. Myer-Post
Zina Nasser
Jean M. Nitchals
Ngozi I. Okorie
Kristen L. Peterson
Brenda P. Rico Ibanez
Lisa J. Saldana
Mais F. Samara
Sarah J. Schmitt
Justin C. Smith
Elizabeth R. Snavelly
Amanda L. Steffan
Collen M. Steinbring
Jennifer B. Suleiman
Christine N. Tasevski
Eva Teruzzi
Trevor A. Tomion
Ngozi C. Ugoji
Shannon R. Waddell
Josephine M. Watts
Alexis D. Workman
Zeina Z. Zawaneh
Rima S. Zukari
Lennart van Vlerken

MASTER OF SCIENCE

May 2016

Kenise K. Adams
Rumman H. Ahmad
Alfred A. Akuoko-Boateng
Kimberly N. Appleby
Kelly A. Aurelio
Jennifer L. Babcock
Hyfa Barnawi
Peggy Barnwell
Elisabeth Barone
Kayleigh M. Bemisderfer
Anjuli Bhandari
Mhairi M. Bittler
Dennise Bock
Branko Broekman
Mercedes D. Brooks
Sidonna Brown
William C. Bunyard
Madeline Burns
Deborah Cargill
Rebecca Catalano
Julian A. Cepeda
Diane Clark
Lindsay Costantino
Susan M. Czorny
Jillian Demps
Anthony A. Dimascio
Kevin Diver
Lindsey E. Dotson
Janita L. Everhart
Dustin R. Gardner
Lee Ann Garozzo
Laurie M. Graziano
Clay C. Grego
Judean N. Griffith
Taylor M. Haines
Alfred Halley
Renee L. Harns
Molly L. Holinger
Ahmad D. Islam
Caitlin E. Janik
Patricia R. Jetty
Caitlin M. Johnson
Laurie R. Kaiser
Tracy F. King
James M. Kowal
Michael L. Kumrow
Darrell F. LaRock
Dolores Langsenkamp
Sade A. Lanier
Sheneika S. Latty
Clara M. Lawrence
Karina Loera Barcenaz
Ebenezer A. Mfodwo
Mollie A. Mfodwo

Jessica S. Micha
Magdalena Mpinga
Joshua K. Muhs
Alison L. Murphy
Pavan Kumar Narayanan
Keith W. Nunez
Felix-Kingsley N. Obialo
Matthew R. Oettinger
Serap Ozdemir
Miguel A. Pereira
Darrell A. Porter
Danielle Precourt
Elizabeth Pszonak
Lina Pugsley
Joy M. Pulera
Amanda R. Queeno
Michael P. Raisch
Shevonne M. Ramadan
Kiara L. Randle
Anthony W. Rauth
Gail K. Reino
Darryl T. Roberts
Melissa Ruiz
Samantha Santee
Patricia A. Schindler
Nicholas A. Sessanna
Ajah S. Session
Scott A. Silverman
Sirome V. Smith
Tewogbola O. Solanke
Siyuan Song
Vincent M. Spano
Bettina B. Stafford
Jason Strong
Vanessa E. Taylor
Giancarlo J. Valcarcel
Christina M. Valentin
Beverly Z. Weihz
Lindsey R. Winiecki
Lin Yang

MASTER OF SCIENCE

August 2016

Jillian M. Blake
Erica M. Chaviano
Challis C. Cooks
Miriam Deria
Brooke E. Flanagan
Charlson Joseph
Cornelius R. Newman
Jeffrey J. Scharoun
Dominique T. Sosa
Courtney A. Sprague
Torvari S. Williams

2016 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES AND C.A.S.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

