



2024

**UB** University at Buffalo  
The State University of New York



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
**COMMENCEMENT**  
GRADUATE CEREMONY

Friday  
May 17, 2024  
1:00 PM  
Center for the Arts  
North Campus



*Baird Point is an outdoor, Greek-style amphitheater located on the southern shore of Lake LaSalle. It was a gift to the University from the Baird Foundation and the Cameron Baird Foundation. The marble columns on the concrete platforms were once part of the old Federal Reserve Bank in downtown Buffalo. Following their relocation to the lake, the columns were dedicated as a memorial to servicemen and servicewomen.*

# Program

## Processional\*

*Selections from Pomp and Circumstance by Edward Elgar*

*\*Audience please stand during the processional, if able.*

## Opening Declaration

Graham L. Hammill  
*Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Graduate School*

## Welcome

Graham L. Hammill  
*Vice Provost for Educational Affairs and Dean of the Graduate School*

## National Anthem

Kira Whitehead  
*BFA, Music Theatre '24*

## Greetings

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

## Remarks

Robin G. Schulze  
*Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences*

## Conferring of Degrees

Provost Weber

Dean Schulze

## University at Buffalo Alma Mater\*\*

Kira Whitehead  
*BFA, Music Theatre '24*

*\*\*Audience please stand and join in the singing.*

## Closing Declaration

Vice Provost Hammill

## Recessional\*\*\*

*Triumphal March from Aida by Giuseppe Verdi*

*\*\*\*Audience please stand during the recessional, if able.*

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

# 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.

## **Robin G. Schulze**

*Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences*



Robin G. Schulze, PhD, joined the University at Buffalo in July 2016 as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor in the Department of English. As leader of UB's largest and most diverse academic unit, she drives UB's commitment

to prepare students to be active, knowledgeable, engaged citizens in a dynamic global community.

Over the last eight years, Schulze has worked to keep the College strong. She has increased research expenditure in the College and has secured major investments to enhance the College's disciplinary excellence, including funds to support the College's first two female SUNY Empire Innovation Professors. While championing disciplinary excellence, she has also invested in programs that approach critical present problems from a variety of disciplinary vantage points. The College's new department of Environment and Sustainability is a testament to that approach. She is also Co-principal Investigator on UB's first-ever Mellon Foundation grant in support of the College's new Department of Indigenous Studies which honors the university's long-standing commitment to training generations of native scholars. An advocate for the value of experiential learning, she has raised funds to provide College students access to important career building, learn-by-doing opportunities.

Schulze began her career at the University of Kansas. She moved to Penn State, where she became Head of the Department of English. In 2012, she moved to the University of Delaware and became the Associate Dean for the Humanities, a position she held until her move to UB.

# Academic Procession

## Commencement Marshals

*The College of Arts and Sciences gratefully acknowledges the volunteer services of the following faculty who have aided in the commencement exercises as Marshals.*

Sean Bennett, Department of Geography  
Luis A. Colón, Department of Chemistry  
Derek Daniels, Department of Biological Sciences  
Thomas H. Feeley, Department of Communication  
Bohua Hu, Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences  
Ariel A. Nereson, Department of Theatre and Dance  
Laura Rusche, Department of Biological Sciences  
Ewa Ziarek, Department of Comparative Literature

## Student Marshals

*The College of Arts and Sciences gratefully acknowledges the volunteer services of the following faculty who have aided the graduates in the ceremony preparation, the processional, the seating, and the recessional.*

Robert M. Adelman, Department of Sociology  
Brendan Patrick Fitzgerald, Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences  
Lindsay Hahn, Department of Communication  
David Arthur Hoekstra II, Department of Biological Sciences  
Stephanie A. Poindexter, Department of Anthropology  
Kristin Stapleton, Department of History  
Michael C. Yu, Department of Biological Sciences

