



2025

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The State University of New York



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
COMMENCEMENT

Saturday

May 17, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Center for the Arts

North Campus

Keith A. Alford
Dean and Professor

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



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

Program

Prelude

*Music performed by the Niagara
Brass Quintet*

Processional*

*Selections from Pomp and Circumstance
By Edward Elgar*

Opening Declaration

Annahita Ball
Associate Professor

National Anthem

Lauren McGowan
*Assistant Dean for Admissions
and Enrollment*

Welcome

Keith A. Alford
Dean and Professor

Greetings

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

Dean's Remarks

Dean Alford

Commencement Address

Dina Thompson
*Executive Director,
Erie County Restorative Justice Coalition*

SSW GSA Student Address

Kristen Tasselmyer
*President of the SSW Graduate Student
Association*

Announcement of Student Awards

Associate Professor Ball

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

Kristen Tasselmyer – *President*
Analea Blackburn – *Vice President*
Casey Harrison – *Treasurer*
Epiphany Adams – *Secretary*
Colie Chappell - *Board Member*
Alayna Tatarka - *Board Member*

Recommending Candidates for Degrees

Dean Alford

Conferring of Degrees

Provost Weber

MSW Hooding Ceremony

Announcing MSW Candidates for Hooding

Kathryn McClain-Meeder
*Clinical Associate Professor
MSW Program Director*

Patricia Logan-Greene
*Associate Professor
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*

Hooders – MSW Program

Jangmin Kim
Assistant Professor

Tonya Myles-Day
Clinical Assistant Professor

DSW Hooding Ceremony

Announcing DSW Candidates for Hooding

Louanne Bakk
*Clinical Associate Professor
DSW Program Director*

DSW Hooders

Elizabeth Bowen
Associate Professor

Isok Kim
Associate Professor

PhD Hooding Ceremony

Announcing PhD Candidates for Hooding

Annette Semanchin Jones
*Associate Professor
PhD Program Director*

PhD Hooders

Assistant Professor J. Kim

Associate Professor Semanchin Jones

Musical Interlude

*Music performed by the Niagara Brass
Quintet*

Alumni Welcome

Rita M. Andolina
Chair of the SSW Alumni Association

UB Alma Mater

Closing Declaration

Associate Professor Ball

Recessional*

*Selections from Pomp and Circumstance
By Edward Elgar*

Post-Ceremonial**

*Music performed by the Niagara
Brass Quintet*

* Audience will remain seated during the Processional and Recessional

** Reception to follow in the Atrium

SUNY Trustee and UB Officials

Eunice Ashman Lewin

Member of the State University of New York Board of Trustees



President and co-founder of Impacto Consulting Associates, Eunice Ashman Lewin joined the SUNY Board of Trustees in February 2010. She 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.

Keith A. Alford

Dean and Professor



Since being named dean of the University at Buffalo School of Social Work in 2021, Keith A. Alford has steered the school through a period of growth and stability. Under Alford's leadership, the school has launched a

five-year strategic plan to expand our impact on the diverse populations we serve. He also is steering the integration of racial trauma into the school's established trauma-informed and human rights framework.

Alford joined UB from Syracuse University, where he served as professor and director of the School of Social Work and as the university's first chief diversity and inclusion officer. A former child protective services worker and therapeutic foster care supervisor, Alford has devoted his professional life to serving and researching the needs of children and families.

Alford's research has appeared in numerous social work journals and has been funded by grants from the U.S. Health and Human Services Department, National Science Foundation and New York State Office of Mental Health. He also has authored book chapters and contributed columns on issues associated with diversity and human services. His professional memberships include the Academy of Certified Social Workers, Council on Social Work Education, National Association of Social Workers, National Association of Deans and Directors of Schools of Social Work, Society for Social Work and Research, and Child Welfare League of America.

Alford earned his PhD and MSW from The Ohio State University College of Social Work and his BA from Coker University.

Dina Thompson

*Executive Director, Erie County
Restorative Justice Coalition*



Dina Thompson is the executive director and a founding member of the Erie County Restorative Justice Coalition. She has been an adjunct instructor at the University at Buffalo School of Social Work for nine years.

She is a Hilbert College graduate and attended the International Institute for Restorative Practices, where she earned a master's certificate and license in restorative practice. Additionally, she has certifications in diversity and inclusion from Cornell University, is a certified practitioner of healing-centered engagement, and completed training in advanced mind-body medicine approaches, which speaks to her passion and activism for racial healing, justice, and equity for marginalized communities.

