

154th COMMENCEMENT | May 16, 2026

School of Education and Applied Professions | School of Arts and Sciences including Individualized Studies
Master's and Advanced Graduate Certificates



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 late 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 2026 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 2026 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES!

We gather today to celebrate the individual and collective accomplishments of Buffalo State University's Class of 2026.

Congratulations! Through passion, dedication, and long hours of learning, each member of the Class of 2026 has earned a prestigious degree from this great university. Be proud of your wonderful achievements and enjoy this special day!

Of course, life's greatest successes often happen with the support of others. Let us take time today to thank the family members and friends who have helped encourage their loved ones to earn a degree. Their support has been essential in the educational process. We also thank our dedicated Buffalo State faculty and staff members who have played a pivotal role in helping our students reach their full potential.

My dearest wish is that each of our graduates goes on to find personal happiness, contribute positively to their community, and pursue a career doing what they love!

I encourage every graduate to stay connected with Buffalo State. You are a member of the Buffalo State alumni family forever. You will always be welcome here. We know that the best is yet to come, so please keep us informed about all the upcoming milestones in your life, big and small. Roar on, Bengals!

Sincerely,

Bonita R. Durand, Ph.D.

President

CONFERRING OF DEGREES



BONITA R. DURAND, PH.D.

Bonita R. Durand, Ph.D., was appointed officer in charge of Buffalo State University by State University of New York Chancellor John B. King Jr. on May 31, 2023, before her official confirmation as interim president by the SUNY Board of Trustees on June 6, 2023.

In recognition of her outstanding service to Buffalo State, the SUNY Board of Trustees voted on April 28, 2026, to name Dr. Durand as the tenth president of the university. Her term concludes on June 30, 2026.

Dr. Durand had retired in 2018 after 22 years of service to Buffalo State, where she served as chief of staff and secretary to the Buffalo State College Council. She served under five presidents at Buffalo State during her tenure. In addition, she was a graduate faculty member in the university's Higher Education Administration Department, where she taught courses on the history of American higher education and strategic planning and finance in higher education.

Dr. Durand provided leadership to countless committees and working groups at Buffalo State, including the Middle States accreditation steering committee, the presidential inauguration support committees, the facilities master planning committee, and the presidential search advisory committees. She has also served as the

faculty advisor for the collegiate chapter of the National Council of Negro Women Inc. and the campus advisor for the Gamma Kappa Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

An active member of the Western New York community, Dr. Durand has dedicated her time to numerous organizations across the city and region. She was secretary for the City of Buffalo Citizens Advisory Commission on Reapportionment in 2011, a member of the Mayor of the City of Buffalo's 2010 Complete Count Census Committee, a charter member of the Buffalo Niagara Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors, and a member of the Western New York Women's Fund Board of Directors.

Dr. Durand earned a doctor of philosophy from the University at Buffalo with a concentration in higher education administration and a focus on institutional advancement. She also holds a master of science in applied public affairs from the University at Buffalo and a bachelor of arts in business administration and curriculum development from the Union Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 2010, she received certification in educational management and leadership from the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND APPLIED PROFESSIONS CEREMONY 9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

The Rockwell Brass

Ricky L. Fleming, *Director*
Chair and Professor, Music Department

PROCESSIONAL

The Rockwell Brass

Keli A. Garas-York, *Mace Bearer*
Professor, Elementary Education, Literacy, and
Educational Leadership Department

CONVENING

Linda A. Dobmeier, Class of 1971
Chair, Buffalo State University Council

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Members of the Buffalo State Chamber Choir

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

WELCOME

Bonita R. Durand, Ph.D.
President, Buffalo State University

Wendy A. Paterson, Class of 1975 and 1976
Interim Dean, School of Education and Applied Professions

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND APPLIED PROFESSIONS STUDENT ADDRESS

Miranda O. Shepard, Class of 2026
Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood/Childhood Education

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Wendy A. Paterson

Presenters

Maureen Hammett, Class of 1985, 1988, and 1992
Secretary, Buffalo State Alumni Association

Bonita R. Durand

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEDAL

Charles J. Naughton, Class of 1985
Attorney; Buffalo State University Council Member Emeritus

Presenters

Linda A. Dobmeier

Bonita R. Durand

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND APPLIED PROFESSIONS COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Judy L. Elliott, Class of 1982
Former Chief Academic Officer, Los Angeles Unified School District

Presenters

Linda A. Dobmeier

Bonita R. Durand

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Amitra A. Wall
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Wendy A. Paterson

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Bonita R. Durand

BUFFALO STATE UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER

Members of the Buffalo State Chamber Choir

RECESSIONAL

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.

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND APPLIED PROFESSIONS COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



JUDY ELLIOTT, PH.D., CLASS OF 1982

Judy Elliott, Ph.D., is the former chief academic officer of the Los Angeles Unified School District, where she was responsible for curriculum and instruction from early childhood through adult, professional development, innovation, accountability, assessment, afterschool programs, state and federal programs, health and human services, magnet programs language acquisition for both English and Standard English learners,

parent outreach, and intervention programs for all students.

Before that, she was the chief of teaching and learning in the Portland Public Schools (Oregon) and, prior to that, an assistant superintendent of student support services in the Long Beach Unified School District in California. Dr. Elliott also worked as a senior researcher at the National Center on Educational Outcomes at the University of Minnesota.

She started her career as a special education classroom teacher and then school psychologist. During this time, she was an adjunct professor at Buffalo State University, where she taught graduate courses in curriculum and instruction and applied behavior analysis in the Exceptional Education Department. In 2012, she was appointed by Commissioner John King as

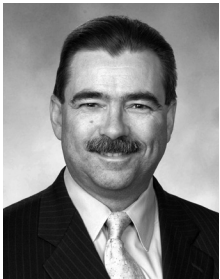
the first New York State “Distinguished Educator” to help support and oversee the Buffalo City School District Priority Schools.

Dr. Elliott continues to assist districts, cooperatives, schools, national organizations, and state departments of education in their efforts to update and realign systems and infrastructures around curriculum, instruction, assessment, data use, leadership, and accountability that includes all students and renders a return on investment. Her research interests focus on systems change and leadership, equitable and accessible effective instruction for all students, data-based decision making, and accelerated student achievement.

She has trained thousands of staff, teachers, and administrators in the U.S. and abroad in areas of integrated service delivery systems, multi-tiered system of supports, effective use of data, linking assessment to district and classroom instruction and intervention, strategies and tactics for effective instruction, curriculum adaptation, collaborative teaching, and behavior management.

Dr. Elliott has published more than 51 articles, book chapters, technical/research reports, and books. She sits on editorial boards for professional journals and is active in many professional organizations. She is nationally known for her work in multi-tiered system of supports/response to instruction and intervention. She has led many successful projects in this area and actively continues to support school districts and national organizations in this work.

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEDAL



CHARLES J. NAUGHTON, CLASS OF 1985

Charles J. Naughton, Esq., is a distinguished attorney, public servant, and alumnus of Buffalo State University whose career spans more than four decades of leadership in municipal government, labor relations, public safety, and private legal practice.

Mr. Naughton earned his bachelor of arts in political science, *summa cum laude*, from Buffalo

State College while working full time as a firefighter with the City of Niagara Falls Fire Department. He went on to earn his juris doctor, *cum laude*, from the University at Buffalo School of Law in 1988. Following his admission to the New York Bar, his legal practice focused on family and governmental law, along with broader experience in civil, criminal, and administrative matters.

Mr. Naughton served the Niagara Falls Fire Department for 25 years, rising through the ranks to battalion chief before retiring in 2003. In that role, he directed fireground operations and led the department’s Training Division, overseeing firefighter education, safety compliance, and emergency preparedness initiatives. Notably, he balanced his legal career with active duty in the fire service for many years.

In public service, Mr. Naughton held numerous senior leadership positions. He served as Niagara County human resources director, overseeing personnel and labor relations for more than 1,800 employees, and as Niagara County risk manager, administering self-funded insurance and safety programs. He also served as town attorney for the Town of Wheatfield, director of labor relations for the Town of Tonawanda, and labor relations consultant for the Town of Hamburg, providing counsel on municipal, labor, and land use matters, collective bargaining, and employment compliance.

A committed advocate for education and public service, Mr. Naughton served on the Buffalo State College Council, now the University Council, from 2008 until January 2025. His contributions supported student affairs, governance, and the continued advancement of the institution.

Mr. Naughton is married to Deborah Deuro-Naughton, who holds both undergraduate and graduate degrees from Buffalo State and is a teacher in the Niagara Falls School District. Together, they have raised two children, one of whom is also a graduate of Buffalo State.

Mr. Naughton’s career reflects a lifelong dedication to public service, professional excellence, and his community.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD



WENDY A. PATERSON, PH.D., CLASS OF 1975 AND 1976

Wendy A. Paterson, Ph.D., is interim dean of the School of Education and Applied Professions at Buffalo State University, where she also serves as professor and head of the teacher education unit. She earned her Ph.D. in elementary education from the University at Buffalo in 1997; master of science in education with certification in literacy from Buffalo State in 1976; and bachelor of

science in education from Buffalo State in 1975.

A native of Kenmore, New York, Dr. Paterson enrolled at Buffalo State to follow her life's ambition to become a teacher. She began teaching as a reading specialist in the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda UFSD, then shifted into the world of higher education as coordinator of developmental skills at Trocaire College. She returned to her alma mater in 1988 to help launch Buffalo State's new Academic Skills Center; her efforts were recognized with the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service in 1996. She was named an assistant professor in the Elementary Education and Reading Department in 1997, and she was later promoted to full professor and served as department chair for two terms. Her career progressed in various leadership roles over the next two decades, including in faculty governance, diversity initiatives, academic excellence, and strategic planning.

Dr. Paterson left Buffalo State in 2009 to become the second dean of the School of Education at St. John Fisher College, a position she held for three years until returning to Buffalo State in 2012 to become dean of the School of Education. She developed six priority areas for the School of Education: Curriculum Renewal, Border Crossing, A Shared Culture of Doing, Impact and Partnerships, Growth Mindset, and Exemplars of Teaching.

Dr. Paterson's publications include *Unbroken Homes: Single Parent Mothers Tell Their Stories* and *The Forgotten Parent: Divorced Dads on Parenting Through and Beyond Divorce*. She and four colleagues were awarded the Albert Harris Award from the International Reading Association for their innovative research on instructional technology and early literacy.

Dr. Paterson is known as a passionate advocate for teachers and the teaching profession, speaking and writing widely on the subject. Admired by faculty members and students alike, she has spearheaded a wide array of education initiatives at Buffalo State, including the award-winning Professional Development Partnerships and International Professional Development Partnerships; Urban Teacher Academy; two endowed chairs in education; and much more. Since its founding in 1871, Buffalo State has enjoyed and long and distinguished history of preparing highly effective teachers and educational leaders—Dr. Paterson has contributed in a prolific way to that mission and legacy.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND APPLIED PROFESSIONS STUDENT ADDRESS



MIRANDA O. SHEPARD

Miranda O. Shepard has earned a bachelor of science degree in early childhood/childhood education, attaining a 4.0 GPA while participating in the Muriel A. Howard Honors Program. She has excelled academically, in leadership roles, and through her participation in career-related endeavors and cultural exchanges. She is recognized for her dedication to the field of education as well as her hard work, curiosity,

and enthusiasm for embarking on new experiences.

Upon graduating, Ms. Shepard will qualify for New York State teaching certification for birth to grade 6 with a concentration in social studies. Her outstanding academic performance as an undergraduate led to her recommendation for early acceptance to the rigorous graduate literacy specialist program at Buffalo State, and she has already begun taking courses toward her master's degree. Her academic accomplishments also led to her induction into Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education.

In January 2025, Ms. Shepard participated in a short-term, faculty-led study abroad field experience in Torremaggiore, Italy, where she engaged with students in an Italian school and exchanged ideas about American and Italian culture. She co-authored a bilingual children's book on the U.S. holidays and developed lessons and activities aligned with the book

to foster cultural awareness and language learning to share with the students in Torremaggiore. In October 2025, she participated in a weeklong internship experience in Edgecomb, Maine's Center for Teaching and Learning, engaging in professional development related to literacy instruction. She observed reading and writing workshops in grades five through eight and analyzed and reflected on instructional practices. Through the International Professional Development Partnerships, she also completed her student teaching experience in Siena, Italy, where she engaged in hands-on classroom instruction and further developed her teaching practice in an international educational setting.

Along with those field experiences, she has served as a substitute teacher in the Orchard Park Central School District and a nursery teacher for children ages three months to four years old at a local church in West Seneca. In addition, Ms. Shepard worked as a school-age childcare program assistant and a lead camp counselor at a local YMCA during her time at Buffalo State.

Outside of the classroom, Ms. Shepard demonstrated inspirational leadership through several dynamic roles on campus. As president of the Buffalo State chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, the national honor society for first-year academic success, she led chapter operations, organized service opportunities, and represented Buffalo State at national conferences. As president of the award-winning Buffalo State Pom Dance Team, she managed team operations, scheduling, choreography, and fundraising.

