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BUFFALO STATE ALMA MATER OUR FINEST HOUR

A toast to State, to all the days,
All the laughter, all the tears.
You have made our friendships great,
We'll triumph through the years.
With hope anew we'll face the storm
Beyond which stands your lofty tower –
That will be our finest hour.

In years to come we'll look to thee,
Yearning for your guiding light.
You'll not fail us, Alma Mater,
Keep us through the night.
When darkness comes and all hope dies,
You will give us strength and power –
That will be our finest hour.

L. Harry Ray, '51

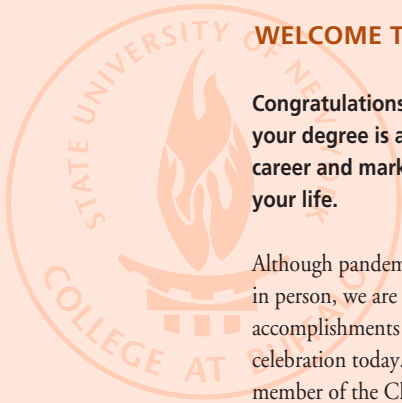
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Recognizing Global Diversity at Buffalo State College



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



WELCOME TO BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE'S 2021 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES!

Congratulations to the Class of 2021! The completion of your degree is an important milestone in your academic career and marks the beginning of a new chapter in your life.

Although pandemic restrictions prevent us from convening in person, we are proud to honor the individual and collective accomplishments of this year's graduating class in a virtual celebration today. In the face of historic challenges, each member of the Class of 2021 has earned a degree from this great college through purpose and determination.

Of course, life's greatest successes are often realized with the assistance of others. We take time to thank the family members and friends who have helped encourage their sons, daughters, husbands, wives, partners, and loved ones to earn a degree. Your support is a vital part of the educational process. We also thank our devoted Buffalo State faculty and staff, who play a pivotal role in preparing our students to reach their full potential.

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

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

Sincerely,

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

CONFERRING OF DEGREES



Katherine S. Conway-Turner, Ph.D.

Katherine S. Conway-Turner, Ph.D., began her tenure as the ninth president of Buffalo State College on August 3, 2014. As president of SUNY's largest and only comprehensive college located in an urban setting, Dr. Conway-Turner oversees and manages more than 1,500 faculty, staff, and administrators who provide more than 200 academic degree and certificate programs to 8,500 undergraduate and 1,000 graduate students each year.

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

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

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

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

BACCALAUREATE CEREMONIES

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, Theater
Director, Anne Frank Project

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS

Jim Malatras
Chancellor, State University of New York

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SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Kelly E. Glowny, Class of 2021
Bachelor of Science, Childhood Education and Mathematics Education

Lila M. Rollo, Class of 2021
Bachelor of Science, Social Work

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BACCALAUREATE STUDENT ADDRESS

Gabriella J. McKinley, Class of 2021
Bachelor of Arts, Theater

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Byron W. Brown, '83
Mayor, City of Buffalo, New York
Lecturer, Political Science and Public Administration, Buffalo State College

Ross B. Kenzie
Former Chairman and CEO of Goldome Bank
Buffalo State College Council Chair Emeritus

SUNY HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Joy Harjo
United States Poet Laureate

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Music Educator

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Science Educator and Molecular Biologist

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Owner and Founder of the BFLO Store

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James Mayrose
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

School of Arts and Humanities Ceremony

Julian C. Cole
Officer in Charge, School of Arts and Humanities

School of Education Ceremony • Individualized Studies Ceremony

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

School of Natural and Social Sciences Ceremony

M. Scott Goodman
Officer in Charge, School of Natural and Social Sciences

School of the Professions Ceremony

Rita M. Zientek, '90
Interim Dean, School of the Professions

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Matei Schwartz, Class of 2021
Master of Science, Creativity and Change Leadership

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE SPECIAL AWARD: OVERCOMING THE ODDS

Victoire-Grace D. Karambizi, Class of 2021
Master of Arts, Biology

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT GRADUATE STUDENT ADDRESS

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Joy Harjo

Joy Harjo, the 23rd Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry to the United States Library of Congress, is serving her third consecutive term as U.S. poet laureate. She is the first Native American to hold the position and only the second poet laureate ever to be appointed to an exceptional third term. (Two consecutive terms is considered the maximum length of a poet laureate's tenure.)

Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Ms. Harjo is a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation (Mvskoke) and belongs to Hickory Ground (Oce Vpofv). She left home to attend high school at the innovative Institute of American Indian Arts, which was then a Bureau of Indian Affairs school. She began writing poetry as a member of the University of New Mexico's Native student organization, the Kiva Club, in response to Native empowerment movements. She went on to earn her M.F.A. at the Iowa Writers' Workshop and to teach English, creative writing, and American Indian studies at UCLA; the universities of New Mexico, Arizona, Arizona State, Illinois, Colorado, Hawaii, and Tennessee; and her alma mater, the Institute of American Indian Arts, while performing music and poetry nationally and internationally.

Ms. Harjo is the author of nine books of poetry, including her most recent, the highly acclaimed *An American Sunrise* (2019), which won the 2020 Oklahoma Book Award; *Conflict Resolution for Holy Beings* (2015), which was shortlisted for the Griffin Poetry Prize and named a Notable Book of the Year by the American Library Association; and *In Mad Love and War* (1990), which received the American Book Award and the Delmore Schwartz Memorial Award. Her first memoir, *Crazy Brave*, was awarded the PEN USA Literary Award in Creative Nonfiction and the American Book Award, and her second, *Poet Warrior: A Call for Love and Justice*, is forthcoming from W. W. Norton this fall.

She has published two award-winning children's books, *The Good Luck Cat* and *For a Girl Becoming*; a collaboration with photographer and astronomer Stephen Strom; an anthology of North American Native women's writing; several screenplays and collections of prose interviews; and three plays, including

her most recent, *Wings of Night Sky, Wings of Morning Light* (Wesleyan Press), which she toured as a one-woman show.

She is the executive editor of the anthology *When the Light of the World Was Subdued, Our Songs Came Through: A Norton Anthology of Native Nations Poetry* and the editor of *Living Nations, Living Words: An Anthology of First Peoples Poetry*. The latter is the companion anthology to her signature Poet Laureate project featuring a sampling of work by 47 Native Nations poets through an interactive ArcGIS StoryMap and a newly developed Library of Congress audio collection.

Ms. Harjo's awards for poetry include the Poetry Foundation's Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize for lifetime achievement, the Academy of American Poets' Wallace Stevens Award, the New Mexico Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts, the PEN USA Literary Award, the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Writers' Award, the Poets & Writers' Jackson Poetry Prize, a Rasmuson United States Artist Fellowship, two National Endowment for the Arts fellowships, and a Guggenheim Fellowship.

As a musician, Ms. Harjo performs with her saxophone and flutes, solo and with her band, the *Arrow Dynamics Band*, and previously with *Joy Harjo and Poetic Justice*. She has produced seven award-winning albums, including *Winding through the Milky Way*, for which she was awarded a Native American Music Award (Nammy) for Best Female Artist, and her newest album, *I Pray for My Enemies*. She has toured across the United States and in Europe, South America, India, Africa, and Canada.

In addition to serving as U.S. poet laureate, Ms. Harjo is a chancellor of the Academy of American Poets. She holds a Tulsa Artist Fellowship; directs For Girls Becoming, an arts mentorship program for young Mvskoke women; and is a founding board member and chair of the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation. She lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Ms. Harjo's Commencement address is made possible through the generous support of Lee Ann Grace, Ph.D., associate professor emerita of modern and classical languages.

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



Byron W. Brown, Class of 1983

The Honorable Byron Brown is serving his fourth consecutive term as the 62nd mayor of Buffalo, New York, the second-largest city in New York State.

Since taking office in 2006, Mayor Brown has put in place a bold set of strategic plans that have resulted in high-profile economic development projects and job growth in the region. Throughout his tenure, Mayor Brown has championed Buffalo's remarkable revival. The city has experienced significant progress under his leadership, resulting in nearly \$6.5 billion in new economic development activity that is expected to create over 12,000 new jobs.

Major initiatives include the \$100 million Northland Corridor Redevelopment Project, which is transforming an idle industrial site on the city's East Side into a state-of-the-art workforce training center, combined with new business operations. The project will also enhance the neighborhood's streetscape, creating an attractive, walkable, bikeable corridor with inviting greenspace.

Mayor Brown's administration also spearheaded the creation of the Beverly Gray Business Exchange Center, on East Utica Street, infusing \$2.3 million in city funds into the former library to create a one-stop center to assist minority- and women-owned businesses.

With the city-led remediation and sale of land along South Park Avenue, 88 acres that were once home to a Republic Steel manufacturing facility have been rehabilitated as the

\$900 million Solar City/Tesla Project at Riverbend, creating employment opportunities for up to 3,000 people. Tesla has partnered with Panasonic to operate the solar panel facility, the largest of its kind in the Western Hemisphere.

Mayor Brown also guided the sale of a city-owned parking lot for the purposes of development, which has since been transformed into the Buffalo Sabres organization's popular \$200 million HarborCenter.

Mayor Brown's career in public service is marked by many historic achievements. A lifetime member of the NAACP, he is the first African American to serve as mayor of Buffalo. As a founding member of the "Racial Equity Roundtable," he continues his vision for a thriving, healthy, and innovative Buffalo—a city that embraces inclusiveness, equity, and opportunity for all.

He has won dozens of awards for his public service, including national recognition for his role in Say Yes Buffalo and breaking new ground in community policing.

Mayor Brown is one of the 13 members of Governor Andrew Cuomo's New York Works Task Force. He also serves on the governor's Regional Economic Development Council. He was named one of 2015's most influential people in Western New York by *Buffalo Business First*.

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



Ross B. Kenzie

Ross Kenzie is a former chairman and chief executive officer of Goldome Bank, from which he retired in 1989. He is also the former director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York and served on the boards of the National Council of Savings Institutions, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's Buffalo Branch, and the Savings Banks Association of New York State. Before joining Goldome, the 1953 West Point graduate was executive vice president of Merrill Lynch and Co. and a member of the Merrill Lynch & Co. board of directors.

