



2025

UB **University at Buffalo**
The State University of New York



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
COMMENCEMENT
GRADUATE CEREMONY

Friday

May 16, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Center for the Arts

North Campus



Baird Point is an outdoor, Greek-style amphitheater located on the southern shore of Lake LaSalle. It was a gift to the University from the Baird Foundation and the Cameron Baird Foundation. The marble columns on the concrete platforms were once part of the old Federal Reserve Bank in downtown Buffalo. Following their relocation to the lake, the columns were dedicated as a memorial to servicemen and servicewomen.

Program

Processional *

*Selections from Pomp and
Circumstance
by Edward Elgar*

**Audience please stand during the
processional, if able.*

Opening Declaration

Charles Mitchell
*Mace Bearer
SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus
Department of Earth Sciences*

Welcome

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

National Anthem

Julia Pitarresi
BFA, Music Theatre '25

Greetings

Satish K. Tripathi
University President

Remarks

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

University at Buffalo President's Medal

Luis A. Colón
*SUNY Distinguished Professor
A. Conger Goodyear Professor,
Department of Chemistry*

President Tripathi

Conferring of Degrees

President Tripathi

Dean Schulze

University at Buffalo Alma Mater**

Julia Pitarresi
BFA, Music Theatre '25

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

Closing Declaration

Charles Mitchell

Recessional***

Triumphal March from Aida by Giuseppe Verdi

****Audience please stand during
the recessional, if able.*

*The members of the Class of 2025, with their
families and friends, are invited to a reception
immediately following the commencement
ceremony in the Center for the Arts atrium.*

SUNY Trustee and UB Officials

Eunice Ashman Lewin

Member of the State University of New York Board of Trustees



President and co-founder of Impacto Consulting Associates, Eunice Ashman Lewin joined the SUNY Board of Trustees in February 2010. She serves on the board's Executive Committee and co-chairs

the Student Life Committee. She also serves on 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.

In 2024, Lewin was named chair of the Buffalo Urban League Board of Directors, dedicating herself to its mission of ensuring African Americans and others in underserved communities achieve their highest true social parity, economic self-reliance, power and civil rights.

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 United States with her family in 1967. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Marymount Manhattan College, a master's degree in American and Puerto Rican studies, and an EdM in educational administration, both from UB.

Jerry Jacobs Jr.

Chairman of the University at Buffalo Council



Jeremy "Jerry" M. Jacobs Jr. is the chief executive officer of Delaware North, a role he shares with his brothers, Lou and Charlie. He also serves as an alternate governor to the Boston Bruins.

As CEO, Jacobs oversees the company and its operating subsidiaries, focusing on strategic growth, corporate governance and financial management. He joined Delaware North in 1986 and held progressive leadership roles before becoming CEO in 2015.

Jacobs is actively involved in numerous philanthropic, civic and business organizations in Buffalo and across the country. His current board positions include The Corps Network, Mimivax and the Jacobs Institute. He is also a member of the U.S. Travel Association's CEO Roundtable and the Partnership for New York City.

Jacobs was a founding board member of Say Yes Buffalo, and he has dedicated more than two decades of service to the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, including past chairmanships of the board of directors and the annual fundraising campaign. He is a past member of the Board of Regents at Georgetown University and past chair of the Nichols School's Board of Trustees. He also served three terms on the University at Buffalo Foundation board.

Jacobs holds an MBA from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania and a BA from Georgetown University.

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 a professor of computer science at the University of Maryland, including seven as department chair.

In 2024, Tripathi was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. A fellow of IEEE and 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 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 Maharaja Surajmal Brij University, the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad, and Brock University.

Tripathi co-chairs the Association of American Universities (AAU) Task Force on Expanding U.S.-India University Partnerships, serves on the College Football Playoff Board of Managers and the boards of University Innovation Alliance and Internet2. Previously, he chaired the Mid-American Conference Council of Presidents and Internet2 and served on the boards of the AAU, NCAA Division I, NCAA Board of Governors, Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities and Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

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; inclusive excellence 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 UB faculty member since 1983, Weber is an innovative scholar, teacher and former chair of UB's Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering. Prior to his appointment as provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, Weber held several other senior administrative roles at UB, including senior vice provost for academic affairs, where he was instrumental in the creation of the UB Curriculum and nationally recognized Finish in 4 program; and vice president for student life, where he focused on enhancing the student experience and promoting overall student wellness.

