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The State University of New York



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

Friday
May 19, 2023
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**

Frederick W. Stoss Mace Bearer, Chair of the Faculty Senate and Librarian

# Welcome

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

# **National Anthem**

**Emory Redfearn** Music Theatre, BFA '23

# Greetings

Satish K. Tripathi University President

# Remarks

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

# **SUNY Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters**

Agnes F. Williams Coordinator, Indigenous Women's Initiatives

Eunice A. Lewin Member of the SUNY Board of Trustees

President Tripathi

# University at Buffalo President's Medal

Oren R. Lyons Faithkeeper, Onondaga Nation

President Tripathi

# **Conferring of Degrees**

President Tripathi

Dean Schulze

# University at Buffalo Alma Mater\*\*

**Emory Redfearn** Music Theatre, BFA '23

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

# **Closing Declaration**

Frederick W. Stoss

# Recessional\*\*\*

Triumphal March from Aida by Giuseppe Verdi

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

The members of the Class of 2023, 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. Most recently, 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. A fellow of the IEEE and the 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 serves on the College Football Playoff Board of Managers and chairs the Internet2 board of trustees. Previously, he was chair of the Mid-American Conference Council of Presidents and on the boards of NCAA Division I, NCAA Board of Governors, the Association of American Universities, the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. A past member of the Reimagine NY Commission, he was the inaugural co-chair of the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council.

# 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. During his time as chair, the department rose significantly in national rankings. 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 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.

# Graham L. Hammill

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Graduate School



A well-regarded humanities scholar, Graham L. Hammill. PhD. is the University at Buffalo's vice provost for academic affairs and dean of the Graduate School.

A professor in the UB Department of English and former department chair. Hammill focuses his research on early modern British literature, political thought and the history of sexuality. He is the author of "Sexuality and Form: Caravaggio, Marlowe, and Bacon" (2000) and "The Mosaic Constitution: Political Theology and Imagination from Machiavelli to Milton" (2012), and the editor of three essay collections. His articles have appeared in numerous journals, and he currently serves on the editorial boards of Postmodern Culture and The Spenser Review.

Hammill currently serves on the board of directors of the Council of Graduate Schools as chair. He has previously served as president of the International Spenser Society (2014-2016), chair of the MLA Executive Committee for the Division on Renaissance Literature (2015) and chair of the MLA Executive Committee on Psychological Approaches to Literature (2008-2009). He is the recipient of many awards and grants, including a UB Humanities Institute Research Fellowship (2012-2013) and a Kaneb Center Award for Excellence in Teaching from the University of Notre Dame (2006).

Before arriving at UB in 2008, Hammill spent 13 years as a professor of English at the University of Notre Dame. A Louisiana native. he earned his PhD from Duke University.

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 dvnamic global community.

Over the last seven 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 Coprincipal 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.

# **SUNY Honorary Degree**

Agnes F. Williams, MA '91 Coordinator, Indigenous Women's Initiatives



Agnes F. Williams is an internationally regarded advocate for Indigenous rights and environmental justice. From assisting youth impacted by the Indian Relocation Act to helping organize the Longest Walk, she has remained a steadfast voice for Indigenous communities.

A citizen of the Seneca Nation of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, Williams earned her BA, BSW and MSW from Syracuse University. From there, she directed the Urban

Indian Child Resource Center in Oakland, Calif., becoming involved in issues including the occupation of Wounded Knee, the forced sterilization of Indigenous women and the encroachment of nuclear waste on sacred land. In 1983, Williams called for the halt of nuclear weapon development at the World Conference Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs.

Returning to Western New York in 1985, Williams served as a family counselor with Child and Family Services of Buffalo, a correction counselor with the Department of Correction, education director at the Seneca Nation of Indians, family counselor for the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Health Center and coordinator for Buffalo's Indigenous Women's Initiatives.

Williams also served on the founding Central Committee of Women of all Red Nations, helped found the Indigenous Women's Network and was appointed to the Seneca Nation of Indians Climate Change Task Force. Her participation in the delegation to the United Nations started the course that would lead to the 2007 Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Williams has been closely affiliated with UB for decades, particularly with the Native American Studies program and its founders. A graduate of the program, she has participated in activities including UB's Haudenosaunee Native American Research Group and was instrumental in the development of UB's new Department of Indigenous Studies.

