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The State University of New York



SCHOOL OF NURSING  
**COMMENCEMENT**

Friday

May 16, 2025

9:00 A.M.

Center for the Arts

North Campus

Annette B Wysocki  
*Dean and Professor*

# 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.



# Program

## Processional

Selections from Pomp and Circumstance  
*by Edward Elgar*

## Opening Declaration

Annette B Wysocki  
*Dean and Professor*

## National Anthem

Julia Pitarresi  
*BFA, Music Theatre '25*

## Welcome

Dean Wysocki

## Greetings

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

## Dean's Remarks

Dean Wysocki

## Invited Speaker

Dr. Margaret Moss  
*Associate Dean for Health Policy  
Katherine R. & C. Walton Lillehei Chair  
in Nursing Leadership  
University of Minnesota School of Nursing*

## Student Speaker

Caitlin Nye  
*Graduate Student Speaker*

## Presentation of Awards

Melinda Haas  
*Assistant Dean for  
Undergraduate Programs*

Lynn Scott  
*Clinical Assistant Professor*

## Conferral of Degrees

Provost Weber  
Dean Wysocki

## Calling of PhD and DNP Candidates

Sharon Hewner  
*Professor*

Carolyn Montgomery  
*Clinical Assistant Professor*

## Calling of Advanced Certificate Candidates

Professor Hewner  
Professor Montgomery

## Calling of Bachelor's Degree Candidates

Donna Fabry  
*Clinical Associate Professor*

Joann Sands  
*Clinical Assistant Professor*

## Alma Mater

Julia Pitarresi  
*BFA, Music Theatre '25*

## Closing Declaration

Dean Wysocki

## 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.

### **Allison Brashear**

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



Allison Brashear, MD, MBA, a world-renowned neurologist, is reshaping academic medicine at UB. As vice president for health sciences and dean of the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, she

promotes partnerships and integration across health sciences disciplines, driving health care innovation both locally and nationally. Additionally, she leads UBMD Physicians' Group as president and CEO.

Her impactful research has led to the approval of three botulinum toxin treatments for conditions like post-stroke spasticity. Continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health since 2008, she is a leading expert in ATP1A3-related diseases, a spectrum of rare neurologic disorders.

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

Brashear earned her medical degree and completed her neurology residency at Indiana University School of Medicine. She earned her MBA, focused on health-sector management, at Fuqua School of Business at Duke University.

In 2022, Brashear was elected to the Association of American Colleges Council of Deans Administrative Board; she became chair-elect in 2024. The same year, she was appointed to the AAMC's board of directors and joined the NIH Scientific Management Review Board. Brashear is also a trustee of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation and a board member of the WNY Women's Foundation.

### **Annette Wysocki**

*Dean and Professor  
School of Nursing*



Annette Wysocki was appointed dean of the School of Nursing in July 2022.

Her research focuses on the pathophysiology of delayed healing in chronic wounds, and her work

led to the development of dressing products to promote healing and diagnostic tests to detect atypical wound healing. Wysocki has been funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Science Foundation, Office of Naval Research and the American Nurses Foundation.

Wysocki was the first permanent scientific director of the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) and chief of the Wound Healing Laboratory at the NIH. She started the Summer Genetics Institute, one of NINR's most successful programs. Wysocki served on the NIH Clinical Center Board of Governors, was on the Mark O. Hatfield Clinical Research Center design team and helped to initiate the NCI-All Ireland Cancer Consortium.

A Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, she serves on its Bioethics Expert and Aging Expert Panels. Wysocki is also a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Research Leader Network and previously served on the American Society for Cell Biology's Congressional Liaison Committee. She is a Harvard Macy Scholar and a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine.

Wysocki holds a PhD from the University of Texas at Austin, and bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from East Carolina University. She was a postdoctoral research fellow in cell biology at University of Texas Southwestern and Weill Cornell Medical College.