Weber serves on New York's Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Board for Chemical Waste Management. He is a former board member and current advisory committee member of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County.

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.

Robin G. Schulze

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences



Robin G. Schulze, PhD, joined the University at Buffalo in July 2016 as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor in the Department of English. As leader of UB's largest and most diverse academic unit, she drives

UB's commitment to prepare students to be active, knowledgeable, engaged citizens in a dynamic global community.

Over the last nine years, Schulze has worked to keep the College strong. She has increased research expenditure in the College and has secured major investments to enhance the College's disciplinary excellence, including funds to support the College's first two female SUNY Empire Innovation Professors. While championing disciplinary excellence, she has also invested in programs that approach critical present problems from a variety of disciplinary vantage points. The College's new department of Environment and Sustainability is a testament to that approach. She is also Co-principal Investigator on UB's first-ever Mellon Foundation grant in support of the College's new Department of Indigenous Studies which honors the university's long-standing commitment to training generations of native scholars. An advocate for the value of experiential learning, she has raised funds to provide College students access to important career building, learn-by-doing opportunities.

Schulze began her career at the University of Kansas. She moved to Penn State, where she became Head of the Department of English. In 2012, she moved to the University of Delaware and became the Associate Dean for the Humanities, a position she held until her move to UB.

University at Buffalo President's Medal

Luis A. Colón

SUNY Distinguished Professor

A. Conger Goodyear Professor, Department of Chemistry



Luis Colón, PhD, is a groundbreaking scientist who has made significant contributions to ultra-high-pressure and selective chemical separations. His research has led to the creation of hybrid silica adsorptive materials used in chromatographic techniques for chemical and biochemical analyses.

Throughout his career, Colón has advocated for the inclusion of underrepresented groups in the chemical sciences. He has mentored over 50 graduate students and established an undergraduate student research program that has been adopted by other institutions, inspiring generations of students to pursue doctoral degrees in chemistry.

In 2024, the Chemical and Engineering News magazine of the American Chemical Society (ACS) named Colón a trailblazer among chemists with Latin American roots. The same year, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) awarded him its Lifetime Mentor Award, and NBC News named him one of “The Latino 10” for his mentorship. His dedication to students has also been recognized with the ACS Award for Encouraging Disadvantaged Students into Careers in Chemical Sciences and the U.S. Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring.

Colón has received numerous additional accolades for his contributions to his discipline. These include the Eastern Analytical Symposium's Award for Outstanding Achievements in Separation Science; the Research Corporation for Science Advancement's Robert Holland Jr. Award for excellence in research, leadership and mentoring; the Dal Nogare Award in separation science, and the ACS Joseph J. Kirkland Award in Chromatography.

Colón is a fellow of the AAAS, the ACS and the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Originally from Cidra, Puerto Rico, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from the University of Puerto Rico Cayey and his PhD in analytical chemistry from the University of Massachusetts Lowell. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Stanford University before joining UB.

UB President’s Medal Recipients

1990	Charles M. Fogel	2015	John T. Ho
1992	William B. Hoyt*		Gerald S. Lippes
1993	Northrup R. Knox	2016	Paras N. Prasad
	Robert Wilmers		Claude E. Welch Jr.
	John L. Hettrick Sr.	2017	Margarita L. Dubocovich
1994	Robert H. Rossberg		Francis M. Letro
1995	George C. Lee	2018	Michael E. Cain
1996	Irving Freedman		Laura E. Hubbard
1997	Philip B. Wels		Cristanne Miller
1998	Lawrence P. Castellani	2019	Amit Goyal
2000	Mary E. Randolph		Amanda B. Nickerson
	John N. Walsh III	2020	Jean Wactawski-Wende
2002	Robert J. Wagner	2021	Dexter Johnson
2003	Reginald B. Newman II		Peter A. Rogerson
2007	Stephen C. Dunnett	2022	Sargur N. Srihari*
2008	Robert Genco	2023	Oren R. Lyons
2010	Robert G. Shibley	2024	Deborah Duen Ling Chung
2012	Angelo M. Fatta		Venu Govindaraju
	Bruce D. McCombe		Timothy F. Murphy
2013	Diane R. Christian		
	Edmond J. Gicewicz		
2014	Robert D. Gioia		
	Nancy H. Nielsen		

* Awarded posthumously

Academic Procession

Commencement Marshals

The College of Arts and Sciences gratefully acknowledges the volunteer services of the following faculty who have aided in the commencement exercises as Marshals.

