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

Saturday

May 16, 2026

5:00 PM

Broadview Arena

North Campus

Kemper E. Lewis

*Dean*

# Letter to the Class of 2026 from President Tripathi



Dear Graduates,

Congratulations! You have reached an important milestone—one that marks both the completion of your degree and your arrival at a threshold of new opportunities and responsibilities. For that reason, today we celebrate not only what you have accomplished, but who you have become.

Your time here has been defined by intellectual growth, perseverance and discovery. You arrived with promise; you leave with purpose, ready to make an impact in a changing landscape that needs your talents and will test your resolve.

As graduates of the University at Buffalo, you uphold a mission dedicated to advancing knowledge and serving society. Your education has endowed you with greater clarity: to understand complexity and question assumptions. If we have done our job well, you have also come to appreciate the resilience of our collective humanity while recognizing where it is fraying.

You will encounter trials in the years ahead. When confronted with division or adversity, I urge you not to turn away, but to engage. Draw on what you have learned here to mend and renew the fabric of our communities. Whatever your discipline, you possess both the capacity and the duty to champion the public good through your work, commitment and leadership.

As Martin Luther King Jr. reminded us, “We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny.” The challenges you encounter will not be yours alone, nor will their solutions be found in isolation. Beyond your knowledge, you carry a shared obligation—to fortify those bonds, enrich those connections and cultivate fairness and compassion in all that you do.

It has been one of the great privileges of my life to celebrate our UB graduates and to witness your growth. As I conclude my presidency this summer, my faith in the contributions you are poised to make remains unwavering.

To the Class of 2026, please accept my heartfelt best wishes. May your efforts advance integrity and harmony across society, and may you inspire others to follow your example.

Sincerely,

Satish K. Tripathi

President

# Program

## Pre-Processional Musical Selections

Buffalo Chips

## Processional

Selections from "Pomp and Circumstance"  
*By Edward Elgar*

## Opening Declaration

Kristin Stapleton  
*Mace Bearer, Chair of the Faculty Senate  
and Professor of History*

## Welcome

Lukasz Ziarek  
*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs,  
School of Engineering and Applied Sciences*

## National Anthem

Buffalo Chips

## Introductions

Associate Dean Ziarek

## Greetings

Satish K. Tripathi  
*University President*

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*Dean, School of Engineering  
and Applied Sciences*

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*International Visual Correspondent,  
The Globe and Mail*

Eunice A. Lewin  
*Member of the SUNY Board of Trustees*

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## Conferring of Degrees

President Tripathi

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*Board Member, UB Engineering and  
Applied Sciences Alumni Association*

## Alma Mater

Buffalo Chips

## Closing Declaration

Professor Stapleton

## Recessional

"Triumphal March" from Aida  
*by Giuseppe Verdi*

# Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that 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.

# 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 was appointed to the SUNY Board of Trustees in February 2010. During her tenure, she has been instrumental in

reinstating the Student Life Committee and in spearheading the committee's food insecurity and mental health task forces.

A retired bilingual social worker for the Buffalo Board of Education, Lewin is deeply dedicated to her community. She served on the Western New York Health Equity Task Force, was named co-chair of the 5/14 Remembrance Committee and is a founding member of the Roswell Park Alliance and the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable. Lewin is also a member of the Hispanic Women's League and Hispanics United of Buffalo and previously served as a commissioner of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority. In 2024, she was named chair of the Buffalo Urban League, where she continues to advance its mission of social parity, economic self-reliance and civil rights for underserved communities.

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 and master's degrees in American and Puerto Rican studies and in educational administration 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. He was appointed UB Council chairman by New York State Governor Kathy Hochul in December 2024. His additional 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 the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the International Academy of Artificial Intelligence Sciences, 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 serves on the College Football Playoff Board of Managers and the board of University Innovation Alliance. 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 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 & Erie County.

Weber earned bachelor's and master's of science degrees in civil engineering from Virginia Polytechnic 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.

He is a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), and an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA); 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, AIAA, the Society of Automotive Engineers, and the American Society for Engineering Education.

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.

# SUNY Honorary Degree

## **Marcus Yam, BS '06**

*International Visual Correspondent  
The Globe and Mail*



Marcus Yam, BS '06, is an international visual correspondent for The Globe and Mail whose work explores resilience, loss and survival in some of the world's most volatile regions. Throughout his career, his commitment to bearing witness at pivotal moments in history has earned him three Pulitzer Prizes.

Born and raised in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Yam came to the United States to study aerospace engineering at the University at Buffalo. As an undergraduate, he worked as a photographer for the student newspaper, The Spectrum, where he discovered his calling in photojournalism. That early experience set him on a path toward international reporting grounded in rigor, empathy and depth. After graduating, he worked at The Associated Press, The Washington Post, The New York Times and The Seattle Times before serving as a foreign correspondent and staff photographer at the Los Angeles Times.

In 2022, Yam won the Pulitzer Prize for breaking news photography for documenting the U.S. departure from Afghanistan. He was part of the 2016 and 2015 Pulitzer Prize-winning breaking news teams for the LA Times' coverage of the San Bernardino, California, terrorist attacks and The Seattle Times' reporting on a mudslide that killed dozens of people in rural Washington state.

Yam is a two-time recipient of the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Journalism Award. His previous work has also earned an Emmy Award for News and Documentary and the Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia University Award for excellence in digital journalism in the public service, among other national and international accolades. In 2023, he received UB's highest honor, the Chancellor Charles P. Norton Medal.

