

# 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



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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

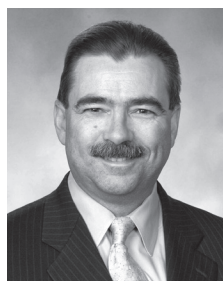
the first New York State “Distinguished Educator” to help support and oversee the Buffalo City School District Priority Schools.

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 Gricel 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 Brokx \*\*  
Samantha Brooks \*\*\*  
Demetrius 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 Corraera  
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 Nasheema, 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 \*  
Sabir 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	Taslina 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	Kerriane 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 Roberto 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

## 2026 CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND APPLIED PROFESSIONS

Eina Tatiana Sundell  
 Kayana Syph  
 Nanase Takagi \*\*\*  
 Jade Abigail Taylor  
 Hla Hter Thar  
 Brooklyn 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, Princessa'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.

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## 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. Finsel  
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 Alouidor	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 Knipler	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	Soliagh 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 Schwilk
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 Finsel ***	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 Buczkowski	Jada Antonett Francis	Nathan M. Malalu	Tkai Kobi Smith
Isabella Grace Buscaglia	Asher Angelee	Benjamin Armino Malicki	Beth Marie Stang **
Jacob Micheal Button	Freudenhammer-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 Otilia Calteaux ***	Elizabeth QinDi Gerwitz-Dunn	Anya Wren Martin	Carissa Rose Stone
Kelley C. Camann	Victoria L. Gibbs	Elisha Quinton Martin	Sonya 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 *	Htoohsi 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 Vanvleck  
Shane Charles Varrone \*\*  
Malenne G. Vinueza  
Robyn E. Walker  
Kimberly Nicole Wallace  
Saria K. Wallace  
Stepheneq 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 \*\*  
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Tori Carolyn Cutler  
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Jackson Conway Dobies  
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Noah Carlyle Greene  
Bryanna Lanesha Guerrero Martinez  
Gabrielle Renee Hall \*\*\*  
Rebecca Amy Hanson \*\*\*  
Christopher Jaden Howard  
Shannon Elizabeth Howe  
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 \*\*

Jahnavi 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 Shtayeh \*  
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. Shifflet  
Shahely Showkot Shoshi  
Natalie Elaina Smith \*\*\*  
Baylei A. Smith  
Alex Jo Valery \*  
Abigail Jane Valone  
Mina Darcy Wawrzencic \*\*\*  
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 Everrett  
Mazahir Fadel  
Lisa Monet' Fields  
Kevin Joseph Gay  
Dante Griggs  
Dennis James Hamrick  
Cidney Chane Hennings  
Stacey Leann Hernandez  
Jasmine Holt  
Franele Johnson  
Alondria Rochelle Jones Jennings  
Armani Jordan  
Alyssa Grace Konopczynski  
Melani Maloney \*\*\*  
Mia Marino  
Tamia Mone Martin  
Tahje Sha'Ron McDonald  
Takhia 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 VanBourgondien  
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)

Brianna 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 Wolfruber Award (2025)

Kathleen Witnauer  
Stanley A. Czurlas 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

Myshawyn 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

Myshawyn 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 †  
Elijah Hundley  
Zahra Husseini  
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  
Sutton Elizabeth Hastman †  
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 Bailly Floyd  
Carolyn Elizabeth Freeman  
Patrick Gavigan  
Lauren Guido  
Sydney Hafner  
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Chase Martin Klawon  
Jason M. Lindhurst  
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Alex William Myers  
Isaiih Rosado  
Stacy Marie Scheuneman  
Madison Grace Schiffler  
Nicolas Joseph Sitzman  
Zachary Lloyd Sommers  
Matthew VanAllen  
Austen Gunner Winqvist  
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  
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Jennifer Freeman  
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Monique Gazdik  
Evelyn Elizabeth Grapes  
Alexandra Christine Ann Green  
Cheryl L. Harris  
Christa Heydt-Hernandez  
Sydney Hoerner  
Kathryn Xingxiu Houle  
Jannat Inqiyad  
Blake Anthony William Lee James  
Sidney Isabella Jandzinski