James Baer,
Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences
Timothy Cook, Department of Chemistry
Derek Daniels, Department of Biological Sciences
Thomas H. Feeley, Department of Communication
Charles E. Mitchell, Department of Earth Sciences
Ariel A. Nereson, Department of Theatre and Dance
Peter Q. Pfordresher, Department of Psychology
Jennifer Read, Department of Psychology
Janet Yang, Department of Communication

Student Marshals

The College of Arts and Sciences gratefully acknowledges the volunteer services of the following faculty who have aided the graduates in the ceremony preparation, the processional, the seating, and the recessional.

Millie Chen, Department of Art
Jeff Higginbotham,
Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences
Yunmei Lu, Department of Sociology and Criminology
Arthur Raney, Department of Communication
Kristin Stapleton, Department of History
Pradeep Yerramsetty, Department of Biological Sciences

Hooding and Marching Faculty

Jared Aldstadt, Department of Geography
Bradley Ault, Department of Classics
Bernard Badzioch, Department of Mathematics
Louanne Bakk, School of Social Work
Ashley Barr, Department of Sociology and Criminology
Juergen Bohnemeyer, Department of Linguistics
Jason Briner, Department of Earth Sciences
Laura Chiesa, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
Susan Clark, Department of Environment and Sustainability
Carrie Cline, Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences
Luis Colón, Department of Chemistry
Sam Crickenberger, Department of Biological Sciences
David Fertig, Department of Linguistics
Brendan Fitzgerald,
Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences
Jaume Franquesa, Department of Anthropology
Emanuela Gionfriddo, Department of Chemistry
Omer Gokcumen, Department of Biological Sciences
Maximillian Goldfarb, Department of Art
Jonathan Golove, Department of Music
Edith Gonzalez, Department of Anthropology
Tracy Gregg, Department of Earth Sciences
Salvatore Gruttadauria,
Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences
David Heppner, Department of Chemistry
David Herzberg, Department of History
Xuedong Hu, Department of Physics
Kirk Jalbert, Department of Environment and Sustainability
Jacob Kathman, Department of Political Science
Damien Keane, Department of English
Fred Klaitz, Department of Anthropology
Corey Krabbenhoft, Department of Biological Sciences
Trevor J. Krabbenhoft, Department of Biological Sciences
Molly Krygowski,
Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences
Cagatay Kutluhan, Department of Mathematics
David Lacy, Department of Chemistry
Kristen Schultz Lee, Department of Sociology and Criminology
Gregory Loney, Department of Psychology

Program Notes

Vincent Lynch, Department of Biological Sciences
Johanna Mangahas, Department of Mathematics
William Menasco, Department of Mathematics
Paul J. Meyer, Department of Psychology
Angela Minniefield,
Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences
Jacob Neiheisel, Department of Political Science
Kalliopi Nikolopoulou, Department of Comparative Literature
Alfredo Oliveros, Department of Biological Sciences
Francis Badiang Oloko,
Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
Yotam Ophir, Department of Communication
Jamie M. Ostrov, Department of Psychology
Miriam Paeslack, Department of Media Study
Yun Pei, Department of Economics
Salvatore Rappoccio, Department of Physics
Deborah Reed-Danahay, Department of Anthropology
Javid Rzayev, Department of Chemistry
Randy Schiff, Department of English
Alessandro Sebastiani, Department of Classics
Adam Sikora, Department of Mathematics
William Solomon, Department of English
Nancy A. Stecker,
Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences
Derek Strykowski, Department of Music
Kelly E. Tenzek, Department of Communication
Panayotis Thanos, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology
Tim Thomay, Department of Physics
Noreen von Cramon-Taubadel, Department of Anthropology
Doreen Wackeroth, Department of Physics
Sarah Walker, Department of Biological Sciences
Le Wang, Department of Geography
Zhen Wang, Department of Biological Sciences
David Watson, Department of Chemistry
Ciaran Williams, Department of Physics
Lillian Williams, Department of Africana and American Studies
Troy D. Wood, Department of Chemistry
Michael Yu, Department of Biological Sciences
Hao Zeng, Department of Physics

