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The State University of New York

SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL



SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCES  
**C O M M E N C E M E N T**  
GRADUATE CEREMONY 1

Saturday

May 17, 2025

9:00 AM

Alumni Arena

North Campus

Kemper E. Lewis

*Dean*

## Land Acknowledgment

We would like to begin by acknowledging the land on which the University at Buffalo operates, which is the territory of the Seneca Nation, a member of the Haudenosaunee/Six Nations Confederacy. This territory is covered by The Dish with One Spoon Treaty of Peace and Friendship, a pledge to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. It is also covered by the 1794 Treaty of Canandaigua, between the United States Government and the Six Nations Confederacy, which further affirmed Haudenosaunee land rights and sovereignty in the State of New York. Today, this region is still the home to the Haudenosaunee people, and we are grateful for the opportunity to live, work, and share ideas in this territory.



# Program

## Processional

*Selections from Pomp and Circumstance*

By Edward Elgar

## Opening Declaration

Rajan Batta

*Mace Bearer, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Recognition, SUNY Distinguished Professor, Industrial and Systems Engineering*

## Welcome

Jeffrey R. Errington

*Professor and Chair, Chemical and Biological Engineering, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences*

## National Anthem

Julia Pitarresi

*BFA, Music Theatre '25*

## Introductions

Professor Errington

## Greetings

Satish K. Tripathi

*University President*

## Remarks

Kemper E. Lewis

*Dean, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences*

## SEAS Dean's Award for Achievement

Mohan Akella, PhD ISE '05, MS ISE '03

*Senior Vice President (SVP)*

*Walmart US Omni-Channel Supply Chain Strategy and Transformation*

## Student Address

Esther Jose, MS '22, BS '20

*PhD, Industrial and Systems Engineering '25*

## Conferring of Degrees

President Tripathi

## Alumni Welcome

Nathaniel Bolt, BS '11

*President, UB Engineering and Applied Sciences Alumni Association*

## Alma Mater

Julia Pitarresi

## Closing Declaration

Associate Dean Batta

## 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 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.

## **Kemper E. Lewis**

*Dean of the School of Engineering and  
Applied Sciences*



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

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

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

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

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

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

## Dean's Award for Achievement

*Dr. Akella was recognized at Graduate Ceremony 1*

### **Mohan Akella, (PhD ISE '05, MS ISE '03)**

*Senior Vice President (SVP)*

*Walmart US Omni-Channel Supply Chain  
Strategy and Transformation*



Mohan leads Walmart Centroid, the company's omni-channel operations strategy and science organization, reporting directly to the Chief Operating Officer of Walmart US. As a senior omni-channel retail supply chain executive, he has over 20 years of experience in supply chain operations, strategy, digital transformation, management consulting, product, and data science, with prior leadership roles at Apple and Deloitte Consulting.

During his 12-year tenure at Walmart, Mohan has played a key role in transforming the company's end-to-end operations. He was the chief architect of Walmart's supply chain transformation, spearheading initiatives that drove over \$20 billion in capital investments, redefining the company's logistics and last-mile delivery networks. He has led multiple strategic, product, and operations functions, including serving as the Chief Supply Chain Officer for Sam's eCommerce, where he helped scale the business and transform its fulfillment capabilities.

Mohan has deep expertise in end-to-end operations, transportation, inventory management, strategy development, industrial engineering, advanced analytics, and optimization. He holds a Doctorate and Master of Science degrees in Operations Research from the University at Buffalo and a Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras.

Mohan lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with his wife and three children—a 15-year-old daughter and 11-year-old twin son and daughter.

