

152nd COMMENCEMENT | May 18, 2024

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



BUFFALO STATE
The State University of New York



SUNY BUFFALO STATE UNIVERSITY

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BUFFALO STATE ALMA MATER

BENGAL PRIDE

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

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

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

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

—Dawn Pustelnik

D. BRUCE AND GAIL JOHNSTONE COMMENCEMENT SUPPORT ENDOWMENT FUND

Recognizing Global Diversity at Buffalo State University



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

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

COMMENCEMENT GARDEN

The interim president of Buffalo State and the entire campus community honor the Class of 2024 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 2024 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES!

Please savor this very special day at Buffalo State University.

We gather today to celebrate the individual and collective accomplishments of this year's graduating class. Through dedication and determination, each member of the Class of 2024 has earned a degree from this great university. My sincerest congratulations to each of you on this wonderful achievement!

It is important to remember that 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 critical in the educational process. We also thank our dedicated Buffalo State faculty and staff members who have helped prepare our students—on a daily basis—to reach their full potential.

My fondest wish is that each of our graduates finds personal happiness, contributes positively to their community, and pursues 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 triumphs in your life, big and small. Roar on, Bengals!

Sincerely,
Bonita R. Durand, Ph.D.
Interim 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. She is serving as interim president through the 2025–2026 academic year until a new president is appointed.

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 THE PROFESSIONS CEREMONY 9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

The Rockwell Brass

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

PROCESSIONAL

The Rockwell Brass

Lynne M. Scalia, *Mace Bearer*
Associate Professor, Business Department

CONVENING

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Members of the Buffalo State Chamber Choir

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

WELCOME

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

DEAN'S WELCOME

Carol A. DeNysschen
Dean, School of the Professions

SCHOOL OF THE PROFESSIONS STUDENT ADDRESS PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT

Shenese K. Patterson, Class of 2024
Master of Science, Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration

Presenter

Bonita R. Durand

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Charlene M. Fontana, SSJ, Class of 2004
Retired Assistant to the Director of Student Life, Buffalo State University

Presenters

Linda A. Dobmeier

Bonita R. Durand

SCHOOL OF THE PROFESSIONS COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Anne Constantino, Class of 1980
CEO, Telos Consulting Group LLC

Presenters

Bonita R. Durand

Stacy E. Lewis Beauford, Class of 2001
President, Buffalo State Alumni Association

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Amitra A. Wall
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Carol A. DeNysschen

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Bonita R. Durand

BUFFALO STATE UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER

Members of the Buffalo State Chamber Choir

RECESSIONAL

*Please join the campus community in celebration at a reception
in the Campbell Student Union.*

CAPTURING THE MOMENT Commencement is an important day and one that our graduates will long remember. As a courtesy, a professional photography company, Island Photography, will capture each graduate's special moment during the ceremony. You are also invited to use the Commencement Garden, in front of the Sports Arena, as a photo backdrop.

SCHOOL OF THE PROFESSIONS COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD



ANNE CONSTANTINO, CLASS OF 1980

Anne Constantino, CEO of Telos Consulting Group LLC, has a distinguished career spanning three decades as the president and CEO of Horizon Health Services. Under her leadership, Horizon experienced remarkable growth and established itself as a beacon of excellence in the behavioral health industry both statewide and nationally.

Ms. Constantino's unwavering dedication to mission, culture, and ongoing learning played a pivotal role in Horizon's success. She attributes the organization's achievements to the cultivation of a high-performing and dedicated team. Among Horizon's notable accomplishments is the establishment of 195 inpatient beds across two campuses in Erie and Niagara County, addressing the needs of individuals grappling with substance abuse disorder. Additionally, she oversaw the

expansion of mental health services across three counties, earning Horizon a reputation for service excellence, compassionate care, and instilling hope within families.

Following her retirement in 2023, Ms. Constantino transitioned to the realm of consulting, leveraging her expertise to offer executive and leadership coaching services. She firmly believes that nurturing the professional and socioemotional growth of senior managers and executives leads to enhanced organizational performance, commitment, and overall well-being. Her core values of equity, respect, excellence, health, and life balance serve as the cornerstone of her personal and professional endeavors, infusing her coaching and consulting relationships with integrity and purpose.

Ms. Constantino holds a bachelor of science in art education from Buffalo State University and a master's degree in counseling and educational psychology from the University at Buffalo.

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



CHARLENE M. FONTANA, SSJ, CLASS OF 2004

Sister Charlene Fontana retired from her position as assistant to the director of student life at Buffalo State University in 2016 after a 26-year career of exemplary service. In addition, she served as campus minister and religious education coordinator for the university's Newman Center Catholic Campus Ministry for over 15 years, concurrent with her volunteer efforts on

behalf of the Theater Department.

Sister Charlene graduated from Cathedral School in Buffalo in 1960 and Mount St. Joseph Academy in Buffalo in 1964. She joined the order of the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1964. She went on to graduate from Medaille College with a bachelor of science in education in 1972 and earned her master's degree in student personnel administration from Buffalo State in 2004 at age 58.

She has received countless honors and citations through the years, including the Diocesan Service to Youth Award and the John Cardinal Newman Service Award from the Newman Center at Buffalo State. She is also an honorary member of Buffalo State's Casting Hall Productions.

Sister Charlene has been honored as a valued volunteer by Leadership Buffalo, the Committee for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, the Mildred Keller Campbell Student Leadership Award Committee, the Committee for the Study and Understanding of Community and Peace, and others.

In recent years, she has continued her volunteer work with the Buffalo State television and film arts (TFA) program and as chaplain to the University Police Department. She serves as a board member for Baker Victory Services in Lackawanna and a member of the Anne Frank Project Honorary Committee; she also volunteers at the reception desk for the Sisters of St. Joseph's residence in Clarence. Her dedication to others personifies the phrase "The quality of our presence is the essence of our ministry," a foundational element of the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

SCHOOL OF THE PROFESSIONS STUDENT ADDRESS PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT



SHENESE K. PATTERSON

Shene K. Patterson has earned a master of science in higher education and student affairs administration (HESAA), attaining a 3.94 GPA while exemplifying leadership and commitment to her peers as president of the Graduate Student Association and graduate representative on the Buffalo State College Senate.

A dedicated scholar with an exceptional level of involvement across campus, Ms. Patterson has made impressive contributions in various capacities. From serving as a peer mentor, orientation leader, and resident assistant to taking on roles as a student ambassador, graduate assistant in the LoRusso Alumni and Visitor Center, and assistant complex director for the Residence Life Office, she has left a lasting mark on nearly every facet of campus life. Her dedication extends to her roles as a residence director, activity coordinator for the Summer EOP Program, and election worker for student government.

Ms. Patterson's academic pursuits are complemented by a keen interest in contemporary issues. She conducted an independent study focusing on Buffalo State's response, alongside similar institutions, to student

concerns and political tensions during the COVID-19 pandemic and Black Lives Matter movement. This research showcased her analytical prowess and led to her service on the university's Social Justice Subcommittee of the President's Equity and Campus Diversity Council.

Recognized for her academic excellence and advocacy, Ms. Patterson is a recipient of the Thomas J. Quatroche Memorial Scholarship. She is deeply committed to creating more accessible and inclusive spaces to promote student success and retention. Known for her critical thinking and innovative approach, she continually seeks to address challenges through research and data-driven strategies, embodying the qualities of a strategic leader who values understanding the skills, abilities, and challenges of others.

Beyond her academic and research endeavors, Ms. Patterson actively engages in citizenship both on and off campus. She volunteers with the HESAA Buddy Program, the Anne Frank Project, and Bengals Dare to Care Day, demonstrating her commitment to community service. In her role as vice president of Pride Alliance, she collaborates with community partners to organize annual events and programs aimed at enhancing awareness and inclusiveness for the LGBTQ+ community. Additionally, as vice president and philanthropy chair of the Zeta Chi Omega sorority, she spearheads community service initiatives to support local organizations.



2024 CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL OF THE PROFESSIONS

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Bachelor of Science

Bayyon Abdullah **	Layla Marie Beschta	Maurice Coney	Stephen Mitchell Faro **
Makena Rose Adams	James Charles Bevelacqua	Lilian Mara Conroy ***	Deliana D. Figueroa **
Boluwatife Adebisi	Brooke Bigaj	Jordon Nicklaus Coughlin	Sarah Fineour
Gabriel Adriano ***	Ethan Richard Bilski	Stephanie Loren Cox	Mark A. Flinch
Jessica Ogechukwu Agu *	Keziah Marie Faye Birks	Dante James Cracchiola	Jerick Thomas Flores ***
Louis Aguglia	Mackenzie R. Bishop	Ashten Devin Craig	Shamilla Janae Floyd
Safayet Ahmed	Justyce Ricky Bishop	Hanna Crandall ***	Brianna Makila Folk
Tofayel Ahmed	Olivier Lawrence Bissainthe	Leah Emma Cray	Shadae Byanca Francis
Hassan Nesredin Ahmedin	Hunter P. Blaszak	Mia Marie Cretacci *	Lauren Frazier
Marissa O. Aikin	Megan Boettcher	Zachary D. Crowe	Oscar Elliot Fuentes *
Catherine O. Ajayi **	Darius Booker ***	Kenneth Cuello	Zakiah Shamica Gadson
Bridget M. Akinwande	Jenna Nicole Borowczyk	Alexis Marie Cummings	Joshua Gagliardi
Sayed Akter	Mark Angelo Borrelli	Kelvin Dailey	Jessi Garlow
Sujana Akther	Kimberly Bostic	Jason Darbouze	Xavier L. Garra
Abdullah Al Asady	Toby Bouthsavong	Jniyah Shanae Davis	Malachi James Gates
Reeham Albaneh	Colin Branka	Morgan Elizabeth Day **	Timur Gavrilovich *
Milan Albert	Jose J. Brothers	Shania Dean-Smith	Andrew Georgia
Anibal E. Alberto	Brianna Brittany Brown	Colin Delaney	Brianna Marie Giannantonio
Jaiden O. Allen	Madison S. Brown **	Angelina T. Deleon *	John Nikolas Gorgush
Seaf A. Almashiakhy	Meya Ashley Brown	Ashanti Delvalle	Joshua William Goss
Fatma Alnabhani	Shamari A. Brown	Tiffany Rose Demonja	Tyrese Grant
Tamer Lu' Ay Al Qsar	Shawn Lamar Brown	Michelle Marie Derenzo	David Michael Greco
Kelvin N. Amon-Kotey	Destiny C. Browne	Jennifer L. Dethlefsen	Solangie S. Green
Byron Oppong Appiah	Madison Nicole Bryant-Wagstaff ***	Daemani Demone Devonshire	Rhydell Demone Griffin
Dylan Tyler Apson	Lily I. Buck	Alpha Diallo	Jenna Guido *
Nicholas G. Argentieri	Alexandria Kazmear Busch **	Alexander G. Diaz **	Jenny Guidotti
Matthew Louis Arnow	Leo Butera	Gia Dimitra Dilimone	Jose Guillermo Guzman-Batista
Naushairwan Asif	Arianna Malika Butler	Riley Anne Domin ***	Ayden Charles Hansen *
Omar Assaf	Quandell Butler	Brooke Ashley Doohan	Dana Hart
Justin Micheal Bachman	Nylasha Destiney Cabness	Harley Dorcely	Adam D. Hartwigh
Rachel M. Bagley **	Jaylee Lucia Cabrera	Amber Jasmine Dorner **	Lisa Montagu Siemer Harvey ***
Jacqueline Bagwell	Orlando K. Cabrera	Aqelah Eunique Douglas	Sereen Ehsan abdulrasool dadi mu Hasan
Morgan Taylor Bailey	Andre Camara	Trinity Callista Ducasse	Stephanie Hassell **
Elijah Bailey Birchwood	Shina Capers	Jack Timothy Dunn *	Cincere Destiny Hatcher
Haley Nicole Bajer	Joseph James Caporicci	Nicholas M. DuPont **	Kellie Hazzard
Haleigh Balko **	Luis Angel Caraballo	Alexander Duque **	Jayden C. Heath
Matthew Banks	Carter Thomas Carcione **	Yakub Dursun	Hannah Patricia Heil **
Kayla Louise Baron	Nefertina Elaine Carr	Eh Bpaw Dwe ***	Colin Heim
Peter Joseph Barry	Cassandra L. Carter	Kyla Dyer	Jacques Rodney Henry
Madeline Mae Barta	Ashley Casillo	Stephanie Dzielinski	Tyisha Amaria Henry
Eric Barton	Emily Angeline Castellani ***	Jack Rogers Eberhard *	Berris Henry Jr.
Elika Elizabeth Bascombe	Andy Cedenó ***	Xavier Anthony Edwards	Avery Hibbs *
David Michael Bass	Dasharath Chapagai	Joy Lofudu Ehadi	Bryan M. Hill
Ba Ra Ka Be	Tyler Chen **	Daniel Steven Empfield	Amber Horton
Kathryn Anne Bean ***	Nicholas D. Chimera **	Kayeelah Leanna Ephraim	Ian Blane Hoy
Briani A. Bennett	Kenya Nyeimah Chin	Keelend Matthew Ester **	Eh Thalū Htoo
Annie Benson *	Da'Von Choates	Juan Estevez	Ciara J. Hudson
Jasmine N. Berry	Jonah Christos Christakis *	Maya O. Eubanks	Zaierē Hudson
Justin Joseph Bertrand	Colin Clark	Jada V. Evans ***	Jamaal Malcolm Huff
	Niyair Clark	Michael Anthony Farina	Aaliyha I'Juna Hunley
	Andrew William Clarke	Rider Lang Farnsworth	