2026 CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND APPLIED PROFESSIONS

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Bachelor of Arts

Prince Asiamah
Gerald Brutus
David Frimpong
Jaime Reshawn Smith

Bachelor of Science

Ayah Haytham Abdelhay
Tala Samir Abdellatif
Ali Abdikadir
Olayeni Abimbola
Caroline Elisabeth Abreu
Araya Abrianna **
Abdirisq Mohamed Abshir
Cecilia Aceves Minakata ***
Hassan Aden
Awwal Tomilola Adeniyi
Aliyyah Jenrola Adenuga
Rilwan Adesina
Cadence Elizabeth Aguilar ***
Tasfique Ahmad ***
Abdulrahman Ahmad-hasan
Shadman Farat Ahmed
Hamdi S. Ahmed
Abdul Al Gahhar Al Sbaikhawi *
Anthony Aldik
Marvens C. Alexis
Daniel Alicea
Rafaela V. Alicea
Bakim Francesco Alijaj ß
Ali Qahtan Alkinani
Reagan Marie Allen
Serene Mahdi Alraziqi *
Ghadeer S. Alwaisi
Carine Andre
Helen J. Anz
Mihad Arafat
Brianna Grisel Aranda
Assil Arefee
Hazel Arteaga-Martinez
Freddy Omar Arzuaga
Jacob Jeffery Ashe
Courtney M. Aures ** ß
Roclyn Baah
Leah N. Bailey ***
Nate M. Bailey
Fahmo Bakal
Cory C. Baker
Jonah Timothy Ball
Alicia Ball
Jada Courtney Ball ***
Allison Julia Banko ***
Matthew Banks
Lavernal Barbee
Shaniya Marie Barber

Samia Barnes
Ellen Marie Beagle
Lamiya Begum
Ian Sean Behrens
Tara Arthina Belizaire
Ryan Taylor Berman ***
Isabela Rose Bermingham ***
Trinity Phenique Blacks
Ashley Nicole Bliss **
Maximilian Felix Blum *
Noah William Boling *
Alexander Lee Bolsover
Hannah Boltz **
Joshua Matthew Bortz
Rakan Saber Boussag
Darnita Boyce **
Dylan Joseph Braunscheidel **
Nicholas Foxx Brink ***
Andrew Christopher Broxk **
Samantha Brooks ***
Demitrius C. Brown
Chelsea Bruno
Sophie A. Brush
Mia Dejour Devon Buchanan
Jaylen R. Buckhannan
Kylee Bukowski ***
Michael Allan Burgard
Adasia Burnette
Emily Buss
Ignacio Caceres
Michael Richard Calabrese
Sheryl A. Caldarella ***
Gabriel Eduardo Cambron
Ava Janelle Casale ***
Joshua Paul Casey
Malachi T. Cash
Samuel T. Castellino
David Paul Celano
Rayven Chaires
Athena N. Chance
Zachary Roger Chase **
Sang Chin
Ahmed Iftikhar Chowdhury
Kaylee Ann Christy
Tychic William Clarke
Madyson L. Clayton *
Zachary Steven Cleason
Taylor Nicole Clisson
Leah Cobb
Sydney Adelle Cobb
Megan Lynn Cochi **
Nyla A. Coleman
Jack Colosimo
Kathryn Mary Condon
Seth James Conner
Charlton Cavanaugh Connors
Zaire Jalen-Warren Coore

Maria Teresa Coronado ***
Noble Patrick Corp
Gabriella Sabrina Correra
Cassandra Costanzo
Kennedy Julianne Cotton
Thadeus Courtney
Ronald Cox * ß
Gerrod Craig
Leah Emma Cray
Joseph Michael Crimi
Cassidy R. Critelli
Meaghan Anne Cullen
Rolque Cupid
Yacouba Jr Daow
Paul Olivier Decossard
Joseph Adam Dee ß
Luke Emerson Deinzer
Dylan Michael Delaney
Emily Anne Delisle
Adam DelPapa
Cassie Lynn Dembski ***
James P. Denegall
Dominique Mamie Desrosiers
Moustapha Mamadou Diallo
Jessica Elise Dickerson ***
Madelin Rianne Digges
Danika L. Dirienzo ***
Aniyah Callice Dixon
Helene Djongara
Latavia Nasheama, Patricia Dobson
Nathan A. Docker **
Crystal M. Doeseckle
Andrew Rodney Doran **
Marley Ann Dorsogna
Lola Emmarita Dosunmu
Kathleen Anita Dougherty *
Kelcey Marie Doyle
Zoe Dudzic ***
Ryan Kristopher Duell
Sophia R. Duffie
Matthew Dulski
Eric Karl Duma
Lucas James Dunn **
Brittany Bao Vy Duong
Rosemond Dzah *
Gregory David Edbauer *
Elijah L. Eden
Daniel Stephan Edwin
Tina Eftekharinia **
Dusenge Eline
Mossab Eltaher Adam Eltaher
Anthony Manuel Estrada
Samantha J. Evans
Jordan Olivia Evans ***
Abdikadir Ahmed Farah *
Sabit Ahmed Fardin *
Jayce Charles Faso

Sean Nicklas Ferguson
Mia Fernanda Flitt ***
Stephanie Lynn Flowers *
Eric John Fogle ***
Caitlin Folga **
Karla Michelle Fontanez **
Jason Foyer
Russell Anthony Fragale ***
Basosila Bolende Francoise
Emily Grace Frankel **
Kaylee Janette Gardner Brown
Megan Marie Galbraith
Mohammed Gali
Krishivardhani Gangadharan ***
Ana Teresa Gaona-Mendoza ***
Khalil Emmanuel Garcia-Joseph
Denisha Garrett
Elijah David Gehl
Samuel Giovanni Gentile
Hanna Germono
Taylor Morgan Gibbs
Tremiya Giddens
Chloe Jean Gilbert ***
Allison Goergen ***
Andreliz Y. Gonzalez Marquez *
Jasmine Jade Gordon ***
Mikayla Antionette Graham
Nicholas Graham
Raeann Lee Grasso **
Peyton Chanel Green
Ava Jane Grohusko ***
Paige Marie Gross ***
Johnny E. Guzman
Nicholas Ryan Haffa ***
Maria Yohannes Hailemichael
Nicole Lee Haines
Makaila Amani Hall
Ryan William Halleen
Diamond Joy Hamilton
Riley D. Hardleben
Angelina Harper
Ashly Lyn Harris **
Brianna Nicole Harris
Kayla Marie Harris
Liana Faith Harris
Shannon Giselle Harris *
Taylor Marie Harris ***
Amanda Christine Harroun ***
Ryan Evan Haskell
Ethan James Hathaway *
Jay Shawn Hawk ***
Symone Marie Henderson
Tanajah Tonea Henton
Antonio Anton Hernandez
Mayleen M. Hernandez
Kennedy Ashley Hernandez
Samantha Harper Higgins

2026 CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND APPLIED PROFESSIONS

Edward Max Hill	Preston Shane Ligonde	Joseph Alexander Neuner	Terell Ray *
Tsanaya C. Hill	Ashley Judith Lonczak ***	Annick Ngabo	Jessica K. Reed **
Caitlin Elizabeth Hines ***	Diana M. Lopez Sanchez	Taslma Niha ***	Marissa M. Reger
Samantha Lynn Hoerner	Marissa Ann Lorenzo	Declan Francis Albert Noonan	Damien Elijah Reyes
Nylah Hough	Peri Dana Lowenstein	Sadat Nurudeen	Gabriel Rhodes
Saewah Htoo	Naomi Lubin	David Daryl Nyarko	Khial Jamari Ridley
Sunday Htoo	Sajan Magar	Ndayishimiye Mike Nzabinesha	Michael David Rincon Ocampo
Ella James Hulse *	Johnathan Charles Maitre	Joseph Andrew O'Connell †	Mardi Risal
Mya Paige Hurley ***	Gregory Richard Makelke	Mckenzie Ashleigh Octave	Lidia Rivera Rosario
Sahal Muse Hussein	Chase Riley Malcolm ***	Isohie Ogiugo **	Ryan A. Riyashi
Karina Nancy Hutchings †	John David Manke ***	Daniela Victoria Olalde	Audrey Elizabeth Roberts
Stephanie R. Hyde ***	Jayson Marchetti	Jamie Ronell Olivier	Noah Leonard Roberts ***
Lucinda Clare Ingro ***	Isabel Alexandra Margas	Mon Mon Myat Thwal Hla Oo	Asia Renee Robinson
Muhammad Issa **	Yang Marta	Jennifer Marie Ortiz-Arriaga	Keith Raymond Robison
Latif Eren Iyisoy	Nadia Lee Martino **	Mohamed Osman	Joshua Roesch **
Ethan C. Jablonski	Arianna Martz	Artie Ives Padilla	Cameron Rosenthal **
Malcolm Jackson	Lillian Jane Massung **	Michelle Marie Pane ***	Nicholas D. Ross ***
Alana Suzanne Jacowitz *	Alison Grace Maynard	Erin Maya Joanna Parkinson	Ramsey William Ross
Mikayla Shanai James	Kaela Denae McCallum	Toni Paso	Alexis Rachel Roth ***
Angelica Lorins Jeanmary	Britney Eileen McCarthy	Kirtankumar Prafulbhai Patel	Sage Beverly Joy Running Rabbit
Noah Francisco Johnson	Michael McCosh	Marmik Rakesh Patel ***	Bryce-Lanae Heaven Russell
Tamia Alexis Johnson	Thomas McDonough ***	Trayvel Ramone Patterson	Khaled Saeed
Justin Reed Johnston β	Danajah McGaughy	Bloe Ser Paw ***	Brandon-Kace Michael Samol
Anessa Ny'cole Cerae Jones	Olivia McKay *	Tha Yaw Paw	Embri Theresa Sanders
Rakib Kabir	Ricardo McKay	Morgan Anne Payan **	Princess Melita Saydee
Rayhan B. Kabir **	Anthony Matthew McKeon	Michael O. Payton ***	Nicholas Scalise
Asanat Abiodun Kadiri	Jose Juan Mendoza	Kaitlynn L. Pendleton *	Brooke E. Schaefer **
Mike Kasangana Kanyinda	Katelyn Isabella Michaels	Moira Regina Penot ***	Gillian Sofia Scozzaro ***
Mohammed Rajaul Karim **	Fransley Allen Michel	Beverly J. Perez *	Cole Joseph Seefeldt
Dylan Kashuba	Victoria Miller *	Jaylene Briana Perez	Nathan Robert Severson
Julia Kavanagh	Andrew James Miller	Collin Michael Perl	Khalia Kelisha Victoria Sewell
Abigail Anne Keens	Brandie L. Miller ***	David Paul Peters ***	Karlie Jane Shaffer ***
Abdul Aziz Khalik	Velencia Elizabeth Miller	Julia A. Pfalzer ***	Shaogat Bin Shahid
Iman Marie Khoury	Mahabub Hossin Mim **	Nicholas Joseph Pfohl	Kerrienne Gaffney Shea
Shaikh Ismid jobayer Kibria ***	Sarah Elizabeth Moley *	Steven Trong Pham	Miranda O. Shepard ***
Katherine Lynn Kielec	Amanda Paige Molnar	Aaliyah Suzette Philip-Graham β	Lucinda Walker Showers
Madison Rose Kilanowski ***	Anixia J. Montalvo *	Jahzara Phillip	Jaliyah Simmons *
Jenovique Veronique Lukanu Kissenga	Ademola Ade Adedeji Montrose	Devin Phillips	Micheal Simpson
William James Kitching	Hae Ri Moo	Alexandra Gabrielle Piekarski *	Saugat Siwakoti ***
Amber M. Koeth **	Htee Ku Moo **	Caroline Maureen Pirrone	Austyn Skrzypek Gonzalez Hogan
Jennifer Kowalik **	Shawah Kapa Moo	Sean Dominic Pitera	Lillian Skubis ***
Shaye Nicole Kozminski ***	Alexander J. Morales	Taylor Martin Plew	Gia Lynn Slaughter
Caleb Joseph Kruzicki *	Bailey Thomas Morawski	Wilbur Leigh Plunkett **	Jack Small
Rebecca Rose Kupczyk *	Synia Lamaria Morrison	Taras Pomayda	Kenyetta Zhane Snow **
Keenan Laird	Addel Mothanna * β	Kayla Maxilia Pomie	Molly Peyton Snyder
Richard Alan Lange	Marium Aurangzeb Moughal	Elizabeth Marie Powell ***	Lar Krit Soe
Jessica Langley ***	Francoise Roberta Muharareni	Trinity Cincere Powell *	Olurotimi Jaamihu Sofola
Grace Charlotte Laughlin	Celina Muller	Azim Md Mukit Pradhan **	Carlos Rcoberto Solorzano
Colby Ryan Lawrence	Khadiza Murshida ***	Sadie-Rose Tahnee Pratt-Filker	Emily Catherine Sorrentino ***
Brooklyn Lawrence	Saidali Muse	Julia Michele Purpura ***	Felix Alfredo Soto *
Maggie Christina Leaskey	Tapiwa Isaac Mushonga	Emily Paige Quider *	Ba'rray Infinity Steward
Hanna Leaskey *	Hasi Na *	Cosimo Ragionieri	Taylor Marie Stockmeyer
Jordan Edward Lechner	Holly Brooke Nagel **	Nuha Rahman	Jordan Lyle Stockweather
Charice Adona Lecointe	Renee Shanta Nash	Ashique Rai *	David Michael Stombaugh β
Yazmin B. Leon β	Abdulaziz Mohsin Nasser	Kritika Rai ***	Kaitlin Rose Stutz
Na'im Desmond Leonard	Ashleigh Brooke Naugle	Emma Marie Randle	Abby C. Suhr ***
Stephen A. Leone ***	Christopher Andrew Nelson	Nicholas M. Ravert	Jourdan Marie Summers