## Past Recipients of the Dean's Award for Achievement

### **1978**

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

### **1979**

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

### **1980**

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

### **1981**

James DeSerio  
*President, DeSerio Engineers*

### **1982**

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

### **1983**

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

### **1984**

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

### **1985**

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

### **1986**

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

### **1987**

H. Robert Leland  
*President, Calspan Corporation*

### **1988**

Henry P. Semmelhack  
*President, Barrister Information Systems Corporation*

### **1989**

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

<b>1990</b> Ray W. Judson <i>President, The Parsons Corporation</i>	<b>2000</b> Erich Bloch, BS EE 1952, ScD (Hon) 1985 <i>Distinguished Fellow, Council on Competitiveness  Principal, Washington Advisory Group, LLC</i>	<b>2012</b> James P. Smist, BS CE 1980 <i>President  Dean and Company</i>
<b>1991</b> Sol W. Weller <i>Furnas Professor Emeritus  School of Engineering and Applied Sciences  University at Buffalo</i>	<b>2001</b> Henry Stone, BS ME 1949 <i>Vice President, retired, General Electric</i>	<b>2013</b> John R. "Jack" Davis, BS IE 1955 <i>Founder and Owner  I Squared R Element Company, Inc.</i>
<b>1992</b> Lee H. Runk, BS IE 1961 <i>President, Harvard Industries, Inc.</i>	<b>2002</b> Lawrence L. Peckham, BS IE 1969 <i>Founder, LPA Associates</i>	<b>2014</b> Stephen E. Still, BS CIE 1976 <i>Founder and Managing Director, Seabury  Airline Planning Group, LLC</i>
<b>1993</b> Irving H. Shames <i>Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus  School of Engineering and Applied Sciences  University at Buffalo</i>	<b>2003</b> Hadi Makarechian, BS CIE 1972 <i>Chairman, President and  Chief Executive Officer  Capital Pacific Holdings, Inc.</i>	<b>2015</b> Krishna Kolluri, MS IE 1988 <i>General Partner  New Enterprise Associates</i>
<b>1994</b> Robert H. Goldsmith, BS ME 1951 <i>Chairman, President and Chief Executive  Officer  Exten Industries, Inc.</i>	<b>2004</b> George C. Lee <i>Samuel P. Capen Professor of Engineering  and Dean Emeritus  School of Engineering and Applied Sciences  University at Buffalo</i>	<b>2016</b> Norman Hayes, BS EE & BA CS 1980 <i>Director of ASIC Engineering, Analog Bits</i>
<b>1995</b> Hatim A. Tyabji, MS EE 1969, DocHL (Hon) 2001 <i>Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer  VeriFone, Inc.</i>	<b>2005</b> Steven L. Lerner <i>Senior Vice President and  Chief Technology Officer Praxair</i>	<b>2017</b> Ann Wegrzyn, BS IE 1985, MBA 1990 <i>CIO, National Fuel Gas</i>
<b>1996</b> Anthony L. Russo, PhD ME 1969 <i>Executive Director  Calspan-University at Buffalo Research  Center (CUBRC)  Vice President  Calspan Corporation's Advanced  Technology Center</i>	<b>2006</b> Douglas P. Taylor, BS ME 1971 <i>President, Taylor Devices, Inc.  President, Tayco Developments, Inc.</i>	<b>2018</b> Gina Lee-Glauser, BS MAE 1982, MS MAE 1988 <i>Vice President for Research and Scholarship,  Clarkson University</i>
<b>1997</b> Calvin C. Chien, MS CIE 1970, PhD CIE 1974 <i>Environmental Fellow, DuPont Company</i>	<b>2007</b> Mark H. Karwan <i>Professor and Dean Emeritus  School of Engineering and Applied Sciences  University at Buffalo</i>	<b>2019</b> Jonathan Watts, P.E., BS IE 2000, BS CIE 2003 <i>Vice President, Watts Architecture and  Engineering</i>
<b>1998</b> Hiroshi Morihara, PhD ME 1971 <i>Chairman and Chief Executive Officer,  Peninsula Laboratories, Inc.  President, Via Press, Inc.  President, CGC, Inc.</i>	<b>2008</b> Norman R. McCombs, BS ME 1968 <i>Senior Vice President  AirSep Corporation</i>	<b>2020</b> Robert G. Harrison, P.E. BS ME <i>Vice President Engineering and Construction  Transmission Developers, Inc.</i>
<b>1999</b> Eli Ruckenstein <i>Distinguished Professor  Department of Chemical Engineering  School of Engineering and Applied Sciences  University at Buffalo</i>	<b>2009</b> Gina Bronkie Hammond, MS CS 1973 <i>Director, Computer Science Corporation's  North America Public Sector, Defense  Division</i>	<b>2021</b> John K. Schneider, PhD EE '90 <i>Vice President of Technology for Qualcomm</i>
<b>1999</b> John Zahorjan, PhD IE 1974 <i>Adjunct Professor  Department of Industrial Engineering  School of Engineering and Applied Sciences  University at Buffalo</i>	<b>2010</b> Russell L. Agrusa, BS EE 1976 <i>Founder, President, and Chief Executive  Officer ICONICS</i>	<b>2022</b> Dinah Gueldenpfennig Weisberg, BS '87 <i>Chief Executive Officer and President, REDCOM  Laboratories Inc.</i>
	<b>2011</b> Scott D. Stevens, PE, BS CIE 1979 <i>Founder and Chief Executive Officer  Dimension Fabricators, Inc.</i>	<b>2023</b> Laura J. Pyrak-Nolte, BS '81 <i>Distinguished Professor of Physics and  Astronomy, Purdue University</i>
		<b>2024</b> Victor Bahl, BS EE '86, MS EE '88 <i>Technical fellow and Chief Technology Officer  of Azure for Operators in Microsoft Strategic  Missions and Technologies Division</i>