# SUNY Honorary Doctoral Degree Recipients—University at Buffalo

<b>1981</b>	David Harker	<b>1997</b>	William Christie	<b>2011</b>	Ronald I. Dozoretz
<b>1983</b>	Alan E. Gottlieb		James Holland		Arthur E. Levine
<b>1984</b>	William C. Baird		Franklyn G. Knox	<b>2012</b>	Paula Allen-Meares
	Jacques Genest		Thomas Tomasi		Ronald H. Coase
	Wilson Greatbatch	<b>1998</b>	James W. McLernon	<b>2013</b>	Calyampudi R. Rao
	Seymour H. Knox Jr.	<b>1999</b>	Wolf Blitzer		Charles Wuorinen
<b>1985</b>	Erich Bloch		Lucille Clifton	<b>2014</b>	Ira Flatow
	Pierre Dejours		Clifton A. Poodry		Jack N. Lightstone
	Edwin F. Jaeckle	<b>2000</b>	Thomas Buergenthal		Norman R. McCombs
<b>1986</b>	Willard A. Genrich	<b>2001</b>	Alison Des Forges	<b>2015</b>	Christopher J. Scolese
	Gregory B. Jarvis*		Jane Goodall		David L. Shire
	Brian MacMahon		H. William Lichtenberger	<b>2016</b>	Leslie G. Ford
	John B. Slaughter		William H. Siemering		Helene D. Gayle
<b>1987</b>	George Hatem		Hatim A. Tyabji	<b>2017</b>	Marc A. Edwards
	Robert E. Rich Sr.	<b>2002</b>	Ellen Shulman Baker		Seong-Kon Kim
	Amos Tversky		Erma Hallett Jaeckle		Margaret Hempling McGlynn
<b>1988</b>	Louis J. Gerstman		Tom Toles		Bernard Rands
	Claude Lenfant	<b>2003</b>	Joseph P. Allen	<b>2018</b>	Gordon L. Amidon
<b>1989</b>	John M. Coetzee		Arthur O. Eve		Robert Peter Gale
	Philip Glass		Brad Grey		Abbe Raven
<b>1990</b>	Alonzo Church		Elizabeth Pierce Olmsted Ross		Margaret W. Wong
	Ira Michael Heyman	<b>2004</b>	John Walsh	<b>2019</b>	Julio Fuentes
	Wynton Marsalis		Robert G. Wilmers		Rebecca J. McCormick-Boyle
<b>1991</b>	James P. Comer	<b>2005</b>	Jack Dangermond		Donald Pinkel
	John W. Gardner		Henry A. Panasci Jr.*		Ashutosh Sharma
	Theodoor C. van Boven	<b>2006</b>	His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama	<b>2020</b>	Ruth Bader Ginsburg
<b>1992</b>	Marisol Escobar		Steven B. Sample		Donnica L. Moore
<b>1994</b>	Burt P. Flickinger Jr.	<b>2007</b>	Warren Bennis		Richard A. Schatz
	Robert V. Pound		Terry Gross	<b>2021</b>	C.K. "David" Chu
	Milton Rogovin	<b>2008</b>	Michael Batty		William R. Kinkel
<b>1995</b>	Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot		Maxine Hayes	<b>2022</b>	David Frank Adjaye
	Ishmael Scott Reed		Jean Malaurie		Ravinder K. Bansal
	George Widmer Thorn	<b>2009</b>	J. Mason Davis Jr.		Francesco Calogero
<b>1996</b>	Max B.E. Clarkson		Herbert A. Hauptman	<b>2023</b>	Agnes F. Williams
	Saxon Graham		Irene Zubaida Khan	<b>2024</b>	James S. Marks
	Jeremy M. Jacobs		Alan M. Zweibel		
	Florence S. Jacobson	<b>2010</b>	Mata Amritanandamayi Devi		<i>* Awarded posthumously</i>
	Gaynor I. Jacobson		Barry Glick		
	Northrup R. Knox		Steve Reich		
	Seymour H. Knox III*		Robert Vince		
	Helen M. Ranney				

# University at Buffalo President's Medal □

## **A. Scott Weber**

*Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs*



A highly collaborative leader, excellent UB citizen and ambassador, A. Scott Weber is the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. He previously served as vice president for student life, senior vice provost for academic affairs and dean of undergraduate education. A UB faculty member since 1983, he is the former chair of the Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering.

Weber is dedicated to fostering student, faculty and staff success. To this end, he has emphasized curricular innovation, timely degree progression, post-graduation outcomes and excellence in interdisciplinary research grounded in disciplinary accomplishment.

As provost, Weber focuses on empowering academic units and faculty to achieve President Tripathi's vision for academic excellence. Through institutional investments, he has diversified and grown UB's faculty in key areas and prioritized faculty excellence and honors, leading to an impressive increase in prestigious faculty awards.

Weber was critical in driving UB's recent enrollment growth, and he introduced innovations to help students thrive at UB and beyond. He led Finish in 4, UB's nationally acclaimed program to encourage timely undergraduate degree progression and the revision of the general education curriculum. He also enhanced financial and career planning, increased advising and tutoring and reorganized programs to improve student persistence.

As part of the Heart of the Campus plan, Weber moved to upgrade facilities critical to the student experience, including libraries, and was critical to UB realizing One World Café, a destination for dining, studying and socializing. A champion of UB's distinctive programs, he grew the Honors College, served as the co-principal investigator on the grant for the Startup and Innovation CoLab powered by Blackstone LaunchPad, and established the Center for Writing Excellence and the Office of Student Fellowships and Scholarships.