The son of a physician, Mr. Kenzie has long been active in hospital affairs. He is a director of Millard Fillmore Hospitals and chairman emeritus; serves on the board of the Kaleida Health, Education, and Research Foundation and its Investment Committee; is a director of the Health Systems Agency of Western New York; and is a member of the Western New York Commission on Health Care Reform.

Mr. Kenzie has built a remarkable legacy as an advocate for Buffalo State College and the State University of New York. Having served as a gubernatorial appointee to the Buffalo State College Council for 19 years—as chairman from 1982 to 1998—he worked to develop strong links between Buffalo

State and the business community. He is an emeritus director of the Buffalo State College Foundation Board of Directors and a past member of its Finance and Investment committees. He also serves on the council of the Burchfield Penney Art Center and on its Executive Committee.

Mr. Kenzie established the Ross B. Kenzie Family Presidential Scholarship at Buffalo State College in 1998 to foster and recognize the academic achievement, leadership development, and community service of underrepresented minority students.

Mr. Kenzie serves on the boards of several companies, including many entrepreneurial ventures that are privately held. The Greater Buffalo Chamber of Commerce named Mr. Kenzie Western New Yorker of the Year in 1985. He was named 1987 Business Executive of the Year by the Canisius College School of Business Administration, and he received a Citation Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Additionally, the Greater Niagara Frontier Council of Boy Scouts of America chose him to receive the Distinguished Citizen Award for 1988. He received an honorary doctorate from the State University of New York at Buffalo State College's Commencement ceremonies in 2002.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD



Linda R. Appleby, Class of 1980

Linda Appleby has taught music and has served as the musical director for countless theatrical shows, both professionally and for school districts throughout the area, over her 40-plus-year career. She has taught at numerous schools, including Buffalo's Frederick Law Olmsted 56, City Honors, and South Park High School. Students under her direction have enjoyed a wide and varied list of accomplishments, including performances at Kleinhans Music Hall, Rockwell Hall, and Shea's Theater; in three professional Broadway shows; and for Buffalo Mayor Anthony Masiello's inauguration and heads of state in Albany.

Ms. Appleby has been an adjunct instructor of music at Villa Maria College since 2011 and was the director of the citywide Buffalo Select Chorus for six years, which brought together over 30 students representing various high schools throughout the city. The chorus was accompanied by some of Buffalo's finest musicians, including Joseph Wooten of the Steve Miller Band. She also curated the Artist in Residence Program that serviced over 40 public and charter schools in Buffalo from 2009 to 2014.

Before the pandemic, she worked as music director for the Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts production

of *Les Misérables*, which won a Kenny Award for best musical in Western New York. She has served as a minister of music for area churches and is currently music minister for SS Columba-Brigid Church in Buffalo. She serves on the board of directors for Ujima Theater and as secretary for the historic Colored Musicians Club.

Ms. Appleby received a bachelor of arts in music education from Rosary Hill College in 1974, with a concentration in classical piano performance, and a master's degree in student personnel administration from Buffalo State College in 1980. She also accumulated over 30 hours beyond her master's in various courses offered throughout the city, with a concentration in special education, advanced teaching practices, and psychology.

In 2008, Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown presented Ms. Appleby with an Executive Chamber Proclamation for services rendered to the children of Buffalo. She is also the 2009 recipient of the National Federation of Just Communities Community Leader Award in the Arts. She was inducted into the Buffalo Music Hall of Fame in 2015.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD



Michael J. Garner, Class of 1983

Michael Garner, chief diversity and inclusion officer for the New York State Metropolitan Transportation Authority, is a champion of the diversity market, making it his personal and professional mission to create a more diverse business industry by empowering minority-owned and women-owned businesses throughout the state.

Since joining the MTA in 2009, Mr. Garner has designed the country's leading business development program for minority, women-owned, and disadvantaged business enterprises (MWDBE) based on dollars paid. Overall, through the MTA's programs, New York State certified MWDBEs have been awarded more than \$6.5 billion.

As the architect of the MTA's Small Business Mentoring Program, Mr. Garner has transformed the largest transportation system in North America with a results-driven construction mentoring program. The program continues to break barriers for NYS certified MWDBEs that otherwise would not have contract opportunities in the transportation industry. To date, under Mr. Garner's direction, the MTA's Small Business Mentoring Program has awarded 451 contracts totaling \$486 million to program participants.

Before joining the MTA, Mr. Garner held positions at the New York City Housing Authority and the New York City School Construction Authority. Over the course of his tenures there and at the MTA, Mr. Garner and his teams have been responsible for more than \$13 billion in contracts and payments made to

New York State and City certified MWDBEs and MTA certified DBEs.

He and his team have designed and implemented workforce strategies that have increased ethnic minority and women hires by 20 percent, which has further diversified the MTA's 70,000-plus employee workforce.

Mr. Garner is an active member of the Canaan Baptist Church in Harlem. He is the immediate past president and former chairman of the board of the founding chapter of One Hundred Black Men of New York City, an organization that provides scholarship, mentorship, and inspiration to hundreds of youths in the New York City area.

A frequent speaker on effective MWDBE programs across the nation, he has served on Governor Andrew Cuomo's MWBE Team, Mayor Bill DeBlasio's MWBE Advisory Committee, NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer's MWBE Advisory Council, and former Governor David Paterson's Small Business Advisory Council.

Mr. Garner often serves as an adviser to public agencies and the private sector. He is a former treasurer of the New York/New Jersey Minority Supplier Development Council and has served on the boards of Harlem Hospital and USA Rugby. In addition, Mr. Garner advises numerous U.S. cities and states on their minority business development and inclusion programs, including the City of Buffalo, the City of Chicago, the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), and the State of New Jersey.

YOUNG ALUMNUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Raven P. Baxter, Class of 2014 and 2017

Raven “the Science Maven” Baxter is an award-winning, internationally acclaimed science educator and molecular biologist who works to advance science culture by creating spaces for learning that are inclusive, educational, and accessible. As an entertainer and content creator known for her unique style of combining science and music to teach and empower those in the STEM disciplines and beyond, she uses innovation in science education as a catalyst for social change.

Ms. Baxter is the founder of Science Haven, an organization that operates at the intersection of science, education, and the public sphere. Science Haven houses *STEMbassy*, a live web series that connects the public with science and technology professionals. She has reached more than 4 million viewers with over 200,000 followers, sharing best practices in science and education. Through her viral hit rap song “Wipe It Down,” she has been instrumental in educating the community about myths and facts related to COVID-19.

As the founder and lead organizer of Black in Science Communication, a group that works to build relationships in the science community, she equips others with the knowledge and resources necessary to share science with the world in their own way. She also owns and operates Smarty Pants, a clothing company that sells whimsical and stylish STEM-themed apparel and accessories, while donating a portion of its sales to scholarships for STEM students.

Ms. Baxter has quickly developed a reputation as a strong voice in the science community. She has been recognized as a global influencer in several publications, including *Fortune* magazine’s 40 Under 40 list for 2020. A recipient of the prestigious Arthur A. Schomburg Fellowship, she will complete her doctorate in science education at the University at Buffalo in May 2021, receiving the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence in honor of her public service.

YOUNG ALUMNUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Nathan E. Mroz, Class of 2016

Nathan Mroz, owner and founder of the BFLO Store and BFLO Event Center, graduated from Buffalo State College with a bachelor of science in urban and regional planning. Already a successful entrepreneur in high school, he launched a photography business, Buffalo Scenic Prints, in 2007, selling his work online and to local gift shops. Upon graduation in 2012, he opened a stand-alone kiosk in the Eastern Hills Mall, where he sold his award-winning photos of the Buffalo Niagara region. By 2015, his business had expanded to a brick-and-mortar enterprise, the BFLO Store at Eastern Hills Mall.

Since then, the BFLO Store has grown to become the largest locally themed retailer in Western New York, specializing in designer apparel, home décor, gifts, and more. By 2020, Mr. Mroz had stores in the Eastern Hills Mall, the McKinley Mall, the Boulevard Mall, Walden Galleria, and Canalside Buffalo. In 2019, he fulfilled a lifelong dream when he signed with Kim and Terry Pegula, principal owners of the Buffalo Bills, to become the team’s official retailer. Mr. Mroz is committed to Western New York and to promoting the beauty and

uniqueness of Buffalo Niagara through his photography, artistry, and vision.

At Buffalo State, Mr. Mroz published his senior thesis on the redevelopment of the Eastern Hills Mall, and in 2019, took control of the site’s former Sears department store. He then embarked on a multimillion-dollar redevelopment project of the 154,000-square-foot building, creating the BFLO District, a “lifestyle center” housing his flagship BFLO Store and BFLO Event Center, a high-end salon, décor retailer, bakery café, bar, restaurant, and soon-to-be state-of-the-art fitness center.

Mr. Mroz was awarded the Community Beautification Excellence Award from the Clarence Chamber of Commerce in 2019, and was named the chamber’s Young Entrepreneur of the Year in 2020. He also received the Key Bank Sponsor’s Award from the Amherst Chamber of Commerce in 2019 and was included on the *Business First* 30 Under 30 list in 2021. He is a member of the Clarence Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

BACCALAUREATE STUDENT ADDRESS PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT



Gabriella J. McKinley

Gabriella McKinley has earned a bachelor of arts in theater, attaining a 3.95 GPA while participating in the rigorous Dean's Honors Program and minoring in legal studies. Eminently talented, she aspires to use theater and storytelling for justice and to lift up at-risk youth and the formerly incarcerated through the art of theater.

Ms. McKinley's leadership in and beyond the department is inspiring to her peers, the organizations she is involved with, and the faculty and staff with whom she works. She has not only met the expectations of the department but has also helped redefine them, going beyond her own needs to advance the prospects of peers and future Buffalo State College students. As an Honors Program ambassador and a member of the Bengal Experience and Transition (BEAT) Team, she provides mentorship and introduces others to opportunities for personal growth.

Ms. McKinley has completed academic work in dramaturgy, company management, administration, and drama-based education. Her independent capstone project focused on designing four lesson plans based on her coursework, performances, internships, and leadership. On stage, she has earned lead and supporting

acting roles in productions at Buffalo State and professional theaters in the Buffalo area. She thrilled audiences on campus as Shug Avery in *The Color Purple* and Emilia in *Othello* and earned praise for professional roles at the Kavinoky Theater and Torn Space Theater.