December 2015

Edward J. Beard
Brian J. Bernys
Brittany E. Betton
Morgan J. Billi
Matthew J. Bucholz
Nicole E. Clapsadle
Erica L. Derby
Emily A. Donovan
April S. DuBois
Nicole K. Ettiption
Courtney L. Evanetski
Lauren E. Ferrentino
Jacquelyn M. Foote
Keelin A. Frank
Michele A. Gregory
Alicia K. Hackett
Jessica L. Halt
Joseph D. Herberger
Kelsey E. Hooper
Scott W. Hourigan
Wendy R. Howlett
Kathryn Hurtubise
Amanda M. Karwick
Jennifer N. Krok
Caitlin I. Kurtz
Gordon J. MacCallum
Bryce P. Marshall
Cassandra J. Matuszak
Brigit E. May
Sean T. McGarry
Jose Ignacio Medina Davila
Alexis N. Mikulski
Alexandra L. Murphy
Bethany M. Reeb
Luke D. Salerno
Shannon M. Schappert
Jessica L. Serpe
Jennifer L. Southworth
Lindsay A. Sprague
Sara Stanley
Patricia A. Stapley
Amanda L. Steltermann
Donald R. Turner III
Aaron J. Ward
Elizabeth M. Young
Heather Zuch

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

January 2016

Kelsey R. Gedra
Stephanie Lane
Michael C. Laudico

Jazslyn A. Leon
Robert T. Taggart
Albert G. Tahan

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

May 2016

Lisa Akers
Ellie Allen
Noura H. Alsofiani
Jessica B. Andriatch
Kathleen Andrzejczak
Victoria L. Arthur
Ashley J. Austin
Nicholas E. Bacon
Michael J. Baronich
Joseph S. Bella
Kaitlin R. Bethge
Courtney R. Blake
Jillian L. Borton
Samantha J. Bowes
Daniel Buck
Eleanor A. Byrne
Marissa A. Caruso
Natalie J. Cavalieri
Allison M. Cislarski
Matthew L. Daggett
Lindsay J. Daminski
Steven T. Dempsey
Aaron E. Deutschman
Vicky L. Devoe
Adriana C. Didas
Nicole L. Dixon
Melanie C. Doroski
Shirley A. Drew
Kimberly A. Drzewiecki
Brianna M. Dulgerian
Mateja Ereiz
Aitina D. Fareed
Amanda L. Feirabend
Katie L. Ferrentino
Kayla D. Fielder
Brittany T. Filip
Eric R. Fiorello
Sarah E. Franklin
Ashley M. Gaston
Danielle N. Gorney
Matthew J. Gorny
Molly A. Gowin
Camille A. Graczyk
Megan E. Grandits-Mahan
Devin Grau
Shannon R. Graves
Xiaoyan Gu
Erica G. Hannon
Chelsea M. Haven

Florence Hawkins
Alexandra Helfer
Stephanie A. Hollis
Elizabeth A. Holly
Melissa M. Kacalski
Matthew T. Kanaley
Kathryn R. Kelly
Kelsey R. Kilminster
Laryssa A. Kimble
Nicholas J. Kiser
Christine M. Kling
Sumeyye Korkmaz
Adam M. Kreutinger
Solina Krickovich
Ashley L. Kuma
Anna R. Leone
Ashlee L. Lipka
Tabitha L. Loebel
Nicole M. Luciano
Vanessa E. Ludwig
Ariana March
Korrine Marshall
Julie R. Mazur
Taylor J. McGraw
Lauren E. Metzgen
Shawntell Milton
Ashley N. Nans
Lindsay A. Neadow
Stephanie M. Newman
Casey M. Orth
Denise S. Patterson
Amy N. Perkins
Lucille M. Perry
Courtney R. Platek
Kasey E. Poloncarz
Mareta Pratiwi
Ashley D. Prince
Brittany P. Pyzikiewicz
Alyssa M. Reynolds
Allison J. Riggie
Emma C. Schack
Stephanie L. Schwartz
Megan A. Sears
Alaina Shiesley
Caitlin E. Siresi
Christine L. Sowinski
Nancy R. Spector
Samantha B. Stone
Eric D. Troutman
Tiffany Y. Turner
Jennifer L. Valeri
Joshua D. Walker
Robert A. Wardwell
Kara L. Weber
Jeffrey C. Weiss
Ashley L. Weselak
Jeanine M. Wood
Whitney N. Yorio