## UB President's Medal Recipients

<b>1990</b>	Charles M. Fogel	<b>2016</b>	Paras N. Prasad
<b>1992</b>	William B. Hoyt*		Claude E. Welch Jr.
<b>1993</b>	Northrup R. Knox	<b>2017</b>	Margarita L. Dubocovich
	Robert Wilmers		Francis M. Letro
	John L. Hettrick Sr.	<b>2018</b>	Michael E. Cain
<b>1994</b>	Robert H. Rossberg		Laura E. Hubbard
<b>1995</b>	George C. Lee		Cristanne Miller
<b>1996</b>	Irving Freedman	<b>2019</b>	Amit Goyal
<b>1997</b>	Philip B. Wels		Amanda B. Nickerson
<b>1998</b>	Lawrence P. Castellani	<b>2020</b>	Jean Wactawski-Wende
<b>2000</b>	Mary E. Randolph	<b>2021</b>	Dexter Johnson
	John N. Walsh III		Peter A. Rogerson
<b>2002</b>	Robert J. Wagner	<b>2022</b>	Sargur N. Srihari*
<b>2003</b>	Reginald B. Newman II	<b>2023</b>	Oren R. Lyons
<b>2007</b>	Stephen C. Dunnett	<b>2024</b>	Deborah Duen Ling Chung
<b>2008</b>	Robert Genco		Venu Govindaraju
<b>2010</b>	Robert G. Shibley		Timothy F. Murphy
<b>2012</b>	Angelo M. Fatta	<b>2025</b>	Luis A. Colón
	Bruce D. McCombe		William J. Maggio
<b>2013</b>	Diane R. Christian		X. Christine Wang
	Edmond J. Gicewicz		
<b>2014</b>	Robert D. Gioia		
	Nancy H. Nielsen		
<b>2015</b>	John T. Ho		
	Gerald S. Lippes		

\* *Awarded posthumously*

## Student Speaker

### Maha Mir, BS '26

*Computer Science and Engineering*



Maha Mir of Gweru, Zimbabwe graduates with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. Mir has served the UB community across multiple roles, working as a student assistant, peer mentor, inventory manager and tour guide for SEAS, a tutor and academic coach through TASS and a tour guide and unbuddy ambassador for the Office of Admissions. Mir co-founded the International Undergraduate Student Association, growing it to over 230 members, and served as its President. She was selected

as a STEM Outreach Program Mentor through WiSE, guiding high school students in STEM pathways. Mir was also recognized as a UB True Blue Leader for her commitment to helping fellow students, particularly international students, find community and belonging on campus.

## Alumni Speaker

### Jordan Walbesser, BS '07, JD '10

*Board Member, UB Engineering and Applied Sciences Alumni Association*



Mr. Walbesser is a proud University at Buffalo graduate, earning degrees in computer engineering (BS '07) and law (JD '10). He began his career as an engineer at Intel before transitioning to law, where he advised technology companies, entrepreneurs, and high-growth startups on intellectual property and complex commercial transactions.

Jordan is currently Director and Senior Counsel, Legal & Business Affairs at Mattel, where he leads legal strategy for the company's digital gaming and emerging technology initiatives. His work spans major global partnerships and platforms, including collaborations with companies such as Microsoft, Netflix, and leading game developers, as well as the development of AI-enabled products and digital experiences. He serves as co-chair of Mattel's AI legal team and has played a key role in advancing the company's approach to artificial intelligence and interactive entertainment.

In addition to his corporate role, Jordan is an adjunct instructor at the University at Buffalo School of Law, where he has supported nearly 200 startups that have collectively raised over \$300 million and created thousands of jobs. He is also the founder of BootSector, a nonprofit organization focused on supporting the next generation of entrepreneurs.

Jordan has been actively involved with UB's alumni community since 2016 and currently serves on the UB Alumni Association Board of Directors. Through his work, he is committed to strengthening connections between UB and its global alumni network and supporting future innovators and engineers.



# SUNY Chancellors Awards for Student Excellence

## Amelia Kelly

*Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering*



Amelia Kelly of Alden, NY, graduates with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and a minor in Biological Sciences. She is a University Honors College Scholar. As the Vice President of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, she founded the university's first ChemE Cube team. She also served as the President of Engineering World Health, the

Outreach Chair of Tau Beta Pi, on the Outreach Committee for Women in Science and Engineering, a Peer Mentor, and a Teaching Assistant. Kelly conducts research in high-pressure computational materials chemistry in the Zurek Lab, where she has investigated aluminum oxide under planetary interior conditions.

## Abid Manzar

*Bachelor of Science in Materials Science and Engineering and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics.*



Abid Manzar of Scranton, Pennsylvania, graduates with degrees in Materials Science and Engineering and Mathematics. A Presidential Scholar, he has maintained a 3.80 GPA while pursuing an accelerated and rigorous academic track. An undergraduate researcher, he worked in Dr. David E. Heppner's laboratory and at MD Anderson Cancer Center through the CATALYST

program, contributing to projects on protein structure and chemotherapy resistance. Manzar also served as Competitive Director for UB Esports and President of the NMDP chapter at UB. Driven by cancer in his family, Manzar plans to pursue a career blending biomedical research with clinical practice as an oncologist-scientist.

## Aryan Mudgal

*Bachelor of Science in Computer Science*



Aryan Mudgal of New Delhi, India, graduates with a BS in Computer Science. Mudgal conducts research on developing early detection models for fetomaternal hemorrhages to improve infant survival rates in high-risk pregnancies. As a SUNY Student Assembly Delegate and Student Government Senator, he managed over \$50,000 in club funds. He advocated for

a student grievance portal to close the communication gap between students and administration. Additionally, Mudgal co-founded the non-profit Clean Campus, mobilizing volunteers across three universities nationwide to remove over 200 pounds of waste, an initiative featured on Spectrum News.

## Nicholas Reilly

*Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering*



Nicholas Reilly of Voorheesville, NY, graduates with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and a minor in Mathematics. Reilly was selected as a 2025 Goldwater Scholar for his undergraduate research experience and is a member of the University at Buffalo Honors College as well as Tau Beta Pi. He has held positions as the president of the UB Chemistry Club, secretary of the

American Institute of Chemical Engineers student chapter, and community service head for Theta Tau. He has worked with the Watson Lab since his first year, developing nanomaterials that can be applied toward environmental remediation.

