



**2023**

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**University  
at Buffalo**

The State University  
of New York

EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK  
**COMMENCEMENT**

Saturday

May 20, 2023

9:00 AM

Center for the Arts

North Campus

Keith A. Alford

*Dean and Professor*

*We would like to acknowledge that the University at Buffalo operates on the traditional territory of the Seneca Nation, a Haudenosaunee/Six Nations Confederacy.*



*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

## Prelude

*Music performed by the Niagara Brass Quintet*

## Processional\*

Selections from Pomp and Circumstance  
*By Edward Elgar*

## Opening Declaration

Denise Krause  
*Clinical Professor*  
*Associate Dean for Community Engagement and Alumni Relations*

## National Anthem

## Welcome

Keith A. Alford  
*Dean*

## Greetings

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

## Dean's Remarks

Dean Alford

## Commencement Address

Hilary Weaver, Professor Emeritus  
*Senior Advisor, Chair of the Board of Directors, Council on Social Work Education*

## SSW GSA Student Address

Jessica Al Kadi  
*President of the SSW Graduate Student Association*

## Announcement of 2023 Student Awards

Associate Dean Krause

## SSW GSA Announcement of the GSA Faculty, Staff, and Adjunct Faculty Awards

Jessica Al Kadi – *President*  
Ashley Kreib – *Vice President*  
Andy Whitehead – *Treasurer*  
Cassidy Lechner – *Secretary*

## Recommending Candidates for Degrees

Dean Alford

## Conferring of Degrees

Provost Weber

## MSW Hooding Ceremony Announcing MSW Candidates for Hooding

Kathryn McClain-Meeder  
*Clinical Associate Professor*

Patricia Logan-Greene  
*Associate Professor*

## Hooders – MSW Program

Annahita Ball  
*Associate Professor*

Yunju Nam  
*Associate Professor*

Isok Kim  
*Associate Professor*  
*Director of the MSW Program*

Shelley M. Kimelberg  
*Director of Interdisciplinary Degree Programs in the Social Sciences*  
*College of Arts and Sciences*

Miranda Bosse  
*Assistant Director of Graduate Public Health Programs*  
*School of Public Health and Health Professions*

Melinda Saran  
*Vice Dean for Undergraduate Student Affairs and Teaching Faculty*  
*School of Law*

## DSW Hooding Ceremony Announcing DSW Candidates for Hooding

Louanne Bakk  
*Clinical Associate Professor*  
*Director of the DSW Program*

## DSW Hooders

Elizabeth Bowen  
*Associate Professor*

Annette Semanchin Jones  
*Associate Professor*

## PhD Hooding Ceremony Announcing PhD Candidates for Hooding

Annette Semanchin Jones  
*Associate Professor*  
*Director of the PhD Program*

## PhD Hooders

Isok Kim  
*Associate Professor*

Wooksoo Kim  
*Associate Professor*

## Musical Interlude

*Music performed by the Niagara Brass Quintet*

## Alumni Welcome

Rita M. Andolina  
*Chair of the SSW Alumni Association*

## UB Alma Mater

## Closing Declaration

Associate Dean Krause

## Recessional\*

Selections from Pomp and Circumstance  
*by Edward Elgar*

## Post-Ceremonial\*\*

*Music performed by the Niagara Brass Quintet*

\* Audience will remain seated during the Processional and Recessional

\*\* Reception to follow in the 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.

## Commencement Speaker

### 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.

### Keith A. Alford

Dean and Professor



Keith A. Alford was named dean of the University at Buffalo School of Social Work in August 2021. He joined us from Syracuse University, where his many roles included program chair of the School of

Social Work, inaugural chief diversity and inclusion officer for the university, and member of the executive leadership team. A former child protective services worker and therapeutic foster care supervisor, Alford has devoted his professional life to serving and researching the mental health needs of children and families. He was previously involved with a National Science Foundation grant, supporting training of students in conducting trauma-informed research with veterans. He has also been principal investigator and consultant on multiple child welfare related grants. Alford's academic writings have appeared in peer-reviewed journals; he has authored book chapters and contributed columns on issues associated with diversity and human services. He serves on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Urban Social Work*, *Journal of Brief Therapy*, and *Journal of Family Social Work*. His professional memberships include the Academy of Certified Social Workers, Council on Social Work Education, National Association of Social Workers, Society for Social Work and Research, and Child Welfare League of America. Alford earned his PhD and MSW from The Ohio State University College of Social Work, and his BA from Coker University.