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Shaienne Kristen Hunter	Rachel Therese Marillo ***	Paul Samuel Ouattara	Mohammed N. Saif
Md Ahmed Hussain	Jaidyn Mckenna Marini	Elyse R. Oun **	Gabrielle Lynn Sala
Joseph Babajide Idowu	Salvatore Marino	Elliz M. Oviedo	Sadegh Salamat **
Rrezon Imeri	Matthew R. Martin	Anthony Ross Pallaci	Mariah Sanders
Meilenis Rubbie Isaac	Asia Sa'mone Martin-Floyd	Lindsey Marie Parisse ***	Gracie Santalucia **
Ariful Islam	Jessica Martinez *	Parth Tejaskumar Patel **	Alyssa Michelle Santoro **
Blessing Izevbuwa	Jezamia Celeste Martinez	Cameron John Paterson	Megan Cheri Sawyer
Ja'Lyn Aja Jackson	Andriy Martynshyn	Antonino Pecoraro	Caleb James Saxbury
Karrington Jeanine Jackson ***	Minelly Katiana Matamoros	Emma Leilani Jia Pedersen	Steven Schmalfeld *
Malachi Jackson	Bridget Mary Mazurowski	Corvier Perry	Hannah A. Schmidt ***
Ahmed S. Jalal	Abbey Marie McCarthy *	Collin Pfeifer *	Kaitlyn Schnitzer **
Catherine D. James	Marcel L. McCutcheon	Tremaine Michael Philip	Louis Albert Schriver ***
Taylor Nicole James	Vanessa Mcdow	Colleen Renee Pici ***	David Kevin Schunk
Hura Jannath	Dennis P. Mcgannon	Jordan Stephen Piershalski	James Robert Sciandra
Natalia Jarzynka	Ariana Nevaeh Mcgee	Abigail K. Pilarz *	Dominic Senyah
Woodlen Jean-Baptiste	Daveitto Mckenzie	Bruce Timothy Podsiadlo	Justin Tyler Seraphin
Dandre J. Johnson **	Shantaysia Allure Mcmichel	Markita Sheree Polk	Khalia Kelisha Sewell
Kerrisa Kristina Johnson **	Mamush Mehari	Nathan William Popple	Grace Kelly Sforza
Jadyn Reece Jones **	Clovis Anthony Meikle	Zachary Powell	Evan Dennis Sherk
Timothy William Jones	Matthewos Mekonen	Stephen Edward Pratt	Joseph Roger Shifflet
Tyrel Joseph	Yalitza Mary Melo Estrada ***	Emily Leatrice Cirincione Prawl ***	Sydney Taylor Shuta **
Christopher J. Kaszynski *	Carmella Jeanette Mercurio	Christian A. Prem **	Alexis Smith
Massa Keita	Erin Isabel Mergler	Tyler A. Puffaff	Latoya C. Smith
Alison Tracy Kern	Madison Marie Merrill *	Anthony Dean Puleo	Tyaira X. Smith
Talib N. Kinlock	Ashfi Mesbah	Tyra J. Quicksey **	Hsakprue Soe
Nathan P. Koch *	Ryan P. Miller	Riley Thomas Quinn	Heylee Soto
Andrew Kossin	Tyler Andrew Moceri	William John Radwan	Annabelle Sovie
Carah Ann Kozakowski	Kyle Patrick Moody	Mohammed Syfur Rahman ***	Ellen Spiller
Dustin Richard Krawczyk	Heather Rigdon Moriarty **	Mickayla Page Raichel *	Jake Stephen Spina
Patrick J. Kriger	Ian Nikolai Moses	Diana Estefany Ramirez Hernandez	Robert J. Stabler **
Eric Andrzej Kubiak	Hafsa Adan Mousa	Sai Sruthi Ravishankar ***	Robert Francis Staniszewski ***
Awen William Kuethping	Mu Mu *	Franklin Charles Rayeski	Micah Gregory Stanton
Ezra Moses La Forme	Sarah Elizabeth Mutton	Alexis Pearl Reed	Joseph William Stevens ***
Nicolas Lorenzo LaGambina	Serreh Myint *	Beh Reh *	Dejana Stojkovic
Pema P. Lama	Colin Naughton	Alessandra Frances Reino ***	Nicholas Robert Stott
Haley E. LaPenta	Bienvenue Ndayisaba	Analís Reyes	Nicholas Cabral Stuckless
Gavin R. Larsen *	Todd Erik Nelson	Anthony Joseph Rick	Denali Rikia Suttles
Alexander Leitten	Yassine Ngabo	Lauren Rinow **	Sonia Beaudrie Swann ***
Sabrina Lewinski	Patrick Mavambu Ngoma Di Nzau	Chase Jordan Ritter	Kevin Michael Sweeney
Darren Lewis	Emily Nguyen	Andy Dulce Rivera **	Mar Ri Ta
Luke Joseph Lojek ***	Rizaual Hoque Niaj	Mark A. Rivera	Meraz Talukder
Brian Lopez Ramos	Mohammed Niang	Anthony Rocco	Emma Ann Tanevich **
Kelsey Lorrens	Angela Rose Nicotera ***	Alexandria A. Rodriguez **	Cara L. Tarpin *
Anna Lucci	Matthew Jerome Norcia	Danaya Rodriguez	Sarah L. Tasseff ***
Zachary Madej	Destinee Taylor Norman	Isac Nathaniel Roman	Juliana Barbara Tayler **
Franjeline Madera	Kojo Botwe Ocran **	Adam Mark Rott **	Madylyn Lee Taylor **
Kristen Michelle Madigan-Genco *	Emeka C. Okenwa *	Christina Elizabeth Rotthoff ***	Anthony Joseph Tedesco
Yar Mahmood	Samantha Rayanne Orsi	Melanie Runo	Francheska Tejada
Ali Lucky Majid	Maya Patricia Ortega	Sari Jesse Rupp	Amal Teraif
Monica Vaz Manuel	Eric Ortiz	Salome Sophie Rusia	Brett James Teubner
Alexander Maragliano	Timothy Paul Oswald ***	Elizabeth A. Saeli	Ehler Tha * †

2024 CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL OF THE PROFESSIONS

Tanjah Unique Thomas
 Xaneya G. Thomas **
 Destiny Jana Thompson
 Jason Conwall Thompson
 Thaint Thu
 Auriane Tiendrebeogo
 Hannah May Tingley **
 Chloe V. Tolsma **
 Alexis Louise Toth
 Kyliah Tatyanna Toussaint
 Nicholas Ryan Trapani
 Danielle Trescott
 Maung Min Tun
 Philip Jordan Ulett
 Taylor J. Valenti
 Dean Van Son
 Aryanna Van Wey
 Vladyslav Varian ***
 Brandon Vasquez
 Nakishah S. Vaval
 Jade Nacira Victoria
 Concepcion Virella
 Latisha Yalonda Walker ***
 Amie Wally
 Michael Walter
 Chelsea Warren †
 Camille Aaliyah Washington
 Allison Mary Webb ***
 Alan Westman
 Caden Michael Wheeler ***
 Jayson C. White
 Elizabeth Catherine Wienke ***
 Claudia Marie Williams
 Elisabeth Helen Williams
 Kai Jamir Williams
 Jaylon Waymond Windsor
 Brandon T. Wingard
 Imani Alayah Wint **
 Jiannan Wu
 Lastarr R. Yankey
 Lawrencine Yarborough
 Olivia Yetter
 Hayley Katherine York
 Shakaila Young
 Bani Yousuf *
 Alisha Yox ***
 Ka Ti Zar
 Jason Leonard Zeames ***
 Jessica Autumn Zukowski

MASTER'S DEGREES AND GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Master of Science
 Mohanad Taher Abdullah
 Faris Alanazi
 Abigail Louise Alder
 Narmeen G. Alfahal
 Natalie Marie Ambrusko
 Bradley Douglas Benz
 Joseph O. Bradley
 Jenna Brice
 Anne Marie Brisson
 Kenneth Brian Burzynski
 Lucas Andrew Butchko
 Kirsten Noelle Lindquist Campana
 Oriana Castello
 Darren Chapman
 Kaylee M. Crone
 Suzanne E. Dameron
 Emilee Paige Dauphinee
 Candace E. Davis
 Prince Mawuena Denutsi
 Kimberly Alexis Diaz
 Gabriella diSpirito
 Kathleen Ann Donovan
 Cayla Cierra Facey
 Abigail Torres Fietz
 Kathleen Carol Frazier
 Clivens Anthony Fresnel
 Andrew Martin Gradolph
 Doris Green
 Pennette Green
 Ardjan Robbe Groskamp
 Donald Paul Hardwick
 Nour F. Hasan
 Timothy John Highway-Snider
 Ryan Alexander Hill
 Farida Abdul Hosaini
 Kaymonnie Jackson
 Maysa Akther Jhumi
 Ramazani Juma
 Michael Peter Kacalski
 Jacob Kopasz
 Carly Nicole Kritz
 Samantha C. Landahl
 Megan Latas
 Hana Mamnoon
 Myles Francis Marrero
 Madeline Magalie McDaniel
 Megan Elizabeth Miller
 Brian A. Nagy

Peyton Elizabeth O'Brien
 Shenese Kiara Patterson
 Tekia Lakesha Pitts
 Elien Pragt
 Katie Frances Ravich
 Melissa Rheume †
 Jonathan Roy Rosten
 Donnalyn Roxey
 Perry Schmidt
 Renee M. Sgroi †
 Steven James Shaneyfelt
 Lakshmi Sithambaram
 Desiray Shante Slaughter
 Sydney Ann Stone
 Chuan Tzu Su †
 Gregory Preston Swab
 Laine Malena Walnicki
 Brianna Wik
 Alisa Williams

Master of Science in Education

Kwadwo Okyere Agyekum
 Semhare Asmeret Anthony
 Emma Grace Asklar
 Kaitlyn Grace Burr
 McKenna Clark
 Taylor Louise DeSimone
 Carly Lynn Eldridge
 Lindsay Patricia Marie Fabiani
 Carrie Fick
 Emily Fred
 Shannon Margaret Gannoe
 Mallory H. Gawronski
 Alexandra Girling
 Lauren Rose Grucello
 Anastasia Kavoukis
 Ashley Marie Lind
 Samantha Nicole Manes
 Celene McDermott
 Jessica A. Prendergast
 Hannah V. Robb
 Scott C. Sinnott
 Rachel Sullivan
 Danielle Marie Szyzborski
 Sharon Tudorovsky

Graduate Certificate

Helene Chanal Bates
 Pedro J. Casiano
 Kathleen Ann Donovan
 Callie Frost

Christa Heydt-Hernandez
 Alphonso Ezekiel John
 Danny M. Philip
 Elien Pragt
 Melissa Rheume †
 Ardjan Robbe Groskamp
 Samantha Rosario
 Megan Samuel-Fields
 Sammuell Sanes
 Renee M. Sgroi †
 Chuan Tzu Su †
 Sophie Tversky
 Kathlyn Petrecea Worrell-George

List compiled May 8, 2024.

