



2024

UB University at Buffalo
The State University of New York

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL



SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING
COMMENCEMENT

Friday

May 17, 2024

5:00 P.M.

Center for the Arts Mainstage Theatre

North Campus

Julia E. Czerniak

Dean and Professor

Associate Deans
Bruce R. Majkowski
Erkin Özay
Nicholas Rajkovich
Daniela Sandler

Assistant Deans
Matthew Roland



Students, faculty and staff of the School of Architecture and Planning gather in front of the renewed Crosby Hall on UB's South Campus, where classes resumed in spring 2024 following a 2.5-year full restoration. The event kicked off Atelier 2024, a week-long celebration of the work and culture of our school and a cherished tradition dating back more than 30 years. *Photo: April 1, 2024, by Douglas Levere, BA '89.*

Program

Prelude

TNT Brass Quintet

Processional*

Pomp and Circumstance by Edward Elgar
TNT Brass Quintet

Opening Declaration

Julia E. Czerniak
Dean, School of Architecture and Planning

Welcome

Dean Czerniak

National Anthem*

Amanda Lombard, Vocalist,
MusB '24

Introduction of Guests

Dean Czerniak

Greetings

A. Scott Weber
*Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs*

Dean's Remarks and Awarding of Dean's Medal

Dean Czerniak

Commencement Address

Dean Czerniak

Presentation of Student Awards

Erkin Özay
*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School
of Architecture and Planning*

Student Speaker

Matthew Kinnally, MArch, '24
School of Architecture and Planning

Musical Interlude

Minuet from L'Arlésienne Suite No. 2
Georges Bizet
Rachel Fan, Flautist,
NrsBS and PsyBA, '24

Conferring of Degrees

Provost Weber

Presentation of Bachelor Degree Candidates

Korydon Smith
Chair, Department of Architecture

Presentation of Master Degree Candidates

Lucie A. Laurian
*Chair, Department of Urban and Regional
Planning*

Presentation of Doctorate of Philosophy Candidates

Professor Laurian

Closing Remarks

Dean Czerniak

Singing of the Alma Mater – Lyrics on page 13

Amanda Lombard
MusB '24

Closing Declaration

Dean Czerniak

Recessional*

Procession of the Nobles
by Rimsky Korsakov
TNT Brass Quintet

Certificate Readers

Greg Delaney
Jordana Maisel
Samina Raja
Kristine Stiphany

Faculty Medal Hangers

Miguel Guitart
Joyce Hwang
Alexandra Judelsohn
Annette LeCuyer
Kenneth MacKay
Camden Miller
Matthew Roland
Kerry Traynor

Reception

The members of the Class of 2024, with their families and friends, are invited to a reception immediately following the commencement exercises in the Center for the Arts Atrium.

Today's ceremony is being livestreamed and a recording will be available for online viewing at buffalo.edu/commencement.

**Audience to stand, if able, during the Processional, National Anthem, and Recessional.*

SUNY Trustee and UB Officials

Eunice Ashman Lewin

Member of the State University of New York Board of Trustees



President and co-founder of Impacto Consulting Associates, Eunice Ashman Lewin joined the SUNY Board of Trustees in February 2010. She helped reinstate the Student Life Committee, which she co-chairs. In

this role, she spearheaded the creation of the Food Insecurity and the Mental Health task forces. Lewin serves on the board's Executive Committee and the committees for academic affairs, communications and external affairs, community colleges, and academic medical centers and hospitals.

A former commissioner of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, Lewin was a founding member of the Roswell Park Alliance and a board member of the Buffalo Urban League and Hispanics United of Buffalo. She is a member of the Hispanic Women's League and the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable. In 2022, Lewin was named co-chair of the 5/14 Remembrance Committee to honor the mass shooting victims of the May 14 tragedy in East Buffalo.

A retired bilingual social worker for the Buffalo Board of Education, she is a champion for STEM education.

Born in Guantanamo, Cuba, Lewin immigrated to the U.S. with her family in 1967. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Marymount Manhattan College and master's degrees in American and Puerto Rican studies, and in educational administration, from UB.