Thompson serves her community as a social justice advocate using the principles and practices of restorative justice practice to address and heal the impacts of systemic and institutional inequalities and build communities where everyone can live, work, play and thrive.

Thompson and her team have successfully helped implement restorative practices in several school districts across Western New York, thereby reducing negative responses to challenging behavior and increasing positive school culture and connection. Through her leadership and partnerships, she has aided in creating several juvenile justice diversion programs for youth in our criminal justice system. Thompson assists in training and leading monthly restorative conversations to address the past and present harms of racism, privilege, and implicit bias and has coordinated Restorative Justice Day in Buffalo for several years.

Greetings from the Dean

On behalf of the University at Buffalo School of Social Work's faculty and staff, I congratulate the Class of 2025! You are now counted among the thousands of alumni who make a positive difference in the world every day. We are confident that the values and skills you acquired through your coursework, field internships and research will serve you well in your career.

More than ever, the world needs social workers like you to address the sweeping issues facing society, including oppression, racial and social injustice, poverty and homelessness, inadequate education and unequal access to critical services. To confront such challenges, lean on the strengths-based approach and trauma-informed and human rights perspectives you developed here at UB. The daily labor of social work is vital. Each encounter, engagement and touchpoint matters.

Throughout your professional journey, you will impact countless lives, with a ripple effect more powerful than you realize. Be mindful of the noble responsibility you hold, exemplify an ethical stance and lead by example. Remain steadfast in your commitment to social work values, advocating on behalf of vulnerable or marginalized populations and working to advance the dignity and worth of humankind.

As UB graduates, you will be change agents, direct service and mental health providers, policy analysts, advocates, brokers and conveners, who uplift communities by establishing meaningful relationships and helping individuals and families to reclaim wellness. We are grateful that you placed your trust in us for your training — and we now put our trust in you to pay it forward.

Today, you join the thousands of social workers who represent UB in Western New York and communities around the world. We are part of your ever-widening network, and your future is important to us. Please remember your alma mater — and keep in touch! We want to hear from you. Many alumni serve as mentors and field educators for our students and as donors who generously build our scholarship funds. We also look forward to staying connected with you through your alumni association, events and workshops, Mosaics magazine, social media and beyond.

Again, on behalf of our faculty and staff, I applaud you today. Continue to empower one another and maintain wellness and safety. The social work profession heartily welcomes you!

Sincerely,

Keith A. Alford, PhD, ACSW
Dean and Professor

Awards

Andrew J. Laughlin Memorial Award – Rodney Austin

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

Angel McKnight-Miller Memorial Award – Charmy Rani

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

Bertha S. Laury Thorn and Rose Award – Fiona Andrews

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

Deborah Zimmerman, MSW '89 Award – Rob Healy

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

Haseltine T. Clements Memorial Award – Katherine Wilkins

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

Jane Emmet Epstein, LCSW-R Honorary Award – Kristen Oberholtzer

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

Jesse Grossman Family Award – Jess Lindsay

The Jesse Grossman Family Award is presented to an MSW student who excels academically and/or in field, identifies as a member of the LGBTQ+ community, and seeks to support this population in their social work career.

Jody Latvis Award in Social Work – Liz Dobert

The Jody Latvis Award in Social Work is presented to an MSW student who excels academically and has financial need. Preference for this award will be given to female students and students who are parents.

Julian Sodja Memorial Award – Leah Hill

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

Kristopher L. Braselton Memorial Award – Analea Blackburn

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

Louisa Cielen Scholarship Award – Ava Lockwood

This award is presented to a graduating MSW student who has demonstrated academic excellence, with a preference given to students committing to the field of health. This award was established in 1988 by Emil. J. Cielen.

Awards

Mary O'Donnell Memorial Scholarship Award – Haley Diagostino

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

NASW Award – WNY Division – Alisa Chirico

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

Niles Carpenter Award – Tommy Muecke

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

Rose Weinstein Scholar Award – Cynthia Frame-Endres

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

School of Social Work Alumni Association Award – Shelby Arena

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

School of Social Work Outstanding Student Award – Kristen Tasselmyer

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

Susan Nochajski and Jacqueline McGinley Excellence in Disability Practice Award – Sarah Bonawitz

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

Terese M. Eusanio Memorial Scholarship – Charlotte Ebner

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

School of Social Work GSA Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award

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

School of Social Work GSA Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award

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

School of Social Work GSA Outstanding Staff Award

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

Candidates for Degrees

Subject to the completion of all degree requirements, degrees will be conferred as indicated upon those individuals listed herein who were identified by April 1, 2025, and upon such others as may meet the requirements of their respective degrees. Candidates are listed according to actual date of degree conferral (February 2025, June 2025 and August 2025).