Processional

The processional begins with the entrance of candidates for degrees, assembled according to rank of degree to be conferred. Each group of candidates is led by the university faculty marshal, who escorts them to special seating areas. When the candidates have all taken their places, members of the faculty enter, escorted by a faculty marshal. The procession continues with marshals escorting the vice presidents, vice provosts, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the dean of the Graduate School and the Provost of the university, who concludes the procession.

The Kente Stole

This stole was received by students who participated in UB's ALANA Celebration of Achievement which historically has honored graduating African, Latino/a, Asian and Native American students.

The Rainbow Tassel and Lavendar Stole

These items were 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 active duty servicemembers, reservists, members of the National Guard, newly commissioned officers or veterans of the United States armed forces.



Graduates

Candidates for Degrees

Subject to the completion of all degree requirements, degrees will be conferred as indicated upon those individuals listed herein who were identified by April 5, 2025, and upon such others as may meet the requirements of their respective degrees. This listing includes candidates for the following degree conferral dates: August 2024, February 2025 and June 2025.

Africana and American Studies

Master of Arts

Moussa Pounaba / JUN

Doctor of Philosophy

Soumy Guirou / JUN
Stephine Lynn Hunt / JUN
Laticia Gail McNaughton / JUN
Yao Kahlil Ibrahim Newkirk / JUN
Rachel Lynn Pitonyak / JUN
Evelyn Santiago Gonzalez / JUN
Zachary Shackelford / JUN

Anthropology

Master of Arts

Ananda Unique Barksdale / FEB
Andres Alexis Diaz / JUN
Griffin Fero Fox / JUN
Anna Givens / JUN
Hannah Elizabeth Oliver / JUN
Gabriela Sofia Perez / JUN
Luke Quarles / JUN
Kiara Iliana Santiago / JUN
Glen Shoup / JUN
Autumn Ariel Tonnesen / JUN

Doctor of Philosophy

Ashley E. Cercone / AUG
Nikita Das / JUN
Robin L. Dipasquale / AUG
Rachel Ann Dwyer / FEB
Rachael Elekes / FEB
Melanie Lacan / FEB
Keely Maynard / JUN
Erin F. E. Pinkston / JUN
Elias Plata Espino / FEB
Brianna Nichole Porter / JUN

Hannah Louise Quaintance / AUG
Jonathan Mark White / JUN
Brent Whitford / JUN
Xiqian Zhang / JUN

Art

Master of Fine Arts

H. Boone / JUN
Misael Hernandez / JUN
Meagan Killian / JUN
Sam Krakowski / JUN
Kenny Leon / JUN
Aidelen Montoya / JUN
Joel Mulindwa / JUN
Ligia Sato / JUN
Luke G. Williamson / JUN

Doctor of Philosophy

Amy J. Baer / AUG
Matthew Harris Ballou / AUG

Arts Management

Master of Arts

Riley M. Dungan / JUN
Aya Fakhri / JUN
Siany Kloss / JUN
Ziwei Mai / JUN
Lindsey F. Roth / JUN

Biological Sciences

Master of Arts

Zahraa Alabbasi / JUN
Mahrukh Allahburhsh / JUN
Afia Anjum / JUN
Amanuel E. Asras / JUN
Aminah Assabahi / JUN

Michael Philip Bobick / JUN
Neha Chadalavada / JUN
Eli Cummings / JUN
Dominic T. DeGeorge / JUN
Michael Vittorio D'Oria / JUN
Kawthar Elwaseem / JUN
Sabrina Espinal / FEB
Kimberly C. Fagan / JUN
Ellie Fumerelle / AUG
Mary Gailor / FEB
Jasmin Garcia / AUG
Chris Guevarra / JUN
Rodwan Ibrahim / FEB
Anitha Rose Joseph / FEB
Suhina Kanapathipillai / AUG
Ayesha Hameed Khan / FEB
Phouthasone Sunny Kittisack / JUN
Chhime L. Lama / JUN
Brendan Louis / FEB
Madeline Manka / FEB
Hasan Altaf Mufti / JUN
Micaela Nanni / JUN
Tina Phuong Thao Nguyen / JUN
Dhruvi Patel / FEB
Adrianna Roser / JUN
Bailey M.L. Rouse / JUN
Bhavika Sethi / JUN
Cerissa Eve Shorter / FEB
Johanna Sirkin / JUN
John Taylor V / JUN
Rebecca Winslow / FEB
Sumbule Zahra / FEB
Viviane Zeng / JUN