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Samantha M. Kelly	Camille Sheree Barnes	Lindsay Grace Deboth	Tia M. Jaynes
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Madison Marie Kowalski	Stephanie Carol Barron	Annaliese J. DiCarlo	Sean A. Jones
Jessa Lynn Krull	Madisyn Shaye Bashaw	Gabriella A. Didio	Kayla Juliano
Juliana Lauren LaBruna	Brianna Battista	Emma Christine Diebel	Jack D. Kaczmarowski
McKenna Lalonde	Kathryn Anne Bean	Katherine E. Dixon	Hope V. Kamery
Jordan Grace Lindsay	Jemia Bennett	Jacob Daniel Dobrick	Samantha Ann Kaufman
Kelsey M. Lorrens	Matthew Joseph Berger	Kristen Marie Doohan	Demetria Rose Kellogg
Catherine Magdala	Paige Bernhardt	Erin Dunn	Alison Tracy Kern
Nicholas Vincenzo Marrara	Jessica Jean Bessette	Grace Elizabeth Eleey	Ashley Lauren Keuning
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Haley L. Mazgaj	Bailey M. Bishop	Jenna Elizabeth Eszak	Brennen John Kilcoyne
Mollie Barbara McCann Poblocki †	Alaynah Nicole Bisiosek	Kathryn Fantuzzo	Kathleen Anne Kobel
Mia McCarthy	Clayton Blaszc	Gabriella Renee Farinacci	Syrena Vail Kohlman
Tabatha Dannel mcNab Gilbert	Eva Bobeck	Janinna Theresa Farragher	Julia F. Koller †
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Oscar Rafael Munoz Trinidad †	Garrett Brady	Jennifer M. Flick	Emma Marie Kwiatkowski
Santia Myles	Joseph Peter Brecker	Madison Rae Foley	Taylor Y. LaClair
Regan Taylor Nordwall	Olivia Marie Brewster	Cassie Mae Fowler	Alexandria Marie Lamarre
Noam Oren	Kaitlyn Elizabeth Brooks	Julia Diane Frank	Christina Catherine Lamb
Brigette Ortiz	Elizabeth Edith Brown	Collin Frey	Hailey Marie Lauber
Noura Osman	Jarett E. Brzykcy	Sara Marie Frosolone	Sydney Careen Lauricella
Nicolae E. Peters	Erin Alexandra Burley	Sophia Fusari	Jenna Anne Lee
Austin James Reinhart	Kaitlyn Marie Burns	Maria Garbo	Marisa Maddison Leitten
Laith Salah	Shaughnessy Claire Butler	Brandon James Garcia	McKenzie Rose Lohmer
Princess Yahmeela Serna	Olivia Lyn Caldwell	Dalton Sean Gaughan	Amanda Ann Lombardi
Shelby Alisse Simmeth	Rebekah Elizabeth Calhoun	Hannah Grace George	Kara Janette Londos
Aaliyah Nicole Small	Angela Marie Calvello	Janie C. George	Devon Elizabeth Long
Christopher Kurt Von Spitzer †	Jonathan Thomas Campanie	Elizabeth Anne Giglia	Alicia Lorich
Christian Mateo Taber	Jaclyn Nicole Campfield	Maia Elizabeth Gioeli	Alison Lovern
Jenna Lee Terry	Kayli Lynne Carlsen	Mary Grace Gojevic	Lyndijean Lowry
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Tonia Weichmann	Emily Leatrice Cirincione Prawel	Madelin Pearl Groffenberg	Kayleigh Marie Martinelli
Lisa Marie Wright †	Xamani Areana Clarke	Kaela Katharine Grosslinger	Melanie Marie Mazur
Robell Yeung	Robin Elizabeth Clifford	Justine R. Grundy	Megan Renee McAfee
Lauren Ariel Young	Gracie Alexandra Cognion	Isabella Guiggey	Jada Rosalie McClendon
Lacey Norma Jean Zygula	Andrew Cohn	Shauna M. Halleen	Kathryn Riely McGinnis
	Alexander Charles Conmy	Monica Hammerl	Hannah F. Mcgrath
	JaLisa Conyers	Grace Elizabeth Hanifin	Megan McKie
<b>Master of Science in Education</b>	Melissa Couzins	Emily Jeanne Hannon	Leah Jordan McMullen
Chloe Kristen Adams	Stephanie Loren Cox	Hannaa Benaich Harding	Reghan Elizabeth Meek
Jacob Bidappa Agro	Kaylin Elizabeth Craig	Danae Cheyanne Hardy †	Lauren Melville
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Shae-Lynn Elizabeth Antonides	Grace Noelle Czyz	Hailey Hope Heiss	Kyle William Merrifield
Jenna Marie Augugliaro	De'Avion Dalton	Samuel J. Hellert	Madison Marie Merrill
Chloe Marie Avino	Melissa R. Danielewicz	Andrew James Heppner	Katelyn Vivian Mae Mesch
Alissa Marie Backert	Grace Marie Dauer	Aliyah Chantel Hodges	Courtney Noelle Metzger
Haleigh Balko	Annaliese Marie Davies	Emily Anne Hoerner	Julia Ruth Miller