She was selected for a highly competitive *Hamilton* company management internship at Shea's Theater in Buffalo, working alongside the company manager to conduct daily office activities, plan future trips, and organize documents. She served as treasurer for Casting Hall Productions, Buffalo State's student-operated theater production company, and is a volunteer and intern with the Anne Frank Project. She has been inducted into Alpha Psi Omega, the national theater honor society, and Alpha Lambda Delta, the honor society recognizing academic excellence among first-year students.

In her hometown community of Staten Island, New York, Ms. McKinley has volunteered her talents as a youth liaison and theatrical coordinator for the Institute for the Development of Adolescents and Teenagers, an organization she built with her mother to create programming and advocate the needs of youth.

GRADUATE STUDENT ADDRESS PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT



I'Jaz J. Eberhardt

I'Jaz Eberhardt has earned a master of science in multidisciplinary studies (data science and analytics track), attaining a 3.73 GPA in a discipline that varies greatly from her prior academic and professional experiences in journalism. A former weekend anchor at WBFO-FM, Ms. Eberhardt currently works as a multimedia journalist and video producer for Spectrum in Buffalo.

Throughout her collegiate career, Ms. Eberhardt has incorporated key values outlined in Buffalo State College's mission statement into her personal, academic, and professional endeavors. As an active undergraduate student leader, she received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence in 2019.

As a graduate student, she has excelled in applying academic research to real-world situations. While working in a professional lab in developing an application for Amherst Senior Transportation Services, she has been doing extensive research into user interface and user experience (UI/UX) design considerations for senior citizens. Learning how to integrate inclusive and accessible designs and technologies has allowed her to develop a better understanding of how the digital age can marginalize specific

populations if users of all abilities and levels of expertise in technology are not considered.

As part of the Data Strategy and Governance course, Ms. Eberhardt helped develop a data governance plan for Buffalo State College that was presented to the administration for consideration. During a summer internship with the Civic and Community Engagement Office, she collected and analyzed data relating to the college's anchor mission and how the Career Development Center has helped women- and minority-owned businesses.

Committed to improving her campus and community, Ms. Eberhardt helped develop student and faculty handbooks for the multidisciplinary studies program in her role as a SUNY graduate diversity fellow. As a graduate assistant in the Marketing and Communications Office, she wrote numerous news stories, coordinated media campaigns, and contributed to the college's social media platforms. She has also conducted independent reporting on local social justice movements to provide individuals of diverse backgrounds with a way to share their perspectives on important topics.

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



Kelly E. Glowny

Kelly Glowny has earned a bachelor of science in childhood education with a mathematics extension, attaining a 3.97 GPA while participating in the rigorous Muriel A. Howard Honors Program.

An aspiring mathematics teacher, Ms. Glowny is an active and engaged student leader. She continually pursues opportunities to build her skills, participate in new experiences, and contribute to her community. Her insatiable curiosity and passion about both science and the art of teaching and her joy in engaging with colleagues and children is evident every day.

Ms. Glowny has conducted numerous research projects that she has presented on campus, locally, and nationally. The first, supported by an Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship, examined access to opportunity for students across Western New York. She presented her findings at the Student Research and Creativity Conference, the Professional Development Schools (PDS) annual conference, and the National Association for Professional Development Schools (NAPDS) conference.

This led to subsequent research on opportunities and access local children have for play.

She cofounded and serves as president of the Future Teachers Club at Buffalo State College, a student-led group that provides networking, professional development, volunteer, and leadership opportunities. She has participated in the International Professional Development Schools (IPDS) programs in Chile and Italy and shared her experiences as an IPDS student ambassador. She became a face of the program, attending all events and assisting with programming. In addition, she is a fellow in Sophia's Legacy, the social justice fellowship of the college's Anne Frank Project.

The recipient of numerous merit-based scholarships, she has also earned an Undergraduate Travel Award, an Early Undergraduate Research Opportunity, and an Undergraduate Small Grant Award. She has been inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education, and has participated in numerous service-learning experiences that benefited the community.

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE SPECIAL AWARD: OVERCOMING THE ODDS



Victoire-Grace D. Karambizi

Victoire-Grace Karambizi has earned a master of arts in biology, attaining a 4.0 GPA while serving as a model student in terms of academic standing, community service, and leadership experience. She has overcome tremendous obstacles—fleeing violence in Rwanda, growing up in refugee camps, and resettling in Buffalo as a first-generation immigrant.

Ms. Karambizi has participated in numerous research opportunities at the college and has been successful in synthesizing a series of new peptidomimetics, small synthetic molecular chains designed to mimic natural proteins. As a student researcher in the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center's Pathology Department, she is testing the efficacy of these compounds in heart cells alongside professional scientists.

With a B.A. in chemistry and an M.S. in medicinal chemistry, she served as a senior research aide in the Buffalo State College Chemistry Department. She shows her compassion and shares her knowledge as a chemistry tutor and mentor for fellow students, and she has guided three undergraduate students in completing research projects. She has a deep interest in making public education more accessible and equitable for English language learners, which she herself once was.

An intellectually mature student, Ms. Karambizi leads by example. She learned scientific techniques in a resoundingly short time and is meticulous and painstaking in her work. Her final reports and scientific writing were much admired by her mentors in the Biology and Chemistry departments.

A SUNY graduate diversity fellow and a recipient of a SUNY Summer Research Incentive, Ms. Karambizi aspires to be a psychiatrist. She plans to work with those who have been affected by the tragedies of violent conflict, such as refugees, active soldiers, and veterans.

Outside the classroom, Ms. Karambizi is a board member, blogger, mentor, and analyst with Femmes d'Espérance, an international nonprofit organization dedicated to celebrating, empowering, and promoting women, specifically racial minorities. In addition, she is very active in church activities and has worked as a caregiver and care coordinator for Touching Hearts at Home and Catholic Charities, and as president of the Buffalo Immigrant Leadership Team.

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



Lila M. Rollo

Lila Rollo has earned a bachelor of science in social work, attaining a 3.95 GPA while having worked in her chosen field as the integration program coordinator at the International Institute of Buffalo. Her department has been recognized as a best practice site for affiliate resettlement programs.

Ms. Rollo combines her academic acumen, community involvement, and strength of character in pursuit of a greater good beyond personal recognition. Academically, she demonstrates excellent oral and written communication skills, outstanding analytical abilities, and continual growth in knowledge and application of social work theories on the micro, mezzo, and macro levels. Despite her many accomplishments, she remains humble in her interactions with peers, sharing her time and skills without pretense.

Ms. Rollo has a passion for macro and political social work, including police reform, anti-racism efforts, and refugee resettlement. She applies this passion to her coursework and actively engages in local and state-level movements and initiatives to bring about substantive change in her

community. Her field practicum with Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Program for Men is one example of her ability to offer support and connect with diverse populations.

On campus, she helped start a study group for Arabic-speaking students to offer general peer support, interpretation, and skill development. She also traveled to Rwanda with the college's Anne Frank Project and was a presenter at the 2019 AFP Social Justice Festival.

Ms. Rollo works with refugee and immigrant families affected by poverty, mental health issues, homelessness, and special needs. Recently, she assisted in the creation of policies and case management procedures for the Center for Refugee and Immigrant Services Inc., a nonprofit group dedicated to serving the East African immigrant community. She also teaches English and civics to elderly immigrants to help prepare them for the citizenship test. Her accomplishments were recognized with the prestigious 30 Under 30 Award from Buffalo *Business First* in 2000.

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



Matei Schwartz

Matei Schwartz has earned a master of science in creativity and change leadership, attaining a 4.0 GPA, as a Romanian citizen who paused the professional life he had started to relocate to Western New York to fully immerse himself in his studies. He has endured through the pandemic, making significant contributions to the college.

Noted for his intellectual ability, leadership, and community service, Mr. Schwartz is highly motivated and committed to excellence. He has excelled at serving the international community, including representing Europe on the World Creativity and Innovation Day and Week global advisory board.

Widely read and with an impressive breadth of knowledge, Mr. Schwartz is a key driver of class discussions and an inspiration to his peers. He is able to use his experience to make theories and research findings more relevant for others. He has concentrated his academic research on the intersection of branding, leadership, and creativity and is partnering with a faculty mentor to produce a scholarly paper on the topic for publication.

Mr. Schwartz has also served as a graduate assistant in the Creativity and Change Leadership Department and as a project lead in the department's marketing and rebranding initiative. He guided the faculty through a branding process that resulted in a new name for the department, a new name for the master's degree, and completely new content for its website. His presence, preparation, and leadership as a graduate assistant were critical in securing a \$100,000 planned gift in support of a new Innovation Suite in E. H. Butler Library.

Mr. Schwartz is applying his research to numerous professional and volunteer consulting opportunities in Romania. He has served as a presidential campaign consultant for candidate Theodor Paleologu, project lead for a new Center for Creativity and Innovation and annual creativity conference in Romania, brand and innovation consultant for the accounting firm RSM Romania, and workshop facilitator for a creative thinking event for Romanian schoolchildren.