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Eina Tatiana Sundell
 Kayana Syph
 Nanase Takagi ***
 Jade Abigail Taylor
 Hla Htet Thar
 Brooklynn Rose Thielke ***
 Jalissa Thomas
 Jeriesha Marie Thomas
 Ryan G. Thompson *
 Zhana Thompson **
 Daniel John Tilton
 Drayton Todoroff
 Madelyn Rose Tout
 Timmy Tran
 Lamir Tweed
 Zackery Ungaro
 Kimberly Marie Van Avery
 Hailey Ann Vane
 Estefany Vargas **
 Sebastian Raymond Vasile
 Olivia Haley Velasquez *
 Giovanni P. Ventura
 Stephon Sebastian Vergara
 Matthew John Villalobos
 Teag J. Vogel
 Asad H. Waffi
 Phillip Fredric Wafula
 Say Wah
 Lew Say Wah ***
 Emily Griffin Walker *
 Brittany Wall
 Noah Emery Walsh
 Colin M. Walter
 Alexis Kiarah Ward
 Alishba Waseem
 Cecelia May Waters ***
 Hay Thangay Way
 Adam Harry Webster
 Olivia C. Wechter
 Jillian Grace Wener ***
 Brittany White **
 Jordan White
 Paige Olivia Whyte
 David Wiggins
 Mia Ann Wilcox
 Megan Wild **
 Caitlin Margaret Wilhite ***
 Gabrielle A. Williams
 Jade A. Williams
 Kalik Jakae Williams
 Sherille Williams
 Trionna Williams
 Vanessa Willick ***
 Kara Winters **
 Nestor Robert Witcher

Lilliana Grace Witman ***
 Laci Wolcott
 Hannah Marie Wolf ***
 Taylor Ellison Wolf
 Allison Grace Wood **
 Michael S. Woods
 Isaac David Wozniak
 Christopher Louis Wright
 Destinee Wright
 Jonathan Young
 Malia Young
 Angela Andrea Zabala Vega

Bachelor of Science in Education

Emilee Nicole Backstrom ***
 Zachary R. Brydges ***
 Latia S. Daniels
 Gabryella Fitzgibbon ***
 Abigail Guarino
 Jacqueline Faith Heyden **
 Emilee Ann Josker **
 Kaitlyn Elizabeth Krauss **
 Hannah Grace Kwasniewski *
 Adrianna Nadine Michal
 Bella Barone Mullen **
 Micaela Jeannette Nunez
 Natalie Beeman Perl ***
 Ava Grace Schultz ***
 Sunny Marie Tisdale *
 Jerry Joseph Wiley *

List compiled May 5, 2026.

*** *summa cum laude* 3.80–4.00
 ** *magna cum laude* 3.65–3.79
 * *cum laude* 3.50–3.64
 † *dual degree*
 ‡ *veteran*

2026 SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND APPLIED PROFESSIONS BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

BUSINESS, ECONOMICS, AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Samuel Castellino
 David Vernon Bullough Award: Economics and Finance
 Emily Grace Frankel
 Outstanding Student Award: Business Administration–Marketing Concentration
 Ella Hulse
 Business Program Intern of the Year: Internship Companies–Buffalo Toronto Public Media and Buffalo Bisons

Victoria Miller
 Outstanding Student Award: Economics and Finance

Tapiwa Mushonga
 Outstanding Student Award: Economics and Finance

Bloe Ser Paw
 Outstanding Student Award: Business Administration–Management Concentration

Moira Penot
 Outstanding Student Award: Business Administration

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Ronald Cox
 Excellence in Computer Information Systems

Rosemond Dzah
 Excellence in Computer Information Systems

Sabit Fardin
 Excellence in Computer Information Systems

Eric Fogle
 Excellence in Computer Information Systems

Ana Gaona-Mendoza
 Excellence in Computer Information Systems

Ryan Halleen
 Excellence in Computer Information Systems

Ryan Haskell
 Excellence in Computer Information Systems

Rayhan Kabir
 Excellence in Computer Information Systems

Caleb Kruzicki
 Excellence in Computer Information Systems

John Manke
 Excellence in Computer Information Systems

Mahabub Mim
 Excellence in Computer Information Systems

Addel Mothanna
 Excellence in Computer Information Systems

Abdulaziz Nasser
 Excellence in Computer Information Systems

Shaogat Bin Shahid
 Excellence in Computer Information Systems

Saugat Siwakoti
 Excellence in Computer Information Systems

Lew Wah
 Excellence in Computer Information Systems

Caitlin Wilhite
 Excellence in Computer Information Systems

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Chloe Gilbert
 Donald J. Griffin Memorial Award

Keontay Tillman
 Faculty Certificate of Merit

EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

LaTia Daniels
 Gustave and Geraldine Werner Scholarship (2024–2025)

Emilee Josker
 Horace Mann Endowment for Exceptional Education Scholarships (2023–2024, 2024–2025, 2025–2026)

Kaitlyn Krauss
 Horace Mann Endowment for Exceptional Education Scholarships (2023–2024, 2024–2025, 2025–2026)

2026 SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND APPLIED PROFESSIONS BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

Bella Mullen

Horace Mann Endowment for Exceptional Education Scholarships (2022–2023, 2023–2024, 2024–2025, 2025–2026)

Micaela Nuñez

Norman R. McConney Jr. Award for EOP Student Excellence

Paul Thoms Council for Exceptional Children Membership Scholarship (2022)

Natalie Perl

Dr. Bernard Yormak Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Exceptional Education (2025)

Abigail Winiatowski

Dorothea and Mildred Seegler Endowed Scholarship Award (2025–2026)

Gustave and Geraldine Werner Scholarship (2024–2025)

FASHION AND TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY

Trinity Blacks

RUNWAY All Star Award (2024)

Krishivardhani Gangadharan

RUNWAY Edit Award (2025)

Preston Ligonde

RUNWAY Production All Star Award (2025)

Anthony McKeon

RUNWAY Second Place Senior Designer Award (2025)

Celina Muller

Marion Thomas Swenson, '39, Scholarship (2025)

Trayvel Patterson

Dr. Keunyoung Oh–Bengal Bodega Fashion Startup Award

Jaylene Perez

National Retail Federation Student Ambassador Award (2025, 2026)

Noah Roberts

RUNWAY Third Place Senior Designer Award (2025)

Jade Williams

RUNWAY Fifth Place Senior Designer Award (2025)

HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND DIETETICS

Tala Abdellatif

Outstanding Undergraduate Service-Learning Course Award (2025)

Nicole Haines

Outstanding Undergraduate Service-Learning Course Award (2025)

National Society of Leadership and Success (2022)

Abigail Keens

Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship

Haley Mazgaj

Bengal Internship Award

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

LaVernal Barbee

Campus House Member Award (2025–2026)

Mia Buchanan

William P. Hart Scholarship

Kylee Bukowski

Phi Alpha Honor Society

Sheryl Caldarella

Phi Alpha Honor Society

Social Work Strive Award

Amanda Harroun

Phi Alpha Honor Society

Antonia Hernanadez

Statler Scholarship Award (2025–2026)

Anessa Jones

Statler Scholarship Award (2025–2026)

Mohammed Karim

Statler Scholarship Award (2025–2026)

Htoo Saewah

Campus House Member Award (2025–2026)

Carlos Solorzano

Statler Scholarship Award (2025–2026)

Eina Sundell

Statler Scholarship Award (2025–2026)

Thang Way Hay

Statler Scholarship Award (2025–2026)

SOCIAL WORK

Cadence Aguilar

Emerging Leader
Social Work Excellence Award (2025)

Hazel Arteaga-Martinez

Phi Alpha Honor Society

Freddy Arzuaga

Phi Alpha Honor Society

Isabela Bermingham

Phi Alpha Honor Society

Cassandra Costanzo

Phi Alpha Honor Society

Joseph Dee

Phi Alpha Honor Society
Social Work Strive Award (2025)

Jasmine Gilmore

Phi Alpha Honor Society
Social Work Excellence Award (2026, 2025)

Johnny Guzman

Social Work Strive Award (2025)

Nicholas Haffa

Phi Alpha Honor Society

Alana Jacowitz

Social Work Excellence Award (2025)

Jessica Langley

Phi Alpha Honor Society

Nadia Martino

Phi Alpha Honor Society

Arianna Martz

Phi Alpha Honor Society

Britney McCarthy

Phi Alpha Honor Society
Core Social Work Award: Social Justice Emerging Leader (2025)

Khadiza Murshida

Phi Alpha Honor Society
NASW Student of the Year

Isohie Ogiugo

Social Work Strive Award (2025)

Morgan Payan

Phi Alpha Honor Society

Ramsey Ross

Phi Alpha Honor Society

Brayden Wall

Social Work Excellence Award (2025)

Trionna Williams

Social Work Strive Award (2025)

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Lucinda Ingro

Tim Hortons Scholarship
Excelsior Scholarship

Ashleigh Naugle

SUNY Internship Funding
Laura Ann Wells Scholarship (2025)

Karlie Shaffer

Provost Scholarship
Honors Convocation for Academic Excellence (2025–2026)
CSC Academic All District (2023–2025)
Student-Athlete Academic Award (2024–2026)

Awards listed were granted in 2026 unless otherwise noted.

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES INCLUDING INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES CEREMONY 1:00 P.M.

PRELUDE

The Rockwell Brass

Ricky L. Fleming, *Director*
Chair and Professor, Music Department

PROCESSIONAL

The Rockwell Brass

Carol Y. Beckley, *Mace Bearer*
Chair and Associate Professor, Theater Department

CONVENING

Gary Siddall, Class of 2012
Member, Buffalo State University Council

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Members of the Buffalo State Chamber Choir

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

WELCOME

Bonita R. Durand, Ph.D.
President, Buffalo State University

Kelly M. Frothingham, Class of 1994 and 1997
Dean, School of Arts and Sciences

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Joyce Assaf, Class of 2026
Bachelor of Science, Biology

Madison E. Sierra, Class of 2026
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

Presenters

Linda A. Dobmeier

Bonita R. Durand

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

Asher Freudenhammer-Glass, Class of 2026
Bachelor of Arts, Art and Bachelor of Arts, Art History

Presenter

Bonita R. Durand

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES STUDENT ADDRESS

Asher Freudenhammer-Glass

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Scott Bieler
President and CEO, West Herr Automotive Group

Presenter

Linda A. Dobmeier

Bonita R. Durand

SUNY HONORARY DOCTOR OF LETTERS

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Bobbie Chase
Comics and Graphic Novel Publishing Executive

Presenters

Eunice A. Lewin
Trustee, State University of New York

Bonita R. Durand

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Amitra A. Wall
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Kelly M. Frothingham

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Bonita R. Durand

BUFFALO STATE UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER

Members of the Buffalo State Chamber Choir

RECESSIONAL

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.

SUNY HONORARY DOCTOR OF LETTERS SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



BOBBIE CHASE

Bobbie Chase is a comics and graphic novel publishing executive with over 40 years of experience in publishing. Her most recent position was as executive editor of graphic novels at Wattpad Webtoon Studios, the publishing arm of a global company based in Korea that produces phone-based digital comics—the most popular global comics platform today.

Prior to this, Ms. Chase spent a decade at DC Entertainment/Warner Bros., where she held three different vice president positions, most recently as vice president of global publishing initiatives and digital strategy at DC Comics, in which she was charged with creating new global initiatives and partnerships, most successfully with Webtoons in Korea (Marvel Webtoons) and Kodansha, Japan (Marvel Manga). Prior to that, she was vice president and executive editor of a new middle grade and young adult (YA) graphic novel line. As vice president of talent development, she was responsible for creating The DC Talent Development Workshops, which launched in 2015. The program received thousands of applicants and was designed to give access and a voice to comic book writers and artists by providing educational and training programs for current and emerging talent. She joined DC in 2011, editing titles in the Batman Group such as *Batgirl* and *Nightwing* and then went on to become editorial director of the entire DC line.

Prior to joining DC, she spent 17 years at Marvel Comics, rising from assistant editor to editor-in-chief of Marvel Edge in 1994–1995. After years of editing almost every major character in the Marvel line, from *The Avengers* to the *Incredible Hulk* to *G.I. Joe*, Ms. Chase launched a new line of horror comics, elevating such characters as *Ghost Rider*, *Blade*, and *Spirits of Vengeance*, and was herself elevated to a position as one of Marvel Group's editors-in-chief, the highest level a female editor has ever achieved at the company. In the years following, she worked for Disney Publishing and Stabenfeldt International, developing and writing middle grade and YA books and magazines.

Some of Ms. Chase's awards and honors include Entertainment Industries Council in partnership with National Institute of Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation PRISM AWARD; Several Magazine and Bookseller Newsstand Cover Competition Awards; Will Eisner and Harvey (Comic Industry Awards) nominations; Diamond GEM (Industry) Awards; and GLAAD Media Awards nomination. For many years, she was consistently ranked as one of the industry's "Top 10 Comic Book Editors" by *Comics Buyers Guide*, a consumer magazine.

