

2023



The State University of New York

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL



COMMENCEMENT UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY

Saturday
May 20, 2023
5:00 PM
Alumni Arena
North Campus

Kemper E. Lewis

Dean



Program

Processional

Selections from Pomp & Circumstance by Edward Elgar

Opening Declaration

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

Welcome

Jeffrev R. Errington Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

National Anthem

The Buffalo Chips

Introductions

Associate Dean Errington

Greetings

Satish K. Tripathi University President

Remarks

Ann M. Bisantz Dean of Undergraduate Education

Student Address

Haley Parker Aerospace Engineering, BS'23

Recognition of Chancellor's Awards for Student Excellence

Dean Bisantz

Conferring of Degrees

President Tripathi

Alumni Welcome

Michelle Lieberg, PMP, BS'05 Board Member, UB Engineering and Applied Sciences Alumni Association

Alma Mater

The Buffalo Chips

Closing Declaration

Frederick W. Stoss

Recessional

Triumphal March from Aida by Giuseppe Verdi

The Buffalo Chips

Matthew Beebe Tony Bodami Jack Catena **Kevin Corrales** John DellaContrada Eric DeVore Zack Farnam Jaden Lombardo Jeremy Meyers Dylan Saglian Luke Vitale Simon Wu Greg Wynter

The UB Mace

The mace is part of the medieval traditions of the university. It was originally a weapon used to protect kings, but later became a symbol of enlightened authority.

The UB mace is designed to tell the story of UB and the Niagara Frontier. Fashioned by silversmith Hudson Roysher of Arcadia, Calif., it was used for the first time in 1962. Engraved atop a miniature walled structure representing the City of Buffalo are three arrows bound together, symbolizing the unity of UB and the city.

Other details include symbolic representations of

the discovery of Lake Erie in 1669 by Joliet and early explorations by LaSalle. A crest symbolizes UB's role as a dynamic center of human growth and welfare. The motto "University and City Community" is lettered in Latin around the knob of the shaft



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.

Kemper E. Lewis Dean of the School of Engineering and

Applied Sciences



Kemper E. Lewis, PhD, MBA, and dean of UB's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, is a global leader in engineering design, system optimization, and advanced manufacturing. He served as chair of the

Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering prior to being named dean in 2020; and was the inaugural Moog Professor of Innovation, a role he held until 2022.

Lewis is also the director of UB's Community of Excellence in Sustainable Manufacturing and Advanced Robotic Technologies (SMART), an initiative that harnesses the strengths of faculty across the university to develop advanced manufacturing and design processes, including autonomy, intelligence. and materials technologies.

He is a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), and has served on the National Academies Panel on Benchmarking the Research Competitiveness of the United States in Mechanical Engineering. He has published over 200 refereed journal articles and conference proceedings and has been principal or co-principal investigator on grants totaling more than \$33 million.

He has received numerous awards in recognition of his teaching and research excellence from several professional societies, including ASME, the Society of Automotive Engineers, the American Society for Engineering Education, and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Lewis joined UB in 1996. He earned a BS in mechanical engineering and a BA in mathematics from Duke University, his MS and PhD in mechanical engineering from Georgia Tech, and an MBA from UB.

Ann M. Bisantz Dean of Undergraduate Education



Ann Bisantz. PhD. is the dean of undergraduate education. Through oversight of academic policies and curriculum management, Bisantz's leadership enables UB undergraduate students to achieve academic excellence. Bisantz

stewards the strategic vision for the governance and management of UB's 21stcentury general education program—the UB Curriculum—the Experiential Learning Network, the Center for Excellence in Writing and the University Honors College. She also provides strategic leadership for campuswide undergraduate advising and oversight of the Exploratory and Pre-Professional Advising Center.

Dean since 2018. Bisantz has led the gateway course initiative, which seeks to address learning gaps and improve pedagogy in key courses; collaborated on student success initiatives, including summer bridge courses and success coach models; overseen the full-scale implementation of the UB Curriculum, and led undergraduate education units in transforming programming to meet the needs of today's students. Bisantz is a professor and past chair of UB's Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, where she developed new undergraduate and graduate programs and expanded and diversified the faculty.

Bisantz earned a PhD from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a master's and bachelor's degree from UB. Her research areas are cognitive engineering, human decision-making and human-computer interface design. She received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Scholarship and Creative Activity in 2015, the Fitts Educator Award from the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society in 2017 (where she was named a fellow in 2013) and an NSF CAREER Award in 2000. Bisantz joined UB in 1997.