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and distinction

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Zoe A. Greenberg
 Collins/Tomashevich Award
 Amelia R. Liuzzi
 Lewis Henry Morgan Award
 Sheana Ramcharan
 David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award

ART AND DESIGN

Jennifer G. Alvarez
 Richard Kaltenbach Art Education Graduate Student Scholarship (2020)
 Natalie Anthonie
 Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award (2020)
 Dean's Entrepreneurship Award
 John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence (2019)
 Madeline T. Brown
 Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award (2019)
 Dean's Creative Associates Award (2019)
 Dean's Entrepreneurship Award (2019, 2020)
 Bruce Elliott Award (2019)
 Fine Arts Student Award (2019, 2020)
 Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2020)
 Connor Chadderdon
 Fine Arts Student Award (2019)
 Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2020)
 Robert C. and Marilyn Wilson Painting Scholarship (2020)
 Lauren R. Cox
 Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award (2020)
 Samantha D. De Leon
 Ignite IESNA Buffalo Section Lighting Design Scholarship (2019)
 Kevin Dong
 Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2020)
 Clarimar Galarza
 Anthony and Mary Hubbard Caccamo Art Education Scholarship (2020)
 Barbara L. Czurles-Nelson and Donald J. Nelson Scholarship in Art Education (2020)
 Dean's Creative Associates Award
 Barbara Schillawski Mautz Art Education Scholarship (2019, 2020)
 Sylvia L. Rosen Award for Excellence in Ceramics (2020)

Kaitlynn M. Grevell
 Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award
 Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2020)
 Jennifer N. Hanson
 Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award
 Barbara L. Czurles-Nelson and Donald J. Nelson Scholarship in Fine Arts (2019)
 Fine Arts Student Award (2019)
 Ruth M. Flock Award
 Jenna B. Huntington
 Barbara Schillawski Mautz Art Education Scholarship (2020)
 Krystina S. Kagan
 Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award (2020)
 Barbara L. Czurles-Nelson and Donald J. Nelson Scholarship in Design (2020)
 Dean's Creative Associates Award (2020)
 Fine Arts Student Award (2020)
 Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2020)
 Johnathan E. Kegler
 Dean's Creative Associates Award
 Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2018)
 Madeline T. McIntyre
 Dean's Entrepreneurship Award
 Ignite IESNA Buffalo Section Lighting Design Scholarship (2019)
 Laurie McMurray
 Dean's Entrepreneurship Award
 John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence (2020)
 Sabina H. Mogavero
 Anthony and Mary Hubbard Caccamo Art Education Scholarship (2019)
 Stanley A. Czurles Award for Excellence in Art Education
 Dean's Entrepreneurship Award (2020)
 Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2019)
 Barbara Schillawski Mautz Art Education Scholarship (2017, 2018)
 Brian C. Moore
 Ignite IESNA Buffalo Section Lighting Design Scholarship (2019)
 Nicole M. Ovak
 Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award (2020)
 Dean's Creative Associates Award (2020)
 Julia R. Pacer
 Dr. Harry and Lorraine Ausprich Endowed Scholarship (2019)
 Dean's Entrepreneurship Award (2020)
 Bruce Elliott Award (2019)

2021 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

Sabrina R. Parsons

Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2019)

Sylvia Garofalo Miller '43 Art Student Award

Gertrude Angert Victor Art Education Scholarship (2020)

Andrew J. Peek

Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award (2019)

Dean's Award for Excellence

Dean's Creative Associates Award (2019)

Dean's Entrepreneurship Award (2020)

Sanford Nusbaum Award (2020)

Alain Pierre-Lys

John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence (2019)

Joseph A. Savastano

Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2020)

Miranda R. Schiller

John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence

Stephen J. Shackelford

Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award (2019)

Dean's Entrepreneurship Award (2018)

John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence (2018)

Riveting Creativity Award for Metals/Jewelry (2020)

Caspar M. Snyder

Dean's Creative Associates Award (2018)

Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2018)

Caitlin E. Waldron

Dean's Entrepreneurship Award (2020)

Anna M. Wilson

Barbara L. Czurlis-Nelson and Donald J. Nelson Scholarship in Interior Design (2019)

Ignite IESNA Buffalo Section Lighting Design Scholarship (2019)

ARTS AND LETTERS

Salvatore Giangreco-Marotta

Arts and Letters Dean's Award

BIOLOGY

Nneoma Anyaso

David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award to an Outstanding Biology Senior

Khalil A. Malcolm

Honors in Biology

Kalina A. Rice

Honors in Biology (2020)

David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award to an Outstanding Biology Senior

Brianna L. Saylor

William C. Scheffler Memorial Award for Excellence in Biometrics

BUSINESS

Michael J. Gambino

Outstanding Student in the Business Department—Management Concentration

Danielle E. Larsen

Outstanding Student in the Business Administration Program

Kyle A. Ricotta

Outstanding Student in the Business Department—Marketing Concentration

Amadu Sow

Business Department Intern of the Year

CHEMISTRY

Dakotah M. Caughill

American Chemical Society Distinguished Student Award

Margaret Dupre Memorial Award (2019)

Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society (2020, 2021)

Nicholas Jonmaire Forensic Chemistry Award

Constance Milliner Outstanding Service Award

Outstanding Performance in CHE 301 Award (2020)

Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society

Sarah C. D'Amico

American Chemical Society Undergraduate Analytical Award (2019)

Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society (2020, 2021)

Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society (2020)

Mahmuda Rahman

American Chemical Society Distinguished Student Award

American Chemical Society Organic Chemistry Award

American Chemical Society Undergraduate Award in Physical Chemistry

American Institute of Chemists Award

Saul Barron Memorial Award

Dr. Richard Chrzanowski Analytical Award (2020)

Margaret Dupre Memorial Award (2020)

Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society (2020, 2021)

Minority Student Award (2019, 2021)

Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society

Edward M. Schulman Memorial Award (2020, 2021)

Noel Simmons Memorial Award (2020)

Dr. Surjit Singh Memorial Physical Chemistry Award

Sheana Ramcharan

American Chemical Society Undergraduate Analytical Award (2020)

Gillian P. Worrall

Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society

Linus Pauling Award (2020)

Dr. David Starks Memorial Award

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Lauryl G. Mundy Ashwood

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Neighborhood Advocate (2020)

Gianna M. Brigante

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Neighborhood Advocate

Kimberly G. Buehlmann

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Community Supporter (2020)

Matthew Crane

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Neighborhood Advocate (2020)

Justin G. Glose

Outstanding Service-Learning Student

Hannah E. Kalmeyer

Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellow (2020)

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Neighborhood Advocate

Courney K. Massias

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Community Supporter

Elliot J. Repka

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Community Supporter (2020)

Georgia Shaw

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Community Supporter (2020)

COMMUNICATION

Ayanna S. Anderson

Outstanding Senior in Media Production

Evan J. Atkins

Outstanding Senior in Public Relations and Advertising

Jake A. Broffman

Outstanding Senior in Public Relations and Advertising

Liberty S. Darr

Outstanding Senior in Journalism

Alexis M. Graham

Outstanding Senior in Media Production

Katelyn T. Kardaman

Outstanding Senior in Communication Studies

Ryan M. Kirkpatrick

Outstanding Senior in Communication Studies

Samantha L. Pangborn

Dean's Award for Excellence in Communication

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Yousef N. Abdulrahman

Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Ismail M. Ali

Ron Brown ITEC Scholarship Award (2020)

Mohammed A. Alzuwayyid

Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Michael Balon

Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Casey Cecere

Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Durga Dahal

Ron Brown ITEC Scholarship Award (2020)

Abigail R. Evans

USB Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Mac J. Johnson

Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

2021 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

Saddam Khan
Robert A. Clark Scholarship (2020)

Joshua Kujawinski
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Malunde S. Maiseke
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Eddie A. Mas
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Aldo M. Mazariegos De Leon
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Ezana E. Tefera
USB Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award (2020)

Michael Tona
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Oneika S. Webb
Ron Brown ITEC Scholarship Award (2020)
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Nicholas J. Weiser
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

Zhengli Zhu
Ron Brown ITEC Scholarship Award (2018)
Excellence in Computer Information Systems Award

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Victoria L. Sample
Donald J. Griffin Memorial Award

Kyionna C. Thomas-Bradley
Looseleaf Law Certificate of Recognition Award

Julia K. Vasconez
Criminal Justice Faculty Certificate of Merit

EARTH SCIENCES AND SCIENCE EDUCATION

Genna R. Baldassarre
The David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award for Academic Excellence

Gerald C. Harlach
The Carl Seyfert Memorial Award for Geology

Matthew Rayburg
The Irving Tesmer Award for Excellence in Geology

ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

Troy C. Button
Vernon Bullough Award

Genevieve B. Kraft
Outstanding Student Award

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

Karisma Karim
Buffalo State College Alumni Association Award

Ko Meh
Arthur O. Eve Distinguished Student Achievement Award

Tania Miah
Buffalo State College Alumni Association Award

ShyTimber J. Mitchum
Theresa A. Shepard Advocacy Award

Naheema H. C. Wilson Simmons
Martha Pierce Student Recognition Award

Desiray S. Slaughter
Educational Opportunity Program Director's Award

EDUCATIONAL PIPELINE INITIATIVES

Marc D. Adams
Buffalo Urban Teacher Diversity Pipeline Residency Undergraduate Program Scholarship
(September 2019–January 2021)

Career and Technical Education Major

Josephine M. Avarello
Buffalo Urban Teacher Diversity Pipeline Residency Undergraduate Program Scholarship
(September 2019–May 2021)

Individualized Studies Major

Dedria S. Coleman
Buffalo Urban Teacher Diversity Pipeline Residency Undergraduate Program Scholarship
(September 2019–May 2021)

Individualized Studies Major

Naeemah H. C. Wilson Simmons
Buffalo Urban Teacher Diversity Pipeline Residency Undergraduate Program Scholarship
(September 2019–May 2021)
Individualized Studies Major

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Lara F. Bannister
Epsilon Pi Tau International Honor Society for Professions in Technology (2019)

Daniel Sakona
Epsilon Pi Tau International Honor Society for Professions in Technology (2018)
Glenn O. Sallack Scholarship (2019)

ENGLISH

Hannah J. Bachwitz
Excellence in Writing Award

Elizabeth J. Croop
Excellence in English Award

Danae B. Floyd
Excellence in English Education Award

Lindsey C. Supparits
Excellence in English Education Award

EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

Ashley R. Bohne
Gustave and Geraldine Werner Undergraduate Award (2019–2020)

Megan E. Buseck
Horace Mann Scholarship for Exceptional Education Students (2020–2021)
Paul Thoms Council for Exceptional Children Membership Scholarship (2019)
Gustave and Geraldine Werner Undergraduate Award (2018–2019)

Kelly L. Gandt
Dorothea and Mildred Seegler Endowed Scholarship Award (2018–2019)

Jesse E. Govola-Geritz
Dr. Bernard Yormak Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Exceptional Education (2020)

Madison E. O'Brien
Dorothea and Mildred Seegler Endowed Scholarship Award (Mildred) (2020–2021)
Paul Thoms Council for Exceptional Children Membership Scholarship (2019)

Kyla Pecora
Horace Mann Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Exceptional Education (2020)
Horace Mann Endowment for Exceptional Education Scholarship (2020–2021)
Horace Mann Scholarship for Exceptional Education Students (2019–2020)