Ms. Chase graduated from Mount Holyoke College with a B.A. in English. She also studied at the University of St Andrews in Scotland, and studied design and illustration at the Parsons School of Design and the New School for Social Research.

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



SCOTT BIELER

Scott Bieler, a native of Orchard Park, New York, began his career with the West Herr Automotive Group in 1975 as a salesman and was promoted to sales management in 1980. In 1981, when he was promoted to general manager, the group had only one dealership—West Herr Ford of Hamburg. He was named president in 1997 and has been principal majority owner since 2000, along with his partners, Brad Hafner, John

Wabick, and Bill Loecher. Employing more than 3,100 people, he has helped grow the company to become the largest automotive group in New York State and one of the largest privately owned auto groups in the country.

Mr. Bieler's community involvement has been extensive through the years. He currently serves as vice chair of the Roswell Park Alliance Foundation Board; member of the board of directors of Invest Buffalo Niagara; member of the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable; member of the board of director at Daemen University, where he received the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters. His past board positions include the Upstate New York Federal Reserve Regional Advisory Board for five years; Buffalo Zoo; Buffalo Niagara Partnership; Hilbert College, where he received the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters; and the Invest Buffalo Niagara board of directors.

His civic efforts have been recognized numerous times, including the Theodore Roosevelt Exemplary Citizenship Award; Outstanding Citizen by

the *Buffalo News*; Canisius University Distinguished Citizen Award; Roswell Park's Katherine Anne Gioia Inspiration Award; National Conference for Just Communities Citation Award; Outstanding Philanthropist through the Association of Fundraising Professionals; Hospice & Palliative Care Buffalo's Hope, Care & Dignity Award; Ford Dealer Hall of Fame Inductee; *Business First* Hall of Fame; Buffalo Renaissance Foundation Man of the Year; Buffalo History Museum Red Jacket Award; and University at Buffalo Executive of the Year.

West Herr was founded in 1950 and since then has sold over 1.5 million vehicles with 41 dealerships in Erie, Niagara, Monroe, Ontario, and Onondaga counties, representing 27 franchises and over 3,100 employees. West Herr has been awarded *Buffalo Business First's* "Best Places to Work in WNY" recognition for the last 24 years, has been named the "Top Workplace" by the Rochester *Democrat and Chronicle*, and also has been honored by the Better Business Bureau. The West Herr Automotive Group is dedicated to absolute excellence in customer service provided by honest, responsible, and respectful people. West Herr supports individual pride, company spirit, and community involvement.

The Scott Bieler Family Foundation was established by Mr. Bieler to support causes that make a meaningful impact on the lives of Western New Yorkers. The foundation focuses its giving on health care, education, and services for vulnerable populations, especially children and families. Through thoughtful philanthropy, the foundation aims to build a stronger, more compassionate community for all.

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



ASHER FREUDENHAMER-GLASS

Asher Freudenhamer-Glass has earned dual degrees in art and art history, with a minor in chemistry, attaining a 3.99 GPA while serving as an outstanding student leader. Freudenhamer-Glass is a creative, intellectual, curious, and passionate student who seeks to understand the world and people around them in ever-evolving ways. Their undergraduate career has been marked by the exploration of the intersections

between academic achievement and activism, and between engagement and community building.

Freudenhamer-Glass's commitment to academic excellence is exceptional. Pursuing a career in the highly selective field of art conservation, they strategically crafted a challenging curriculum combining the rigors of both art and science. They conducted original research and completed a thesis on the nineteenth-century artist Frederic Remington—and presented findings at the Buffalo State Student Research and Creativity Conference and SUNY New Paltz Undergraduate Art History Symposium. In the process, they earned multiple departmental awards and recognitions, including the Robert L. Flock and Ruth M. Flock Award for senior thesis in art history and the James and Doris Aikman Scholarship for overall achievement in fine arts.

At the same time, they sought related work experiences on and off campus. At Buffalo State, Freudenhamer-Glass served as an archival intern at the Burchfield Penney Art Center and as a gallery assistant at the Czurlis-Nelson Gallery in Upton Hall. These positions led to two exciting hands-on archival and conservation internships at UnDunn Art Services, a local art conservation business, and at the City of Buffalo Arts Commission.

An award-winning multidisciplinary artist, Freudenhamer-Glass has exhibited a stunning portfolio of work on campus, including at the Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award exhibitions, Anne Frank Project Social Justice Festival gallery, and two Honors Program art exhibitions. Off campus, Princess's Studio & Art Gallery in Buffalo displayed 12 original pieces from their solo senior thesis exhibition, "Blood of My Blood." Their artwork spans a wide range of media from 2-D oil paintings, drawings, and prints to 3-D cross stitch, crochet, found object sculptures, and more. Freudenhamer-Glass is a visual storyteller whose work uplifts the narratives of voices often forgotten or unheard.

In addition, they have starred in dramatic roles in student theater productions of *Macbeth* and *Antigone*, as well as comedic acting while serving as captain of the FNL student improv group. They served as a resident assistant for two years, caring for campus residents and earning the Residence Life Office's Rising Star Award. As an honors peer mentor, they provided holistic support to first-year honors students and modeled honors program values for the entire community.

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



JOYCE ASSAF

Joyce Assaf has earned a bachelor of science degree in biology, attaining a 3.95 GPA while participating in exceptional and wide-ranging biomedical research, contributing to numerous campus activities, and volunteering in her community.

A native of Lebanon who taught herself English shortly before enrolling at Buffalo State, Ms. Assaf is bright, hardworking, and brings great curiosity and engagement to the classroom. As an undergraduate student taking a graduate-level class in advanced neurobiology as an independent study, she answered the most difficult questions and asked the most important questions. Her ability to read and interpret scientific literature is on par with the brightest graduate students, and she presents complex material with ease and works well with her graduate peers.

Ms. Assaf has been involved in four different research projects, overseen by different professors in different labs in different fields of biomedical science on and off campus. This reflects an exceptional ability and motivation to learn in terms of project scope and associated skills. In one instance, she conducted honors research studying mutations associated with a rare skin disorder; in another, she used fluorescent microscopy to study aspects of

protein modification in cells; and in another, her work yielded results that she presented at Buffalo State's Student Research and Creativity Conference. In addition, she completed a high-level research assistant internship at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, studying drug treatments for aggressive head and neck cancers at one of the nation's leading cancer centers.

Fluent in multiple languages, Ms. Assaf works on campus as a library assistant and tutors fellow students in more than 30 different courses in Arabic, French, biology, and chemistry. She offers a warm, helpful approach to learning when students are struggling to understand course material. With the International Student Organization, she engaged in activities and events to promote cultural exchange, support international students, and build a welcoming community. She also serves as the Biology Department's representative on the Dean's Student Council for the School of Arts and Sciences.

In the community, she volunteers with St. Luke's Mission of Mercy, focusing her efforts on activities such as the holiday food drive, clothing drive, and *Hearts in Bloom Buffalo*, a program that delivers flowers to widows and widowers on Valentine's Day. She also volunteers at several Catholic churches in Buffalo, teaching children the Mass in Arabic and Syriac (Aramaic) and assisting with the choir, bake sales, food drives, and other community events.

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



MADISON E. SIERRA

Madison E. Sierra has earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science, attaining a 3.75 GPA while serving as a spring 2026 intern in the Washington, D.C., office of U.S. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer. At Buffalo State, she discovered a passion for public service through leadership roles that allowed her to make a tangible difference in the lives of others. She used her time in college with intention and purpose.

An aspiring attorney, her career goal is to stand alongside and represent those whose voices are too often ignored.

In the classroom, Ms. Sierra is noted as a mature, critical, and original thinker who rigorously applies the skills and knowledge learned in the classroom to real-world issues. She conducted research on the impact of social media usage on political polarization in the United States, hypothesizing that higher usage relates to more extreme political views. She also studied how the ideology of Supreme Court justices affects their legal decision-making based on Robert Dahl's research on that topic. In addition, she researched the impact of income level on political beliefs, utilizing data to perform a cross-tabulation analysis and hypothesizing that higher income levels increase the likelihood of identifying as Libertarian.

Ms. Sierra has taken her classroom research and activated it in numerous high-impact experiences. As a member of the highly selective and intensive

Cornell University High Road Fellowship Program focused on community engagement, leadership development, and practical approaches to addressing social and civic challenges, she worked with the Partnership for Public Good to co-author a legislation proposal for a county poverty prevention plan. She also implemented social media strategies and co-hosted a podcast to advocate for local policy initiatives. In addition, she interned with the Masten District Office of the Buffalo Common Council, researching policy, developing reports, and responding to constituent concerns.

Apart from her internships, she volunteered her own time to help host evening and weekend community events with the office of Buffalo Common Councilmember Zeneta Everhart, to do hands-on gardening work with East Side Stewards community gardens, and to assist with Taisha St. Jean Tard's campaign for the Erie County Legislature. She also completed Discover Law Undergraduate Scholars Program, a pre-law program at the University at Buffalo.

On campus, Ms. Sierra has served as captain of the university's Moot Court team, cultivating and leading a group of students who became not just teammates on a highly competitive and successful squad, but also lifelong friends. As a teacher assistant for political science courses, she held office hours to assist students with research questions and created study guides to help her peers prepare for exams. She also served as the campus events programmer for United Students Government, coordinating diverse large-scale events that contributed to an inclusive campus environment.

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

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.

2026 PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT FINALISTS

Courtney E. Helinski, *Distinction in Leadership in Community Service*
Charvaye S. Hutchins-Carter

2026 PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT FINALISTS

Joyce Assaf
Jamie Ervolina, *Distinction in Service to Buffalo State*
Matthew J. Fincel
Abigail Murphy, *Distinction in Research and Scholarship*
Micaela J. Nuñez, *Distinction in Advancement of Literacy and Social Justice*
Emma G. Ramseier, *Distinction in Scholarship and Athletics*
Jessie J. Ricotta, *Distinction in Civic Engagement*
Miranda O. Shepard
Madison Sierra
Jelyse Williams, *Distinction in Creative Activity*

STUDENT MARSHALS

Outstanding graduating students will be designated as student marshals. Six baccalaureate degree candidates and three master's degree candidates will represent their classmates at their respective Commencement ceremony. Student marshals were chosen on the basis of their academic achievement, engagement within their program, and involvement in curricular and extracurricular pursuits.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND APPLIED PROFESSIONS (9:00 A.M. CEREMONY)

Mia Dejour Devon Buchanan • Jordan Evans • Keontay Tillman

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES (1:00 P.M. CEREMONY)

Jamie Ervolina • Abigail Murphy • Emma G. Ramseier

MASTER'S AND ADVANCED GRADUATE CERTIFICATES (5:00 P.M. CEREMONY)