## Hooding and Marching Faculty

Diana S. Aga, Department of Chemistry  
Jared Aldstadt, Department of Geography  
Ashley Barr, Department of Sociology  
Sharon Morgan Beckford, Department of Africana and American Studies  
Jason B. Benedict, Department of Chemistry  
Dalia Antonia Caraballo Muller, Department of History  
Sherry Chemler, Department of Chemistry  
Craig Colder, Department of Psychology  
Joseph Conte, Department of English  
Timothy R. Cook, Department of Chemistry  
Paul James Cullen, Department of Biological Sciences  
James R. Currie, Department of Music  
Sergey Dolgopolski, Department of Jewish Thought  
Isaac Ehrlich, Department of Economics  
Denise M. Ferkey, Department of Biological Sciences  
Christian Flaugh, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures  
Cecil Foster, Department of Africana and American Studies  
Omer Gokcumen, Department of Biological Sciences  
Maximilian Goldfarb, Department of Art  
Edith Gonzalez, Department of Anthropology  
Amy C. Graves Monroe, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures  
Melanie C. Green, Department of Communication  
Walter Nils Hakala, Department of English  
Fabiola S. Henri, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures  
Xuedong Hu, Department of Physics  
Fred Klaits, Department of Anthropology  
Trevor J. Krabbenhoft, Department of Biological Sciences  
Molly Ann Krygowski, Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences  
James M. Lawler, Department of Philosophy  
Kristen Schultz Lee, Department of Sociology  
Qing Lin, Department of Chemistry  
Zhiqiang Liu, Department of Economics  
Theresa Lynn McCarthy, Department of Indigenous Studies  
Patrick McDevitt, Department of History  
Joanne Song McLaughlin, Department of Economics  
William W. Menasco, Department of Mathematics

# Program Notes

Sara S. Metcalf, Department of Geography  
Pablo R. Mitchell, Department of History  
Andrew S. Murkin, Department of Chemistry  
Francis Badiang Oloko, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures  
John M. Opera, Department of Art  
Jamie M. Ostrov, Department of Psychology  
Lewis M. Powell, Department of Philosophy  
Salvatore Rappoccio, Department of Physics  
Jennifer Read, Department of Psychology  
Alexander Reid, Department of Media Study  
Kathryn Roberts, Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences  
Javid Rzayev, Department of Chemistry  
Elizabeth Scarlett, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures  
Claire S. Schen, Department of History  
Brian J. Spencer, Department of Mathematics  
Nancy A. Stecker, Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences  
Kelly E. Tenzek, Department of Communication  
Miriam Thaggert, Department of English  
Tim Thomay, Department of Physics  
Ann-Marie M. Torregrossa, Department of Psychology  
Luis Velarde, Department of Chemistry  
Noreen von Cramon-Taubadel, Department of Anthropology  
Zhen Wang, Department of Biological Sciences  
Livingston Watrous, Department of Art  
David Watson, Department of Chemistry  
Barbara Wejnert, Department of Environment and Sustainability  
Marion Werner, Department of Geography  
Victoria Wolcott, Department of History  
Troy D. Wood, Department of Chemistry  
Janet Yang, Department of Communication

## **Processional**

*The processional begins with the entrance of candidates for degrees, assembled according to rank of degree to be conferred. Each group of candidates is led by the university faculty marshal, who escorts them to special seating areas. When the candidates have all taken their places, members of the faculty enter, escorted by a faculty marshal. The procession continues with marshals escorting the vice presidents, vice provosts, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the dean of the Graduate School and the Provost of the university, who concludes the procession.*

## **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 Lavendar 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.



# Graduates

## 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 5, 2024, and upon such others as may meet the requirements of their respective degrees. This listing includes candidates for the following degree conferral dates: August 2023, February 2024 and June 2024.