Master of Science

Yogesh Laxmirajam Bhandari / JUN
Sydney Brongo / JUN
Soumyadip Chakraborty / AUG
Sarah Lu Chang / JUN
Ankita Shivaji Darekar / JUN

Chengchen Gao / JUN
Antonio Garnham Leniz / JUN
Susanna Keilig / JUN
Jonathan Kirshner / JUN
Valerie Alexis Lepore / JUN
Paige Davina Nati / JUN
Jozef William O'Malley / FEB
Soumya Pal / JUN
Shruthy Rajesh / JUN
Lillie Schaffer / JUN
Matthew James Scott / JUN
Max S. Striedl / JUN
Deanna Williams / AUG

Doctor of Philosophy

Alber Aqil / JUN
Emily Carroll / AUG
Steven Fleck / AUG
Yifeng Guo / AUG
Qian He / JUN
Skyler Kelly / JUN
Emily Mehle / AUG
Christopher A. Osborne / JUN
Holly Anne O'Shea / JUN
Petar Michael Pajic / FEB
Elizabeth A. Pawlak / JUN
Atindra N. Pujari / JUN
Savannah Sojka / AUG
Hannah Morgan Waterman / JUN

Chemistry

Master of Science

Subas Dangi / JUN
Kris Hoyt / FEB
Jenna Hyman / FEB
Alexis Kelleher / AUG
Lindsey M. Lovern / JUN
Samia Noor / JUN
Alec Pitter / FEB
Zuleydian Roche Rivera / FEB
Richi Routray / AUG
Rebecca Tarbox / FEB
Kosar Yasin / FEB

Doctor of Philosophy

Zina B. Babitski / JUN
Surbhi Chitnis / JUN
Karoline E. Garcia-Pedraza / JUN
Pratahdeep Gogoi / JUN
Connor Gould / AUG
Alexandra Izydorczak / AUG
Gabrielle M. Kerr / JUN
Jillian K. McGrath / AUG
Rachel Molino / JUN
Shea D. Myers / JUN
Aghogho Abigail Olomukoro / JUN
Evgenii Oskolkov / JUN
Sanchita Paul / AUG
Jaclyn Joan Raymond / JUN
Morgan Clarence Redington / JUN
Nicholas Dmitri Stavinski / AUG
Emily J. Steiner / AUG
Erin R. Tiede / JUN
Daoyang Zhang / AUG

Classics

Master of Arts

Adam Hill / AUG
Leon Jagels / AUG
Madi Pehringer / FEB
Betsy Woldeyohannes / AUG

Doctor of Philosophy

Alexandra Leanne Heller / JUN
Tessa Little / FEB
Valerie Ann Long / FEB
Joseph U. Miller / JUN
William H. Ramundt / JUN

Communication

Master of Arts

Odinn McLoughlin / JUN

Doctor of Philosophy

Zachary R. Glowacki / JUN
Tahleen Amirra Lattimer / JUN
Rui Wang / JUN
Zhuohui Yang / AUG