Courtney E. Helinski • Haley Mazgaj • Lily Stafford

2026 CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Bachelor of Arts

Kayla Aaster	Regan Elise Clayton	Sarah Ann Jasper *	Cameron Orzechowski *
Musa Bin Qasim Abdul-Alim	Veronica Irene Cohen ***	Fedeline Jean-Philippe *	Nathan D'Wayne Palmer
Dania Naseem Abdulrahman ***	Emily E. Constantin	Meghan Johnson ***	Isabella Paige Panzica **
Joseph Anthony Adamo	Josue Alexander Crespin	Quiorie Toni-rennee Johnson	Shailin Yineisy Paredes
Omar A. Ali	Daniel Dale **	Chloe Therese Judd	Nathan Robert Pasqualetti
Cameron Austin Allen	Holly Dayton	Amelia Kailburn ***	Jay Renee Phillips
Rigena Ashley Allen ß	Isaiah Lennox DeCamp	Richard Kaiser	Marla Ashley Piper
Hannah Marit Alley ***	Lindsay Elizabeth DePietro ***	Kaya Ray Karcher	Gillian Politowski
Zion Kendrick Alouider	Kylie Justine Derrett ***	Chyann Moore Kelly	Logan Polkowski ***
Neshiah Earline Ann Alston ***	Bianca Dietrich	Emma Kinz	George Henry Reimers
Jelani-Ryan Anthony	Dean V. DiLuzio **	Sarah Klawinski	Kayla Marie Roche ***
Wesley Baah Apenteng	Makka K. Djibrine *	John Timothy Knipier	Giselle Rodriguez
Tykim Nigel-rashad Arnette	Alyssa Doino	Emma Knospe	Emmanuel Louis Rogers **
Joyce Assaf ***	Meghan A. Donacik ***	Evan Michael Kociencki **	Kiera Jean Rogers
Aubrey Atchinson	Arie E. Dorsey ***	Nathan Alexander Koss ***	Heelanny Rojas
Akuage Ayol	Soliegh Magdalene Dougherty	Adam Alexander Kulwicki	River Rosenberg
Caleb Michael Babula	Michaylla Theron Dow	Rebecca Rose Kupczyk *	Hannah Caprice Ross
Jennifer Anne Balazadeh ***	Connor David Doyle	Chloe Anne Kurdziel	Monica Shea Ruh
Chelsea Bangert	Christopher Draper	Jamaria Da'shuana LaBord	Haran Amod Sanders
Lauren Beres ***	Kaitlyn E. Dulski	Leah Lalljie	Justin Medardo Santos
Aiden Michael Bergen	Makayla Melonie Dustin	Maya LaMacchia ***	John Thomas Schiro
Joyce Michelle Betances Irizarry	Julia Marie Eason ***	Sage A. Lambie ***	Connor Michael Schlau
Isabella Bindig ***	Anfal Ahmed Elhassan	Angela Marie Lang	Rowan Mae Schmidt
Aliyah Jasmine Bisette *	Jamie Elizabeth Ervolina **	Zoe Hope LaPress **	Avionca Faith Schwillk
Chris Blango	Dominique Kaya-Jean Esposito	John Christopher Lascala	Emily Shabazz
Collin Harris Bostock	Ryan Jordan Evans	Finnegan Kemal Lasch **	Aidan Matthew Shoemaker
Dylan Paul Bradford	Jack Phillip Evers **	Makhia Laster	Cooper Shreves
Meganne Lynn Brady	Carissa Marie-Rose Ewing *	Michael Lastique	Madison E. Sierra **
Madelyn Christine Braun ***	Lorenzo David Felix **	Janiah Eve Lawrence	Myshawn Tyrell Sikes
Kellie Alexis Brewer	Matthew Joseph Fincel ***	Jamari Lizita Leon	Mackenzie Rea Sledziewski
Xiamara Angela Brooks †	Marisa Noelle Fisher ***	Erica Levy	Anna Isabel Smith
Calvin Brown	Kevin Anthony Fling	Adabijon Zaire Lewandowski	Ryanne Smith
Harmoni A. Brown	Shannon Mary Flynn ***	Anthony Douglas Ludwig	Kayleigh Anne Smith ***
Jeremiah A. Brown	Zahra Etana Forde	Samantha Maggio	Nathan Alexander Smith
Wilma Ann Buchanan †	Maureen Adrienne Fracchia	Danielle Marie Mahoney	Shawn Smith **
Megan Buczowski	Jada Antonett Francis	Nathan M. Malalu	Tkai Kobi Smith
Isabella Grace Buscaglia	Asher Angelee	Benjamin Armino Malicki	Beth Marie Stang **
Jacob Micheal Button	Freudenhämmer-Glass *** †	Faith Malocsay **	Tatiana Genevieve Staniszewski
Zoe Valentina Cabrera ***	Cory Joseph Garcia	Anany Marciano	Morgan Marie Stearns ***
Jillian Nicole Caine	Emily Rose Gardner	Robert Jay Marshall	Ahmari Sydney' Mariah Stevens
Claire Ottilia Calteaux ***	Elizabeth QinDi Gerwitz-Dunn	Anya Wren Martin	Carissa Rose Stone
Kelley C. Camann	Victoria L. Gibbs	Elisha Quinton Martin	Elisha Strong
Mario Alberto Campo	Kaelon T. Givens	Maya Raven Martin ***	Ella Deen Susi
Lauren Leahy Carrig	Joshua Gorski	Sophia Mercedes Matamoros	Kobe Talley
Amia Cece Carter	Diallo Hanif Gravenhise	Joymeka Lena-Terri Matteos	Anthony Lee Taravella
Eric Michael Carvill	Zenaiya Elaine Gray	Ashley Matter ***	Alex James Taylor
Matthew Alexander Case	Matthew Green ***	Manuel Phillip Mejia	Nairobi Telemaque
Emelia L. Casey	Korri Elena Gust ***	Daniella Suzanne Merlino ***	Sarah Theriault
Charlotte A. Chamberlain	Lilian Elizabeth Hamlett	Gwyneth Patricia Millar	Katelyn Florence Thiel
Linda Tran Chau	Morgan Christine Harpham	Damone Miller *	Htooohsi Thoe
Abigail Susan Chavis	Zoe Yon Harris ***	Jessica Danae Miller	Julia C. Thomas
Chanel Rose Chbat	Angelina Hatton	Owen Henry Morth	Keara Shanel Thomas
Maxim Chenez	James Patrick Hayes *** †	Jordan Eli Nass-deMause	Kyla Jacqueline Thomas
Maxwell Thomas Chiarella	David R. Hayes	Azaleah Tiffany Neblett	Aleksandra Helen Tirone
Joseph Matthew Cioppa *	Emma Marie Hesseltine	Luz Maria Negron	Daniel Mark Toney
Rachelle Lynn Clark *	Michael Hillyer *	Maryam Bashir Nelson	Martha-Aracelis Aracelis Torres **
	Isaac T. Holt	Collin Patrick O'Brien	Desire Rayeanne Tubbins
	Amir Jamil Hunter	Ayla Cadence Oakley	Courtney Ann Tully
	Mia Renee-Lugo Jaros *	Lilly Anna Orgek	Jose David Valbuena-Aguirre **

2026 CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Emma Elizabeth Vanleck
Shane Charles Varrone **
Malenne G. Vinueza
Robyn E. Walker
Kimberly Nicole Wallace
Saria K. Wallace
Stepheney Warnstadt
Jevin Watkins †
Tavis Watson
William Edward Webber
Florence Emily Weed
Marissa Eileen Wenzel ***
Michael Lee Weyant
Lucas Anthony Wilkowski
Ale Nathaniel Wilson
Traesyh Malakie Wrensford
Kevin Wright
Jada Wynter
Brooke Alana Yale
Samin Yaser ***
Sarah Aryana Zakeri ** †
Olivia G Zappy
Aglaya Zinenko ***
Grace Catherine Zuchlewski

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Julia Marie Ackley ***
Makayla L. Andolora ***
Katelyn R. Ardilio
Anthony Kenneth Arno **
Ezraela Belanger ***
Brianna Lynn Bernas ***
Djuan Lewis Boyd
Delphine Brodowski **
Amya Chaz Carter
Kirsten Ann Cherevko ***
Tori Carolyn Cutler
Nicholas Daniels ***
My Kim Dao **
Jackson Conway Dobies
Isabel Gabriella Fontanez-Cirilo *
Noah Carlyle Greene
Bryanna Lanesha Guerrero Martinez
Gabrielle Renee Hall ***
Rebecca Amy Hanson ***
Christopher Jaden Howard
Shannon Elizabeth Howe
Azhané Nevaeh Johnson
Victoria Lynn Kaempf **
Jade Kamrowski ***
Mar Ko
Tyler Bernard Lawson
Aubs Alexander Marohn *
Hayley Jin Martinez
Alexis Lynn Metcalf
Eric Alan Monin ***
Stephen Murphy
Zachary Michael Nedescu

Kyah Tien Orsi **
Jahnvi Yagneshbhai Patel
Gianna Rose Pisa *
Grace Rose Przywara
Ramisa Tanhiat Rafi
Edward Anayis Reed
Roman G. Reed **
Isabella Nicole Russo
Llian Caeley Shoup ***
Lydia Salah Shtayah *
J'Juan Anthony Smith
Christian Thomas Caleb Solomon
Francesca Marie Tiermini
Carys Bronwyn Ursell
Ayden Matthew Warnes **
Brooke M. Warren
Kathleen Marie Witnauer ***
Onyx Rose Wolverton
Kevin Mateo Zhicay-Banegas

Bachelor of Music

Amanda Marie Gagnon ***
Kaleigh Richelle Januchowski
Yaileen Toni Kren-Colon **
Abigail Overacker *
Orianna Olivia Pritchett *
Alexis Rivas Ayala *
Lauren A. Rogoza ***
Cyler Nashaun Witherspoon

Bachelor of Science

Benjamin Bailey Axberg *
Bianca Battaglia *
Nathaniel David Bova
Cambridge I. Boyd
Daniel Patrick Brennan
Xiamara Angela Brooks †
Wilma Ann Buchanan †
Kaley Marie Cass
Linda Marie Coleman **
Arva Arthur David
Jemma Rose DeFeo
Nicole Elizabeth Delli Colli **
Madine Khatir Djibrine
Eve M. Doherty *
Zachary Allan Dulko
Chandler Lee Edwards *
Oghenetega Mary Eruotor ß
Corey Jacob Fragale ***
Aliza J. Fromwiller ***
Molly Amelia Frothingham ***
Ralph Maximus Garrett ***
Emily Catherine Goodstal **
Daniel Gray ***
Austyn Andrew Hanson *
Bailee Faith Hauck
Doniazad Abdelrahim Jebara
Jack Johnson **

Thomas J. Jordanov *
Alyssa Susan Kilonsky
Awa Konte
Daniel Krieger **
Alanna Marie LaMarti ***
Madison Marie Lloyd *
Emily Nicole Lodge
Madison Emily Lucas *
Isabella Mathewson
Laney Elizabeth Mattio ***
Chelsie Alease Mckinnie
Emily Elizabeth Meidel ***
Eric W. Middaugh *
Olivia Molak
Bukasa Mpiana
Abigail Leigh Murphy ***
Edwin Sintim Nkrumah
Yagmur Lila Ozdemir
Sophia Lane Palma ***
Erin Catherine Paolilli
Michael Christopher Parks ***
Paige Madison Pavelski *
Kate Poitras
Emma Ramseier ***
Nae Reh
Aiyana Rae-Lynn Reynolds
Jessie Jane Ricotta **
Bethany Anne Rizzo **
Raven Elizabeth Rybak
Saima Sayed Mim
Elizabeth Ann Schilling **
Jasmine Scott *
Joshua F. Shiflet
Shahely Showkot Shoshi
Natalie Elaina Smith ***
Baylei A. Smith
Alex Jo Valery *
Abigail Jane Valone
Mina Darcy Wawrzeniec ***
Megan Louise Weisedel
Kayleigh Shea Westerling
Kendall Mia Wier
Adrienne E. Willis
Joel Willis
Alicia Woods *
Zakary Zayatz ***
Daisy Isabel Zhanay

INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES

Bachelor of Science

Abraham Hamdy Ajji
Caroline Burnette Bates
Hannah Burgess *
Tristen J. Butler-Henry
Elia Johnna Callahan
Mabinty Camara
Skylar Carlson
Kevin Martin Carpenter

Samantha Helen Casey
Nouhou Conde
Arielle Genae Cooper
Emma Grace Cretacci
Aicha N. Decius
Nya Tamara Dias
Chasity Drumgoole
Alaina Rose Drzyzga *
Haley Michelle Ellis
Victoria Everett
Mazahir Fadel
Lisa Monet' Fields
Kevin Joseph Gay
Dante Griggs
Dennis James Hamrick
Cidney Chane Hennings
Stacey Leann Hernandez
Jasmine Holt
Franele Johnson
Alondrea Rochelle Jones Jennings
Armani Jordan
Alyssa Grace Konopczynski
Melani Maloney ***
Mia Marino
Tamia Mone Martin
Tahje Sha'Ron McDonald
Takah D. Mcelroy
Jamie Meyer ***
Suzana Adolophine Mmunga
Abdullah Mohmand
Tess Isabel Molina-Bayly
Paige A. Moore *
Christopher J. Morris
Ananya Uddin Nishi
Anuoluwapo Olupitan
Brendon Perez
Robert T. Phillips
Marlowe Helaine Riddick
Diego Alexander Rivera
Jamie Rotella
Keyona Spencer
Lisa Margaret Steves
Jamel Malachi Thornton
Joseph Pasquale Tiberi
James VanBourgonien
Nadia Walters
Jevin Watkins †
Jelyse Williams ***
Janel Christine Williams

List compiled May 5, 2026.

