

151st COMMENCEMENT | May 20, 2023

School of the Professions | School of Education and Individualized and Multidisciplinary Studies | School of Arts and Sciences



BUFFALO STATE
The State University of New York



SUNY BUFFALO STATE UNIVERSITY

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BUFFALO STATE ALMA MATER

BENGAL PRIDE

Buff State you taught us to believe,
Be inspired and achieve.
With great minds and caring hearts
We're here to lead and serve.

With hope anew we'll venture forth,
It's with one voice we proudly roar
We are Bengals to the core.

In years to come, we'll reminisce,
Filled with joy for times gone by.
We'll not fail you Alma Mater,
Change the world for good.

Though we must leave our Elmwood home,
In our hearts for ever more
We are Bengals to the core.

—Dawn Pustelnik

D. BRUCE AND GAIL JOHNSTONE COMMENCEMENT SUPPORT ENDOWMENT FUND

Recognizing Global Diversity at Buffalo State University



Buffalo State University embraces international diversity and welcomes students from many parts of the world. This ideal is supported by the generosity of the D. Bruce and Gail Johnstone Commencement Support Endowment Fund.

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 2023 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 2023 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES!

Today is a very special day at Buffalo State University.

Today we gather to celebrate the individual and collective accomplishments of this year's graduating class. Through passion and perseverance, each member of the Class of 2023 has earned a degree from this great university. Congratulations on this life-changing achievement!

Of course, life's greatest successes are often realized with the support of others. We take time today to thank family and friends who have helped encourage their loved ones to earn a degree. Please know that your support is a vital part of the educational process. We also thank our dedicated Buffalo State faculty and staff, who play a pivotal role in preparing our students to reach their full potential.

My greatest wish is that each graduate finds personal happiness, contributes positively to their community, and pursues a career doing what they love.

Finally, I encourage every graduate 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. We know that the best is yet to come, so please keep us informed about the big and small triumphs in your life. Roar on, Bengals!

Sincerely,

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

CONFERRING OF DEGREES



KATHERINE S. CONWAY-TURNER, PH.D.

Katherine S. Conway-Turner, Ph.D., began her tenure as the ninth president of Buffalo State University on August 3, 2014. As president of SUNY's largest and only comprehensive university located in an urban setting, Dr. Conway-Turner oversees and manages more than 1,500 faculty, staff, and administrators who provide more than 75 undergraduate and 60 graduate academic degree programs each year.

President Conway-Turner's vision for Buffalo State to become "Buffalo's University" through engagement, excellence, and social responsibility has been embraced and is paying off in dividends for both the university and the community. The university's commitment to service has been recognized nationally under President Conway-Turner's leadership. In 2016, Buffalo State was among five colleges and universities from across the country chosen to share in the Washington Center's annual Higher Education Civic Engagement Awards. The university has also earned the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's Community Engagement Classification under President Conway-Turner, as well as accolades from the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

President Conway-Turner earned her Ph.D. and M.A. in social psychology and her B.A. in microbiology, all from the University of Kansas.

Before coming to Buffalo State, President 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. She 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.

President Conway-Turner is married to Dr. Alvin L. Turner, a psychologist licensed in New York and Delaware, who is engaged in the independent practice of psychotherapy, supervision, training, and forensic psychological services. They have three adult daughters, and in 2016 they became first-time grandparents.

SCHOOL OF THE PROFESSIONS CEREMONY 9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

The Rockwell Brass

Ricky L. Fleming, *Director*
Professor, Music

PROCESSIONAL

The Rockwell Brass

Gerard J. Puccio, *Mace Bearer*
Chair and SUNY Distinguished Professor,
Creativity and Change Leadership

CONVENING

Linda A. Dobmeier, '71
Chair, Buffalo State 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

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Miggie K. Wong, Class of 2023
Master of Science, Creativity and Change Leadership

Presenters

Eunice A. Lewin
Trustee, State University of New York

Katherine S. Conway-Turner

SCHOOL OF THE PROFESSIONS STUDENT ADDRESS

La'Shea Green-Thomas, Class of 2023
Master of Science, Creativity and Change Leadership

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Lucy A. Candelario
Executive Director, The Belle Center

Presenter

Katherine S. Conway-Turner

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Deneen Hernandez, '88
Retired Forensic Examiner, Federal Bureau of Investigation

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

James Mayrose
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Carol A. DeNysschen
Dean, School of the Professions

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Katherine S. Conway-Turner

BUFFALO STATE UNIVERSITY 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.*

CAPTURING THE MOMENT Commencement is an important day and one that our graduates will long remember. As a courtesy, a professional photography company, Island Photography, will capture each graduate's special moment during the ceremony. You are also invited to use the Commencement Garden, in front of the Sports Arena, as a photo backdrop. A link to view individual portrait proofs taken by Island Photography is provided at <http://commencement.buffalostate.edu/capturing-moment>.

SCHOOL OF THE PROFESSIONS COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



DENEEN HERNANDEZ, CLASS OF 1988

Deneen Hernandez is an enrolled member of the Seneca Nation of Indians from the Cattaraugus Reservation in Western New York who possesses roughly 30 years of varied law enforcement experience.

Ms. Hernandez is a recently retired forensic examiner for the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory Division in the Cryptanalysis and Racketeering Records Unit in Quantico, Virginia. She was detailed to the Tattoo and

Graffiti (TAG) program, where she examined and deciphered codes and symbols submitted to the unit to help identify suspected criminal or gang-related activity.

For the past 16 years, Ms. Hernandez has provided intelligence on suspected illicit gambling records, such as bookmaking or gaming devices, conducting forensic examinations on those documents to determine their legality.

Familiar with examination techniques in the preservation of evidence, Ms. Hernandez was also an adjunct faculty member in undergraduate criminal justice, forensics studies, and graduate public policy studies at various colleges and universities. She holds certification as a forensic examiner of illicit bookmaking records and gambling devices. She is also a certified instructor with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, the Office of Public Safety (formerly the Bureau of Municipal Police), the New York State Commission of Correction, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Ms. Hernandez is a national trainer and board member for the National Partnership for Careers in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security. She also volunteers with the Forensic Outreach Service in London, England. She is a member of the American Public University System's Criminal Justice Industry Advisory Council, located in Washington, D.C. She volunteers for Pathful Connect, introducing the field of forensics to students, and is a cyber guide for eCyberMission, sponsored by the U.S. Army Educational Outreach Program in Washington, D.C., assisting students with their STEM projects. She also serves as a member of the FBI's American Indian and Alaska Native Advisory Committee and the lab division's Diversity and Inclusion Network of Champions.

Ms. Hernandez received the 2020 Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) Professional Team Achievement Award and Individual Award for translating and promoting missing persons posters in the Navajo language, which helps the U.S. Intelligence Community expand its source base and supports the efforts of the Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives (Operation Lady Justice). She was also awarded Ragan's 2021 Corporate Social Responsibility and Diversity Award in the Social Impact: Community Affairs category, and the 2022 American Indian Science and Engineering Society's Professional of the Year award.

Ms. Hernandez holds a bachelor of arts in political science from SUNY Fredonia and a master of science in criminal justice from Buffalo State, and is ABD (all but dissertation) in public service leadership at Capella University.

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



LUCY A. CANDELARIO

Lucy Candelario serves as the executive director of the Erie Regional Housing Development Corporation's Belle Center, one of the region's largest all-encompassing human services agencies, located on Buffalo's Lower West Side. Ms. Candelario has nearly 30 years of knowledge and expertise in the nonprofit industry, which includes her time as former executive director of West Side Community Services.

At West Side Community Services, Ms. Candelario introduced science-based programming to the range of human services already offered by the center. The youth-oriented programs offered opportunities for Buffalo's most underserved children to positively channel energy and relieve stress and engage with role models and educational resources throughout the community.

Ms. Candelario's community service involvement includes membership on the board of trustees for the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, the Buffalo Prenatal-Perinatal Network, the Community Action Organization of WNY, West Buffalo Charter School, the Buffalo

Community Center Collaborative, the Hispanic Women's League, and Mudpie Children's Museum.

Ms. Candelario's leadership was demonstrated in 2017, following Puerto Rico's devastation from Hurricane Maria, when she made the Belle Center a primary point of contact for relief efforts. She designated the center as a drop-off location for much-needed donations, coordinated and led volunteer efforts, oversaw local fundraising initiatives, and held weekly public information sessions on collection and disbursement programs.

Throughout the years, her efforts have been recognized through numerous awards, including the New York State Senate Women of Distinction Award (2018); the Community Leader Family Award from the National Federation for Just Community of Western New York (2016); the University at Buffalo's Distinguished Alumni Award (2014); and the NFL Hispanic Heritage Leadership Award (2013).

Born and raised in Buffalo, Ms. Candelario is a graduate of Grover Cleveland High School and the University at Buffalo, where she earned her bachelor of arts.

Ms. Candelario puts family above all else. She is the mother of Daniel and Victoria; grandmother of Daniel Jr., Dominic, Valentino, and Diana Lu; and mother-in-law to Dariana and Richard.

SCHOOL OF THE PROFESSIONS STUDENT ADDRESS



LA'SHEA GREEN-THOMAS, CLASS OF 2007 AND 2023

La'Shea Green-Thomas has earned a master's degree and graduate certificate in creativity and change leadership while working as the administrative assistant in the Higher Education Administration Department at Buffalo State.

A native of Buffalo, she has more than 20 years of experience in the field of childhood education. She strives to be an agent of change and consistently models commitment in pedagogical and andragogical environments. She is a lifelong learner who maintains the ability to engage, connect, and direct others who are not afforded equitable educational experiences. Noted for her work with at-risk youth, young adults, and adults from diverse populations, Mrs. Green-Thomas is adept as a group facilitator in problem-solving and conflict resolution.

Mrs. Green-Thomas worked for a nonprofit organization in Western New York from 2008 to 2021, starting as a site coordinator, creating and implementing programming for school-age youth and advancing to roles as an education manager administering after-school programs, summer

camp, and the leadership academy. She concluded her time with the organization as an assistant director in the Youth Services Department, managing seven inner-city programs and one Southtowns program overseeing 85 team members.

Mrs. Green-Thomas serves as a community and youth advocate, sitting on the boards of directors for the Osborne Association for youth of incarcerated parents, 4-H Cornell Cooperative Extension, Engineering and Technology Academy of Distinction Charter School, Rebecca Rose Recovery Centers of WNY, and Spirit of Truth Urban Ministries; and Buffalo State University's Graduate Student Association and President's Medal and SUNY Chancellor's Award committees.

She holds a graduate certificate in adult education (2022) and a bachelor's degree in business administration and economics (2007) from Buffalo State. She also earned her associate's degree in business management at SUNY Erie. Mrs. Green-Thomas has received the SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship, the Graduate Student Association Merit-Based Scholarship, the Ron Brown/ITEC Scholarship, and the Phillip Santa Maria Award for Student Leadership in Equity and Campus Diversity.

She is the wife of Sherman Thomas Jr. and mother to three sons, Shermarion, Nehemiah, and Noah Thomas.

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



MIGGIE K. WONG

Miggie Wong has earned a master of science in creativity and change leadership, attaining a 3.96 GPA while working full time as a development associate at the Burchfield Penney Art Center (BPAC). In her role at BPAC, she leads the membership program and assists with visitor and member engagement, events, and fundraising.

Ms. Wong has performed exceptionally well academically and excelled in every aspect of her career, demonstrating that it is possible to balance the two responsibilities through hard work and focus.

Her academic research has focused on the intersection of creativity and mental health and how creative experiences can mitigate the effects of trauma. Through her research, she has been able to articulate specific ways in which engagement in the creative process can help people advance their own coping skills in response to traumatic experiences. She aspires to share

the tools of creative problem solving to help people with mental challenges related to anxiety and panic disorders. In addition to her master's program work, she has earned microcredentials in applied creative thinking and problem solving and creative education.

A talented mentor, Ms. Wong has shared her expertise by providing creative problem-solving facilitation for undergraduate students in the course CRS 205: Foundations in Creative Thinking. She has also translated learning modules into Cantonese for Creativity and Education and assisted in facilitating a National Science Foundation-funded Ideas Lab for the American Society for Engineering Education.

An accomplished artist, Ms. Wong has showcased her work in exhibitions and media platforms in Hong Kong, California, and Western New York. She published her first book, *14 Days Quarantine Meal Drawing Project*, after visiting her native Hong Kong in 2021. She has received the American Association of University Women's Career Development Grant for women of color pursuing their first advanced degree in traditional fields, the SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship, and a 2023 merit-based scholarship.