*** summa cum laude 3.80–4.00

** magna cum laude 3.65–3.79

* cum laude 3.50–3.64

† dual degree

2024 SCHOOL OF THE PROFESSIONS BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

BUSINESS

Jonah Christakis
Bengal Entrepreneurship Competition -
Second Place (2023)

Jordan Coughlin
Outstanding Student in the Business
Department: Marketing Concentration

Alexis Reed
Outstanding Student in the Business
Department: Management Concentration

Bengal Internship Award (2023)

Robert Staniszewski
Outstanding Student in the Business
Department: International Business
Concentration

Amal Teraif
Business Department Intern of the Year

Outstanding Student in the Business
Administration Program

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Gabriel Adriano
Excellence in Computer Information
Systems Award (2023)

Sujana Akther
Excellence in Computer Information
Systems Award

Omar Assaf
Excellence in Computer Information
Systems Award (2023)

Andy Cedeno
Excellence in Computer Information
Systems Award (2023)

David Greco
Excellence in Computer Information
Systems Award

Colin Heim
Excellence in Computer Information
Systems Award

Andriy Martynshyn
Excellence in Computer Information
Systems Award (2023)

Parth Patel
Excellence in Computer Information
Systems Award (2023)

Corvior Perry
Excellence in Computer Information
Systems Award

Lauren Rinow
Excellence in Computer Information
Systems Award

Sadegh Salamat
Excellence in Computer Information
Systems Award

Vladyslav Varian
Excellence in Computer Information
Systems Award

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Riley Domin
Criminal Justice Faculty Certificate of Merit

Daniel Empfield
Criminal Justice Faculty Certificate of Merit

Jerick Flores
Criminal Justice Donald J. Griffin
Memorial Award

FASHION AND TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY

Jessica Agu
Black Fashion Scholarship (2023–2024)

Mark Borrelli
Runway 2023 - Third Place Senior Designer

Madison Brown
Runway 2023 - Second Place Senior
Designer

Meya Brown
Runway 2023 - Styling Visionary Award

Angelina Deleon
Elaine Polvinen Endowed Scholarship Fund
(2023–2024)

Karrington Jackson
Runway 2023 - Ericka Hoerner Award

Sai Sruthi Ravishankar
Elaine Polvinen Endowed Scholarship Fund
(2021–2022)

HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND DIETETICS

Ashley Casillo
Bengal Internship Award 2023

Western New York Academy of Nutrition
and Dietetics Scholarship (2021–2022)

Aqe'lah Douglas
Eta Sigma Gamma/National Commission
for Health Education Credentialing Out-
standing Undergraduate Major of the Year
Award

Stephanie Hassell
Bengal Internship Award 2023

Certificate of Academic Excellence 2023

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

Lily Buck
Campus House Member Award
(2023–2024)

Jaylee Cabrera
Statler Scholarship (2023–2024)

Niyair Clark
Campus House Member Award
(2023–2024)

Statler Scholarship (2023–2024)

Paige Holla
Statler Scholarship (2023–2024)

Ezra La Forme
Statler Scholarship (2023–2024)

Western New York Restaurant Association
Scholarship

Salome Rusia
Statler Scholarship (2023–2024)

Joseph Stevens
Statler Scholarship (2023)

Danielle Trescott
Statler Scholarship (2023–2024)

Elisabeth Williams
Statler Scholarship (2023–2024)

Ka Ti Zar
Statler Scholarship (2023–2024)

SOCIAL WORK

Allison Boeing
Junior Social Work Excellence Award

Darius Booker
Senior Strive Award

Willie Cannon
Junior Strive Award

Hanna Crandall
Intern of the Year Award – Career and
Professional Education Office

Yalitza Melo Estrada
Core Social Work Award

Imran Fazal
Junior Social Work Excellence Award

Deliana Figueroa
Core Social Work Award

Willie Griffin
Junior Social Work Excellence Award

Ava Grohusko
Junior Social Work Excellence Award

Kellie Hazzard
Senior Social Work Excellence Award

Ciara Hudson
Senior Social Work Excellence Award

Catherine James
Core Social Work Award

Rachel Marillo
National Association of Social Workers
Social Work Student of the Year Award

Kyle Moody
Senior Strive Award

Franklin Rayeski
Senior Social Work Excellence Award

James Sciandra
Core Social Work Award

Has Soe
Emerging Leader in Social Work

Sarah Tasseff
Emerging Leader in Social Work

Hannah Tingley
Core Social Work Award

Taylor Valenti
Core Social Work Award

Dylan Williams
Junior Strive Award

Alisha Yox
Senior Social Work Excellence Award

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Madison Merrill
Laura Ann Wells Memorial Scholarship
(2023)

2024 SCHOOL OF THE PROFESSIONS GRADUATE AWARDS

BUSINESS

Prince Denutsi
Outstanding Graduate Award in the Master
in Business Management Program

Joycelyn Opoku
Outstanding Master's Project

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Nicole Gutierrez
Criminal Justice Graduate Morgan
Award

HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND DIETETICS

Perry Schmidt
Distinction for Social Justice
Leadership Honor

HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

Farida Hosaini
Robert A. Davis Endowed Scholarship

Shenese Patterson
Thomas J. Quatroche Ph.D. Memorial
Scholarship

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Semhare Anthony
Award for Academic Excellence in
Speech-Language Pathology
Award for Clinical Excellence in
Speech-Language Pathology

Kaitlyn Burr
Award for Clinical Excellence in
Speech-Language Pathology

Taylor DeSimone
Award for Academic Excellence in
Speech-Language Pathology
Award for Clinical Excellence in
Speech-Language Pathology
Cynthia Steiger Beery SLP Graduate
Scholarship (2023)

Carly Eldridge
Award for Academic Excellence in
Speech-Language Pathology

Lindsay Fabiani
Deborah Moll-Richmond Scholarship
(2023)

Carrie Fick
Award for Clinical Excellence in
Speech-Language Pathology

Shannon Gannoe
Award for Academic Excellence in
Speech-Language Pathology

Alexandra Girling
Award for Academic Excellence in
Speech-Language Pathology
Award for Clinical Excellence in
Speech-Language Pathology

Lauren Grucello
Award for Academic Excellence in
Speech-Language Pathology

Anastasia Kavoukis
Award for Academic Excellence in
Speech-Language Pathology
Award for Clinical Excellence in
Speech-Language Pathology

Agyekum Kwadwo
Award for Academic Excellence in
Speech-Language Pathology
SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship
(2023–2024)

Samantha Manes
Award for Academic Excellence in
Speech-Language Pathology
Award for Clinical Excellence in
Speech-Language Pathology

Hannah Robb
Award for Academic Excellence in
Speech-Language Pathology
Award for Clinical Excellence in
Speech-Language Pathology

Scott Sinnott
Award for Academic Excellence in
Speech-Language Pathology

Rachel Sullivan
Award for Academic Excellence in
Speech-Language Pathology

Danielle Szyzborski
Award for Academic Excellence in
Speech-Language Pathology

Sharon Tudorovsky
Award for Academic Excellence in
Speech-Language Pathology

*Awards listed were granted in
2024 unless otherwise noted.*

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

PRELUDE

The Rockwell Brass

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

PROCESSIONAL

The Rockwell Brass

Kimberly A. Bagley, *Mace Bearer*
Professor, Chemistry Department

CONVENING

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Members of the Buffalo State Chamber Choir

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

WELCOME

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

INTERIM DEAN'S WELCOME

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

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Uttam Lakshmi Mounika Goruganthu, Class of 2024
Master of Science, Data Science and Analytics

Seth G. Rueger, Class of 2024
Bachelor of Arts, International Relations

Catherine J. Sarich, Class of 2024
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

Presenters

Linda A. Dobmeier

Bonita R. Durand

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

Zoe E. Goñez, Class of 2024
Bachelor of Arts, Theater

Presenter

Bonita R. Durand

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Cindy Abbott Letro
*Community Leader, Volunteer, and Philanthropist; Former Chair, Burchfield
Penney Art Center*

Presenters

Linda A. Dobmeier

Bonita R. Durand

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Sheila Rayam, Class of 1990
Executive Editor, The Buffalo News

Presenters

Bonita R. Durand

Stacy E. Lewis Beauford, Class of 2001
President, Buffalo State Alumni Association

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Amitra A. Wall
Interim 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

*Please join the campus community in celebration at a reception
in the Campbell Student Union.*

CAPTURING THE MOMENT Commencement is an important day and one that our graduates will long remember. As a courtesy, a professional photography company, Island Photography, will capture each graduate's special moment during the ceremony. You are also invited to use the Commencement Garden, in front of the Sports Arena, as a photo backdrop.

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD



SHEILA E. RAYAM, CLASS OF 1990

Sheila Rayam is the executive editor of the *Buffalo News*. She is the first Black journalist and the second woman to hold the position in the newspaper's 144-year history.

Before becoming Buffalo's top editor, Ms. Rayam served as the executive editor of Gannett's Mohawk Valley properties, including the *Observer-Dispatch* in Utica and the *Times Telegram* in Herkimer.

A 1990 graduate of Buffalo State University's journalism program, Ms. Rayam has worked in print media for more than three decades.

She spent the bulk of her career at the *Democrat and Chronicle* in Rochester, New York, where she held many roles, including suburban reporter, copy editor, music critic, entertainment editor, and opinion editor.

She is passionate about serving the community through journalism that informs and helps readers navigate their lives.

Ms. Rayam is also passionate about helping the community through volunteer work with her sorority sisters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. She became a member of Zeta Phi Beta in spring 1987 in Buffalo. Joining Zeta and graduating from Buffalo State are two of the proudest moments of her life.

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



CINDY ABBOTT LETRO

Lucinda "Cindy" Abbott Letro is a marketing specialist with over 30 years of experience in the broadcast field who is committed to strengthening the fabric of her community through volunteerism, philanthropy, and leadership. She currently chairs the New York State Council of Parks Niagara Commission; Visit Buffalo Niagara, the region's convention and visitors bureau;

and the Buffalo Niagara Film Commission.

As past chair of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Society Board, Ms. Letro participated in two successful trips by the orchestra to Carnegie Hall and an international trip to Poland.

She is a former chair of the Burchfield Penney Art Center at Buffalo State. During her tenure, the center fulfilled its dream of building a new \$35 million facility on the corner of Rockwell Road and Elmwood Avenue on the campus of Buffalo State University.

She currently serves or has served on the boards of St. Bonaventure University, the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, Kleinhans

Music Hall, the National Federation for Just Communities of Western New York, Just Buffalo, and the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site.

She is consistently listed in *Business First's* Top 200 Women of Influence and was among the top 10 in 2022.

She and her husband, Francis Letro, are supportive of a wide variety of civic projects and cultural organizations. Their financial gift to the University at Buffalo School of Law in 2002 created the Francis M. Letro Courtroom, the first working courtroom in the nation where students are able to watch real trials in progress.

Ms. Letro graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts from the College of Wooster and earned a master of science in communications from the Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University.

She has received numerous awards for her philanthropy and service, including the Red Jacket Award from the Buffalo History Museum (2011), the Community Foundation's Burt Flickinger Jr. Leadership Award (2006), and the President's Award from the Theodore Roosevelt National Historic Site's (2006). She was inducted into the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame in 2007.

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



ZOE E. GOÑEZ

Zoe Goñez has earned a bachelor of arts in theater with a minor in television and film arts, attaining a 3.90 GPA while serving as president of Casting Hall Productions, the university's student-run theater production company. She has combined outstanding academic performance with significant contributions to the Theater Department, the student body, and the university.

Ms. Goñez is a dean's list student who consistently exhibits a strong work ethic, critical thinking skills, and a genuine passion for learning. Her exceptional academic record is a testament to her dedication, intellectual curiosity, and commitment to excellence.

Ms. Goñez served as public relations and marketing manager and vice president of Casting Hall before being elected by her peers as president of the organization for her senior year. As president, she developed workshops, supported mainstage productions, and hosted activities to increase membership. Talented and versatile, she played the lead role in the sold-out run of *Medea* in spring 2023 and assistant directed *On the Verge* in fall

2023. During the fall 2023 semester, she also wrote a 60-page television pilot script titled *Echoes of Dolls* that she submitted to the Writers Guild of America (WGA) and received WGA certification. This spring, Ms. Goñez starred in the premiere production of *Teach*, written by local playwright Donna Hoke and performed at Buffalo State. She also worked as script supervisor for *The Wrong Road*, a short film written by Buffalo State alumnus and Emmy Award-winning writer Tom Fontana, '73. In this role, she made academic and professional connections that she will maintain well after graduation.

Beyond campus, she successfully auditioned and is now eligible for the highly selective and prestigious summer- and semester-long residencies at the National Theater Institute's Eugene O'Neill Theater Center in Connecticut. She also edited the music video *There Is Power* by musician MYQ Farrow.

Dedicated to the theater community, she has mentored and inspired fellow students and aspiring actors through her role as a summer teaching artist at Shea's Performing Arts Center in Buffalo. She has professionally stage-managed a production for a local high school in 2023 as well as the first production of *The Magical Closet Mystery* at Shea's 710 Theater in spring 2024.

