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TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL



SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
**COMMENCEMENT**

Thursday  
May 18, 2023  
5:00 p.m.  
Alumni Arena  
North Campus

Jean Wactawski-Wende, PhD  
*Dean and SUNY Distinguished Professor*

**Associate Deans**

R. Lorraine Collins, PhD  
Gaspar A. Farkas, PhD  
Jo Freudenheim, PhD  
Katia Noyes, PhD  
Heather Orom, PhD  
Michael C. Redfern, MBA, EdM

**Assistant Deans**

Keith Conroy, BS  
Mary Glenn, MS  
Kimberly Krytus, PhD  
Sarahmona Przybyla, PhD  
Jillian Reading, PhD

**Department Chairs**

Gregory G. Homish, PhD  
David P. Hostler, III, PhD  
Pauline Mendola, PhD  
Jeffrey Miecznikowski, PhD (Interim)  
Sue Ann Sisto, PhD



# Program

## Processional

*Selections from Pomp & Circumstance  
by Edward Elgar*

## Opening Declaration

Katia Noyes, PhD  
*Associate Dean for Translational  
and Team Science  
Professor of Epidemiology and  
Environmental Health*

## National Anthem

Spencer Cavallaro  
*Physical Therapy, DPT '23*

Kirkwood Personius, PhD  
*Clinical Associate Professor of  
Rehabilitation Science*

## Greetings

Satish K. Tripathi  
*University President*

## Dean's Address

Jean Wactawski-Wende, PhD  
*Dean of the School of Public Health and  
Health Professions  
SUNY Distinguished Professor of  
Epidemiology and Environmental Health*

## Commencement Address

Natalie Barnhard, AAS  
*Founder and President, The Motion Project*

## Student Speaker

Reem Berman  
*MPH '23*

## Conferring of Degrees

President Tripathi

## Alumni Welcome

Ekua Mends-Aidoo, MPA, MS  
*Chief People and Diversity Officer,  
Evergreen Health  
BS '09*

## Alma Mater

Emory Redfearn  
*Music Theatre, BFA '23*

## Closing Declaration

Professor Noyes

## Recessional

*Triumphal March from Aida  
by Giuseppe Verdi*

## 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.

## Allison Brashear

*Vice President for Health Sciences  
Dean of the Jacobs School of Medicine  
and Biomedical Sciences*



An internationally renowned neurologist and researcher in movement disorders, Allison Brashear, MD, MBA, joined the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences as vice president for health sciences and dean in 2021.

Over the past three decades, she has made an impact as an expert in ATP1A3-related diseases, a spectrum of rare neurologic disorders, and has continuously been RO1 funded by the National Institutes of Health since 2008. She is currently the principal investigator for the Clinical Genetic and Cellular Consequences of Mutations in ATP1A3 project and has served as the principal investigator on more than 40 clinical trials in cervical dystonia and spasticity, leading to three FDA-approved medications.

Prior to UB, Brashear was dean of the University of California, Davis School of Medicine, as well as a professor and the Walter C. Teagle Endowed Chair of Neurology at Wake Forest School of Medicine.

Brashear earned her medical degree and completed her neurology residency at Indiana University School of Medicine. She earned her MBA at Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. She completed the Association of American Medical Colleges Council of Deans fellowship program in 2014 and has completed leadership programs at Harvard University, Drexel University and UC Berkeley.

Brashear is a trustee of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation and was recently elected to the Association of American Medical Colleges Council of Deans Administrative Board. She has been a lifelong champion of diversity, inclusion and patient-centered care.

## Jean Wactawski-Wende

*Dean, School of Public Health and Health Professions  
SUNY Distinguished Professor of Epidemiology and  
Environmental Health*



Jean Wactawski-Wende, PhD, is dean of the School of Public Health and Health Professions (SPHHP). She leads the school's strategic initiatives, oversees its academic offerings, resources and people, serves as an active member of university's senior leadership team, and

represents the school in the community and the profession. Under Jean's leadership, the school has increased its enrollment and programs, becoming one of the fastest-growing schools of the university.