2023 CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL OF THE PROFESSIONS

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Bachelor of Science

Ayah Abdel-Al	Eva Becker	Alyssa Cook	Jordan Danielle Gant
Elham Ahmed Abdulmalk	Raven Beckles	Rachael Mae Cooper **	Virginia Marie Garcia
Mohammad Bakhtiyar Abid	Mosammat Mitu Begum	Natalie Morgan Corda	Timothy Gardner
Malik Jaheem Abrahams	Rumana Begum	Sadie Marie Cotrofeld	Eric John Gates
Nya L. Abrahams	Robert Glenn Behen	Ethan Christopher Craddock	Binta Betty Gaye
Jeniffer Ramos Abreu	Javonte' Tyrese Bell	Kaylee M. Crone *	Zachary Ian Gentzke
Edwuina Absolu	Alana Lee Bengert	Quamel-Allah Croskey	Haley George
Nisha Nia Adams	Yossy R. Castillo Bermudez	Kendrick D. Cuello	Staceyqu L. Georges
Khem Adhikari	Richard M. Bernstein	Shon Donnell Culbreath	Amy Le Gerber-Buchanan
Nininahazwe Agnes ***	Dasia Sesan Bethel	Jacob A. Curr ***	Hassan Ghanbarzadeh *
Said Ahmad	Mahesh Bhandari *	Victoria Ann Dahdal	Matthew B. Gibson
Noushin Ahmed	Prayushi Kishorbhai Bhorania ***†	Kirk Daniel	Everett Hill Gilbert
Ruby Akbar *	Nazemul H. Bhuiyan	Caelan David	Ryan Thomas Glennon *
Sameer Akesson	Alexa Shakyra Billingslea	Candace E. Davis	Larissa A. Gmeinder ***
Ferhana Akther	Daniella Tamia Birotte	Owen Howard Davis	Ariana C. Gomez
Farah Al-Karkhi	Marissa Anne Birrer ***	Brennan D. Deahn	Brandon Lee Goodwin
Fahim Alam	Marcus Birthwright	Tyler Delaney	Matthew Landry Gouger
Ahmed Alawdi	Sabiya Blackman	Jayda J. Delgado	Taylor Robert Grad
Milan Albert	Ahniyah Ailan Blamoville	Yanelly M. Dennis	Andrew Martin Gradolph
Sarah Albright	Michael Boadu	Dominique Mamie Desrosiers	Key'Shawn Sha'Kur Green
Abigail Louise Alder	Arka Boh	Diego Diaz	Jakilah Patricia Greene
Jaron Alexander	Elizabeth Rose Bokoski	Edwin Alexander Diaz	Paige Monet Greene *
Narmeen G. Alfahal ***	Jason M. Bolea	Jadalynn Diaz	Adrienne T. Griffin
Nuralaion Alhadeethi	Marquell Boutwell	Stephanie F. Dickerson	Nicole Groden
Hussian Askar Ali	Matthew Bruce Bowen *	Renefra Dodson	Rebecca Gubala
Christian Altamura	Elisha Hillary Alicia Bowry	Christian P. Dorsett	Angelo Joseph Guglielmo
Wafaa Altorjman	Marianna Frances Braun	Jodie Naika Ducheine *	Joseph Michael Guilmain
Daisy Lynn Ambrusko ***	Brynn Ann Brewington	Amanda Skyler Dutka	Joseph Guppenberger
Natalie Marie Ambrusko	Inez Brooks	Jared Micael Dywan *	Retesh Gurung
Natasha S. Amoah	Bailey Winifred Brouillard	Alyssa Angel Elbaneh **	Carlos B. Guzman **
Edward Mark Anders	Jalen L. Brown	Shinikka Eldridge	Giovanna Maury Guzman
Rakym Maxwell Andres	Nicole Brown **	Jason Anthony Ehlert	Nicholas Hamme
Nicole Marie Anderson ***	Nesiya Mahogany Sire Brunson	Daniel Erckert	Oscar Zachariah Handley *
Elizabeth Ashley Anglin	Justin Robert Cabrera **	David James Errington	Juliana Frances Hansen
Nicholas J. Anzalone	Angelo S. Caizza	Emily A. Ersing ***	Jackson Harding
Melissa Frempomaa Appenteng	Isaiah Di'Shon Campbell	Jacqueline Annette Evans	Cassidy Rose Harenza
Yeesin Arafath	Alicia Campos *	Olivia Earl Evans ***	Dave Anthoney Harry
Matthew Louis Arnow	Peter Michael Capone	Daniela Falca	Benjamin John Hartman ***
Anwar Aswat **	Timothy Carver	Shannon M. Fath	Ajahni Harvey
Michael R. Avery	Daniel B. Carveth	Sean David Fazekas	Fereja Mahmud Hassen *
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Anita Baar	Ashton Lavarr Chatley	Conor P. Flannery	Taliya Jaylene Hendrix
Lawrence Bailey *	Adnan E. Chowdhury	Vashawna Fleming	Jaevon D. Hernandez
James Todd Bailey	Taliyah Fannah Cisse	Javon Ford	Kathy Michelle Hernandez
Xavier Baker	Christina Roslyn Clarke	Teja Amanda Forrest	Galad Ahmed Hirsi
Mohmed Sadou Balde	Matthew Ryan Clifford ***	Kayla Nicole Frankel **	Adam Hoffmann
Lanique T. Baldwin	Chellsie Irene Colas	Naquelle I. Franklin	Yazmin Cassandra Holder
Michael James Bardol	Azeem Quane Cole	Damani Travon Fraser	Ryan Holguin
Anisea Roshowna-Lonnee-	Kiersten Harryette Coley	Joel Dee Frazee	Jana Christine Holland
Mary-Louis Barnes	Demetrios A. Collantes	Mya Frederick	Matthew S. Horn ***
Breanna Lee Barrett	Blake Russell Colonell	Elizabeth Marie Friend	Amran Hossain
Giselle Aguirre Barrientos	Cheryce Akela Danielle	Ciara Simone Fritz	Ian Blane Hoy
Kyle Joseph Bauer	Colquhoun	Ryan F. Frost	Mohammed Naimul Huda
	Kaithlyn Compere	Vito Alberto Fulciniti	John R. Huebschmann
	Sarah Catherine Conley ***	Payton Elizabeth Furner	Robert Aaron Huertas
	Jakob Wayne Connors	Jacqueline Galindo-Carreon	Kyleigh Hughes

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Kristamar Ashley Hunter	Ywa Taw K. Lu Moo *	Sarah Elizabeth Mutton	Nelson Kike Ramos
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Kevin R. Huss *	Brittney Michelle Luther *	William R. Myhalenko ***	Kylie L. Reach
Rochelle Olivia Hylton ***	Reagan V. Mabika	Wadeea Naji	Jonathon M. Redfern
Junior C. Iheke	Mukhtar Sadik Mabruk	Allison Brianne Napier **	Alexandra Reeds *
Argjend Imeri	Grace Maciejewski **	Nicholas Alexander Napierala	Dimitri Johnathan Regisford
Samira A. Issa	Jason Macklin	McKiley Mae Nappo *	Megan Lynne Reid
Ashley Helen Jablonski **	Zachary Madej	Ayah Hannah Nedrick	Alexis Remington
Marvin Garvin Jackson	Sagar Magar	Georgia M. Needham *	Raymond Dean Reynolds
Shauna M. Jackson	Marco Pasquale Maggiore **	Sophia K. Neequaye	Alexis M. Ricotta **
Nia M. James	Tariq Devin Maloney	Mikeya Eleanor-Ray Nesbitt *†	Joseph Rigler
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Kimori D. Jamison	Akayla Manuel	Gregory Matondo Kwa Nzambi	Brandon Rivera
Samuel Edward Jaworski *	Raphael J. Manuel **	Ngoma Di Nzau	Thomas John Rivera
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Josh-Lynne Danielle Jenifer	Sara Ellen Marczynski	Daniel Ryan Nobrega	Kaylie C. Robinson ***
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Dejae Johnson	Imani Marino	Amie Renea Noonan ***	Michaela Marie Robles
Trevor Koron Johnson **	Shanique Samantha Marsh	Emil Norrman ***	Matthew Raul Rodriguez
Zakiya Aijane Johnson	Yoel Martinez	Rubiya Nsiah	Michael S. Rohe *
Mikayla E. Jones	Aaliyah S. Mathews	Cin San Nuam	Joshua T. Rollain
Sterling James Jones	Emmanuel Nsenga Mathias *	Paula Nuchereo	Maria A. Roman
Julia Elisabeth Jugoon	Brianna Jessica-Lee Mattison	Matthew Nunez	Orfa Yailyn Cardona Roman *
Michael Peter Kacalski	Dawt H. Mawi	Peyton E. O'Brien	Anthony Roncone
Kirkkind Grace Kaleta	Sonia Agatako Mbabazi	Clancy Grace O'Connor ***	Alexander Lawrence Rose
Joshua Karmazyn	Alena Kristine McKelvey *	John Olaosebikan Olatunji *	Amoi Rose
Alana Maria Kary ***	Janai Erin McKenzie	Zoreika Zaria Ollivierre	Garrett D. Rosen
Seiki Kawahara **	Seth McNaughton	Charles Onogwu	Mark Anthony Rutherford
Massa Keita	Vare Elise McNeil	Genevieve Rose Orcutt **	Abigail Alston Ryan †
Lainie Jane Kelahan *	Jazlynn Medina	Alera Osborne	Sajad Q. Sahi
Benjamin S. Kempa *	Gedion Yaekob Melesse	Fabiha Osmani	Laith Salah
Aasia Khaton	Viera R. Mesler ***	Joseph Thomas Oswald	Aidan P. Salick
Phoo Pwint Khine	Raymond Daniel Mezydlo	Shuying Ou	Trinity Ann Sanchez
Tianna K. Khourie	Md Anas Miah	Samson R. Owens	Ruben Santana
Jamea King Best	Lisa Michael	Carmen J. Pappaceno	Angelina Allyssia Santiago *
Brittany Kirkley	Hunter Michael Milhollen	Dominique C. Parke	Paw Thet Kyue Say *
Tyajah Jacqueline Kittelberger	Imani N. Miller	Htee M. Paw	Julian Michael Schaefer
Katelyn Marie Kostiw	Katelyn Marie Miller ***	Nathalia Paola Paz	Perry Schmidt ***
Nikita Kozorev	Megan Elizabeth Miller	David George Peiffer	Taylor Anne Schneeberger ***
Alexandra V. Kraft ***	Samantha J. Miller	Seth Penn	Zachary Evan Schneider
David Michael Kramp	Michael Brendan Mitchell	Gina M. Perno ***	Annemarie Schreckenberger **
Jeremy Kroll	Iaya Mohamed	Dante Andres Peters	Jennifer Rose Schultz
Joseph Alexander Kulik	Aurora-Rose Molnar	Zoey Peterson	Zachary Joseph Schultz *
Alexa Lee Kuppel *	Andrea Jean Monk ***	Steven Phengsomphane	David Kevin Schunk
Joseph Thomas Kuschke ***	Daris S. Monroy Castillo	Tommi-Lynne Piernik	Quinn M. Schwab
Iryna Kuts	Aaron Montas	Wildy Christopher Pierre Jerome †	Nacima Scott
Kyle Anthony Kwietniewski	Andres F. Montes	Zachary John Pirog	Hailey Alexandra Seibold **
Yardeni A. Lamothe	Charlene Sharne Montgomery	Dominique C. Pitts	Emelia Rose Seiferth ***
Amaris A. LaRose	Travis William Moriarty	Phoebe Eyra Pitts	Janelle Sekyere
Dahre Lay	J'Ariam Hurlan Moore	Roger Charles Powers	Jacfar Shariff
Kayla Leon	Nicholas R. Moore	Megan Renee Price	Sameer S. Sharma
Leonardo Serafin Leonardo	Mercedes Moore-Wells	Joshua Ptak	Anique Anneah Shaw
Phaybian Devine Livingston	Bianca Vernell Morris	Tyler A. Pufpaff	Nyah Angeliyah Shaw
Carley Rose LoGrippo	Nicholas Morrison	Matthew James Purcell ***	Htee M. Shee
John Edward Lockwood	Anna M. Mucha	Mikaela Ann Pyykkonen	Janey Katharine Sheehan
Amanda Ann Lombardi ***†	Reema Mufflahi	Hisham Rashad Qasas	Zachary Shine
Alyssa Lombardo	Kendall Mulkins **	Sadia Rahman	Lexus Morgan Schrufer
David Lopez	Saharatu Munkaila	Samia Rahman	Conner James Shubert
Jalisa Del Carmen Lopez	Michelle Anne Munyon ***	Syeda R. Rahmani	Corey Lee Sidney
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 Dakota Michael Simon
 Cameron James Sionko **
 Yin Senai Son ***
 Stephen Douglas South **
 Sityvayte Nina Souvorachak
 Marie Spektor **
 Delaney Shae Sprecker
 Nalijah Ameera Squires
 Justin Michael Starkweather
 Allison Margaret Steinberger
 Ashanti Stewart
 Rashaun J. Stewart McQueen *
 Brendan Charles Stuart
 Ava L. Stubbe
 Sadia Sultana
 Ashley M. Switzer ***
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 Muhammed Abdulbari Taha
 Reginald Leon Taylor
 Caitlin Rylance Thill ***
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 Darren Thompson
 Leshawn M. Thompson
 Mitchell Colin Thornton
 Julia Enelda Tibold
 Marissa Lynn Tiff
 Freddy Tirado
 Kyliah Tatyanna Toussaint
 Majestyk Tramel
 Zoe Noel-Trapani
 Elizabeth Frances Urmson ***
 Alyssa Marie Valle
 Kiara Eliana Vallenilla ***†
 Alia Monique Vandt
 Joshua D. Van Lew
 Dean Van Son
 Hanny Berenice Vasquez-Fabian
 Daejah C. Vazquez
 Jason M. Vincent ***
 Adam David Vullo ***
 Julia Patricia Wachna
 Alexander Nicholas Wagner
 Anthony Joseph Wahlgren
 Soe Soe Wai
 Wyatt M. Walker
 Brett Robert Warren
 Candice Leah Dianne Washington
 Jamella Alma Washington
 Christina Marie Waters **
 Cheyenne Shania Watkins
 Phillip John Weeks
 Ah Wei *
 Earl Vernon Wells
 Daniel Wendel
 Nicholas T. White
 Paris White White
 Grace P. Widman
 Jovan A. Wiggins