# SUNY Honorary Doctoral Degree Recipients—University at Buffalo

1981	David Harker	1997	William Christie	2011	Ronald I. Dozoretz
1983	Alan E. Gotlieb		James Holland		Arthur E. Levine
1984	William C. Baird		Franklyn G. Knox	2012	Paula Allen-Meares
	Jacques Genest		Thomas Tomasi		Ronald H. Coase
	Wilson Greatbatch	1998	James W. McLernon	2013	Calyampudi R. Rao
	Seymour H. Knox Jr.	1999	Wolf Blitzer		Charles Wuorinen
1985	Erich Bloch		Lucille Clifton	2014	Ira Flatow
	Pierre Dejours		Clifton A. Poodry		Jack N. Lightstone
	Edwin F. Jaeckle	2000	Thomas Buergenthal		Norman R. McCombs
1986	Willard A. Genrich	2001	Alison Des Forges	2015	Christopher J. Scolese
	Gregory B. Jarvis*		Jane Goodall		David L. Shire
	Brian MacMahon		H. William Lichtenberger	2016	Leslie G. Ford
	John B. Slaughter		William H. Siemering		Helene D. Gayle
1987	George Hatem		Hatim A. Tyabji	2017	Marc A. Edwards
	Robert E. Rich Sr.	2002	Ellen Shulman Baker		Seong-Kon Kim
	Amos Tversky		Erma Hallett Jaeckle		Margaret Hempling McGlynn
1988	Louis J. Gerstman		Tom Toles		Bernard Rands
	Claude Lenfant	2003	Joseph P. Allen	2018	Gordon L. Amidon
1989	John M. Coetzee		Arthur O. Eve		Robert Peter Gale
	Philip Glass		Brad Grey		Abbe Raven
1990	Alonzo Church		Elizabeth Pierce Olmsted Ross		Margaret W. Wong
	Ira Michael Heyman	2004	John Walsh	2019	Julio Fuentes
	Wynton Marsalis		Robert G. Wilmers		Rebecca J. McCormick-Boyle
1991	James P. Comer	2005	Jack Dangermond		Donald Pinkel
	John W. Gardner		Henry A. Panasci Jr.*		Ashutosh Sharma
	Theodoor C. van Boven	2006	His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama	2020	Ruth Bader Ginsburg
1992	Marisol Escobar		Steven B. Sample		Donnica Moore
1994	Burt P. Flickinger Jr.	2007	Warren Bennis		Richard Schatz
	Robert V. Pound		Terry Gross	2021	C.K. "David" Chu
	Milton Rogovin	2008	Michael Batty		William R. Kinkel
1995	Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot		Maxine Hayes	2022	David Frank Adjaye
	Ishmael Scott Reed		Jean Malaurie		Ravinder K. Bansal
	George Widmer Thorn	2009	J. Mason Davis Jr.		Francesco Calogero
1996	Max B. E. Clarkson		Herbert A. Hauptman		
	Saxon Graham		Irene Zubaida Khan	* Award	led posthumously
	Jeremy M. Jacobs		Alan M. Zweibel		
	Florence S. Jacobson	2010	Mata Amritanandamayi Devi		
	Gaynor I. Jacobson		Barry Glick		
	Northrup R. Knox		Steve Reich		
	Seymour H. Knox III*		Robert Vince		
	Helen M. Ranney				

# University at Buffalo President's Medal

**Oren R. Lyons**Faithkeeper, Onondaga Nation



Chief Oren Lyons is a Faithkeeper of the Turtle Clan, Onondaga Nation. He serves on the Grand Council of Chiefs of the Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy— Haudenosaunee

A SUNY Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of American Studies at UB, Lyons received his BFA and an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Syracuse University, which also named Lyons Hall in his honor. A collegiate All-

American lacrosse player, Lyons is in the Lacrosse Hall of Fame and the honorary chairman of the Haudenosaunee Nationals Lacrosse Team.

Lyons, who holds the title of Wisdom Keeper, is an accomplished artist, environmentalist, author and global presenter. He is a leading voice at the United Nations' Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, serves on the executive committee of the Global Forum of Spiritual and Parliamentary Leaders on Human Survival and as emeritus chairman of the board for both the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development and the Seventh Generation Fund

Lyons has received such notable honors as the International Environmental Icon Award from the Green Cross (founded by Mikhail Gorbachev); the World Congress of NGOs Universal Peace Award; the Ellis Island Medal of Honor; the George Arents award for environmental and social activism; and the Elder and Wiser Award of the Rosa Parks Institute of Human Rights. Along with his late colleague Nelson Mandela, Lyons is a patron of Sweden's prestigious World's Children's Prize. Additionally, he is a member of the Native American Hall of Fame.