## Student Speaker

**Esther Jose, MS '22, BS '20**

*Industrial and Systems Engineering*



Esther Jose of Chennai, India, graduates with a Doctorate in Industrial and Systems Engineering. She received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Industrial and Systems Engineering from UB in 2020 and 2022, respectively. Over her nine years at UB, Esther has consistently contributed to both the university and the broader Buffalo community. She has served

as a Resident Advisor in Governors, SEAS Tour Guide, EAS 199 Student Leader, and WiSE high school mentor, and has held leadership positions in several campus organizations, including INFORMS, IISE, SRA, and Tau Beta Pi. Esther was a finalist in the Panasci 2024 competition, completed internships at American Airlines and Buffalo Games, and will join Iowa State University as an Assistant Professor.

## Alumni Speaker

**Nathaniel Bolt, BS '11**

*President, UB Engineering and Applied Sciences Alumni Association*



Nate Bolt graduated from UB in 2011 with his BS in Civil Engineering and his MBA from Niagara University in 2014. He began his career working for Turner Construction within many roles including field engineer, assistant superintendent, cost engineer and project manager. Notable projects he has been on with Turner include UB Davis Hall, Kaleida GVI, Children's Hospital of Buffalo, Niagara

Wheatfield Schools and Lockport Schools Capital Projects. Nate is now the Assistant Director of Construction Delivery for UB Facilities, a role that involves overseeing the teams of project managers, estimators and self-perform group for the majority of construction projects at all three campus locations.

He serves on multiple boards including the UB Engineering and Applied Sciences Alumni Association, Cornerstone Community Federal Credit Union Committees and the Lockport Ice Arena. Nate enjoys spending time with his wife and young daughter, attending UB Bulls games and mentoring students.



# Academic Costume

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

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

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

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

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

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

# School Leadership and Distinguished Faculty

## Dean

Kemper E. Lewis  
*Dean*

## Associate Deans

Rajan Batta  
*Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Recognition, SUNY Distinguished Professor, Industrial and Systems Engineering*

Lukasz Ziarek  
*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Computer Science and Engineering*

Jun Zhuang  
*Associate Dean for Research, Industrial and Systems Engineering*

Kristen R. Moore  
*Associate Dean for Equity and Inclusion, Engineering Education, English*

Kevin M. Burke  
*Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Electrical Engineering*

## Department Chairs

Jonathan P. Bird  
*Electrical Engineering*

Francine Battaglia  
*Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

David Doermann  
*Computer Science and Engineering*

James N. Jensen  
*Engineering Education*

Robert Dell  
*Industrial and Systems Engineering*

Alan J. Rabideau  
*Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering*

Krishna Rajan  
*Materials Design and Innovation*

Jeffrey R. Errington  
*Chemical and Biological Engineering*

Yun Wu  
*Biomedical Engineering*

## SUNY Distinguished Professors

Stylianos T. Andreadis  
*Chemical and Biological Engineering*

Rajan Batta  
*Industrial and Systems Engineering*

Ann M. Bisantz  
*Industrial and Systems Engineering*

Michel Bruneau  
*Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering*

Deborah Chung  
*Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

Michael C. Constantinou  
*Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering*