Lara M. Reece
Paul Thoms Council for Exceptional Children Membership Scholarship (2019)
Gustave and Geraldine Werner Undergraduate Award (2020–2021)

FASHION AND TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY

Enya D. Cirillo
Epsilon Pi Tau International Honor Society for Professions in Technology (2019)

Cassidy J. Demons
\$7,500 YMA Fashion Scholarship Fund (2020)

Drew E. Deren
Epsilon Pi Tau International Honor Society for Professions in Technology (2019)

Brisa K. Garcia
Marion Thomas Swenson '39 Scholarship (2020)

Shakeena E. Jackson
Runway 14 Best Use of Color

Adeline B. Kijisravej
Epsilon Pi Tau International Honor Society for Professions in Technology (2019)
Phi Upsilon Omicron National Honor Society in Family and Consumer Studies (2019)

Julie M. Klein
Epsilon Pi Tau International Honor Society for Professions in Technology (2018)
Elaine Polvinen Endowed Scholarship (2019)
Runway 13 Best Use of Color (2020)

Runway 13 Third Place Senior Designer (2020)

Marcel Kosmider
Runway 14 First Place Senior Designer

Cassandra A. Lenihan
Phi Upsilon Omicron National Honor Society in Family and Consumer Studies (2018)

Rayven D. Lewis
National Retail Federation Student Ambassador Scholarship (2020)

2021 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

Taylor Michalski
Eastman Foundation Scholarship (2020)

Bernadette R. Malcolm
Runway 14 Third Place Senior Designer

Taylor A. Skieresz
Phi Upsilon Omicron National Honor Society in Family and Consumer Studies (2019)

GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING

Anthony L. Capizzi
Katheryne T. Whittemore Award for Outstanding Graduate in Geography and Planning

Jennifer N. Hanson
Geography Intern of the Year (2020)
Katheryne T. Whittemore Award for Outstanding Graduate in Geography and Planning

Kevin M. Harper
National Center for Geographic Education Excellence of Scholarship Award (Geography)

Ryan R. Jasinski
Geography and Planning Chair's Discretionary Award

Nicholas Ruth
Western New York American Planning Association Student Merit Award

Victoria L. Sample
David Bullough Memorial Award for Academic Excellence

HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND DIETETICS

Emily A. Lewis
Coast Guard Foundation Scholarship (2016–2021)
Folds of Honor Scholarship (2018–2021)
Heroes Legacy Scholarship (2017–2021)
Phi Upsilon Omicron National Honor Society (2019–2021)

HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION

Delilah L. Abraham
Bernard and Nancy Belfer Scholarship Award (2020)

Brandon S. Adkins
Donald D. and Barbara J. Leopard Memorial Scholarship Fund Award (2019)

Calista M. LeGault
G. Allen McFarren Award for Excellence in Student Teaching

Taylor M. Morris
Kathleen Mallea Award for Excellence in Social Studies Education (2020)
Peterson Scholarship (2017–2021)
Kevin Shea Memorial Scholarship Fund (2019)

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

Benjamin Dalmeida
Hospitality and Tourism Department Award

Michael A. Ferraro
Hospitality and Tourism Campus House Members Award

Julianna O. M. Kraft
Hospitality and Tourism Department Chair's Award

Wilanekah Pinder
Hospitality and Tourism Campus House Members Award

Sydney L. Watters
Hospitality and Tourism Department Award

Benjamin Wilamowski
Hospitality and Tourism Department Chair's Award

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Alexis R. Andres
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete (2019, 2020, 2021)

Mallerie E. Belles
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete

Carli N. Bogue
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete

Alexandra Bone
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete (2019, 2020, 2021)

Gianna M. Brigante
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete (2020, 2021)

Samantha Burlew
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete

Troy C. Button
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete (2019, 2020, 2021)

Melissa A. Camp
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete (2019, 2020, 2021)

Lawrence F. Durski
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete (2020, 2021)

Brianna M. Gawronski
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete (2019, 2020, 2021)

Kira L. Herkey
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete (2019, 2020, 2021)

Kaniya C. Hines
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete (2019, 2020, 2021)

David Lauer
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete (2019, 2020, 2021)

Anisa Mahmood
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete (2020, 2021)

Kendall E. Mills
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete (2019, 2020, 2021)

Julia N. Moore
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete (2019, 2020, 2021)

Jessica E. Nowak
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete (2019, 2020, 2021)

Zachary S. Sajdak
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete (2019, 2020, 2021)

Paul N. Tonic
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete (2019, 2020, 2021)

Anthony D. Tulipane
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete (2019, 2020, 2021)

Sydney L. Watters
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete (2019, 2020, 2021)

Brendon Zack
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete (2019, 2020, 2021)

Connor A. Zak
Buffalo State Scholar Athlete (2019, 2020, 2021)

MATHEMATICS

Michael D. Capestrani
Calculus Award in (Fall 2018, Spring 2019)
Douglas R. King Award

Tiffany A. Howe
Mabel D. Montgomery Award

Abigail C. Webb
Achievement in Mathematics Award (2019, 2020)
Calculus Award (Spring 2018, Fall 2018)
Ruth E. Heintz Award

MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

Keiry D. Defrank
National Nu Iota Chapter Sigma Delta Pi Honor Society

Genesis Laboy
Professor Arthur L. Bradford Scholarship (2020)
International English Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta (2017)
National Nu Iota Chapter Sigma Delta Pi Honor Society (2019)
Psychology Honor Society, Psi Chi (2017)
Transfer Student Honor Society, Tau Sigma (2019)

Emily A. Lewis
Arts and Humanities Dean's Award for Excellence in Foreign Language
Coast Guard Foundation Scholarship (2016–2021)
Folds of Honor Scholarship (2018–2021)
Heroes Legacy Scholarship (2017–2021)
National Nu Iota Chapter Sigma Delta Pi Honor Society (2021)
Phi Upsilon Omicron National Honor Society (2019–2021)

Giuliana L. Nojaim
Ernest Falbo Foreign Language Award
National Nu Iota Chapter Sigma Delta Pi Honor Society
Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Member (2017–2018)
Charles Stewart Scholarship (2016–2021)

2021 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

MUSIC

Kirsten N. Brady
Lenore Rollett-Wright Award

Amanda L. Ruiz
Music Department Dean's Award

PHILOSOPHY

Thomas P. Carr
Dean's Award for Excellence in Philosophy
Outstanding Major in Philosophy

Teddi J. Hastreiter
Victor H. Balowitz Scholarship Prize

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Siti Khadijah B. Abdul Salam
Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society
Special Political Science Award

Kyle J. Gruber
Raymond P. Stone Memorial Award

Jayde Ashanti Lucas
David Bullough Memorial Award

Isabella Moo
David Bullough Memorial Award

Coltrane J. Plaia
Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society

Elizabeth M. Rakowski
Outstanding Student in Political Science
Award

PSYCHOLOGY

Hannah N. Hoebener
Dr. Esther McGinnis Award for Exemplary
Academic Achievement in Psychology

Hannah E. Kalmeyer
Dr. Jack Morganti Award for Excellence in
Service

Cassandra L. Lewandowski
David Vernon Bullough Outstanding Senior
in Psychology Award

SOCIAL WORK

Lauren H. Alger
Excellence in Social Work Award

Lauren A. Capluzzi
Excellence in Social Work Award

Miranda Celestino
Excellence in Social Work Award

Ashley P. Crane
Excellence in Social Work Award

Raeanne Fredericks
Excellence in Social Work Award
Social Work Intern of the Year

Samantha E. Fruscione
Excellence in Social Work Award

Cesar O. Galarza
Excellence in Social Work Award

Maria K. Glomb
Excellence in Social Work Award

Katherine A. Grzymala
Excellence in Social Work Award

Mu Htoo
Excellence in Social Work Award

Kimberly M. Kane
Excellence in Social Work Award

Karisma Karim
Excellence in Social Work Award

Tania Miah
Excellence in Social Work Award

Ensuf H. Mohammed
Excellence in Social Work Award

Ba Blut Paw
Excellence in Social Work Award

Sydney M. Pittner
Excellence in Social Work Award

Claritza Reyes
Excellence in Social Work Award

Lila M. Rollo
National Association of Social Work BSW
Student Award

Casey M. Russ
Excellence in Social Work Award

Charmaine D. Schulze
Excellence in Social Work Award

Cristina M. Zamora
Excellence in Social Work Award

SOCIOLOGY

Maya J. Jacob
David Bullough Memorial Scholarship Award
in Sociology

Shenese K. Patterson
Gary Welborn Service Award

Alysa T. Urbanczyk
Conrad Vogler Award

Rennel I. Williams
Neumann Clement Award

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Crystal Mena
Laura Ann Wells Memorial Scholarship
(2020)

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Hannah E. Kalmeyer
Minnie and Joe Engel Student Humanitarian
Award

Phillip Santa Maria Student Humanitarian
Award

Renee C. Marten
Mildred Keller Campbell Student Leadership
Award

TELEVISION AND FILM ARTS

Alexis A. Abramo
Arts and Humanities Dean's Award

THEATER

Mariah J. Faulkner
Mina S. Goossen Award for Excellence in Theater
Horace Mann Theater Arts Student
Scholarship (2020)
McCarthy-Eskew Scholarship for Theater
Production (January 2020, May 2020)

Salvatore Giangreco-Marotta
National Honor Society for Dance Arts (2020)

Lucille and Jack Yellen Scholarship for Dance
(2020)

Corey R. Gorski
Alpha Psi Omega (2019)
Michael Dominico Jr. Performing Arts Award

Horace Mann Theater Arts Student
Scholarship (January 2020, May 2020)

Amber C. Greer
Alpha Psi Omega (2019)

Michael Dominico Jr. Performing Arts Award
(2020)

Malik T. Jones
Marie Dellas Creative Achievement Award

Jennifer A. Kiener
Lucille and Jack Yellen Scholarship for Dance
(2020)

Gabriella J. McKinley
Alpha Psi Omega (2019)
Dean's Award

Dr. Joseph A. Grande and Marguerite R.
Grande Theater Scholarship (2020)

Horace Mann Theater Arts Student
Scholarship (2020)

Donald Savage Scholarship for Actors of
Promise (2018)

Elijah K. Person
Outstanding Dance Student Dance Minor,
ALT Major
Lucille and Jack Yellen Scholarship in Dance

Yenessa L. Rodriguez
Dr. Joseph A. Grande and Marguerite R.
Grande Theater Scholarship

Terence McDonald Theater Scholarship
(2020)

Halena L. Torres
Horace Mann Theater Arts Student
Scholarship (2020)

WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES INTERDISCIPLINARY UNIT

Shenese K. Patterson
Women and Gender Studies Graduating
Senior Award

Awards listed were granted in 2021 unless
otherwise noted.