*** *summa cum laude* 3.80–4.00

** *magna cum laude* 3.65–3.79

* *cum laude* 3.50–3.64

† *dual degree*

ß *veteran*

2026 SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

AFRICANA STUDIES

Jay Phillips
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award for Excellence

Roar Royalty Court Homecoming Queen (2025)

Intellectual Jamboree Awards (2025)

Shining Star Award for Top Africana Studies Student (2025)

ANTHROPOLOGY

Xiamara Brooks
Archaeological Fieldwork Scholarship (2025)

Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society (2024)

Michaylla Dow
Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society (2025)

Archaeological Fieldwork Scholarship (2025)

Elizabeth (QinDi) Gerwitz-Dunn
Collins/Tomashevich Award

Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society (2025)

Maya Martin
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award

Honors Research: "United States Response to Epidemics: How the President Shapes Health Outcomes" (2025)

Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society (2023)

Jessica Miller
Dean's Award for Excellence

Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society (2024)

Monica Ruh
Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society

Honors Research: "The Skeleton and Muscles' Interaction: Results of Activity and Aging"

Lewis Henry Morgan Award

Carissa Stone
Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society

Nairobi Telemaque
Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society (2025)

Alicia Tobias
Archaeological Fieldwork Scholarship (2025)

Stephene Warnstadt
Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society (2025)

ART AND DESIGN

Makayla Andolora
Barbara Schillawski Mautz Art Education Scholarship (2025)

Janet Mattes Endowed Art Education Scholarship (2025)

Bianna Bernas
Dean's Award for Excellence

John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence

Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award (2025, 2026)

Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award (2025)

Nancy Belfer Fiber Design Scholarship (2025)

R. Steven Janke Award (2025)

Runway 2024 Fiber Arts Award—Third Place (2024)

Dorothy Zautner Buley Weaving Fellowship (2024)

Isabella (Domenico) Bindig
R. Steven Janke Memorial Award

Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2025)

Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award (2024)

Djuan Boyd
Walter Jacobson Memorial Award for Excellence in Photography

Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2025)

Amya Carter
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award

Emily Constantin
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award (2023)

My Kim Dao
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award (2025)

Kylie Derrett
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award (2025)

Soliegh Dougherty
John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence (2025)

Noah Greene
G. Peter Jemison Award (2026, 2025, 2024)

Gabrielle Hall
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award

John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence (2025, 2026)

John T. Kociela Memorial Award for Artistic Excellence (2025)

Dorothy Zautner Buley Weaving Fellowship (2025)

Nancy Belfer Patchwork Award—2025 Runway Display (2025)

Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award (2024)

Nancy Belfer Fiber Design Scholarship (2024)

Runway 2024 Fiber Arts Award—First Place (2024)

Rebecca Hanson
Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award (2025)

Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award (2024)

Zoe Harris
Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award (2025)

Isaac Holt
Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2025)

Shoup Llian
Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2024, 2025, 2026)

Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award (2025)

Faith Malocsay
Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2025)

Kyah Orsi
Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award

Isabella Panzica
Sylvia Garofalo Miller, '43, Art Student Award

Roman Reed
Victor Shanchuk Jr. Art Education Award

Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award (2024)

Justin Santos
Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2025)

John T. Kociela Memorial Award for Artistic Excellence (2025)

J'Juan Smith
Earl Wolfigruber Award (2025)

Kathleen Witnauer
Stanley A. Czurles Award for Excellence in Art Education

Onyx Wolverton
Mike Lang Wood/Furniture Studio Award for Excellence (2025)

Walter Jacobson Memorial Award for Excellence in Photography (2025)

Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2024)

Kevin Zhicay-Banegas
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award

Robert C. and Marilyn Wilson Painting Scholarship (2025)

James and Doris Aikman Scholarship (2023)

BIOLOGY

Joyce Assaf
David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award to an Outstanding Biology Senior

Honors in Biology

Sarah LoBrutto Bihl Scholarship in Biology (2025)

Sarah Klawinkski
Honors in Biology

Sophia Palma
Honors in Biology

Emma Ramseier
Bachelor of Science in Biology Award (2026, 2025)

Honors in Biology

CHEMISTRY

Nicole Delli-Colli
Margaret Dupre Memorial Award

Noel Simmons Memorial Award

Dr. Richard Chrzanowski Analytical Award

Outstanding Performance in Organic Chemistry Award (2025)

Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society Award

Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society and Award (2025, 2026)

American Chemistry Distinguished Student Award

American Institute of Chemists Award

Saul Barron Memorial Award

2026 SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

Jasmine Scott

Dr. Surjit Singh Memorial Physical Chemistry Award

Noel Simmons Memorial Award

Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society Award

Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society Award

COMMUNICATION

Caleb Babula

Outstanding Senior in Communication Studies

Arie Dorsey

Dean's Award for Excellence in Communication

Jack Evers

Outstanding Senior in Media Production

Chyann Kelly

Outstanding Senior in Media Production

Emma Knosp

Outstanding Senior in Public Relations and Advertising

Emmanuel Rogers

Outstanding Senior in Journalism

Morgan Stearns

Outstanding Senior in Public Relations and Advertising

Malenne Vinueza

Outstanding Senior in Communication Studies

Jada Wynter

Outstanding Senior in Journalism

ENGLISH

Marisa Fisher

Excellence in English, B.A.

Isabella Lamberty

Excellence in Writing, B.A.

Madison Lloyd

Excellence in English, B.S.

English Department Award for Writing on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice

GEOSCIENCES

Benjamin Axberg

Irving Tesmer Award for Excellence in Geology

David Vernon Bullough Award for Academic Excellence

Heather Buskist

National Honor Society for Geospatial Technology (Gamma Sigma Theta)

Corey Fragale

David Vernon Bullough Award for Academic Excellence

Ralph Garrett

Katheryne T. Whittemore Award for Outstanding Graduate in Geography

Emily Meidel

School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Medal

Carl Seyfert Memorial Award for Excellence in Geology

John Murtaugh Award for Excellence in Field-Based Research

Rehn Pielchowski

National Honor Society for Geospatial Technology (Gamma Sigma Theta)

GOVERNMENT, PLANNING, AND PHILOSOPHY

Xiamara Brooks

Victor H. Balowitz Scholarship

Calvin Brown

Victor H. Balowitz Scholarship

Amelia Kailburn

Outstanding Student in Political Science Award

Damone Miller

Standout Political Science Award

Jessica Miller

Victor H. Balowitz Scholarship

Giselle Rodriguez

Dr. Behjat Henderson International Relations Scholarship Award

Madison Sierra

Raymond P. Stone Memorial Award

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

Kimberly Wallace

David Bullough Memorial Award

Aglaya Zinenko

Dr. George T. Hole Scholarship (2024, 2025, 2026)

School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION

Jamie Ervolina

Bernard and Nancy Belfer Award

Shannon Flynn

Donald and Barbara Leopard Memorial Award

Dr. Manny T. Koginos U.S. History Award (2023)

Christopher Hurley

Ann K. Lupo Award

John Knipler

Eric Brunger Award of Merit

Laney Mattio

Harold F. Peterson Scholarship (2022–2026)

Jevin Watkins

Bernard and Nancy Belfer Award (2025)

School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award for Excellence in History and Social Studies Education

Mina Wawrzeniec

Kathleen Mallea Award for Excellence in Social Studies Education

MATHEMATICS

Corey Fragale

Ruth E. Heintz Award

Math Achievement Award (2023–2026)

Jack Johnson

Dean's Award

Douglas R. King Award

Math Achievement Award

Olivia Molak

Mabel D. Montgomery Award

Math Achievement Award (2024)

MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

Zoe Cabrera

School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award for Excellence in Foreign Language

Sigma Delta Pi Sociedad Nacional Honoraria Hispánica

Ernest S. Falbo Modern Foreign Language Award (2025)

Frances Cruz Ramos

Javier Ortiz-Calderon and Maribel Garrett Award (2025)

Rowan Hinchy

Javier Ortiz-Calderon and Maribel Garrett Award (2024)

MUSIC

Alexis Rivas-Ayala

Mary A. Mancuso Endowed American Music Award

Lauren Rogoza

School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

Noah Zanghi

Lenore Rollet Wright Award for Achievement in Music

PHYSICS

Maxim Chenez

James W. Wells in Physics

Robert A. and Dorothy Stender Sweet Physics Scholarship (2024, 2025)

PSYCHOLOGY

Hannah Alley

Psi Chi International Honor Society (2025)

Zoe Cabrera

Psi Chi International Honor Society

Jamie Ervolina

Psi Chi International Honor Society

Molly Frothingham

Psi Chi International Honor Society (2025)

Morgan Harpham

Psi Chi International Honor Society (2025)

Michael Hillyer

Psi Chi International Honor Society

2026 SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

Mia Jaros
Psi Chi International Honor Society (2025)

Zoe LaPress
Psi Chi International Honor Society (2025)

Abigail Murphy
Dr. Esther McGinnis Award for Exemplary Academic Achievement
Psi Chi International Honor Society (2025)

Khadiza Murshida
Psi Chi International Honor Society

Aiyana Reynolds
David Vernon Bullough Outstanding Senior Award
Psi Chi International Honor Society (2025)

Jessie Ricotta
Dr. Jack Morganti Award for Excellence in Service
Psi Chi International Honor Society (2024)

Kayla Roche
Psi Chi International Honor Society (2025)

Elizabeth Schilling
Psi Chi International Honor Society (2025)

Kayleigh Smith
Psi Chi International Honor Society

Alex Valery
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award for Excellence
Psi Chi International Honor Society (2025)

Daisy Zhanay
Psi Chi International Honor Society (2024)

SOCIOLOGY

Aliyah Bissette
Neumann-Clement Award
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award for Excellence in Sociology
Alpha Kappa Delta Inductee

Sarah Jasper
Alpha Kappa Delta Inductee
Kenneth J. Downey Award (2024)

Kayleigh Smith
Neuman Clement (2025)
Alpha Kappa Delta Inductee (2025)

Christopher Travis
Alpha Kappa Delta Inductee
Neumann-Clement Award

TELEVISION AND FILM ARTS

Bostock Collin
Ruth Parker Peters Performing Arts Award

Julia Eason
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

THEATER

Neshiah Alston
Michael Dominico Jr. Performing Arts Award
Dr. Joseph A. Grande and Marguerite R. Grande Theater Scholarship (2024, 2025)

Carissa Ewing
Horace Mann Theater Arts Student Scholarship (2025)

Tremiya Giddens
Donald Savage Endowed Scholarship for College Actors of Promise (2023)

Manuel Mejia
Mina S. Goossen Award for Excellence in Theater

Myshawn Sikes
Dean's Award for Excellence

Shawn Smith
Donald J. Savage Theater Arts Award (2025)
Donald Savage Endowed Scholarship for College Actors of Promise (2023)
Horace Mann Theater Arts Student Scholarship (2023, 2024, 2025)

WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

Mabinty Camara
Virginia Grabner Graduating Senior Award

Wilbur Plunkett
Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Outstanding Student Award (2025)

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES DEAN'S OFFICE

Joyce Assaf
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

Brianna Bernas
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

Aliyah Bissette
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

Zoe Cabrera
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

Bostock Collin
Ruth Peters Performing Arts Award

Nicole Delli Colli
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

Arie Dorsey
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

Julia Eason
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

Shannon Flynn
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

Jack Johnson
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

Emily Meidel
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

Jessica Miller
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

Jay Phillips
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

Lauren Rogoza
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

Justin Santos
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

Myshawn Sikes
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

Abby Suhr
Carol Wright Henry Award for Undergraduate Achievement in Pre-Medicine Studies

Alex Valery
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

Jevin Watkins
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

Aglaya Zinenko
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

Awards listed were granted in 2026 unless otherwise noted.

MASTER'S AND ADVANCED GRADUATE CERTIFICATES CEREMONY 5:00 P.M.

PRELUDE

The Rockwell Brass

Ricky L. Fleming, *Director*
Chair and Professor, Music Department

PROCESSIONAL

The Rockwell Brass

Joseph L. Zawicki, *Mace Bearer*
Associate Professor, Career, Technical, and Science Education Department

CONVENING

Mo Sumbundu, Class of 2013 and 2017
Member, Buffalo State University Council

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Members of the Buffalo State Chamber Choir

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

WELCOME

Bonita R. Durand, Ph.D.
President, Buffalo State University

Wendy A. Paterson, Class of 1975 and 1976
Interim Dean, School of Education and Applied Professions

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Charvaye S. Hutchins-Carter, Class of 2026
Master of Public Administration

Presenters

Linda A. Dobmeier

Bonita R. Durand

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT

Hailee E. Cipollina, Class of 2024 and 2026
Master of Science in Education, Special Education: Early Childhood

Presenter

Bonita R. Durand

MASTER'S AND ADVANCED GRADUATE CERTIFICATES STUDENT ADDRESS

Hailee E. Cipollina

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Hon. Rose H. Sconiers
Retired Justice, New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division

Presenter

Bonita R. Durand

SUNY HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE MASTER'S AND ADVANCED GRADUATE CERTIFICATES COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Rebekah A. Williams
Community Activist, Strategic Planner, and Facilitator;
Co-Founding Director, Food for the Spirit

Presenters

Eunice A. Lewin
Trustee, State University of New York

Bonita R. Durand

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Amitra A. Wall
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Wendy A. Paterson

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Bonita R. Durand

BUFFALO STATE UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER

Members of the Buffalo State Chamber Choir

RECESSIONAL

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.

SUNY HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE MASTER'S AND ADVANCED GRADUATE CERTIFICATES COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



REBEKAH A. WILLIAMS

Rebekah A. Williams is a community activist, strategic planner, and facilitator from Western New York. As co-founding director of Food for the Spirit, she collaborates with colleagues and community partners to build collective power and advance food systems change, centering dignity and justice in all aspects of her work.

Born in 1978 in Buffalo, New York, Ms.

Williams was raised in the University Heights neighborhood alongside her sisters, Rachael and Eve. Her upbringing was shaped by a strong academic legacy and a deep appreciation for culture and community. Her father, Dr. Scott Williams, was a mathematics professor at the University at Buffalo, and her grandparents were professors at Morgan State University. Her mother, Karen Williams Powell, fostered in her an entrepreneurial spirit and curiosity about diverse cultures. Together, her parents instilled a lifelong commitment to learning, equity, and human connection.

Ms. Williams attended Bennett Park Montessori Center, where she experienced an education grounded in shared leadership and respect for all people. Time spent at the Rochester Folk Art Guild nurtured her love of nature and cooperation. She later attended Hutchinson Central Technical

High School and City Honors, graduating in 1996, and began her studies at the University at Buffalo. After the birth of her son, Bhakti Williams-Brown, in 1999, she deepened her commitment to family and community, earning a bachelor of arts degree in social structure, theory, and change from SUNY Empire State College.

A pivotal moment in 1998 solidified her dedication to justice. While serving on the Western New York Peace Center board of directors, she participated in a protest supporting farmworkers and was arrested alongside others, including United Farm Workers president Arturo Rodriguez. Witnessing the collective support that followed affirmed her commitment to organizing and coalition-building.

