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C O M M E N C E M E N T

Friday

May 14, 2021

5:00 PM

Commencement Pavilion

UB North Campus

Robert G. Shibley, FAIA, FAICP

Dean and Professor

Associate Deans

Martha Bohm
Bruce R. Majkowski
Subbiah Mantharam
Samina Raja

Assistant Deans

R. J. Multari III
Rachel M. Teaman



Hayes Hall, the School of Architecture and Planning's historic home on UB's South Campus.
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Program

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

Opening Declaration

Robert S. Miletich

Mace Bearer, Chair of the Faculty Senate and Professor of Nuclear Medicine and Neurology

Welcome

Robert G. Shibley

Dean, School of Architecture and Planning

National Anthem

Anna Fernandez, BFA '21

Introduction of Platform Party

Dean Shibley

University Greetings and Remarks

Satish K. Tripathi

University President

School Greetings and Introduction of Commencement Speaker

Dean Shibley

Commencement Address

Henry G. Cisneros

Former Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Presentation of Student Awards

Martha Bohm

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Architecture and Planning

Awarding of Dean's Medals

Dean Shibley

Conferring of Degrees

President Tripathi

Presentation of Bachelor Degree Candidates

Korydon Smith

Chair, Department of Architecture

Presentation of Master Degree Candidates

Daniel B. Hess

Chair, Department of Urban and Regional Planning

Alumni Welcome

Elaine Chow, BPS '98

Adjunct Instructor and Professional Development Coordinator, Department of Architecture

Closing Remarks

Dean Shibley

Singing of the Alma Mater - Lyrics on page 13

Anna Fernandez, BFA '21

Closing Declaration

Professor Miletich

Recessional

Selections from Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

Readers

Joyce Hwang

Associate Chair, Department of Architecture

Samina Raja

Associate Dean for Research and Inclusive Excellence, School of Architecture and Planning

Today's ceremony is being recorded and will be available for online viewing within ten days at <http://ap.buffalo.edu/commencement2021.html>

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, on which she is co-chair. In that capacity,

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. Earlier this year, she was named to the Western New York Health Equity Task Force to coordinate vaccine distribution for the region's counties.

A retired bilingual social worker for the Buffalo Board of Education, Lewin 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.

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. A fellow of the IEEE and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, he holds honorary doctorates from the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad, and Brock University in Canada.

A leader in the national higher education community, Tripathi serves as chair of the Mid-American Conference Council of Presidents and on the boards of the NCAA Division I, NCAA Board of Governors and College Football Playoff Board of Managers. A member of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Reimagine NY Commission, he has served on the boards of the Association of American Universities, the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. In 2011, Gov. Cuomo appointed Tripathi inaugural co-chair of the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council, a position he held until 2017.

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, responsible for leading the development and implementation of the

university's academic vision. Weber provides 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.

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, where he helped establish UB's transportation engineering program and oversaw the department's significant rise in national rankings among U.S. civil engineering programs. 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's research focuses on biodegradation of chemicals in water and soil and the reclamation of environmentally impacted brownfield sites. He 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.

Robert G. Shibley

Dean, School of Architecture and Planning



Bob Shibley has dedicated his career to advancing knowledge-based design and placemaking in service to the public. Dean of the School of Architecture and Planning since 2011, he joined UB in 1982 and holds professorships in

architecture and urban planning. Over the past ten years, Shibley has guided the school to a top-ranked position in research generation among schools of architecture and planning in the prestigious Association of American Universities.

In 1990, Shibley founded The Urban Design Project, a university center for the study and critical practice of urban design. Under his leadership, the center developed an international award-winning ensemble of plans for the City of Buffalo's downtown, waterfront and Olmsted park system, and its citywide comprehensive plan. He continues to advance this work through the UB Regional Institute (UBRI), which aligned with the Urban Design Project in 2011 and today leads a new wave of regional planning efforts, including community-driven redevelopment of Buffalo's East Side and public involvement in the transformation of Buffalo's waterfront LaSalle Park into the Ralph Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park.

Prior to his appointment as dean, Shibley led the development of UB 2020: The Comprehensive Physical Plan as a senior advisor to UB's president. He continues to guide implementation of that plan as UB's campus architect.

Shibley has authored or co-authored 14 books and more than 100 publications. In 2014, the American Institute of Architects awarded Shibley with the Thomas Jefferson Award for Public Architecture. Shibley is also a recipient of the UB President's Medal, and a fellow in both the American Institute of Architects and American Institute of Certified Planners.