### Hilary Weaver

Senior Advisor, Chair of the Board of Directors, Council on Social Work Education



Hilary N. Weaver, DSW (Lakota) is a professor emeritus in the University at Buffalo School of Social Work. She received her BS from Antioch College in social work with a cross-cultural studies focus and her MSW and DSW from

Columbia University. Her teaching, research, and service focus on cultural issues in the helping process with an emphasis on Indigenous populations. Weaver received funding from the National Cancer Institute to develop and test a culturally grounded wellness curriculum for urban Native American youth, the *Healthy Living in Two Worlds* program. She is a member of NASW, chair of the CSWE board of directors, global Indigenous commissioner for IFSW, and currently serves as president of the Indigenous and Tribal Social Work Educators' Association (formerly American Indian Alaska Native Social Work Educators' Association). She was inducted as an NASW Social Work Pioneer in 2020 and was named the American Public Health Association's Public Health Social Worker of the Year in 2020. Weaver has presented her work regionally, nationally, and internationally, including presenting at the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues at the United Nations in 2005-2008, 2013-2019, and 2021-2022. She has numerous publications, including the text, *Explorations in Cultural Competence: Journeys to the Four Directions* (2005); the edited book, *Social Issues in Contemporary Native America: Reflections from Turtle Island* (2014); *Trauma and Resilience in the Lives of Contemporary Native Americans: Reclaiming our Balance, Restoring our Wellbeing* (2019); and the edited volume, *Routledge International Handbook of Indigenous Resilience* (2022).

## Greetings from the Dean

On behalf of the University at Buffalo School of Social Work's faculty and staff, I extend congratulations to the Class of 2023. You are now counted among the more than 8,000 alumni making a positive difference in the world every day. We are confident that the values you acquired through your field internships, coursework and research will serve you well on your career path.

The world will always need social workers to address sweeping issues that confront society, including local and global oppression, racial and social injustice, economic deprivation, inadequate education and reduced access to critical services. Given the challenges we face today, social workers—with our open minds and responsiveness—are at the forefront of effecting lasting change.

Your strengths-based training and focus on the dignity and the worth of individuals are necessary in every thought, action and deed. As social workers, you will uplift humanity by establishing meaningful, professional relationships. When forging partnerships, you will work toward supporting individuals, groups, families, organizations and communities to reclaim wellness and wholeness.

During your career, you will impact hundreds—if not thousands—of lives, with a ripple effect more powerful than you realize. Be mindful of the noble responsibility you hold. In all your engagements, exemplify an ethical stance. Lead by example. Seize opportunities to make your research truly engaging and beneficial to communities in need. Remember, it's not the fittest surviving—it's the community thriving.

We are grateful that, as student-colleagues, you placed your faith and trust in the UB School of Social Work. With our trauma-informed and human rights perspective, we now put our trust in you and know you will pay it forward—in direct practice and service to your community.

While you are technically no longer students, you will always be “students of life.” Learning is lifelong; stay as informed as possible, especially given the changes and challenges we know await us. Be bold and proactively seek new information that will help you in your specialty area. The need to actively pursue knowledge building is critical. As UB graduates, you will, without a doubt, be change agents. As social work professionals, your knowledge base will steadily evolve, both in reaction to external circumstances and in your own critical consciousness.

Throughout your career, please remember your alma mater—your future is important to us. Your generosity as individuals, and through your Graduate Student Association, committee and organization work, has been invaluable to the school. We are part of your ever-widening network. Today, you join the thousands of social workers who represent the strength of our degree programs, many of whom serve as mentors to new students and graduates, and as donors who help build our scholarship funds.

Please keep in touch! We look forward to maintaining a lasting, mutually beneficial connection with you through social media, your Alumni Association, Mosaics magazine and our podcast, inSocialWork. We join your friends and family in expressing pride in your accomplishments. Again, on behalf of our faculty and staff, I applaud you today. Continue to maintain wellness and safety at all times. The social work profession heartily welcomes you!

Sincerely,

Keith A. Alford  
Dean and Professor

# Awards

## **Andrew J. Laughlin Memorial Award – *Makenzie DePetrillo***

This award is presented to a graduating MSW student who demonstrates exemplary character, gives back to the community, is recognized for their sense of humor, strength, compassion and honesty, and models the values of the social work profession. This award was established to honor Andrew J. Laughlin, an outstanding young man who made significant contributions in the community through his volunteer work and as a model of social work values.