# Presentation of Awards

## **Sigma Theta Tau, Gamma Kappa Chapter Award**

This award is made by the Gamma Kappa Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the national nursing honor society, to encourage and recognize superior scholarship, leadership and achievement in nursing. The award recognizes graduating students who possess these characteristics and who are current members of the chapter.

**Graduate: Amanda Maki**

**Undergraduate: Sophia Anne Justo**

## **Ethan Christian '12 Memorial Award**

This award is presented annually to honor an outstanding University at Buffalo nursing student at graduation in memory of Ethan Christian '12. The recipient demonstrates exceptional care, compassion, and excellence in the practice of nursing as exemplified by Ethan.

**Undergraduate: Ella Gooding**

## **Shirley D. DeVoe Nursing Award for Excellence in Communication**

This award was endowed by Ms. DeVoe, a distinguished alumna and friend of the School of Nursing, who received both her B.S. and M.S. in Nursing from the University at Buffalo. It is presented to a graduating baccalaureate and graduate student who have demonstrated superior skill in communicating with and for their patients and clients.

**Graduate: Michael Pereira III**

**Undergraduate: Elizabeth Greenwald**

## **Dr. S. Mouchly Small Award**

The Dr. S. Mouchly Small Award was endowed by distinguished nursing alumna, Sophie Small, to honor her late husband, Dr. Small, Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry of the University at Buffalo School of Medicine. The award recognizes graduating students who have demonstrated superior knowledge and skill in psychiatric mental health nursing and who exhibit an understanding of and sensitivity to the special needs of clients and their families as well as the ability to respond to these needs.

**Graduate: Cali M Karpinski**

**Undergraduate: Justin Victor**

## **Ruth T. McGrorey Award for Excellence in Nursing**

This award was named in honor of Ruth T. McGrorey, former Dean of the School of Nursing (1966 - 1973). The award recognizes baccalaureate students who have demonstrated outstanding knowledge of nursing theory and excellence in nursing practice.

**Undergraduate: Madison Amico**

## **Anne Walker Sengbusch Award for Leadership in School and Community Activities**

This award was named for Anne Walker Sengbusch, founding Dean of the University at Buffalo School of Nursing (1936 - 1965). It recognizes graduating students who have provided notable service and leadership in the School of Nursing, University and/or to the Community.

**Graduate: Michael Turner  
Pamela Nichols**

**Undergraduate: Edwina Fang  
Tammy Le**

## **Ruth Gale Elder Award for Excellence in Nursing Research**

The Ruth Gale Elder Award for Excellence in Nursing Research was established by Dr. Ruth Gale Elder, Acting Dean of the School of Nursing (1978 - 1980) and nursing educator. The award recognizes graduate students who have demonstrated outstanding knowledge and ability in research and who hold a special promise for leadership in nursing research.

**Graduate: Rena Mae Kessel  
Caitlin Nye**

# Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society

## Gamma Kappa Chapter Members

Graduates who are wearing the purple Sigma Theta Tau honor cords have exhibited academic excellence and uphold strong leadership potential as members of the Honor Society of Nursing, Gamma Kappa Chapter.

### Undergraduate

Madison Amico  
Jane Carl Anomah  
Laraine Lutap Arcangel  
Elizabeth Asemota  
Hannah Therese Banas  
Skylar Ashley Bard  
Brooke Nicole Bauer  
Kazlin Elizabeth Beers  
Tatianna P Beutel  
Mary Elizabeth Beyer  
Milagros Augustina Blanco-Coy  
Eric Bolles  
Mariana Chacon  
Linda Chen  
Mengting Chen  
Joshua Taylor Clarkson  
Hope Coffey  
Ilana Cooke  
Erin Nicole Diehl  
Julia Mary Echtenkamp  
Eric Emser  
Edwina Fang  
Nathalia Flores-Feliciano  
Shannon Kimberly Formas  
Kayla Ann Gazsy  
Syeda Esha Gilani  
Ella Gooding  
Kennedy Elizabeth Gregory  
Alexandra Gullotti  
Sabrina C Guo  
Jiwoo Ha  
Julia Lee Jeon  
Jeremy Joseph  
Sophia Anne Justo  
Alyssa Louise Kilbride  
Marija Koprivica  
Abigail J Lasker  
Tammy Le