Henry G. Cisneros

*Former Secretary, U.S. Department of
Housing and Urban Development*



Henry Cisneros is former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, serving from 1992–1997 under the Clinton administration. Today, he is chairman of American Triple I, an infrastructure

investment firm based in New York. He is also a vice chairman of the Board of Directors & Equity Owner of Shank Williams Cisneros & Co., LLC, and principal of Siebert Williams Shank & Co., LLC, a national municipal and corporate finance firm. He is the founder and chairman of CityView, which is a partner in building more than 100 communities in 13 states, building more than 7,000 homes with a total value of over \$5 billion. With degrees in urban planning and public administration, Cisneros began his community-building career more than 40 years ago, first as a city councilmember and then as mayor of San Antonio, Texas. He is the first Hispanic-American to serve as mayor of a major U.S. city. During his four terms as Mayor, he helped rebuild the city's economic base and spurred the creation of jobs through massive infrastructure and downtown improvements. As a member of President Clinton's Cabinet, Secretary Cisneros was credited with initiating the revitalization of many of the nation's public housing developments and with formulating policies which contributed to achieving the nation's highest ever homeownership rate. He has served as President of the National League of Cities, Deputy Chair of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, and is currently an officer of Habitat for Humanity International. Cisneros is author or editor of several books including: *Interwoven Destinies: Cities and the Nation*, *Building Equitable Cities*, and *The Texas Triangle: An Emerging Power in the Global Economy*.

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 3, 2021, and upon such others as may meet the requirements of their respective degrees. Candidates are listed according to actual date of degree conferral (September 2020, February 2021, June 2021 and September 2021).

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 2021 commencement programs, candidates for the June 2021 degree conferral date must qualify based upon their UB cumulative GPA through the Winter 2021 session and total number of UB credit hours projected through the Spring 2021 semester. Standings for Latin honors MAY change once final grades are posted or degrees conferred.

Legend

Cum laude is denoted by an *
Magna cum laude is denoted by **
Summa cum laude is denoted by ***
Tau Sigma Delta is denoted by #

Academic Recognition Items

The Blue and Gold Cord/Delta Alpha Pi Pin

This cord or pin was received by graduating members of Delta Alpha Pi, an international academic honor society for college/university students with disabilities.

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 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

This 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

This tassel was 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 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 2021

Nicholas Blackwell*
Andrew Callard***#
Deron Charlery
Iza Dabrowski*
Roberto Diurno*
Hanna Isabelle Gee***#
John Henning***#
Samantha Rose Kalinski**
Dustin Klinger*
Gregory Steven Latchford
Erik Bernard Louwagie
Joseph Privitera
Taylor Stewart*
Cam Ziegler***#

June 2021

Ashley Nicole Alfau
Lauren Riley Beckingham***#
Jeff Henri Chouloute
James Dam*
Allison Faux
Diana Genao*
Andrew J. Griffin***#
Andrew Gunther**
Marissa Hedding*
Nicole Henriquez
Calvin Huang
Gavin Hurley*
Jacob Genther Hutton*
Alexander Johnson
Alexandra Kane*
Zhi Fei Li*
Jason Lieng
Runhao Long
Jingyu Lu
Damian Majkrzak*
Michael Marun
Leo McDowell-Chmelar
Matt McLean
Serena Minix*
Melanie Lucia Morales
Daniel Myers*
Brooke Nicholas*
Dean Elvis Nieves
Paul Owusu
Hunter Perez
Alex Perrino*
Kaylen Rasua*

Jessica Lynne Rote*
Dominic C. Samoraj*
Gregg Alan Schuster*
Zakaria Siddiqui
Petreen Thomas*
Rosanna Valencia*
Michael Vigliotti
Robert Whipple*
Chenhui Yang
Gabiella Zayas**
Yiyu Zhang

Minor in Architecture

August 2020

Cody Jonathan Stern

February 2021

Victor Yaret Acevedo
Sean Terver Heen
Tyson Morton
Claudia Melissa Savoy*

June 2021

Shania Julia Anunciacion*
Devin Barth
Viraja Pramod Bhosale
Ruth A. Bonnette**
Sean Brunstein**
Lindsey Kay Bruso***#
Jeremy Justin Charles*
Yumeng Chen*
Lisha Chouhan
Raphael Colella
Patrick Charles Delgobbo
Xiyan Ding*
Jack Draksic**
Gina Nicole Gaudioso***#
Leslie Marie General**
Allison Gomez**#
Hannah Hanley*
Andrea Harder***#
Omar Salaheldin Moha Ibrahim***#
Zachary Lee*
Katherine Alice Lewis
Samantha Mambrino*
Kayvon Mingo
Anthony Pineda***#
Brandon Rosas
Michael Ralph Santoro
Nicholas Rocco Sapone*
Timothy Swenson