A constantly sought-after speaker, the subject of several documentaries and films, and a tireless advocate for American Indian causes and Indigenous rights, Lyons is a founding member of the visual media production company One Bowl Productions. He serves as a constant reminder of humanity's responsibilities to the earth and future generations.

# **UB President's Medal Recipients**

1990	Charles M. Fogel
1992	William B. Hoyt*
1993	Northrup R. Knox
	Robert Wilmers
	John L. Hettrick Sr.
1994	Robert H. Rossberg
1995	George C. Lee
1996	Irving Freedman
1997	Philip B. Wels
1998	Lawrence P. Castellani
2000	Mary E. Randolph
	John N. Walsh III
2002	Robert J. Wagner
2003	Reginald B. Newman II
2007	Stephen C. Dunnett
2008	Robert Genco
2010	Robert G. Shibley
2012	Angelo M. Fatta
	Bruce D. McCombe
2013	Diane R. Christian
	Edmond J. Gicewicz
2014	Robert D. Gioia
	Nancy H. Nielsen
2015	John T. Ho
	Gerald S. Lippes
2016	Paras N. Prasad
	Claude E. Welch Jr.
2017	Margarita L. Dubocovich
0040	Francis M. Letro
2018	Michael E. Cain
	Laura E. Hubbard
0040	Cristanne Miller
2019	Amit Goyal
2020	Amanda B. Nickerson
2020	Jean Wactawski-Wende
2021	Dexter Johnson
2022	Peter A. Rogerson
2022	Sargur N. Srihari*

<sup>\*</sup> Awarded posthumously

# **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.

Robert M. Adelman, Department of Sociology

Sean Bennett, Department of Geography

Luis A. Colón, Department of Chemistry

Derek Daniels, Department of Biological Sciences

Bohua Hu, Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences

David E. Johnson, Department of Comparative Literature

Peter Q. Pfordresher, Department of Psychology

Gwynn Thomas, Department of Global Gender and Sexuality Studies

# **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.

Ashley Barr, Department of Sociology

Vasiliki Neofotistos, Department of Anthropology

Stephanie A. Poindexter, Department of Anthropology

Kristin Stapleton, Department of History

Wei Sun, Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences

Michael C. Yu, Department of Biological Sciences

# **Hooding and Marching Faculty**

Diana Aga, Department of Chemistry

Jared Aldstadt, Department of Geography

Bernard Badzioch, Department of Mathematics

Sharon Morgan Beckford, Department of Africana and American Studies

James Beebe, Department of Philosophy

Jason B. Benedict, Department of Chemistry

Carol M. Berman, Department of Anthropology

Amanda L. Casali, Department of Indigenous Studies

Timothy J. Chevral, Department of Anthropology

Timothy R. Cook, Department of Chemistry

James R. Currie, Department of Music

Óscar Fernando Gil-García, Department of Anthropology

Mishuana Goeman, Department of Indigenous Studies

Shermali Gunawardena, Department of Biological Sciences

Montgomery C. Hill, Department of Indigenous Studies

la lashvili, Department of Physics

Jacob Daniel Kathman, Department of Political Science

Gerald B. Koudelka, Department of Biological Sciences

David C. Lacy, Department of Chemistry

Eun Hee Lee, Department of Linguistics

Xiaoging Li, Department of Mathematics

Qing Lin, Department of Chemistry

Jennifer Loft, Department of Indigenous Studies

Richard Ernest Marinos, Department of Geology

Theresa McCarthy, Department of Indigenous Studies

Eduardo Mercado, Department of Psychology

Cristanne Miller, Department of English and Arts Management

Janet R. Morrow, Department of Chemistry

Andrew S. Murkin, Department of Chemistry

Ariel Nereson, Department of Theatre and Dance

Mopelolade O. Ogunbowale, Department of Africana and American Studies

Yotam Ophir, Department of Communication

Barbara Prinari, Department of Mathematics

Neel Rao, Department of Economics

Steven James Ray, Department of Chemistry

John P. Richard, Department of Chemistry

# **Program Notes**

John Ringland, Department of Mathematics

John E. Roberts, Department of Psychology

Teri Rueb, Department of Media Study

Paige H. Sarlin, Department of Media Study

Marilyn J. Schindler, Department of Indigenous Studies

Brian J. Spencer, Department of Mathematics

Nancy Austin Stecker, Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences

Michael A. Stefanone, Department of Communication

Dejan Stojkovic, Department of Physics

Panayotis K. Thanos, Department of Psychology

Stephen Thomas Tiffany, Department of Psychology

Martin Trebbin, Department of Chemistry

Aaron Lee VanEvery, Department of Indigenous Studies

Luis A. Velarde, Department of Chemistry

Noreen von Cramon-Taubadel, Department of Anthropology

Zhen Wang, Department of Biological Sciences

David Watson, Department of Chemistry

Marion Werner, Department of Geography

Ewa P. Ziarek, Department of Comparative Literature

# **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

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

# 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 7, 2023, and upon such others as may meet the requirements of their respective degrees. This listing includes candidates for the following degree conferral dates: August 2022, February 2023 and June 2023.