Dean's Award for Achievement

Dr. Pyrak-Nolte was recognized at Graduate Ceremony 2

Laura J. Pyrak-Nolte, BS'81

Distinguished Professor of Physics and Astronomy, Purdue University



Each year, the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences gives its highest honor, the Dean's Award for Achievement, to someone who has made a substantial contribution to the practice of engineering or the applied sciences and/or has had an exceptional professional career. This year, it is with great pleasure that the school honors Laura J. Pyrak-Nolte, a geophysicist and Distinguished Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Purdue University.

Pyrak-Nolte earned a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Science from the University at Buffalo in 1981, a Master of Science in Geophysics from Virginia Tech in 1983, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Mineralogy from the University of California, Berkeley in 1988, where she worked with the late Dr. Neville G. W. Cook, distinguished expert on mining and the mechanical behavior of rocks.

In 1992, Pyrak-Nolte was appointed an assistant professor at the University of Notre Dame, Department of Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences. She joined Purdue in 1997 as an associate professor, was promoted to full professor in 2001, and was appointed a Distinguished Professor of Physics and Astronomy in 2018.

Inspired by her early work in rock mechanics, Pyrak-Nolte continued to study mechanical discontinuities in rocks. Her research considers the mechanisms that underpin seismic processes in complex fractures. She looks to understand the evolution of fractures, how seismic waves interact with fractures and how the geometry of fractures impacts the flow of fluids, and she developed a scaling relationship between fluid flow and elastic stiffness.

To better understand these fractures, Pyrak-Nolte makes use of 3D printing to create synthetic rock samples. She has shown that studying the fracture processes of synthetic rock can help to predict the behavior of rocks in the real world.

Throughout her career Pyrak-Nolte has worked with the United States Department of Energy. She has been the president of the American Rock Mechanics Association and the International Society for Porous Media and is the Vice President of North America for the International Society for Rock Mechanics and Rock Engineering (ISRM). In 2018, Pyrak-Nolte delivered the 21st ISRM online lecture, the first woman to be invited to deliver this prestigious lecture.

For her scholarship, Pyrak-Nolte has received numerous awards and was elected as a member or fellow of several organizations, including the National Academy of Engineering in 2021. The University at Buffalo is honored to recognize Laura Pyrak-Nolte as an alumna of great distinction, whose career achievements merit our highest regard.

Past Recipients of the Dean's Award for Achievement

1978

James W. McLernon, BS IE 1950, DocHL (Hon) 1998 President, Volkswagen Manufacturing Corporation of America

1979

Wilson Greatbatch, MS EE 1956, ScD (Hon) 1984 President, Wilson Greatbatch, Limited

1980

Paul E. Mohn Professor Emeritus and former Dean School of Engineering and Applied Sciences University at Buffalo

1981

James DeSerio
President, DeSerio Engineers

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Martin Kasbohm Director, Research and Development Linde Division, Union Carbide Corporation

1983

Charles M. Fogel, BS PHY 1935 Professor and Director of Industrial Liaison School of Engineering and Applied Sciences University at Buffalo

1984

William C. Moog, Jr. Chairman and President, Moog, Incorporated

1985

Howard E. Strauss, MS ME 1954 Professor and Associate Dean School of Engineering and Applied Sciences University at Buffalo

1986

Gregory B. Jarvis, BS EE 1967, Awarded Posthumously Hughes Aircraft Company NASA Payload Specialist

1987

H. Robert Leland President, Calspan Corporation

1988

Henry P. Semmelhack President, Barrister Information Systems Corporation

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Gerald D. Albertson Vice-President, Linde Division, Union Carbide Corporation

1990

Ray W. Judson
President, The Parsons Corporation

1991

Sol W. Weller Furnas Professor Emeritus School of Engineering and Applied University at Buffalo

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Lee H. Runk, BS IE 1961 President, Harvard Industries, Inc.

Irving H. Shames Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus School of Engineering and Applied Sciences University at Buffalo

Robert H. Goldsmith. BS ME 1951 Chairman. President and Chief Executive Officer Exten Industries. Inc.

1995

Hatim A. Tyabji, MS EE 1969, DocHL (Hon) Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer VeriFone, Inc.

1996

Anthony L. Russo, PhD ME 1969 Executive Director Calspan-University at Buffalo Research Center (CUBRC) Vice President Calspan Corporation's Advanced Technology Center

Calvin C. Chien, MS CIE 1970, PhD CIE 1974 Environmental Fellow, DuPont Company

Hiroshi Morihara, PhD ME 1971 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Peninsula Laboratories, Inc. President, Via Press, Inc. President, CGC, Inc.

