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The State University of New York



SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT
COMMENCEMENT
UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY

Friday

May 15, 2026

1 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

Natalie Simpson
Associate Dean for Graduate Programs and Professor, Operations Management and Strategy School of Management

National Anthem

West Richter Jr., BS/MBA '13

Greetings

Satish K. Tripathi
University President

Remarks

Ananth Iyer
Dean and Professor School of Management

University at Buffalo President’s Medal

Gregory M. Bauer, BS '82
Chair, University at Buffalo Foundation Board of Trustees President and CEO, Employer Services Corp.

President Tripathi

Presentation of Awards to Students

Dean Iyer

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

Conferring of Academic Degrees

President Tripathi

Closing Remarks

Dean Iyer

UB Alma Mater

West Richter Jr., BS/MBA '13

Closing Declaration

Dean Iyer

Recessional*

“Triumphal March” from Aida by Giuseppe Verdi

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

Faculty Marshals

Michael Krupski, BS '11, MBA '21
Celine Krzan, MBA '17
Thomas Murdock
Martha Salzman

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.

University at Buffalo President's Medal

Gregory M. Bauer, BS '82

*Chair, University at Buffalo Foundation Board of Trustees
President and CEO, Employer Services Corp.*



Gregory M. Bauer, BS '82, is chair of the University at Buffalo Foundation Board of Trustees. An alumnus of the UB School of Management and a former UB varsity hockey player, Bauer is dedicated to giving back to his alma mater. Appointed to the UBF board in 2009 and serving as its chair since 2017, he is a member of the foundation's executive and finance committees. He also served on the steering committee for Boldly Buffalo, the largest and most ambitious fundraising campaign in the university's history.

In 2024, Bauer and his wife, Joanne, BS '82 — whom he met at UB — received the Samuel P. Capen Award from the UB Alumni Association in recognition of meritorious contributions that influence the growth and improvement of UB and inspire others to support the university. In 2014, the couple served as co-chairs of the annual UB Scholarship Gala.

Bauer is the president, CEO and co-founder of Employer Services Corp., a human resources and employment administration outsourcing firm headquartered in Amherst, N.Y. Under his leadership, ESC has grown into the premier professional employer organization in the Northeast, serving hundreds of businesses in more than 40 states. In 2018, he added a sister company, Meliora Partners, which provides people-centered, data-driven continuous improvement solutions.

Bauer is also a founding trustee of the Charles D. and Mary A. Bauer Foundation, which provides support to a variety of organizations and institutions focused on education in Western New York and across the country. He served on the board of the nonprofit philanthropic organization until 2023, when he stepped down as part of the succession plan for the next generation of trustees.

UB President's Medal Recipients

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

* *Awarded posthumously*

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. This listing includes candidates for the following degree conferral dates: August 2025, February 2026 and June 2026.

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 † † †

Academic Recognition Items

The Gold Cord

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

The Grey and Red Stole

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

The SUNY Chancellor's Medallion

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

The 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 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

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.

Baccalaureate Degrees

Recommending Candidates for Degrees

Ananth V. Iyer

Bachelor of Science in Accounting

Buthaina bint Said Bin Abdullah
Bin Mohammed Al-Harathi
Hasan Al Qaderi++
Humayun Amjad ++
Sonya Arnold +
Keziah Asante ++
Tom Banas+++
Cole Belt +++
Adam Berry
Hayden Blufarb +++
Ryan Bove +
Joseph T. Braun +
Adrianna Brooks ++
Bryce Buchholz +
Matthew Cai +++
Nicholas Cashatt +
Jason Cen
Jason Chen ++
Lang Chen +++
Vincent Chen
Xuhui Chen ++
Christopher Chin+++
Angela Kayoung Cho ++
Joshua Cho +
Aidan Chun +
Tammy Clement
Gabe Cornfield ++
Justin Coyne
Sean Dany +++
Joseph Denaro ++
Gabe Desrochers +
Nicole Diaz Tomassini++
Simon Donaldson++
Melissa Eng +++
Donato Fiorentino ++
Aengus Fitzpatrick +
Marquis Ford +
Jeff Gao

Jack Garbatowicz++
Peter Gelsomino +++
Michael Giannini +++
Dan Glickman +
Boris Guanga ++
Macy Hill
Jiaxi Huang ++
Syed Usaed Husain +
Alexandra Jones ++
Taylor Joyce
Chris Karns ++
James Kasperek ++
Christopher Kerr +++
Grace Kicinski +++
Nicholas Konsul ++
Matthew Kwee ++
Marisa Lamanna +
Hao Lin Li
Jia Peng Li +++
Lina Li +++
Matthew Li +
Angela Lin +
Rachel Lin ++
Alan Liu +
David Liu +
Christian Lorentzen ++
Winnie Lu +++
Giovanni Maldonado +++
Sid Mantravadi
Colin Mathew +++
Jack Matteis +
John Matthews +++
Evan Mauter +++
John Mazzone +
Andrew McLellan +
Aiden C. McNally
Mia Mogavero +
Ryan Mohammed +
Alejandro Monroy Jr. +
Chris Montante
Annie Moore +++
Joe Murak ++
Sofiiia Musaelian
Ahnaf Navid ++
Andrew Nieto+

