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The State University of New York



SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT
COMMENCEMENT
GRADUATE CEREMONY

Friday

May 15, 2026

5 p.m.

Broadview Arena

North Campus

Ananth Iyer
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

Processional*

Selections from “Pomp and Circumstance”
by Edward Elgar

Opening Declaration

Kristin Stapleton
Chair of the Faculty Senate and Professor of History

National Anthem

West Richter Jr., BS/MBA '13

Greetings

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

Remarks

Ananth Iyer
*Dean and Professor
School of Management*

Presentation of Awards to Students

Dean Iyer

Sudha Bommidi, MBA '07
*President, School of Management
Alumni Association*

Conferring of Academic Degrees

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

Closing Remarks

Dean Iyer

UB Alma Mater

West Richter Jr., BS/MBA '13

Closing Declaration

Kristin Stapleton
Chair of the Faculty Senate and Professor of History

Recessional*

“Triumphal March”
from Aida by Giuseppe Verdi

**Audience will remain seated during the Processional and Recessional*

Faculty Marshals

Prasad Balkundi
Rose Hu, BS/MBA '09
Mary Ann Rogers, MBA '98
Ian Tarrant

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.

Ananth Iyer

*Dean and Professor
School of Management*



Ananth Iyer, PhD, has served as dean of the School of Management since 2022. He is also the H. William Lichtenberger Chair in Management. Iyer has championed key initiatives in the school, including the business of climate change; AI and business analytics; the social impact of

management; and innovation, entrepreneurship and leadership. Academic programs, experiential learning, conferences and research projects are bringing new perspectives to these strategic areas.

Under Iyer's leadership, the school has launched several new degree programs, including an Online MBA, an MS in Business Analytics, an MS in Management for nonbusiness majors, and an MS in Supply Chain Management, with more underway. He also led the creation of three new centers — AI Business Innovation, Marketing Analysis and Supply Chain Analytics — that bridge academia and industry; and the Behavioral Research Lab, which uncovers insights into human behavior with cutting-edge neuromarketing tools. With Iyer's support, the school's Projects Clinic employs student interns who partner with companies to solve problems and create positive change. Iyer is a key collaborator in UB's involvement in the NY SMART I-Corridor Tech Hub, a \$40 million initiative to grow semiconductor manufacturing, research and education in New York State.

A highly accomplished scholar in operations and supply chain management, Iyer has published five books and more than 50 journal articles and book chapters. His work has been supported by grants from the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Coast Guard and more.

Previously, Iyer was senior associate dean at Purdue University's Krannert School of Management. He holds a PhD from Georgia Institute of Technology; an MS from Syracuse University; and a Bachelor of Technology from the Indian Institute of Technology at Bombay.

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, 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).

Academic Recognition Items

The Gold Cord

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

The Grey and Red Stole

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

The Western New York Prosperity Fellowship Medallion

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

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.

Non-Academic, University-Wide Recognition Items

The Kente Stole

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

The Rainbow Tassel and Lavender Stole

These items were received by students who participated in the Lavender Celebration, recognizing achievements of graduating seniors who identify as LGBTQ+ or allies.

The Red, White and Blue Cord

The red, white and blue cord is being worn by graduating UB students who are active duty servicemembers, reservists, members of the National Guard, newly commissioned officers program or veterans of the United States armed forces.

In Memoriam

We honor the memory of Phalguni Mahajan, who passed away before completing their degree. We recognize their academic accomplishments and their place in the Class of 2026.

Master's Degrees

Recommending Candidates for Degrees

Ananth V. Iyer

Master of Science in Accounting

Ryan Allshouse
Marrah Almontaser
Caleigh Alvarez
Ryan Baner
Matthew Barkovich
Ned Becerra
Rebecca Belz
Devin Blajszczak
Kimberly Butler
Jennifer Chen
Judy Chen
Zhi Peng Chen
Yelan Chen
Jonathan Choi
Esteban Colon
Blake Copella
Sarah De Croce
Jack Dormitzer
Benjamin Douglass
Christian Egger
Zachary Elersic
Rhett Evans
Shawn Frans
Sarah Goldstein
Giana Hallios
Seamus Hally
Diandra Haye
Morgan Hickman
Isabella Houseknecht
Xinyue Huang
Regina Huang
Monet A. Hunter
Broderick Kamuda
Jon Karis
Jonson Khuu
Nathan Tyler Kosakowski
Jonathan Leong
Irvin Lopez
Brandon Louie
Paraskevi Lyrintzis
Salvatore Mangano
Alexander Matuch
Michael McIndoo
Aidan Miller
Christina Mosier