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



UTTAM LAKSHMI MOUNIKA GORUGANTHU

Mounika Goruganthu has earned a master of science in data science and analytics (DSA), attaining a 4.0 GPA while successfully making the leap from her prior career as an experimental biologist to the world of code, mathematics, and machine learning.

Ms. Goruganthu continually displays a learning spirit and delivers excellent work. She is extremely proficient in communicating

technical information in an engaging and effective manner, showcasing her command of the tools and concepts of data science and analytics while demonstrating initiative, creativity, and concern for legal and ethical perspectives.

As a graduate assistant, she provides academic support and mentorship to DSA students through one-on-one guidance, assisting fellow students in understanding subject matter and coursework. She offers special care and assistance for international students as they navigate life abroad,

address language barriers, and bridge the cultural gap. She also actively engaged in streamlining communication by launching a Discord server for DSA and updating departmental websites to enhance interaction among students and faculty, facilitating the dissemination of information, announcements, opportunities, and resources.

Ms. Goruganthu has successfully translated lessons from the classroom into powerful real-world applications. Her contributions include securing funding to develop a GPT-powered data retrieval system, thereby democratizing data insights regardless of coding and technical expertise. In addition, she worked with the university's Maurene Callahan Bouras Center for Global Engagement to conduct a comprehensive analysis of study-abroad and international student survey data, which will lead to the improvement of key programs.

As an aspiring data scientist with a biology background, she strives to use her skills in fun and unconventional ways. She believes in blending the joys of discovery with the rigors of science, making every challenge a learning opportunity. She is driven to enable a democratic, equitable, inclusive, and accessible data culture in the era of AI and data-centric life.

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



SETH G. RUEGER

Seth Rueger has earned a bachelor of arts in international relations, attaining a 3.97 GPA while effectively balancing his academic obligations with his service as an all-source intelligence analyst noncommissioned officer for the 107th Attack Wing of the New York Air National Guard. He is an exceptional student who exhibits strong communication and problem-solving skills and inspires peers to share in the pursuit of academic excellence.

Although he has a wide range of research interests and can thoughtfully discuss any political topic, his specific research area of interest is the relationship between political and economic institutions and conflict onset. He conducted a cross-spatial, cross-temporal statistical analysis to test his theoretical expectations and developed a proposal for the Midwest Political Science Association Conference to present his findings. He is also developing his work for possible publication. He has shown his ability to skillfully apply knowledge learned in the classroom to real-world issues.

Mr. Rueger serves as a teaching assistant for political analysis and statistics courses. He was recruited for this position based on his demonstrated willingness to help his peers identify causal mechanisms relevant to their theories and help improve their research designs. He also serves as a student representative on the School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Student Council, working on initiatives to improve student experiences.

A campus leader with an insatiable interest in global affairs, Mr. Rueger helped organize a successful Model European Union simulation event at the SUNY Global Center in New York City in spring 2023 for domestic and international college students. He was a member of the university's Model European Union team. In addition, he participated in an international joint military exercise in 2022.

A dean's list student and Eagle Scout, he is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa international college honor society and the Pi Sigma Alpha national honor society for political science, and has trained at the Defense Intelligence Agency. Mr. Rueger embodies the university's mission through his leadership, character, and intellectual curiosity. He will be continuing his education at Clemson University for a master's degree in data science and analytics.

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE



CATHERINE J. SARICH

Catherine Sarich has earned a bachelor of arts in psychology with a minor in coaching, attaining a 4.0 GPA while participating as a member of the Muriel A. Howard Honors Program and the Psychology Department's Hulicka Scholars Program for high-achieving students. She is a standout student-athlete who serves as co-captain of the women's ice hockey team and was recognized on the NCAA's Spring 2023 Academic All-District Team.

A dean's list student, Ms. Sarich has achieved academic distinction at the highest levels, challenging herself with multiple honors-level learning experiences. Of note, she completed a two-semester, 6-credit-hour honors thesis on a new conceptualization and measurement of the burnout concept that required advanced statistical research and a defense before a faculty committee. Her research excellence in her area of interest—burnout and retention in athletics—led to a position as a research assistant with David McDuff, well-known sports psychiatrist and mental preparation trainer for the Baltimore Orioles, on an ongoing study examining burnout in athletic trainers.

On campus, Ms. Sarich serves as a teaching intern for research methods and senior seminar courses, the department's two most rigorous mandatory courses. She is also an active member of a faculty-led research lab on campus, where she has pursued training in several high-level statistical approaches that are typically taught in graduate programs. In addition, she is a member of the Psi Chi international honor society in psychology.

As a student-athlete, Ms. Sarich has provided a steady presence as she worked with her team's coaches and players to create a successful culture. Part of that culture centered on community service; she volunteered with teammates at Buffalo's Backyard Classic, an annual outdoor hockey tournament that raises funds for children's charities. She also participated in a hockey outreach program with her travel hockey team to promote women's hockey in the United Arab Emirates.

Ms. Sarich is focused, creative, and passionate about her research and plans to pursue graduate studies in industrial and organizational psychology. Her willingness to engage with complex theory and advanced statistical techniques will enable her to make significant contributions to her field of study.

2024 CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Bachelor of Arts

Kelly J. Ackerman	Madison Richelle Chase	Ian P. Hagerty	Ashanti S. Lewis
Orayah Adams	Ivy Isabella Chen	Jerick Christopher Hall	Nathan Hugh Lippitt
Oghenerukevwe Precious Adegor *	Alyssa Lynn Christensen	Sawey Hall	Sebastiano Francesco Lombardo ***
Ummay Kolsum Akter	Candace A. O. Christian	Roshanali Hamza	Regina Coeli Long
Salma Akther ***	Janiyyah M. Christopher	Nellie Hana	Tamari-Rose Love *
Shatha Alamri	Katlyn Ann Chwalinski	Elizabeth Lauren Hansen	Kayla MacFarlane
Tia Luay Al-Qsar	Dianna Cisse	Kareem A. Haq *	Erin Maciejewski **
Arielle Kumi Amponsah	Daniel Thomas Ciszak	Morgan Paige Harrington †	Mikayla K. Manke ***
Maxwell Thomas Anderson	Imani A. Clarke	Summer Hailey Harris	Kelvin Peprah Marfo
Queen Appiah-Ackah **	Michelle Jennie Colangelo ***	Jenna L. Harvey	Robert Jay Marshall
Brandon Armeli	Alecia Coleman	Huseni Hassani	Michael R. Masters-Holler ***
Tianna Alecia Ashley	Moniq Concepcion †	Anne-Sophie J. Hellman	Sarah Lynn McCarthy ***
Brianna Asobie **	Zachary Ivan Cook	Jasmine Julianne Hernandez †	George R. McClendon
Cooper Douglas Axelrod	Dan-Yelle Megan Coombs	Carrington B. Hill	Gabrielle Marie McCrory **
Jquantey Baldwin	Ashlynd L. Cox **	Tehillah Zamar Hill	Kyle McPherson
Maria Santana Ball **	Alexis O. Creasey	Milona Ty'Asia Hines	Kiana McShan
Naem Baptiste	Christina Hannah Cummings	Jenna Jean Horvath	Sojourn Clarice Mercurius
Brandon Peter Barry	Lisa Czaplá	Bethany Marie Horvatits **	Karli Summer Metros **
Paulnarefft Ermly Basile	Dalton Mason Demblewski	Anaima Hossain ***	Kayla Meyer
Joseph Carl Bastian *	Destiny Ann Denz	Angel Lydia Rose Hoy	Jeremiah Anthony Miller
Alyssa Rose Lynn Battenfield	John Donald Destefano **	Joseph Iarocci	Lucas George Mills
Nicholas James Bauer	Margaret Diana DeWitt	Tyler Douglas Ineson ***	Gian Carlo Misso
Angelina Elizabeth Baumgarten	Amy Merry Diagne	Quemoni S. Irick	Destini Mitchell
Ramazen Be	Hannah Grace Dickinson ***	Nusrat Jahan	Jalen Xavier Montgomery
Elizabeth S. Beamer †	Karla Allison Dobozin **	Anshuman Jain *	Marissa J. Montroy *
Roelissa Lei Bedgood	Amy Donnelly	Kaitlin Mary Jalovick	Eh Moo
Jonathan Bell	Fereshta Muslim Dost	Noor Hatem Jardaneh	Ywa Taw Klu Say Moo
Winifred K. Benson ** †	David M. DuBois ***	Emily Jarnot ***	Steven Joseph Morlock
Morgan Paige Bentkowski	Molly Donnelly Dunfield ***	Emily May Jaworski	Sabrina Moussa
Jillian Benzo	Jadon Paul Eason	Isaac Robert Johnson	Michael Garrett Mueller
Sarah Elizabeth Berlinger **	Kody Christopher Elinski	Kevin Willie Johnson	Chirambo Osman Mukoma
Ronald E. Blakeslee	Lorraine Felix Eusebio	Sky-Asia Raven L. Johnson	Sierra Marie Munt
Alexandria Bohannon	Hanin Hassan Faisal *	Zenia Elizabeth Johnson	Cameron Tyler Murphy *** †
Nicholas Athony Boitschenko	Angie M. Felix	Alexia Veronica Jones	Hamido M. Muse
Atem Bol	Jessica Fernandez *	Hannah M. Jones **	Gurpreet Nalwa ***
Victoria Anita Bolden **	John Ferreira	Dawson Edward Joyce **	Ruth B. Naylor
Jennifer Yu Mitsuyama	Jason Matthew Fields	Amirun Nahin Kaber	Tariq Lewis Nelson
Brandenberger ***	Jacob Joseph Fleming	Lesly Umba Kabwende	Mikeya Eleanor-Ray Nesbitt * †
Noah Brisky *	Victoria Grace Florczak *	Liam Kane	Andrea K. Newell ***
Ianez G. Brooks	Seirra Fluker	Joshua Aaron Kaufman	Emily Ann Newell ***
Malik A. Brown	Andrew James Forsyth *	Fabrice Kaumba	Tahynnis D. Newsome
Nicholas Taylor Brown	Deshawn J. Francois	Deronomus Kilgo	David Nguyen ***
Jaden Lyn Browne	Evan Christopher Frandsen	Jena Kolo	Joshua Erick Nielsen
Tianna Imani Bueford	Nathan Frattura	Kaleigh Kropidowski ***	Brandon Michel Nightingale
Jahayra Beryl Nzinga Burns	Sophie Mae Gallivan	Abigail Paige Kruse **	Jeanvier Nkurunziza
Latisha Butler	Jacob Paul Gammel	Christopher M. Kuchta	Andrew Michael Novak **
Tiana Monique Butler	Emma Louise Gerasimowicz	Cameron Kuebel	Taliyah Eunique Oaks **
Toshaya S. Caesar	Taha Hussain Ghadeer	Jackson C. Kuffel ***	Shawn Obear *
Angela M. Caico ***	Armando Giangreco-Marotta ***	Julia Carolyn Kuk *	Kyle Patrick OBrien
Joseph M. Cali	Ramanpreet Kaur Gill	Nikkita Rae Laidlaw ***	Dillon O'Connor
Brittany Lynn Campanella	Mahyoub Gobah	Angelina Rose Lau	Adedamola Jonathan Odubiyi
Joseph Angelo Cannizzaro ***	Esmail Golzar	Brianna Laveglia	Zachary Ogren
Khalil Carr	Alejandro G. Gomez *	Landon D. Law	Mikayla Riley Ortiz
Jodie Alexis Chandler	Zoe Elizabeth Goñez ***	Jordyn Mildred Lawrence	Franchesca Ovalle †
Khalid Allen Chapman	Connor J. Greczyn *	Kennedy Corin Lee	Brionna Nicole Overhoff
	Alyssa Shequita Griffin	Abigail Lewis	Kaelie Pabon
	Lynn Gugino	Alexcival P. Lewis	Nakiah E. Pace