Ms. Williams has built her career in mission-driven nonprofit work. From 2012 to 2021, she worked at Massachusetts Avenue Project, helping to co-found the Good Food Buffalo Coalition. She has participated in national leadership programs, co-authored work on reparations and food justice, and held numerous board and advisory roles. Since 2021, she has led Food for the Spirit, working with frontline communities to advance food sovereignty.

Ms. Williams lives in the Finger Lakes region with her partner, Peter O'Biso. She remains deeply connected to Buffalo and is committed to building a more just and equitable food system for future generations.

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



HON. ROSE H. SCONIERS

Honorable Rose H. Sconiers was born and raised in Newport News, Virginia. She attended Howard University for two years and received her bachelor of arts degree in political science from Long Island University in Brooklyn, New York. She received her juris doctor degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo (UB) Law School and has taught undergraduate courses at UB and Niagara University.

On July 8, 2010, she was appointed as a judge on the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Fourth Department; she retired from that position in 2016. Over the years, Justice Sconiers has enjoyed the distinction of being many "firsts" in her profession: first African American female outside of New York City elected to the New York State Supreme Court; first African American female outside of New York City appointed by the Governor of New York State to the Appellate Division, Fourth Department; first female appointed by the Chief Judge of New York State to chair the statewide Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission on Minorities; first African American female to serve in the Corporation Counsel's Office in the City of Buffalo; and first female CEO of the 70-year-old Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo Inc.

Justice Sconiers has served in numerous leadership positions including, but limited to, chair of the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission on Minorities in the Unified Court System; past president of the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York; past presiding officer of the New York State Bar Association, Council of Judicial Associations; past president of the Supreme Court Justice Association—Eighth Judicial District; past president of the Buffalo Law Alumni Association, UB; past president of the National Bar Association, Buffalo Chapter; and past president of the Erie County Chapter of The Links Incorporated.

Active in the community, she has served on the board of directors/trustees for the American Heart Association, Buffalo/Niagara Chapter; Artpark & Company Inc.; Council for Unity; Children's Hospital of Buffalo; St. Mary's School for the Deaf; New York State Defenders Association; American Red Cross, Buffalo Chapter; Longview Protestant Home for Children Vestry Board; and St. Philip's Episcopal Church.

She has earned a wide array of awards for her community service including induction into Western New York Women's Hall of Fame; UB Law School Alumni Distinguished Service Award; G.W. Carver High School Alumni Award; Judicial Excellence Award from the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of New York State; Outstanding Jurist from the Bar Association of Erie County; and Woman of the Year Civil Rights Award from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., among others.

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT MASTER'S AND ADVANCED GRADUATE CERTIFICATES STUDENT ADDRESS



HAILEE E. CIPOLLINA

Hailee E. Cipollina holds a 3.96 GPA in the master of science in education program in early childhood special education, while serving as the graduate assistant for Buffalo State's Professional Development Partnerships (PDP). She received the 2026 Emerging Leader Award from the National Association for School-University Partnerships (NASUP), an honor that recognizes student members who demonstrate promise as

leaders in the school-university partnership movement through their work with NASUP and at their home institutions.

In her role as a graduate assistant, Ms. Cipollina contributed to educational partnerships at the campus, national, and international levels with creativity, enthusiasm, and a strong work ethic. She served as a member of the Buffalo State PDP Leadership Team, working with the co-directors to design, manage, implement, and assess program initiatives—and leading outreach efforts to increase attendance and participation at events. She managed the program's newsletter and served as a chief recruiter at events such as *Beyond and Back*; *Careers in Education*; *Be a Bengal Be a Teacher*; and high school recruitment fairs. As a trusted advocate and mentor to undergraduate students, she informed them of career and networking opportunities, helped them meet deadlines for conducting research, secured funds to support travel, and made travel arrangements to conferences. Drawing on her own undergraduate experiences as a participant in short-term,

faculty-led programs in the Dominican Republic and Zambia, Ms. Cipollina served as a student ambassador for the program's international component.

An outstanding scholar in the classroom and a dedicated emerging teacher, Ms. Cipollina has conducted extensive research in her field and completed a master's thesis on the effect of facilitated dramatic play on collaborative play skills in an early childhood self-contained setting. She presented her original research three times nationally and six times at conferences on campus, including sharing findings on the importance of inclusive playgrounds at schools and in the community at the 2025 NASUP Conference, 2025 Buffalo State Student Research and Creativity Conference, and 2025 Professional Development Partnerships Conference.

Ms. Cipollina works as a classroom teacher for students with disabilities at Erie 1 BOCES Extended School Year program and as a substitute teacher at Niagara Wheatfield Central School District. She supports the Bengals Passionate About Education student organization, introduced the concept of Collaborative Conversations to the annual PDP Conference, and participated in service-learning initiatives across Western New York as well as internationally.

In the community, the aspiring teacher has volunteered to facilitate educational activities at Sweet Charlotte's inclusive preschool, Explore & More Au-some Evenings, Aquarium of Niagara, GiGi's Playhouse, Buffalo Museum of Science, and Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. She also promoted the importance of art in the classroom to undergraduate teacher candidates at "Bengals at AKG Day" at the Buffalo AKG Art Museum.

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



CHARVAYE S. HUTCHINS-CARTER

Charvaye S. Hutchins-Carter has earned a master of public administration degree, attaining a 3.36 GPA while working as an accomplished community health professional who provides culturally relevant information, support, and advocacy to her clients. An East Side Buffalo native, she has dedicated her academic and professional journey to advancing maternal and child health equity, driven by a deep commitment

to underserved communities and a vision for systemic, compassionate change in reproductive healthcare.

As a SUNY Diversity and Inclusion Graduate Fellow, she conducted research on the complexities of maternal health care policy administration and measures to ensure that women receive quality health care. Her graduate research project examined how private insurance and Medicaid reimbursement affect maternal health quality across racial groups—a study that directly reflects her commitment to eliminating health disparities and advancing equitable maternal care policy.

In the classroom, Ms. Hutchins-Carter excelled in coursework in public administration, nonprofit management, and research methods. Her faculty mentors praised her exceptional performance in research methods and her

ability to apply academic knowledge directly to real-world public health challenges.

Beyond the classroom, Ms. Hutchins-Carter earned her DONA International Birth Doula Certification and will start a post-baccalaureate program in biological studies at the University at Buffalo this fall. She participated in the 2025 cohort of the Open Buffalo Emerging Leaders Program and has served as a board member for several local health organizations, including the Buffalo Prenatal-Perinatal Network Junior Board. She also serves as an associate preacher at Henry Durham Memorial AME Zion Church in Buffalo and performs original spoken word poetry at local open mic events. On campus, she represents graduate student interests as a senator-at-large with the Graduate Student Association.

Ms. Hutchins-Carter's community service record spans over a decade. She volunteered with the Buffalo Kwanzaa Children's Program for 10 years, serves annually on the Juneteenth Book Sharing Committee, and volunteers with the Maternal Stress-Free Zone supporting expectant mothers. She engaged in the Buffalo City Charter Program's civic education campaign and distributed food and supplies to East Side residents following the Tops Market tragedy in 2022. Ms. Hutchins-Carter aspires to become an OB/GYN and a maternal health policy legislator in local, state, and federal government, championing maternal health equity for all.

2026 CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S AND ADVANCED GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts

Samara Ayvazian-Hancock †
Mackenzie Becker †
Elena Lauren Best †
Devon Blankenbaker †
Elise Nicole Cabral †
Margaret Neet Canfield †
Sophie Oriana Church †
Aoife H. Clune
Vu Bac Do †
Danielle Dolan
Stephanie Gold †
Caitlin Green †
Renata Bogumila Gumkowska †
Olivia Louise Harbol
Sutton Elizabeth Hastman †
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Shakira Shydee Jinez
Lauren Kausner
Christopher E. Kelly
Francis Nana Kwayisi
Theresa Lagasse
Greta Maria Llanes Serrano †
Kelsey Marino †
Katherine Miromonti †
Tahynnis D. Newsome
Allarae Jeane Prigan
Ashley Reese
Alexa B. Rogers
Ettan Saiwala
Nagehan Senturk
Charlotte Starnes †
Sara Thornburg †
Paola Marie Valentin †
Madison Myers Whitesell †
Zachary K. Wier
Grace Graham Wilkins †

Master of Music

Jodie Amato
Lauren Katherine Beauchamp
Jacqueline Elizabeth Bedrey
Kirsten Nicole Brady
Emma Grace Clinton
Mackenzie Marie Dupra
Maria Charis Foti
Monica Fox
Molly Anne Johnson
Jessica Kromer
Meaghan Lawrence
Stephen Daniel Lightner
Brett Manzo
Amelia Corinne McNamara
Zachary Ian Nathaniel
Jared Shane Nevola
Jessica Packes
Emma E. Schutt
Madison Szablewski
Sarah Elizabeth Wright
Brianna Yaghy

Master of Science

Tylor Nishel Adams
Sejan Ahmed
Sara Hamza Khamis Ali
Samara Ayvazian-Hancock †
Mackenzie Becker †
Hannah Isabelle Bergner
Elena Lauren Best †
Devon Blankenbaker †
Mikayla Bush
Elise Nicole Cabral †
Richard L. Campbell
Margaret Neet Canfield †
Himmat Singh Chahal
Sophie Oriana Church †
Stephanie Codd
Brandon James Coonan
Vu Bac Do †
Elissa Marie Dojka
Mitchell A. Fields
Stephanie Gold †
Caitlin Green †
Renata Bogumila Gumkowska †
Abu Hanif
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Courtney Helinski
Miranda Herter
Sophia Houston
Mark Jagord
Esrat Jahan
D'Andre J. Johnson
Anna Elizabeth Killingbeck
Greta Maria Llanes Serrano †
Swati Dineshkumar Lukhi
Kelsey Marino †
Eamon Henry McCallion †
Katherine Miromonti †
Mittal Atulbhai Nemade
Anuoluwapo D. Olatunji
Gaelynn Petry
Alexandra Pucci-Schaefer
Lauren Rinow
Isabella Marie Russillo
Shrenik Deepakkumar Shukla
Charlotte Starnes †
Sara Thornburg †
Paola Marie Valentin †
Anand Dineshbhai Vekariya
Jordan Wethington
Madison Myers Whitesell †
Grace Graham Wilkins †

Master of Science in Education

Vincent Phillip Agro
Alexander John Barraclough
Christina Michelle Birt
Lindsay Kathleen Camp
Holly Marie Carroll
Alec J. Chambers
Jack Richard Colby
Luke Anthony Cristina
Willard Henry Crosby
Zachary Adam Culp
Megan T. Doyle

Alexander C. Ehrenberg
Dylan F. Ferguson
Matthew J. Ferrara
Danae Baily Floyd
Carolyn Elizabeth Freeman
Patrick Gavigan
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Jennifer Rose Kingsley
Chase Martin Klawon
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Taylor Renee MacCallum
Wyatt Campbell Mehmeti
Alex William Myers
Isiah Rosado
Stacy Marie Scheuneman
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Nicolas Joseph Sitzman
Zachary Lloyd Sommers
Matthew VanAllen
Austen Gunner Winquist
Alyssa R. Wisniewski
Stephanie Marie Young
Melanie Rose Zakraysek
Madelynn Sophia Zilka
Jaylyn Marie Zimmer

Graduate Certificate

Susan Daniel
Eamon Henry McCallion †
Kimberly Vernice Samuels

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND APPLIED PROFESSIONS

Master of Arts

Daniel Oche Peter

Master of Public Administration

Camryn Collins
Ashley Lynn Dittrich
Rachel Gelabale
Sareta Giles
Marquita Marie Holmes
Charvaye Hutchins-Carter
Clifford David Jackson
Tianna Lu Porter

Master of Science

Mikhaila Ackerbauer
Noah Emerson Adams
Saima Jamal Adina
Nana Afrifa
Veronica Emilia Allis
Bythovens Love Almonor
Wafaa Altorjman
Jonathan Ardila
Morgan Elyse Arnold
Christina Noel Arroyo
Kassia Balus
Alyssa Margaret Bump
Latisha Butler
Yu-Hsin Chen
Sarah Deanna Congelosi

Chelsea Elizabeth Costanzo
Justin Alexander Crossfox
Maggie Ann Cubbler
Joshua M. D'Angelo
Grace Elizabeth Dana
Gia Dimitra Dilimone
Amanda Skyler Dutka
Louise Dana Eberle
Collin James Filippi
Jennifer Freeman
Rainna L. Frombgen
Jason Thomas Gatti-Ezard
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Evelyn Elizabeth Grapes
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Cheryl L. Harris
Christa Heydt-Hernandez
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Jessa Lynn Krull
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McKenna Lalonde
Jordan Grace Lindsay
Kelsey M. Lorrens
Catherine Magdala
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Shelby Alisse Simmeth
Aaliyah Nicole Small
Christopher Kurt Von Spitzer †
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Nicole S. Wagner †
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Master of Science in Education

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 Brianna R. Wright
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 Elizabeth Louise Zackey
 Jenna Lynn Zamrok