1999

Eli Ruckenstein Distinguished Professor Department of Chemical Engineering School of Engineering and Applied Sciences University at Buffalo

John Zahorjan, PhD IE 1974 Adjunct Professor Department of Industrial Engineering School of Engineering and Applied Sciences University at Buffalo

2000

Erich Bloch, BS EE 1952, ScD (Hon) 1985 Distinguished Fellow, Council on Competitiveness

Principal, Washington Advisory Group, LLC

Henry Stone, BS ME 1949 Vice President, retired, General Electric

2002

Lawrence L. Peckham, BS IE 1969 Founder, LPA Associates

2003

Hadi Makarechian, BS CIE 1972 Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Capital Pacific Holdings, Inc.

2004

George C. Lee Samuel P. Capen Professor of Engineering and Dean Emeritus School of Engineering and Applied Sciences University at Buffalo

2005

Steven L. Lerner Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer Praxair

Douglas P. Taylor, BS ME 1971 President, Taylor Devices, Inc. President, Tayco Developments, Inc.

2007

Mark H. Karwan Professor and Dean Emeritus School of Engineering and Applied Sciences University at Buffalo

2008

Norman R. McCombs, BS ME 1968 Senior Vice President AirSep Corporation

2009

Gina Bronkie Hammond, MS CS 1973 Director, Computer Science Corporation's North America Public Sector, Defense Division

2010

Russell L. Agrusa, BS EE 1976 Founder, President, and Chief Exective Officer **ICONICS**

2011

Scott D. Stevens, PE, BS CIE 1979 Founder and Chief Executive Officer Dimension Fabricators, Inc.

2012

James P. Smist, BS CE 1980 President Dean and Company

John R. "Jack" Davis, BS IE 1955 Founder and Owner I Squared R Element Company, Inc.

Stephen E. Still, BS CIE 1976 Founder and Managing Director, Seabury Airline Planning Group, LLC

2015

Krishna Kolluri, MS IE 1988 General Partner New Enterprise Associates

Norman Haves, BS EE & BA CS 1980 Director of ASIC Engineering, Analog Bits

2017

Ann Wegrzyn, BS IE 1985, MBA 1990 CIO. National Fuel Gas

Gina Lee-Glauser, BS MAE 1982, MS MAE 1988 Vice President for Research and Scholarship. Clarkson University

2019

Jonathan Watts, P.E., BS IE 2000, BS CIE 2003 Vice President, Watts Architecture and Engineering

2020

Robert G. Harrison, P.E. BS ME Vice President Engineering and Construction Transmission Developers, Inc.

John K. Schneider, PhD EE '90 Vice President of Technology for Qualcomm

Dinah Gueldenpfennig Weisberg, BS '87 Chief Executive Officer and President. REDCOM Laboratories Inc.

Alumni Speaker

Michelle Lieberg, PMP, BS'05

Board Member, UB Engineering and Applied Sciences Alumni Association



Michelle Lieberg, PMP, graduated from the University at Buffalo with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 2005. Upon graduation, Michelle joined Ingersoll Rand and has remained with the company ever since. Michelle is currently the Global Key Accounts Project Management Leader who strategically manages global teams executing engineered to order projects. Michelle believes that listening

and adapting to the customers' needs while providing a consistent experience is crucial to a strong partnership in the Air Separation Market. She is passionate about mentoring and networking, along with giving back to the community through the University of Buffalo Alumni Association and as a Champion of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion at Ingersoll Rand.

Student Speaker

Haley Parker
BS Aerospace Engineering



Haley Parker of Greenville, New York graduates with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering. During her time at UB, Haley was an undergraduate research assistant with the Crashworthiness for Aerospace Structures and Hybrids Laboratory and the Space System Dynamics and Control Laboratory. She has held internships with Oceaneering International and NASA

Headquarters. Haley has written and animated videos to promote STEM education and is an active member of the Buffalo ComedySportz house team.

SUNY Chancellors Awards for Student Excellence

Will Johnson
BS Electrical Engineering



Will Johnson of Byron, New York graduates with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and a minor in Computer Science. Johnson is a University Honors Scholar. He has conducted research in the Sensors and MicroActuators Learning Lab on biosensors and microfluidics for medical applications. Johnson has held three mentorship and teaching roles in the engineering department.

He interned for L3Harris Technologies in the analog design team, assisting in designing hardware for space imaging systems.