Brianna Wik *
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 Benjamin David Wile **
 Zachary Daniel Wilkesmore
 Alexis Rose Williams *
 Kelsey Sue Ann Wilson
 Juliet Lee Win **
 Byron Windsor
 Jennifer M. Wiskemann
 Semait Woldu
 Katelyn J. Wolf
 Dylan D. Woodling
 Owen Woysner
 Brandon Michael Wrobel **
 Samantha Lynn Wroblewski **
 Safiya Nikayla Yearwood
 Jonathan Robert Young
 Rosa Guadalupe Zarrabal ***
 Nikola Zdjelar **
 Kaitlyn Zindle *
 Dominique A. Zirpola ***
 Bernard D. Zolnoski
 Yusuf Mohammed Zulqarnain

MASTER'S DEGREES AND GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Master of Science
 Shelbymarie Amos
 Keishawna Arlene Backus
 Mirza Noor Ali Baig
 Sarah Grace Bauch
 Taylor Marie Benton
 Darcy L. Biltkoff
 Ernst Monsengo Mayizo Bonjaw
 Ashley Marie Brigham
 Marnisha Sierina Brooks
 Mary Rebecca Brown
 Shannon Burrows
 Jeannine C. Carlisle
 Claire Margaret Castiglia
 David Anthony Clemons
 Margarita M. DelValle
 Tahira Endean
 Hayden Patrick Ford
 Kathleen Carol Frazier
 Meaghan Gorman
 Andrew Martin Gradolph
 Ashlea Priscilla Green
 La'Shea Ella-Rae Green-Thomas †
 Marcus Hairston
 Ryan Alexander Hill
 Jhada D. Hutchinson
 Briana Janay Jackson
 Shelby T. Jeras
 Naghma Samina Khan
 Adeline Bell Kijisravej
 Mary Clare Darby Kuhn
 Kirsten Noelle Lindquist Campana

Carly Livingston
 Andrew Steven Logar
 Jeanette Janine Matser
 Jovanni Cardinal Maynard
 Gregory Allen McClure
 Caroline McCabe
 Coral Ann McConnon
 Erin McKendry
 Seth Michael Meyer
 Shannon M. Miller
 Kevin Molesworth †
 Samantha Monaghan
 Bernadine M. Murray
 Shannon Marie Okonczak
 Joycelyn Opoku
 Tatiana Ortiz
 Dena M. Puglisi
 Jordan-Christopher Harry Purvis
 Mohammad Zahir Rahimi
 Zahid Mohammad Rahimi
 Fardina S. Rahman
 Michelle Riggio
 Sara Maria Rinehart
 Juliette Mary Ripley-Dunkelberger
 Natalie Nicole Rivera
 Nahdira Denae Rollins
 Jasmine Aurea Samano
 Renee M. Sgroi
 Ke Shi
 Saira Siddiqui †
 Gurinder Singh
 Lakshmi Sithambaram
 Ryan James Snyder
 Malika K. Thompson
 Danielle A. Tomczak
 Andres Manuel Vasquez
 Oshina Kadeen Webb
 Brian Wickham
 Miggie Ka Ki Wong
 Selma Yalazi-Dawani
 Melique C. Young
 Jennifer Pauline Youngblood

Master of Science in Education

Brooke Marie Abbott
 Emma Grace Asklar
 Rachel Carman
 Maria DeFilippo
 Abigail Frost
 Kristen Frances Green
 Jonathan H. Hendrix
 Emma Horucy
 Natalia Kim
 Lindsay Erin Krupinski
 Meghan Elizabeth LaTuso
 Alyssa Marilyn Markowski
 Bianca Mascia
 Alexandra Michaels
 Danielle Mulder

Catherine Munich
 Alexandra G. Nelson
 Allegra Anne Pilch
 Kate Elizabeth Riniolo
 Jordan Kelly Short
 Erika Marie Stevens
 Winnie Su
 Rebecca Tovberg
 Mary Jovita Wilson

Graduate Certificate

Anne Marie Brisson
 Jeannine C. Carlisle
 Laura M. Dawn
 Akua Doris Ducard
 Marika Escaravage
 Jason Francey
 Kathleen Carol Frazier
 Coral Ann McConnon
 Kevin Molesworth †
 Samantha Monaghan
 Bernadine M. Murray
 Faherty L. Nielsen
 Joseph Cullen O'Connor
 Katie Frances Ravich
 Jacob Lee Ravnborg
 Eduvijej Cristina Sanchez
 Lakshmi Sithambaram
 Meghan C. Shields
 Heather Trumble
 Selma Yalazi-Dawani

List compiled May 11, 2023.

*** summa cum laude 3.80–4.00

** magna cum laude 3.65–3.79

* cum laude 3.50–3.64

† dual degree

2023 SCHOOL OF THE PROFESSIONS BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

BUSINESS

Elham A. Abdulmalk

Outstanding Student in the Business Department – International Business Concentration

Natalie M. Ambrusko

Outstanding Student in the Business Administration Program

Alana L. Bengert

Business Department Intern of the Year
Internship Company: Moog Inc. Space & Defense Group

Emily A. Ersing

Outstanding Student in the Business Department – Marketing Concentration

Annemarie Schreckenberger

Outstanding Student in the Business Department – Management Concentration

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Fahim Alam

Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Farah Al-Karkhi

Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Christian Altamura

Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Prayushi K. Bhorania

Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Daniel B. Carveth

Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Matthew R. Clifford

Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Jason R. Fearnall

Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

USB Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award (2022)

James R. Filosofos

Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Ntirenganya Gakuru

Robert A. Clark Scholarship (2022)

Matthew S. Horn

Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Jeremy Kroll

Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Joseph T. Kuschke

Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Grace Maciejewski

Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Anna M. Mucha

Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

William R. Myhalenko

Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Nelson K. Ramos

Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Alyssa Cook

Donald J. Griffin Memorial Award

FASHION AND TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY

Amanda A. Lombardi

Elaine Polvinen Endowed Scholarship (2020)

Marion Thomas Swenson, '39, FTT Endowed Scholarship (2022)

Michael R. Rodriguez

Runway 2022 Second Place Senior Collection (2022)

Emelia R. Seiferth

National Retail Federation Student Challenge Competition Semifinalist

Marie Spektor

Elaine Polvinen Endowed Scholarship (2022)

Jack N. Thomas

Runway 2022 Third Place Senior Collection (2022)

HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND DIETETICS

Seiki Kawahara

Eta Sigma Gamma and the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing Inc. Outstanding Undergraduate Health Education Major of the Year Award

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

Justin Cabrera

Statler Scholarship of Excellence (2021–2022)

Ashton Chatley

Statler Scholarship (2022–2023)

Carlos Guzman

Statler Scholarship of Excellence (2022–2023)

Blake Hendricks

Statler Scholarship (2022–2023)

Dahre Lay

Statler Scholarship (2022–2023)

Lisa Michael

Statler Scholarship (2022–2023)

Phoebe Pitts

Statler Scholarship (2022)

Nyah Shaw

Hospitality and Tourism Campus House Members Award (2022–2023)

Jadaya Souffrant-Nicholson

Statler Scholarship (2021–2023)

Ashley Switzer

Statler Scholarship (2022–2023)

Hanny Vasquez-Fabian

Statler Scholarship (2022–2023)

Phillip Weeks

Hospitality and Tourism Campus House Members Award (2022–2023)

SOCIAL WORK

Nininahazwe Agnes

Excellence in Social Work

Daisy Lynn Ambrusko

Excellence in Social Work

National Association of Social Workers–New York State Western Division

Social Work Intern of the Year

SUNY Buffalo State University Outstanding Social Work Student of the Year

Nicole Marie Anderson

Excellence in Social Work

Eva Becker

Excellence in Social Work

Marianna Frances Braun

Excellence in Social Work

Brynn Ann Brewington

Excellence in Social Work

Rebecca Fidler

Excellence in Social Work

Larissa A. Gmeinder

Excellence in Social Work

Alexandra V. Kraft

Excellence in Social Work

Zoe Noel-Trapani

Excellence in Social Work

Gina M. Perno

Excellence in Social Work

Megan Lynne Reid

Excellence in Social Work

Taylor Anne Schneeberger

Excellence in Social Work

Caitlin Rylance Thill

Excellence in Social Work

Christina Marie Waters

Excellence in Social Work

Amie Renea Whaley

Excellence in Social Work

Rosa Guadalupe Zarrabal

Excellence in Social Work

2023 SCHOOL OF THE PROFESSIONS BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Rachel Carmen

Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Maria DeFilippo

Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Award for Clinical Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Abigail Frost

Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Award for Clinical Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Kristen Frances Green

Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Emma Horucy

Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Natalia Kim

Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Lindsay Krupinski

Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Alyssa Markowski

Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Award for Clinical Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Alexandra Michaels

Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Award for Clinical Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Deborah Moll-Richmond Foundation Scholarship (2021)

Katelyn Miller

Gustave and Geraldine Werner Undergraduate Award (2022–2023)

Danielle Mulder

Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Catherine Munich

Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Allegra Pilch

Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Kate Riniolo

Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Award for Clinical Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Jordan Short

Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Erika Stevens

Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Mary Wilson

Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

2023 SCHOOL OF THE PROFESSIONS GRADUATE AWARDS

BUSINESS

Joycelyn Opoku

M.S. Business Management Outstanding Graduate Award

CREATIVITY AND CHANGE LEADERSHIP

La'Shea Green-Thomas

SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2022–2023)

Nahdira Rollins

SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2021–2023)

Miggie Wong

SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2022–2023)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Margarita DelValle

SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2022–2023)

Ashlea Priscilla Green

SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2022–2023)

Marcus Hairston

Morgan Graduate Award

Michelle Riggio

Morgan Graduate Award

HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

Sarah G. Bauch

Robert A. Davis Endowed Scholarship (2022)

Jordan H. Purvis

Thomas J. Quatroche Memorial Scholarship (2022)

Melique C. Young

Thomas J. Quatroche Memorial Scholarship (2022)

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Ashlea Priscilla Green

SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2022–2023)

Bianca Mascia

Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Cynthia Steiger Berry Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Scholarship (2021)

Winnie Su

Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2022–2023)

Awards listed were granted in 2023 unless otherwise noted.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND INDIVIDUALIZED AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES CEREMONY 1:00 P.M.

PRELUDE

The Rockwell Brass

Ricky L. Fleming, *Director*
Professor, Music

PROCESSIONAL

The Rockwell Brass

Sandra D. Washington-Copeland, *Mace Bearer*
Program Director, Teacher Opportunity Corps

CONVENING

Robert M. Zak
Member, Buffalo State 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

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Mikala A. Highsmith, Class of 2023
Bachelor of Science, Career and Technical Education

Presenters

Eunice A. Lewin
Trustee, State University of New York

Katherine S. Conway-Turner

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT

Orlando J. Hill, Class of 2023
Master of Science in Education, Career and Technical Education

Presenter

Katherine S. Conway-Turner

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION STUDENT ADDRESS

Orlando J. Hill

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

John C. Starkey, '98
Principal, Lafayette International High School

Presenter

Katherine S. Conway-Turner

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Mildred Otero
*Senior Vice President for National Impact,
Leadership for Educational Equity*

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

James Mayrose
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Wendy A. Paterson, '75, '76
Dean, School of Education

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Katherine S. Conway-Turner

BUFFALO STATE UNIVERSITY 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.*

CAPTURING THE MOMENT Commencement is an important day and one that our graduates will long remember. As a courtesy, a professional photography company, Island Photography, will capture each graduate's special moment during the ceremony. You are also invited to use the Commencement Garden, in front of the Sports Arena, as a photo backdrop. A link to view individual portrait proofs taken by Island Photography is provided at <http://commencement.buffalostate.edu/capturing-moment>.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



MILDRED OTERO

Mildred Otero is the senior vice president for national impact at Leadership for Educational Equity (LEE), a diverse network of equity-minded leaders at all stages of life and career. LEE is a free membership organization currently open to alumni of partner organizations including Teach for America, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, New Leaders, Latinos for Education, Urban Teachers, and Public Allies.

Ms. Otero is responsible for LEE's national strategy, designing and developing life-changing civic leadership programs, experiences, and tools serving LEE members across the phases of four leadership pathways. She is also an adjunct instructor for the University of Miami, School of Education.

Before joining LEE, Ms. Otero served as chief education counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, where she managed the Senate majority's education agenda and its policy development and strategy for children from cradle to career. Such efforts

included legislation addressing early childhood education, elementary and secondary education, higher education, and adult education.

Before her tenure with the Senate, Ms. Otero served as senior policy officer at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, where she led the foundation's federal advocacy efforts for the U.S. programs in Washington, D.C. In this role, she focused on policy advocacy that advanced the foundation's college-ready and postsecondary success strategies.

Ms. Otero relocated to Washington, D.C., in 2003 as a Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Public Policy Fellow, working for then-United States Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton. She went on to work at the Children's Defense Fund as deputy director for early childhood development and legislative assistant for United States Senator Jack Reed of Rhode Island, and later as senior policy adviser for Senator Clinton until 2009, when she transitioned with Secretary Clinton to the U.S. Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development, collaborating in areas of education, youth, and social protection policy affecting the Latin America and Caribbean region.