### Africana and American Studies

#### Master of Arts

Corinne Elise Hooker / JUN  
James H. Ruff / FEB

#### Doctor of Philosophy

Taylor A. Coleman / FEB  
Natalie M. Fleming / JUN  
Soumaila Guirou / JUN  
Dorchell Whi Harris / AUG  
Stephine Lynn Hunt / JUN  
Liya Liu / JUN  
Laticia Gail McNaughton / JUN  
Emily Helen Novak / JUN

### Anthropology

#### Master of Arts

Ananda Unique Barksdale / JUN  
Swagata Biswas / JUN  
Lyndsey Clare Flanagan / JUN  
James Fuentes / JUN  
Lauren Jean Garvey / FEB  
Gabriela Sofia Perez / JUN  
Kiara Iliana Santiago / JUN  
Ericamarie Wilczyca Schultz / JUN  
Ariel M. Webb / FEB

#### Doctor of Philosophy

Marianne J. Cooper / JUN  
Rachel Ann Dwyer / JUN  
Rachael Elekes / JUN  
Keenan Thomas Phillips / JUN  
Erin Faye Elizabeth Pinkston / JUN  
Brianna Nichole Porter / JUN  
Hannah L. Quaintance / JUN  
Heather E. Rosch / FEB  
Jonathan Mark White / JUN  
Brent Whitford / JUN  
Xiqian Zhang / JUN

### Art

#### Master of Fine Arts

Bello Bello / AUG  
Jonathan D. Bolt / JUN  
Salem Browning / JUN  
Dalton J. Carlson / JUN  
Joseph George Goergen / JUN  
Lydia Claire Kegler / JUN  
Chloe Koegel / JUN  
Ali Marie Lazik / JUN  
Cristiano Pereira / JUN

#### Doctor of Philosophy

Conor Gorkowski Moynihan / JUN  
Alyssa E. Schwendener / AUG

### Arts Management

#### Master of Arts

Julia Rae Miskines / JUN  
Jordan Elizabeth Walker / JUN

### Biological Sciences

#### Master of Arts

Samuel Alfonso / JUN  
Michael Kofi Anyane-Yeboah / JUN  
Vu Bui / JUN  
Julia L. Buscaglia / JUN  
Gird Ceno / JUN  
Danil V. Chernov / JUN  
Grace Clouse / JUN  
Iyobosa V. Ekhator / JUN  
Eleanor Fumerelle / JUN  
Jasmin Garcia / JUN  
Meredith Kristen Honkomp / JUN  
Amber Hosein / AUG  
Rodwan K. Ibrahim / JUN

Yaekyun Im / FEB  
Nick James / FEB  
Darwin Jimenez / JUN  
Karen Linda Josephs / FEB  
Suhina S. Kanapathipillai / JUN  
Dawson Kang / FEB  
Hannah Glory-Ann Leblanc / JUN  
Thalia Lopez / JUN  
Brendan B. Louis / JUN  
Jarrod T. Lynch / JUN  
Lauren Michelle McLaughlin-Kelly / AUG  
William Richard Molini / JUN  
Madison Lee Muriel / JUN  
Ngowarisosam Oposo-Jama / FEB  
Fariha Osmani / FEB  
Grayson Pawlowski / JUN  
George Dumais Ross / JUN  
Joseph M. Schmitt / FEB  
Brandon Salvatore Jozek Sciarrino / JUN  
Mary Grace Elizabeth Shine / FEB  
Andleeb Tanvir / JUN  
Kevin Prince Thomas / FEB  
Francesco John Viavattene / JUN  
David Vorobey / JUN  
Muhammad A. Zahid / FEB

#### Master of Science

Antonina Bandrivska / JUN  
Luane Jandira Bueno Landau / JUN  
Soumyadip Chakraborty / JUN  
Valli Duvvuru / JUN  
Ben Ernan / JUN  
Sadia Ishrat / JUN  
Rosheena Onisha Juman / JUN  
Justin T. Kellier / JUN  
Rutuja Vivek Kulkarni / JUN  
Bowen Liu / JUN  
Nathan T. Lynch / JUN  
Ira Mohapatra / JUN  
Maricris Natsumi Takamura Naranjo / AUG  
Jozef William O'Malley / JUN