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

August 2016

Nicole E. Adamson
Stephanie A. Aichinger
Zachary S. Best
Rachel S. Birke
Allison A. Bogolin
Sarah L. Eyeington
Victoria L. Fleming
Anna Giangreco
Joshua K. Grant
Aileen M. Hinton
Crystal M. Holmes-Smith
Natasha Kapoor
Sara D. Koetzle
Casey Konieczka
Samuel A. Leone
Siqi Li
Angela R. Loveland
Rebecca E. Metz
Kayla Meyer
Jacqueline R. Parente
Philip S. Peluso
Jaclyn K. Phillips
Dana L. Sannik

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY

December 2015

Nancy S. Godson
Jason B. Madden
Marcie H. Pascual

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY

May 2016

Ashanti T. Haynes
Cheryl A. Herman
Shannon D. Moreland
Emily K. Sass
Jennifer A. Springer

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY

August 2016

Gina M. Gozdalski

List compiled April 5, 2016. May 2016 graduate listings are anticipated based on successful completion of courses in progress.

August 2016 graduate listings are anticipated based on successful completion of courses in progress and successful completion of degree requirements during summer 2016.

2016 GRADUATE AWARDS

ADULT EDUCATION

Susan M. Mancuso
Award for Excellence (2015)

Colette J. Matola
Award for Excellence (2015)

ART CONSERVATION

Michiko Adachi
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant
(2013–2015)
Hoskins-Smith Art Conservation Fellowship
(2013, 2014)
Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship
(2015)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship
(2013–2015)
National Endowment for the Humanities
Fellowship (2014)

Janelle Batkin-Hall
Margaret and Charles Balbach Art
Conservation Fellowship (2013)
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant
(2013–2015)
Hoskins-Smith Art Conservation Fellowship
(2014)
Dan Kushel Art Conservation Fellowship
(2014)
Marks Family Foundation Fellowship (2013)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship
(2013–2015)
National Endowment for the Humanities
Fellowship (2014, 2015)
Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship
(2015)

Kellie C. Boss
Margaret and Charles Balbach Art
Conservation Fellowship (2013)
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant
(2013–2015)
Marks Family Foundation Fellowship (2013)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship
(2013–2015)
National Endowment for the Humanities
Fellowship (2014)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship
(2014)

Abigail R. Merritt
Bandrowski Art Conservation Fellowship
(2013)
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant
(2013–2015)
Ross Kenzie Family Foundation Fellowship
(2013)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship
(2013–2015)

Michal Mikesell
Margaret and Charles Balbach Art
Conservation Fellowship (2014)
Brost Family Art Conservation Fellowship
(2013)
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant
(2013–2015)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship
(2013–2015)
National Endowment for the Humanities
Fellowship (2015)
Saxe Family Art Conservation Fellowship
(2013)

Liane Na'auao
Bandrowski Art Conservation Fellowship
(2013)
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant
(2013–2015)
Ross Kenzie Family Foundation Fellowship
(2013)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship
(2013–2015)

Nicole L. Peters
Margaret and Charles Balbach Art
Conservation Fellowship (2014)
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant
(2013–2015)
Ulysses Kontos Art Conservation Fellowship
Fund (2014)
Gerald and Sandra Lippes Art Conservation
Fellowship (2013)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship
(2013–2015)
National Endowment for the Humanities
Fellowship (2014, 2015)
F. Christopher Tahk Art Conservation
Fellowship (2015)

Julie L. Ribits
Margaret and Charles Balbach Art
Conservation Fellowship (2014)
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant
(2013–2015)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship
(2015)
Allan Kenzie Art Conservation Fellowship
(2013)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship
(2013–2015)
National Endowment for the Humanities
Fellowship (2015)

Christine P. Romano
Margaret and Charles Balbach Art
Conservation Fellowship (2013)
Bandrowski Art Conservation Fellowship
(2014)
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant
(2013–2015)
Czurles-Nelson Art Conservation Fellowship
(2015)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship
(2014)
Gross Family Art Conservation Fellowship
(2013)
Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship
(2015)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship
(2013–2015)
National Endowment for the Humanities
Fellowship (2013)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship
(2015)

Anne Schaffer
Jennifer Balbach Family Foundation Fellow-
ship (2013)
Brost Family Art Conservation Fellowship
(2014)
Buffalo State College Tuition Grant
(2013–2015)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship
(2013)
Gross Family Art Conservation Fellowship
(2013, 2014)
Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship
(2015)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship
(2013–2015)
National Endowment for the Humanities
Fellowship (2013, 2015)