Sabrina Lee  
Madison Christine LeRoy  
Nicholas James Levano  
Daniel Leybengrub  
Amy Lin  
Rohanda Longford  
Jillian Rae Lorka  
Faith Ann Lunn  
Kiralynne McDermott  
Chloé Moore  
Hannah Morawski  
Jessica Ashleigh Murphy  
Hannah Helena Pascarella  
Tiffany K Patellos  
Gianna Angelia Pefanis  
Madisyn Pendrak  
Rose Mary Piechocki  
Morgan E Reimer  
Jade McKenzie Rinaldo  
Daliana Rivera  
Abigail Hope Rubenstein  
Destiny Marie Severn  
Isabela Emily Sirica  
Javon AviShalom Sharp  
Mezbaul Shawon  
Mackenzie R Stark  
Thomas Sullivan  
Katelyn Suvitayawat  
Victoria Thomas  
Sam Urriza  
Caitlyn Susan Varney  
Sara Elisabeth Vincent  
Samantha A Watkins  
Valerie Kate Witzleb  
Alexis Wulf  
Chris Tinghun Wun  
Shahd I Yasin  
Baoju Ye  
Bushra Zaman

### Graduate

Alice Marie Corey  
Olivia Jun Cai  
Kiernan Zamperetti Donofrio  
Emily Beth Kardonsky  
Kathryn T. Maloney  
Ryan McCosco  
Derrick McCoy  
Kailee Jewell Oliver  
Eseosa Joy Oviasogie  
Aki Skoczylas  
Maya Thomas





# Presiding School of Nursing Leadership

Annette Wysocki  
*Dean and Professor*

Maeve Howett  
*Associate Dean for Strategic  
Initiatives*

Yu-Ping Chang  
*Associate Dean for Research*

Suzanne Dickerson  
*Associate Dean for Research  
Doctoral Programs  
Associate Dean for Faculty  
Development*

Melinda Haas  
*Assistant Dean for  
Undergraduate Programs*

Darryl Somayaji  
*Unit Diversity Officer  
All Faculty Chair*

## 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. This listing includes candidates for the following degree conferral dates: August 2024, February 2025 and June 2025.*

### Latin Honors

Subject to completion of all degree requirements and satisfaction of the following minimum criteria, Latin honors may be conferred as indicated upon the individuals listed herein and upon such others as may meet the requirements. To qualify for Latin honors, students must present a minimum of 60 credit hours of UB undergraduate coursework, at least 54 of which must be graded credits (i.e., not satisfactory or unsatisfactory [grades of 'S' or 'U']). The UB GPA must be a minimum of 3.2 (to 3.499) for cum laude, 3.5 (to 3.749) for magna cum laude and 3.75 (to 4.0) for summa cum laude.

To receive the Latin honors designation in the printed 2025 commencement programs, candidates for the June 2025 degree conferral date must qualify based upon their UB cumulative GPA through the Winter 2025 session and total number of UB credit hours projected through the Spring 2025 semester. Standings for Latin honors MAY change once final grades are posted or degrees conferred.