## **Angel McKnight-Miller Memorial Award – *Jared Mohamed***

This award was established to acknowledge and support an MSW student who embodies the qualities and promise of the late Angel McKnight-Miller, who died suddenly in 2017 while in her foundation year at the UBSSW. The award is presented to a student who demonstrates a strong commitment to issues of social justice and the need to structure social institutions to promote human rights and opportunities for meaningful social participation; takes action to support the strengthening of actions, policies, practices, and attitudes that promote equitable power, opportunities, access, and outcomes for all people; possesses the qualities of hope, courage and strength; and takes action to create a path to social change.

## **Archie W. Swanson Honorary Award – *Isaac Sweet***

This award is presented to a graduating MSW student who demonstrated the following qualities in fieldwork practice: professional integrity, creativity, respect for the dignity of people, warmth, and keen sensitivity. This award was established to honor Archie W. Swanson, former executive secretary of Family Service Society who represented and upheld these ideals and endeavored to build and strengthen family life through professionally trained staff and high agency standards.

## **Bertha S. Laury Thorn and Rose Award – *Thomas Culkin***

This award is presented to an MSW student who demonstrates academic progress and transformation into a positive role model. This award was established by faculty, alumni and community leaders in honor of Bertha S. Laury, emeritus associate dean for community affairs.

## **Deborah Zimmerman, MSW '89 Award – *Monica Fields***

This award is presented to an outstanding MSW student who demonstrated passion and commitment to social work practice with older adults and who embodies the qualities the late Deborah Zimmerman. This award will honor her memory as an outstanding teacher and social worker who made significant contributions in the community through her work with the elderly.

## **Dorothy L. Lynn Honorary Award – *Elizabeth Ramirez***

This award is presented to a foundation year MSW student who has demonstrated consistent outstanding performance in class and field during the foundation year. This award was established to honor Professor Emeritus Dorothy L. Lynn, a pioneer in professional social work education and a dedicated and dynamic teacher in the School of Social Work for 29 years.

## **The DREAM Award – *Felicia Harris, Halimah McBryde, Emma McCorry, Antonio Regulier and Kaleigh VanElst***

This award is presented to a School of Social Work student volunteer involved in the DREAM (Developing Relationships through Empowerment, Advocacy & Motivation) Program who demonstrates the ability to work as a member of a team; has an interest and aptitude for community action; has concern for human dignity; and has demonstrated the respect for the dignity of all.

## **Susan Nochajski and Jacqueline McGinley Excellence in Disability Practice Award – *Honorah Gallagher***

This award is presented to a MSW student who has demonstrated academic excellence and intends to pursue a career in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities. This award was established by Dr. Jacqueline McGinley, in honor of those she supported in practice, and Dr. Thomas Nochajski, in honor of his wife, the late Dr. Susan Nochajski, a clinical associate professor in the Department of Rehabilitation Science and director of the Occupational Therapy Program.

## **Haseltine T. Clements Memorial Award – *Maureen Boorum***

This award is presented to a graduating MSW student who has demonstrated concern for human dignity and continued efforts towards cultural competency in field placement. This award was established and sponsored by the Haseltine T. Clements Society.

## **Jane Emmet Epstein, LCSW-R Honorary Award – *Kaylie DeShane***

This award is presented to a second-year MSW student who has an demonstrated interest in mental health and specifically community mental health, demonstrates a commitment to volunteerism, and embodies the qualities that Ms. Epstein exemplifies: empathy, an ability to instill hope in others, sincerity and professionalism.

## **Julian Sodja Memorial Award – *Justine O'Brien***

This award is presented to a graduating MSW student who has demonstrated an extraordinary contribution to addictions practice, addicted trauma survivors, and/or people with co-existing psychiatric disorders. This award was established by the School of Social Work Alumni Association.



# Awards

## **Julio Ramirez Memorial Award – *Andy Canizares and Rose Thomas***

In celebration of an amazing life, this one-time award is presented in memory of Julio Ramirez, MPH/MSW '21, BA '18, who died tragically on April 21, 2022. This award is presented to a UB MPH/MSW student who represents Julio's dedication and passion for addressing the social issues affecting the health of individuals, families, communities and populations.