Jeremy M. Jacobs

Chairman of the University at Buffalo Council



Jeremy M. Jacobs was appointed to the UB Council in 1997; in 1998, then-Gov. George Pataki named him chairman. Jacobs is chairman of Delaware North, a global hospitality company with customers in the United

States, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. The company's operations include food and retail at airports and sports venues, sports facility ownership and management, operations of parks and major tourist attractions, hotel ownership and management, gaming operations and fine dining.

Jacobs owns the Boston Bruins and serves as chairman of the National Hockey League's Board of Governors. In 2018, he received the sport's highest honor when he was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

An alumnus of UB's School of Management and Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program, Jacobs holds honorary doctorates in humane letters from UB, Canisius College, Niagara University and Johnson & Wales University. In 2015, his family donated \$30 million to advance UB's medical school, which was renamed the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Jacobs has served Western New York for more than four decades with his business expertise and philanthropic leadership, and Delaware North has received multiple awards for social responsibility, community service and environmental stewardship.

A longtime friend and supporter of UB, Jacobs has served as chairman, trustee and director of the UB Foundation, chairman of the President's Board of Visitors and adviser to the School of Management.

Satish K. Tripathi

University President



An internationally distinguished researcher and higher education leader, Satish K. Tripathi, PhD, is the University at Buffalo's 15th president.

Tripathi, who served as UB's provost from 2004-2011, was dean of the Bourns College of Engineering at the University of California, Riverside, from 1997-2004. Previously, he spent 19 years as professor of computer science at the University of Maryland, including seven years as department chair.

In 2024, Tripathi was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. A fellow of IEEE and AAAS, he has published more than 200 scholarly papers, supervised more than 30 doctoral and postdoctoral students and served on program committees of numerous international conferences.

Tripathi graduated at the top of his class from Banaras Hindu University (BHU). He holds a master's degree and a doctorate in computer science from the University of Toronto, as well as master's degrees in statistics from the University of Alberta and BHU. He has received honorary doctorates from the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad, and Brock University in Canada.

Tripathi is co-chair of the Association of American Universities (AAU) Task Force on Expanding U.S.-India University Partnerships, and he serves on the College Football Playoff Board of Managers. Previously, he was chair of the Mid-American Conference Council of Presidents and Internet 2. He also served on the boards of the AAU, the NCAA Division I, the NCAA Board of Governors, the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

A. Scott Weber

*Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs*



As provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, A. Scott Weber, PhD, serves as the university's chief academic officer, providing leadership across the academic enterprise including

research, scholarship and creative activities; undergraduate, graduate, professional and international education; faculty development; diversity and inclusion initiatives; and university libraries. Weber is leading the implementation of the university's vision to be recognized among the top 25 public research universities in the nation, focused on building on UB's strengths to achieve new levels of excellence in research, scholarship, education, clinical care and engagement.

A member of UB's faculty since 1983, Weber is an innovative scholar and teacher and former chair of UB's Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering. Weber has held progressively responsible administrative roles at UB, including senior vice provost and vice provost for academic affairs, where he was instrumental in the creation of the UB Curriculum and the nationally recognized Finish in 4 program; and vice president for student life, where he focused on enhancing the student experience on campus and promoting overall student wellness.

Weber serves on New York's Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Board for Chemical Waste Management. He is a former board member and current advisory committee member of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County.

Weber earned bachelor's and master's of science degrees in civil engineering from Virginia Polytechnical Institute and a PhD in civil engineering from the University of California, Davis.

Julia E. Czerniak

Dean, School of Architecture and Planning



Julia Czerniak, AIA Assoc., ASLA, RLA, is Dean and Professor of the School of Architecture and Planning at the University at Buffalo. Educated as both an architect (Princeton, Master of Architecture 1992) and landscape architect (Penn

State, Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture) her research and practice draw on the intersection of these disciplines.