### Legend

*Cum laude is denoted by an \**  
*Magna cum laude is denoted by \*\**  
*Summa cum laude is denoted by \*\*\**

### Academic Recognition Items

#### The Gold Cord

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

#### The Grey and Red Stole

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

#### The SUNY Chancellor's Medallion

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

#### The UB Flame of Wisdom Pin

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

#### The WNY Prosperity Fellowship Medallion

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

### Non-Academic, University-Wide Recognition Items

#### The Kente Stole

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

#### The Rainbow Tassel and Lavender 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.

# Graduate Degrees

*Recommending Candidates for Degrees*  
The Dean and Faculty, School of Nursing

## PhD in Nursing

Ashleigh Holmes  
*Trajectories of Psychosocial Phenotypes in Older Adults With Pain: A Latent Transition Analysis*

Michelle Kober  
*Use of a Mobile Mindfulness App to Manage Stress and Burnout among Emergency Department Nurses: A Mixed Methods Study*

Caitlin Nye  
*Prelicensure Nursing Faculty Experiences with LGBTQ+ Inclusivity: A Mixed-Methods Study*

Lana M Pasek  
*Cognitive Fatigue: The Perceptions of Persons with Multiple Sclerosis And Their Associated Health-Related Quality of Life*

Sabrina Schwartz  
*Examining Factors Affecting Bonding Among Mothers Whose Newborn is in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) During the Initial Weeks of Postpartum*

Yanjun Zhou  
*Exploring E-cigarette and Marijuana Use and Their Relationship to Suicidality among U.S. Adolescents during Covid-19 by Using 2021 Youth Risk Behavior Survey*

## Doctor of Nursing Practice

### Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist

Petrina N. Harrison-Henry  
*Providers' Strategies for Timely Diagnosis and Treatment of Patients with Ovarian Cancer to Improve Health Outcomes within a Rural Gynecology Clinic: A Quality Assurance Project*

### Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner

Lisa Marie Garcia  
*Among Health Care Workers In New York State, Does Gender Influence the Reporting of Type II Workplace Violence?*

Paige Hileman  
*Assessment of Primary Care Provider Knowledge, Attitudes, and Barriers to Prescribing Glucagon-like Peptide 1 Receptor Agonists for Type 2 Diabetes*

Kimberlee Weishan  
*Evaluating Knowledge and Intentions for MOLST Completion After Advance Directives Education*

### Child Health Nurse Practitioner

Jennifer Shull  
*Caregiver Perceptions of Barriers and Facilitators to Adolescents' Access to Mental Health Care in a Rural Pediatric Practice*

### Family Nurse Practitioner

Stephanie Austin  
*Knowledge and Attitudes of Caregivers for Older Adults with Chronic Illness Regarding Advance Directives*

Jennifer Bakowski  
*Assessing Concussion Knowledge and Attitudes Among Nurse Practitioners: Barriers and Facilitators in Concussion Education Practices*

Angela Disorbo  
*Navigating PrEP: Enhancing Knowledge and Addressing Barriers Among Primary Care Providers for Adolescent HIV Prevention*

Shannon Eckel  
*Exploring Primary Care Provider Knowledge and Attitudes Relating to Post-Intensive Care Syndrome (PICS) Diagnosis, Treatment, and Referral*

Emily Hale-Gaghich  
*Risk Stratification in Atrial Fibrillation: Assessing Providers' Knowledge, Factors, and Perceived Barriers to Optimal Oral Anticoagulation Therapy*

Siobhan Muscanelli Hecox  
*Interruptions and The Nurse-Patient Relationship: A Cross-Sectional Study*

Sarah Elizabeth Hunt  
*Evaluating Hospitalized Patients Knowledge, Willingness, and Attitude Towards Lung Cancer Screening from an Inpatient Hospital Setting*

Rena Mae Kessel  
*Knowledge, Attitudes, Practices, Beliefs and Barriers about Emergency Contraception Use Among Healthcare Providers Who Partake in Global Immersion Experiences For Medically Underserved Women of Reproductive Age*

Justine Kurtzner  
*Evaluating Cardiovascular Surveillance for Adult Cancer Survivors with a History of Cardiotoxic Cancer Therapy Exposure in a Single Multidisciplinary Cancer Center*

Amanda Maki  
*Barriers to Continuity of Care after Hospital Discharge for Patients with Diagnosed Cardiac Conditions in the Rural Primary Care Setting*