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 Nina Marie Ortiz  
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 Connor Stephen Pellicane  
 Carmella Rose Pettys  
 Thun Wanna Phyo  
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 Emily Prebble  
 Rayann Prophet  
 Anna Jane Puchalski †  
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 Grace Quinn  
 Emily Nichole Ratcliff  
 Leigha Marie Rath  
 Madisan Raynor  
 Sarah Redman  
 Emily Grace Reed  
 Kathryn Elizabeth Rice  
 Brooke Rose Rinow  
 Jayd Marie Rivera  
 Journee A. Robinson  
 Marcianna M. Rogacki  
 Kathryn S. Ronan  
 Ashley Imani Rose  
 Rachel Rossow  
 Sari Jesse Rupp  
 Sara Campos Saak  
 Elizabeth Anne Saeli  
 Mathieu Edward Salazar  
 Gracie Santalucia  
 Gabriella Marie Savarino  
 Arden Lincoln Schadt  
 Breanna Samantha Schilling β  
 Timothy Ryan Schilling  
 Paul Schmidt  
 Ashley Schneegold  
 Rosaria MacMurray Schuh  
 Jasmine J. Scott  
 Sarah Sefried

Jillian Ann Serrano  
 Bethany J. Sherman  
 Sydney Taylor Shuta  
 Abigail Lynn Silsby  
 Orienne Catherine Simon  
 Danielle Jeriann Singer  
 Neil Ratna Singh  
 Chelsea Alice Sinicki  
 Alexander Xavier Smith  
 Evelyn Kathleen Smith  
 William Christopher Snelgrove  
 Shelby D. Sodeur  
 Chloe Solomon  
 Alexandria G Sorge  
 Easton Joseph Speer  
 Elizabeth Edith Speyer  
 Lily Margaret Stafford  
 Micah Gregory Stanton  
 Brianna Rose Starzynski  
 Olivia Caroll Storm  
 Hannah Sullivan  
 Mikayla S. Thompson  
 Cassandra Rose Thurn  
 Magdalynn Rose Tibbetts  
 Stephanie Lynn Tilton  
 Cal Walter Tomaka  
 Jesse Trevino  
 Brittany Tully  
 Vanessa Diane Uhteg  
 Hannah Elizabeth Ullrich  
 Kaiona Marie Vallance  
 Courtney Michaela Voigt  
 Matthew Waack  
 Nicole Katherine Webb  
 Allison Mary Webb  
 Caitlin Rose Wells  
 Kaylee Marie-Skye Whalen  
 Tamiel Renee White  
 Marie Whitney  
 Jenna Willey  
 Clara Nicole Wittman  
 Amaya L. Woods  
 Brynlee Mae Worden Kean  
 Brianna R. Wright  
 April Marie Wright  
 Kelsey Lynn Zabawa  
 Elizabeth Louise Zackey  
 Jenna Lynn Zamrok

### Certificate of Advanced Study

Michael Anderson  
 Esther Marie Blakely  
 Sarah Breen

Jacob Benjamin Broder  
 Kristin Buckingham  
 Jeff Elgin Carter  
 Pamela Lynn Choolokian  
 John Fitzgerald Clay †  
 Matthew J. Cress  
 Kristy Marie Crouse-Siedlecki  
 Emily J. Felong  
 Alyssa Fronckowiak  
 Tanya Street Gallagher  
 Lauren Golpl  
 John Frank Graber  
 John Austin Graham  
 Danae Cheyanne Hardy †  
 Julia F. Koller †  
 Lucas Mathew Kubasiak  
 Miranda Renee Lee  
 Stacy Madej  
 Michelle Mazurkiewicz  
 Marissa Nicole Mergler  
 Jelynn Moyler  
 Dominique M. Murawski  
 Austin Louise Nagelhout  
 Stephanie Newton †  
 Rachel L. Pokornowski †  
 Michaela Mae Polak  
 Anna Jane Puchalski †  
 Anna Miriam Rockower  
 Melissa Leann Rufus  
 Isabella Saccente  
 Laretta L. Szykowski  
 Samantha A. Tolentino  
 Meagen M. Trimper-Oquendo  
 Nicole S. Wagner †  
 Julianna R. Walker  
 Jessica K. Wess  
 Jessica Jane Wier