Communicative Disorders and Sciences

Master of Arts

Megan Agostinho / JUN
Avery Andrews / JUN
Madison Catherine Avery / JUN
Sydney Gloria Beattie / JUN
Kiara Brown / JUN
Rita Michela Cancellieri / JUN
Kiersten Coley / JUN
Alyssa M. Decaro / JUN
Alexa Rose Frank / JUN
Cassandra Florence Galletta / FEB
Laura Rhiannon Grande-Hubbard / JUN
Katherine Hilton / JUN
Riley Johnson / JUN
Liza Keers / JUN
Allison Marie Kujawa / JUN
Abigail Grace Makofske / JUN
Gabrielle E. Martino / JUN
Elias R. Mcquade / JUN
Hannah R. Meltzer / JUN
Natalie Merriman / AUG
Shea Elizabeth Murray / JUN
Maria A. Popik / JUN
Alexis Sommer Riester / JUN
Kristina A. Roksvold / JUN
Emma Sandziuk / JUN
Leah M. Santalis / JUN
Hannah Shabala / JUN
Stephanie Elizabeth Sheppard / JUN
Kira Shutowich / JUN
Tiffany Priya Singh / JUN
Sofia Mae Sozio / JUN
Jana Marie Whitehouse / JUN
Madison L. Witt / JUN
Aihua Zhao / JUN
Lauren Zimmer / JUN

Doctor of Philosophy

Antara Satchidanand / FEB
Fei Xu / AUG

Doctor of Audiology

Sterling Aguilar / JUN
Sarah T. Alhorebi / JUN

Graduates

Khori Cioli / JUN
Julia G. Conenna / JUN
Taylor Monèt Harden / JUN
Kayla M. Naldrett / JUN
Emma Leigh Rieker / JUN
Amrietaa Sathasivam / JUN
Peyton Schill / JUN
Juliet R. Stuber / JUN
Everett James E. Ware / JUN

Comparative Literature

Master of Arts

Nina Arnone / FEB

Doctor of Philosophy

Faegheh Hajhosseini / JUN
Megan Hirner / JUN
Marc Johnson / AUG

Critical Museum Studies

Master of Arts

Josh Albanese / AUG
Angelina Marie Emmons / JUN
Miranda Allen Sapers / JUN
Morgan Tracy / JUN

Data Analytics in Social Sciences

Master of Science

Vinod Kumar Kothapalli / JUN

Earth Sciences

Master of Science

Eleanor Margo Byrne / JUN
Jenna E. Diamico / JUN
Katelynn Ann Eaman / JUN
Harleena L. Franklin / JUN
Andrew Gmerek / JUN
William A. Goldsmith / JUN
Kiersten Hottendorf / AUG
Cassandra Dawn Huggins / JUN

Cadence Abigail Mannino / JUN
Tessa M. McDonald / JUN
Connor J. Michalowski / FEB
Mohd Noor Muriesh / JUN
Mareli Paredes / AUG
Jessica Paskie / JUN
Benjamin Reynolds / JUN
Sally Sgarlata / JUN
Mary Verne / JUN

Doctor of Philosophy

Meredith Cole / FEB
Hui Gao / JUN
Martin Alexander Harris / JUN
Kurt Lindberg / JUN
Caleb K. Walcott-George / JUN

Economics

Master of Arts

Jack Lin / FEB
Ziyu Yang / FEB
Arongga / JUN
David E. Wagner / JUN
Shangzhen Ying / FEB
Junjie Zeng / JUN

Master of Science

John William Ambrosi / JUN
Olivia Bizzoni / JUN
Salvatore Coniglio / FEB
Jesse Culver / JUN
Griffin W. Defino / JUN
Nupur Shrikant Dixit / JUN
Thomas Grasso / FEB
Arghyadip Gupta / JUN
Jacob Aaron Korotkin / JUN
Bruce Li / FEB
Xi Liu / JUN
Benjamin Montoya-Burke / FEB
Harshil Pahuja / JUN
Landon J. Rozewski / JUN
Andre Sims / JUN
Kangning Yao / FEB

Doctor of Philosophy

Hyukdong Kwon / JUN
Sabarna Mukherjee / JUN
Wenhan Yang / JUN

English

Master of Arts

Jeffrey Earl Bobb / JUN
Melanie K. March / FEB
Madison Pearson / JUN

Doctor of Philosophy

Brooke Lindley Bastie / AUG
Ryan Bell / JUN
Zackary Brown / AUG
Abhipsa Chakraborty / AUG
Simon Eales / AUG
Kaitlyn J. Engel / JUN
Amy Greer / AUG
Iven Lucas Heister / AUG
Callie Ingram / AUG
Blair Allyn Johnson / JUN
Andrew Lindquist / AUG
Willis McCumber / AUG
Lawrence Lorraine Mullen / AUG
Ariana Nash / JUN
Jake Murphy Sanders / JUN
Joey Sechrist / JUN
Sarah M. Sgro / AUG
Eric VanLieshout / AUG
Dana L. Venerable / JUN
Paul Burkett Vogel / JUN
Carter Wenger / JUN
Corey Zielinski / JUN