Jamie Masecchia  
*Healthcare Provider Knowledge, Attitudes, and Perceptions of Early Mental Health Screening and Intervention for Women Receiving Assisted Reproductive Therapy at a Suburban WNY Fertility Center*

Denise Mateo  
*Primary Care Providers' Level of Knowledge, Attitudes, and Barriers Regarding HIV Screening and Prescribing Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis in WNY*

# Graduate Degrees

Sean Murphy

*Home-Based Primary Care as an Intervention to Reduce Emergency Room Visits Among Homebound Older Adults: An Effective Initiative to Reduce Cost and Improve Quality of Care?*

Jessica Nguyen

*Evaluating Follow-up Care and Addressing Sleep Disturbances in Adult Head and Neck Radiation Cancer Survivors*

Annalise Spritzer

*Provider Perceptions of Intimate Partner Violence Screening at a Federally Qualified Health Center in WNY*

Dara Stephenson

*A Nurse-led Intervention to Improve Medication Compliance in New Kidney Transplant Recipients*

Erica Shavonne Strother

*Impact of an Educational Intervention on Compassion Fatigue Among Healthcare Providers Delivering Care to Asylum Seekers at a Large Urban Clinic*

Emily Vezina

*Healthcare Provider Knowledge, Attitudes, and Beliefs Regarding Routine Pelvic Examination in Asymptomatic, Nonpregnant Women in a Primary Care Setting*

Kaitley Wozer

*Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices of Women's Health Providers: Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Benefits, Eligibility, and Prescription for Adult Cisgender Women*

## **Nurse Anesthesia**

Joseph Bellus

*Perioperative Management of External Ventricular Drains: Investigation of Barriers and Knowledge Deficits Amongst Anesthesia Providers and a Proposed Solution*

Stephen Burdzy

*Capnography Use in the PACU for Patients with Obstructive Sleep Apnea: An Educational Workshop for Post-Anesthesia Care Unit Nurses*

John Andrew Connor

*Perceived Barriers and Facilitators to the Utilization of Pericapsular Nerve Group (PENG) Blocks as Part of a Multimodal Pain Regimen for Patients Undergoing Hip Surgery among Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Practicing in NYS*

Ryan Foulke

*Comparison of Dexamethasone dosing in preventing Post Operative Nausea and Vomiting (PONV) within the Laparoscopic Surgical Patient*

Emily Gillespie

*Perceived Barriers of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists in Using Ultrasound in Evaluating the Gastric Antrum in Patients Taking a Glucagon-like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonist (GLP-1 RA)*

Kyle Halladay

*Intravenous Naloxone Infusion as a Treatment of Pruritus Caused by Neuraxial Opioids in the Obstetric Population: An Educational Workshop for Anesthesia Providers*

Rick Harvey

*Difficult Peripheral Intravenous Catheter Insertion in the Perioperative Setting*

Allison Hogan

*Assessing Oxygen Delivery, Knowledge of Hyperoxia, and Barriers to Decreasing Fraction of Inspired Oxygen During General Anesthesia*

Amie Ellene Johnson

*Anesthesia Provider Barriers to Quantitative Neuromuscular Monitoring*

Marcos Antonio Luna Romero

*Promoting IV Magnesium Sulfate as an Anesthesia Adjunct Among Anesthesia Providers Working in a Western NY Hospital*

Charrisse Morada

*Barriers and Facilitators to Ketamine Use in Multimodal Perioperative Pain Management Among Anesthesia Providers Caring for Adult Surgical Patients*

Rachel Morgano

*The Impact of an Online Evidence-Based Educational Inservice on the Use of Pre-procedural Ultrasound Scanning for Neuraxial Anesthesia in Patients with Difficult to Palpate Spinal Anatomy*

Pamela Nichols

*Postoperative Outcomes among Adult Colorectal Surgery Patients with Care Management Guided by the ERAS Colorectal Surgery Protocol versus Standard Perioperative Care at a Major Comprehensive Cancer Center: A Retrospective Chart Review*