Ms. Otero earned a bachelor of arts from the State University of New York at Albany and a master of social work from the New York University Silver School of Social Work.

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



JOHN C. STARKEY, CLASS OF 1998

John Starkey, principal of Lafayette International High School, Buffalo Public School 207, is a 1998 graduate of Buffalo State University, where he majored in Spanish under the mentorship of the late Dr. Javier Ortiz-Calderon.

Mr. Starkey left Buffalo State and continued his studies at the State University of New

York at New Paltz and the College of St. Rose, where he received master's degrees in TESOL (teaching English to speakers of other languages) and school administration, respectively. He began his career as an ENL (English as a new language) teacher in the New York City Public Schools and went on to become principal of three high schools in New York City before returning to Western New York to open Lafayette International High School in 2016.

Lafayette International High School is part of the nationwide Internationals Network for Public Schools, an educational nonprofit that shares common criteria in a supportive school-based model for recently arrived English-language learners.

Since the opening of Lafayette International, the average graduation rate has climbed to 85 percent, and several new programs have been developed, including business, building trades, and community-based pathways.

Mr. Starkey has worked closely with Buffalo State since Lafayette International High School opened. Buffalo State President Katherine Conway-Turner has supported this collaboration in conjunction with the Buffalo Public Schools and has helped support the growth of Lafayette through dynamic Buffalo State programs such as the Professional Development Schools, Upward Bound, the Anne Frank Project, and the Liberty Partnerships Program. Many Buffalo State student teachers and observers are on the Lafayette campus each day, and a number of graduates and staff are former Buffalo State students.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION STUDENT ADDRESS PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT



ORLANDO J. HILL

Orlando Hill has earned a master of science in education in career and technical education, attaining a 3.92 GPA while working as a tenured teacher in the Buffalo Public Schools' newly formed Buffalo School of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management (School 355). He earned his undergraduate degree in hospitality administration from Buffalo State in 2015.

Mr. Hill has been a model student. His critical decision-making skills are thoughtful, insightful, and professionally reflective. His writing skills are excellent, and he completes all work in a professional manner. An active participant in class discussions, he often promotes other students' commentary, which results in meaningful class sessions.

As a teacher, Mr. Hill has the passion and ability to facilitate student success. He expertly combines a creative and enthusiastic attitude with a calm and patient demeanor. He is an excellent communicator who seeks out new challenges and alternative methods of teaching to bring out the best in his students. His hands-on lessons contribute to his students' sense of belonging and academic achievement.

He serves his school district as a culinary instructor and a basketball coach for the Emerson Lady Eagles junior varsity team.

Community-minded, he has volunteered with Buffalo State service-learning projects. In addition, he is the Sunday School secretary for his church, the Greater St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church. He is a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success, a Wegmans Scholar, a Statler Foundation Scholar, and a Buffalo Public Schools' Teachers of Tomorrow Grant recipient. He also received the 2021 Changemakers 30 Under 30 award, for which he received recognition from New York State Senator Tim Kennedy and Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown.

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



MIKALA A. HIGSMITH

Mikala Highsmith has earned a bachelor of science in career and technical education, attaining a 4.0 GPA while operating her own bakery business and working full time.

Ms. Highsmith is a conscientious, hardworking, and dedicated student and a humble ambassador for the university. Always positive and upbeat, she seamlessly applied course content to her own teaching practice. Her

instructors noted that she did not study for the sake of a grade; instead, she studied because it would make her a more effective teacher.

An accomplished business owner and entrepreneur who started Kala's Kreations bakery at age 14, Ms. Highsmith has also worked as a pastry chef at DoubleTree by Hilton and Salvatore's Italian Gardens. While culinary activity is her passion, teaching is her calling. An aspiring culinary arts instructor, she has served as a substitute teacher of baking and pastry

at Erie 1 BOCES since 2021, working with high school students with special needs. In addition, she recently began a new role as an adjunct instructor at Niagara County Community College's Niagara Falls Culinary Institute. She also coaches high school students who compete in annual national competitions hosted by SkillsUSA, a career and technical student organization. She sees culinary education as a pathway to broader learning and plans to open a community center where kids and teens can cook, bake, and collaborate.

Dedicated to the greater Buffalo community, she has been a youth coach and community activist offering free culinary classes at special education centers and donating cupcakes to the Juneteenth Festival of Buffalo and Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Ms. Highsmith transferred to Buffalo State after receiving her associate's degree from SUNY Alfred State. A recipient of the Dr. G. Wesley Ketcham Scholarship, she is a member of Tau Sigma, the national honor society for transfer students, and Kappa Delta Pi, the national honor society for educators.

2023 CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND INDIVIDUALIZED AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Bachelor of Science

Taylor Renee Adamczak **
 Alia Khaled Alfadhli
 Trinity Diane Ball ***
 Paul L. Banko **
 Alexis Barcena **
 Alexandria Marie Benson ***
 Brittany Lynn Bisher
 Macy M. Blake
 Cayla Marie Bone
 Felicia Paige Boyle ***
 Maura Lizbeth Brady
 Olivia Marie Brewster ***
 Jarett E. Brzykcy *
 Tracy L. Burgio ***
 Emma M. Cain
 Angela Marie Calvello
 Sierra Grace Cawthard
 Elina Mari Cerasani ***
 Hailey Clark
 Rachel Maryanne Collins **
 Andrew J. Collura *
 Elyse Suzanne Crimi ***
 Amber Chelise Crittenden
 Gabriela Camilla-Rose Devero ***
 Joseph David DiNardo
 Erin Elizabeth Donovan *
 Kristen Marie Doohan
 Layla Emani Dubose
 Sara Dworzanski *
 Cheri Ann Enright
 Sofia Roswitha Fanizzi ***
 Emily J. Felong ***
 Krystal Diane Ferguson
 Olivia Marie Fisher ***
 Samantha Elaine Gaines **
 Joseph Paul Gibson ***
 Breanna Greenawalt ***
 Shanisha Griffiths
 Joyal Christana Guerra-Figaro
 Mikala Amaelcia Highsmith ***
 Isabella Noel Hill
 Emily Anne Hoerner ***
 Xiandra Lee Inwood
 Jalandra Dibri Jackson
 Lauren M. Jackson **
 Sarah Jessica Jackson ***
 Tamera Barbette Jackson
 Tia Jaynes ***
 Dierra J. Jenkins
 Alexis Nicole Jones **
 Victoria Taylor Kalita
 Ashley Autumn Kerchenski ***
 Lynn Marie Kluge ***
 Cynthia Sany Kozman ***
 Johanna Kraus

Brittany Alexis Krzanak
 Taylor Y. LaClair **
 Kristin M. Larue
 Ellexia P. Lazore
 Grace Anne Leggio ***
 Monique C. Lewis
 Amanda Ann Lombardi ***†
 Kara Janette Londos **
 Lyndijean Lois Lowry
 Madison Olivia MacNeil **
 Wyatt William Maerten
 Nadiyah S. Marcano
 Jenna Elizabeth Matter
 Christina M. Maue ***
 Melanie Marie Mazur ***
 Alexandra Patricia Rose McGowan
 Elizabeth Grace Michienzi ***
 Sarafina Shatima Miles *
 Elise Marie Miller ***
 Nicholas Montgomery
 Jelyn Moyler
 Brent Ernest Muhlberger
 Amanda Nguyen **
 Brittnee Elizabeth Nicoloff ***
 Maryalice May Niver **
 Casie Marie Nugent ***
 Makdes Nore Omer
 Klihtoo Paw **
 Jazmin Gabrielle Perez
 Nathan Oliver Pericak
 Carmella Rose Pettys
 William Quarantello
 India LaRue Renee Quick *
 Amanda Maureen Radwan ***
 Carly Deann Redden **
 Sarah Redman
 Brianna Ashley Reilly ***
 Jacob Michael Rhodes
 Ariana E. Roseboro
 Matthew Ryan Rude
 Brooke Ashlyn Senay
 Ralia Sherif
 Lauren Isabell Skalski *
 Kacey E. Stack ***
 Hayley Marie Stein
 William Anthony Sturak
 Emily Morgan Sugg *
 Payton Kristina Torregrossa
 Emily Nicole Turton ***
 Ciara Mary Weedon ***
 Kaylee Marie-Skye Whalen
 Brianna R. Wright ***
 Tess Mary Wright **
 Cayla Ann Zaharkin *
 Delaney Ann Zander
 Samantha Marie Zier **
 Kylie Anne Zsebehazy *
 Adam M. Zubricky ***

Bachelor of Science in Education

Owen P. Adamec **
 Annaliese J. DiCarlo ***
 Chardenay Lashelle Hunter ***
 Alana Marie Kilminster **
 Syrena Vail Kohlman ***
 Amy Lesinski *
 Marita V. Miller *
 Abigail Lee Phillips
 Jennifer Purpura **
 Casey Lynne Rymarczyk **
 Stacey Nicole Spiller
 Christina Renee Stoessel
 Stacie Lynn Tchorznicki
 Alexis Maria Turan
 Erin Valente ***
 Miles Dean Woode
 April Marie Wright
 Kelsey Lynn Zabawa ***

David P. Garcia
 Cameron Darnet Garrett
 Jessica Christine Gates
 Agnes Ge
 Joshua K. George
 Mamie W. Glay
 Marquita Louise Goree
 Michael John Grannis
 Jasmine Graves
 Jamar T. Gray
 Tanisha L. Hamilton
 Akoe Harper
 Samara Martine Henry
 Jordyn Ashleigh Hooks
 Michael Drew Houser
 Jordan Aaliyah Hubbard
 Demba Jallow
 Leah Jasmine
 Jalen A. Johnson
 Rogueilis Joseph
 Saran Kaba
 Robert Key
 Samantha M. Koerner
 Tatyana N. Lane
 Kirsten Marie Lemke
 Ashanti Ta-Cora Leverette
 Mama Kake Makanera
 Aimee Jo Maskell
 Amanda G. McMullen
 Rose Victoria Milord
 Mamadou Billo Misibahu
 Emily J. Moyer
 Mahmuda Saleya Nayen
 Darel Pajan
 Kaitlyn Elizabeth Protzman ***
 Shanna Belenisa Ramirez
 Anna Carolina Rand
 Marissa Antonina Rich ***
 Kim Weade Rogers
 Nzinga Nkima Rosa
 James Rubado
 Sierra A. Salters
 Hillary Sanchez
 Amanda C. Schack
 Megan Miranda Sheehan *
 La-Nya A. Simeon
 Elijah J. Smith
 Marlon George Smith
 Emily Staniszewski
 Jasmin Suarez
 Cheyenne J. VanDenBosch
 Alaysia Walker
 Grace Aday Weah
 Anastacia Leigh Wells
 Iyanna Symone Williams
 Keilani Qadira Winbrone
 Seham A. Younis
 Ronoq Zaman
 Carl Nicolas Zarcone *
 Viola Monae Zimmerman

INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES

Bachelor of Science

Nana Afrifa
 Rawan Kadib Alban **
 Dyonte Armani Allen
 Kaitlin Marie Andrews
 Edmund Prince Attipoe
 Aissota Bah
 Martin J. Bailey
 Temitope R. Bakare
 Brittany Baker
 Magdalene Baunda
 Bremmer Armando Belisario
 Alexander Michael Bellet
 Brooke Joy Blakely
 Robin L. Blassingame
 Justin Henri Boucher †
 Darrius L. Brown
 Devonte Denzel Brown
 Kevin G. Brown
 Camia Toni Sara Browne
 Flynn Paul Burton
 Chloe Ciranni *
 Shainna Antonia Clarke
 Samantha Mary Coleman **
 Madeline Elizabeth Crosby ***
 Kyshira A. Cummings
 Jason Michael Johnston Davis
 Anyelina Diaz
 Danielle Grace Distefano ***
 Molly Claire Eberhard **
 Zaria R. Edwards
 Misti Dawn Ellinger
 Sidney Rollins Feldman
 Kaitlin Grace Field ***
 Erin Patricia Figiel
 Isis Teschell Fraser-Durban
 Saw Freeman
 Antuana Fulgham

2023 CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND INDIVIDUALIZED AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

MASTER'S DEGREES AND GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Master of Science

Taharra Monique Uliss Battle
 Daverene Beckett
 Jillian Laurel Caspary
 Michelle Cullen †
 Gerrod Bennett
 Gabrielle Damin
 Kelsey E. Emmerson
 Nidhi Garapati †
 Cathy D. Hoy-Patterson
 Itoko Kobayashi
 Christopher Donald Langswager
 Laura Ann Lariviere
 Miya Shaneuqa McDaniel
 Kara Michelsen
 Sarah Michelle Nasson
 Jessica Phillips
 Mikaela Kristine Sessler
 Shamonique A. Thompson
 Dionne Michele Vincent
 Erin Young †
 Joshua Young-Lawrence †