2021 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

MASTER OF ARTS

AUGUST 2020

Nicole Alvarado
Melissa A. Amundsen
Tamia Anaya
Clara L. Bailin
Rachel M. Childers
Anna R. Ersenkall
Nicole A. Flam
Perrine A. M. Le Saux
Elizabeth O. Sjoblom
Grace Walters

DECEMBER 2020

Christina Housler
Christopher T. Nightengale

MAY 2021

Brooke E. Christopher
Brendan McCabe
Brittany P. Michalek
Brittani Mroz
Laura Lee Tingley
Julio M. Valentin

AUGUST 2021

Anita Dey
Stephanie A. Guidera
Heather B. Hodge
Rio D. Lopez
Christine M. Manwiller
Elena M. Mars
Barbara A. Nosek
Nicole M. Schmidt
Allison Slenker
Colleen L. Watkins

MASTER OF MUSIC

AUGUST 2020

Angela L. Carriero
Rose T. Couchon
Marissa L. DeVoe
Brianna M. Jenkins
Kristine C. Murnieks
Danielle Murray
Mitchell R. Tellerday
Stacey Yazo
Elizabeth Zehr

DECEMBER 2020

Ellen Aroune
Monica Huntz
Austin Matson

AUGUST 2021

Ruth H. Gifford

MASTER OF SCIENCE

AUGUST 2020

Atiana L. German
Mariela Mejias

MAY 2021

Evelyn Ezquerro
Jennifer M. Haun
Elizabeth Ogundeko
Chasity S. VanEvery

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

DECEMBER 2020

Petrina M. Scaglione

JANUARY 2021

Philip S. Peluso

MAY 2021

Andrew Alterio
Jaime R. Annarino

AUGUST 2021

Ja'Quona Renfro

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY

AUGUST 2020

Nicole Alvarado
Melissa A. Amundsen
Tamia Anaya
Clara L. Bailin
Rachel M. Childers
Anna R. Ersenkall
Perrine A. M. Le Saux
Elizabeth O. Sjoblom
Grace Walters

AUGUST 2021

Anita Dey
Stephanie A. Guidera
Heather B. Hodge
Rio D. Lopez
Christine M. Manwiller
Elena M. Mars
Barbara A. Nosek
Nicole M. Schmidt
Allison Slenker
Colleen Lynn Watkins

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

MASTER OF SCIENCE

AUGUST 2020

Munirah A. Ali
Gregory D. Garrett Jr.

DECEMBER 2020

Emily T. Callaghan
Rachel D. Ciszewski
Liam V. Doherty
Jeffery L. Dugan
Jessica L. Martin
Stephanie L. Ross
Christian Wheatley

MAY 2021

Tyler Alimonti
Corey L. Gasparini
Tracie L. Groves
Matthew R. Jarembek
Lauren Maynard
Margaret M. Mitchell
Rebecca C. Moshier
Kimberley M. Stahl
Cynthia Travers

AUGUST 2021

Melissa M. Eloff
Laurie McGuire

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

AUGUST 2020

Kara Andrews
Tori N. Aronica
Emily C. Baker
Kimberly M. Beaton
Elaina M. Blenk
Makeesha C. Booker
Lauren K. Buchholz
Anthony J. Buono
Elizabeth A. Burgess
Kali C. Compise
Carmen DeAngelo
Amanda J. Doster
Roberta A. Duffy
Wynter E. Dumont
Samantha Duttry
Christine J. Garas
Gina M. Hall
Meaghan A. Hayes
Alexandra Hoegel
Steven J. Hummel
Ryenne G. Kaminski
Danielle M. Kelly
Kathryn Layer
Gabriel J. Lewis
Brittany L. Miller
Amanda Pepe
Gwyneth A. Powers
Jenna M. Reinard

Kimberly J. Reynolds
Danielle A. Romanini
Jessica Safe
Katlin N. Smith
Kaylee Sumeriski
Angela M. Syracuse
Yordan Y. Tachev
Scott W. Tinney
Tabitha Torres
Amy N. Wheeler
Breann M. Zabawa

DECEMBER 2020

Amber A. Amato
Ann C. Beyer
Kimberly A. Bing
Sarah M. Braun
Shatie K. Brown
Gabrielle C. Burke
Jeffrey D. Cifelli
Michael T. Cook
Shiyu Cui
Natalee G. Culbert
Richard J. Davila
Michael Doscher
Peter Flanagan
Jacquelyn K. Golanka-Wittcop
Yuqiao Gong
Hayley A. Gonzalez
Emily N. Hannel
Justin J. Herkey
Alysia J. Holtz
Katheryn Jean-Baptiste
Danielle J. Kabel
Alexandra R. Kenyon
Karen Kreppenneck
Jeness Legters
Emily A. Lehner
Kayla M. Lewandowski
Amanda L. Long
Kaixin Ma
Marissa A. Marfurt
Shannon M. McCooy
Colette S. McDonald
Hannah M. Mosher
Alexandria Motz
Madalyn R. Mueller
Patrick J. Mulcaire
Dominique M. Murawski
Andrea Navis
Julia N. O'Connor
Laura E. Opalinski
Alexandria M. Pace
Brianna E. Price
Kayla R. Pyc
Elizabeth R. Santacrose
Carlie E. Scime
Yutong Shao
Janeen R. Sullivan
Lauren E. Supples
Gina M. Szczodrowski
Joy Thompson
Rebecca E. Tintor
Siqi Wang
Daniel R. Wendt
Sarah M. Weyman
Barrett D. Whitmore

2021 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Colleen T. Wilkie
Donna L. Wilson
Khyvana Q. Wilson-Dowell
Grace M. Wisner
Han Zhang
Ziteng Zhao

JANUARY 2021 Abigail A. Vivian

MAY 2021

Kayla M. Abramowski
James D. Bachman
Kayla B. Ballard
Anna G. Bargnesi
Kristen Baumgartner
Angela J. Bieger
Emma Bowitch
Damien S. Boyd
Brianna Browne
Izeal Bullock
Alexis M. Caci
Mikayla N. Capestrani
Kaitlyn Cichocki
Rachel L. Cirocco
Onnika Clarey
Renee E. Copperthite
Samantha M. Cottrell
Whitney L. Coventry
Kelsi M. Curran
Teresa Donisi
Allison M. Eckstein
Angela S. Ferrentino
Joseph C. Fisher
Cynthia E. Ford
Kristina L. Frausto
Kaitlyn D. Good
Joshua Goodman
Allison M. Gunkler
Sarah Halpin
Ebony J. Hennings
Kara M. Hinkley
Kylene Holmes
Selina B. C. Iozzo
Nicole M. Jaszczak
Alyssa M. Klaffka
Peng Liu
Katie Manges
Myles E. Marshall
Anthony J. Martorana
Gabriella S. Mas
Julie A. Mayer
Morgan T. Miecznikowski
Taylor C. Miller
Rebecca Moran
Jenelle M. Nyitrai
Brianna R. Oryszak
Dylah M. Pantlin
Kittiya Pichejkulbordee
Stephen M. Piotrowski
Morgan M. Pulliam
Jenna L. Rivera
Emma E. Ruggiero
Silvana R. M. Salomone
John D. Sanchez Lopez
Anna L. Smolka
Alissa K. Snyder
Samuel T. Stirk

Nicole E. Strawder
Jessica J. Szabo
Julia L. Taboni
Pepper E. O. Thomas
Katie T. Tobia
Wilmary A. Torres
Alexis M. Trice
Amber N. Wagstaff
Leanne Wills
Melissa A. Zakrajsek
Tingting Zhang

AUGUST 2021

Miranda A. Aikin
Bethany M. Bregy
Kristy P. Canales Padilla
Madison E. Coburn
Angela Curto
April L. Czarniak
Michelle Dachs
Victoria D. D'Amaro
Taylor J. DiNieri
Jason M. Fitzner
Kimberly A. Grazen
Julia H. Helfman
Samantha C. Herrmann
Liam J. Kelly
Ji Kang Kim
Brianna E. King
Kelsey R. Martin
Marissa N. Mergler
Shannon Meyers
Danielle M. Milbrand
Madeline A. Mitchell
Lindsey T. Moskal
Heather M. Neuburger
Samantha M. Pellicano
Julia C. Reesor
Cailin B. Regan
Elizabeth G. Rich
Lauren M. Roetzer
Janessa N. Sheridan
Melanie A. Smits
Erica A. Stoeckl
Rebecca M. Thrush
Phyllis A. Walker
Brianna M. Ware
Domonique J. Whitted
Monica R. Young

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY

AUGUST 2020

Christina E. Boody
Emilyrose Conforti
Maria L. Defeo
Coral Gama
Hannah T. Kinz
Bree N. Knight
Christopher J. Quail
Molly E. Rutter

DECEMBER 2020

Jessica Belous
Lisa A. Putrelo
Montaha N. Uddin

JANUARY 2021

Kayla R. Pyc

MAY 2021

Amanda M. DiRe
Mary E. Fial
Callie E. Georger
Claribel Gonzalez
Rose L. Kowalski
Heidi L. Lipka
Michael J. Lobuzzetta
Erin E. Myers
Sara F. Qureshi
Lawrence J. Ramos Miranda
Melissa J. Sullivan
Brittney L. VanGorden

AUGUST 2021

Kristy P. Canales Padilla
Madison E. Coburn
Ji Kang Kim

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

DECEMBER 2020

Abby C. Bardanis
Jonathan A. Cruz Colon
Jorge Degro Jr.
Danielle D. Gates
Dinorah Morales-Cruz
Betzayda Rivera
Stephanie J. Stoll
Tabitha Torres