Dikshita Ramesh / JUN  
Soumya Sharma / JUN  
Jannatul Ferdoes Shoma / AUG

#### **Doctor of Philosophy**

Nathan J.C. Backenstose / FEB  
Emily Carroll / JUN  
Flavio Augusto Da Silva Coelho / JUN  
Steven Fleck / JUN  
Emily A. Mehle / JUN  
Petar Pajic / JUN  
Atindra N. Pujari / JUN  
Indu Raghavan / AUG  
Savannah E. Sojka / JUN  
Elizabeth A. Vohwinkel / JUN  
Hannah Waterman / JUN

#### **Chemistry**

##### **Master of Science**

Surbhi Chitnis / JUN  
Sarah A. Forney / AUG  
Marten J. Kimble / FEB  
Sameera Sampath Kumara Kurumbara  
Arachchige / AUG  
Viswa Phani Srinivas Marthi / AUG  
Kelly Murray / FEB  
Brandon Thomas Oligny / FEB  
Victoria Ann Schmidt / FEB

##### **Doctor of Philosophy**

Tanvir Ahmed Amit / AUG  
Zina B. Babitski / JUN  
Dino Camdzic / FEB  
Michelle Camdzic / FEB  
Md Saiful Islam Chowdhury / FEB  
Roy Cineus / FEB  
Michael David Clark / AUG  
Anibal R. Davalos Morinigo / AUG  
Kyle Richard Delgado / AUG  
Ming Fang / AUG  
Gayantha Shamin Fernando / FEB  
Nisha Geng / AUG  
Zacheriah Gernold / JUN  
Austin Benjamin Gilbert / FEB

Connor E. Gould / JUN  
Lahiruni Halwatura / FEB  
Alexandra Izydorczak / JUN  
Eric Thomas Jensen / JUN  
Elizabeth A. Kras / AUG  
Xindi Li / AUG  
Raul L. L. Carmo / FEB  
Zoe Yuan Marr / AUG  
Travis Mitchell / AUG  
Rachel Molino / JUN  
Sanchita Paul / JUN  
Lars Torres Paulson / FEB  
Apoorva Jitendra Pradhan / AUG  
Johnathan Rabb / FEB  
Medini Rajapakse / JUN  
Morgan Clarence Redington / JUN  
Laurence N. Rohde Jr. / JUN  
Arianna Ruby Marie Rothfuss / AUG  
Clayton L. Rumsey / JUN  
Logan Samuel Running / AUG  
Brandon L. Salazar / FEB  
Nicholas Stavinski / JUN  
Emily J. Steiner / JUN  
Heshali Kasunka Welgama / FEB  
Kelsey Lyn Williams / FEB  
Ruoshui Xu / AUG  
Daoyang Zhang / JUN  
Xiaotong Zhang / JUN

#### **Classics**

##### **Master of Arts**

Robert Arthur Gress / JUN

##### **Doctor of Philosophy**

Thomas Henry Buck / JUN  
Travis A. Qualls / JUN  
Samuel T. Stahl / JUN  
Elisabeth Christine Woldeyohannes / JUN

#### **Communication**

##### **Master of Arts**

Cali Elizabeth Assaley / JUN  
Natalie M. Barcia-Varno / JUN

Antoinette Q. Daley / JUN  
Tianna Flavius / JUN  
Daniel Kulesza / JUN  
Chloe Ann Milbrand / JUN  
Madeline P. Taggart / JUN  
Rinoa Wong / JUN

##### **Doctor of Philosophy**

Xinxia Dong / JUN  
Sneha Gupta / JUN  
Tahleen Amirra Lattimer / JUN  
Perna Shah / JUN  
Matthew Vollmer / AUG  
Zhuohui Yang / JUN