Master of Science in Education

Mikayla Charlene Achtyl
 Kathleen Lynn Adimey
 Jebreel Mohamed Ahmed
 Rokia Akter †
 Rumana Akter †
 Liz Vanessa Alvarez †
 Aubrey Minda Anderson
 Tricia L. Andres
 Lizbeth Aristega
 Julia Aronica
 Jada Arrington
 Megan E. Ayers
 Laura Bagley
 Brooke Bainbridge
 Emily Balisteri
 Alexandra K. Ballow
 Samantha Barry
 Angelica Abigail Bartkowiak
 Dina Bhour
 Bridget Elise Bender
 Claire Bennett
 Jessica Lynn Bennett
 Alexandria Marie Benson
 Taya Blaszkowiak
 Allison Elizabeth Block
 Ashley Bohne
 Gabriel Jordan Bollers
 Shannon Borowiak
 Rebekah Anne Bova
 Jenna Bradley
 Jacqueline Marie Brown

Maeve Kennedy Brownell
 Ashleigh Elizabeth Burgio
 Olivia P. Bursee
 Kyla S. Campanella
 Shawna Noel Caparaso
 Alexa Dominique Caputo
 Christina Cassata
 Christina Marie Catalano
 Zindy Y. Cavaliere
 Lisa A. Cercone
 Karly Jean Chase
 Maria Faith Chvala †
 Alexis Marie Ciehowski
 Sarah Cilano
 Vanessa Ann Clifton
 Richard Noel Coburn
 Adelyn Collins
 Katherine P. Collins
 Trevor Conschafter
 Alysia Rose Cowe
 Shira Elyse Crane
 Elizabeth Crans
 Marisah Croakman
 Carly Cronin
 Stephanie Sylvia Cross
 Kristy Marie Crouse-Siedlecki
 Emily Nicole Czarniak
 Amanda Daniele
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 Madisyn Davis
 Felicia DeAngelo
 Lindsay DeFilippis
 Marissa DelPrince
 Nicolette Desantis †
 Claire Janet Diebold
 Julia Ann Dinoto
 Melissa Frances DiVirgilio
 Austin Dodge
 Rebecca Marie Dominesey
 Sarah Doran
 Courtney Drayton
 Madison Taylor Duchnik
 Ana Paola Duda †
 Ana Patricia Duda †
 Stacy Lynn Duink
 Deborah J. Eaton
 Callie Rose Everett
 Eucharía L. Ezeoyili
 Suzanne A. Farea †
 Rebecca Farszml
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 Alexis Lee Gabryszak
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 Brianna Garcia
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 Eireann Good
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 Lavonnie Green
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 Breezy Greenert
 Elyse H. Grieco
 Gabriella Renee Gugliuzza
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 Kira Herkey
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 Caitlin Laurel Kazmierczak
 Katelyn J. Keane
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 Brigid M. Kennedy
 Fiona N. Kier
 Maria Elizabeth Kilmer
 Kennedy Ann Kirby
 Elena L. Kopty
 Casey Lynn Kremblas
 Jessica Kubik
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 Joshua Lewis
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 Lauren Maida

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 Sarah M. Marvin
 Jennifer Melissa Matuszak
 Celene McDermott
 Maria Christina McGrath
 Leah Jordan McMullen
 Sean P. McNutt
 Kalie Ryan McPhail
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 Jeffrey Miller
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 Natalie Minotti
 Gabrielle Lyn Miranda
 Mitchell Mistriner
 Shania Alexis Mitchell
 Michelle Jessica Mitri †
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 Corey Edward Poole
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 Gabriel Thomas Puccio
 Samantha Michelle Pundt
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 Tahawna Faye Roberson
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 Annalise C. Scherer
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 Emily Schulman
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 Traci Lynn Schutt
 Thomas A. Scozzafava
 Carly Marie Shank
 Emily Sheehan

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Briony Siler
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 Amanda Steiger
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 Jeffrey Thomas
 Julia Anne Trabert
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 Mary Valle
 Angela Marie Van Kuren
 Lilasue Verstreat
 Liliana Villanueva
 Rachel Katherine Vogt
 Christie Walker
 Rebecca Elle Walter
 Jan Marie Wanderlich
 Nicholas P. Warchocki
 Allison Wasnechak
 Leon Daniel Waugh
 Madeline R. Webb
 Leah Weiss
 Mary Kristin Wesolowski
 Katherine Ann Wilkins
 Justyna A. Wilkinson
 Krystal-May Abigail Williams
 Nynasia Cynthia Williams
 Stacy May Williams
 Lauren Elizabeth Wills
 Kelsey Grace Wipperman
 Elizabeth Woelfel
 Michelle M. Woodward
 Jamie Lynn Worrell
 Jonathan Dalton Wozniak
 Laura A. Wright
 Marc Alexander Young

Certificate of Advanced Study

Rakia Akter †
 Rumana Akter †
 Ellen Aroune
 Shannon Borowiak
 Angela L. Carriero
 Maria Faith Chvala †
 Lori Ann Dabney
 Nicolette Desantis †
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 Alyssa Fini

Moira E. Foley
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 Jeanette Mullen-Franklin
 Katrina M. Peracciny
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 Stephen Wallace Sayoc

Graduate Certificate

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 Gerrod Bennett
 Michelle Cullen †
 Nidhi Garapati †
 Cathy D. Hoy-Patterson
 Christopher Marchitelli
 Joseph Leon Painter
 Aracely M. Rodriguez-Perez †
 Shawn Allen Stearns
 Jeffrey Thomas
 Erin Young †
 Joshua Young-Lawrence †

MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Master of Science

Alaa Saoud Abu-Halimeh
 Rania Abuzannad
 Deborah Ngozi Ajayi
 Hiba Bou Ajram
 Nezhil Akalp
 Jessica Lee Ake
 Hana Al Allaf
 Mariam Al-Duwaisan
 Wadha Saeed Alhajjaji
 Bahij B. M Aljabari
 Maryam Saleam Alkalbani
 Fatma Ali Almarri
 Noora Ali Al-marri
 Hadeel Mohammed Alotaibi
 Ohoud Saad AlOtaibi
 Omar Ahmad Alshishani
 Souad Mohamed Arbo
 Victor Manuel II Arizabalo
 Navarro
 Ayse Hilal Avci
 Haneen Ahmad Ayes
 Rowenna Triona Badshah
 Brittany Baran
 Alphajor Umaru Barrie
 Owen J. Bennett
 Candice Tereasa Benny
 Clara Marcela Betancur
 Beverly Ann Brennan

Harrison Brown
 Sahana Cain
 Tatiana Pico Severo Carnicelli
 Ezgi Cebi
 Abo Neneth Chebib
 Xiao Yan Chen
 Basma Jamil Choughari
 Danielle Clark
 Nerike Combrink
 Breanna Fae Cook
 Margarita Coronado
 Maira Da Silva Santos
 Arthur Novak Motta Daudt
 Cordelia de la Garza Ortiz
 Olivia Noel Di Dio
 Kaitlin I. Eckart
 Farah El Mokadam
 Alette Jonelle Enslin
 Melani Erekli
 Nura Esmail
 Viviana Elizondo Marcos
 Alejandra Irene Escamilla Saldaña
 Sawsan Fares
 Teresa E. Gerth
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 Shanaz Gordan
 Amina Ali Habish
 Faten Waheed Haidar
 Faten Moufid Hamzeh
 Nouran Ghassan Harfouche
 Rita Fares Hbeich
 Jessica Louise Houston
 Sandra Victoria Ikokome
 Roger Isaza
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 Alaa Khalil
 AyaTalla Mahmoud Khattab
 Najum Uddin Khushik
 Jonathan Kutttschreuter
 Yue Li
 Megan Elisabeth Lipovsky
 Clare Elizabeth Low
 Itzel Maria Madero Hernandez
 Robert A. Magill
 Sana Abdul Majeed
 Tannia Manautou Perezgallardo
 Liaonn Martin
 Lina Beatriz Marulanda
 Mark Christopher Mason
 Jackilynne Romero Mateo
 Celia Patricia Rodriguez Mendoza
 Ana Sofia Meza Gonzalez
 Ruusu Miettinen
 Abdelmuniem Elkhair Mohamed
 Farah Mohammad
 Francisco Moreno
 Ihab Najeh Mosa Basha
 Wafaa Nassar
 William Nassif

Amanda Dawn Oliver
 Uyi Omogun
 Esmarandi Oosthuizen
 Anisa del Carmen Ordorica
 Natalia Orozco Perez
 Isarel Ortega
 Rosa Elisa Ortega Esteve
 Victoria Oluchi Osadebe
 Amel Ouzrout
 Lewis Niels Polden
 Luisa Fernanda Quintanilla
 Maria Alejandra Julian Quintanilla
 William Edmund Rech
 Belinda Rodriguez Villarreal
 Ana Catarina Russo
 Francis Viviane Sada Gutierrez
 Claudia Maria Salvatierra
 Reham Ahmad Samara
 Nihan O. Sehsuvaroglu
 Aylin Sevyo
 Saira Siddiqui †
 Eduardo Andres Silva Betancourt
 Grizelda Smit
 Sabine Elizabeth Soehring
 Nikkola Jayne Stearne
 Qingjiang Sun
 Gerhard Swart
 Fakiha Jebin Tanha
 Paul Taylor
 Hakan Turutoglu
 Gokce Uzun
 Yolanda Vallejo Morales
 Mercedes Villarreal Hinojosa
 Taizu Ann Wold
 David Dean Young
 Amanda Alaaldin Yousef
 Viviana Zertuche Lopez
 Chaolu Zhu

List compiled May 11, 2023.

*** summa cum laude

** magna cum laude

* cum laude

† dual degree

2023 SCHOOL OF EDUCATION BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

EDUCATIONAL PIPELINE INITIATIVES

Dierra J. Jenkins
Buffalo Urban Teacher Diversity Pipeline Residency Undergraduate Program and Scholarship (2019–2023)

EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

Annaliese J. DiCarlo
Gustave and Geraldine Werner Undergraduate Award (2021–2022, 2022–2023)

Stacie L. Tchorznicki
Horace Mann Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Exceptional Education (2022)

Erin Valente

Dr. Bernard Yormak Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Exceptional Education (2021)

Miles D. Woode

Dr. Bernard Yormak Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Exceptional Education (2017)

April M. Wright

Horace Mann Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Exceptional Education (2021)

2023 SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES GRADUATE AWARDS

ADULT EDUCATION

Itoko Kobayashi
SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2021–2023)

Leon Waugh
Adult Education Comprehensive Examination Award (2022)

EDUCATIONAL PIPELINE INITIATIVES

Beverly Y. Leonard
Buffalo Urban Teacher Diversity Pipeline Residency Graduate Program and Scholarship (2019–2022)

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, LITERACY, AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Emily Czarniak
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

Daeyana Francis
SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2022–2023)

Colleen Schroeck
SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2021–2023)

EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

Kaitlyn M. Gaik
Horace Mann Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in Exceptional Education (2021)

Kelly L. Gandt
Dr. Judith Bondurant-Utz Early Childhood Award (2021)

Emily R. Hornung
Joseph and Mary Daly Varga, '43, Graduate Award (2022)

Lara M. Reece
Horace Mann Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in Exceptional Education (2022)

Dorothea and Mildred Seegler Endowed Scholarship Award (2021–2022)

Aracely M. Rodriguez-Perez
Horace Mann Endowment for Exceptional Education Scholarships (2021–2022, 2022–2023)

Dorothea and Mildred Seegler Endowed Scholarship Award (2022–2023)

Paul Thoms Council for Exceptional Children Membership Scholarship (2022)

Benjamin S. Steele

Dr. Bernard Yormak Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in Exceptional Education (2021)

Nynasia C. Williams

Horace Mann Scholarships for Exceptional Education Students (2022–2023)

MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Fakiha Tanha
SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2022–2023)

Awards listed were granted in 2023 unless otherwise noted.

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES CEREMONY 5:00 P.M.

PRELUDE

The Rockwell Brass

Ricky L. Fleming, *Director*
Professor, Music

PROCESSIONAL

The Rockwell Brass

Thomas S. Weinberg, *Mace Bearer*
Professor, Sociology

CONVENING

Linda A. Dobmeier, '71
Chair, Buffalo State 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

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Maimouna A. Samba, Class of 2023
Bachelor of Arts, International Relations

Presenters

Eunice A. Lewin
Trustee, State University of New York

Katherine S. Conway-Turner

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

Daniel P. May, Class of 2023
Bachelor of Arts, Public Relations and Advertising

Presenter

Katherine S. Conway-Turner

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES STUDENT ADDRESS

Daniel P. May

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Mo Sumbundu, '13, '17
International Trade Manager, Empire State Development, Global New York Division

Presenter

Katherine S. Conway-Turner

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Raven Baxter, '14, '16
Educator and Molecular Biologist

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

James Mayrose
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Brian C. Cronk
Dean, School of Arts and Sciences

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Katherine S. Conway-Turner

BUFFALO STATE UNIVERSITY 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.

CAPTURING THE MOMENT Commencement is an important day and one that our graduates will long remember. As a courtesy, a professional photography company, Island Photography, will capture each graduate's special moment during the ceremony. You are also invited to use the Commencement Garden, in front of the Sports Arena, as a photo backdrop. A link to view individual portrait proofs taken by Island Photography is provided at <http://commencement.buffalostate.edu/capturing-moment>.

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



RAVEN BAXTER, CLASS OF 2014 AND 2016

Raven Baxter—widely known as “Dr. Raven the Science Maven”—is an internationally acclaimed, award-winning educator and molecular biologist who is renowned for her aptitude in merging scientific concepts and popular culture. Dr. Baxter was born in Buffalo, New York, and earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in biology at Buffalo State,

as well as her Ph.D. in science education from the University at Buffalo.