## **Kristopher L. Braselton Memorial Award – *Susan O'Leary***

This award is presented to a graduating MSW student who has demonstrated academic persistence and determination, has overcome a personal difficulty or challenge, and intends to pursue a career in the health and/or mental health and disabilities field. This award was established by the Braselton family to honor the memory of their son Kristopher L. Braselton.

## **Louisa Cielen Award – *Ejura Adebayo***

This award is presented to an MSW student within the foundation curriculum who demonstrated academic excellence and strong field performance, and shows potential for professional achievement.

## **Mary O'Donnell Memorial Scholarship Award – *Lauren Gorney***

This award is presented to a graduating School of Social Work student who has demonstrated a commitment to social work practice with older adults living with dementia, academic excellence, leadership, and field placement and/or community service. This award was established by Mary Kaplan, in honor of her mother.

## **NASW Award – WNY Division – *Mia Forney***

This award was established by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Western New York Division, for presentation to a graduate student who has demonstrated academic excellence and personified values that are enunciated by the NASW.

## **Niles Carpenter Award – *Richard Manuel***

This award is presented to an MSW student within the foundation curriculum who has demonstrated financial need, outstanding grade point average and strong field performance, and shows potential for professional achievement. This scholarship is named after the first dean of the School of Social Work.

## **Rose Weinstein Scholar Award – *Kelly Lefsyk***

This award is presented to a graduating MSW student who successfully completed the Hartford Partnership Program for Aging Education (HPPAE) and who has demonstrated academic excellence, a commitment to social work practice with older adults, leadership and community service. This award was established by the UB Emeritus Center in honor of Rose Weinstein's legacy.

## **School of Social Work Alumni Association Award – *Gabrielle Bruscia***

This award is presented to a foundation year MSW student who has completed the foundation curriculum and who has demonstrated practice skills, relationship building with clients and a commitment to the social work profession in the field education experience. This award was established by the School of Social Work Alumni Association.

## **School of Social Work Outstanding Student Award – *Jessica Al Kadi***

This award is presented to a graduating MSW student who has demonstrated academic excellence, leadership abilities within the school, community or university, and a commitment to the social work profession through their role as a student, colleague or member of a community.

## **Terese M. Eusanio Memorial Scholarship – *Jennifer Elliott***

This award is presented to an MSW student who embodies the qualities the late Terese Eusanio exemplified. The student must identify as a feminist and demonstrate an interest in the area of women's health. The student must also maintain high academic standards and social work ethics, demonstrate respect for the dignity of all and an ability to work as a member of a team, possess an interest and aptitude for community action, and work towards social and political change.

## **School of Social Work GSA Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award**

This award recognizes a faculty member for embodying the four key qualities of commitment to student learning; their dedication as a social worker, teacher, citizen of the community and role model; contributing to the furthering and betterment of the social work profession; and their overall excellence in teaching. The individual has been selected by the students and GSA officers of the School of Social Work.

## **School of Social Work GSA Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award**

This award recognizes an outstanding adjunct faculty member dedicated to student learning. The individual has been selected by the students and GSA officers of the School of Social Work.

## **School of Social Work GSA Outstanding Staff Award**

This award recognizes the important contributions of staff members in supporting School of Social Work students. The recipient has demonstrated excellence in their position and service to students. The individual has been selected by the students and GSA officers of the School of Social Work.

# 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 1, 2023, and upon such others as may meet the requirements of their respective degrees.*

*Candidates are listed according to actual date of degree conferral (February 2023, June 2023 and August 2023). Degree recipients will come forward to be congratulated during the commencement ceremony.*

## Special Recognition:

**Gold Cords:** University at Buffalo School of Social Work's Rho Kappa Chapter of the Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society.

**The Kente Stole:** 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:** Students who participated in the Lavender Reception, celebrating achievements of graduating students who identify with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) community at UB.

**The Red, White and Blue Cord:** UB students who are reservists, members of the National Guard, newly commissioned officers from our ROTC program or veterans of the United States armed forces.

*The first seat in the front row has been reserved and marked by a white ribbon in honor and memory of those students who have passed and cannot join us in the celebration of their graduates today.*

\* Denotes induction into the University at Buffalo School of Social Work's Rho Kappa Chapter of the Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society.