Czerniak's research and creative work as a designer and writer advance new ways of seeing, imagining, valuing and acting within our challenged anthropocentric environment. She has been invited to over 50 institutions as a public speaker and served as a guest juror at over 40 schools in North America, South America, Australia, Europe and Asia. She has authored and edited over 30 publications, including 3 edited volumes, 25 essays and reviews, and has participated in over 50 conferences, panels and events globally—many as keynote. Her scholarship has earned her international accolades that most recently include a summer residency at the American Academy in Rome and a seat as academic advisor for the prestigious Sustainability Workshop at the Norman Foster Foundation in Madrid.

As an educator and design thinker since 1995, Czerniak is deeply committed to the belief that a design education gives one the tools to think critically and act valuably in the world. She has extensive experience with the range of pedagogies, values, programs, and aspirations embraced in design education and remains dedicated to the liberal arts education offered by design degrees.

Candidates for Degrees

Subject to the completion of all degree requirements, degrees will be conferred as indicated upon those individuals listed herein who were identified by April 4, 2024, and upon such others as may meet the requirements of their respective degrees. Candidates are listed according to actual date of degree conferral (August 2023, February 2024 and June 2024).

Latin Honors

Subject to completion of all degree requirements and satisfaction of the following minimum criteria, Latin honors may be conferred as indicated upon the individuals listed herein and upon such others as may meet the requirements. To qualify for Latin honors, students must present a minimum of 60 credit hours of UB undergraduate coursework, at least 54 of which must be graded credits (i.e., not satisfactory or unsatisfactory [grades of 'S' or 'U']). The UB GPA must be a minimum of 3.2 (to 3.499) for cum laude, 3.5 (to 3.749) for magna cum laude and 3.75 (to 4.0) for summa cum laude.

To receive the Latin honors designation in the printed 2024 commencement programs, candidates for the June 2024 degree conferral date must qualify based upon their UB cumulative GPA through the Winter 2024 session and total number of UB credit hours projected through the Spring 2024 semester. Standings for Latin honors MAY change once final grades are posted or degrees conferred.

Academic Recognition Items

The Gold Cord

This cord is awarded to students who are graduating with Latin honors.

The Grey and Red Stole

This stole was received by students who are University Honors College graduates.

The SUNY Chancellor's Medallion

This medallion was presented to recipients of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. They were selected for this award based on their academic excellence and extracurricular involvement.

The UB Flame of Wisdom Pin

This pin, depicting the flame of wisdom from the university's seal, was received by students who were honored at the UB Celebration of Student Academic Excellence for earning select national, SUNY and UB awards and citations.

The WNY Prosperity Fellowship Medallion

This medallion was received by graduating WNY Prosperity Fellows. They were selected for this fellowship based on their commitment and demonstrated potential to positively impact WNY's economic development and sustainability.

Tau Sigma Delta

Tau Sigma Delta is the national academic honor society for architecture and allied arts representing the top 20% highest achieving undergraduate students. Graduating members wear a white satin stole embroidered with gold letters.

Non-Academic, University-Wide Recognition Items

The Kente Stole

This stole was received by students who participated in UB's ALANA Celebration of Achievement which historically has honored graduating African, Latino/a, Asian and Native American students.

The Rainbow Tassel and Lavender Stole

These items were received by students who participated in the Lavender Ceremony, celebrating achievements of graduating students who identify with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer community at UB.

The Red, White and Blue Cord

This cord is being worn by graduating UB students who are active duty servicemembers, reservists, members of the National Guard, newly commissioned officers or veterans of the United States armed forces.