# Africana and American Studies

#### Master of Arts

Shirley Cardona-Hampton / JUN David Duske / JUN Amanda McDonough / JUN Zachary Alexander Shackelford / AUG

# **Doctor of Philosophy**

Adewale A. Fadugba / JUN Dorchell Whi Harris / JUN Liya Liu / JUN Giannina Lucantoni / AUG Laticia Gail McNaughton / FEB Emily Helen Novak / JUN Mitsuyoshi Shiraki / FEB Matthew Syfrett / JUN

# Anthropology

# **Master of Arts**

Zacchariah Martin Apolito / JUN
David Thomas Brass / FEB
James Fuentes / JUN
Lillian Kennedy / FEB
Kevin Patrick Klier / JUN
Heather M. Lackos / AUG
Kayla Danielle Mace / JUN
Elizabeth Kathryn Marohn / JUN
Kathryn Margaret-Elaine McCollum / JUN
Alyson Louise Mitchell / FEB
Kevin Gene Palmisano / JUN
Kiara Iliana Santiago / JUN
Autumn Ariel Tonnesen / JUN

# **Doctor of Philosophy**

Dominique Alina Bertrand / JUN Darren Leonard Poltorak / JUN Hannah Louise Quaintance / JUN Heather Rosch / JUN Brent Whitford / JUN

# Art

#### Master of Arts

Patricia Mary Donnelly / FEB Tiffany D. Gaines / JUN Aujonee Nicole Smith / FEB

# **Master of Fine Arts**

Bello Bello / JUN
Alexander Quarrier Cassetti / JUN
Josie Ann Freeman / JUN
Robert Morrison George / JUN
Naomi Susan Harris / AUG
Anja Honisett / JUN
Quincey Miracle / JUN
Diana Polanco / JUN
Taylor Robers / JUN
Haley L. Soda / JUN
James Walker Tuffs / JUN

# **Doctor of Philosophy**

Yuriko Nagatsuma / AUG Alyssa E. Schwendener / JUN

# **Arts Management**

# **Master of Arts**

Jessica Mae Berner / AUG
Cameryn Mary Handel / FEB
Katherine Rita Kovacs / JUN
Olivia Wood McCarthy / AUG
Riley W. Nahlik / JUN
Ruixin Qing / JUN
Yuling Song / JUN
Lili Hanna Stern / JUN
Adriana Sofia Torres-Trinidad / JUN
Xiaoxu Zhang / AUG
Qinyang Zhi / JUN

# **Biological Sciences**

#### Master of Arts

Leah Abraha / FEB Dua F. Ahmed / FEB Gabriella Andreani / FEB Meaghan T. Birkemeier / FEB Srima Biswas / FFB Rvan C. Buzbv / JUN Taylor I. Campbell / FEB Katy Canales Padilla / FEB Alaina Carman / JUN Gird Ceno / JUN Albert Chen / JUN Danil Vladimirovich Chernov / JUN Alexander Chiang / FEB Logan Dean / AUG Jose F. Diaz / FEB Remi Garber / AUG Joseph Scott Gewolb / JUN Giselle Eileen Guerrero / JUN Alisinah Halimi / FEB Mahamudul Hoque / JUN Amber Hosein / JUN Lori-Ann Janeel Johnson / AUG Nathaniel Davidson Jones / FEB Alfred B. Joseph / JUN Nickesha Kelly / JUN Hongtao Liu / JUN Lauren M. McLaughlin-Kelly / JUN Fatima Mohammed / FEB Jessica Elizabeth Nowak / FEB Kazuki J. Okamura / AUG Ngowaris Opuso-Jama / JUN Jillian Christine Pembroke / FEB Thomas Michael Pon / JUN Bryanna Nicolle Roos / JUN Garrison James Schaller / FEB Samantha Christine Spinella / FEB Ayla Kelly Stafford / FEB Anissa S. Taher / AUG Andleeb Tanvir / JUN Victoria M. Truong / FEB Julia A. Tudor / AUG