John Crassidis  
*Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

Amit Goyal  
*Chemical and Biological Engineering*

Venugopal Govindaraju  
*Computer Science and Engineering*

Quanxi Jia  
*Materials Design and Innovation*

David A. Kofke  
*Chemical and Biological Engineering*

Vladimir Mitin  
*Electrical Engineering*

Paras Prasad  
*Electrical Engineering*

Thomas Thundat  
*Chemical and Biological Engineering*

Chunming Qiao  
*Computer Science and Engineering*

Krishna Rajan  
*Materials Design and Innovation*

Mark T. Swihart  
*Chemical and Biological Engineering*

Andrew S. Whittaker  
*Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering*

## SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professors

Mark H. Karwan  
*Industrial and Systems Engineering*

Carl R. Lund  
*Chemical and Biological Engineering*

Joseph C. Mollendorf  
*Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

Johannes M. Nitsche  
*Chemical and Biological Engineering*

# School of Engineering and Applied Sciences Dean's Advisory Council

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*Vice President of Lean Operations, GE Aerospace (Retired)*

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*Information Security Professional – Lead Analyst, Citi*

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*Principal Civil Engineer, Applied Research Associates*

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*Head of Energy and Sustainability, Phillips Lytle LLP Energy Consulting Services*

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Subbarao Vanka\*  
*President, NW Engineering Consultants, Inc.*

Chris Wan  
*Founder, Dyno Group Inc.*

Jim Wehrfritz\*  
*Executive, Exxon and ExxonMobil (retired)*

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

\*School alum



# 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 3, 2025, and upon such others as may meet the requirements of their respective degrees. Candidates are listed according to actual date of degree conferral (August 2024, February 2025, and June 2025).*

## Academic Recognition Items

### **The Blue and Gold Cord/Delta Alpha Pi Pin**

This cord or pin was received by graduating members of Delta Alpha Pi, an international academic honor society for college/university students with disabilities.

### **The Gold Cord**

This cord is awarded to bachelors degree recipients who are graduating with Latin honors.

### **The Grey and Red Stole**

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

### **The White Stole**

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

### **The SUNY Chancellor's Medallion**

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

### **The 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 Gold and Purple Cord**

This cord is being worn by graduating UB students who have served as ambassadors for Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion across the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

### **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.



# Master’s Degrees

## Recommending Candidates for Degrees

Kemper Lewis  
*Dean*

## Master of Engineering in Engineering Management

### August 2024

Henry Obiajuru Abaye-Sylvanus  
Thierry Stanley Arrieta Cespedes  
Gregory Auyang  
Abdullah Ba Basaran  
Rajesh Kumar Chakrapani  
Nick Fago  
Timothy Fredrick Kersten  
Carey Marrinan  
Emmanuel Ohemeng Dapaah  
Divisha Patel  
Shihan S Reza  
Muhammad Shabbir  
Matthew Mark Suchyna  
Daoyou Yao

### February 2025

Charles Belfield  
Joshua Davis  
Brenda Itzel Hernandez Nunez  
Gino Huaman Hubeck  
Scott Irwin  
Vincent A Macaione  
Meixiang Mai  
Gregory Orright  
Neil Evan Parshall  
Stephanie Lucille Parshall

### June 2025

Maimaiti Aji  
Tiffani Bellanton  
Cameron Sunny Hall  
Sonia Kataria-Bathija

Noah Kustyn  
Louis Anthony Leone  
Chris Mascolo  
Wilbert Lehi Minoso  
Justin Nyantakyi  
Manvir Singh  
Julian Stewart  
Sean Liam Sullivan  
Daniel P. Thornton  
Manjushree Venkatamunisetty

## Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering

### August 2024

Seongwang Baek  
Ian Alan Morse  
Alexa Lynne O’Leary

### February 2025

Connor Bakerink  
Chris Diotte  
Bharath Varma Penumatsa  
Robert Russell Weiler  
Kuan Ta Wu

### June 2025

Kaushali Aich  
Vijai Budhun  
Ryan Buick  
Jenna Capozzi  
Louis Caves  
Sathwika Chittluri  
Ankur Devra  
Michael Govoni  
Jared Christopher Himes  
Nihal Reddy Katakam  
Sruthi Sree Krishnaswamy Narayanan  
Aaron Ted Kummer  
Sydney Kwitowski  
Josh Labya  
Brendan Pierce Murty