Before becoming SPHHP dean, Dr. Wactawski-Wende served as UB's vice provost for strategic initiatives and research advancement. In that role, she oversaw the University at Buffalo Strategic Strengths, the platform for interdisciplinary and collaborative research representing the breadth and depth of research at UB. She also formerly oversaw the UB Office for Research Advancement, which provides support to faculty pursuing large-scale, multi-investigator, cross-disciplinary research grants of institutional priority.

An internationally recognized epidemiologist who focuses on understanding factors that influence women's health, she has spent over 30 years conducting research on, among others, risk factors and prevention of cancer, osteoporosis and periodontal disease in postmenopausal women. She is principal investigator of UB's Women's Health Initiative (WHI) Center and leads the WHI Northeast Regional Center. WHI is a National Institute of Health-funded, multi-center study involving randomized clinical trials and an observational longitudinal study examining the major factors influencing morbidity and mortality in older women.

Dr. Wactawski-Wende was promoted to the rank of SUNY Distinguished Professor in 2015, recognizing her achievement of international prominence and prominence within her field.

In 2020, UB President Satish Tripathi awarded her the President's Medal in recognition of her extraordinary service to the university.

## Guest Speaker

### **Natalie Barnhard**

*Founder and President, The Motion Project*



Natalie M. Barnhard, a Western New York native, spent over the past decade working to make a big change for our community. In 2004 she suffered a devastating spinal cord injury that completely changed the trajectory of her life. Having to leave the area to receive the specialized care she needed is what propelled her to start a nonprofit.

Barnhard founded Motion Project Foundation Inc, a 501 C3 nonprofit organization in 2008. The organization has funded over \$300K in Quality-of-Life Grants for others living with spinal cord injuries. She also started the WNY Chapter of the United Spinal Association to bring much needed programs and resources to the community.

Throughout her journey she continued to work toward her dream of opening a neurological recovery center to provide the necessary rehabilitation with specialized adaptive equipment and services people need to recover, and in 2021 accomplished this with the opening of Motion Project, The Natalie Barnhard Center for Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation and Recovery in Cheektowaga, NY.

Barnhard earned her Associate in Applied Science Degree (AAS) in the Massage Therapy program from Trocaire College in 2004 and received her Associate in Applied Science Degree (AAS) in the Physical Therapy Assistant program from Villa Maria College in 2002.



# 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 8, 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).*

## 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.

## 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 Salmon Stole

This stole was awarded to graduating students inducted into the Delta Omega Honorary Society.

### 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.

## Alpha Eta

Alpha Eta is a national honor society that recognizes superior academic achievement in the allied health professions.

## Delta Omega

Delta Omega is a national honor society that recognizes public health excellence and leadership. Gamma Lambda is the University at Buffalo’s chapter.

## Legend

Cum laude is denoted by an asterisk (\*)

Magna cum laude is denoted by two asterisks (\*\*)

Summa cum laude is denoted by three asterisks (\*\*\*)

Alpha Eta is denoted by a dagger (†)

Delta Omega is denoted by a delta (Δ)

## 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.



# Doctorate Degrees—PhD, DPT, BS/DPT

## Department of Biostatistics

### Doctor of Philosophy in Biostatistics

#### August 2022

Huipei Wang

*"Testing the Equality of Proportions in Combined Bilateral and Unilateral Data Structure and Ratios of Proportions of Two Groups in Stratified Sample Design"*

#### June 2023

Junyu Nie

*"Reliability and Factor Selection in Confirmatory Factor Analysis: Application with Health Survey Data"*

Soyun Park

*"Machine Learning Methods for Diffusion Tensor Imaging (DTI) Analysis"*

## Department of Community Health and Health Behavior

### Doctor of Philosophy in Community Health and Health Behavior

#### June 2023

Jacob M. Bleasdale Δ

*"The Role of Food Insecurity in the HIV Care Continuum: A Mixed Methods Approach to a Complex Public Health Phenomenon"*

## Department of Epidemiology and Environmental Health

### Doctor of Philosophy in Epidemiology

#### February 2023

Lindsey Mattick

*"Follicle Stimulating Hormone and Bone Loss in Postmenopausal Women"*

#### June 2023

Sarah Quinones Δ

*"Exploration of the Intersections of Temperature Extremes, Targeted Cash Transfer Programming, and Birthweight in Rural Ghana"*