## The UB Mace

Designed to tell the story of the university and the Niagara Frontier, the mace was fashioned by California silversmith Hudson Roysner. 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 encircling the head of the mace 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 Jolliet and early explorations by Robert de La Salle 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 collars at each end 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.

With roots dating back to medieval times, the mace has evolved to be a symbol of enlightened authority. The mace bearer is traditionally the chair of the university's Faculty Senate



## 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*

Kevin M. Burke  
*Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Unit Diversity Officer  
Electrical Engineering*

## Department Chairs

Atri Rudra  
*Katherine Johnson Chair in Artificial Intelligence  
Department of AI and Society*

Nicholas Mastronarde  
*Electrical Engineering*

Francine Battaglia  
*Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

David Doermann  
*Computer Science and Engineering*

Adrienne Decker  
*Engineering Education*

Robert Dell  
*Industrial and Systems Engineering*

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

Edward Snell  
*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*

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## **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 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 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 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 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 is open to all students and has historically 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 Celebration, recognizing achievements of graduating students who identify as LGBTQ+ or allies.

### **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.

*Engineering and applied sciences students wear a variety of cords and stoles to represent club membership and leadership.*

# 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 2, 2026, and upon such others as may meet the requirements of their respective degrees. Candidates are listed according to actual date of degree conferral (August 2025, February 2026 and June 2026).*

## Recognition of 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 2026 commencement programs, candidates for the June 2026 degree conferral date must qualify based upon their UB cumulative GPA through the Winter 2026 session and total number of UB credit hours projected through the Spring 2026 semester. Standings for Latin honors MAY change once final grades are posted or degrees conferred.

## Legend

Cum Laude is denoted by §

Magna Cum Laude is denoted by ‡

Summa Cum Laude is denoted by †

Tau Beta Pi is denoted by TBP

Double major is denoted by \*

Double degree is denoted by \*\*

Double major, double degree is denoted by ◇

Degree earned as part of a combined BS/ MS is denoted by o



# Baccalaureate Degrees

## Recommending Candidates for Degrees

Kemper Lewis  
Dean

## Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering

### August 2025

Md Tanzim Ahsan \*  
Hadley Nicole Douglas \*  
Kevin Wilfrido Duchi  
Tim Verboys ‡ \*

### February 2026

Toluwani Adebayo §  
Nur Ashsams §  
Mike Frisicaro § \*  
Josh Kwandrans \*  
Ayush Patel \*  
Walt M Phillips  
Thomas Arthur Przedwiecki § \*  
io Vinogradov  
Logan Wright

### June 2026

Valeria Acierno ‡  
Maximilian Owen Acosta §  
Ahmad Akhtar  
Daria Anishchanka ‡  
Leo Dmitrievich Asaulenko  
Brock Casey Barna §  
Aric Scott Belling  
Brian J Benoit †  
Harry E Benton  
Pranav Bharal  
Mamunur Bhuiyan  
Allison N Bourgeois † \*\* TBP  
David Mulindwa Buwembo  
Henry Anthony Caso ‡  
Alek Michael Catterson †  
Jason R Colletti  
Stella Cosco \*

Brayden W Curran † \*  
Ryan Deitrich \*  
Diego Del Toro †  
Cole L Desimone §  
Kathan Apar Dholakia † \*  
Adarsh Bharat Dodeja  
Ethan Drozdowski § \*  
Hamza Fayyad \*  
Md Zarif Hasin Al Fuad ‡ \*  
Queralt Garrigos Camos ‡ \*  
Kyle James George ‡ \*  
Carter Daniel Gill §  
Gil E Glasser § \*  
Jack Robert Godfrey ‡  
Max Goodrich ‡  
Kaan B Guler  
Mehrab Faraz Haque § \*  
Sakhr Hasan  
Aaron Joseph Highway \*  
Agatha Huang § \*  
Neha Jois † \*  
Trevor Liam Kent † \* TBP  
Ivan Khodakovski † \*  
Michael Steven Kruse \*  
Emmett Leader §  
Andrew D Lebarron \*  
Katarina Luker † \* TBP  
Jaden Bryce Lynch ‡  
Ethan Andrew Malueg † \* TBP  
Juliana Eve Marullo  
Jordan Alexander Mason ‡  
Connor McGannon \*  
Evan McKinney § \*  
Franklin James Merlo † \*  
Bryce Murdock † \*  
Volodymyr Nabesnyy \*  
Samuel J Nichols §  
Sean O'Malley †  
Hla Oo  
Hetik Shrikant Pabrekar † \*  
Shibyl Faye Pabua ‡ \*  
Kruti V Panchal  
Samay Sagar Patel † \*  
Sofia Pollice § \*  
Alex R Post †

Luke Charles Post §  
Golam Rabbi \*  
Yamin Rahman §  
Anjay Ramachandran † \*  
Isaac Rice \*  
Kenneth Alexander Roman  
Jack R Rzepecki ‡ \*  
William Oliver Shaver §  
Yifei Shuai  
Zach Sidare §  
Elliot Snell § \*  
Christian Staab \*  
Daniel Joseph Stearns † \*  
Samuel E Steegmann ‡ \*  
Matthew T Stein ‡  
Camila Giselle Umpierre  
Adam G Velasquez † \*  
Richard Wei \*  
Jonathon Wong † \* TBP  
Lily E Zaborowski § \*  
Evan Zheng

## Bachelor of Science in Bioinformatics & Computational Biology

### August 2025

Rayaan Adil Cheema  
Addison Yam §

### June 2026

Irtiza Ahmed  
Nicholas Bane Pratt ‡

## Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering / Master of Business Administration

### June 2026

Jared Lamson † \*\*  
Ryan Pinzel § \*\*

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## Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering

### August 2025

Drew Sharkey † \*\*

### February 2026

Andrea Maria Fernaine

Alex Gennuso

Jordan A Wright

### June 2026

Sami Aoussim § °

Alex Barletta † \*\* TBP

Mary Catherine Brady §

Taylor M Childs

Lucas J Davis ‡ TBP

Gavin William DeLuca † °

Amelia Fuller § °

Rachel Stephanie Getzler §

Simon J Gutierrez

Mallory Olivia Hanna ‡ °

Samuel Victor Hromchak

Aidan James Langdon

Lindsay Michelle Leach † ° TBP

Claire Kilroy Lewis

Tong Li

Toast Lobel °

Gabriella Aurora Nakashian

Joy Oghosa Omorowa °

Jenny Ott

Kevin M Pogodzinski §

Bryson J Potts §

Tony Qiao

Naail A Rahman

Hailee Lynn Riggi

Tajmim Wahed Rizma

Olivia I Schupbach † TBP

Abdiel Singh † TBP

Karl Friedrich Swanson † ° TBP

Artin Tajalli ‡

Krispijn Vanderpoorten

Joshua Alexander Vidro

Hayley G Waliszewski ‡

Adelyn C Ward ‡

Riley Emerson Wymer †

Evan James Yandricha °

Austin Yetter † °

## Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

### February 2026

Mikayla DuBray

Emma C Frank §

Robert F Rappold † TBP

Kade J Westervelt §

### June 2026

Andrew Thomas Allen † TBP

Christina M Anderson §

Jacob H Baker

Aksel G Boisits

Daniel Byrnes \*\*

Tommy Choi

Safwan Chowdhury §

Tommy Christiano §

Elek James Clark ‡

Ndeye Fatou Fall

Taylor Garbacik † TBP

Liam F Gattis §

Mary Lara Hessinger

Frank Hill †

Logan J Iacobazzi

Sulemaun Javed §

Koki Kanehira † TBP

Amelia Kelly † TBP

Megan E Kenna §

Ahmad Kiwan

Panos Koutsoukos ‡

John Robert Manning † TBP

Calvin McLaurin

Daniel Muccini §

Kyumin Oh

Will Reid

Nicholas James Reilly † TBP

Emmitt Stores † TBP

Abisha Uthayakumar

Angeli Ann Varghese ‡

## Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

### August 2025

Marawan A Aly

Tuhina A Hossain

Samet Ilter

Vamshi Krishna Kamutala

John George Leone

Steve Saam Ngwolo

Trung Truong

### February 2026

Berat Nedim Sipahi

Berke Ege Yilmaz

### June 2026

Pouya AbolhassaniRahnama §

Kwabena A Atim

Renee Katherine Baldwin §

Alessandra Carmela Basile

Tyler Ernest Belzile

Nathan Robert Bender †

Kenan Bilong

Ashley Ann Boyd §

Ashlee S Brinthaupt

Nicholas Martin Buffolino §

Bobby Caifano † TBP

Austin J Carl ‡

Koby Carolan §

Adam Carroll

Jake Thomas Chader

Mason Alexander Chapman §

Kevin Chen ‡

Hayden Zachary Chester

Maggie Coleman-McAllister

Denise Corano-Gonzalez

Christopher Joseph Costa §

Kyle Dean Crossman ‡

Lyndsay Joelle Cyrek ‡

Ian Denny

Luc A Deraney

Joshua Steven Dibble

Eduard Youri Dovgan

Chris Dowd §

Leyla Echevarria  
John Stephan Eliadis  
Sam Elkeslasi §  
Jeffrey David Evelt  
Keiran D Farley ‡  
Ryan T Funyak §  
Sean M Grace ‡  
Brody Gray  
Adam Guarnera †  
Numan Güven  
Ethan W Hala ‡  
Kaeden He §  
Will P Heintzman †  
Aaron D Henry §  
Tyler Hicks  
David Holahan  
Andrew Huang †  
Nathan Alexander Jowdy †  
Gorkem Karagoz  
John Francis Van Duyne Keeffe †  
Yavuz Batuhan Kihtir  
Lech W Kintzel §  
Amanda Jean Kurdt †  
Hacer Zeynep Kurtoglu  
Jacob Michael Lamarca  
Ernest Willy Lemb Bidja †  
Matthew A Leone §  
Anthony F Linehan §  
Yu Liu † TBP  
Ryan Lewis Lott-Diamond  
Mohamed Ashraf Marzouk §  
David Mateja  
Brianna L Mateus  
Daniel B Merine  
Muhsana Morshed  
Maxwell Slater Moshier † TBP  
Tyler David Muoio  
Franklin E Noonan §  
Jeff Norcutt ‡  
Jack Patti †  
Nic Pauley  
Krista Clay Perry  
Dylan Hunter Ranis  
Elana R Rappaport  
John Reynolds III §  
Jenneleh Robinson

Carson Rowe  
George Rurak §  
Emily Elizabeth Ryan  
Taha Emir Sabanci  
Dana Qasim Sahib §  
Jack Schultz  
Connor Seider †  
Kabir Singh §  
Jessie Michaelle Strauss  
Emily Tan †  
Zachary Ryan Terry  
Andrei Uncu †  
Murad Verdiyev  
Bryan Alexander Warner ‡  
Nicole Alexis Webber  
Colin Andrew Wentz

### **Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering**

**August 2025**  
Harsh Tamada

**February 2026**  
Griffin Thomas Brody  
Johnny Chen §  
Nathan James Fox

**June 2026**  
Joe Abt †  
Jeremy Beeson  
Marco Bianco ‡  
Nathaniel Bock  
Gregory Buono  
Eric Butcher †  
Aditya Challamarad †  
Julian Zu Gi Chen §  
Ryan Chiu ‡  
Ahmed Chowdhury ‡  
Andrew R Collado  
Katie Corra †  
Shouvik Das §  
Justin Raysean Downer  
Tomer Idi  
Nathaniel William Lasher †  
Thien Phuc Le ‡  
Samuel S Magaseyev