#### **Communicative Disorders and Sciences**

##### **Master of Arts**

Hind A. Alamari / FEB  
Molly C. Andriantsoa / JUN  
Allison Rose Chapman / JUN  
Aubrey Cluck / JUN  
Molly Jean Dolata / JUN  
Chantelle Kristen Donahue / JUN  
Sara Grace Flanagan / JUN  
Kelly Gates / JUN  
Kassandra L. Kinhead / JUN  
Tiana Rose Magnan / JUN  
Tanzeem Mahmood / JUN  
Emma Carolyn Makin / JUN  
Rachel Anne Maloney / JUN  
Claire Bridget McKenna / JUN  
Andrew Joseph Meis / JUN  
Rebecca Merker / JUN  
Natalie Merriman / JUN  
Aleah Milks / JUN  
Stephanie Bianca Nath / JUN  
Raine Elizabeth Oakley / JUN  
Charlotte Parker / JUN  
Audrey Rose Perrelli / JUN  
Annabella Pollina / JUN  
Mary Quinmore / JUN  
Michele E. Repka / JUN  
Madison K. Roncone / JUN  
Amanda Rubino / JUN  
Tasmi Siddique / JUN

# Graduates

Kristina Marie Skowronski / JUN  
Emmanuelle Lynn van Arragon Spronk / JUN  
Nadia Tomasik / JUN  
Cas Vecchio / JUN

## Doctor of Philosophy

Mengyang Qiu / FEB  
Antara Satchidanand / JUN

## Doctor of Audiology

Quinn Matthew Bremer / JUN  
Kaylee Rae Christie / JUN  
Ivy Jane Dimaculangan / JUN  
Haleigh Lynn Foster / JUN  
Anika C. French / JUN  
Madeleine Katherine Friedman / JUN  
Mary Margaret Howk / JUN  
Katharin McKnight / JUN  
Elizabeth Rivera Rosario / JUN  
Scot Robert Rosenthal II / JUN  
Megan Shain / JUN  
Molly Jane Stolze / JUN

## Comparative Literature

### Master of Arts

Mathilda Esther Cullen / FEB  
Charlotte Zhang / JUN

### Doctor of Philosophy

Sameera Abbas / AUG  
Megan Hirner / JUN  
Meng Wang / AUG

## Critical Museum Studies

### Master of Arts

Joshua Albanese / JUN  
Sophie Emma Barner / JUN  
Josephine Conti / JUN  
Adina Olbrys / JUN

## Economics

### Master of Arts

Matthew A. Agurto / JUN  
Jack Lin / JUN  
Troy D. Little II / FEB  
Alexander P. Markovski / FEB  
Carlos Alfredo Mota / FEB  
Jamie Pan / JUN  
Alan Vuong / FEB  
Ziyuan Wang / JUN  
Benjamin Weiner / JUN  
Jie Xiao / JUN  
Zhifan Xu / JUN  
Shangzhen Ying / JUN

### Master of Science

Faith Oluwanifemi Ayoola / FEB  
Caio Sousa / FEB  
Aradhita Baruah / FEB  
Kaile Cato / FEB  
Zikang Cheng / FEB  
Yu Cheng Chiu / JUN  
Salvatore J. Coniglio / JUN  
Darío Francisco Díaz Barragán / FEB  
Saima Fayyaz / FEB  
Tanushna Reddy Gummakonda / FEB  
Glen Alexander Kailburn / JUN  
Sreya Chandrika Kalidindi / JUN  
Cassidy Kamean / FEB  
Kyungmun Kim / JUN  
KyungSoo Kim / JUN  
Xiaoke Li / FEB  
Liqiang Liu / AUG  
Riley Patrick Oates / JUN  
Vishesh Sarbhai / FEB  
Danny Shur / JUN  
Matthew William Tress / JUN  
Trupti Santosh Ulkande / FEB

### Doctor of Philosophy

Yuchong Han / JUN  
Zukhriddin Juliev / JUN  
Liqiang Liu / JUN  
Sirui Liu / AUG  
Sungmin Park / AUG

Zhenfeng Peng / AUG  
Yushang Wei / JUN  
Han Zhang / JUN  
Runze Zhang / JUN  
Keqin Zhong / JUN