Kexin Zhu

*"Ambient Air Pollution and Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes"*

## Department of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences

### Doctor of Philosophy in Exercise and Nutrition Sciences

#### August 2022

Morgan Worley

*"Cerebrovascular Responses Hot Head-Out Water Immersion in Humans"*

#### June 2023

Courtney Wheelock

*"The Physiologic Effects and Performance Outcomes of Hot Water Immersion in Acclimated and Unacclimated Individuals"*

### Doctor of Philosophy in Nutrition Science

#### June 2023

Adrienne DiBrog

*"Effects of Alpha-7 Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptor Agonism on Feeding in Rats"*

## Department of Rehabilitation Science

### Doctor of Physical Therapy

#### June 2023

Brandon Birner †

Spencer Cavallaro

Brady Collver

Kimberly Zekiye Crosier

Jack Dixon †

Kailey Duncan †

Madeline Fournier

Glen U. Ganaden

Owen Green †

Samantha Lee Hjelmars †

Shelby Anne Hutton

Mengying Jiang

Zhimiao Jin

Kevin Li

Jacob Little

Lydia Mack

Sophia Grace Manzi †

Adam D. Sagun

Massimo Santamaria

Alana Szewczyk

Nicholas VanDomelen †

Brendan Villarrubia

Shubin Wang

Mary Washburn

Meghan Carney Wisniewski

Jake Zembiec

## Department of Exercise Science & Department of Rehabilitation Science

### Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science/Doctor of Physical Therapy

#### June 2023

Miranda Cobo\*

Gordon Donacik\*

Elizabeth Franchina\*\*

Yuxin Huang\*

Harleen Singh Karir\*

Sarah Kociszewski\*\*

Kelvin Lin

Michael Loliger\*

Rachel Delaney Millington\*\*

Kathryn Lyn Missert\*\*\* †

Lauren M. Sherman\*\*

Nicholas Joseph Taboni\*\*

Alyssa Nicole Taylor\*\*

Madeline Louise Wnuk\*

## Master's Degrees—MA, MS, BS/MS

### Department of Biostatistics

#### Master of Arts in Biostatistics

**June 2023**  
Shuliang Yu

#### Master of Science in Bioinformatics and Biostatistics

**February 2023**  
Sarah Metz

**June 2023**  
Soren Przygocki  
Chaobo Yan

### Department of Community Health and Health Behavior

#### Master of Science in Community Health and Health Behavior

**June 2023**  
Natasha Claire Allard

### Department of Epidemiology and Environmental Health

#### Master of Science in Epidemiology

**August 2022**  
Mengqi Duan  
Chan Li  
Samantha Maley

**February 2023**  
Jennifer Dukat

#### June 2023

Maggie Fuzak Δ  
Kellen T. Higgins Δ  
Grace Marie Milton  
Marjorie Andrea Thomas  
Ridham Vrajlal Varsani

### Department of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences

#### Master of Science in Athletic Training

**June 2023**  
Ariel Symone Castro  
Kyle Dacey  
Erica Marie Kachaylo †

#### Master of Science in Clinical Nutrition

**August 2022**  
Shangqing Gao

#### February 2023

Melissa Austin  
Melissa Ann Camp †  
Taylor Fairman  
Peyton Elizabeth Hinterberger  
Brooke Rose Ibarra  
Gregory Jameson  
Jessica Lewis †  
Kelsey Elizabeth Otto  
Zoe Pickerill  
Cristina Raghavan  
Hannah Strassburg †  
Bokun Yang

#### June 2023

Kayla Autumn Noel Eugair  
Natalie Jane Hurlbut  
Thomas Romack

### Master of Science in Exercise Science

#### February 2023

Jorian Holka  
Apurva Ajay Joshi  
Jeel Hasmukhbhai Patel  
Yakub Sameerkhan Pattan  
Aishwarya Raviprolu  
Saul Rodriguez Rivera  
Sharvari Wagh