ART EDUCATION

Matthew L. Daggett
The Lombardo Award–Art Education
(2015)

Anna R. Leone
Outstanding Art Education Graduate
Student Award

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Ashlee Lynn Lipka
Nova John Popovich Scholarship
(2015, 2016)

CHEMISTRY

Elisabeth Barone
Graduate School Graduate Assistant Award
Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society

Kayleigh M. Bemisderfer
Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society

Anjuli Bhandari
Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society

Lee Ann Garozzo
Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society (2015)

Danielle Precourt
Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society

2016 GRADUATE AWARDS

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Lindsay J. Daminski
Excellence in Educational Technology
Graduate Student Award

April S. DuBois
Excellence in Educational Technology
Graduate Student Award

Nicholas J. Kiser
Excellence in Educational Technology
Graduate Student Award

Sumeyye Korkmaz
Excellence in Educational Technology
Graduate Student Award

Mareta Pratiwi
Excellence in Educational Technology
Graduate Student Award

Emma C. Schack
Excellence in Educational Technology
Graduate Student Award

Donald R. Turner III
Excellence in Educational Technology
Graduate Student Award

ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

Ryan J. Undercoffer
Outstanding Graduate Student Award in
Economics and Finance

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

Nicole E. Adamson
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

Stephanie A. Aichinger
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

Anna Giangreco
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

Joshua K. Grant
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

Crystal M. Holmes-Smith
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

Sara D. Koetzle
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

Rebecca E. Metz
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

Lauren E. Metzen
Elementary Education Circle of Excellence
Award

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Jasoswinee Behera
Epsilon Pi Tau (2014)

Darrell F. LaRock
Epsilon Pi Tau (2013)

ENGLISH

Meghan A. Clough
English Department Award for Excellence,
Master of Arts

Vanessa E. Ludwig
Bard Capella Academic Award for Applied
Literacy (2015)
English Department Award for Excellence,
Master of Science in Education, English
Education

Maureen A. Porter
English Department Award for Excellence,
Master of Arts

Ashley L. Weselak
Bard Capella Academic Award for Applied
Literacy (2015)

EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

Ellie Allen
Horace Mann Award for Outstanding
Graduate Student in Exceptional Education
(2015)

Horace Mann Scholarship for Exceptional
Education Students (2015, 2016)

Jessica B. Andriatch
Dorothea and Mildred Seegler Endowed
Scholarship Award (2014–2015)

Courtney R. Blake
Horace Mann Endowment for Exceptional
Education Scholarships (2015, 2016)

Aaron E. Deutschman
Dorothea and Mildred Seegler Endowed
Scholarship Award (2014–2015)

Kelsey R. Kilminster
Paul Thoms Council for Exceptional
Children Membership Scholarship (2014)

Jennifer N. Krok
Dr. Judith Bondurant-Utz Early Childhood
Award (2015)

Dorothea and Mildred Seegler Endowed
Scholarship Award (2014, 2015)

Cassandra J. Matuszak
Dorothea and Mildred Seegler Endowed
Scholarship Award (2015, 2016)

Shawntell Milton
Horace Mann Scholarship for Exceptional
Education Students (2014, 2015)

Ashley D. Prince
Joseph and Mary Daly Varga '43 Graduate
Scholarship (2015)

Jessica L. Serpe
Dorothea and Mildred Seegler Endowed
Scholarship Award (2015, 2016)

HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

Kenise K. Adams
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Alfred A. Akuoko-Boateng
Hurculine Guthrie Commitment to Diversity
Award

Madeline Burns
Outstanding Internship Award

Julian A. Cepeda
Outstanding Internship Award

Kevin Diver
Al Ciardi Leadership and Service Award
(2015)

Lindsey E. Dotson
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Bailey E. Hornung
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Joshua K. Muhs
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Hilda L. Myer-Post
College Student Personnel Association of
New York State Outstanding Graduate
Student Award (2015)
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
Outstanding Contribution by a First-Year
Higher Education Administration Student,
Co-curricular Programs (2015)
Outstanding Research Award