Herah Musa
Aum Patel
Meagan Picard
Samayel Rahman
Samiur Rahman
John Leonardo Scoppio
Shaniyah Scott
Amy Shi
Meah A Smith
Massimo Stinziani
Kyle Sulaiman
Carly Terranova
Matthew Terzo
Alex Tills
Michael Tortorello
Carlo Tramontana
Ivanna Tyrkot
Patrick Unger
Madison Upchurch
Eleanor Usen
Lucas Valckenaere
William Wagner
Christine Wang
Grace Wansor
Nathan Weber
Xinjing Weng
Timothy Yam
Tony Yang
Emanuel Zaransky
ZhiWei Zhang
Ai Wei Zheng
Candy Zou

Master of Science in Business Analytics

Ismail Abdullah
Dami Adeniyi
Cameron Allen
Joshua Ronne Altemoos
Shima Aggi
Efua T Asmah
Sun Ju Bae
Prashanth Basuthkar Rajaram
Crystal Brown
Natalie Erin Brown
Hailey Mckenzie Bugbee
Kendoll Cameron
Jayasaagar Chandrashekar
Daniel S Charles

Bhavya Chawla
Magnolia Chen
Christian Chin
Madeha Choudhury
Alexandra Una Cowley
Maria Cruz
Partha Debnath
Luciano Joseph DeMaio
Nino DeRossi
Khoi Nguygen Do Phan
Brian Robert Dowling
Weston James Dubreville
Devansh Dutta
Asad Firoz
Jeff Gangloff
Kinjal Goyal
Riya Gupta
Vaibhav Gupta
Bailey Hardick
Tsehai Hicks
James Hughes
Isabelle Hyppolite
Sohaib Jamal
Fatima Khan
Vipin Katara
Matthew Kellner
Colin Kilpatrick
Lindsey Koenig
Nicolette Kosowski
Jewel KyeH
Josh Lackowitz
Carl Heng Lam
Brian Le
Andrew Lin
Ming Juan Lin
Clement Mainguy
Aidan James McCarthy
Kat McCollum
Lauren McGarry
Maitry Meekul
Fayrouz M Mikhael
Chidera Ndukwe
Fyrose Nower
Colleen Tara O'Leary
Jess Olena
Noah Owsiany
JunQiao Pan
Nahida Parveen

Master's Degrees

Mohit Kalpesh Patel
Nicholas Phillips
Jenna Kimberly Pirrone
Narongrit Poomchongkho
Suwathi Raja
Jonathan Ramos
Dylan James Rendina
Kelly Nicole Ross
Jessica Schlimgen
Manzeera Sharma
Preksha Shivaram Shetty
Vinyas Umanath Shetty
Ziad Shorize
Amandeep Singh
Siddhant Singh
Swetha Somasundaran
Jessica Elizabeth Souder
Joe Stein Jr
Prasanna Kumar Subramani Kumaresan
Nicholas Sugg
Elizabeth Szinger
Joshua Tagoe
Vivi Tan
Keena Viniski
Preethi Vuyyuru
Kelsey Wagner
Ava Elizabeth Wasula
Malin White
Jenny Zheng
Raymond Zheng
Xinyi Zheng
Lijia Zhou
Denver Zupan

Master of Science in Finance

Behailu Abebe
Dawit Solomon Admassie
Hiran Aerva
Dheeraj Agarwal
Nimit Agarwal
Eliyas Aman
Akshay Ambulkar
Vishal Anemajalu
Thinzar Aye Maung
Vaishnavi Bangalore Somashekar
Christopher Bennis

Omkar Hanumant Bhosale
Sharayu Bhosle
Kaitlyn Blackburn
Andrew Troy Breary Jr
Martin Cabezas Jara
Christian Candia
Miguel Carpio Arias
Shubham Chandak
Sumit Sunil Chaudhary
Ryan Coulson
Evan Crook
Sital Dangal
Shivam Himanshukumar Dave
Saloni Dedhia
Nivedita Deshpande
Deepiga Devi Anbalagan
Greeshma Anand Dhumal
Scott Andrew Emmerling
Aryansh Chandresh Fooria
Shivangi Rajat Gaur
Hanita Ghanta
Shreya Gokaraju
Sriram Goli
Tejaswini Gongle
Mitchell Gonser
Priyanka Gopal
Ganesh Goyal
Thomas Graham
Sanskriti Gupta
Siddhant Manohar Hegde
Jesyn Hojoh
Muxin Hou
Sonny Hsia
Gaurav Ingale
Rabiul Islam
Niti Jagad
Vanshita Rajeshkumar Jariwala
Colby James Jaskowiak
Blessen John
Aditya Kaushik Kappagantula
Yash Jagesh Kenia
Himanshu Khandelwal
Shruti Khetan
Reuven Victor Kohn
Soham Sharad Kothavle
Tom Kowalski
Anubhav Kumar
Shruti Ravindra Lad
Vincent Lin