Jordana Mazer BS Chemical Engineering and BA Mathematics



Jordana Mazer of Rockland County, NY graduates with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics. Mazer is a Presidential Scholar within the University at Buffalo's Honors College. She has participated in multiple research opportunities, including working as an undergraduate researcher, contributing to the advancement of chemical

recycling. Mazer also has been a teacher at a local synagogue to elementary school students during all four years at UB.



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.

School Leadership and Distinguished Faculty

Dean

Kemper E. Lewis Dean

Associate Deans

Rajan Batta

Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Diversity, Industrial and Systems Engineering

Jeffrey R. Errington Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, Chemical and Biological Engineering

Moises Sudit Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education, Industrial and Systems Engineering

Christine A. Human Associate Dean for Accreditation and Student Affairs, Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering

Department Chairs

Jonathan P. Bird Electrical Engineering

Francine Battaglia

Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

James N. Jensen Engineering Education

Victor L. Paquet Industrial and Systems Engineering

Alan J. Rabideau Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering Krishna Rajan Materials Design and Innovation

Mark T. Swihart

Chemical and Biological Engineering

Albert H. Titus Biomedical Engineering

Jinhui Xu
Computer Science and Engineering

SUNY Distinguished Professors

Stylianos T. Andreadis
Chemical and Biological Engineering

Rajan Batta Industrial and Systems Engineering

Michel Bruneau Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering

Michael C. Constantinou Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering

John Crassidis

Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Amit Goyal Chemical and Biological Engineering

Venugopal Govindaraju
Computer Science and Engineering

Quanxi Jia Materials Design and Innovation

David A. Kofke Chemical and Biological Engineering Vladimir Mitin Electrical Engineering

Paras Prasad Electrical Engineering

Chunming Qiao
Computer Science and Engineering

Krishna Rajan

Materials Design and Innovation

Mark T. Swihart Chemical and Biological Engineering

Andrew S. Whittaker Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering

SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professors

Mark H. Karwan Industrial and Systems Engineering

Carl R. Lund
Chemical and Biological Engineering

Joseph C. Mollendorf Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Johannes M. Nitsche
Chemical and Biological Engineering

School of Engineering and Applied Sciences Dean's Advisory Council

Michael J. Cadigan*, Chair Chief Quality Officer, GlobalFoundries

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Anil Kshirsagar* Executive Chair, CAPIOT Software, Inc.

Mike Kurdziel* Principal Fellow and Engineering Director for the Chief Engineering Systems and Technology Group, L3Harris Technologies

Gina Lee-Glauser* Vice President for Research, Syracuse University (Retired)

Mark Santoro* Principal Engineering Fellow, Hardware Engineering Center, Raytheon Intelligence and Space

Ashish Shah* Vice President of Research and Development, Viant Medical

Alice Smith Joe W. Forehand/Accenture Distinguished Professor of the Industrial and Systems Engineering Department, Auburn University Stephen E. Still* Professor of Practice, Institute for Sustainable Transportation and Logistics, University at Buffalo

Subbarao Vanka* President, NW Engineering Consultants, Inc.

Chris Wan Founder, Dyno Group Inc.

Jonathan Watts, P.E.* Director of Operations, Nelson Nygaard

Jim Wehrfritz* Executive, Exxon and ExxonMobil (retired)

Candace Yano Kallbach Professor of Business Administration, Morris Chang Chair in Management of Technology Innovation. University of California, Berkeley

*School alumna/alumnus

Undergraduate Student Club Leaders

American Indian Science and Engineering Society Frank Wolfe, President

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Aayush Kumar, President

American Institute of Chemical Engineers Scott Coia, President

American Society of Civil Engineers
Daniella Kata, President

American Society of Mechanical Engineers
Jason Wang, President

Association for Computing Machinery Eric Weinman, President

Biomedical Engineering Society Angelique Jan Miane, President

Diversity in Technology Hannah Wilcox, Director

Engineering World Health Lauren Shaw, President

Engineers for a Sustainable World Sydney Gallo, President

Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers
Owen Farrell. President

Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers
Jimi Faso III. President

MakeOpenSource Emil Kovacev, President

National Society of Black Engineers Joel Muhigirwa, President

National Society of Professional Engineers Max Gustin, President

New York Water Environment Association Giuseppe Hoose, President

oSTEM

Skylar Kantor, President

Phi Sigma Rho Colony Madison Dailey, President

Society and Computing
Joshua Caskie, Co-President
Jyla Serfino, Co-President

Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers Alyssa Le, President

Society of Automotive Engineers
Auburn Schwartzmeyer, President

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Elijah Calle, President

Society of Women Engineers Hannah Mwelwa, President

Student Association
Becky Paul-Odionhin, President
Jesse Orozco, Engineering Council Coordinator

Students for the Exploration and Development of Space James Stukey, President

Theme Park Engineering Club
David Abramson. President

Tau Beta Pi Maxine Dupuis, President

Theta Tau/Gamma Delta Epsilon David Zaretsky (fall), Regent Elise Dougherty (spring), Regent

UB Nanosatellite Lab.