MAY 2021

Anna R. Campbell
Maressa W. Claudio
Ashley M. Colon
Eleanor M. Coonce
Shelly A. Inniss-Jackson
William E. Langer
Karina Loera Barcenias
Donna M. Nowak
Emil A. Rivera
Ericka L. Rivera
Sharelee Rosario Rondon
John D. Sanchez Lopez
Kimberly M. Stahl
Cynthia Travers

SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

MASTER OF ARTS

AUGUST 2020

Benjamin Szczygiel
Alexa R. Templeton
Lin Wang

DECEMBER 2020

Isabelle C. Bateson-Brown
Carla A. Feller
Evan B. Kennedy
Olivia A. Weixlmann
Robert F. White
Daniel Zielinski

JANUARY 2021

Ashtin O. Ashbrook
Jonathan C. Meyers

MAY 2021

Marc Arthur L. Barthelemy
Clarence Jacob Boatman
Katie L. Bryant
Shiva Czuba
Sarah G. Drozda
Madeline B. Friedler
Anthony E. Gil
Victoire-Grace D. Karambizi
Kirsten L. Krug
Yuchao Li
Mitchell B. Moore
Brett A. Seese
Cohen A. Sulzbach
Lyle C. Wagner
Anwiya Youkhanna

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

AUGUST 2020

Patricia O. Patton

DECEMBER 2020

Joshua Curry-Bascome
Laura M. Hoehn
Taylor S. Johnson
Stephanie A. Perez

MAY 2021

Jamila M. Ball
Kaley M. Donaldson
Shiana D. Eve
Nicole J. Goliias
Katlyn Keane
Ginger Lillis
Abdullahi Mohamed
Elda A. Pichardo
Jessica Jo Trainor
Jared D. Voelker

MASTER OF SCIENCE

AUGUST 2020

Jeremy R. Garson
Kristopher W. Hoyt
Lauren E. Martinek
Breanne R. Steimle

2021 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

DECEMBER 2020

Zachary S. Adams
Zaheer Amlani
Matthew J. Bergey
Thomas J. Bidney
Janelle K. Franasiak
Stephanie A. Hanson

MAY 2021

Oluwademilade Adeniji
Uwasota E. Ayanru
Elisabeth F. Barone
Sarah A. Burke
Ashleigh M. Coggins-Block
Djonnique M. Devone
Abdulkhaliq A. Edan
Elisabeth M. Good
James A. Gravas
Emily Hsu
Xianglin Kong
Thomas J. Mariano
Ran Ning
Cecilia M. Pershyn
Joseph M. Skowronski
Helen F. Toledo
Hongmei Wang-Lin
Lewen Yin

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

AUGUST 2020

Hannah R. Chilberti
Erik G. Corrie

DECEMBER 2020

Tessa Adamec
Brandon J. DeFilippis
Gabriella N. Green
Anna M. Hartinger
Elizabeth R. Hashem
Kalie Pfohl
Ethan J. Salem
Mykala C. Wojtaszczyk-York

MAY 2021

Christine E. Colson
Kailee Defranks
Matthew T. Glosek
Kimberly J. Kruder
Amanda Mertowski
Michael T. O'Connell
Peter E. Schaber
Keith A. Stoerr
Patrick J. Weir

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

DECEMBER 2020

Joi Patterson

MAY 2021

Thomas M. Bax
Makenzie R. Docteur
Zhenya Doolan
Jacob Kavanaugh
John P. Maley

SCHOOL OF THE PROFESSIONS

MASTER OF SCIENCE

AUGUST 2020

Donald J. Capers
Tamika D. D. Davis
Tom R. Gannon
Eric J. Leffler

DECEMBER 2020

Rebecca G. Bateson-Brown
David C. Evans
Shavin M. Fung
Sade N. Garcia
Maleek Mc Kenzie
Stephanie Montas
Natalie A. O. Neilsen
Zhe Ran
Amanda Wasieczko
Heather M. Williams

MAY 2021

Ernee ten Anscher
Malik L. Albert
David A. Brodzinski
Mary R. Brown
Philip Brunner
Roberta A. Caswell
Summer P. Cruz
Olamide A. Eruja
William O. Fogarty
Wilfried J. Folaranmi
Ada C. Garcia-Poll
Keira O. Grant
Marsha M. Huber
Marjolein K. Hutting
Zachary Jones-Butler
Alyssa L. Krawczyk
Amanda Lohiser
Paula S. Love
Heidi Matthee
Tabatha D. McNab
Morgan L. Meheran
Danyel E. Nocito
Tia M. Owens
Jacob A. Rachwal
Jamersin T. Redfern
Mia S. Rich
Richard D. Roberts
Katy Rodriguez
Eduvijež C. Sanchez
Cassandra L. Sanzotta
Daniel J. Scanlon
Anissa R. Scharborough
Perry D. Schultz
Matei Schwartz
Allyssa Sievers
Mariah T. Swari
Rachel C. Voelkle-Kuhlmann
Tamona K. Williamson

Douglas P. Woolever
Kimberley G. Zanti

AUGUST 2021

Thomas A. Pleto

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

AUGUST 2020

Kristen A. Cabana
Marcelina DeCarolis
Sarah M. Fronczak
Rebecca Haber
Bethany L. Nemmer
Julia M. Santangelo

MAY 2021

Sartu Abdulkadir
Sherri-Lyn L. Bauer
Lauren N. Begin
Lucas R. Cole
Jennifer Cooperdock
Heidi R. Cowen
Alexia M. Crutchfield
Anna M. Demartin
Jordan L. Eisel
Katie L. Hale
Yousef T. Hassan
Sarah E. King
Megan Kramer
Mary C. Landahl
Karli Leggett
Morgan Mann
Sarah McLaen
Emily M. Nelson
Andrea N. Nicosia
Clarissa N. Ott
Meghan Pilkington
Courtney Provost
Brooke C. Rackley
Kendall L. Skuse
Victoria R. Sokolovskiy
Melissa C. Wing

AUGUST 2021

Brittany M. McArdle

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

AUGUST 2020

Ernee ten Anscher
Keriann M. Armusewicz
Luciane Bonamigo Valls
Roberta A. Caswell
William O. Fogarty
Joseph Grande
Marsha M. Huber
Marjolein K. Hutting
Nicole S. Jones
Naghma S. Khan
Tanya M. Knudsen

Heidi Matthee
Diana P. Paez Sandoval
Jacinthe Proctor
Jane Proudlove
Cynthia M. Sepulveda
Kirk Young
Kimberley G. Zanti

DECEMBER 2020

Mary R. Brown
Madeline Burns
Mairiad S. Murray
Meredith Rutherford

JANUARY 2021

Margaret T. Letzelter
Juliette M. Ripley-Dunkelberger

MAY 2021

Mirza N. A. Baig
Dwight P. Heine
Shelly A. Inniss-Jackson
Alexus S. A. Laster
Tabatha D. McNab
Effie Michailidis
Anthony J. Polito

MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

MASTER OF ARTS

DECEMBER 2020

Stephanie Kroneiss

MASTER OF SCIENCE

AUGUST 2020

Banan M. Aiaš
May H. AlANdary
Lilia M. AlSarabi
Lamia O. Birjawi
Alejandra Cantu
Mary L. Casillas
Tyler N. Draper
Amanda M. Edenfield
Shanda J. Edwards
Luciana A. Fernandes
Monica Garcia Garza
Dania Hamandi
Anna E. Lemen
Diana P. Medina
Amani A. Moh'd Hasan
Jason P. Montgomery
Brendan A. Newman
Allysa R. Pantano
Audra Phelps
Paola Ruiz
Kyle S. Sosnowski
Maimuna Tahir
Rebeca Varela
Michael A. Wood
Sahar B. Yousef

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DECEMBER 2020

Camilo L. Almeida
 Hanan S. Alshawa
 Kris M. Augustine
 Caroline de Azevedo Rocha
 Victor G. Baird
 Shannon M. Casterline
 Sarah K. Crowley
 I'Jaz J. Eberhardt
 Patricia C. Guimaraes
 Margaret L. Harold-Rauch
 Chantel M. Kulhoff
 Michelle D. Mayo
 Vanessa Miller
 Nadia Pradieu
 Fabiana R. Ravagnani
 Brenda Rodriguez
 Stephanie L. Ross
 Lauren Santiago
 Priscilla P. da Silva
 Franketta S. Willoughby
 Jeremy R. Wilson
 Corey R. Zagst

JANUARY 2021

Elizabeth A. Graziano

MAY 2021

Samah A. Abdel Wahhab
 Mohamed O. Abdi
 Alaa AbdulAzim
 Yasmeen F. Abunasrieh
 Nada R. Albordini
 Latifa N. Aldousarii
 Sarah T. Alessa
 Amany O. Al jundi
 Mohamad Al-Shammari
 Claudia M. Alvarez Aguilar
 Iman I. Ammar
 Janke Anamela
 Sarah Y. Bahbahni
 Mailless Banda
 Amel O. A. Bashir
 Serafina M. Breslawski
 Diego R. Cabrera
 Manuela I. Camara
 Olivia M. Campbell
 Asdrubal Casanova Caruajal
 Rocco L. Ceci
 Monique Chapman
 Shadequa M. Coad
 Johannes H. Coetzee
 Diego G. Considera
 Paulo Assumpcao da Costa e Silva
 Emy E. De lilla
 Jodie E. Dref
 Melissa S. P. Duque
 Shadi M. Elbadawy
 Fatima M. El-Hasan
 Salwa El Herbawi
 Philip J. Farris
 Daniella M. Filice
 Fabiola M. Freitas
 Katherine E. Gabriel
 Paola B. Garcia Delgado
 Jiayuan Gong
 Rislene das Gracias Silva