Michael Liu
Manasa Maheswaran
Sahil Jitenkumar Mandli
Yash Manral
Mikhail Markin
Declan Patrick McEntee
Pranav Elumalai Meenakshi Sundaram
Nitisha Mehta
Connor Memmott
Allison Betsabe Merchan Barzallo
Dnyanal Balakdas Meshram
Yash Kedarnath Metkar
Prabhatkumar Mishra
Sanaira Mondegarian
Sanika Santosh More
Pedro Moscoso
Mansi Nagar
Janhvi Naik
Duhita Newalkar
Sujitha Nirmal
Simran Pahuja
Shamiksha Nagesh Pai
Shreya Panchal
Shivam Vitthal Parab
Ekarth Tushar Patel
Madhav Patidar
Trey Pinkham
Sri Ram Pugazhenth
Hayden Rager
Palash Anil Rathi
Chelsa Valerian Rodrigues
Pranit Priti Harish Runwal
Tanmay Anil Sagar
Biswajit Gopal Saha
Ravneet Kaur Saini
Rimil Sarkar
Daniel Sellers
Lauren Shanley
Akshay Sanjay Singh
Manthan Singh
Vartika Singh
Nihar Sodani
Shreya Soma
. Syed Muhammad Zaid
Om Prashant Thaker
Sumit Thakkar
Heneel Nikhilkumar Thakkar
Viraj Thakkar
Jake Timm

Samprada Tiwari
Ishika Todi
Ayna Tovekelova
Russell Vogel
Xuan Wang
Wenxin Weng
Jilin Yao
Raghib Yeaser
Estella Zhang
Kaiwen Zhu
Onkar Balu Zite

Master of Science in Management Information Systems

Manan Aggarwal
Ayesha Ahmed
Samuel Ainsah Mensah Jr.
Akshatha Amaresh Pampanna
Visweswaran Anbazhagan
Shruthi Anjaneya Sujatha
Anjitha Balachandran
Rezwana Bari
Farhan Samin Bhuya
Debora Borges Battaglia
Sydney Chan
Kelly Chen
Yuwen Chen
Christopher Choi
Harold L Clayton
Harry Mayer Feinberg
Ben Geiser
Daniel George
Zanas Ghajar
Jessica Gow
Kenny Gulloso
Reggie Guo
Navinkumar Rajitram Gupta
Rahul Gupta
Sparsh Gopal Guruwacharya
Killian Hannigan
Win Thiri Htay
Pushpak Dharamchand Kakani
Bhuwan Kaul
Meghana Kondajji Venkatesh
Pranali Deepak Koshti
Ashwanth Kottieswara Rao
Vishal Kumar
Dora Lei

Roger Marchione
Fatema Mim
Lauren Bridget Moore
Manas Nagesh Saligram
Nitin Guruswamy Naidu
Amanda Nguyen
Praghati Premkumar
. Priyanka
Mohammad Zahir Rahimi
Zahid Rahimi
Sanjana Ramesh
Parsa Rashidi
Muhibil Razeen
Nusrat Shila
Zachary Snow
Deva Manohar Sonar
Austin Sprague
Raghunath Srinivasa
Kranthi Sunku
Ayesha Sultana Syed
Mashaal Tahir
Calthleng Thanga
Taarush Vashisht
Zack Vogl
Ming Yu Zheng

Master of Science in Management

Emmanuella Appiah
Sirvathsan Atputharaja
Maria Castellana
Bryce Davis
Giovanni De Leon
Genesis Espinal
Joshua Ford
Ashleigh Fortunate
Gunnar Gray
Emma Hicks
Madeline Mazur
Ezra McKenna
Stephani Mejja Barrios
Ofeibea Micah
Lydia Oteng
Hailey Prophyl
Hugh Purks
Syeda Ruhul
Aaliyah Sayas
Jeremy Sheftel
Derrick Talton Jr.