Baccalaureate Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Architecture

February 2024

Bryana E Andreu
Troy Jason Behar*
Brian Chan**
Brian Eng*
Julia Rose Ferone*
Jasmin L Ferreiras*
Abbigail Olive Ford*
Nicholas Michael
Frantzeskos**
Natalie M Freund*
Cassey Hope Gibbons*
Joseph Anthony Glatz*
Rylee Faith Gollogly**
Alex M Hoover***#
Andrew Hu*
Kelly Huang*
Taib Iraqui
Zachary Izzo**
Nicholas Jay Janzen*
Alec Lewis*
Ariana Elizabeth Lowery
Gabriella Rose Madrid
Anthony Joseph Meli
Aaliyah Rose Mendoza
Tramp*
Pouya Pakkhesal***#
Sofia Rose Pasquarella*
Xinyi Qiu**#
Nathan Cooper Ruffalo***#
Hannah Joy Ruth***#
Patrick James Scherer***#
Faith Ashley Vale*
Cassidy James Van
Ness**#
Katarina Isabella Voss***#
Melanie Wu**
Megan Mary Wysocki***#
Mark Robert Zamirski*
Sandra Ann Zarub*

June 2024

Khulangoo Barkhasbadi*
Frank Bollerman
Jessica Chan
Mark Chen*
Olivia Rose Chiarella**#
Michael Alexander
Hernandez
Jamie Jiang***#
Havee S Kestay
Ananna Khan***#
Maya J Klatte-McAfee*
Bryce Robert Perez
Josh Michael Prise**
Andrew Reiter*
Ian Alexander Simmons**
Imahni Sinclair
Amanda Victoria Spidalieri
Carol Mary Thomas*
Yerlene Torres
Jolanta Volkova
Jeffrey H Walker*
Weijie Weng*
Jared M Yost

Minor in Architecture

February 2024

Michael C Bigos
Daniel Cyrus Chitsaz
Steven G Gawron
Henry N Grunzweig
Mark J Jenkins
Quinten Koch
Makaela Miriam Martinez*
Ethan C McDonald*
Kounady ismael Ouattara
Angelo Francesco
Pedreros**
Gabriel Quinn Petit*
Leah Mazur Wengender

June 2024

Kimberley Marea Bailey
Justin Tyler Bernak*
Wanxuan Cai
Guokai Chen***#
Justin Chiu
Tyler Truly De Hoyos
Jake S Dippolito
James Vincent D'Ulisse**
Siqi Li
Junyi Ma
Jack Michael Puttre
Carla L Rosa
Ryan K Schlichting
Mikaela Schwilk
Madison Stellrecht***#
Kwan Sin Sze**
Jehlani A Williams*
Storm Wright***#
Mingyi Xu
Tiger Zhang

Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Design

February 2024

Michael C Bigos
Cameron Joseph Carver
Daniel Cyrus Chitsaz
Steven G Gawron
Beatrice O Goldthwait***#
Henry N Grunzweig
Gangheon Kim*
Quinten Koch
Makaela Miriam Martinez*
Ethan C McDonald*
Jason Douglas Nowak
Kounady ismael Ouattara
Angelo Francesco
Pedreros**
Gabriel Quinn Petit*
Frances Ella Wisz**
Elias Gabe Zinaty*

June 2024

Kimberley Marea Bailey
Justin Tyler Bernak*
Guokai Chen***#
Justin Chiu
Brandon Scott Cole*
Tyler Truly De Hoyos
Jake S Dippolito
James Vincent D'Ulisse**
Angelica Therese
Francisco Morales*
Francesca Fiore
Gentilcore***#
Irene G Gerakios*
Solomon G Hauser***#
Laila Syrajanie Jerome*
Siqi Li
Christopher Lopez
Jack Michael Puttre
Carla L Rosa
Ryan K Schlichting
Madison Stellrecht***#
Kwan Sin Sze**
Jehlani A Williams*
Logan J Williams
Storm Wright***#
Tiger Zhang

Minor in Environmental Design

February 2024

Rylee Faith Gollogly**
Steven Anthony Pawlowski
Xinyi Qiu**#
Katarina Isabella Voss***#
Megan Mary Wysocki***#

June 2024

Jessica Anne Baker
Mark Chen*
Olivia Rose Chiarella**#
Thomas Joao O'Malley
Dias
Carla M Lamm
Hope Audrey Levin
Danielle A Quarless
Weijie Weng*