Certificate of Advanced Study

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 Rebecca Rose Farszml
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 Sierra Nicole Mills †
 Stephanie Mongiello
 Maria Mujica †
 Oscar Rafael Munoz Trinidad †
 Emily Jordan O'Keefe
 Brianna Perry
 Melissa Rodriguez Morales
 Viani Marie Saez
 Jennifer Sciandra
 Kirwin Seger
 Naimadys Soto Collazo
 Christopher Kurt Von Spitzer †
 Allegra Marie Stein
 Miriam Patricia Valdovinos
 America A. Valencia
 Emily Ann Vargas
 Lisa Marie Wright †
 Selen Tutku Yucel
 Alejandra Analy Zamora

MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Master of Science

Sarah Marie Dauer
 Nicole Victrena Dionne
 Claire A. Herr
 Randh H. Salem
 Joshua R. Sinclair

Master of Science

International Graduate Programs for Educators (IGPE)

Ana Alvarado Jaar
 Rim Abdel Samad
 Manuel Mateo Alcala Ibañez
 Huma Ali
 Abdallah Al-Swaeer
 Hend Aly
 Christian Amaya
 David Amaya Garzon
 Kyle Arkeilpane
 Monica Arrubla Arroyava
 Ei Ei Aung
 Kathryn Austin

Logan Austin
 Suyapa Baltodano
 Carlos Benavides
 Patricia Berger Gaviria
 Manuel Bohorquez Buitrago
 Ginna Carolina Bolivar Garzon
 Allyssa Monique Bonjoc
 Maria Borge Donado
 Tamara Brooks
 Samuel Brunner
 Caitlin Buchman
 Manuela Bustamante
 Jennifer Calderon
 Angela Calvo Linares
 Marcela Chiaradia
 Cinthya Chirinos
 Keegan David
 Nina De Coito
 Robbi-Lee de Grace
 Stephen Deguara
 Evelyn Diaz Hernandez
 Marialucia Diaz Medina
 Karen Diaz Mercado
 Philip Drewett
 Laura Duarte Pelaez
 Erenik Dujaka
 Aisha El Sayed
 Sara Elchazeli
 Veronica Estrada Sperber
 Sandra Fayad
 Dayane Figueiredo
 Carole Fox
 Karen Gamba Perilla
 Andrea Gonzalez Collazos
 Josimar Gonzalez Del Mar
 Edna Granados Rugeles
 Sim Gray
 Anna Grishina
 Ndeye Coumba Gueye Ep Ngom
 Jameel Harris
 Laura Heatwole
 Alan Heatwole
 Hind Heuze
 Christina Hoffman
 Patronallah Hondongwa
 Mary Kate Hunnicutt
 Michelle Jaeger
 Rachna Kabra
 Reem Kassem
 Adam Kastner
 Mitchel Kempenich
 Sameena Khalid
 Allyson Killian
 Sofia Klopsch
 Ayse Rima Kole
 Michelle Lagos
 Jocelyn Chiung Ting Liu
 Sandra Lopez
 Gabriela Lozada Pinzón
 Andrea Madrigal Fernández
 Nesrine Makky
 Chenese Manikram
 Imrat Manzoor
 Laura Mape Medina
 Monica Marin Saenz

Manuela Marin Sandoval
 Ina Martinez Chacon
 Jully Martinez Forero
 Monica Medina Sanchez
 Karen Mendez Mojica
 Andres Felipe Montes Zapata
 Nuriye Mutlu
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 Olayinka Oke
 Luis Bernardo Olarte Jaramillo
 Laura Olaya Calderon
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 Gracia Pavon Ochoa
 Angelica Paola Pena Piragua
 Qendresa Peni
 Franclin Perez Ramos
 Stacey Peros
 Samantha Pidduck
 Aydan Ramazanovna
 Gabriela Rey
 Gloria Rodriguez Montano
 Brayan Rodriguez-Anillo
 Dina Roziek
 Anissa Ruiz
 Randh Salem
 Adriana Sanchez Beltran
 Jane Sanderson
 Laura Sanin Restrepo
 Melissa Santodomingo Mercado
 Thomas Saranchuk
 Despina Savvas
 Paula Segura Viracacha
 Wael Sharafeddine Chehayeb
 Karam Shayya
 Shannon Smith
 Franclin Solano Ramos
 Ashlee Thomas
 Meera Thomas
 Cedric Thomson
 Isabel Tobon Arrendondo
 Khrislie Torres Lopez
 Okan Uzelli
 Dilara Vardar
 Diane Vargas Mendoza
 Corey Vesper
 Suzanne Vesper
 Larissa Villa Mondragon
 Marjorie Zambrano

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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*
 ‡ *veteran*

2026 MASTER'S AND ADVANCED GRADUATE CERTIFICATES AWARDS

ART CONSERVATION

Sam Ayvazian-Hancock
Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2023–2025)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2023–2025)

Mackenzie Becker

Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2023–2025)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2023–2025)
Gross Family Foundation Fellowship (2023)
Ulysses Kontos Art Conservation Fellowship (2024)
National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship (2023, 2024)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2023–2025)

Elena Best

Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2023–2025)
Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2024)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2023–2025)
Hoskins Family Foundation Fellowship (2023)
National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship (2023, 2024)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2023–2025)

Margaret Canfield

Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2023, 2025)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2023–2025)
Hoskins Family Foundation Fellowship (2023)
Evelyn Lieberman Art Conservation Fellowship (2024)
Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2025)
National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship (2023, 2024)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2023–2025)

Stephanie Gold

Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2023–2025)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2023–2025)
Bruce and Gail Johnstone Art Conservation Fellowship (2023)
Gerald and Sandra Lippes Art Conservation Fellowship (2024)
National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship (2023, 2024)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2023–2025)

Caitlin Green

Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2023–2025)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2023–2025)
Allan Kenzie Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2023)
Marks Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2024)
Balbach Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2024)
National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship (2023, 2024)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2023–2025)

Greta Llanes Serrano

Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2023, 2024)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2023, 2024)
Bandrowski Family Fellowship (2023)
Marks Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2024)
Balbach Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2024)
National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship (2023, 2024)
Buffalo State College Diversity Tuition Scholarship (2023–2025)

Kelsey Marino

Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2023–2025)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2023–2025)
Ulysses Kontos Art Conservation Fellowship (2023)
Fannie Kestenbaum Paull Art Conservation Fellowship (2024)
Linda Joan Levy Paull Art Conservation Fellowship (2024)
National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship (2023, 2024)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2023–2025)

Katherine Miromonti

Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2023–2025)
Ross Kenzie Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2024)
Saxe Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2024)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2023–2025)

Paola Valentin Irizarry

Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2023, 2025)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2023–2025)
Gerald and Sandra Lippes Art Conservation Fellowship (2023)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2024)
Marianne Vallet-Sandre Art Conservation Fellowship (2024)
National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship (2023, 2024)
Buffalo State College Diversity Tuition Scholarship (2023–2025)

ART AND DESIGN

Megan Doyle

Rona Knobel Art Education Scholarship (2024)

Sydney Hafner

Outstanding Art Education Graduate Student Award (2025)
Richard Kaltenbach Art Education Graduate Student Scholarship (2024)
Carolyn Heyman Weber Award in Art Education (2022)

Taylor Richter

Outstanding Art Education Master's Award
Rona Knobel Art Education Scholarship (2025)

Melanie Zakraysek

Outstanding Art Education Graduate Student Award
Gertrude Angert Victor Art Education Scholarship (2025)
Richard Kaltenbach Art Education Graduate Student Scholarship (2025)
Outstanding Art Education Master's Award (2025)

BUSINESS, ECONOMICS, AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Saima Adina

Outstanding Student Award—M.S. in Business Management

Ashley Dittrich

Dr. Keith M. Henderson Endowed Scholarship Fund (2025)

Julia Lange

Outstanding M.P.A. Project Award

Lily Wright

Excelsior Service Fellowship (2025)

CHEMISTRY

Hannah Bergner

Buffalo State Chemistry Alumni Award
Chemistry Department Graduate Assistant Award
Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society

Mikayla Bush

Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society

Anna Killingbeck

Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society
Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society

COMMUNICATION

Stephanie Codd

Outstanding Master's Student in Public Relations

Courtney Helinski

Outstanding Master's Student in Public Relations

CREATIVITY AND CHANGE LEADERSHIP

Mindy Audlin

Mary Murdock Creative Spirit Award

Maggie Cubbler

Mary Murdock Creative Spirit Award

Christa Heydt-Hernandez

Mary Murdock Creative Spirit Award

Mollie McCann-Poblocki

Mary Murdock Creative Spirit Award

Emily Melendez-Vargas

Mary Murdock Creative Spirit Award

Christopher Spitzer

Parnes and Noller Scholarship (2025)

Mary Murdock Creative Spirit Award (2025)

Nicole Wagner

Mary Murdock Creative Spirit Award (2025)

Firestien Family Creative Achievement Award (2025)

Robell Yeung

Mary Murdock Creative Spirit Award

Parnes and Noller Scholarship (2025)

2026 MASTER'S AND ADVANCED GRADUATE CERTIFICATES AWARDS

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Noah Adams
Morgan Award
Donald J. Griffin Memorial Award (2025)

DATA SCIENCE AND ANALYTICS

D'Andre J. Johnson
Data Science Transformative Impact Award
E. Henry McCallion
Data Science Transformative Impact Award
Lauren Rinow
Data Science Transformative Impact Award
Alexander Wagner
Data Science Transformative Impact Award

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, LITERACY, AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Alison Lovern
Norma Munger Sutter Award (2025)
Madisan Raynor
Lenore Levy Award (2025)

ENGLISH

Aoife Clune
Excellence in English, M.A.
Luke Cristina
Excellence in English, M.S.Ed.
Alexa Rogers
Excellence in English, M.A.

EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

Morgan Arnold
The Children's Guild Foundation ABA Scholarship (2024, 2025)
Kassia Balus
The Children's Guild Foundation ABA Scholarship (2024, 2025)
Hailee Cipollina
National Association for School University Partnerships Emerging Leader Award
JaLisa Conyers
Horace Mann Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in Exceptional Education (2023)
Horace Mann Endowment for Exceptional Education Scholarships (2022–2023)

Grace Eleey
Horace Mann Endowment for Exceptional Education Scholarships (2025–2026)

Collin Filippi
The Children's Guild Foundation ABA Scholarship (2024, 2025)

Cody Giras
Dr. Judith Bondurant-Utz Early Childhood Award (2024)

Tallia Maness
Gustave and Geraldine Werner Scholarship (2025–2026)

Jannat Inqiyad
The Children's Guild Foundation ABA Scholarship (2023–2025)

McKenna Lalonde
The Children's Guild Foundation ABA Scholarship (2024, 2025)

Bethany Sherman
Gustave and Geraldine Werner Scholarship (2025–2026)
Horace Mann Scholarships for Exceptional Education Students (2022–2023)

Jenna Terry
Joseph and Mary Daly Varga, '43, Graduate Award (2025)

Vanessa Uhteg
Dr. Bernard Yormak Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in Exceptional Education (2025)

Matthew Waack
Joseph and Mary Daly Varga, '43, Graduate Award (2022)

April Wright
Dr. Judith Bondurant-Utz Early Childhood Award (2025)

HEALTH, HOSPITALITY, NUTRITION, AND DIETETICS

Evelyn Grapes
Bengal Internship Award (2024–2025)
Honors Scholarship (2021–2025)
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Lauren Young
Yvonne M. Williams Scholarship
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HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

Wafaa Altorjman
Thomas J. Quatroche, Ph.D., Memorial Scholarship (2025–2026)

Sierra Mills
Robert A. Davis Endowed Scholarship (2025–2026)

Lisa Marie Wright
Adult Education Fall 2025 Comprehensive Examination Award

PHYSICS

Vincent Agro
Dewayne Beery Graduate Scholarship in Physics

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Dewayne Beery Graduate Scholarship in Physics (2025)

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Shae-Lynn Antonides
SUNY Internship Funding (2025–2026)
Cynthia Steiger Beery Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Scholarship (2025–2026)

Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

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Marie Marillo Fellowship (2024–2025)
SUNY Internship Funding (2025–2026)
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2026 MASTER'S AND ADVANCED GRADUATE CERTIFICATES AWARDS

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Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-
Language Pathology

Grace Quinn
SUNY Internship Funding (2025–2026)
Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-
Language Pathology

Tyra Quicksey
Cynthia Steiger Beery Speech-Language
Pathology Graduate Scholarship (2024–
2025)
SUNY Graduate Diversity Scholarship
(2024–2026)

Sari Rupp
Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-
Language Pathology

Gracie Santalucia
SUNY Internship Funding (2025–2026)
Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-
Language Pathology

Sydney Shuta
Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-
Language Pathology

Micah Stanton
GRIT Scholarship (2024)
Marie Marillo Fellowship (2024–2025)
Harlan and Margaret Swift Scholarship
(2025–2026)
SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship
(2025–2026)
Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-
Language Pathology

Allison Webb
Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-
Language Pathology

Brynlee Worden Kean
SUNY Internship Funding (2025)

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2026 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Eitan Anglada
Outstanding Alternative Break Participant

Kerrienne Shea
President's Certificate of Recognition–
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Martha Pierce Student Recognition Award

Basosila Francoise
Annie Joe Memorial Award (2025)

Danaya Harwell
Annie Joe Memorial Award

Latif Iyisoy
USB Awards (2025)

Adam Keita
Annie Joe Memorial Award (2024)

Micaela Nuñez
Arthur O. Eve Distinguished Student
Achievement Award (2025)

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President's Medal for Outstanding Undergraduate Student
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Phillip Santa Maria Memorial Award

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