Michael Pereira III

*Development and Implementation of an At-Risk Assessment Tool for PrEP Designation in Primary Care Providers to Optimize Patients for Anesthesia*

Ivey Joy Perez

*Evaluation of the Impact of an Educational Course in the Performance of a Simulated Surgical Cricothyrotomy among Anesthesia Providers*

Cerys Preisner

*Incidence of Burnout and Perceived Aggravating and Mitigating Factors Among Employed CRNAs*

Dzenan Racic

*Perioperative Ketamine Administration for Analgesia in The Chronic Pain Population and Obstacles Accompanying Utilization*

Eric Ramdas

*Work Environmental Factors that Affect  
Burnout Amongst Nurse Anesthetists*

Allison Rung

*Barriers and Facilitators to the Utilization of  
Spinal Anesthesia for Patients Undergoing  
Total Knee Arthroplasty Among Anesthesia  
Providers and Surgeons*

Lorenzo Sanguedolce

*Effect of Blended Learning on the  
Knowledge and Skill Confidence of  
Anesthesia Providers in the Implementation  
of Gastric Point-of-Care Ultrasonography*

Michael Turner

*Does an Educational Workshop Decrease  
Clinical Barriers to the Use of Neuraxial  
Anesthesia for Lower Extremity Total Joint  
Arthroplasty?*

Nicole Vogel

*Anesthesia Providers' Perceptions and  
Experiences with Cognitive Bias in  
Anesthesia Care*

Kaleigh Wagner

*Reducing the Risk of Perioperative Corneal  
Abrasion Development in Adult Patients  
Undergoing General Anesthesia for Non-  
Ocular Surgery at a Government Funded  
Hospital*

Rebecca Wajda

*Barriers and Facilitators to the Use of  
Norepinephrine in Management of Spinal-  
Induced Hypotension during Cesarean  
Section*

Cory Wolf

*Evaluation of Anesthesia Providers'  
Awareness and Confidence in Assessment  
and Implementations of Strategies for  
Reducing Emergence Delirium After  
Anesthesia Administration in Veteran  
Patients with Mental Illness*

## **Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner**

Peter Abohwo

*Examining the Knowledge and Attitudes of  
People with Opioid Use Disorder*

Molly Dolan

*Psychiatric Mental Health Providers'  
Perceptions and Viewpoints of Factors that  
Reduce Rehospitalization Risk Following  
Discharge from Psychiatric Facilities*

Alyssa Helen Hong

*Pediatric Nurses' Knowledge, Attitudes,  
and Self-Efficacy in Providing Trauma-  
Informed Care*

Kapri Johnson

*Bridging the Gap Between Mental Health  
and Nutritional Wellness: The Development  
of a Brief and Succinct Assessment Tool of  
Children and Adolescents in the Psychiatric  
Setting*

Cali M Karpinski

*Exploring a Nurse-Identified Need for a  
Debriefing and Crisis Intervention Protocol  
for Inpatient Psychiatric Nurses Experiencing  
Patient Psychiatric Emergencies*

Eseosa Joy Oviasogie

*Improving Client Engagement and Recovery  
by Identifying Providers' Perceived Barriers  
and Solutions for Clients Receiving  
Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD): a  
Qualitative, Exploratory Analysis*

Achsah Shaji

*Integrating Family Engagement in Addiction  
Treatment by Overcoming Barriers with  
Providers and Clinicians*

## **Advanced Certificate**

### **Psychiatric-Mental Health**

Valbona Avdija

Kelly Conklin

Abigail J Grainge

Parbhjot Kaur

Rebekah Lutkoff

Leisa Mills

Joanna Sainvil

Lois Shallow

# Undergraduate Students

## RN to BS Program

Neadia Attal  
Zara Avakyan  
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# UB Alma Mater

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



## **Verse 1:**

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

## **Refrain:**

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

## **Verse 2:**

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

## **Verse 3:**

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

# 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  
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