Dr. Baxter has a deep and broad range of expertise across both the technical and social aspects of science in molecular biology and protein sciences, science education, and communication. Her graduate research on protein chaperones focused on understanding their structural and functional evolution. As a professional scientist, she has worked in high-throughput drug discovery, using cutting-edge methods and tools to advance treatments for diseases, particularly neurodegenerative diseases.

Dr. Baxter has developed innovative methods to make science more accessible to people from all backgrounds and experience levels by incorporating creative outlets such as music, fashion, and comedy in her lessons. She is an advocate for science education reform who believes that everyone can learn science with the proper resources and support.

Dr. Baxter is a highly sought-after public speaker who has provided engaging lectures for such esteemed organizations as Princeton University, the National Science Teachers Association, the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science, the Parent

Teacher Association, and RTI International. In her talks, she inspires people to pursue their STEM dreams without feeling the need to conform to traditional expectations of what it means to be a scientist—a message further evidenced by her TEDx Talk “You Don’t Look Like a Scientist!”

Drawing on her knowledge base in STEM education and diversity issues in the STEM fields, Dr. Baxter sustains partnerships with companies such as Olay, Regeneron, and Brooks Running. Through these collaborations, she has informed work to close gender gaps within the STEM workforce, introduced high school students to laboratory techniques, and hosted international science fairs. These collaborations are part of her dedication to making science accessible through her platform of influence worldwide.

In addition to her work as a scientist and educator, Dr. Baxter has also founded the Smarty Party Shop, creating lively fashion apparel that celebrates scientific achievement and lets people, literally, wear their knowledge on their sleeves. In her free time, she serves as a mentor to countless students who are interested in the STEM fields, helping them develop their skills and reach their goals in life.

Dr. Baxter has been recognized in *Fortune’s* 40 Under 40 in Health list (2021), *Forbes’s* 30 Under 30 in Science list (2022), *Ebony’s* Power 100 list, and AfroTech’s Future 50 list (2022) for her immense contributions toward making science more inclusive and accessible. She has received the Woman of Distinction Award from the American Association of University Women (2022); the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence (2021); and the Asteroid Award for Diversity and Inclusion in Science Communication (2020). Her work has also been featured in the *Washington Post*, *Scientific American*, and *Harper’s Bazaar*.

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



MO SUMBUNDU, CLASS OF 2013 AND 2017

Mo Sumbundu is an international trade manager with Empire State Development's (ESD) Global New York division, where he oversees contacts between New York companies and ESD's foreign offices. In this position, he manages export marketing assistance service cases and interfaces with the regional U.S.

Department of Commerce, the U.S. Small Business Administration, and other industry groups that provide export assistance. Previously, he worked with New York companies that apply for ESD funding assistance programs to promote exports.

He also enjoys the challenge of collaboratively planning events with the New York State Governor's Office, ESD, the Regional Council, local officials, and other state and local agencies, authorities, and organizations.

Before his move to Global New York, Mr. Sumbundu was the assistant director of the Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) of Western New York, where he worked to encourage business investment and job creation and support diverse local economies through the efficient use of loans, grants, tax credits, real estate development, marketing, and other forms of assistance in Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, and Niagara counties.

As assistant director, he assisted with REDC oversight and provided staff support for ESD initiatives. He worked with community leaders and elected officials on ESD funding opportunities and served as a liaison between the WNY Regional Office and ESD's offices in Albany and New York City. He also maintained an extensive portfolio of economic development initiatives that included the Downtown Revitalization Initiative

(DRI), Regional Council/CFA, East Side Corridor Economic Development Fund, and Restore New York Communities projects. His responsibilities also include the Workforce Development Initiative Committee, the REDC Talent Attraction and Retention Work Group, and the WNY DRI selection committee.

Mr. Sumbundu also serves as a representative of Governor Kathy Hochul in the Western New York region by helping build and maintain productive relationships with elected officials, community leaders, and advocacy groups. He currently serves as the governor's liaison to the May 14th Memorial Commission in response to the mass shooting at the Tops Market on Jefferson Avenue.

During the coronavirus pandemic, Mr. Sumbundu worked with companies to identify sources for desperately needed PPE, helping businesses understand the state guidelines put in place to keep communities safe. He also served as a lead administrator at a vaccination site and disseminated information about reopening the economy after the global lockdown.

Mr. Sumbundu is a recipient of the 2014 Changemakers 30 Under 30 in Western New York award, the *Buffalo Business First* 2018 30 Under 30 award, and the 2019 SUNY Buffalo State Young Alumnus Achievement Award, and he was recognized on City & State's 2022 Upstate Power 100 list. He also received the New York State Senate Liberty Award for his efforts in saving the life of a Buffalo woman who went into sudden cardiac arrest.

Mr. Sumbundu has volunteered with the Food Bank of WNY, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and the New York City Department of Education's Students in Temporary Housing program. He serves on the boards of the Buffalo Museum of Science and the Tiff Nature Preserve and is a member of the Hilbert College 2025 Advisory Council. He proudly hosts exchange students from South Korea each summer.

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES STUDENT ADDRESS PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT



DANIEL P. MAY

Daniel May has earned a bachelor of arts in public relations and advertising, attaining a 3.94 GPA while participating in the Muriel A. Howard Honors Program.

Mr. May has built an exceptional record of academic excellence, citizenship, campus involvement, leadership, and career preparation and achievement during his years as an undergraduate student at Buffalo State.

With a unique ability to track down and conceptualize the obscure and the sublime, he conducted faculty-mentored academic research on the Buffalo Germans basketball team that will be included in a forthcoming book as well as in the files of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Driven by a passion for sports, Mr. May works as the sports editor for Buffalo State's student newspaper, the *Record*, and hosted a sports radio

talk show on the student radio station, WBNY-FM 91.3. He was one of two students from a field of 250 candidates to earn a national internship with the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, in summer 2022. He also works as a game day AV assistant with the Buffalo Bills broadcast department.

In addition, Mr. May serves as president of the Buffalo State chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America. He also advocates student concerns as the student representative on the Buffalo State Council and as a senator, justice, and administrative vice president of public relations for United Students Government.

Beyond the university, he has served as a core team member with the middle school youth ministry program at Our Lady of Pompeii parish, leading children through faith-enrichment exercises as an educator and mentor. He is socially responsible, dedicated to his community, and an excellent example of a student leader.

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



MAIMOUNA A. SAMBA

Maimouna Samba has earned a bachelor of arts in international relations, attaining a 3.92 GPA while minoring in legal studies and participating in the university's Muriel A. Howard Honors Program.

Ms. Samba embodies the critically curious and caring character that defines Buffalo State's mission. She is a mature, critical thinker who is able to apply the knowledge

learned in the classroom to real-world issues. Her research and communication skills are superior, and she takes pleasure in leading and facilitating discussions among her peers about challenging issues in U.S. and international politics.

A research assistant in the Early Undergraduate Research Opportunity program, she has presented her findings on democratization and causes of

democratic backsliding at Buffalo State's Student Research and Creativity Conference. In addition, she conducted independent research on refugee integration and asylum seekers in Kenya and Uganda. While in Uganda, she volunteered as a reading teacher at a local school and helped start recreational and educational programs for women and girls.

Ms. Samba is an aspiring diplomat who has a passion for studying comparative political institutions with a regional focus on Africa and advocacy for the education of women in Sub-Saharan Africa. She is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national honor society for political science.

A natural leader, she serves as president of the Student Political Society, sergeant at arms of the Pan-African Students Organization, and building manager of the Campbell Student Union. In addition, she has interned with the International Institute of Buffalo, where she helped local refugees improve their experiences living in Western New York, and the Erie County Executive's Office, where she worked on intergovernmental affairs and community outreach across Erie County.

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Bachelor of Arts

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 Terrell A. Alexander
 Ayan Omar Ali *
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 Rico D. Argentieri
 Thomas Arnone **
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 Sydney Baker-Hendryx **
 Stephen J. Bakowski
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 Brandon Terrell Barksdale
 Marcus Allen Barney *
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 Sanassa Camara

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 Nathan Frattura
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 Peter Harold Freeman *
 Todi Kungwa Fundi
 Danielle Marie Gabamonte
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 Robert Anthony Galeano
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 Paige Grant
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 Jenna Harper
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 Casey J. Harrington ***
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 Soumaya Hassan
 Thomas John Hassen
 Nadiira Ahmed Haybe
 Marek Cole Heitzenrater
 Zachary Ronald Hellwig
 Sarah Ann Hencinski
 Lizette Hernandez
 Larue Ann Heutmaker
 Tatiyana Hazel Highsmith
 Alyssa Judith Hill
 Carrington B. Hill

Brianna Camille Hinds-Greenidge
 Brianna Annette Hirschman
 DaRon Hughey
 Christopher Garry Jackson ***
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 Maldonado-Hernandez
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 Benedicte Kalambay Manionga
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 Angelina Mariamu
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 Gloria Osuji
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 Suzana Rehema
 Natasha I. Renczkowski ***
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 Laila Riley
 Madeline Jane Ringle **
 K'Juan Rivera
 Antwan R. Rodriguez
 Trinity A. Rodriguez
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 Lindsey Faith Roth ***
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 Samuel J. Stuber
 Maria Catherine Suchyna
 Kelis Tamar Swain **
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 James Timothee
 Dantonio Santos Torres *
 Nicole Marie Torres
 Talya Toussaint
 Tommy Tran
 Aboubacar Traore
 Mark Andrew Trudell ***
 Tianca Chanel Truitt
 Emma L. Tryon
 Eden Rose Urbanek
 Patrick H. Ursitti
 Ndubuisi Utti
 Kiara Eliana Vallenilla ***†
 Courtney Leigh Vandyne
 Tyler Vanuden
 Madison Ray Watson
 Capri Webster
 Kyle Michael Wekenmann *
 Crystal Whaley
 Angelina Wheeler

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 Wilford L. Whitney *
 Spencer S. Wiktorowski
 Samantha Claire Wild *
 Jenna Marie Wlostowski **
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 Julianna Joy Woodward
 Nathan Andrew Wright
 Adrianus Vangulik Wutz ***
 Aden M. Yakub
 Philip John Yarnes
 Luke David Zambon
 Lee N. Zyguła

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Deanna Marie Adamski *
 Emma Shirley Albrecht
 Megan Marjorie Angevine
 Marirose E. Annibali
 Bryce William Baker **
 Jacob P. Bertram
 Kay Lynn Budziszewski ***
 Marissa Bure
 Nathan R. Dash *
 Kiyomi Davis
 LeeAnne Dutkiewicz ***
 Alice Joan Edgington ***
 Janinna Theresa Farragher **
 Dante L. Feliciano ***†
 Rose Filkov
 Omata C. Gamba
 Julia M. Gerhard ***
 Olivia M. Gianadda
 Liam Glynn *
 Kelly Anne Griffin ***
 Julianne R. Guercio *
 Catherine L. Hartman
 Michael Robert Hull
 Jonathon Mark Kabalan **
 Marie F. Kemp ***
 Susan Dorrit Koloski
 Grace G. Krasteva *
 Kamryn Faith Lewis
 Litian Li
 Kyle S. Linhardt **
 Garion A. Lopez
 Bianca Jacqueline MacPherson ***
 Luis E. Maisonet **
 Bailey Rose McCarthy **
 Edgar Mock
 Emily J. Miller
 Xinyi Mo **
 Kenneth Edward Montgomery
 Mackenzie Margaret Muldowney *
 Leslie A. Murphy
 Carrie Murray *
 Austin Michael Oleszak
 Haylee Ann Oliver
 Xitlali Perez
 Duyen Thi My Phan ***
 Branden Ray Piert
 Crystal R. Plourde ***
 Jumana Rafique ***
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 Alexii L. Schoenhals *
 Jessica L. Smith
 Orlandria Denae Solomon
 Anna Marie Stang **
 Emily Katherine Stutz
 Natalie Pearl Tombak **
 Rhiannon Elizabeth Urquhart **
 Lindsay Elizabeth Wademan
 Jayde Wilkin-Smith ***

Bachelor of Music

Grant W. Asklar ***
 Kathleen P. Dunne ***
 Skyler Mar-Lin Graham *
 Alexander Keith Minney
 Michael A. Parrizzi **
 David Rundell *
 Emma E. Schutt ***
 Molly Elizabeth Secord
 Zachary Crawford Shaffer ***
 Rachel Elizabeth Ward **

Bachelor of Science

Akintoye Gabriel Akinfemiwa
 Samuel B. Alem
 Fairouz Anica
 Krishna Joakeem Antoine †
 Angelina Balatskaya
 Reece W. Bates
 Zane Berghold **
 Prayushi Kishorbhai Bhorania ***†
 Amoy Amanda Blake
 Grace E. Brzykcy
 Bailey Rose Buckley ***
 Joseph Daniel Burns
 Joseph Byrne ***
 Conor Gerald Cahill
 Leah Christina Casey **
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 Andrew Cobb
 Jack Richard Colby
 Zachary Matthew Colling
 Raymond Cook
 Luke Anthony Cristina ***
 Shawn Albert Daniels
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 Emily R. Dauer
 Noah W. Deer ***
 Elissa Marie Dojka
 Carolyn Elizabeth Freeman ***
 Maria Garbo *
 Alyssa C. Germano ***
 Taylor Lynn Grabowski
 Jonathan Anthony Grant *
 Christina Harris-Divincenzo
 Alexa Rose Hefner ***
 Sumiya Islam *
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 Anthony L. James
 Michael Jankowski
 Richard Curtis Klemenz ***
 Philip Mathew Konys *