Legend

* Cum laude
** Magna cum laude
*** Summa cum laude
Tau Sigma Delta

Master Degrees

Master of Architecture

August 2023

Luke Dole
John Mark Silbert
Nachbar#
Timothy Andrew Noble
Samuel Paul Pruitt

February 2024

John Daniel Archilla#
Hashem Ali Badr
Peter Thomas Bua#
Michelle Chen#
Arthur Aaron Clay
Shannon O'Connell
DeBottis#
Alec C Harrigan#
Raymond Jacobson
Matthew R Kinnally
Joshua Alexander Kneer
Patrick Ma
Michael Andrew Napier
Sean Henry O'Keefe
Kira Lynn Podmayersky#
Juan Luis Romero Vazquez
Alexis Salamino#
Joseph Carl Tripi III#
Julia Marguerite Wade#
Bianca Marie Wilson#
Michelle Catherine
Wohlrs

June 2024

Sean Brunstein
Lindsay Bruso#
Kayla Clark#
Ciera Catherine
Chamberlain
Jacob Dannenfeldt#
Ryan Edwards
Briana Egan#
John Garcia
Caterina Carla Adriana
Edda Gnecco#
Allison Rae Gomez#
Manali Bhagvanbhai Goti
Cam Hausfelder#

James Arthur Herlihy
Brendan Timothy Hill
Alex Honan
Omar Salaheldin Ibrahim#
Jyotika Ashok Joshi
Niyati Jayesh Kale
Melissa Edith Kelley
Rachel Michelle Kramp
Brian Owen Kwong#
Shubham Sunil Lad
Yau Wai Lam#
Jennifer Roxana Lema
Chengyu Lin
Jacob C Maciejewski
Samantha Mambrino
Jonah Daniel Mathew#
Connor Michael
McCormick
James Daniel McGowan
Cindy Mierzwa
Kayvon Mingo
Kaleeka Nihar Mittal
Brian Charles Moore
Yashaswini Nalbandu
Raul Ramirez Nieto
Behnoush Nikparvar
Avani Padhiyar
Tejal Patankar
Jonathan Abel Reyes#
David Eduardo Rodriguez
Brandon Rosas
Ruchira Shridhar Sardesai
Claudia Melissa Savoy
Monil Pritesh Shah
Christal Smith
Charles Stevens#
Huiying Tan#
Ray Terry
Victoria Thompson
Staci Rose Tubiolo
Antonio C Vargas
Zachary Wiekierak
Cole Mitchell Wishman#

Master of Urban Planning

February 2024

Elizabeth Marie Aranguiz
Eric John VanDeWall
Yan Zhang

June 2024

Insha Akram#
Pratheeksha Balaji
Nathan Louis Barbara
Johnathan James Bartol
Swarupa Swapan Basu
Viyona Mangesh Chavan
Colin M Curry#
Tyrese Vaughn Davis
Reilly A Dzielski
Kate Hays
Jalonda Hill
Frank Lemmiti IV
Brendan Patrick Kelly#
Zane Robert Longwell#
Alexander MacCallini#
Darian Alexander McIntosh
Ellison Rae McMahon
Joseph Robert Meyers
Yolando James Mullen
Maegen B O'Hara#
Gabriel Recchio
Nathaniel Richard Rogers
Jigar Sandhu
Katie A Segarra
Hallie d'Epinay Wright
Mark Yaxis

Master of Science in Architecture

February 2024

Paul Knopf
Aqsa Rafi#

Master of Science in Real Estate Development

February 2024

Cole Michael Harrity
Bryan Jackson
Michella Fadel Kobti
Joe Ryan Lilley
Juliette Metschl#
Victoria Rose Sclafani
Yessica Iram Vazquez
Nina Gabrielle Villanueva