Kenny Pang †  
Michael Steven Percival Jr.  
Krish Puwar §  
Amie J Sallah § \*\*  
Annie Slenker †  
Austin Smith  
Puru Soni ‡  
Thomas Strade ‡  
Salman Umar ‡

### **Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science**

**August 2025**  
Alexander Edwin Gabrielsen †  
Chan Jung †  
Manda Nguyen § \*\*  
Nethan Weerasinghe

**February 2026**  
Emmanuel Akanmu  
Leon Danquah  
Adonis Juel Jackson  
Justin Liang  
Akib Mahdi  
Birwa S Salih  
Naser Shabbir †  
Safi Shahid

**June 2026**  
Amanda Blöse  
Kendall Malcom Bullen  
Arafat Chowdhury  
Robel Efreem  
Andrea Kyaw  
Zihao Li  
Julia Montuori-Ahuja † \*  
Adni Onoh  
Oluwapelumi Omorinsola Osinubi †  
E.B Pawlak ‡  
Ali Sarraj \*  
Christopher Li Shen  
Jimin Song ‡  
Bora Teker  
Janne Wang  
Ryan Wu §

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## Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

### August 2025

Fahad Algharazi  
Ashwaq Aljanahi  
Anthony M Arteaga  
Emrana Begum  
Christopher J Belligi  
Jobayed Bhuiyan  
Isaac Elliot Brenner §  
Thinh Bui  
Ryan Chen §  
Eric Conroy  
Andrew Dempsey §  
Paridhi Desai  
DaShawn James Eason  
Nickolas X Ferguson §  
Hanchao Gong  
Yiteng Han §  
Shanoya Henry  
Dominic Louis Incognito ‡  
Kevin Jiang  
Rudy Karthick Bhuvanewari  
Sameep Kotecha  
Aditya M Kulkarni  
Megan Bethany Lam ‡  
Charles Lamb  
Nin Le  
Michael John Liao  
Manaswi Mancha  
Aditya Mathur  
Nafis Mortuza ‡  
Joey Johnny Normil  
Nicholas Pula §  
Tasdeeq N Rahman ‡  
Brendan Sandhovel  
Shengan Shi ‡  
Jacob Szczudlik  
Jonah Thundat  
Eduardo Turcios  
Smaran Vedantam §  
Michael Young-Spikes  
Haoyang Zhang

### February 2026

Sharian Akram  
Tauhidur Anjan  
Ryan Becker  
Drew Aaron Burdette  
Abby Chen  
Daniel Chen §  
John Chen §  
Junhao Chen  
Junjie Chen  
Rico Chen †  
Wanxiang Chen ‡  
Yu Chen  
Ziang Chen  
Matthew David Ciraolo ‡  
Wesley Richard Cymerman  
Nate De Lucia †  
Jacob DeRosa \*\*  
Nicole Ewenike †  
Alex Jason Feng  
Jennifer Furdzik ‡ °  
Treese E Garofalo ‡  
Manny Gonzalez Guerrero  
Emilie Lela Griffin † °  
Taha Ekrem Hayali §  
Jacky He  
Logan Head ‡  
Joseph Hibbert §  
Ronny Ip  
Sam Colosimo Jandris  
Tamanna Khatri §  
Alex Doyoon Kim ‡  
Colton Duke Kroon †  
Ashutosh Kumar §  
Rohin Kumar †  
Jaden Lau §  
Jeremy Lawson § \*\*  
Michael Leung †  
Oscar Li †  
Thomas Li  
Sarah M Lichtenthal  
Ricky Lin †  
Mingjie Liu §  
Spencer Login §  
Chang Luo †  
Kevin Eliu Martinez Sanchez

Dean Mekulovic †  
Mohammed Mirhossain  
Farhan K Mukit  
Rob Murray §  
Jake Sawyer Priestley Nathanson  
Williams Nwosu ‡  
Oluwaseyi Olawale Ogunleye  
Vivek Rao Pallapati  
Qi Pan †  
David Pang  
Prahaldh Reddy Pannala  
Ornie Payer ‡  
Yessica Isabel Quinonez  
Thomas Roma ‡  
Sena Romanova §  
Animesh Saha †  
Rishi Sahu  
Harper Chandler Scott †  
Yue Shao ‡ \*\*  
Jack M Slisz  
Bowen Song ‡  
Ajinkya Ankush Talekar †  
Johnathan Tang  
Angel Gabriel Vidals §  
Paul Wang  
Yuesheng Wang ‡  
Greg Wierzbicki  
Jeff Wong  
Layne Xia ‡  
Jing Xie ‡  
John Xie  
Adam Xu ‡  
Guo Wei Xu §  
Cody J Yam  
Kayla Victoria Yan  
Yun Yang §  
Uzayr Yasin  
Da Yu  
Hoziar Zangana  
Richie De-Jing Zheng  
Wenqi Zheng ‡  
Jerry Zhou †  
Winson Zhu †  
Beibit Zhyilkaidar