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 Jacob Wayne Morgan
 Amatullah Muffahi
 Catie Nemecek ***
 Alif Ann Noor **
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 Paul T. Osmon
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 Harley Owen Weber
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MASTER'S DEGREES AND GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Master of Arts

Katherine Corliss Aguirre †
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 Kaelynn E. Beckman
 Jessica Noemi Benitez
 Annika Blake-Howland †
 Lorna J. Brundrett †
 Lindsay Sara Cross †
 Jenna Marie Daniel
 Martens Pathric Dorcely
 Liatte Dotan †
 Camille M. Ferrer †

Meredith C. French †
 Grace Johnson Garrity †
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 Alexander Richard Glasier
 Mallory Diane Glazer
 Kyle Robert Glenn
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 Emma Elizabeth Guerard †
 Julia M. Hamilton
 Lara Hargrave
 Paige Madison Kehoe
 Kathryn Kenney †
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 Yuyin Li †
 Aisha Mackey
 Christy Hope McCutchen †
 Katherine McFarlin †
 Javier A. Mejia
 Emily J. Mercer †
 Stacey Lyn Watson Mesley
 Jennifer Mikes †
 Daniel Egan Murphy
 Sasha Clarissa Naples
 Khanh Phuong Nguyen †
 Kaela Louise Nurmi †
 Nicholas J. O'Connor
 Maeve E. O'Shea †
 Abby Schleicher †
 Marissa Anne Seib
 Alison M. Spongr
 Andrew Torres
 James L. Wagner
 Jacqueline R. Walters
 Kylie Paige Wirebach
 Katya Marie Chiara Zinsli †

Master of Music

Holly Carson
 Kailey Anne Czyn
 Christopher DeVries
 Kurt Ebsary
 Halle Edwards
 Emily Holmberg
 Kyla M. Leno
 Laura Mueller
 Kristina Packer
 Nicholas Roche
 Michael D. Russinik
 Autumn Elizabeth Skillman

Master of Public Administration

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 NeCole A. Ervin
 Charles Edward Gardinier
 Tessa Ann Janicke
 David Richard Jankowiak
 Antwanaisja Attale Johnson
 Sara Kfoury
 Toni Alexiss Martinucci
 Renee Nicole Melton
 Joshua Oballim
 Christina Rose Schultz
 Katherine Alexandra Stoll
 Julia Beth Witherell

Master of Science

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 Lorna J. Brundrett †
 Mohamed Camara
 Lydia Charles †
 Joshua Cohen
 Esmeralda Cordero
 Lindsay Sara Cross †
 Gina Marie DelMonache
 Robert DiBenedetto
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 Camille M. Ferrer †
 Stephen Fiore
 Meredith C. French †
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 Christy Hope McCutchen †
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 Katherine McFarlin †
 Malaiya McGee
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 Laura Beth Miller
 Caleb T. Moore
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 Tara Palmer
 Skyler Larue Paternostro
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 Daniel Weglarski
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 Karina J. Zayas

Master of Science in Education

Kirk Nolan Abernathy
 Ahmed Akbar
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 Dean Luca Bavisotto
 Tyler Anthony Cruz
 Colin Charles Dabkowski
 Allyson Rachel Demski
 Ashley Taylor Dusza
 Gena Christina Elliott
 Troy Furco
 Natalie R. Granaas

Walter Steven Haines
 Megan Himes
 Nicholas Ilardi
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 Erin Jorgensen
 Nicolette Juron
 Andrew Kerl
 Joseph Michael Kieck
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 Alexandra Elizabeth Lakeman
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 Natalie Jayne Maida
 Ryan Douglas Marmion
 Laurence Odell McClary
 Spencer P. Miliotto
 Chloe Anjani Mokadam
 Allison M. Mora
 Clarice Marie Proeschel
 Antonio Roman
 Rachele Virginia Sanzano
 Andreas Karl Schneider
 Kristin Elizabeth Smith
 Christy Marie Steward
 Donald Anthony Teresa
 Thor Vandehei
 Marissa Larin Vargas
 Catherine Walsh
 Matthew J. Walsh
 Jacob Wasylenko
 Megan Westbrook

Certificate of Advanced Study

Katherine Corliss Aguirre †
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 Liatte Dotan †
 Emma Elizabeth Guerard †
 Kathryn Kenney †
 Jennifer Mikes †
 Kaela Louise Nurmi †
 Abby Schleicher †
 Katya Marie Chiara Zinsli †

Graduate Certificate

Lydia Charles †
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 Sarah Nadine Kent †
 Christina Marie Luke-Grace
 Molly Pratt-Cassidy
 Lisa Thagard

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*** summa cum laude 3.80–4.00

** magna cum laude 3.65–3.79

* cum laude 3.50–3.64

† dual degree

2023 SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

ANTHROPOLOGY

Kashmir Bowser

David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award
Collins/Tomashevich Award
Lewis Henry Morgan Award
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

ART AND DESIGN

Emma S. Albrecht

Dean's Entrepreneurship Award (2021)
Mike Lang Wood/Furniture Studio Award for Excellence (2019, 2022)

Megan M. Angevine

Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2022)

Bryce W. Baker

John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence

Sylvie Cuvelle

Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2021)
Sylvia L. Rosen Award for Excellence in Ceramics (2022)

Allyson R. Demski

Outstanding Art Education Post-Baccalaureate Student Award (2019)
Carolyn Heyman Weber Award in Art Education (2020)

Leeanne Dutkiewicz

John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence (2022)

Alice J. Edgington

Barbara L. Czurlis-Nelson and Donald J. Nelson Scholarship in Interior Design (2022)

Janinna T. Farragher

Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award (2022)
Anthony and Mary Hubbard Caccamo Art Education Award
Barbara L. Czurlis Nelson and Donald J. Nelson Scholarship in Art Education (2021)
Barbara Schillawski Mautz Art Education Scholarship (2022)

Dante L. Feliciano

Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award (2022)
Dean's Entrepreneurship Award (2020)
Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2020–2022)
R. Steven Janke Award (2020)
Sylvia Garafolo Miller, '43, Art Student Award (2020)
Robert C. and Marilyn Wilson Painting Scholarship (2022)

Troy Furco

Outstanding Art Education Graduate Student Award (2022)

Omata C. Gamba

Hyatt's Award for Excellence

Olivia M. Gianadda

Award for Photographic Arts
Dean's Entrepreneurship Award (2021)

Megan C. Gilman

Hyatt's Award for Excellence
Sylvia Garafolo Miller, '43, Art Student Award

Stephanie A. Gilman

Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award
Hyatt's Award for Excellence

Liam Glynn

Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award (2022)
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award (2021)
Dean's Award for Excellence

John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence (2022)

Mike Lang Wood/Furniture Studio Award for Excellence (2020)

Kelly A. Griffin

Gertrude Angert Victor Art Education Scholarship (2021)

Julianne R. Guercio

Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award
Fine Arts Student Award (2022)

Zachary R. Hellwig

Award for Photography and Documentary Studies
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award
Walter Jacobson Memorial Award for Excellence in Photography

Megan Himes

Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award (2019)
Dean's Entrepreneurship Award (2019)
Barbara Schillawski Mautz Art Education Scholarship (2019)

Jonathon M. Kabalan

Dean's Creative Associates Award (2021)
Earl Wolfgruber Award (2022)

Marie F. Kemp

Young Sculptors Award (2022)

Susan D. Koloski

Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award (2021, 2023)
Barbara L. Czurlis-Nelson and Donald J. Nelson Scholarship in Design (2021)
Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2020)
Mike Lang Wood/Furniture Studio Award for Excellence (2020, 2021, 2022)

Litian Li

Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2022)

Bianca McPherson

Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award (2022)
Dr. Harry and Lorraine Ausprich Endowed Scholarship (2021)
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award (2022)
Fine Arts Student Award (2021)
Sylvia Garafolo Miller, '43, Art Student Award (2022)

Kenneth Montgomery

Earl Wolfgruber Award (2021)

McKenna K. Moran

Hyatt's Award for Excellence

Alethea Odudu

Award for Photography and Documentary Studies (2021)

Duyen T. Phan

Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award (2022)
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award (2021)
John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence (2022)

Crystal R. Plourde

Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2020)

Jane M. Potter

Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award (2022)
John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence (2022)
Victor Shanchuk Jr. Art Education Award (2021)

Clarice M. Proeschel

Outstanding Art Education Master's Award (2022)

Liam P. Sperazza

Fine Arts Student Award (2022)

Natalie Tombak

Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award (2022)

Mark A. Trudell

Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award (2022)
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award (2022)
Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2021)
Young Sculptors Award

Jayde Wilken-Smith

Victor Shanchuk Jr. Art Education Award (2022)

ARTS AND LETTERS

Steven Shaneyfelt

Dean's Award for Excellence

BIOLOGY

Aristotele J. Concepcion

Honors in Biology
William C. Scheffer Memorial Award for Excellence in Computational Biology

Anna R. Dano

Honors in Biology (2022)
Outstanding Biotechnology Senior (2022)

Hope E. Haley

Honors in Biology (2022)

Alif A. Noor

Honors in Biology

Robert P. Salefske

Honors in Biology

2023 SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

Tasnim A. Tajin

David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award to an Outstanding Biology Senior

Harley O. Weber

Honors in Biology

Angelina Wheeler

Dean's Award for Excellence in Biology

William C. Scheffler Memorial Award to an Outstanding Biology Senior (2022)

CHEMISTRY

Jonathan A. Grant

A.C.S. Distinguished Student Award

American Institute of Chemists Award

Saul Barron Memorial Award

Chemical Rubber Company Award (2020)

Minority Student Chemistry/Forensic Major Award (2020)

Outstanding Performance in Organic Chemistry Award (2022)

Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society Award

Elizabeth A. Truesdale

Dr. Richard Chrzanowski Analytical Award (2022)

Margaret Dupree Memorial Award (2022)

Albert A. Himmel Memorial Award

COMMUNICATION

Aliyah Carroll

Outstanding Senior in Communication Studies

Steven Clare

Outstanding Senior in Media Production

Hope Clark

Outstanding Senior in Public Relations and Advertising

Jaylen Cyrus-Small

Outstanding Senior in Public Relations and Advertising

Alessia Gervasi

Outstanding Senior in Journalism

Casey Harrington

Outstanding Senior in Media Production

Natalie Maloy

Outstanding Senior in Communication Studies

Daniel May

Dean's Award for Student Excellence in Communication, President's Medal for Outstanding Undergraduate Student

Justin Siejak

Outstanding Senior in Journalism

EARTH SCIENCES

Grace E. Brzykcy

John Murtaugh Award for Excellence in Geosciences Field Work

Colin M. Krzystek

David Vernon Bullough Award for Overall Academic Excellence (2022)

School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

Sarah R. Tilley

Irving Tesmer Award for Excellence in Geology

William Woicak

Carl Seyfert Memorial Award for Geology

ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

Zane Berghold

Vernon Bullough Award

Luke Littler

Dean's Award

Outstanding Student Award

ENGLISH

Melissa Brawdy

Excellence in English, B.A.

Bailey Buckley

Dean's Award for Excellence in English, B.A. or B.S.

Samantha Kowalski

Excellence in English, B.A.

Nahomy Reyes Soto

Excellence in English Education, B.S.

Jacob Sommer

Excellence in Writing, B.A.

Dantonio Torres

Excellence in Writing, B.A.

GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING

Krishna Joakeem Antoine

Chair's Discretionary Award

Zachary Matthew Colling

Dean's Award

Kathryne T. Whittemore Award for

Outstanding Graduate in Geography and Planning

Rebecca Gabrielle Giangreco

David Bullough Memorial Award for Academic Excellence

Jacob Wayne Morgan

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

HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION

Leah Casey

G. Allen McFarren Award for Excellence in Student Teaching

Alexander Dutkiewicz

E.O. Smith Jr. Endowed Scholarship Award (2020)

Taylor Farewell-Panzica

Eric Brunger Award of Merit

Christina Harris-DiVincenzo

Kathleen Mallea Award for Excellence in Social Studies Education

Rachael Ryba

Anthony Sokolowski Scholarship Award

Victoria Schultz

Bernard and Nancy Belfer Endowed Scholarship Fund Award (2022)

Joshua Sinclair

Harold F. Peterson Scholarship Award (2020–2023)

Garrett Stevenson

Kevin J. Shea Memorial Scholarship Award (2022)

E.O. Smith Jr. Endowed Scholarship Award (2021)

Jaylyn Zimmer

Dean's Award for Excellence

MATHEMATICS

Joseph R. Colson

Ruth E. Heintz Award

Mathematics Achievement Award (2022, 2023)

Noah Deer

Mathematics Achievement Award (2021–2023)

Alexa Hefner

Mathematics Achievement Award (2020–2022)

Mabel D. Montgomery Award

Richard Klementz

Douglas W. King Award

Mathematics Achievement Award (2022)

Shannon McGrath

Mathematics Achievement Award

MODERN CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

Cynthia Kozman

Dean's Award for Excellence

Alicia L. Stark

Javier Ortiz-Calderon and Maribel Garrett Award (2022)

MUSIC

Grant Asklar

Dean's Award for Excellence

Mary A. Mancuso Award (2022)

Lindsey Roth

Lenore Rollett Wright Award

David Rundell

Mary A. Mancuso Award (2021)

Emma Schutt

Paul and Kathryn Homer Award

PHILOSOPHY

Elizabeth Evans

Outstanding Student in Philosophy

Olivia Evans

Dean's Award for Excellence

2023 SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

PHYSICS

Colin Krzystek
Dean's Award for Excellence

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Cassandra Brown
Dean's Award for Excellence
Raymond P. Stone Memorial Award

Alexandria Christina Erbes
Political Science Outstanding Senior Award

Melissa Levandoski
David Bullough Memorial Award

Talia L. Peeler
Political Science Stand-Out Award

Cristian Victor Schuster
David Bullough Memorial Award (2022)

PSYCHOLOGY

Olivia Bell
David Vernon Bullough Outstanding Senior in Psychology Award

Francesca Giaquinto
Dean's Award for Excellence
Dr. Esther McGinnis Award for Exemplary Academic Achievement in Psychology

Connor Rohan
Dr. Jack Morganti Award for Excellence in Service

SOCIOLOGY

Melaina Birjukow
Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society

Kayshawna Brown
Gary Welborn Community Engagement Award (2022)

Vincent Chiaravalle
Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society

Courtney Coseglia
Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society
Kenneth J. Downey Award (2022)
Neumann-Clement Scholarship in Sociology Award

Daniel Guercio
Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society
Gerhard Falk Sociology Writing Award

Jenna Hall
Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society
Gerhard Falk Sociology Writing Award (2022)

Neumann-Clement Scholarship in Sociology Award

Brianna Lillis
Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society

Marykate Lloyd
Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society

Madeline Ringle
Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society
Herbert Aurbach Social-Action Award

Kelis Swain
Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society
Herbert Aurbach Social-Action Award (2022)

TELEVISION AND FILM ARTS

Allison Baumgart
Arts and Sciences Dean's Award for Television and Film Arts

THEATER

Emma G. Connaire
Horace Mann Theater Arts Student Scholarship (2021)
Donald J. Savage Theater Arts Award (2022)

Peter H. Freeman
Mina S. Goossen Award for Excellence in Theater

Alejandro G. Gomez
Horace Mann Theater Arts Student Scholarship

Carlton J. Grear
Dean's Award for Academic Excellence
Donald Savage Scholarship for College Actors of Promise (2019, 2020)
Horace Mann Theater Arts Student Scholarship (2022)

WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES

Elizabeth A. Evans
Women and Gender Studies Outstanding Student Award

Talia L. Peeler
Women and Gender Studies Graduating Senior Award

2023 SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES GRADUATE AWARDS

ART CONSERVATION

Lorna Brundrett
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2020–2022)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2020, 2021)
Bruce and Gail Johnstone Art Conservation Fellowship (2021)
Allan Kenzie Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2020, 2021)
Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2022)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2020, 2021)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2020, 2021)
Fannie Kestenbaum Paull Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2021)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2020–2022)

Lindsay Cross
Bandrowski Art Conservation Fellowship (2020, 2021)
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2020–2022)
Garman Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2020–2022)
Bruce and Gail Johnstone Art Conservation Fellowship (2021)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2020, 2021)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2020–2022)
Fannie Kestenbaum Paull Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2021)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2020–2022)

Camille Ferrer
Bandrowski Art Conservation Fellowship (2021)
Brost Family Foundation Fellowship (2020)
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2020–2022)
Garman Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2020, 2021)
The Caroline K. & Sheldon Keck Fellowship (2021)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2020–2022)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2020, 2021)
Linda Joan Levy Paull Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2021)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2020–2022)

Meredith French
Brost Family Foundation Fellowship (2021)
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2020–2022)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2020, 2021)
The Caroline K. & Sheldon Keck Fellowship (2021)
Ross B. Kenzie Family Art Conservation Fellowship Fund (2021)
Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2022)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2020–2022)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2020, 2022)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2020–2022)

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Christy McCutchen Grantini

Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2020–2022)

Garman Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2020, 2021)

Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2022)

Hoskins-Smith Student Fellowships Endowment Fund (2021)

Marks Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2021)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2020, 2021)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2020–2022)

Arthur E. Smith Student Fellowships Endowment Fund (2020)

Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2021)

Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2020–2022)

Yuyin “Charlotte” Li

Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2020–2022)

Garman Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2020, 2022)

Gross Family Foundation Fellowship (2021)

Ross B. Kenzie Family Art Conservation Fellowship Fund (2021)

Ulysses Kontos Art Conservation Fellowship (2021)

Evelyn Lieberman Art Conservation Fellowship (2021)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2020, 2021)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2020–2022)

Saxe Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2021)

Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2020–2022)

Katherine McFarlin

Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2020–2022)

Garman Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2020–2022)

Gross Family Foundation Fellowship (2020, 2021)

Hoskins-Smith Student Fellowships Endowment Fund (2021)

Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2022)

The Gerald & Sandra Lippes Art Conservation Fellowship (2021)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2020–2022)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2020, 2021)

Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2021)

Christopher Tahk Fellowship (2022)

Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2020–2022)

Emily Mercer

Balbach Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2021)

Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2020–2022)

Garman Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2020–2022)

Hoskins Family Foundation Fellowship (2020)

Hoskins-Smith Student Fellowships Endowment Fund (2021)

Marks Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2021)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2020, 2021)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2020, 2022)

Marianne Vallet-Sandre Art Conservation Fellowship (2021)

Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2020–2022)

Khanh Nguyen

Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2019–2022)

Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2019, 2020, 2022)

Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2022)

Evelyn Lieberman Art Conservation Fellowship (2020)

The Gerald & Sandra Lippes Art Conservation Fellowship (2019)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2019–2021)

National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship (2019, 2020, 2022)

Fannie Kestenbaum Paull Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2020)

Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2019–2022)

Maeve O’Shea

Balbach Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2021)

Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2020–2022)

Garman Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2020–2022)

Hoskins-Smith Student Fellowships Endowment Fund (2021)

Bruce and Gail Johnstone Art Conservation Fellowship (2020)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2020, 2021)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2020–2022)

Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2020)

Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2020–2022)

CHEMISTRY

Gina M. DelMonache

Best Graduate Teaching Assistant Award (2022)

Buffalo State Chemistry Alumni Award
Iota Sigma Pi Award

Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society Award

George J. Pollinger

Best Graduate Teaching Assistant Award

Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society Award

Daniel Weglarski

Buffalo State Chemistry Alumni Award (2022)

Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society Award

COMMUNICATION

Katelyn Brickhouse

Outstanding Master’s Student in Public Relations (2022)

Cassandra Genua

Outstanding Master’s Student in Public Relations

DATA SCIENCE AND ANALYTICS

Alexis Brignoni

SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship

Chukwunonso Ilogu

SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2022–2023)

Travis Rosario

SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2021–2023)

ENGLISH

Dean Bavisotto

Excellence in English Education, M.S.Ed.

William McCourt

Excellence in English, M.A.

Yamilia Tate

Writing on Issues of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice

Andrew Torres

SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2021–2023)

HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION

Andreas Schneider

Donald D. and Barbara J. Leopard Memorial Scholarship Fund Award (2022)

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Julia Beth Witherell

Dr. Keith M. Henderson Endowed Scholarship Fund (2022)

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2023 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Robin L. Blassingame Sr.

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Active Citizen (2022)

Peter M. Capone

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Neighborhood Advocate (2021)

Emma G. Connaire

Fred Howe Outstanding Student Volunteer Award (2020)

Lisa R. Michael

150th Anniversary Service Award (2022)

Iaya Mohamed

Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellow (2022)

Kayla D. Pugh

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Active Citizen (2021)

DEAN'S HONORS PROGRAM

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Educational Opportunity Program Director's Award

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Khlitoo Paw

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Rico A. Rifat

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Theresa A. Shepard Advocacy Award

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Matthew Clifford

Buffalo State Scholar Student-Athlete (2021, 2022)

Haley Domin

Buffalo State Scholar Student-Athlete (2021–2023)

Joel Frazee

Buffalo State Scholar Student-Athlete (2022, 2023)

Daron Hughey

Buffalo State Scholar Student-Athlete (2022, 2023)

Argjend Imeri

Buffalo State Scholar Student-Athlete (2021–2023)

Sarah Jackson

Buffalo State Scholar Student-Athlete (2021–2023)

Kerry Kruzal

Buffalo State Scholar Student-Athlete (2021–2023)

Phaybian Livingston

Buffalo State Scholar Student-Athlete (2021–2023)

Sean Mahaney

Buffalo State Scholar Student-Athlete (2021–2023)

Anthony Marinelli

Buffalo State Scholar Student-Athlete (2021–2023)

Kyle Melito

Buffalo State Scholar Student-Athlete (2021–2023)

Emil Norrman

Buffalo State Scholar Student-Athlete (2021–2023)

Roger Powers

Buffalo State Scholar Student-Athlete (2022, 2023)

Valerie Ryan

Buffalo State Scholar Student-Athlete (2021–2023)

Kacey Stack

Buffalo State Scholar Student-Athlete (2021–2023)

Maggie Tripp

Buffalo State Scholar Student-Athlete (2021–2023)

Tyler Vanuden

Buffalo State Scholar Student-Athlete (2022, 2023)

Jenna Wlostowski

Buffalo State Scholar Student-Athlete (2021–2023)

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Nininahazwe Agnes

Noushin Ahmed

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Soesoe Aye

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Lindsey F. Roth	Mary T. Wright
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Maimouna A. Samba	Dominique A. Zirpola

PRE-HEALTH PROGRAMS

Jonathan T. Schoeneman
Carol Wright Henry Award for
Excellence in Pre-Medical Studies

ROSS B. KENZIE FAMILY PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

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Viera R. Mesler
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STUDENT AFFAIRS

Layla E. DuBose
Minnie and Joe Engel Student
Humanitarian Award

Christopher G. Jackson
Mildred Campbell Leadership
Award

Saharatu Munkaila
Phillip Santa Maria Memorial
Award

Dominique C. Parke
Luis M. Antonetti Student
Humanitarian Award

2023 GRADUATE AWARDS

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Ke Shi
Certificate of Recognition for Community
Engagement: Neighborhood Advocate

STUDENT AFFAIRS

La'Shea E. Green-Thomas
Phillip Santa Maria Award for Student
Leadership in Equity and Campus Diversity

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otherwise noted.*



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

2023 PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT FINALISTS

Olivia R. Bell	Emil E. Norrman
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Alif A. Noor	

2023 PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT FINALISTS

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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 university 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 university 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 university medallion was derived, constituted the official signatures of heads of church and state. Today, the academic seal, representing the office of the university 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 university 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 university. Incorporated in the total design are abstract concepts of flame, dove, and hands, used by the university 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 gown is designed to be worn open and has long sleeves with square base and arc cut; the doctor's gown, 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. Certificate of advanced study (C.A.S.) recipients are vested with black-and-orange stoles, while graduate certificate recipients receive a white and orange cord.

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 60 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 the Buffalo State Muriel A. Howard Honors Program or the Dean's Honors Program. Qualified students enter the programs as freshmen from high school, sophomores already attending Buffalo State, and when transferring from community colleges. Many honors program students receive academic scholarships, with funds provided by private donations and administered by the Buffalo State Foundation.

Military Honors Cord

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

Honor Society Cords

Students who are inducted members of national honor societies affiliated with 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 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 Award recipients, please visit <http://commencement.buffalostate.edu/previous-award-recipients>.

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Buffalo State is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 1007 North Orange Street, 4th Floor, MB #166, Wilmington, DE 19801. The Middle States Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. secretary of education and the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation. Buffalo State also is accredited by the Board of Regents, University of the State of New York. In addition, the following professional organizations have determined that Buffalo State programs meet their accreditation requirements:

- *Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)*¹
- *Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (Weigel Health Center)*
- *Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration (ACPHA)*
- *Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC)*
- *American Alliance of Museums (Burchfield Penney Art Center)*
- *American Chemical Society (ACS)*
- *Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (ATMAE)*
- *Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA)*²
- *Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)*³
- *Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA)*
- *Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)*
- *Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission (ETAC)*⁴
- *Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC)*
- *International Association of Counseling Services (Counseling Center)*
- *National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)*
- *National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)*
- *National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST)*

Accreditation papers may be reviewed in the Provost's Office, Cleveland Hall 519.

¹ SUNY Buffalo State's Nutrition and Dietetics program is accredited by Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). Email: ACEND@eatright.org; Phone: (800) 877-1600, ext. 5400; Mail: 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190, Chicago, IL 60606-6995; <https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend>.

SUNY Buffalo State's Dietetics Program is accredited by Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). Email: ACEND@eatright.org; Phone: (800) 877-1600, ext. 5400; Mail: 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190, Chicago, IL 60606-6995; <https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend>.

² CAA, Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, is the accrediting body of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), <http://www.asha.org/academic/accreditation/>, of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard #310, Rockville, Maryland 20850; (800) 498-2071 or (301) 296-5700.

³ The initial and advanced level education programs at SUNY Buffalo State are accredited by The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). 1140 19th St NW, Suite 400 Washington, D.C. 20036; (202) 223-0077.

⁴ The Electrical Engineering Technology, Electronics and Electrical Engineering, Smart Grid programs are accredited by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of ABET, <http://www.abet.org>.

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