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 Kerri Perry
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 Breonna Pierce
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 Tyra Powell
 Allarae Jeane Prigan *
 Elexa K. Printup
 Oscar R. Ramos
 Kayana Aaliyah Ramsingh-Dixon †
 Lindsay Nicole Ratajczak
 Daniel Michael Ray
 James Steven Ray
 Cecelia Annemarie Redding
 Krista Lynn Regan
 Noelle Ashanti Richardson
 Emma Ridolfi
 Alexis Monet Riley
 Junito Lagrima Ira Rivera
 Aneris Alan Rivera-Wagner
 Katryna Marie Rock
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 Elle Rodriguez
 Maria Luisa Rodriguez ***
 Tyson E. Rogers
 Madeline G. Root
 Justin M. Rosso
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 Seth G. Rueger ***
 Isabella Marie Russillo
 Joshua Steven Rutkowski **
 Yenedy Mia Santana
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 Victoria Rose Sasso ***
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 David Andrew Schuler ***
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 Stephen Michael Stouter
 Samuel J. Stuber
 Lisa Nichole Sullivan
 Benjamin Szumski *
 Abdul-Salam Taffi *
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 Aye Min Thant
 Ebony Seanella Thegg
 Yaneak Tanea Thomas
 Theodore James Tomasello
 Yale Lel Too
 Logan Toth
 Jesse Trevino
 Fikiri Gukuru Victoire
 Ebone Alexis Walcott †
 Lorissa A. Warden
 James E. Waters
 Anastacia Leigh Wells
 Megan Kathleen Wenzel ***
 Brittany Marie Whalen
 Zachary K. Wier
 Steven Delvon Wigfall
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 Exzavion J. Willingham
 Nicole Lynn Wopperer
 Ashley Nicole Yan
 Tamia Tenise Young
 Fasika Zewdie *
 Karl J. Zielezinski *

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Ameera Mohammed Albayed ***
 Kifaya Mohamed Albayed **
 Mia T. Alfieri *
 Halimo Omar Ali
 Eshrak Ahmed Al-Qaraghuli
 Alyssa Emerson Basile **
 Julie Adel Benhoff ***

Rima Boyle *
 Corey Steven Brandon
 Aiden Patrick Brandt
 Nia Ariel Kelly Burke
 Leanne Marie Camuto *
 Adrianna E. Conrad-Laford **
 Julia Crocker *
 Francis Michael Destino ***
 Caroline Elizabeth Dubill **
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 Emma Ferguson *
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 Ashley Melissa Fidler ***
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 Evan M. Jaskula ***
 Zantao Jiang *
 Kalisha Oneikey Joseph *
 Tahirah Kelly
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 Jeffrey Yero Koonce
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 Jennifer Lay ***
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 Amanda Elizabeth Mindzora
 Edgar Mock
 Jillian Monet
 Zachary Morano
 Jenna E. Partsch-Put
 Jacob Thomas Petkovsky
 Morgan Elizabeth Pytlak *
 Isabel Alexandra Ramsey
 Barbara Rivera ***
 Isabella M. Roberto ***
 Hollie Roberts ***
 Kateland Marie Roux **
 Gillian Isabel Schyve **
 Danielle Libby Siegmann **
 Ross Simpson *
 Heidi Draga Stavrevski ***
 Robert Bruce Winslow ***

Bachelor of Music

Jenna L. Agro **
 Jodie Amato ***
 Melanie R. Bebak ***
 Matthew James Bouchard *
 Jada Jeremiah
 Julia Paige Monteferrante ***
 Noah Lenrico Pinelli ***

Bachelor of Science

Jadelene Adams ***
 Anicha Ahmed
 Parker L. Allison **
 Elise Marie Ando
 Kadir Hassan Ango
 Jackson Morgan Barrett
 Winifred K. Benson ** †
 Tyler Michael Body
 Skyler Elizabeth Braeges
 Nicholas James Bruce
 Ava Renee Carr
 Phoebe Rain Casper *
 Alec J. Chambers **
 Tychic William Clarke
 Gavin Alexander Cognion
 Olivia Colby *
 Domenick Lorenzo Colosimo
 Theresa M. Corby
 Anthony Thomas Dinderski ***
 Denzel Dixie
 Aurora X. Dong **
 Scott Michael Dugas
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 Katelyn Eileen Egan ***
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 Paris L. King
 Malina Gisele Lancaster *
 Omolola A. Lawal
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 Dylan James Maciejewski
 Eliza Manhring *
 Brianna Celeste Marciniak
 Abby Rose Marks
 Nsona Exauce Mbambu
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 John Bernard Nienhaus
 Vanessa Nzubahimana

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 Lucas Patton **
 Tiffany Willow-Anne Perry **
 Jaden A. Pomroy
 Jonathan David Prell **
 Jada M. Price
 Devin Norton Prokop ***
 Danielle Ralph ***
 Kya Sanaa Reid
 Colby J. Riexinger * †
 Marcella Dorothy Rodgers **
 Joseph Angel Rodriguez
 Quindell Shane Ross
 Ertan Saiwala ***
 Michael J. Sanders
 Mark Joseph Sanfilippo
 Zalue Saylee
 Arden Lincoln Schadt
 Cassandra Kathryn Schwab
 Samuel James Semon
 Nagehan Senturk
 Tatiana C. Shaddi
 Lauren Rachael Stashak ***
 Jillian K. Tung ***
 Ebone Alexis Walcott †
 Morrigan Alleen Waller *
 Morgan-Lynn Wieberg
 Jacob Elias Williams
 Shadi Lee Williams
 Alyssa R. Wisniewski **
 Jonah Kazmer Wisniewski
 Anthony Dean Worthy
 Kyle Edward Zak *
 Phoo Zaw
 Ryan Michael Zima
 Jaylyn Marie Zimmer ***

MASTER'S DEGREES AND GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Master of Arts

Elisse Deanna Brautigam †
 Lorna J. Brundrett †
 Mimi Byrne
 Benjamin Stuart Collier
 Lindsay Sara Cross †
 Angelina Abatecola Cruzal
 Daphne Goncalves Marques
 Da Silva
 Angel June Davis
 Eleanore Dawn Davis †
 Susan Pavlik Enterline †
 Samuel Richard Fearnside

Camille M. Ferrer †
 Meredith C. French †
 Grace Johnson Garrity †
 Leslie Daniela Gonzalez-Pruitt †
 Daisy Joseph Greenwell †
 Shaniah Irving
 Brandon Job
 Jenni Lang Krchak †
 Alejandro Santiago Laboy
 James Thaddeus Lester
 Yuyin Li †
 William Thomas McCourt
 Christy Hope McCutchen †
 Katherine McFarlin †
 Emily J. Mercer †
 Eclair Morton †
 Khanh Phuong Nguyen †
 Nhat Quyen Do Nguyen †
 Maeve E. O'Shea †
 Josephine Ren †
 Ruth Rolfsmeyer †
 Timothy Joseph Wagner
 Maggie K. Zaifert

Master of Music

Abigail Carpenter
 McKenzie Lynn Cleary
 Darcy Conley
 Sydney Conrad
 Ashley D'Amico
 Meghan France
 Elizabeth Guarneri
 Brandon John Hollborn
 Myles Christopher Kifner
 Kelly Ann Meehan
 Rusanna Nikitina
 Molly Elizabeth O'Hara
 Sydney Leigh Reiser
 Katherine T. Santoro
 Shannon Stoddard
 Brianna Samone Tatum
 Nicholas Brian Torre

Master of Public Administration

Nathania Capriles
 Tessa Ann Janicke
 Christina Marie Luke-Grace
 Brian Patrick Marrale
 Candice F. O'Brien
 Tirzah Leigh Peters

Master of Science

Amani Al-Karkhi
 Vipul Arora
 Herman Harry Bank
 Brian D. Barrey
 Elisse Deanna Brautigam †

Elizabeth Brown
 Lorna J. Brundrett †
 Mohamed Camara
 Emma Cercone
 Jayla Kierra Collins-Faison
 Lindsay Sara Cross †
 Eleanore Dawn Davis †
 Susan Pavlik Enterline †
 Robert George Ernst
 Camille M. Ferrer †
 Fredrick Fordjour
 Meredith C. French †
 Michael A. Gangi
 Grace Johnson Garrity †
 Arun Gilani
 Leslie Daniela Gonzalez-Pruitt †
 Uttam Lakshmi Mounika
 Goruganthu
 Daisy Joseph Greenwell †
 Carl Grim
 Francesca Margaret Harvey
 Ramisa Hassan
 Michael John Kalinka
 Jason Thomas Kappan
 Jenni Lang Krchak †
 Yuyin Li †
 Steven Paul Lucas
 Raphael J. Manuel
 Christy Hope McCutchen †
 Katherine McFarlin †
 Emily J. Mercer †
 Julie Anne Milbrand
 Fatima Essa Mohamed †
 Ah Hassan Rayon Hussain
 Mohammed
 Cinnamon Charese Morris
 Eclair Morton †
 Anna Mucha
 Kristen Eileen Nalewajek
 Khanh Phuong Nguyen †
 Nhat Quyen Do Nguyen †
 Maeve E. O'Shea †
 Sandra Ogedengbe
 Wenhao Pei
 Lindsay Ann Piotrowski
 Justin Bailey Ramsey
 Nithin Ravishankar
 Josephine Ren †
 Ruth Rolfsmeyer †
 Sarp Gonenc Samanci
 Abdu Samaraie
 Timothy Joseph Sherry
 Dylan Gerald Skalman
 Christopher Lee Thornburg

Master of Science in Education

Kirk Nolan Abernathy
 Jennifer Guadalupe Alvarez
 Villalobos
 Keith Cowan
 Rachel Arlene Drenkhahn
 Emily Jordan Gammel
 Nathan Jay Grammer
 Jacob Hyzy
 Simmone S. Johnson
 Kylie Kittner
 Julie LaManna
 Nina Elizabeth Ligammari
 Zachary A. Mckenzie
 Alexis J. McTigue
 Vincent Saverio Musolino
 Brianna Marie Nightingale
 Noah Anthony Ost
 Doug William Pashley
 Ronan C. Petean
 Valerie Reppi
 Anna Jane Rubino
 Michele Lynne Schultz
 Tess Elaine Smith
 Jasmine Angel Wiepert
 Emily Wolfe

Graduate Certificate

Ken Fujiuchi
 Fatima Essa Mohamed †

List compiled May 8, 2024.

*** summa cum laude 3.80–4.00

** magna cum laude 3.65–3.79

* cum laude 3.50–3.64

† dual degree

2024 SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

ANTHROPOLOGY

Salma Atkher

David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award
Lambda Alpha National Honor Society (2022)
Lewis Henry Morgan Award
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award

Ivy Chen

Lambda Alpha National Honor Society (2023)

Margaret Dewitt

Lambda Alpha National Honor Society (2022)

Molly Dunfield

Lambda Alpha National Honor Society (2023)

Bajer Haley

Lambda Alpha National Honor Society

Kaleigh Kropidowski

Lambda Alpha National Honor Society (2023)

Destini Mitchell

Lambda Alpha National Honor Society (2022)

Matthew Ostrowski

Lambda Alpha National Honor Society

Patricie Sealy

Lambda Alpha National Honor Society (2022)

Megan Wenzel

Lambda Alpha National Honor Society (2023)

Zachary Wier

Lambda Alpha National Honor Society (2023)

ART AND DESIGN

Alyssa Basile

Barbara Schillawski Mautz Art Education Scholarship (2023)

Julie Benhoff

Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award (2023, 2024)
Dean's Award for Excellence in Art and Design
Fine Arts Student Award (2022)
Landscape Painting Award (2024, 2023)

Francis Destino

Dr. Harry and Lorraine Ausprich Scholarship (2023)
Barbara Schillawski Mautz Art Education Scholarship (2023)
Barbara and Donald Nelson Scholarship in Art Education (2023)

Molly Dunfield

Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2023)
R. Steven Janke Memorial Award

Emma Ferguson

Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award (2023)

Ashley Fidler

Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award (2022)
Nancy Belfer Fiber Design Scholarship (2022)
Dorothy Zautner Buley Weaving Fellowship (2023)
Dr. Marie Dellas Creative Achievement Award
Hyatt's Award for Excellence
Runway 2023 Fiber Arts Award - Second Place (2023)

AnnMarie Georgia

Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2023)
Sylvia Rosen Award for Excellence in Ceramics

Calvin Hardick

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

Claire Herr

John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence

Evan Jaskula

Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2023)

Kalisha Joseph

Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award (2023)
Barbara L. Czurles-Nelson and Donald J. Nelson Scholarship in Design (2022)
James E. Hofmeister Metals/Jewelry Scholarship (2023)

Monet Kennedy

Award for Photographic Arts (2022)
Walter Jacobson Memorial Award for Excellence in Photography

Jeffrey Koonce

Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2023)

Emily Kush

Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award
Earl Wolfgruber Award (2023)

Jennifer Lay

Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2021)
John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence (2023)

Jenna Partsch-Putz

Award for Photographic Arts

Barbara Rivera

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

Isabella Roberto

Barbara Schillawski Mautz Art Education Scholarship (2022)
Victor Shanchuk Jr. Art Education Award (2023)

Hollie Roberts

Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award (2023)
Dorothy Zautner Buley Weaving Fellowship (2022)
John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence
Runway 2023 Fiber Arts Award - Honorable Mention (2023)