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Inioluwa Adesanya  
Yazgi Akata ‡  
Jordan Glenn Albertson †  
Sammy Algharazi §  
Sajjad Ali  
Chase Allard § \*\*  
Benjamin Anderson  
Farhan Ansari §  
Naomi Khin Ari †  
Anthony R Armato §  
Adam Gabriel Baer  
Joshua Richard Baker §  
Alex Bakos  
Anish Banerjee  
Michael Beards ‡ \*\*  
Ashish Behal  
Amit Satish Bhambhani †  
Zane A Bialy ‡  
Matthew R Bieniek †  
Nishanth Reddy Bonikela ‡  
Logan Anthony Brefka †  
Andrew Brigman † \*\*  
Daniel Austin Broberg §  
Joseph Michael Buczak  
Travis M Burkett ‡  
Eric Cai  
Ethan Canton  
James Marshall Caporuscio §  
Liam P Cassidy §  
Joshua C Castillo  
Lydia Cenac  
Brandon Chen ‡ \*\*  
Jaylen Chen  
Juju Chen  
Ren Chen † \*\*  
Xiangyu Chen ‡  
Yufeng Chen ‡  
Sarina Cho  
Mark L Chung  
Paul Lee Clark ‡  
Rances Colon  
Kevin Gregory Crooks Jr ‡  
Kritarth Dandapat †  
Revanth Reddy Dendi §  
Prajwal Dhimal

Enhui Dong ‡  
Justin Ben Dvorsky §  
EvRhett Eberle §  
Holden F Endres ‡  
Daniel K Essien  
Gerard F Fajarda §  
Kh Shafin Farhan §  
Benjamin David Farhi ‡ \*\*  
Fariha Farhin  
Yiwei Feng  
Greg Fiegel  
Nathan Gable °  
Haoyan Gan  
Nick Gao †  
Matt Gensel ‡  
Brad Guevara  
Marcus D Guild  
Daniel Gulvin † \*\*  
Jonathan Guzman  
Eldar Hamzic \*\*  
Sakib Rumman Hassan  
Ryan Heffernan  
Kate Hennigan ‡ °  
William Thomas Hobika †  
Mingi Hong †  
Thomas Hsu ‡  
Jason Hu  
Russell Hu †  
Yang Hu ‡  
David Huang  
Wenxuan Huang †  
Najee Hughes  
Claire Huyck §  
Jeffrey Huynh  
Patrick Huynh §  
Sammy Ali Ibrahim  
Matt Jacovelli ‡  
Shivansh Jaiswal §  
Sumanyu Janapareddy †  
Jacob D Jayme ‡ \*\*  
John Jo  
Julia Anna Joseph †  
Ved Vaibhav Joshi ‡  
Yunchae Jung  
Scarlett Kadan  
Nirav Jaysukh Kanadia §

Manav Madhusudhana Kanaganapalli \*\*  
Rahul Shaji Kanara  
Thirumal Karunakaran Dinakara ‡  
Dharmi Khadela †  
Ragheeb Shahriar Khan  
James Kibrick  
Sooseok Kim §  
Isabel Kimos †  
Jenna H Kinne ‡  
Prince Klair  
Matthew L Klee §  
Jean Samuel Koki §  
Or Moshe Kop †  
Dmitri Korniyenko  
Noah Krathaus ‡  
Brendan Charles Kreiss  
Cody E Kubiak  
Milind Kumar ‡  
Samuel Lai ‡  
Calvin Yiu Hong Lam  
Kathy Lam §  
Daniel Lang †  
Luna Lei §  
Kofi Huey-Tang Leong  
Kaifeng Li ‡  
Songzhu Li  
Winson Li †  
Brandon Lin  
Celine Lin  
Kevin Lin  
Winston Lin  
Jeffrey Liu †  
Melissa Liu  
Sai Vaishnavi Suresh Lokhande  
Kelvin Ma  
Aaron V Mangino ‡  
Josh Masciovecchio §  
Sawyer Masefield §  
Matthew Jon Mason  
Jonathan Andres Mata §  
Shabad Singh Mathoun  
Jack E Mazzella §  
Ryan Thomas Mckee ‡  
Tristan Robert McMahon §  
Liana Miao  
Maha Mir §

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Faizaan Mohammed Ali ‡  
Soojung Moon §  
Sean C Moran  
Jessica C Mui ‡  
Daulet Mukan ‡  
Sushil Muppidi ‡  
Collin James Murphy  
Alex Murray ‡  
Arianna Nasca †  
Afreen Naveed ‡  
Jaimin Nayi  
Tariq Nazeem §  
Alexa Xinyu Neff  
Eric Nguyen Lin ‡  
Jason Nguyen  
John Dinh Nguyen †  
Justin H Nguyen  
Dominic M Nieves †  
Abrar M Nuruddin  
Nicole Julia Oszcypala §  
William Otoo-Mensah  
Isaac Pang  
Stephen Passero †  
Michael Passucci ‡  
Nabeel Pattan ‡  
Sohan Pattanaik  
Elliot Delano Patterson †  
Jackson Richard Pealer  
Jeffrey Peralta  
Ghesar Phanday §  
Josh Philip §  
Riya G Prakash  
Daniel R Przybylski ‡  
Aaron Radliff ‡  
Jake Rah  
Saheer Rahman  
Tawhidur Rahman  
Abhi Ramtel §  
Michael Christopher Ratel  
Jewel Rebello  
Brian Y Ren †  
Jake R Richards ‡  
Roary K Richardson  
Troy M Richardson  
Cristian Matthew Rivera † \*\*  
Adam M Roesch †

Jaidin S Rosario  
Daniya Safdar  
Waheed Akbar Saroyia ‡  
Dhruv Bharat Shah §  
Shivansh Shalabh †  
Shubham Sharma § °  
Torin Sheahen ‡  
Daniel S Shekochikhin  
Ezio Shi  
Meyer Simon †  
Jaspreet Singh  
Chad Michael Singo ‡  
Purushotham Sirasapalli ‡  
Sebastian Smith †  
Ethan T Snyderman ‡  
Alan P Spelman §  
Greg Stamm  
Alex Swiatkiwsky †  
Roman Stephan Swiatkiwsky †  
Yiwen Tan ‡  
Kenny Tang †  
Ayaan Tariq  
Aisha Tasnim  
Joshua Lee Taylor † \*\*  
Jardel Thomas  
Kyle Tong  
Ayan Toshi §  
Tien Minh Tran † \*\*  
Andrew M Tsang  
Shamil Shawon Uddin  
Shenal Sharif Uddin §  
Abigail C Udeobi §  
Dillan M VanDenBosch  
Yuktha Reddy Vanteru  
Justin A Vasquez Sorto  
Amadeo Samuel Vilbrun  
Jonathan Jeffrey Waaland §  
Mahmud Aso Wahab  
Leihan Wang  
Brett Westoven  
Ian Westpfal †  
Josiah Wieland §  
Colin Wong ‡ \*\*  
Jeffrey Wong †  
Shaowei Wu §  
Wei Hao Wu