Special Recognition:

Gold Cords:

University at Buffalo School of Social Work’s Rho Kappa Chapter of the Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society.

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

The Kente Stole:

Students who participated in UB’s ALANA Celebration of Achievement, which historically has honored graduating African, Latino/a, Asian and Native American students.

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

The Rainbow Tassel and Lavender Stole:

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

The Red, White and Blue Cord:

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.

The Blue and Gold Cord/Delta Alpha Pi Pin

Graduating members of Delta Alpha Pi, an international academic honor society for college/university students with disabilities.



Candidates for Degrees

PHD

February

Nicole Capozziello

June

Qi Zhou

DSW

June

Tracie Balcerzak
Heidi Billittier
Heather Burton
Jasmine Cohen
Cattlin Denis
Patricia Huber-Villano*
Kathryn Jacob
Fran Kuehn
Denise Link
Jeanette Lukas
Meagan Mitchell
Dina Alicia Pilgrim
Sherry Schwartz
Adriana Silva
Leah Topek-Walker

MSW

February

Elena Miller
Kaitlin Shaw*

June

Epiphany Evelyn Adams*
Mackenzi Adams
Fatimah Alawadhi
Mackenzie Alvarado
Tierney Ashe
Abigail Grace Baer
Lisa Balistreri*
Josh Barnes
Melissa Diane Barsamian
Alex Battaglia
Demi Battin*
Grace Beekman*
Tackees Blaise
Heidi Rae Blomberg
Lauren Elizabeth Bociek
Sara Bolinski*
Sarah Bonawitz*
Elena Braccio
Jordan Brooks
Santo Bucolo III
Fransheska Caballeros
Tanya Callard
Margret Canty
Abby Cardilli
Emma Castlevetere
Colie Chappell
Sara E Chase*
Megan Cilano
Jehenna Cleason
Kiaya Marie Condidorio
Amanda Onikeh Coward
Hanna Crandall
Herminio Cruz Jr
Taija DaCosta

Maria C Dahn
Sarah K Danner
Tiffany Denault
Samantha Deppe
Hadiya Edwards
Nate Eitler
Kaitlyn Carol Fellows
Cynthia Frame-Endres
Gwen Fruehauf
Francesca Mia Giaquinto
Victoria Godwin
Samantha Gorski*
Susan Gottesman
Andrea Greene
Corey Haertel
Liz Hall
Reagan Harris*
Casey Harrison
Meghan Hilligus
Jana Hutzenbiler
Christian David Jepson
Suzy Johnson
Colleen Keane
Lee Kenneth-Walsh
Amie Klepack*
Ayla Evelyn Korczak
Aditi Kumar
Sarah Kuntz*
Chloe Lamb
Nellie Lambertson
Alison Lesakowski*
Lilly LeTourneau
Camryn Linsner*
Ava Mari Lockwood*
Brooklyn Lubitz
Jill Margolies*
Hannah Rose Mathieson
Alexis Mccadden
Jessica Mckissack
Jesse Miller
Ensie Mirzamostafa
Nixie Eirs Morrigan*

Chloe Nashwenter
Alex Nnodum
Kristen Oberholtzer*
Madelyn Owczarzak*
Avery Pearl-Frank
Maria Pedro*
Marie Carmelle Pierre
Deanna Christine Pizzo
Shannon Pritzkau
Lindsay Prout*
Jennifer Quinn*
Celia Ravenda
Michael Ricci
Kathleen Riley*
Matthew Roehmholdt
Patrick Rosenberger
Justine Roth
Kelly Rowswell*
Amber Whitney Rudolph
Lyric Salmon
Elisia Deanna Samland-Diaz
Samantha Rose Schultz
James Robert Sciandra
Tera Siegfried*
Brenna L. Smith
Mckenna Staruch*
Adria Ciere Swain
Sonia Beaudrie Swann
Abby Szarowicz
Kristen Tasselmyer*
Noah Townson*
Jack Turner*
Vo Vo
Latisha Walker
Teaghan Wehner
Megan Welch*
Madison Whitney
Vanity M Withrow*
Kristin Wojtowicz
Vera Yung