Luke Tubbs
Marcus Velez

Master of Science in Management Science: Business Analytics and Systems

Navaneeth Krishnan Ajith
Umarani Andiappan Kasinathan
Abinesh Balakrishnan
Nandhini Balakrishnan
Ashwini Balavannamonykandan
Devanarayanan Bhakthadarsan
Rehwa Ramesh Bhole
Hemanth Cherelam Puthiya Vee
Sharanya Chithran
Sippora Paulin Christu Basker
Ravishankar Dhandapani
Dennis Dominic
Varsha Easwaran
Saiganesh Eswarasubramanian
Deepak Ganapathi
Viswanathan Ganesan
Sundaresperumal Ganesan
Disha Harish Gaonkar
Baba Siva Sriram Gudimetla
Gokul Hari
Parvathy Jayakrishnan
Hrithika Kanni Poyil
Nishanth Kolappa Pillai
Adarsh Kunji Palliyath
Arundhathi Kuzhuvellikaleeckal Jayakumar
Chelsea Aurelia Louis
Balaji Mangaleshwaran Selvakumar
Akhil Melekulangara
. Midhun Madhav Baiju
Radhika Modiyam Chavva
Phani Sri Harshita Mudumbi
Charen Murugadass
Anjali Nair
Nikhitha Suresh Nair
Kavya Sree Narra
Sirisha Neelakantan
Niranjana Palanisamy
Aditi Panda
Meghaa Parameswari Venkat
Abhirami Pottanplackal Sunil
Shwetha Prasanna Venkatesan
Prajwal Pulla

Master's Degrees

Varshaa Pullan
Remika Rajesh
Greeshma Ramachandran
Gopalsankar Sabu
Sri Lakshmi Sajeev
Shruthi Santhosh Kumar
Lakshmi Sasidharan Nair
Gokul Shankarlal
Jyothisna Sista
Gnana Kothai Nayaki Sivaganeshkumar
Archana Sivanand
Anirudh Somasundaram
Vishnu Nampoothiri Sreekumar
Aditi Srivastava
Arthini Sri Sruthibalamani Param
Kesavamoothy Subramani
Lakshmi Sudarsan
Poorna Sundar Sundaram
Ghanashyam Sunil
Jayalakshmi Thakarappillil Jeevan
Hari Vignesh Thennarasu
Subiksha Thiagarajan Venkatesan
Aditya Pillai Thulasidharan
Aiswarya Udayabhanu
Keerthana Unikkat
Aravintha Prasad Vellaipalam
Courtallanathan
Sriprasath Venkatachalam Jothimani
Siva Sruthi Venkatsaravanan
Aiswarya Venugopal
Priya Verma
. Vignesh Jayaram
Vidhya Dharshini Vijayaraghavan
Niranjana Vinod

Master of Science in Supply Chain Management

Arushi Arushi
Lalmon Chiriyamkandath Lonappan
Yen-Lun Lin
Fortunate Maria Masango
Amy Meisenzahl
Nafisah Shaik

Master of Business Administration

Ayan Ali
Dylan Andrzejewski
Donald Basile
Connor Boss
William Brady
Olivia Bunn
Liam Jared Clifford
Lauren Daniele
Justin Downey
Marek Eddy
Mohamed Amine El Majdoui
Liliana Folan
Jack Foley
Annalisa Funciello
Adam Greenstein
Sarah Jiva
Steven Kaplan
Siavash Karimi
Priya Karinthoil
Daniel Kurowski
Kaitlin Lafferty
Jared Lamson
Jessenia Leaphart
Gage Lindenmann
Austin Memmo
Michael Minich
Olivia Mullen
Rayan Abdullah I Mussa
Peter Naylor
Clayton Osborne
Newman Osei Jr
Domenic Palumbo
Giovanni Palumbo
Marissa Pecorella
Ryan Pinzel
Alexandra Pollichemi
Angelene Roberts
Rachel Romanowski
Saha
Tiffany Sinclair
Alexandra Stathopoulos
Janelle Valentine
Gabrielle Wendt
Leah Wengender
Robert Williams
Basil Paul Zmiyivsky II

Management Science Master of Business Administration

Adrija Aditya
Farzeen Zafarul Ahmad
Sheetal Vasant Ambre
Janardhan Annapu Reddy
Shirley Bassarath
Qin Chen
Shamitha Chirumamilla
Tyson Dailey
Claudia Nana Oye Debrah
Satya Jeetu Ganguri
Guobin Gao
Vineth Kumar Garikapati
Alexandra Gillispie
Jasnoor Jolly
Aakash Abhay Joshi
Pranav Pramod Kale
Snigdha Karki
Joshua Onoh
Diya Poovamma Palanganda Lavakumar
Rakib Rahman
Emad Rashid
Kavya Ravichandar
Daksh Kumar Sethia
Shubham Sanjay Shaha
Subrot Sundewar
Simran Yadav