Shanna M. Griffus
 Rosana N. Guenka
 Alfred D. Hammonds
 Chinatsu F. Hirayama
 Allison M. Hughes
 Hasti Khoshnammanesh
 Trevor Kruis
 Lindsey M. Kundel
 Hannah C. Lautner
 Jessica T. Lindquist
 Aline G. Lira
 Solan R. Magalhaes
 Joseph T. Mancuso
 Ana M. Matamala
 Stephen P. Mc Curdy
 Raquel G. Melito
 Tommy R. Meyer Jr.
 Angie M. Miyano
 Salma Motala
 Sanam M. Nagji
 Yasmeen A. Negm
 Hikabasa B. Nkolola
 James K. Nyirenda
 Tahirah Y. Ojumu
 Debora Bianca de Oliveira
 Blenda Batista de Oliveira
 Viviane Costa de Oliveira
 Uyi Omogun
 Laurel A. Parr
 Mackenzie A. Peters
 Juan P. Proano
 Madeline G. Raafaub
 Elizabeth M. Ray
 Keith R. Ray
 Courtney E. Rieman
 Courtney L. Rivera
 Nayara G. Rodrigues
 Maria L. Rodriguez
 Yulia S. Rosales
 Sharellee Rosario Rondon
 Khloud S. Sabra
 Kenna M. Schacht
 Ana Paula C. Serejo
 Tatiany da Silva Carvalho
 Mayuri Singh
 Lunyunge A. Sinyenga
 Rania A. Sirhan
 Denise M. Skyers
 Bianca Stoffels
 Francisco J. Suarez
 Maria D. Suros
 Mohamed M. Tolba
 Heather A. Townsend
 Edlynn S. Venkataya
 Meissa Vieira
 Carolina M. Vilalva
 Cheryl T. Vogler
 Nell B. Weber
 Cristina B. Wolff
 Jenny van der Vinne
 Marie Karen Q. Yong-Rojo

List compiled April 1, 2021. May 2021 graduate listings are based on successful completion of courses in progress. August 2021 graduate listings are based on successful completion of courses in progress and successful completion of courses during summer 2021.



2021 GRADUATE AWARDS

ART CONSERVATION

Nicole E. Alvarado

Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2017–2019)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2017–2019)
SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2018–2020)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2018–2019)

Melissa A. Amundsen

Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2017–2019)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2019)
Hoskins-Smith Art Conservation Fellowship (2017)
Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2018–2019)
Marks Family Foundation Fellowship (2018)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2017–2019)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2018–2019)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2018)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2018–2019)

Tamia Anaya

Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2017–2019)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2018–2019)
Hoskins-Smith Art Conservation Fellowship (2017)
Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2018)
Marks Family Foundation Fellowship (2018)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2017–2019)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2019)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2018)
SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2017–2020)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2018–2019)

Clara L. Bailin

Brost Family Foundation Fellowship (2018)
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2017–2019)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2018–2019)
Lippes Family Foundation Fellowship (2018)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2017–2019)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2017, 2019)

Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2018–2019)

Rachel M. Childers

Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2017–2019)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2018–2019)
Hoskins-Smith Art Conservation Fellowship (2018)
Caroline K. and Sheldon Keck Fellowship (2018)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2017–2019)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2019)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2017)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2018–2019)

Anita Dey

Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2018–2020)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship, (2019–2020)
Allan Kenzie Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2019)
Fannie Kestenbaum Paull Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2019)
Evelyn Lieberman Art Conservation Fellowship (2020)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2018–2019)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2018–2020)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2018)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2018–2020)

Anna R. Ersenkai

Margaret and Charles Balbach Art Conservation Fellowship (2017)
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2017–2019)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2018–2019)
Caroline K. and Sheldon Keck Fellowship (2018)
Allan Kenzie Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2018)
Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2019)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2017–2019)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2017, 2019)

Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2018–2019)

Nicole A. Flam

Margaret and Charles Balbach Art Conservation Fellowship (2017)
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2017–2019)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2018–2019)
Gross Family Foundation Fellowship (2018)
Kontos Art Conservation Fellowship (2018)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2017, 2019)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2017, 2019)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2018–2019)

Stephanie A. Guidera

Bandrowski Art Conservation Fellowship (2019)
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship, (2018–2020)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2019)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2018–2019)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2018–2020)
Linda Joan Levy Paull Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2019)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2018)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship, (2018–2020)

Heather B. Hodge

Brost Family Foundation Fellowship (2019)
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2018–2020)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2019–2020)
Hoskins-Smith Art Conservation Fellowship (2018)
Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2020)
Evelyn Lieberman Art Conservation Fellowship (2019)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2018–2020)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2018–2020)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2018–2020)

Perrine A. M. Le Saux

Bandrowski Art Conservation Fellowship (2017)
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2017–2019)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2018–2019)
Bruce and Gail Johnstone Art Conservation Fellowship (2018)
Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2019)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2017, 2019)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2017, 2019)
Fannie Kestenbaum Paull Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2018)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2018–2019)

Rio D. Lopez

Margaret and Charles Balbach Art Conservation Fellowship (2018)
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2018–2020)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2019–2020)
Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2020)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2018–2020)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2018–2019)
Saxe Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2019)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2018–2020)

Christine M. Manwiller

Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2018–2020)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2018–2020)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2018–2020)

Elena M. Mars

Margaret and Charles Balbach Art Conservation Fellowship (2018)
Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2018–2020)
Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2019–2020)
Gross Family Foundation Fellowship (2019)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2018–2020)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2018–2020)
Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2019)
Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2018–2020)

2021 GRADUATE AWARDS

Barbara A. Nosek

Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2018–2020)

Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2019–2020)

Hoskins-Smith Art Conservation Fellowship (2019)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2018–2020)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2019–2020)

Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2019)

Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2018–2020)

Nicole M. Schmidt

Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2018–2020)

Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2019–2020)

Hoskins-Smith Art Conservation Fellowship (2019)

Ross Kenzie Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2018)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2018–2020)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2019–2020)

Marianne Vallet-Sandre Art Conservation Graduate Fellowship (2019)

Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2018–2020)

Elizabeth O. Sjoblom

Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2017–2019)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2017–2019)

Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2018–2019)

Allison M. Slenker

Bandrowski Art Conservation Fellowship (2018)

Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2018–2020)

Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2019–2020)

Bruce and Gail Johnstone Art Conservation Fellowship (2019)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2018–2020)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2019–2020)

Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2018–2020)

Grace Walters

Alumni Tuition Scholarship (2018–2019)

Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2017–2019)

Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2018–2019)

Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2019)

Evelyn Lieberman Art Conservation Fellowship (2018)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2017, 2019)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2017, 2019)

Linda Joan Levy Paull Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2018)

Marianne Vallet-Sandre Art Conservation Graduate Fellowship (2018)

Colleen L. Watkins

Buffalo State College Tuition Scholarship (2018–2020)

Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2019–2020)

Bruce and Gail Johnstone Art Conservation Fellowship (2019)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2018–2020)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2018–2020)

Saxe Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2018)

Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2018–2020)

BIOLOGY

Victoire-Grace D. Karambizi

SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2020–2021)

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Joy Thompson

SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2020–2021)

CHEMISTRY

Elisabeth F. Barone

Graduate School Graduate Assistant Award (2016, 2017)

Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society (2016, 2020)

Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society (2016)

Ashleigh M. Coggins-Block

American Institute of Chemists Award (2019)

Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society (2018, 2019, 2021)

Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society (2018, 2021)

Elisabeth M. Good

Graduate School Graduate Assistant Award (2020)

Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society

Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society

Emily Hsu

Buffalo State College Chemistry Alumni Award

Graduate School Graduate Assistant Award

Iota Sigma Pi Honor Society

Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Tessa Adamec

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Neighborhood Advocate (2020)

Elda A. Pichardo

Frederick Howe Outstanding Student Volunteer

Jamersin T. Redfern

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Neighborhood Advocate

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Olamide A. Eruja

Morgan Graduate Award

DATA SCIENCE AND ANALYTICS INTERDISCIPLINARY UNIT

Oluwademilade Adeniji

SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2019–2021)

Uwasota E. Ayanru

SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2019–2021)

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, LITERACY, AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Cynthia E. Ford

Buffalo Urban Teacher Diversity Pipeline Residency Graduate Program Scholarship (2019–2021)

Kylene Holmes

Buffalo Urban Teacher Diversity Pipeline Residency Graduate Program Scholarship (2019–2021)

Jenna L. Rivera

Buffalo Urban Teacher Diversity Pipeline Residency Graduate Program Scholarship (2019–2021)

Wilmory A. Torres

Buffalo Urban Teacher Diversity Pipeline Residency Graduate Program Scholarship (2019–2021)

Phyllis A. Walker

Buffalo Urban Teacher Diversity Pipeline Residency Graduate Program Scholarship (2019–2021)

Brianna M. Ware

SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2020–2021)

ENGLISH

Brendan McCabe

Excellence in English Award

Ja'Quona Renfro

Excellence in English Education Award

EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

Kristen Baumgartner

Horace Mann Endowment for Exceptional Education Scholarship (2020–2021)

Joseph C. Fisher

Dr. Bernard Yormak Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in Exceptional Education (2020)

Allison M. Gunkler

Graduate Student Association Merit-Based Scholarship (2019)

Horace Mann Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in Exceptional Education (2020)

Dorothea and Mildred Seegler Endowed Scholarship Award (2019–2020)

Katheryn Jean-Baptiste

Joseph and Mary Daly Varga '43 Graduate Award (2019)

SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2019–2021)

Alyssa M. Klaffka

Horace Mann Scholarship for Exceptional Education Students (2020–2021)

2021 GRADUATE AWARDS

Julia N. O'Connor

Joseph and Mary Daly Varga '43 Graduate Award (2019)

Kittiya Pichejkulbordee

Dr. Judith Bondurant-Utz Early Childhood Award (2019)

Alissa K. Snyder

Ron Brown ITEC Scholarship (2019)

Barrett D. Whitmore

Horace Mann Endowment for Exceptional Education Scholarship (2019–2020, 2020–2021)

Paul Thoms Council for Exceptional Children Membership Scholarship (2020)

GRADUATE SCHOOL

I'Jaz J. Eberhardt

SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2019–2021)

GREAT LAKES CENTER

Helen F. Toledo

SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship (2020–2021)

HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

Zachary Jones-Butler

Thomas J. Quatroche Memorial Scholarship

Daniel J. Scanlon

Robert A. Davis Endowed Scholarship

INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR STUDIES IN CREATIVITY

Mirza N. Baig

Firestien Family Creative Achievement Award Fund

Mary Murdock Creative Spirit Award

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