#### June 2023

Joseph Paul Bachraty  
Sydney Nicole Cosentino  
Starson Sylvestre

### Master of Science in Nutrition

#### February 2023

Jake Bauer  
Baorui Kang

#### June 2023

Eric Leach

### Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science/Master of Science in Athletic Training

#### June 2023

Brandon LuShing\*  
Caleb Hancock †

### Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science/Master of Exercise Science

#### June 2023

Jonathan Ryan Leung

### Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science/Master of Nutrition

#### June 2023

Maya Wright

### Department of Rehabilitation Science

#### Bachelor of Science/ Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

**August 2022**  
Jillian Lawton\*\*

**June 2023**  
Rishat Arian\*  
Monty Arora\*  
Brooke Blazer\*  
Jade Burczynski\*  
Tahnae Carpenter - Morris  
Elsa Cheung\*  
Marissa N Dermady\*  
Brianna Egan\*\*\* †  
Rachel Joy Ertrachter\*\*  
Sophia Espinoza\*  
Nicole Marie Fernandez\*\*  
Marti Ruth Greco\*  
Alex Gross\*\*\* †  
Sara Marie Gruninger\*  
Tirah R. Hayes\*  
Jennifer Lyanne Jardioli\*\*  
Heidi Lynn Keil  
Jenna Krull\*  
Austin Christopher Lafferty\*  
Hoi Yan Leung\*  
Alyssa Lewis\*\*\* †  
XingHong Li\*  
Haley Loss\* †  
Jacqueline Mandel\*  
Alexis Matheney\*\*  
Chloe Elyse McCann\*\*  
Corinne McCoy\*  
Michaela Marie McDaniels\*\*\* †  
Monica Lea McGuire\*\*  
Christine Ngo\*\*\* †  
Charlene Obeng  
Avery Catherine Paige\*  
Nolan Przybyciel\*  
Gita Sapkota  
Nayh Seonarain\*\*\* †

## Master's Degrees—MPH, BS/MPH

Allisa Smith\*  
Sydney Szwarcberg  
Deanna Nicole Tancredi\*  
Hannah Tarrant\*  
Sydney Taylor  
Nelisha Waas  
Emilee Walker\*\*\* †  
Kyra Wensley\*\*  
Meredith Wheelock\*\*\* †

### Master of Public Health

#### Department of Biostatistics

##### June 2023

Matthew Crawley  
Erin Danielle Paulus

#### Department of Community Health and Health Behavior

##### August 2022

Deven Joseph  
Jerry Manuel Δ  
Victor Oladipo Jr.

##### February 2023

Joseph Gambacorta  
Mariam Hassan  
Sierra Cristina Knapp  
Julie Lenyo  
Kaytlan LoCicero  
Rula Masoud  
Lianne Novak  
Cierra Rivera  
Stephanie Scott  
Bryan Tadlock

##### June 2023

Reem Berman  
Rachael A. Bioh  
Jacob Alexander Braymiller  
Ariana Morgan Bridges  
Andy Ramiro Canizares  
Kenneth Cole  
Colin Rey Delgado  
Amanda Ashley Foster  
Farrah Eve Hagblom  
Lovina John  
Sydney Rachelle Littlejohn  
Emily Katerina Magyar  
Annamarie Malik  
Cailey Siobhan McGillicuddy

Ciara Julia Keating McGillivray  
Emily Moore  
Jawdat Mustafa  
Danielle Nerber  
Angela Omilian  
Hannah Margaret Premo Δ  
Sarah Robinson  
Vanessa Rodriguez  
Michael Schwartz  
Sarah Ihab Shafik  
Ednéraldine Simon  
Hsuan-Yun (Neo) Su  
Andee Wik  
Aanya Wood  
Hillary H. Wu

#### Department of Epidemiology and Environmental Health

##### August 2022

Joshua Gehan  
Christopher Francis Picchi  
Yi Ting Wu

##### February 2023

Adam James Hawco  
Colden Ray  
May Thandar  
Jessica Tiburcio

##### June 2023

Ejura Adebayo  
Mya R. Agard Δ  
Datima Martin Akpan  
Bolaji Anjorin  
Sibaridibo Banuna  
Peyson Beale  
Nathan Castilloux  
Collin Clark  
Cassandra Davern  
Mariyam Sayeeda Ferdousi  
Kelsey Gregoire