Professional and Online Master of Business Administration

Izaz Ahmed
Mohammad Ahsan
Mandeep Ahuja
Andy Ambroise
Joshua Michael Anthony
Phil Arnold
Arisa Azim
Jordan Rose Badura
Navpreet Bains
Rajveer Bains
Brendan Joseph Banach
Esther Bannerman
Alex Patrick Bernas
Rob Brandon Jr
Claire Brenner
Thomas Burns
George Camann

Vernon Campbell
Phillip Cannata
Matt Cannon
Bella Ceranski
Elaine Chan
Maya Charcholla
Jayna Cherny
Cathy Chin
Kajol Jatin Chudgar
Colin Cieslica
Kyra L Clevinger
Jeremy Cooper
Marley Kingsbury Cranmer
Fanta Aou Dabo
Sarika Tori Dasraj
Margaret Davis
Nate Diaz
Alyssa Dobens
Jack Donahue
Christia Edwards
Cyril Erica
Remya Ernest
Nabil Faizullah
Chris Fillion
Connor Fitzgerald
Owen Foss
Courtney Leigh Frank
Anthony Fruci
Marcus Fuqua
Jomark Garbatowicz
Margaret Garito
Mark Gelardi Jr
Jeanne Gesel
Pavan Gill
Caitlyn Gilmartin
Franchesca Gomez Rodriguez
Kiersten Colleen Goodwin
Ishaan Gulati
Ishnaa Gulati
Nicole Elizabeth Guldin
Mohammad Hassan
Lucas Hendrickson
Nathan Herzog
Nadia Natacha Holloway
Brad Horey
Syed Hossain
Tylor Hunn
Kim Marie Hutter
Jermaine James

Megan Taylor Jobson
Rochelle Johnson
Teouria Johnson
Amjad Khan
Lauren Khoury
Shiza Khalid
Jung Kyoung Kim
Hannah Klein
William Kong
Kyle Kozlowski
Abigail Kryszczak
Sandeep Kumar
Shawn Ryan Lee
Brett Anthony Lemma
Julia Lesakowski
Jordan R L'Esperance
Julia Less
Paul Andrae G Lewis
Samantha Linnane
May Liu
Jonathan Lorigo
Ramon Manrique
Vincent Matteson
Morgan McGauley
John Robert Mercurio
Robert Merrill
Kevin Michelsen Jr
Warren Marshal Miller
Rich Mis
Bhavi Mistry
Sara Elizabeth Mosher
Christian Paul Nelson
David Nielsen
Emma Noto
Esther Oka
Fabian Osorio-Sanders
John Papas
Kathryn Patterson
Kenya Peoples
Miranda Elizabeth Emma Perez
Yaron Perry
Antony Peter James
Cassidy Pinder
Ross Aaron Piskorz
Grant Pitcoff
Laurel Plunkett
Tom Pope
Liliana Pranzo
Peter James Pranzo
Tasha Ramrattan

Tearrah Ramsey
Dennis Raymond
Will Rinaldi
Lucas David Robinson
Charles Roche
Brandon Rosenthal
Symphony Ross
Madalyn Rubenstein
Joan Alexis Ruiz
Sean Ryan
James Saengsuwan
Emily Scheck
AnneMarie Schreckenberger
Kelly Setter
Aleem Shariff
Ethan Sharp
VaMusa Sherif
Kaitlyn Sienkiel
Ben Sklar
John Thomas Stahura
Margaret Helen Stapleton
Molly Stonish
Alexa Joelle Strudler
Saifun Suborna
Brandon Thompson
Autumn Ariel Tonnesen
Molly Torgalski
Kristin Torres
Dylan Wolfe
Jack Wong
Brianna Woodfin
Isabel Woodworth
Max Wroblewski
Michael Xu
Jessica Young-Soto
Fahed Youssef
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The University 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.



The Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

*By Sir Francis Scott Key, 1779-1843
Vocalist: West Richter Jr., BS/MBA '13
Musical Accompaniment: Norwood Brass*

UB Alma Mater

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)

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



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- Attending events in a city near you (management.buffalo.edu/alumni)
- Buffalo Business and At Buffalo magazines

I also encourage you to keep your information up to date either online or by contacting the Office of Alumni and External Engagement, so that you can receive emails about alumni events and programming happening near you. The office can be reached at 716-645-3224 or mgt-alumni@buffalo.edu.

We are proud to call you alumni. Best wishes for continued success and fulfillment in all that lies ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sudha Bommidi', written in a cursive style.

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