Kateland Roux

Stanley A. Czurles Award for Excellence in Art Education
Barbara Schillawski Mautz Art Education Scholarship (2022, 2023)

Shauna Smith

Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award
Hyatt's Award for Excellence (2023, 2024)

Heidi Stavrevski

Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award (2023)

Steven Wigfall

Hyatt's Award for Excellence

Robert Winslow

Across the Visual Arts: Dean's Creative Associates Award (2023)
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Best of Studio Award
Nancy Belfer Fiber Design Scholarship (2023)
Dorothy Zautner Buley Weaving Fellowship (2022)
R. Steven Janke Award (2023)
John J. Jauquet Student Award for Creative Excellence (2023)

ARTS AND LETTERS

Armando Giangreco-Marotta

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

BIOLOGY

Jadelene Adams

William C. Scheffler Memorial Award for Excellence in Computational Biology

Hanin Faisal

Honors in Biology

Zahraa Faisal

Honors in Biology

John Ferreira

Honors in Biology

Nikkita Laidlaw

Sarah LoBrutto Bihl Scholarship in Biology (2023)
Honors in Biology
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award for Excellence in Biology

Eliza Manhring

Honors in Biology

Gurpreet Nalwa

David Vernon Bullough Memorial Award to an Outstanding Biology Senior

Ettan Saiwala

Bachelor of Science in Biology Award
Honors in Biology

Jesse Trevino

Honors in Biology

CHEMISTRY

Colin Gallo

Dr. Richard Chrzanowski Analytical Award (2023)
Phi Lambda Upsilon Award

Colby J. Riexinger

ACS Undergraduate Award in Biochemistry
Noel Simmons Memorial Physical Chemistry Award (2023)
Outstanding New Chemistry Student Award (2022)
Phi Lambda Upsilon Award (2023, 2024)

2024 SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

Jillian K. Tung

ACS Distinguished Student Award
American Institute of Chemists Award
ACS Inorganic Award
ACS Organic Award
ACS Undergraduate Physical Chemistry Award (2023)
Saul Barron Memorial Award
Margaret Dupre Memorial Award
Albert A. Himmel Memorial Award
Iota Sigma Pi Award
Minority Student Award (2022)
Phi Lambda Upsilon Award (2023, 2024)
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award for Excellence in Chemistry
Edward Schulman Memorial Award
Dr. Surjit Singh Memorial Award

COMMUNICATION

Brandon Armeli

Outstanding Senior in Public Relations and Advertising

Joseph Cali

Outstanding Senior in Journalism

Andrew Forsyth

Outstanding Senior in Journalism

Emily Jaworski

Outstanding Senior in Communication Studies

Abbigail Lewis

Outstanding Senior in Public Relations and Advertising

Michael Masters-Holler

Dean's Award for Excellence in Communication

Taliyah Oaks

Outstanding Senior in Media Production

Exzavion Willingham

Outstanding Senior in Communication Studies

Karl Zielezinski

Outstanding Senior in Media Production

ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

Anthony Dinderski

Dean's Award for Excellence in Economics and Finance
Outstanding Student Award

Phoebe Casper

David Vernon Bullough Award

Ryan Zima

Outstanding Student Award

ENGLISH

Olivia Colby

Excellence in English Education (B.S.)

David Dubois

Excellence in Writing (B.A.)

Tahynnis Newsome

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

Hannah Pilarski

Excellence in English Postbaccalaureate

Mathea Riley

Excellence in English (B.A.)

Samantha Schweitzer

Excellence in Writing (B.A.)

Malaka Slaughter

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

GEOSCIENCES

Jonathan Bell

Chair's Discretionary Award for Outstanding Departmental Contribution

Skyler E. Braeges

Raphael Yalkovsky Award for Excellence in Science Writing

Kathryn R. Furtney

Katheryne T. Whittemore Award for Outstanding Graduate in Geography or Environmental Geography

Samuel J. Hellert

Carl Seyfert Memorial Award for Geology

Kelley Hoffman

National Honor Society for Geospatial Technology, Gamma Sigma Theta Chapter (Undergraduate)
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award
Katheryne T. Whittemore Award for Outstanding Graduate in Geography or Environmental Geography

Peter A. Lukasiewicz

National Honor Society for Geospatial Technology, Gamma Sigma Theta Chapter

Dylan J. Maciejewski

John Murtaugh Award for Excellence in Geology Field Work

Cameron T. Murphy

David Vernon Bullough Award for Overall Academic Excellence

National Honor Society for Geospatial Technology, Gamma Sigma Theta Chapter (Undergraduate)

Madison Palmatier

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

National Honor Society for Geospatial Technology, Gamma Sigma Theta Chapter (Undergraduate)

Caitlyn M. Parsons

National Honor Society for Geospatial Technology, Gamma Sigma Theta Chapter

Devin N. Prokop

David Vernon Bullough Award for Overall Academic Excellence

Marcella D. Rodgers

Irving Tesmer Award for Excellence in Geology

HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION

Emily Jarnot

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

Kaleigh Kropidowski

Bernard and Nancy Belfer Scholarship (2023)

Anthony Sokolowski Scholarship (2022)

Norman F. Weaver Award (2022)

Lauren Stashak

Kathleen Mallea Award for Excellence in Social Studies Education

Harold F. Peterson Scholarship Award (2020–2024)

Jaylyn Zimmer

G. Allen McFarren for Excellence in Student Teaching

Kevin J. Shea Memorial Scholarship (2023)

MATHEMATICS

Ava Carr

Math Achievement Award (2021)

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

Alec Chambers

Math Achievement Award (2023, 2024)

Aurora Dong

Calculus Award (2022)

Math Achievement Award (2022, 2023)

Lauren Guido

Math Achievement Award (2021)

Samantha Schafer

Ruth E. Heintz Award

Math Achievement Award (2021–2024)

Alyssa Wisniewski

Math Achievement Award (2021)

Mabel D. Montgomery Award

MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

Jena Kolo

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

Sigma Delta Pi Spanish Honor Society

MUSIC

Jenna Agro

Lenore Rollett Wright Award

2024 SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

Melanie Bebak
Distinction in Multiculturalism
Mary A. Mancuso Award for Achievement
in American Popular Music

Mikayla Manke
Rusanno Hanning Music Award for
Excellence in Music History
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award
for Excellence in Music

PHILOSOPHY

Joseph Cannizzaro
Victor H. Balowitz Scholarship Prize (2023)
Dean's Award for Excellence in Philosophy
Dr. George T. Hole Philosophy Scholarship
(2022, 2023)

POLITICAL SCIENCE, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, AND PLANNING

Josette Fleming
Pi Sigma Alpha (2023)
Raymond P. Stone Memorial Award

Isabella Kilmer
Political Science Promise Award

Peter Lukasiewicz
National Center for Geographic Education
Excellence of Scholarship Award

Cameron Murphy
Western New York American Planning
Association Student Merit Award

David Nguyen
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award
for Excellence in Political Science, Public
Administration, and Planning

Alexis Riley
David Bullough Memorial Award

Pi Sigma Alpha (2023)

Seth Rueger
Outstanding Student in Political Science
Award
Pi Sigma Alpha (2023)

Leslie Tobin
Standout Political Science Award

PSYCHOLOGY

**Jennifer Mitsuyama
Brandenberger**
Dr. Jack Morganti Award for Excellence
in Service
Psi Chi International Honor Society (2023)

Michelle Colangelo
Psi Chi International Honor Society

Hannah Dickinson
Dr. Esther McGinnis Award for Exemplary
Academic Achievement in Psychology
Psi Chi International Honor Society

Morgan Harrington
School of Arts and Science Dean's Award for
Excellence in Psychology

Abigail Kruse
Psi Chi International Honor Society (2023)

Erin Maciejewski
Psi Chi International Honor Society (2023)

Sarah McCarthy
Psi Chi International Honor Society

Andrea Newell
Psi Chi International Honor Society (2023)

Emily Newell
Psi Chi International Honor Society (2023)

Mikayla Ortiz
Psi Chi International Honor Society

Danielle Ralph
Psi Chi International Honor Society (2023)

Alexander Rockey
Psi Chi International Honor Society

Catherine Sarich
David Vernon Bullough Outstanding
Senior Award in Psychology
Psi Chi International Honor Society

Victoria Sasso
Psi Chi International Honor Society (2023)

SOCIOLOGY

Alyssa Christensen
Alpha Kappa Delta Inductee

Amy Donnelly
Alpha Kappa Delta Inductee
Outstanding Imaginative Sociologist Award
Outstanding Non-traditional Student
Award 2023

Emma Gerasimowick
Alpha Kappa Delta Inductee
Gerhard Falk Sociology Writing Award

Maria Rodriguez
Alpha Kappa Delta Inductee 2023
Community Engagement Award
Kenneth J. Downey Memorial Award for
Outstanding Sociology Student 2023
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award
for Excellence in Sociology

Fasika Zewdie
Alpha Kappa Delta Inductee 2023
David Bullough Memorial Award 2023

TELEVISION AND FILM ARTS

Jackson Kuffel
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award
for Television and Film Arts

THEATER

Madison Chase
Horace Mann Theater Arts Student
Scholarship (2023)
Donald J. Savage Theater Arts Award
(2023)

Alejandro Gomez
Horace Mann Theater Arts Student
Scholarship (2020, 2023)

Zoe Goñez
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award
for Excellence in Theater
Mina S. Goossen Award for Excellence in
Theater
Dr. Joseph A. Grande and Marguerite R.
Grande Theater Scholarship (2023)
Horace Mann Theater Arts Student
Scholarship (2022)

Kennedy Lee
Michael Dominico Jr. Performing Arts
Award (2023)

Sierra Munt
Horace Mann Theater Arts Student
Scholarship (2022, 2023)
McCarthy-Eskew Scholarship for Theater
Productions (April 2022)

2024 SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES GRADUATE AWARDS

ART CONSERVATION

Elisse Brautigam

Balbach Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2022)

Buffalo State University Tuition Scholarship (2021–2023)

Garman Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2022)

Gross Family Foundation Fellowship (2022)

Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2021–2023)

National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship (2021–2023)

Christopher Tahk Fellowship (2023)

Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2021–2023)

Susan Enterline

Buffalo State University Scholarship (2021–2023)

Garman Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2022)

Hoskins-Smith Student Fellowship (2022)

Ross B. Kenzie Family Art Conservation Fellowship Fund (2022)

Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2021, 2023)

National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship (2021–2023)

Marianne Vallet-Sandre Art Conservation Fellowship (2023)

Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2021–2023)

Daniela González-Pruitt

Buffalo State University Diversity Tuition Scholarship (2021–2023)

Hoskins-Smith Student Fellowship (2022)

Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2021–2023)

National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship (2021, 2022)

Linda Joan Levy Paull Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2022)

Daisy Greenwell

Buffalo State University Tuition Scholarship (2021–2023)

Bruce and Gail Johnstone Art Conservation Fellowship (2022)

Ross B. Kenzie Family Art Conservation Fellowship Fund (2022)

Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2021–2023)

National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship (2021)

Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2021–2023)

Jenni Krchak

Buffalo State University Tuition Scholarship (2021–2023)

The Caroline K. and Sheldon Keck Fellowship (2022)

Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2023)

Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2021–2023)

National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship (2021, 2022)

Saxe Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2022)

Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2021–2023)

Eclair Morton

Buffalo State University Tuition Scholarship (2021–2023)

Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2021)

Ulysses Kontos Art Conservation Fellowship (2022)

Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2021–2023)

National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship (2021, 2022)

Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2022)

Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2021–2023)

Nhat Quyen Nguyen

Buffalo State University Diversity Tuition Scholarship (2021–2023)

Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2021, 2022)

Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2023)

Evelyn Lieberman Art Conservation Fellowship (2022)

Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2021–2023)

National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship (2021, 2022)

Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2022, 2023)

Josephine Ren

Buffalo State University Tuition Scholarship (2021–2023)

Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2021)

Bruce and Gail Johnstone Art Conservation Fellowship (2023)

Evelyn Lieberman Art Conservation Fellowship (2023)

The Gerald and Sandra Lippe Art Conservation Fellowship (2022)

Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2021, 2022)

National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship (2021–2023)

Stockman Family Foundation Fellowship (2023)

Marianne Vallet-Sandre Art Conservation Fellowship (2022)

Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2021–2023)

Ruth Rolfsmeyer

50th Art Conservation Department Anniversary Fellowship (2022)

Buffalo State University Tuition Scholarship (2021–2023)

Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2021, 2022)

The Caroline K. and Sheldon Keck Fellowship (2023)

Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2023)

Marks Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2022)

Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2021–2023)

National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship (2021)

Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2021–2023)

Elly Stewart

Balbach Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2022)

Buffalo State University Tuition Scholarship (2021–2023)

Garman Family Foundation Fellowship (2021, 2022)

Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship (2023)

Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2021, 2022)

National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship (2021, 2023)

Fannie Kestenbaum Paull Family Art Conservation Fellowship (2022)

Linton Vincent Tuition Scholarship (2021–2023)

BIOLOGY

Mimi Byrne

John Urban Memorial Biology Scholarship

Shaniah Irving

Easton Graduate Award in Biology

CHEMISTRY

Elizabeth Brown

Best Graduate School Graduate Teacher Assistant

Buffalo State University Chemistry Alumni Award

Iota Sigma Pi Award

Robert G. Ernst

Phi Lambda Upsilon Award

Julie A. Milbrand

Iota Sigma Pi Award

Phi Lambda Upsilon Award

Justin B. Ramsey

Albert A. Himmel Memorial Award (2022)

Daniel Weglarski

Outstanding Master's Thesis

COMMUNICATION

Emma Cercone

Outstanding Master's Student in Public Relations

ENGLISH

Brandon Job

Excellence in English (M.A.)