June 2024

Jennifer L Baldwin

Doctoral Degrees

Doctor of Philosophy in Urban Planning

August 2023

Chihuangji Wang

Master of Science in International Development & Global Health

June 2024

Natalie Alexandra Logan

Master of Architecture/ Master of Urban Planning

February 2024

Bethany M Greenaway#

June 2024

Kaetlyn Florence Ashkar#
Petreen Paulette-Kerry
Thomas

Master of Architecture/ Master of Business Administration

June 2024

Sumanth Reddy Thummala

Advanced Certificate in Historic Preservation

February 2024

Yan Zhang

June 2024

Hallie d'Epinay Wright

Advanced Certificate in Affordable Housing

February 2024

Bryan Jackson
Michella Fadel Kobti
Joe Ryan Lilley
Juliette Metschl#
Yessica Iram Vazquez
Nina Gabrielle Villanueva

June 2024

Brian Owen Kwong#

The Mace

Designed to tell the story of the university and the Niagara Frontier, the University at Buffalo mace was fashioned by silversmith Hudson Roysner of Arcadia, CA. It was used for the first time in the 1962 general commencement.

The mace is silver with accents of lapis and howlite to represent the university's colors. It is topped by a miniature-walled structure representing the City of Buffalo. Engraved atop the city are three arrows bound together, symbolizing the unity of UB and the city.

A band of alternating jewels of lapis and howlite encircles the head of the mace and bears the founding dates of the 13 divisions that composed the university in 1962.

The UB arms appear on the front of the head. On the back are the arms of the United States. The discovery of Lake Erie in 1669 by Louis Joliet and early explorations by Robert de LaSalle are symbolized on the left side of the head. A crest on the right side symbolizes the university's role as a dynamic center of human growth and welfare.

The wild rose, the state flower, is depicted in a floral motif at the top and bottom of the mace's head. Encircling the ends of the shaft are three wavy lines representing intellect and water, the latter a reference to the Niagara River and Great Lakes.

The motto "University and City: Community" is lettered in Latin around the knob of the shaft.

Traditionally used in university ceremonies, the mace is a symbol of enlightened authority. The macebearer is the chair of the university's Faculty Senate.



Student Awards

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

This award honors State University of New York students who have best demonstrated and been recognized for their integration of academic excellence with other aspects of their lives, which may include leadership, campus involvement, athletics, career achievement, community service, or creative and performing arts.

Hannah Ruth



Hannah Ruth of Rochester, NY graduates with a Bachelor of Science in architecture. Ruth is a University Honors College scholar. She has been an Honors College ambassador, student representative and peer mentor for the Architecture department, Vice President of Alpha Rho Chi and treasurer for Impulse Dance Force. She is working alongside UB faculty to improve soil-stabilized brick production methods used to build structures for safe water access and sanitation in Africa.

Department of Architecture

AIA Medal for Academic Excellence

Awarded to the highest-ranking graduating Master of Architecture student in recognition of excellence in architecture, leadership and high professional standards

Alpha Rho Chi Medal

In recognition of professionalism in leadership, service and merit

ARCC / King Student Medal for Excellence in Architectural + Environmental Research

This award is given to one graduate student for an outstanding master's thesis and acknowledges innovation, integrity, and scholarship in architecture and/or environmental design research

Department of Urban Planning

AICP Planning Excellence Award

In recognition of high standard of professional and school citizenship.

Best Thesis Award in Urban Planning

In recognition of the highest-quality master's thesis in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning.

Master of Urban Planning Best Final Project Award

In recognition of the highest-quality final project in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning

Highlights of our Year

1. New Dean Julia Czerniak meets with students at a Meet & Greet and Crosby Preview Event in November. Photo: *Douglas Levere*.
2. A reception at Assembly House occurred as part of the school hosting the annual ACSA Administrators Conference in November. Photo: *Joyce Hwang*.
3. Students assemble a living memorial in Medina, NY in honor of former student Sidney Gross in late November. Photo: *Douglas Levere*.
4. Visitors listen to comments during the opening of the exhibit Private Containers in Public Spaces. Photo: *Douglas Levere*.