Jesse Cristofaro, Program Manager for the GLADOS

UB Pilots Association Shantu Barua (fall), President Eli Jenkinson (spring), President

UB Robotics Shardul Nitin Saptarshi, President

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 15, 2023, and upon such others as may meet the requirements of their respective degrees. Candidates are listed according to actual date of degree conferral (August 2022, February 2023 and June 2023).

Recognition of 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 2023 commencement programs, candidates for the June 2023 degree conferral date must qualify based upon their UB cumulative GPA through the Winter 2023 session and total number of UB credit hours projected through the Spring 2023 semester. Standings for Latin honors MAY change once final grades are posted or degrees conferred.

Legend

Cum Laude is denoted by § Magna Cum Laude is denoted by ‡ Summa Cum Laude is denoted by † Tau Beta Pi is denoted by TBP Double major is denoted by * Double degree is denoted by ** Double major, double degree is denoted by \(\rightarrow \) Degree earned as part of a combined BS/MS is denoted by o

Academic Recognition Items

The Gold Cord

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

The Grey and Red Stole

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

The White Stole

This stole was received by graduating members of Tau Beta Pi, an academic honor society representing the entire engineering profession.

The SUNY Chancellor's Medallion

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

The UB Flame of Wisdom Pin

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

The WNY Prosperity Fellowship Medallion

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

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.

Engineering and applied sciences students wear a variety of cords and stoles to represent club membership and leadership.

Baccalaureate Degrees

Recommending Candidates for Degrees

Ann Bisantz
Dean, Undergraduate Education

Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering

August 2022

Michael Govoni
Michael Hasapidis † *
Timothy D. Manta
Ryan J. Mummery
Tyler O'Connor *
Dylan R. Saffir ‡ *
Kai Wang § *
Derek Yu ‡ *
Kevin L. Zheng ‡ *
Yongcheng Zhou ‡ ◊

February 2023

Carlos Arturo Blanco Rosales * John Nevzat Cemay Daniel Eli Knorr Mahir Sahrier Navid * Wayne C. Penales

June 2023

David N. Abramson § Sonali Adhikari § Evan Orlowski Allen † Mohamed Badr * Joshua J. Baker ± * Noah Edward Baker * Connor W. Bakerink * Jonah Thomas Allen Bannon † * Shantu Barua § * Kastriot Bela § * Jacob James Bicknell § * Michael James Bittrolff § * Adam Bocanski ‡ Nathaniel Robert Brewer Sr Ryan Connor Buick § * William G. Cafarelli † * TBP Aaron A. Casillas * Yu Chen ‡ *

Taylor J. Colvin **Brian Davis** Jeremy Dening † TBP Grace Derrick † * Ankur Devra § Brendan Donovan ± * Noah M. Everett David Ficarra ± * Joseph Fisher § Nicholas David Furioso † Jake Robert Gazura * Manjashan S. Ghotra Harrison Goldstein † * Patrick Harrington † Simon Shenaxi He ± * Alexander Hertz † * Jacqueline Kalish ‡ * Peter Canisius Keil ‡ Timothy John Kelleher * Matthew Klein * Zac Kobylarz † * Matthew Kotsch ‡ Asterios Aidan Kounios ± * Taylor Krikorian * Sydney M. Kwitowski * Minghao Li § * Ivan Lin ‡ Kairvi Ashvin Lodhiva † * Justin Lombard Ian Ma Max Thomas Magee ‡ Joseph Malach † * Carmen J. Malone Matthew Margeson † * TBP Ben Marino ‡ * Jason Martin § Tyler M. McDermott Ryan Mulligan Patrick Murphy + * Muhammad Hamza Nasir * Vinh Quang Nguyen Benedict Nord-Levin ± Chudi Nwoke Haley Parker † Connor John Ricciardi ‡

Nathan Rishe †

Julie Marie Cicotta *

Farhan Mujib Rivu Mark Joseph SanGregory Thomas Scully † Angha Sehgal ‡ * Manvir Singh * Samuel Henry Smullen ‡ Alexander James Stroud * James Stukey § * **Emily Rose Sweeney** Alec B. Sydney * Rodrigo Morschbacher Tjan * Iftikhar Uddin ± * Robert Russell Weiler * Jason Patrick Wilkie § * Ryan C. Wilson † * Jarrett Jeffrev Wolf † * TBP Hosam Yousef †

Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering / Master of Business Administration

June 2023 Isaac John Rajan §

Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering

August 2022

Atish Remone Brown
Euclid Jenne Dela Rosa Fortin §
Cristina Wendy Huyhua
Jasung Koo §
Erik Matthew Stickevers

February 2023

Annabella Oliphant de Faria Yusuf Elazzazi § * Courtney Claire Vigna ‡

June 2023

Yaa A. Achampong ‡ Hiral Manish Ajmeri Ivan L. Aylesworth Hannah R. Bobis ** Quinn T. Boyer

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Academic Costume

The traditional costume worn at commencement exercise is a record of academic achievement of the individuals taking part. Its use, which originated at English and European universities during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, came to the United States in 1754 with the founding of what is now Columbia University.

In 1895 the Intercollegiate Commission, a group of leading American educators, met at Columbia to draft a code which would serve to regulate the design of gowns and hoods for various degrees as well as to fix the colors that indicate the various faculties. This code has been adopted by most of the colleges and universities in America. It was revised in 1932 and again in 1959.

The level of degree held is indicated by the gown's cut. Doctoral gowns have full sleeves which are round and open. Gowns worn by bachelors have long pointed sleeves, and those worn by masters have long, closed, somewhat fuller sleeves which reach nearly to the wearer's knees. The arm goes through a slit, giving the appearance of short sleeves.

The color as well as cut of the gown varies. Although most doctoral gowns are black, in some cases their color is that of the university conferring the degree. The doctoral gown is trimmed in velvet; it has three two-inch bars on the sleeves and a five-inch border extending from the back of the neck down the two sides in front. Although usually black, the velvet may be of a color that indicates the nature of the degree. For the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, the color is dark blue, engineers may also wear orange; for Doctor of Medicine, green; for Doctor of Dentistry, lilac; for Doctor of Education, light blue; for Doctor of Science, golden yellow; for Doctor of Law, purple; for Doctor of Social Work, citron, etc. Master's and bachelor's gowns have no facing.

The hood seems to have had a more practical origin. During the Middle Ages monks wore them to protect their shaved heads in the winter and as a container in which to collect alms. It is the most significant part of the academic dress. Its shape and size indicates the degree of the wearer, the color of the velvet border indicates the academic field, and the color of the lining indicates the institution granting the degree. The bachelor's hood is three feet long and has a two-inch velvet border, the master's is three and one-half feet long and has a three-inch border, and the doctor's is four feet with a five-inch border. The State University of New York at Buffalo hood is lined with blue and gold stripes; orange signifies engineering.

The mortarboard cap has been conventionalized from the skull cap which was worn by monks of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. The mortarboard is usually black. Tassels are worn over the left front quarter by degree holders; candidates wear the tassel over the right front quarter until the degree is conferred

The First Commencement

The first commencement of The University of Buffalo was held at the First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, June 16, 1847, when medical degrees were conferred on seventeen "young gentlemen." The event was witnessed by "quite a large concourse of our citizens, as the occasion was a novelty here," according to the newspaper report.

After an impressive and appropriate prayer, the Honorable Millard Fillmore, Chancellor, delivered an address dealing principally with a historical sketch of the rise and progress of education in Buffalo. Following music by the choir and conferring of degrees, Professor Hamilton spoke to the graduates. His address was described in a local newspaper the following day as a "feeling and beautiful effort complete with high sentiments, of sound morality and enlarged and pure philanthropy, which, if made the rule and guide of the young gentlemen to whom it was more immediately directed, cannot fail of making them ornaments to their profession and to society . . . in thought, word and deed."

After 16 weeks of study, which in those days was the entire medical preparation, each graduate was cited for having "specialized" in one of the following: Hernia, Empiricism, Remittant Fever, Pneumonities, Mania Potu, Puerperal Fever, Erythema, Anatomical Fractures, Typhoid Fever, Pneumonia, Acute Laryngitis, History of Physiology. Dyspepsia, Haemorrhagi, Inflammatory Croup, Pregnancy, Scarlatina.

The students had paid \$62.00 for all the lectures in the entire course, plus a \$3.00 matriculation fee, \$5.00 for a "demonstrator's ticket," and \$20.00 for a graduation fee. Board, including fuel and light, cost from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per week.



History of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

In celebrating this commencement, the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS) marks 77 years of educational and research excellence and service to the technology community, to New York State, and to society at large.