Alexis McTigue

Excellence in English Education (M.S.Ed.)

GEOSCIENCES

Michael J. Kalinka

National Honor Society for Geospatial Technology, Gamma Sigma Theta Chapter

POLITICAL SCIENCE, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, AND PLANNING

Julia Lange

Dr. Keith Henderson Scholarship

Toni Martinucci

Outstanding MPA Project/Thesis Award

Awards listed were granted in 2024 unless otherwise noted.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND INDIVIDUALIZED AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES CEREMONY 5:00 P.M.

PRELUDE

The Rockwell Brass

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

PROCESSIONAL

The Rockwell Brass
Lawrence J. Maheady, *Mace Bearer*
SUNY Distinguished Professor and Horace Mann Endowed Chair in
Exceptional Education, Exceptional Education Department

CONVENING

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Members of the Buffalo State Chamber Choir

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

WELCOME

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

DEAN'S WELCOME

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

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION STUDENT ADDRESS

Leslie M. Lawrence, Class of 2024
Master of Science in Education, Childhood and
Early Childhood Curriculum and Instruction

Presenter

Bonita R. Durand

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Sharon M. Belton-Cottman
President, Buffalo Board of Education

Presenters

Mo Sumbundu

Bonita R. Durand

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Darren J. Brown-Hall, Class of 1996 and 1998
Superintendent, Williamsville Central School District

Presenters

Bonita R. Durand

Jane E. Gilbride, Class of 1991
Vice President, Buffalo State Alumni Association

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Amitra A. Wall
Interim 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

Please join the campus community in celebration at a reception
in the Campbell Student Union.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD



DARREN J. BROWN-HALL, CLASS OF 1996 AND 1998

Darren Brown-Hall is the superintendent of the Williamsville Central School District—the largest suburban school district in Western New York. He was appointed Williamsville superintendent in July 2021.

Dr. Brown-Hall has over 20 years of experience in the field of education and works every day to make a significant

impact on the lives of students. Realizing his love for education and the influence he had on students, he returned to the field of education after working for two years at HSBC Bank as an e-business analyst following the completion of HSBC's management development program and working in London.

He previously served as chief of staff for the Buffalo Public Schools as well as interim superintendent and associate superintendent for human resources. In addition, Dr. Brown-Hall served as principal of Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts and Community School 53,

and as assistant principal of South Park High School. He began his career in education as a mathematics teacher at Sweet Home High School.

Dr. Brown-Hall is an adjunct instructor in the Christmann Family Educational Leadership Program at Buffalo State. He is an active member of several professional organizations, including the Committee for Identifying and Developing Educational Leadership (CIDEL), and he serves on several boards, including the Western New York Education Service Council (WNYESC), Compass House, and Gay and Lesbian Youth Services of Western New York. He received the Buffalo State EOP Distinguished Alumnus Award in May 2023.

He earned his bachelor of science and master of science degrees in mathematics education from Buffalo State University, and his M.B.A. from Canisius University with concentrations in finance and management information systems. He also completed his coursework for school and district level administrator certification at Canisius University and received an advanced certificate in school business and human resources management from the University at Buffalo (UB). Dr. Brown-Hall earned his doctor of education in educational administration from UB in 2018.

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



SHARON M. BELTON-COTTMAN

Sharon Belton-Cottman, president of the Buffalo Board of Education, has served as the board's Ferry District representative since spring 2011. Ms. Belton-Cottman previously served as board president from 2019 to 2021 and has again been serving consecutive terms since January 1, 2023.

A native Buffalonian, she attended Public School 47 (Hickory Street), Clinton

Junior High, Genesee Humboldt Junior High, and East High School. Additionally, she attended Canisius University and earned a bachelor of science degree from Medaille College.

Ms. Belton-Cottman is a passionate defender of her district and all children. During her tenure, she has served as vice president of executive affairs, as chair of finance and operations, on numerous task forces, and on educational and community advisory boards. Demanding greater accountability, transparency in governance, and equity in schools, she is an avid participant in board committees and work sessions. Since 2013, her focus has expanded to working with stakeholders, staff members, parents, and student concerns. Her goals include increasing and improving options for overaged students in career and technical (vocational) education, virtual learning, STEM/STEAM programs, restorative justice, mental health, adult education, and English-language learners.

Ms. Belton-Cottman's community collaborations include Say Yes to Education, Hamlin Park Claude and Ouida Clapp Academy, and HOPE Buffalo. She most recently assisted in launching a pilot adult education training program with Alfred State and Empire State Development in welding and machine tools at Burgard High School. She has played a part in many innovative high school partnerships, including Math Science and Technology Preparatory School, Burgard High School, Bennett High School of Innovative Technology, and Middle Early College High School, whose graduation rate is the highest in the city for minority males. Her most recent activities include an effort to establish a solid base for robotics and STEM/STEAM disciplines for the district.

Ms. Belton-Cottman's career has focused primarily on the financial industries. She worked as a licensed insurance consultant with Allstate; a licensed mortgage banker with Rochester Community Savings Bank, Citizens Bank, Charter One Bank, and Wells Fargo; an insurance supervisor with Goldome and Empire Realty; and a community lending officer with Charter One Bank. While working in the mortgage industry, she was instrumental in two state-of-the-art housing developments: Main-LaSalle Place and Walden Heights.

She is a member of True Bethel Baptist Church, the Brunswick Block Club, the Hamlin Park Community and Taxpayers Association, and Women of Worth. Her former memberships include the Buffalo Niagara National Action Network, the S.E.N.S.E.S. Foundation, the Buffalo Erie Niagara Exchange Club, and PUSH Buffalo. She also briefly worked as a Buffalo substitute teacher.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION STUDENT ADDRESS



LESLIE M. LAWRENCE

Leslie Lawrence has earned a master of science in education in childhood and early childhood curriculum and instruction, attaining a 4.0 GPA while working as a full-time Community Action Organization (CAO) Head Start teacher with toddlers from low-income families in Buffalo.

Ms. Lawrence has demonstrated remarkable achievement in the areas of academic excellence, citizenship, career achievement, and community outreach related to her field of study. She has also shown extraordinary perseverance, completing her bachelor's and master's degrees at Buffalo State while battling cancer. She contributes to class discussions, works collaboratively with her classmates, and synthesizes her life experiences and new information from courses to develop exemplary course projects.

In her Head Start classroom, she expertly plans activities for her students designed to foster their cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development, weaving in the new understandings she has gained through her coursework at Buffalo State. Her director and colleagues look to her as a

model teacher as evidenced by the four awards she has earned through CAO, including the 2019 Teacher of the Year Award. She builds strong relationships with the families of the children in her classroom, helping them navigate community resources available to help them overcome the challenges they face.

Ms. Lawrence is a born leader who has developed her leadership capacity as a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS). This leadership honor society includes an accredited leadership development program that awards digital badges showcasing skills and competencies. Through NSLS, she has earned successive awards for Foundational Leadership, Advanced Leadership, and Executive Leadership. She gives back to the community through multiple programs at her workplace and through annual fundraising activities for a children's hospital.

Ms. Lawrence is a shining example of a student who came to Buffalo State to achieve excellence and change the world. She has used her natural talents and acquired skills to pursue her passion for teaching and learning and has inspired others to do the same. She has overcome adversity, has persisted in her goals, and will be a transformative educator for years to come.



2024 CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND INDIVIDUALIZED AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Bachelor of Science

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 Veronica Brittany Borzynski
 Misty Dawn Bowman
 Garrett Brady **
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 Daisa Brown
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 Kendall Elizabeth Carmichael **
 Jennifer T. Casillas ***
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 Jessica Celniker **
 Tayllor Paige Clark *
 Kaitlyn Victoria Cottrill *
 Kristina Nicole D'Amore
 Grace Marie Dauer
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 Lucia M. Dominguez **
 Benjamin Spencer Duque *
 Jenna Elizabeth Eszak **
 Cole Fisher
 Deyaneira Flores Figueroa
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 Cassie Fowler ***
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 Adriana Ines Guzman *
 Shauna M. Halleen
 Emily Marie Hannon **
 Danae Cheyanne Hardy *
 Fiazeh Ahmed Hassan *

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 Hailey Heiss **
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 Mary A. Hussein *
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 Emily Rose Jason ***
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 Koryn Kocsardy **
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 Jillian Kate Mckinney ***
 Marissa Grace McMurtree **
 Samantha Lynn Messing
 Courtney Noelle Metzger ***
 Emilee Anne Misener **
 Emnely Molina
 Matthew Monaco *
 Brittany Marie Moran **
 Kathleen Rose Morath
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Bachelor of Science in Education

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 Matthew David Henry *
 Carson Hensley ***
 Olivia Gabrielle Herschell ***
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 Jennifer Elizabeth Luchowski
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 Madison Rose Pawarski **

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 Brooke Rose Rinow ***
 Chloe Solomon **
 Isabella Vene
 Meghan Leigh Washington
 Jenna Lynn Zamrok **

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 Danyelle K. Bando
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 Eliciaa A. Bridges
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 Diamond Butler
 Charon Patricia Caggiano
 Khaneil Voshon Campbell
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 Olivia Elizabeth Cruickshank
 Julie L. Damian
 Keynell Deas
 Ariana Marie Diaz
 Sarah Easler
 Ahmari Fails
 Christina Elisebeth Fecio
 Edwin Roy Geter
 Latifah Chante' Giles
 Nazir C. Goburn
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 Shawn Christopher Hasan
 Rosalia Hernandez
 Tamika Sharee Horton
 Jenna Hugenschmidt *
 Samantha Beyonce Johnson
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 Mira Angelina Pellegrino
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Certificate of Advanced Study

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 Carla Stumpo
 Brittany Witkowski

Graduate Certificate

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 Lacey Norma Jean Zygula

MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

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 Sobehya Albardine
 Hanen Reiad Albordini
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 Amani Mohammad Alshoshan
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 Mary Caetana Aune
 Jacob Dean Baldassa
 Mariana Andrade Bassiri
 Alexander Bedoya Pemberty
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 Houria Boussahoua
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 Raquel de Castro Campelo
 Raquel Cardoso de Oliveira Lenzi
 Bibiana Carvajal Franco
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 Christian Ovidio Coronado
 Skubbe
 Jamila Keila do Lago Costa
 Lucas Rezende Costa
 Lama Mohammad Daoud
 Edan Blaire Dawkins
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 Rami Gerges
 Justin Paul Guenther
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 Mary Enola Njeri Kimani
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 Danyel Dalmaschio Silva
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 Ghavin Smith
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 Rentia Smith
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 Daniela Goncalves Teixeira
 Josephine Torres
 Daniela Vega Pereira
 Camilo Caronan Villarante
 Paola Andrea Vives
 Yi Wang
 Rana Wehbi
 Samar Yassin
 Ting Zhang

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*** summa cum laude

** magna cum laude

* cum laude

† dual degree

2024 SCHOOL OF EDUCATION BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, LITERACY, AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Chloe Solomon
Lenore Lev Award

EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

Brandon Garcia
Gustave and Geraldine Werner Undergraduate Award (2021–2022)
Horace Mann Scholarships for Exceptional Education Students (2022–2023)

Olivia Herschell

Gustave and Geraldine Werner Undergraduate Award (2022–2023)
Paul Thoms CEC Membership Scholarship (2021)

Connor Pellicane

Dr. Bernard Yormak Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Exceptional Education (2022)

2024 SCHOOL OF EDUCATION GRADUATE AWARDS

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, LITERACY, AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Danielle Martino
Norma Munger Sutter Award

Michele Sprague
Shirley Spriegel Award

Maria Tasca
Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

Marie Emmanuelle Brown-Cashdollar
Horace Mann Endowment for Exceptional Education Scholarship (2022–2023, 2023–2024)

Gabriella Brzostowicz
Horace Mann Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in Exceptional Education (2022)

Horace Mann Scholarship for Exceptional Education Students (2023–2024)
Paul Thoms CEC Membership Scholarship (2021)

Taylor Carillo
Joseph and Mary Daly Varga '43 Graduate Award (2023)

JaLisa Conyers

Horace Mann Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in Exceptional Education (2023)

Horace Mann Endowment for Exceptional Education Scholarship (2022–2023)

Savanna Hinten

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

Gabriella Loewer

Dr. Judith Bondurant-Utz Early Childhood Award (2022)

Outstanding Master's Project

Clare McKeone

Outstanding Master's Project

Gracie McNamara

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

Julianna Owczarczak

Outstanding Master's Project

Katelyn Simpson

Dr. Judith Bondurant-Utz Early Childhood Award (2023)

Samantha Urbino

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

Jordan Vazquez

Horace Mann Endowment for Exceptional Education Scholarship (2022–2023, 2023–2024)

Awards listed were granted in 2024 unless otherwise noted.