### Graduate Certificate

Karen Amaya  
 Melinda Audlin  
 Claudia Alejandra Bueno  
 Alyssa Margaret Bump  
 Gabriela Iliana Castillo  
 Lisa Cavallero  
 Maggie Ann Cubbler  
 Jocelyn Kliabet Diaz-Gonzalez  
 Jennifer Marie Durante  
 Alev Zeynep Elgun  
 Rebecca Rose Farszml  
 Lidia E. Fuego  
 Laura Esther Gandulla Smith  
 Ingrid Ann Gomez

Edwin Gonzalez  
 Cheryl L. Harris  
 Iracema Hernandez  
 Gerene Icilma Joseph  
 Michelle Knaffla  
 Lisa Kowalski  
 Kelsey R. Larsen-Weber  
 Katelyn Letizia  
 Mollie Barbara McCann Poblocki †  
 Sierra Nicole Mills †  
 Stephanie Mongiolo  
 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

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*

β *veteran*

## 2026 MASTER'S AND ADVANCED GRADUATE CERTIFICATES AWARDS

### ART CONSERVATION

**Sam Ayzasian-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)

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### 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

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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)  
Presidential Scholarship (2021–2025)

Lauren Young  
Yvonne M. Williams Scholarship  
Dorris M. Close Scholarship

### 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

Kaitlyn Kolb  
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

Haleigh Balko  
SUNY Internship Funding (2025)  
Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Kathryn Bean  
Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Olivia Caldwell  
SUNY Internship Funding (2025–2026)  
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Emily Cirincione Prawl  
SUNY Internship Funding (2025–2026)  
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Robin Clifford  
Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

Melissa Couzins  
Award for Academic Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology

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

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SUNY Internship Funding (2025–2026)  
NYS Master's-in-Education Teacher Incentive Scholarship (2024–2026)  
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Jannat-Ul Ferdous  
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SUNY Internship Funding (2025–2026)  
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Aliyah Hodges  
Marie Marillo Fellowship (2024–2025)  
SUNY Internship Funding (2025–2026)  
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**Rayann Prophet**  
SUNY Internship Funding (2025–2026)  
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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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### CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**Eitan Anglada**  
Outstanding Alternative Break Participant

**Kerriane Shea**  
President's Certificate of Recognition–  
Community Supporter

### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

**Helene Djongara**  
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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Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete

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Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete

**Christopher Blango**  
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**Maxwell Chiarella**  
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**Taylor Clisson**  
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**Brianna Bernas**

**Isabella (Domenico) Bindig**

**Chris Blango**

**Maximilian Blum**

**Dylan Bradford**

**Dylan Braunscheidel**

**Rachelle Clark**

**Veronica Cohen**

**Linda Coleman**

**Nicole Delli Colli**

**Lindsay DePietro**

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**Matthew Fincel**

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**Rainna Frombgen**

**Tremiya Giddens**

**Emily Goodstal**

**Diamond Hamilton**

**Bridgit Higgins**

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**Alana Jacowitz**

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Kaitlyn Krauss  
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Yash Milinkumar Patel  
Bloer Ser Paw  
Moir Penot  
Julia Pfalzer  
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Gianna Pisa  
Wilbur Plunkett  
Julia Purpura  
Emma Ramseier  
Jessie Ricotta  
Alexis Rivas Ayala  
Noah Roberts  
Cameron Rosenthal  
Alexis Roth  
Elizabeth Schilling  
John Schiro  
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Aglaya Zinenko

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Joyce Assaf  
SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence  
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Minnie and Joe Engel Student Humanitarian Award  
Notable Distinction in Service to Buffalo State  
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President's Medal for Outstanding Undergraduate Student  
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Aiyana Reynolds  
Phillip Santa Maria Memorial Award  
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Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship Program (2025)  
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Ashley Dittrich  
SUNY Diversity Fellowship Award (2024–2026)  
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SUNY Diversity Fellowship Award (2024–2026)  
Danae Hardy  
SUNY Diversity Fellowship Award (2024–2026)  
Kathryn Houle  
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Elijah Hundley  
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Isiah Rosado  
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Micah Stanton  
SUNY Diversity Fellowship Award (2025, 2026)  
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SUNY Diversity Fellowship Award (2024–2026)

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Notable Distinction in Leadership in Community Service  
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SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence  
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Phillip Santa Maria Award for Student Leadership in Equity and Campus Diversity

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