Caroline Louis Jensen  
Benjamin Charles Kaiser  
Karli Lawson  
Kayla Ann Liszewski  
Karen Lopes  
Cierra Kristi Melone  
Joshua Chiemerie Onoh  
Caroline R Reeb  
Donna E. Robinson-Razor  
Rose Thomas  
Katherine Treat  
Niharika Tummala  
Chen Hong (Kevin) Wang

### Bachelor of Science in Public Health/Master of Public Health

#### Department of Community Health and Health Behavior

##### February 2023

Elena Saez\*\*

##### June 2023

Simone Annalisa Whitlock\*\*

#### Department of Epidemiology and Environmental Health

##### February 2023

Aaron P. Fanti\*\*

##### June 2023

Nicholas Blatto\*\*\* Δ  
Naomi Lazurus\*\* Δ  
Nicholas James Levano\*\*  
Zhuoxing (Felix) Liao\*\*  
Syed A. Rahman\*\*  
Chelsea Shuren\*  
Taylor Wild  
Mathew J. Yonks\*\*

# Baccalaureate Degrees

## Department of Biostatistics

### Bachelor of Arts in Statistics

#### August 2022

Alina Sue Lomozik\*\*\*

#### February 2023

Desmond Oliver Carroll\*

Iffat A. Chowdhury\*\*

Jonathan Luke Vella

#### June 2023

Peinan Chen\*

Joseph DiBiase\*\*

Chance Galen Hansen

Hunter Joseph Imiola\*

Samanvitha Kasshyap

Ruijie Lui

Justin James Gregory Mott

Edy Munoz\*

Jae Hoon Oh\*

Dylan Somra

Katherine Stock\*\*

Yushu Zeng\*\*

## Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science

#### August 2022

Angela Artini\*

Benjamin Andrew Bailey\*

Nathan Cottom\*

Nicholas Paul Custodi

Cassandra Delelys\*\*

William Francis McGuire\*

Bryce Peterson

Hristina L. Petrova

Andrew Schaefer\*\*

Joshua G. Zincke

#### February 2023

Joseph Ryan C. Baptista\*

Justin Broncano

Alouseni Diaoune

Sally Pei Xuan Feng

William Peter Kitsos III

Jason Li

Sean Michael MacInerney

Dempsey C. McGovern

Alexis Anne Occhino

Kara Christine Pochkar\*\*

Christian Vergara

Can Yao Wu

#### June 2023

Daniel Jackson Abrahams\*\*

Galen Argyle\*\*

Sarah Bachi

Corey Barr

Isabella T. Battaglia

Tyler Brill\*

Matthew J. Brown

Meghana Caron

Pao Yen Chang

Michael N. Chernjawski

Nathanael Cho\*\*\*

Danielle Alana Christensen

Colm Cooper

Olivia Courtney

Joan Loretta Crowley\*\*\*

Loughan Driscoll\*

Clay Dwyer

Adnan Elalaoui

Hannah Elizabeth Ermer\*

Dylan Fabiani

Emily Fein

Brianne Michelle Fleury

Evan Forero\*\*\*

Kaitlyn French

Madison Paige Gadd

Christian Garcia Vazquez

Justin J. Vincent Garvelli

Matthew Haas\*\*

Robert Allen Hammond\*

Kyle Shawn Hartman\*\*\*

Samuel mark Hatala

Kelvin Huynh\*

Angelyn Johnson\*

Kyle Kirsch

Jordan Jason Knowles

Michael J. Kozlin\*\*\*

Valerie Da-Hee Kweon\*

Sabrina LaBoudy

May Liu\*

Giacomo Lo Re

Jake Lombardo

Dominic Anthony Longhitano

Michael Joseph LoPresti\*

Truc Ly

Eric Mai

Joshua David Manning

Mykaela Martin\*

Lindsay Mayo\*

Madison C. Meranto

Adrianna S. Merlino

Clare Marie Murphy\*

Lexiana Andrea Odom

Michael Pascua

Matthew R. Pedone

Nora Perkinson

Tracey Pham\*

Gregson Earl Bertrand Pigott\*

James Plunkett\*

David Quinones Jr.