## English

### Master of Arts

Leeya Eve Bundy / FEB  
Christina Mei Chen / AUG  
Jennifer C. Dudzinski / JUN  
William Iffland / AUG  
Skylar Rose Merrell / JUN

### Doctor of Philosophy

Douglas Scott Basford / FEB  
Nathaniel R. Dickson / AUG  
Joshua Francis Flaccavento / AUG  
Hyoseol Ha / AUG  
Jocelyn E. Marshall / AUG  
Macy Renae McDonald / JUN  
Lawrence Lorraine Mullen / JUN  
Eric VanLieshout / JUN

## Environment and Sustainability

### Master of Arts

Leah K. Bargnesi / JUN  
Daniel Conklin / JUN  
Michael Griffin / JUN  
Evan McCabe / JUN  
Nicole Joy Uberty / JUN  
Maddie Ann Willett / JUN

### Master of Science

Joseph Benz / JUN  
Lauren Doherty / JUN  
Candice Kasahara / JUN  
Andrew J. Laurita / FEB  
Kimberly Louisor / FEB

## Geography

### Master of Arts

Maria Angela / JUN  
Gia Spicola / FEB

### Master of Science

Festus Oluwatimileyin Adegbola / JUN  
Willow Morgan Flood / JUN  
Sanhanat Itsama-ael / JUN  
Fan Li / AUG  
Chang Liu / AUG  
Wei Liu / AUG  
Rohitha Settipalli / JUN  
Derek Robin Spann / JUN  
Haobo Wang / JUN

### Doctor of Philosophy

David N. Karp / FEB  
Ying Lu / JUN  
James A. Roorbach III / JUN  
Caitlyn Sears / FEB  
Hannah Stokes-Ramos / AUG  
Jonathan Peter Townsend / JUN  
Chenyang Wei / AUG  
Jong Seo Won / JUN

## Geology

### Master of Science

Stephen Camarra / JUN  
Jane Lillith Halfhill / AUG  
Kiersten Alice Hottendorf / JUN  
Albert Milungu Kyambikwa / AUG  
Hayley P. Martinez / JUN  
Mareli S. Paredes / JUN  
Jason Travis Parsons / FEB  
Zachary Saltsman / FEB  
Bailey Orion Valint / AUG  
Danielle Nicole VanMarter / FEB  
Liza Blair Wilson / JUN

### Doctor of Philosophy

Devon Briana Gorbey / AUG

## Global Gender and Sexuality Studies

### Master of Arts

Elizabeth V. DiPaola / JUN  
Jenna Woodcock / FEB

### Doctor of Philosophy

Xingyu Chen / JUN  
Jessica Lowell Mason / JUN  
Soe Win / JUN

## History

### Master of Arts

Laylah Batrony / AUG  
Thomas Burke / AUG  
Zachary Wolf Goodrich / FEB  
Sam H. Kaneria / JUN  
Jessica Maxfield / AUG  
Breanna Marie Pelonero / FEB  
Catherine Rose Radwan / FEB  
John A. Root / JUN  
Joseph Saltenberger / AUG  
Sarah Amelia Wack / JUN

### Doctor of Philosophy

Tanya Gereldine Blakeley-Clark / JUN  
Stephen Burciaga / JUN  
Eric Aaron Deutsch / AUG  
Ashley M. Morin / JUN  
Victoria Nachreiner / JUN  
Jonathan David O'Brian / JUN  
Brent Matthew Rosenstein / AUG

## Jewish Thought

### Master of Arts

Anthony Catanese / FEB

## Linguistics

### Master of Arts

Logan T. Kennedy / JUN  
Sarah V. MacDougall / JUN

### Master of Science

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## UB Alma Mater

*Music by Walter S. Goodale, MD, 1903.  
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**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)

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## 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.

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If you have questions about how to stay involved, contact the Office of Alumni Engagement at [ub-alumni@buffalo.edu](mailto: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**

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

## 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, Calif. 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 New York 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 mace bearer is the chair of the university's Faculty Senate.





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