## PHD

### June

Josal Diebold	Canisius College	BA
	SUNY University at Buffalo	MSW
Temitope Oke	University of the District of Columbia	BSW
	SUNY University at Buffalo	MSW

### August

Krisztina Baltimore	SUNY College at Geneseo	BA
	SUNY University at Buffalo	MSW

## DSW

### June

Melissa Tebbs Bitalvo	University of Virginia	BA
	Columbia University	MSW
Steven Kirk Fugle*	SUNY College at Geneseo	BA
	Nazareth College	MSW
Alexis Speck Glennon	St. John Fisher College	BA
	Arizona State University	MSW
Perquida Payne	University of Hartford	BA
	University of Connecticut	MSW
Emily Jane Quinones-Visot	SUNY College at Fredonia	BS
	SUNY University at Buffalo	MSW
Rashanda Ashley Roddy	SUNY College at Old Westbury	BA
	Fordham University	MSW
Matthew L. Schwartz	SUNY University at Buffalo	BA
	University of Phoenix	MBA
	SUNY University at Buffalo	MSW
Amy Trabert*	Daemen College	BSW
	Daemen College	MSW
Erik Michael Ulrich	SUNY College at Fredonia	BA
	SUNY University at Stonybrook	MSW
Heather White	Concordia College	BSW
	CUNY Hunter College	MSW
Gabrielle Erika Witte*	SUNY College at Plattsburgh	BA
	Fordham University	MSW
Andrea Witter*	St. John Fisher College	BS
	Roberts Wesleyan College	MSW

**MSW****February**

Samaa Aiad University of Washington BA

**June**

Jessica Issam Al Kadi SUNY University at Buffalo BA  
 Ejayah Arrington-Davis SUNY College at Brockport BS  
 Cañada Baltimore Indiana University BA  
 Olivia Bango SUNY University at Buffalo BA  
 Michelle Lee Bass SUNY Buffalo State College BA  
 Patricia Beaulieu Canisius College BS  
 Catlin Victoria Bell Russell Sage College BA  
 Taylor Nicole Bellardo SUNY College at Fredonia BA  
 Valerie Paige Blachura University of Tampa BA  
 Maureen Glessner Boorum\* SUNY College at Geneseo BA  
 Madelyn Borrelli SUNY University at Buffalo BA  
 Samantha J. Bowes SUNY Buffalo State College BEd  
 SUNY Buffalo State College MSEd  
 Jordan Rose Boyce SUNY Buffalo State College BSW  
 Nathan Conner Brewer SUNY College at Cortland BA  
 Michael Benjamin Buchman Nazareth College BSW  
 Sarah Buck-Morrill SUNY College at Plattsburgh BS  
 Mitchell Louis Cappiello SUNY University at Buffalo BS  
 Erin Kathryn Casciano SUNY Buffalo State College BA  
 Eileen Jayne Casey\* The Queen's University of Belfast BA  
 Matthew Paul Castillo SUNY University at Buffalo BA  
 Aixin Chen SUNY University at Buffalo BA  
 Shaye Elizabeth Cline SUNY College at Fredonia BSW  
 Kristin Coburn SUNY Empire State College BS  
 Makenzie DePetrillo\* SUNY University at Buffalo BA  
 Leigh Ann Collins SUNY College at Brockport BS  
 Carmen Theresa Cong SUNY College at Brockport BSW  
 Matthew Ryan Cosmai\* SUNY University at Buffalo BA  
 MaryEllen Crawley\* Daemen College BA  
 Sarah Elizabeth Currie SUNY Buffalo State College BSW  
 Victoria Martine Decker Pratt Institute BFA  
 Brittany Denby SUNY Empire State College BS  
 Emily Merrit Dykes University of Alabama BSW  
 Jennifer De'Jon Elliott Canisius College BA  
 Monica Patrice Fields SUNY University at Buffalo BA  
 Angela M. Gallo SUNY University at Buffalo BA  
 Mary K. Gannon\* SUNY University at Buffalo BA  
 SUNY Buffalo State College M.Ed  
 Claire Gerchman\* SUNY University at Binghamton BS  
 Haley Gordon SUNY College at Oswego BA  
 Lauren Elizabeth Gorney SUNY College at Geneseo BS  
 Katherine Grant SUNY College at Geneseo BA  
 Sheila Fredlyn Harewood CUNY Brooklyn College BFA  
 Olivia Harrington SUNY College at Oswego BA