5. Students participate in tour for CAREER TREK at the One World Trade Center in NY City during winter break. *Photo: Karen Rose.*
6. Guests remember Al Price, long-time faculty in Urban & Regional Planning, during a memorial in February. *Photo: Douglas Levere.*
7. Crosby Hall is completed and the school resumes classes in the building for the spring term. *Photo: Douglas Levere.*
8. On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse passed over Buffalo and the University at Buffalo. People gathered on South Campus near the Hayes clock tower to view it, but the skies were cloudy. *Photo Douglas Levere.*
9. Students, faculty, staff and friends participate in the annual Beaux-Arts Ball in The Admiral Room at the Marin on April 5th. *Photo: Lukas Iverson.*



Dean's Message



Congratulations! On behalf of the School of Architecture and Planning community and the University at Buffalo, we are honored to join you in celebration of this milestone. Celebrating *you* is especially poignant for me as my first year as your new dean comes to a close.

You have completed your studies from one of the nation's leading public research universities in disciplines that are, at once, intellectual projects, social and material practices, and agents of change. Within our great school you have learned to think critically, design creatively, plan strategically, problem solve collaboratively, communicate verbally and visually, and be future leaders. You have mastered the knowledge, skills, professional tools and competencies of architecture and planning and are ready to deploy them in service of the pressing issues of our time, from climate crises to inequities of all kinds. This is one of the greatest challenges that designers and planners face moving forward.

As you take the next step into the world as professionals, remember that architecture and planning are, above all, projects of hope. Wherever you choose to position your careers within our disciplinary maps—from the technical to the theoretical—and whatever challenges you chose to tackle, what we do is imagine futures, and you are ready!

I am thankful for the privilege and honor of watching you grow into next-generation leaders. Class of 2024, here's to all that you have achieved and all that's to come! Congratulations!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julia E. Czerniak'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Julia E. Czerniak, AIA Assoc., ASLA, RLA
Dean and Professor
School of Architecture and Planning

Alumni Welcome

Dear Member of the Class of 2024,

Congratulations! On behalf of the UB Alumni Association, I'm delighted to welcome you to your global network of more than 300,000 alumni. We're proud of all you have accomplished.

As you begin your next chapter, please stay in touch! Your alumni status opens up so many opportunities to stay connected to your alma mater and to fellow alumni.

What does this mean for you in practical terms? It means that career help, through our virtual Connect-a-Bull platform, volunteer opportunities to recruit new students or help current students, and engaging educational and social events are all yours for the taking. To learn more about what's available with your new alumni status, visit buffalo.edu/alumni.

If you have questions about how to stay involved, contact the Office of Alumni Engagement at ub-alumni@buffalo.edu. Remember, this isn't goodbye—it's WELCOME to the UB alumni family. We know you'll always be True Blue and proudly keep your Horns Up, wherever you go and whatever you do.

Go Bulls!



Joseph Stefko, PhD '03, MA '99, BA '97
President, UB Alumni Association Board of Directors

P.S. Keep your @buffalo email for life simply by logging in through a browser every 90 days.

UB Alma Mater

*Music by UB students in 1903.
Lyrics adapted by UB students in 2006
for contemporary use.*

Verse 1:

The pride of our spirit and tradition,
Our alma mater's truth and name declare.
Celebrate our history and wisdom,
O let us all prepare to sing her glory.

Refrain:

To Buffalo all hail to thee,
Noble and strong, it's our university!
To blue and white pledge loyalty,
Singing, I will always remember thee!

Verse 2:

We'll ever keep our standards high,
And sing UB's praises to the sky.
Receiving the finest education,
Our knowledge we impart unto the nations.
(Repeat refrain)

Verse 3:

Our friends we've made with ties that bind,
A union of our spirit, heart and mind.
Together we'll continue life's journey,
O may dear Buffalo forever be.
(Repeat refrain)

School of Architecture and Planning

Office of the Dean

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Dean

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IT Support Staff

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Services

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Staff Assistant for Business
Services

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Associate Dean for
Research and Creative
Practice

Matthew S. Roland
Assistant Dean for Real
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Daniela Sandler
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Technician

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