The Founding of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Engineering courses were initially offered by the College of Arts and Sciences, which began granting a Certificate in Engineering in 1929. Early programs were established in engineering science, mechanical engineering, industrial engineering, and electrical engineering. Then in 1946. 100 years after the University at Buffalo was founded, the School of Engineering was established. The school was initially authorized to offer both bachelor's and master's degrees. Departments of civil engineering and chemical engineering were added in 1958 and 1961, respectively. In 1962, the university joined the State University of New York (SUNY) higher education system, and by 1967, the name of the school had been changed to the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Sciences. One year later, aerospace engineering was added, and a comprehensive engineering school was achieved. An undergraduate program in engineering physics was added in 1985, and four years later, in 1989, the unit changed its name to the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

In 1998, a new Department of Computer Science and Engineering was formed by merging the computer science program from the College of Arts and Sciences with the computer engineering component of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering in SEAS. Since that time, three new departments have been created. In 2010, a new Department of Biomedical Engineering was formed in collaboration with the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at UB. Then in 2014, a new Department of Materials Design and Innovation was established in collaboration with the College of Arts and Sciences. The newest Department of Engineering Education was established in 2018.

SEAS has come a long way since 1946, when it first held courses in the newly dedicated Karr Parker Engineering Building on South Campus. Parker Hall was immediately enlarged to accommodate traditional students and returning G.I.s intent on pursuing engineering careers after WWII. In the mid-70s to mid-80s, the school moved to five new buildings on the North Campus: Bell, Bonner, Furnas, Jarvis, and Ketter Halls. Davis Hall opened in 2011, featuring an environmentally friendly design and construction. Together, these buildings form an outstanding educational and research facility, comprising 275,000 square feet of laboratory and office space. Due to the recent growth in enrollment within SEAS, the school also occupies space in Capen Hall, Baldy Hall and Lockwood Memorial Library. To accommodate this continued growth, the school plans to construct a new \$102 million building on the North Campus that features collaborative spaces for student clubs. maker space, and facilities that support entrepreneurism and student startups. Supported by \$68 million in funding from New York State, the new building will be an embodiment of our vision for 21st-century engineering: collaborative, innovative, entrepreneurial, and exciting,

Faculty and Leadership: A Heritage of Vision and Talent

SEAS has enjoyed consistent success, in large part, because of its leadership. Over the course of its 77 years, 13 distinguished educators have served as leaders of the school. In 1946, Paul E. Mohn became the first dean. His 13-year tenure as dean lent stability to the young school. Frederick H. Thomas served as acting dean from 1959-1960. E. Arthur Trabant was dean from 1960-1966; and Howard E. Strauss was acting dean from 1966-1967. When the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Sciences became the administrative body of engineering at the University at Buffalo, the head of the faculty was often referred to as the provost. F. Karl Willenbrock was provost from 1967-1970; Joseph Bergantz was acting provost from 1970-1971; and William Gill served as provost and dean from 1971-1977. George C. Lee took office as dean in 1978, serving in that post until 1995. In 1996, Mark H. Karwan became dean, followed by Harvey G. Stenger Jr. in 2006. Rajan Batta was the school's interim dean from 2011-2012, and in 2013, Liesl Folks joined SEAS as the school's eighth dean. Following Folks' departure in 2019, Rajan Batta served the school again as interim dean until the appointment of Kemper E. Lewis as the new dean on May 1, 2020.

Our leadership and faculty realize the school's vision with the invaluable support of our dedicated staff, students, alumni, friends, and industry and corporate partners. In addition to their dedicated teaching, research, and service, the faculty, which now numbers over 250, have won prestigious awards, authored countless books and articles, and produced many patents for materials and techniques, all aiming to benefit humankind. Forty-six of our faculty have been elected as fellows of engineering professional societies and 44 are National Science Foundation Early Career Award winners. In the past three years, five of our current faculty members have been recognized as SUNY Distinguished Professors for their outstanding academic contributions, including scholarly publications, national and international research presentations, research findings, and the training of students.

Programs and Partnerships

SEAS was an early innovator in reforming the traditional preparation of engineers. The school has always valued interdisciplinary research and has structured itself to promote connections across disciplines that benefit undergraduate and graduate study, as well as to address important societal needs. SEAS is the home of such prominent interdisciplinary research and educational programs as the Biology with X-ray Free Electron Lasers (BioXFEL) Science and Technology Center, Blockchain ThinkLab, Cell, Gene and Tissue Engineering Center (CGTE); Center for Hybrid Rocket Exascale Simulation Technology (CHREST); Center for Multisource Information Fusion (CMIF); Center for Space Cyber Strategy and Cyber Security; Center for Unified Biometrics and Sensors (CUBS), Center of Excellence in Information Systems Assurance Research and Education (CEISARE); Institute for Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (IAD); Multidisciplinary Center for Earthquake Engineering Research (MCEER); and The Center for Industrial Effectiveness (TCIE).