Weiguo Wu §  
Brian M Wyntjes §  
Ziqi Xia ‡  
Zhi Kang Xie §  
Ruor Xu ‡  
Donald Yang ‡  
Jason Yang †  
Jisun Yu  
Kurian Zacharia Vadakara  
Chase Sumner Zardezed §  
Lexi Zawadzki  
Eric Zhang †  
Hongbin Zhang  
Lichang Zhang  
Dian Zheng †  
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## Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

### August 2025

Nick Burns  
William D Flynn  
Andrew John Syposs

### February 2026

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Jack William Conti §  
Amel Shaheen Jowdy ‡  
Ronald Perez-Cruz § \*\*  
Jon David Romani §  
Charlie Rozeski ‡  
Roshika Sharma  
Delroy Williams §

### June 2026

Ryder James Albano §  
Aaron Livingston Alexander  
Rusul Aljuboori  
Sean Michael Anderson  
Cooper Austin  
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Hunter Robert Babel  
Alec Evan Barden §  
Evan Bembenista § \*\*  
Isaac Ross Bezner  
Tyler Matthew Blum †  
Melanie Michele Boiano  
Jacob R Brink † °  
Bryce Cilliers  
Mathew David Cohen  
Benjamin L Coppens †  
Matthew John Covell §  
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Alimou Diallo  
Emily Diorio † \*  
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Caleb C Ethier † °  
Shane Robert Faulkner §  
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Moumiza Hasan  
Saiful Hasan §  
MJ Hrab §  
Jamie Huang  
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Tyler Jeffers  
Avein Joseph Joseph †  
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Elan David Kopit §  
Dillon Perry Kundrata †  
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Zachary Yien Leng †  
Mohd R Mazumder  
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Rajat S Wagh  
Blet Say Wah §  
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Jakob Mathew Weierheiser †  
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Willie Zhang  
Nathan Ziemba †

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**June 2026**  
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James D. Bowman  
Dan Caverly  
Matthew Drummond †  
Dominic Robert Fabbri †  
Anthony Fazio  
Hayley FitzPatrick  
Charlie Goodell  
Mahul Huda  
Philip Charles Lindsay  
Brigid McCormack \*  
Priyambada Parajuli  
Sean Stack  
Charles R Tempio

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Ian Patrick Macauley §

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Brooke Ella Bowman §  
Jacob Marshall Cole  
Max W Corsi  
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Scott Stephen Hendee †  
Cailey Elizabeth Hynes †  
Christian Krasnek §  
Brody Krombach §  
Anson Lam  
Amaru Pequin Marsee §  
Grant E Medler §  
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Nicole Tanya Rawda  
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### June 2026

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Joshua VanBrocklin

## Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering / Master of Business Administration

### June 2026

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# History of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

*In celebrating this commencement, the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS) marks 80 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, construction has begun on a new \$102 million building Agrusa Hall, 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 80 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 eEnergy, 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 2026,

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.

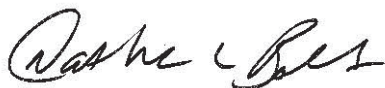
However, success cannot be your only pursuit. As alumni, we have a responsibility to mentor and guide future generations so they can boldly take up the reins of our shared legacy. That is why the University at Buffalo Engineering Alumni Association exists - to help you, our alumni, make an impact on 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  
President, University at Buffalo Engineering and Applied Sciences Alumni Association

# UB Alumni Association Letter

Dear Member of the Class of 2026,

Congratulations and welcome! On behalf of the University at Buffalo Alumni Association, I am so proud to welcome you to a global community of more than 313,000 UB alumni. You earned this moment, and you will always have a home here.

Graduation is not the end of your UB story. It is the beginning of a new chapter. The friendships you formed, the university that shaped you and the experiences that helped you grow don't disappear when you cross that stage. They stay with you, wherever life takes you next.

To me, being a UB grad is about far more than staying connected through platforms and newsletters. It means being part of a community that reaches beyond Buffalo and continues to provide opportunities long after graduation. It means doors opened by fellow UB alumni, and the opportunity to open doors for others in return. It means the chance to continue learning and connecting, whether that happens through tools like Connect-a-Bull and Career North, or through UB Regional Alumni Networks that help you build friendships and professional connections at home or wherever life takes you. These networks link alumni locally, nationally and globally so you can find a UB community almost anywhere you land. Being a UB grad means being welcomed back, being plugged in and being part of a lifelong community that supports each other in work, in life and in growth.

I want to acknowledge the graduates wearing green philanthropy cords, a visible sign of their commitment to giving back. Their generosity—along with volunteerism and leadership—reminds us that collective support, in many forms, is what sustains and strengthens our alma mater.

This is not a goodbye. It's welcome. Welcome back for homecoming. Welcome to learning, leading, giving back and staying connected. Welcome to a lifelong relationship with UB. Wherever you go, you'll always be True Blue.

Go Bulls!



Eileen Marutiak, BA '06  
President, UB Alumni Association Board of Directors

P.S. To see what's waiting for you, visit [buffalo.edu/alumni](http://buffalo.edu/alumni)



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

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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)*

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