Keith W. Nunez
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
Philip Santa Maria Award for Student
Leadership in Equity and Campus Diversity
(2015)

Darrell A. Porter
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Elizabeth Pszonak
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Shevonne M. Ramadan
Al Ciardi Leadership and Service Award

Gail K. Reino
Outstanding Research Award

Jeffrey J. Scharoun
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
Robert A. Davis Endowed Scholarship

Scott A. Silverman
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION

Christine A. Parker
E. O. Smith Jr. Endowed Scholarship Award
(2015)

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

2016 GRADUATE AWARDS

INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR STUDIES IN CREATIVITY

Karina Loera Barcenas
Mary Murdock Creative Spirit Scholarship Award (2015)

Sidney J. Parnes and Ruth B. Noller
Creativity Scholarship

Molly L. Holinger
Sidney J. Parnes and Ruth B. Noller
Creativity Scholarship (2015, 2016)

Delores Langsenkamp
Mary Murdock Creative Spirit Scholarship Award

Serap Ozdemir
Sidney J. Parnes and Ruth B. Noller
Creativity Scholarship (2015)

Michael P. Raisch
Mary Murdock Creative Spirit Scholarship Award

Darryl T. Roberts
Sidney J. Parnes and Ruth B. Noller
Creativity Scholarship

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Outstanding Master's Project

Christine E. Kempf
Creating a Place for Muslims in America: An Action Research Study Documenting the Implementation of an Islamic Middle School Art Curriculum Focused on Cultural Identity (May 2015)

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

Rebecca L. Saunders
The Design and Development of Educational Technology Professional Development Using Classroom Performance System (CPS) for Secondary Mathematics Teachers (May 2015)

Jo A. Yudess, Lecturer of Computer Information Systems, Project Adviser

Outstanding Master's Thesis

Matthew Candeias
Rareness Starts Early for Disturbance-Dependent Grassland Place Species (May 2015)

Robert J. Warren II, Assistant Professor of Biology, Thesis Adviser

Anthony J. DiGesare
Confining Country, Confining City: Real and Imaginary Places in the Work of Sam Selvon (August 2015)

Karen Sands-O'Connor, Professor of English, Thesis Adviser

Charlene H. Gray
More than Movement: Ant Seed Dispersal Inhibits Phytopathogenic Fungi (December 2015)

Robert J. Warren II, Assistant Professor of Biology, Thesis Adviser

Brian E. Haas
Home Range, Habitat Use, and Movements of Native Northern Map Turtles (*Graptemys geographicalis*), and Sympatric Invasive Red-Eared Slider Turtles (*Trachemys scripta elegans*), in the Upper Niagara River (August 2015)

Edward A. Standora, Professor of Biology, Thesis Adviser

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Marissa A. Caruso
Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Natalie J. Cavalieri
Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Kayla D. Fielder
Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology
Award for Clinical Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Brittany T. Filip
Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Award for Clinical Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Solina Krickovich
Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Korrine Marshall
Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Award for Clinical Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Julie R. Mazur
Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Ashley N. Nans
Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Award for Clinical Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Courtney R. Platek
Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Christine L. Sowinski
Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Keith W. Nunez
Phillip Santa Maria Equity and Diversity Student Leadership Award (2015)

VOLUNTEER AND SERVICE LEARNING

Dolores Langsenkamp
Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Neighborhood Advocate (2015)

WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Kenise K. Adams
Courtney R. Blake
Jholane R. Haber
Christine Matos
Miguel A. Pereira
Ashley L. Weselak

All awards listed were granted in 2016 unless otherwise stated.

ACADEMIC TRADITIONS

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL AND RECESSIONAL

The academic processional begins with the entrance of the seating marshals, who lead the degree candidates to their seats. Faculty marchers follow, escorted to their places by the head marshal. The mace bearer then leads the platform party, which includes the dignitaries, honorees, and college administration, to the stage.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the recessional order is reversed: the last to have entered the arena are the first to recess, in accordance with the ceremony's ecclesiastical origins. The mace bearer leads the platform party, headed by the college president, at a quicker and more celebratory pace than in the processional. The platform party is followed by the faculty marchers and, finally, the graduates, while guests witness the pageantry to its close.

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.

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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>.

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