Becky Szeto
Omar Tantawy*
Shameeq Willis
Jacob Wozniak
Bixuan Zhang**
Huiyuan Zhang

August 2021

David Pulliam#
Staci Rose Tubiolo
Peter Uruchima

Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Design

August 2020

Cody Jonathan Stern

February 2021

Victor Yaret Acevedo
Sean Terver Heen
Tyson Morton
Claudia Melissa Savoy*
Xing Xing Zheng*

June 2021

James Alfonso Annunziata
Shania Julia Anunciacion*
Devin Barth
Viraja Pramod Bhosale
Ruth A. Bonnette**
Sean Brunstein**
Lindsey Kay Bruso***#
Cameron Joseph Carver*
Jeremy Justin Charles*
Yumeng Chen*
Cortlandt Chin*
Lisha Chouhan
Raphael Colella
Patrick Charles Delgobbo
Xiyan Ding*
Jack Draksic**
Gina Nicole Gaudioso***#
Leslie Marie General**
Allison Gomez**#
Ruiyan Guo*
Yunchao Han*
Hannah Hanley*
Andrea Harder***#
Marianna D'Orsay Holmes
Omar Salaheldin Moha Ibrahim***#
Jin Y. Kim

Cameron Joseph Leber*
Je Yong Lee
Zachary Lee*
Katherine Alice Lewis
Samantha Mambrino*
Anthony Pineda***#
Brandon Rosas
Michael Ralph Santoro
Nicholas Rocco Sapone*
Becky Szeto
Omar Tantawy*
Devyn Lee Walker
Shameeq Willis
Jacob Wozniak
Bixuan Zhang**
Huiyuan Zhang

August 2021

Isaac Bravo
Connor M. McCormick
David Pulliam#
Staci Rose Tubiolo
Peter Uruchima

Minor in Environmental Design

February 2021

Gregory Steven Latchford

June 2021

Intesar Ilham Alam
Nishat Chowdhury
Peter Glick
Marissa Hedding*
Gavin Hurley*
Sarah Lorraine Internicola
Alexandra Kane*
Lauryn King
Jingyu Lu
Brianna Mancini***#
Leo McDowell-Chmelar
Matt McLean
Daniel Myers*
Zakaria Siddiqui
Rosanna Valencia*
Gabiella Zayas**

August 2021

Avery Quinn Sirwatka

Master Degrees

Master of Architecture

August 2020

Alejandro Rafael Frank
Jeremiah Smith

February 2021

Leticia B. Avila#
Anyá Sare Batista#
Duong Hai Diep
Alexis Jordan Donnelly#
Elizabeth Karen Gilman#
Stanicka Mathurin#
Richard Angelo Runfola
Matthew Jacob Sacha
Morgan Smykowski

June 2021

Sneha Arikapudi
Tyler Beerse
Derek Yi Xian Chan
Hua Xiu Chen
Antoine Cornet
Haley Renae Davis#
Sonali Debas
Rebecca Grace Flanagan
Joseph Anthony Galasso
Nicholas Peter Gatsos
Bhalendu Gautam
Rossella Giangreco-Marotta#
Connor P. Harrigan#
Jenna Herbert#
Yaliana Hernandez
Reid Hetzel#
Xinghuai Huang
Natasha Ajay Jani
Jamie Kyle Jones
Jocelyn Giselle Juarez
Danielle Kwong
Heather Leslie
Matthew Paul Mancuso
Morgan Lynn Mansfield#
Soham Mehta#
Mitchel J. Mesi#
Poorva Chandrashekhar Mirashi
Anna Mytcul#
Madeleine Laura Niepceron
Jennifer Persico
Yogesh Ravichandar

Jsasoda Ananda Rodrigues Silva
Yukta Dilip Satpute
Edinam Oladapo Segbefia
Mira Shami
Shivani Sandeep Vaidya
Shashi Varun
Thainá Vieira Guinzani
Courtney Elizabeth Vona#
Ayushi Jatin Vora
Nicholas James Wheeler#
Charles John Wingfelder#
Qiong Wu

August 2021

Andrew Lynn Abbey
Aleiya Als
Alfred Cai
Camilo Copete
Cristian Copete
Olivia Xuan He
Sarah Elizabeth Langille
Xing Hua Lin
Natasha Tharushi Mendis
Miguel James Ortiz-Teed