Chi Nnoka  
Hari Kiran Rangamgari  
Sean P Stokes  
Joseph Peter Yalla  
Hosam Yousef

## Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering

### August 2024

Ada Ally  
Sai Lekhana Bharadwaja  
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*In celebrating this commencement, the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS) marks 79 years of educational and research excellence and service to the technology community, to New York State, and to society at large.*

## The Founding of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

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

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

SEAS has come a long way since 1946, when it first held courses in the newly dedicated Karr Parker Engineering Building on South Campus. Parker Hall was immediately enlarged to accommodate traditional students and returning G.I.s intent on pursuing engineering careers after WWII. In the mid-70s to mid-80s, the school moved to five new buildings on the North Campus: Bell, Bonner, Furnas, Jarvis, and Ketter Halls. Davis Hall opened in 2011, featuring an environmentally friendly design and construction. Together, these buildings form an outstanding educational and research facility, comprising 275,000 square feet of laboratory and office space. Due to the recent growth in enrollment within SEAS, the school also occupies space in Capen Hall, Baldy Hall and Lockwood Memorial Library. To accommodate this continued growth, the school plans to construct a new \$102 million building on the North Campus that features

collaborative spaces for student clubs, maker space, and facilities that support entrepreneurship and student startups. Supported by \$68 million in funding from New York State, the new building will be an embodiment of our vision for 21st-century engineering: collaborative, innovative, entrepreneurial, and exciting.

## Faculty and Leadership: A Heritage of Vision and Talent

SEAS has enjoyed consistent success, in large part, because of its leadership. Over the course of its 79 years, 13 distinguished educators have served as leaders of the school. In 1946, Paul E. Mohn became the first dean. His 13-year tenure as dean lent stability to the young school. Frederick H. Thomas served as acting dean from 1959–1960. E. Arthur Trabant was dean from 1960–1966; and Howard E. Strauss was acting dean from 1966–1967. When the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Sciences became the administrative body of engineering at the University at Buffalo, the head of the faculty was often referred to as the provost. F. Karl Willenbrock was provost from 1967–1970; Joseph Bergantz was acting provost from 1970–1971; and William Gill served as provost and dean from 1971–1977. George C. Lee took office as dean in 1978, serving in that post until 1995. In 1996, Mark H. Karwan became dean, followed by Harvey G. Stenger Jr. in 2006. Rajan Batta was the school's interim dean from 2011–2012, and in 2013, Liesl Folks joined SEAS as the school's eighth dean. Following Folks' departure in 2019, Rajan Batta served the school again as interim dean until the appointment of Kemper E. Lewis as the new dean on May 1, 2020.

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

## Programs and Partnerships

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

Under UB's broad strategic initiatives, we engaged with our campus colleagues to develop research and educational programs that will have a high impact both inside and outside the university. These include the Institute of Bridge Engineering (IBE); Stephen Still Institute for Sustainable Transportation and Logistics; Sustainable Manufacturing and Advanced Robotic Technologies (SMART) Community of Excellence; Global Health Equity Community of Excellence; and the Research and Education in eNergy, Environment and Water (RENEW) Institute. Our total research expenditures for the current year were over \$110 million.

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

## A Proud Past, A Challenging Future

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

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

To keep up to date with the school, please visit us at [engineering.buffalo.edu](http://engineering.buffalo.edu).



*Grace Plaza, connecting the engineering buildings*



# UB Engineering and Applied Sciences Alumni Association Letter

**Dear Class of 2025,**

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

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

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


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

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

So on behalf of the University at Buffalo Engineering Alumni Association, its Board of Directors, and the more than 42,000 members who have preceded you, we welcome you with open arms.

Together, we are UB.

Be bold,



Nate Bolt (BS '11, CSEE)  
President, University at Buffalo Engineering Alumni Association

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*Rendering of Agrusa Hall, the future engineering and applied sciences building*

## 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)*

# UB Alumni Association Letter

**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](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!



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

# The UB Mace

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

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

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



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**ON THE COVER:**

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.