Josh Ratner

Matt Robertson

Olivia N. Ruffner\*

Brian Saulon

Patrick J. Shanley

Ian Stern

Ethan Swiatlowski

Kathryn Tilyou\*\*

Clemecia Lolita Yanique Tobias-  
Stanley

Christopher Alexis Unigarro\*

Cristian Vergara

Zoe Verstraete\*

Megan M. Weber\*

Christina R. Wende\*\*

Tam Yat

Yongyu Zhao

Adriana Zieba Rosa\*\*

**Bachelor of Science in  
Occupational Science**

**August 2022**

Diane Kim

**February 2023**

Daria Jeune\*\*

**Bachelor of Science in  
Public Health**

**August 2022**

Melanie Benjamin  
Jacon Checho  
Sunny Chen\*  
Batuhan Dasdemir  
Samantha DeAcutis  
Ayan A. Deria  
Rebecca Marie Dorgan  
Sydney Marion Famby  
Olivia R. Ferguson  
Elaina Alexandra Garrit\*\*\*  
Jinfeng Ge \*\*  
Chenning Huang \*\*  
Abdilatif Muse Iftin  
Taseen I. Imran\*  
Nelli Kisliuk\*\*  
Valeriya Y Li  
Tommy Ly  
Erin Mohan  
Quang D. Nguyen \*\*\*  
Mia M. Philbert \*\*  
Zaire Phillip  
Tishonie T. Sam \*  
Cameron L. Sheitz  
Dhathri L. Srungaram  
Paige Elizabeth Tambe  
Arianna M. Trapani  
Yuchang Wei \*\*  
Christopher Xue\*

**February 2023**

Briyanna Baron\*  
Stephanie Bertman  
Fariya Chowdhury Bushra

Crystal De Jesus  
Carmyn Milan Gonzalez\*\*  
Jordan Ashleigh Henry  
Jordan W. Holmes  
Rachel L. Juneau  
Kennedy C. Kane  
Benjeline A. Lapomarede  
Lauren Lennett\*  
Arieyanna Precious Lowe\*\*  
Sarah Moreno\*Δ  
Crystal Vin Ngo  
Uthra Ramachandran  
Lourdes Keziah Sharai Sharp\*\*\*  
Aaliyah Williams-Toby\*\*\*  
Lashawnda Wilson  
Aidan P. Zenzen

**June 2023**

Lucas Raymond Abbatiello\*\* Δ  
Samuel A. Alexander  
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### Congratulations!

Dear graduates:

I am very pleased today to watch you, the talented graduates of the School of Public Health and Health Professions, as you cross the stage to recognize your academic achievements and celebrate this important milestone.

The people gathered here to support you—families, friends, partners and fellow students—feel equally proud of your accomplishment. The person you have become is a result of your hard work and the support and belief of these people in your abilities.

This day is just the start of what I know will be a remarkable journey for each of you. Your talents will be used to help people and communities live their healthiest lives. Our communities need dedicated, talented health professionals like you!

Please know that everyone in the University at Buffalo and the School of Public Health and Health Professions wishes the best for you as you embark on your future work. Congratulations and wishing each of you great success!

Warm regards,

Jean Wactawski-Wende, PhD

*Dean, School of Public Health and Health Professions  
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## 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](https://buffalo.edu/alumni).

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

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

Go Bulls!

*Darshon Jayasinghe*

Darshon Jayasinghe, BA '03  
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# UB Alma Mater

*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 ceremonial mace is traditionally carried during the procession by a senior distinguished faculty member as a symbol of authority. The staff is made of dark, polished walnut, topped by three intersecting silver rectangles simulating the emblem of the State University of New York at Buffalo. When not in use for ceremonial purposes, the mace is displayed to visitors in the office of the dean. The mace was designed and constructed by Irwin Franco, jeweler, woodcrafter, and former assistant professor, Department of Occupational Therapy.



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