Gaayathri Varavenkataraman / FEB Jenna L. Vecchio / FEB Justin Villodas / FEB Gal Weiss / JUN Rosy Mal Sawm Dong Zel / AUG Mallory Nicole Ziegler / FEB

#### Master of Science

Mahasweta Acharjee / FEB Pratima Bajgain / AUG Madeleine Bartz / JUN Brian Foote / JUN Megan Elizabeth Kostan / JUN Tharun Selvam Mahendran / JUN Aishwarya M. Menon / FEB Ankita Priyadarshini / FEB Polwatte Gedara Rasika Ga Rathnayake / JUN Gabriel Rubio / JUN Anushka Supakar / JUN Jayavardini Vasanthan / JUN

# **Doctor of Philosophy**

Nathan John Custer Backenstose / JUN Steven James Fleck / JUN Chen Gong / JUN Ying Liu / FEB Minakshi Mukherjee / JUN Maggie Postolache / FEB Indu Raghavan / JUN Ansuman Sahoo / JUN Savannah Sojka / JUN Kelsey Swinter / JUN Crystal May Tomlin / JUN Guolei Zhao / AUG

# Chemistry

# **Master of Science**

Luke W. Davison / FEB Sandeep Kumar Dhandapani / AUG Sarah A. Forney / JUN Elise Perry Glickert / FEB Seong Won Jang / JUN Khue Minh Nguyen / JUN Calvin Dinh-Chuong Pham / FEB

# **Doctor of Philosophy**

Preshit C. Abhyankar / AUG

Tanvir Ahmed Amit / JUN

Devin J. Angevine / JUN Brian Jay Breeman / FEB Laura D. Brunelle / FEB Thomas T. Bui / FEB Ameva Shubhang Burde / AUG Md Saiful Islam Chowdhury / JUN Rov Cineus / JUN Michael David Clark / JUN Jena Laine Congilosi / JUN Kyle Richard Delgado / JUN Rebecca Anne Dickman / FEB Nisha Geng / JUN Austin Gilbert / JUN Zackary R. Gregg / JUN Parami Gunasekera / AUG Nicholas Hazel / AUG Rania M.A.R. Hegazy / FEB Eric Thomas Jensen / JUN Jonathan James Kennedy-Ellis / AUG Gabrielle M. Kerr / JUN Elizabeth A. Kras / JUN Nahyr A. López Dauphin / FEB Daniel Lu / JUN Herbert Daniel Ludowieg / JUN Caitlin R. McGranahan / AUG Jillian K. McGrath / JUN Travis Benedict Mitchell / JUN Shea D. Myers / JUN Yaroslaw Myshchuk / JUN Sankar Raju Narayanasamy / AUG Johnathan D. Rabb / JUN Lauren Elizabeth Rosch / AUG Arianna R. M. Rothfuss / JUN Robert Brian Rossdeutcher / AUG Logan Running / JUN Brandon Luis Salazar / JUN Rebecca Schmitt / AUG Thomas A. Sobiech / FEB Gregory E. Sokolow / FEB Xiaoyu Wang / FEB Kelsey L. Williams / AUG Ruoshui Xu / JUN

# Classics

# Master of Arts

Christina Bekkali-Poio / FEB Shannon E. Kipybida / JUN

# Doctor of Philosophy

Thomas Henry Buck / JUN Elise Margaret Poppen / FEB

# Communication

# Master of Arts

Ruohan Cai / AUG Madison C. Czworka / JUN Peter Deyo / JUN Stephanie Jane Gillis / AUG Kyle Patrick Heneveld / JUN Yury Ji / JUN Emily Maria Lapan / JUN Yi Yin Leong / JUN Huiting (Claire) Liu / JUN Madison Neurohr / AUG Alexandra Vuich / AUG

# **Doctor of Philosophy**

Zachary R. Glowacki / JUN Tahleen Amirra Lattimer / JUN Kuei-Chun Liu / JUN Zena Toh / JUN Matthew Vollmer / FEB Zhuohui Yang / JUN

# **Communicative Disorders** and Sciences

#### Master of Arts

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Music by Walter S. Goodale, MD, 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)

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# The Mace

Designed to tell the story of the university and the Niagara Frontier, the University at Buffalo mace was fashioned by silversmith Hudson Roysher 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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atop a shield supported by the palm leaves of victory and emblazoned with the flames of wisdom.