Felicia Victoria Harris Niagara University BSW  
 Caroline Heeter SUNY Buffalo State College BSW  
 Paul Joseph Hennigan Metropolitan State College of Denver BS  
 Shanazha Hobbs SUNY College at Cortland BS  
 Hannah Noel Hoebener SUNY Buffalo State College BA  
 Kacey Huon University of Nevada Las Vegas BSW  
 BA  
 Nina Elizabeth Agnes University of Rochester BA  
 Jacobsen  
 Devon Michael Kilduff SUNY College at Brockport BSW  
 Alexandria Rae Koren SUNY Buffalo State College BSW  
 Ashley Kreib SUNY College at Plattsburgh BA  
 Nicole Kuhn Canisius College BA  
 Jennifer Marie LaJoy\* SUNY College at Plattsburgh BS  
 Julianna Monique LaShomb SUNY Buffalo State College BA  
 Anthony Christian Laureano SUNY College at Fredonia BA  
 Kiera Lynne Lecavalier SUNY University at Buffalo BA  
 Cassidy Lechner Colorado State University BA  
 Emily Nicole Levin Edinboro University of Pennsylvania BS  
 Nina M. Lewis SUNY College at Fredonia BS  
 Hannah Katherine Lloyd SUNY Buffalo State College BA  
 Elijah John Lorah SUNY College at Geneseo BA  
 Christopher Malinowski SUNY College at Brockport BS  
 Jamie Kathryn Malkowski SUNY Buffalo State College BSW  
 Timothy Martin SUNY Alfred State College BBA  
 Victoria Elizabeth Maurer University of Maryland College Park BA  
 Halimah Mustafa McBryde D'Youville College BA  
 Marina Mary Elizabeth McClure Canisius College BA  
 Emma McCorry Niagara University BSW  
 Emily Ann McFadden SUNY Empire State College BS  
 Ko Meh SUNY Buffalo State College BSW  
 Lu Meh SUNY Buffalo State College BSW  
 Tenzin Metok SUNY University at Buffalo BA  
 Olivia Chatel Meunier SUNY University at Albany BA  
 Jenna Lyn Miller\* SUNY College at Brockport BSW  
 Olivia Monroe SUNY College at Plattsburgh BSW  
 Kayla Francesca Montalbo SUNY New Paltz BA  
 Juliana Mowatt SUNY Buffalo State College BS  
 Halima Munyakayanza Nazareth College BA  
 Isatou Jilain N'dow SUNY University at Buffalo BA  
 Erica Nicholson Hilbert College BA  
 Gillian Nigro\* Ithaca College BA  
 Justine R. O'Brien SUNY Empire State College BS  
 Susan Margaret O'Leary SUNY University at Stony Brook BS  
 Grace Kathleen O'Neil Medaille College BS  
 Kiara Shae Owen SUNY College at Fredonia BA

Nora Patwell	Syracuse University	BS	<b>August</b>		
Vanessa Ida Pereira	SUNY College at New Paltz	BA	Maryam Theresa Ameen*	SUNY College at Geneseo	BA
Sarah Michelle Petti	SUNY College at Fredonia	BSW	Cortney Eugene Anderson	SUNY Buffalo State College	BSW
Nicole Powers	SUNY College at Cortland	BA	Ashley Appell*	Keuka College	BA
Elizabeth Preisigke	SUNY University at Buffalo	BA	Matthew R. Ballacchino	SUNY Buffalo State College	BA
Mary Antoinette Reed	SUNY Buffalo State College	BS	Naiem Lucette Bello-Colon	SUNY Buffalo State College	BA
		M.Ed	Aliza Benson*	SUNY University at Binghamton	BS
Claritza Reyes	SUNY Buffalo State College	BSW		SUNY New Paltz	MST
Claire Natalie Rodgers*	SUNY College at Geneseo	BA	Danielle Bickal	Cazenovia College	BS
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*Music by Walter S. Goodale, MD, 1903.  
Lyrics adapted by UB students in 2006  
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### **Verse 1:**

The pride of our spirit and tradition,  
Our alma mater's truth and name declare.  
Celebrate our history and wisdom,  
O let us all prepare to sing her glory.

### **Refrain:**

To Buffalo all hail to thee,  
Noble and strong it's our university!  
To blue and white pledge loyalty,  
Singing, I will always remember thee!

### **Verse 2:**

We'll ever keep our standards high,  
And sing UB's praises to the sky.  
Receiving the finest education,  
Our knowledge we impart unto the nations.  
*(Repeat refrain)*

### **Verse 3:**

Our friends we've made with ties that bind,  
A union of our spirit, heart, and mind.  
Together we'll continue life's journey,  
O may dear Buffalo forever be.  
*(Repeat refrain)*



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