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.

2024 PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT FINALISTS

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Catherine J. Sarich

Hannah A. Schmidt

Sonia B. Swann

Latisha Y. Walker

2024 PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT FINALISTS

Uttam Lakshmi Mounika Goruganthu

Madeline M. McDaniel

Perry M. Schmidt

2024 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Cayla Facey

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Active Citizen (Spring 2024)

Zahraa Faisal

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Active Citizen (Spring 2024)

Jacob Fleming Sr.

Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellowship (2023)

President's Certificate of Community Engagement, Active Citizen (2023)

150th Anniversary Service Award (2023)

Abbey McCarthy

Certificate of Recognition for Community Engagement: Community Supporter (Spring 2024)

Elexa Printup

President's Certificate of Community Engagement, Neighborhood Advocate (2023)

Micah Stanton

Outstanding Service-Learning Student (Spring 2024)

Sonia Swann

President's Certificate of Community Engagement, Active Citizen (2023)

DEAN'S HONORS PROGRAM

Anthony Tedesco

Kiara Vallenilla

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

Jodie Amato

Alumni Association Awards

Carlissia Ford

Director's Award

Ariful Islam

Martha Pierce Student Recognition Award

David Nguyen

Alumni Association Awards

Madison Pawarski

Arthur O. Eve Distinguished Student Achievement Award

Brandon Vasquez

Dougherty-Witten Scholarship

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Parker Allison

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2022–2024)

Grace Carey

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2022–2024)

Lilian Conroy

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2022–2024)

Gia Dilamone

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2023, 2024)

Riley Domin

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2022–2024)

Sarah Fineour

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Rylee Garrow

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2022–2024)

Timur Gavilovich

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2022–2024)

McCartney Geartz

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2022–2024)

Bethany Horvatits

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Jenna Hugenschmidt

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Jadyn Jones

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2023, 2024)

Christopher Kaszynski

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Samantha Kelly

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2022–2024)

Nathan Lippitt

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete

Gabrielle McCrory

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2022–2024)

Erin Mergler

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2022–2024)

Amanda Mindzora

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2022–2024)

Heather Moriarty

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2022–2024)

Caitlyn Parsons

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2022–2024)

Kathryn Sarich

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2022–2024)

Samantha Schafer

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2022–2024)

Kaitlyn Schnitzer

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2023, 2024)

Maxwell Shoemaker

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2022–2024)

Sydney Shuta

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2022–2024)

Nicholas Cabral Stuckless

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2023, 2024)

Hannah Tingley

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete (2022–2024)

Caden Wheeler

Buffalo State Scholar-Athlete

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Jessica Agu

Catherine Ajayi

Brianna Asobie

Haleigh Balko

Joseph Bastian

Melanie Bebak

Winifred Benson

Sarah Berlinger

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Victoria Bolden

Matthew Bouchard

Madison Bryant-Wagstaff

Joseph Cannizzaro

Tyler Chen

Gracie Cognion

Michelle Colangelo

Olivia Colby

Adrianna Conrad-Laford

Julia Crocker

Lisa Czapl

Grace Czyn

Anthony Dinderski

Riley Domin

Molly Dunfield

Katelyn Egan

Stephen Faro

Cole Fisher

Victoria Florczak

Jerick Flores

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Brandon Garcia

Kristin Greiner

Julianne Guercio

Lauren Guido

Danae Hardy

Morgan Harrington

Bethany Horvatits

Natalie Jankowski

Evan Jaskula

Emily Jason

Kalisha Joseph

Julia Koller

Kaleigh Kropidlowski

Jackson Kuffel

Nikkita Laidlaw

Luke Lojek

Sebastiano Lombardo

Kayla MacFarlane

Jessica Martinez

Sarah McCarthy

Gabrielle McCrory

Jillian Mckinney

Madison Merrill

Destini Mitchell

Mikeya Nesbitt

Angela Nicotera

Zachary Ogren

Franchesca Ovalle

Lindsey Parini

Lindsey Parris

Caitlyn Parsons

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Kateland Roux

Joshua Rutkowski

Ettan Saiwala

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Christina Shinn

Sydney Shuta

Ross Simpson

Deanna Souchet-Soto

Lauren Stashak

Iris Thomas

2024 BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

Xaneya Thomas
 Jillian Tung
 Fikiri Victoire
 Morigan Waller
 Megan Wenzel
 Caden Wheeler
 Zachary Wier
 Alyssa Wisniewski
 Kyle Zak
 Jenna Zamrok
 Fasika Zewdie
 Jaylyn Zimmer

PRE-HEALTH PROGRAMS

Anaima Hossain
 Carol Wright Henry Award for Excellence
 in Pre-Medical Studies

ROSS B. KENZIE FAMILY PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Nikkita Laidlaw
 Andy Rivera

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Melanie Bebak
 Distinction in Multiculturalism

Kirsten Ferree
 Distinction in Service and Social Justice
 Leadership

Phillip Santa Maria Award for Student
 Leadership in Equity and Campus Diversity

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2024 GRADUATE AWARDS

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Lila Balali
 Certificate of Recognition for Community
 Engagement: Community Supporter
 (Spring 2024)

Certificate of Recognition for Community
 Engagement: Active Citizen (Spring 2023)

Timothy Highway-Snider
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 Engagement: Active Citizen (Spring 2024)

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GRADUATE STUDIES

Kwadwo Agyekum
 SUNY Diversity Fellowship Award
 (2022–2024)

Amani Al-Karkhi
 SUNY Diversity Fellowship Award
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Kimberly Diaz
 SUNY Diversity Fellowship Award
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Clivens Fresnel
 SUNY Diversity Fellowship Award
 (2023, 2024)

Timothy Highway-Snider
 SUNY Diversity Fellowship Award
 (2021–2024)

Farida Hosaini
 SUNY Diversity Fellowship Award
 (2022–2024)

Ramazani Juma
 SUNY Diversity Fellowship Award
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Itoko Kobayashi
 SUNY Diversity Fellowship Award
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Cinnamon Morris
 SUNY Diversity Fellowship Award
 (2023, 2024)

STUDENT AFFAIRS

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*Awards listed were granted in 2024
 unless otherwise noted.*

STUDENT MARSHALS

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

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ACADEMIC TRADITIONS

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL AND RECESSIONAL

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

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

THE MACE AND MEDALLION

By tradition, seals of office and tools of authority have been incorporated in the ceremonies that invest individuals with the responsibilities and power of official leadership. Today purely symbolic, these objects once effected control themselves, the mace having been originally an iron club capable of breaking armor.

About the middle of the thirteenth century, the mace was adopted for civic purposes. Much earlier, seals, from which the university medallion was derived, constituted the official signatures of heads of church and state. Today, the academic seal, representing the office of the university president, and the mace, standing for order and authority, have become part of the pageantry of symbolism involved in formal academic ceremonies.

For Buffalo State, both mace and medallion are enhanced by their being the design and work of faculty members. The gold medallion was designed by the late Earl W. Wolfgruber, a member of the Design Department faculty for 20 years. A gift of the Class of 1968, it was first used that year for the inauguration of President E. K. Fretwell Jr. and has been worn on official university occasions since. A neck piece was added in 1987, designed and crafted by Stephen F. Saracino, professor of design.

The 1968 inauguration was also the first occasion for the use of the rosewood and silver mace, designed and built by Douglas E. Sigler, at that time an assistant professor of design. The flaring silver flanges that circle the crown of the mace carry the engraved names of each president of the university. Incorporated in the total design are abstract concepts of flame, dove, and hands, used by the university to signify learning and aspiration. All formal academic processions are led by a mace bearer with this staff of authority in hand.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Academic attire—cap, gown, and hood—is higher education's link with its long and illustrious past. Like judicial dress, it originated in the twelfth century with the medieval clergy, whose ecclesiastical dress probably derived, in turn, from civilian attire at an earlier age. Medieval scholars were almost all clergymen, and the earliest illustrations available show gowns that somewhat resemble cassocks. Universities of the period were primarily education guilds, the term "bachelor" denoting an apprentice, "master" a full member of the guild, and "doctor" one who had attained the highest degree of learning in a particular field.

In the United States, academic attire began to be used extensively at the end of the nineteenth century. It has given America a beautiful and impressive method of signifying academic honors.

The bachelor's gown is black and worn closed, distinguished by its long, pointed sleeves; the master's gown is designed to be worn open and has long sleeves with square base and arc cut; the doctor's gown, worn open or closed, has velvet panels down the front and three bars on the round, full sleeve. The color of the velvet may signify the field of study.

The hood is the most distinguishing feature of academic attire. Its colors indicate the degree of the wearer and the institution attended. The bachelor's and the master's hoods are similar in design, but the bachelor's is 3 feet long while the master's is 3½ feet long. The colors of the silk lining exposed in the center of the hood are those of the institution conferring the degree, for example, blue and gold for the State University of New York. The edging of the hood indicates the academic discipline.

Since the hood no longer serves as a head covering, the mortarboard, which originated in English universities, is worn. A long tassel of black or of a color appropriate to the degree is fastened in the middle of the top of the cap. The doctor's cap may have a gold tassel. Recently, soft velvet tams have become popular for holders of advanced degrees.

Academic attire serves two purposes: it gives a sense of dignity and tradition to the ceremony, and it links those who wear it—students, faculty, and professionals—to all the men and women who have sought learning over the past centuries.

Degree colors are as follows:

agriculture	maize
arts, letters, humanities	white
business	drab
dentistry	lilac
economics	copper
education	light blue
engineering	orange
fine arts	brown
forestry	russet
journalism	crimson
law	purple
library science	lemon
medicine	green
music	pink
nursing	apricot
pharmacy	olive green
philosophy	dark blue
physical education	sage green
public administration	peacock blue
public health	salmon pink
science	golden yellow
social science	cream
social work	citron
speech	silver gray
theology	scarlet
veterinary science	gray

ACADEMIC TRADITIONS

GRADUATE HOODING AND VESTING CEREMONY

Buffalo State master's degree recipients are individually recognized by the ceremonial placement of their degree-appropriate hoods, called hooding, during the Commencement ceremony. Certificate of advanced study (C.A.S.) recipients are vested with black-and-orange stoles, while graduate certificate recipients receive a white and orange cord.

STUDENT HONORS ACHIEVEMENT STUDENT ORGANIZATION AFFILIATIONS

The Gold Honors Cord

Graduates wearing gold cords at Commencement have achieved the distinction of graduating with academic honors. An honors citation is given to bachelor's students who have maintained a minimum 3.50 grade point average for all work completed at Buffalo State. Graduates who have completed a minimum of 60 credit hours at Buffalo State with an average of 3.80 to 4.00 are designated summa cum laude, 3.65 to 3.79 magna cum laude, and 3.50 to 3.64 cum laude.

The Gold Tassel

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

Military Honors Cord

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

Honor Society Cords

Students who are inducted members of national honor societies affiliated with Buffalo State are eligible to wear the appropriate honors cords designating their disciplines and honor societies.

Student Organization Regalia

Student members of campus professional and cultural organizations are eligible to wear the stoles representing their groups.

International

Students with international affiliations may wear stoles in accordance with their cultural traditions.

PAST AWARDS

For a historical listing of State University of New York award recipients, Buffalo State award recipients, and Buffalo State Distinguished Alumnus Award recipients, please visit <https://academicaffairs.buffalostate.edu/previous-buffalo-state-award-recipients>.

ACCREDITATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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