Environment and Sustainability

Master of Arts

Julia L. Dorr / FEB
Divine Kyan Jones / FEB
Yahan Liu / FEB
Eduardo Lopez Jr. / JUN
Kimberly E. Reilly / FEB
Ryan Schultz / JUN
Abigail L. Stressinger / JUN

Master of Science

Joseph Benz / FEB
Bryce Currier / JUN
Julian D'Orazio / JUN
Adrian Elie / JUN
Angela Marie Laier / JUN
Yuhui Pang / JUN

Doctor of Philosophy

Erin Blake Schuster / FEB

Geography**Master of Arts**

Rachel Elizabeth Bommer / FEB
Adrianna Jarvis / FEB
James Jarvis / FEB
Supat Kanchat / FEB
Christopher Krull / FEB
Galo Maradiaga Eguez / JUN
Gizem Orgev / JUN
Nicholas Brian Ruff / JUN
Stephen Clyde Sanders / JUN

Master of Science

Satya Venkata Siddhartha Bokka / JUN
Noah William Deer / FEB
Faithwin I. Gbadamosi / JUN
Jishnu Teja Janapareddy / JUN
Tianze Li / JUN
Isabel Liston / JUN
Jianning Qi / JUN
Rohitha Settipalli / AUG
Ziqi Tang / FEB
Zhongyu Zhou / JUN

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*Music by Walter S. Goodale, MD, 1903.
Lyrics adapted by UB students in 2006 for
contemporary use.*



Verse 1:

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

Refrain:

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

Verse 2:

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

Verse 3:

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

Letter from the UB Alumni Association President

Dear Member of the Class of 2025,

Congratulations! On behalf of the UB Alumni Association, I'm delighted to welcome you to your global network of more than 308,000 alumni. We're proud of all you have accomplished.

As you begin your next chapter, please stay in touch! Your alumni status opens so many opportunities to stay connected to your alma mater and fellow alumni.

What does this mean for you in practical terms? It means that you have access to career help through our virtual Connect-a-Bull platform, that you can volunteer to recruit new students or help a current student, that you can prepare for the next stage in your professional and personal journey through free webinars and our Career North professional development portal, and that you can participate in a variety of social and sporting events. 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!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Stefko', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joseph Stefko, BA '97, MA '99, PhD '03
President, UB Alumni Association Board of Directors

The Mace

Designed to tell the story of the university and the Niagara Frontier, the University at Buffalo mace was fashioned by silversmith Hudson Roysher of Arcadia, CA. It was used for the first time in the 1962 general commencement.

The mace is silver with accents of lapis and howlite to represent the university's colors. It is topped by a miniature-walled structure representing the City of Buffalo. Engraved atop the city are three arrows bound together, symbolizing the unity of UB and the city.

A band of alternating jewels of lapis and howlite encircles the head of the mace and bears the founding dates of the 13 divisions that composed the university in 1962.

The UB arms appear on the front of the head. On the back are the arms of the United States. The discovery of Lake Erie in 1669 by Louis Joliet and early explorations by Robert de LaSalle are symbolized on the left side of the head. A crest on the right side symbolizes the university's role as a dynamic center of human growth and welfare.

The wild rose, the state flower, is depicted in a floral motif at the top and bottom of the mace's head. Encircling the ends of the shaft are three wavy lines representing intellect and water, the latter a reference to the Niagara River and Great Lakes.

The motto "University and City: Community" is lettered in Latin around the knob of the shaft.

Traditionally used in university ceremonies, the mace is a symbol of enlightened authority. The macebearer is the chair of the university's Faculty Senate.



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The modern seal for the University at Buffalo harks back to a design adopted in 1923 to reflect the evolution of the university from separate schools into a more close-knit organization. Though the seal has been revised several times over the decades, the foundational elements remain: a proud bison signifying the City of Buffalo atop a shield supported by the palm leaves of victory and emblazoned with the flames of wisdom.