Master of Urban Planning

February 2021

Chris Kimmerly
Brandon Redmond
Brennon Thompson#
Joshua Thomas Wilcox
Xieyang Xing

June 2021

Kennedy Alexis
Sydney Kaylyn Alford
Karsten Brooks
Grace Laura Celik
Libertad Figuereo
Samuel Harry Gallivan
Nicole Hill
David Kelly#
Sylvia Kelly
Daniela Leon
Jilong Li
Sean Ryan McGranaghan
Melanie Julissa Monroy
Rakshanda Nagaraj

Christopher Platt
Gerardo Jesus Rivera
Lanika Catherine Sanders#
Tyler Scriven
Allison Margaret Smith#
Ian Douglas Stern#
Angelina White
Erik Woyciesjes

Master of Architecture/ Master of Urban Planning

June 2021

Brenna Reilly

Master of Architecture/ Master of Business Administration

June 2021

Christa Rose Trautman

Master of Science in Architecture

February 2021

Grayson Daniel Bailey
Siera Rogers

Master of Science in Real Estate Development

February 2021

Eric Benz
Michael Vincent Burton
Brianna Kirungi Byandagara
Elise Cloutier
Ryan Kaddah
Joseph Crispus Ndungu Karanja
Vanhida Prince#
Angelo Rhodes II
Jas Sandhu#
Tanner Jon Schmit
Mohammad Omar Siam
Craig Curtiss Spangler#
Brian Zendano

June 2021

Camile Israel Brown
Jay Schwartzkopf#
Elnaz Zargham Koranlou

Advanced Certificate in Historic Preservation

February 2021

Brandon Redmond

June 2021

Grace Laura Celik
Libertad Figuereo
Rakshanda Nagaraj
Brenna Reilly

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, encircled by the name Millard Fillmore and the dates during which he was president and UB chancellor. 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

Department of Architecture

Alpha Rho Chi Medal

In recognition of professionalism in leadership, service and merit

AIA Henry Adams Gold Medal

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

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

Together, we're imagining - and building - a better world.



Members of our Class of 2021, as freshman architecture students, with their first-year studio design-build projects in 2018. The wooden structures remain on display at Artpark in Lewiston, N.Y. © University at Buffalo, photo by Douglas Levere

Founded more than 50 years ago in the tumult of the late 1960s, UB's School of Architecture and Planning again finds itself in a world calling for radical change. We embrace the grand global challenges of the day as openings for our disciplines to mobilize action toward more just, resilient, and enriching communities for all.

813

*Total enrollment
(as of Fall 2020)*

17

*Number of
degrees offered*

5,931

Total alumni

1969

Year founded

Preparing future leaders

We prepare future architects, urban planners and developers as nimble collaborators, skilled makers and enterprising problem solvers. Drawing upon deep-rooted traditions in hands-on, activist teaching and research, we ground our work in the communities we serve, where our ideas take shape as built works and realized plans.

In service to communities

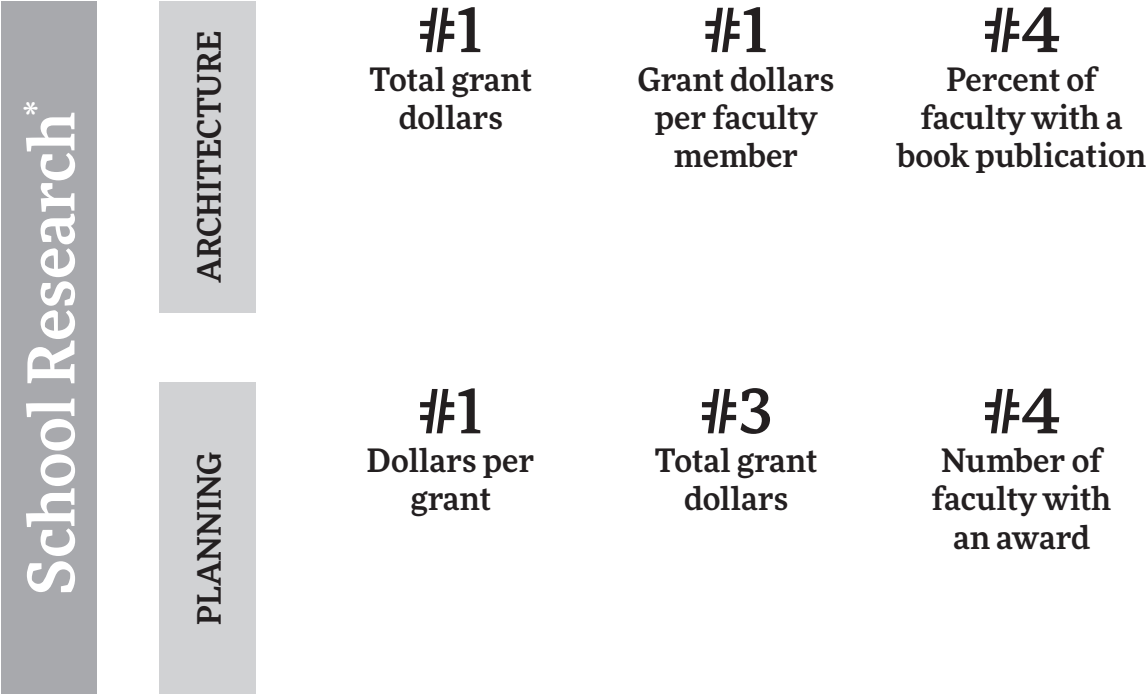
The School’s place-based engagements run wide and deep, stretching across decades and around the world, from the cloud forests of Costa Rica to rural villages in India to the historic streets of Madrid. The center of our community-based approach is Buffalo, a resurgent post-industrial city whose dynamic urban landscapes, neighborhoods and people have situated and inspired our work for more than 50 years.