August

Laura Anderson
 Jennifer Armstrong*
 Rodney T Austin
 Kennen Jean Barber-Ensz*
 Maggie Beiter
 Kayliee Bertrand-Henretta
 Khrystina Bevilacqua*
 Analea L Blackburn
 Hope Mikala Bracco
 Brynn Brewington*
 Ashley Loretta Buonaugurio*
 Erin Carroll
 Alisa Anne Chirico*
 Patrick Clarke
 Haley Noelle Cloutier
 Ebony Crawford
 Mia Darrow-Cohen*
 Hanna DeMarte
 Holly DePerna*
 Haley Diagostino
 Vanessa Diaz
 Gregory DiSalvio*
 Charlotte Ebner*
 Abigail Eckhardt
 Brendon James Emmick
 Vanessa Florence Escott
 Ash Franz
 Jennifer Frigolette*
 Isabella I Funk*
 Kendra Galligan
 Michelle Giacobello*
 Shamsunnisa Gilani
 Caroline Gomez*
 Emmanuel Graham
 Erin Catherine Greenan
 Gabrielle Gutierrez
 Shandra Hake*
 Cass Heinen
 Alyssa Marie Hilgenfeldt
 Leah Hill

Anna Hills
 Nick Hoffman
 Dawn Horncastle
 Christopher Devaughn Johnson
 Eve Johnson*
 Beth Kehrer
 Quinlyn Kinmartin*
 Courtney Kleek
 Amy Katherine Leogrande
 Naomi Levitsky
 Hester Lin
 Jess Lindsay
 Sam Lorenz-Schweikert
 Rose Luce
 Josiah Lyon*
 Joy Manno
 Danielle Mantione
 Katie Marks*
 Iris Marrano
 Katrina Martin
 Tory Medley
 Jared Mohamed*
 Jamie Munyon
 Catherine Bernadette O'Brian
 RachelGrace Joy Oliver
 Kyra Page
 Marek Parker
 Jamie Pope
 Kaylee Jo Przybysz
 Jessica Racette
 Anna Reino
 Katie Rice
 Julia Katherine Riker
 Kayliegh Riordan
 Sharone Alethea Rose*
 Ryan Roy
 Holly Schenk*
 Cassie Seibel*
 Natalie Jade Self
 Jessica Shields
 Megan Patricia Slater
 Shayna Sommer

Hannah Son
 Yin Senai Son
 Jordan Stern*
 Kristen Stewart
 Cedric Qianyi Sun
 Michele Sutton*
 Alayna Tatarka
 Mariah Taylor
 Dorothea Terenzi
 Mary Cate Thie
 Jennifer Thurston
 Gabriella Tilaj*
 Claire Rose Villanova*
 Caitlin Packard Vollmer*
 Naomi Watson*
 Jennah Brian Waugh
 Rachel Lindsay Weitzner
 Jessica Marie Wexler
 Stephanie Whitcomb
 Victorianna Angel White
 Katherine Rebecca Wilkins
 Cheryl Willer
 Kassy Williams
 Sharon Woolery

MBA/MSW**June**

Lyndsay Wright

MPH/MSW**June**

Arianna Wink
 Jillian Diane Beard*
 Jessica Gonda

August

Ian Lechevet

JD/MSW**February**

Nicia Bottini Morales*
 Mia Forney*

June

Carly Limina
 Sydney Olshak

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MSW, PhD, The Ohio State University

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MSW, PhD, Washington University in St. Louis

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MSW, University of Michigan
PhD, Michigan State University

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AM, University of Chicago
PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago

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MA, PhD, Binghamton University

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PhD, Stanford University

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Director of Undergraduate Studies
Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
BA, SUNY Buffalo State University
MSW, University at Buffalo, State University of New York
PhD, University at Albany, State University of New York

Catherine N. Dulmus
Professor
Associate Dean for Research
Director of the Buffalo Center for Social Research
BSW, SUNY Buffalo State University
MSW, PhD, University at Buffalo, State University of New York

Susan A. Green
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MSW, University at Buffalo, State University of New York

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MSW, Portland State University
PhD, Indiana University

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MLA, Eastern Michigan University
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PhD, University of Washington

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MSSW, University of Tennessee at Knoxville
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MSW, University at Buffalo, State University of New York

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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,
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Together we'll continue life's journey,
O may dear Buffalo forever be.
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