Under UB's broad strategic initiatives, we engaged with our campus colleagues to develop research and educational programs that will have a high impact both inside and outside the university. These include the Institute of Bridge Engineering (IBE); Stephen Still Institute for Sustainable Transportation and Logistics; Sustainable Manufacturing and Advanced Robotic Technologies (SMART) Community of Excellence; Global Health Equity Community of Excellence; and the Research and Education in eNergy, Environment and Water (RENEW) Institute. Our total research expenditures for the current year were \$90 million.

Historically, SEAS' partnership with industry has been valuable and mutually rewarding. Students benefit from the professional interactions that our experiential learning programs provide, and faculty contribute to and gain valuable perspective from industry-sponsored research. Industry partners, meanwhile, benefit from access to a talented workforce and a well-trained knowledge base that provides them with a competitive edge in research and development.

A Proud Past, A Challenging Future

The School of Engineering and Applied Sciences is a world-class institution. Today's graduates join the ranks of over 41,000 alumni who have made their mark on the discipline, both in the academic world and in industry. Graduates live in all 50 states and 70 countries around the world.

Like any great organization, the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences is continually evolving and stretching to meet new challenges. The more we achieve, the more we see there is still work to be done. We take great pride in training the next generation of engineers and applied scientists and are inspired by the challenge of delivering world-changing advances in science and technology.

To keep up to date with the school, please visit us at **engineering.buffalo.edu.**



Davis Hall, on UB's North Campus

UB Engineering and Applied Sciences Alumni Association Letter

Dear Class of 2023,

Commencement is a sacred time shared across the entire University at Buffalo community. It is an important rite that recognizes and celebrates your diligent work and remarkable achievements. Most importantly, this exclusive ceremony welcomes you into the prestigious few that can call themselves University at Buffalo alumni.

This spring, perhaps your last semester here at UB, is a time you, your friends, and your families have been anticipating for many years. Good years, certainly. But difficult years too. During your time at UB, the entire world navigated a global health crisis of unprecedented magnitude. And as you exit UB, you will enter an unpredictable and uncertain world threatened by calamities known and unknown.

Yet I know that each of you is resilient and can persevere through difficulty of every magnitude. After all, you are UB engineers and computer scientists. The world looks to us to innovate, to protect, and to rebuild. And the world needs us now more than ever. For over 70 years, alumni from our School of Engineering and Applied Sciences have led the way all around the globe. Today, you join - and will improve upon - this rich tradition of excellence.

However, success cannot be your only pursuit. As alumni, we have a responsibility to mentor and guide future generations so they can boldly take up the reins of our shared legacy. That is why the University at Buffalo Engineering and Applied Sciences Alumni Association exists - to help you, our alumni, make an impact on the students that come after you. I assure you that these efforts are immensely rewarding. Do not be surprised when the students you impact in the future end up having an impact on you.

Now and in the future, I ask that you build upon our legacy. And don't lose sight of this: that you have the power to ignite meaningful change - both in the world and in the lives of our students.

So on behalf of the University at Buffalo Engineering and Applied Sciences Alumni Association, its Board of Directors, and the more than 41,000 members who have preceded you, we welcome you with open arms. Together, we are UB.

Be bold,

Jordan Walbesser (BS CEN'07, JD'10)

President, University at Buffalo Engineering and Applied Sciences Alumni Association

The 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)

UB Alumni **Association Letter**

Dear Member of the Class of 2023,

Congratulations! On behalf of the UB Alumni Association, I'm delighted to welcome you to your global network of more than 293,000 alumni. We're proud of all you have accomplished.

As you begin your next chapter, please stay in touch! We have many ways for you to remain connected—to UB and to each other—through email and social media, as well as 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.

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

Remember, this isn't goodbye—it's WELCOME to the UB alumni family. We know you'll always be True Blue and proudly keep your Horns Up, wherever you go and whatever you do.

Go Bulls!

Dharshan Jayasinghe

Dharshan Jayasinghe, BA '03 President. UB Alumni Association Board of Directors

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atop a shield supported by the palm leaves of victory and emblazoned with the flames of wisdom.