Top-ranked in research

Our faculty are internationally recognized scholars and practitioners in globally critical fields including climate resilient design, inclusive design, food systems planning, sustainable materials and building, economic development planning, and affordable housing. Spirited collaborators, we pursue new lines of inquiry with industry and community partners and disciplines across UB, the most comprehensive public research in the Northeast. Year after year, the School of Architecture and Planning’s research enterprise ranks at the top of our peers in the Association of American Universities.

Cultivating trust and inclusion

As we confront a rise in hate, racism and subjugation across our nation and world, we commit to a culture of inclusion and trust that is steeped in the pursuit of knowledge, the preparation of global citizens, and capacities for critical reflection.



**Based on 2018–19 data from Academic Analytics comparing schools of architecture and planning in the Association of American Universities. Among this peer set are Harvard University, Columbia University, Cornell University, The Ohio State University, and the University of Michigan.*

Dean's Message

Congratulations graduates and members of the School of Architecture and Planning's Class of 2021. Today we come together in celebration of all you have accomplished during one of most difficult times in U.S. history.

As you consider the tumult in today's world, I urge you to embrace the same optimism and problem-solving agility that got you here today. The current moment is one of possibility for radical, and hopeful, change – a space of agency and action for the world-making professions of architecture, urban planning, environmental design and real estate development.

Over the course of your studies – and well before the pandemic – you navigated life-shaping challenges, emerging as skilled makers and doers, adept collaborators, and activist-oriented scholars and practitioners. The events of the past year changed us in profound ways – the way we interact, the way we conceive and move through space, the questions we ask, the partners we engage, and the practices we pursue. Through it all, you turned challenge into opportunity through grit, inspiration and sharpened resolve to make the world better.

As graduates in an historic time, you bear great responsibilities. The world needs community-minded change agents like you. Your job now is to listen, advocate, and act with renewed urgency on the problems of the day, from a warming planet, to shortages in affordable housing, to place-based health inequities. With your perspective, skills and ambition, we can push our disciplines into new spheres of influence to build more vibrant, resilient and equitable communities for all.

Today we look forward to your future with great promise. As graduates, you join nearly 6,000 alumni leading the way as advocates for new ways of thinking, making, building – and living. Thank you, as our next class of alumni, for your service ahead, and congratulations on your commencement. Class of 2021, here's to all you have accomplished, and all that's to come.

All the best,



Robert G. Shibley, FAIA, FAICP
Professor and Dean
School of Architecture and Planning



Hayes and Crosby Halls on UB's South Campus. ©University at Buffalo, photo by Douglas Levere

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)

Alumni Welcome

Dear Members of the Class of 2021,

Congratulations! On behalf of the UB Alumni Association, I'm delighted to welcome you to your global network of more than 280,000 alumni. You've persevered during a year like no other, and we're proud of all you have accomplished.

As you begin your next chapter, please stay in touch! We have so many ways for you to remain connected—to UB and to each other—through email and social media, as well as through alumni events and volunteer opportunities happening across the country and around the world.

What does this mean for you in practical terms? It means that career help, volunteer opportunities, 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.

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

Go Bulls!



Gary J. Jastrzab, BA '76
President, UB Alumni Association

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

School of Architecture and Planning

Office of the Dean

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Dean

Martha Bohm
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

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