Sean O'Connor ++
Joel Paulus+++
Michael Perez +++
Arnold Philippi
Sean Quinn+
Isabella Raber
Kaley Ream +++
Faith Rosenthal +++
Audrey Rose Sargent
Zach Schnitzer +
Dylan Schultz ++
Sam Seebode +++
Isabella Sgroi+++
Kristin Sheridan +
Katie Sieber +++
Srivatsa Singavarapu +++
Mikaela Sirica ++
Abby Smardz ++
Tracy Son +++
Marissa Spottiswood +
Stefan Stefanov +++
Kevin Sugg
Jillian Sujka ++
Jenna Szymkowski
Myles Taylor
Jacob Tom-Wong ++
Michael Toniuk +++
Ryan Tranquillo ++
Tesina Tu +++
Austin Tuel +++
Bri Urban ++
Ethan Vaknin ++
Kate Van Cott +
Samuel VanDyke
Ricardo Vargas +++
Dante Vecchione +
Daniel Victor ++
Gaheim Victor-Mathieu +
Cynthia Vokshi ++
Rongjie Weng +++
Ryan Wirth +
Allison Jaimie Wong +++
Hao Ning Wu +++
Jingwen Wu +++
Eric Zhen +

Baccalaureate Degrees

Diana Zheng+++
Ying Xin Zheng+++
Sherry Zhou+++
Yanxi Zhou+++
Mingjun Zhu
Brooke Zimmer++
Ethan Zubli++

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Ash Ablir
Gavin Adams
Zhakari Adeyemi
Alvin Adiga
Reynier Aguasvivas+
Sultan Ahmad+
Mohammad Ahmed++
Allen Aho+
Majid Al Lawati+
Maria Almekhtifi+
Kimberly Androvett+++
Nicolas Lorenzo Angulo
Stevenson+++
Yasir Arafat
Andrés F Arango+++
Ashley Arnold++
Precious Arungwa+
Jayden Asuncion++
Noah Aylesworth+
Malik Azan+
Emily Bai-Rossi++
Samantha Balconi+++
Samson Bao
Russell Barone
Matthew Basso
Yubraj Bastola++
Samuel Batista Jr.
Nyla Beaton
Matthew Benjamin
Joshua Bentkowski
Paige Bessel++
Manav Bhanushali
Jaelyn Bickom++

Matthew Bielinski+
Alliance Bienvenue
Deniz Bileydi+
Jalen Blalock+
Cameron Blauvelt
Tyler Bley
Hunter Bloomer
Meghan Blumenthal+++
Ross Jamie Boor++
Braden Bova+++
Emerson Bramer+++
Arelly Bravo Ariza+
Justis Brodie+++
Ms.kiajenae Brown
Timothy Browne+
Paul Brumale
Jordan Buisch++
Joseph Cabrera
Adam Blyth Callender+
Marissa Campanella+
Grace Campofelice+++
Drew Canterbury
Cesar Cardenas++
Titus Carignan+
Jorge Casanova
Matthew Cassano
Giovanni Cavataio
Alexandra Cavino+++
Alyson H Cegielski+
Sydney Chan++
Do Rin Chang+
Eric Chang+
Gavin Chapman
Tyler Charland+++
Brianna Chavez
Adolfo Chavez-Torres+++
Joselyn Chavez-Torres
Aixia Chen++
Herry Chen+
Jocelyn Chen++
Jordan Chen+
Kevin Chen+
Nuan Yuan Chen+
Sally Chen

Yuwen Chen++
Ian Cheng
Bobbi Cheves+
Sudive Chhetri+++
Charles Chin++
Cho Ngwesin Thaw++
Colin Chow
Fowzia Chowdhury
Sakiba Chowdhury+++
Sayma Chowdhury
Shafi Chowdhury
Lukas Chyla
Alex Cialone+
William Cintron
Hannah Clarke+++
Eli Clarkson
Brennan Clasgens+++
Nick Coher
Paris Collymore
Rebekah Colson+++
Kierstin Comerford
Jake Comisso+
Ryan Conley
Joseph Conte+
Kenneth Contursi
Dante Conway
Michael Conway
David Coogan++
Ajani Cook
Grace Cooley+++
Rose Coronesi++
Zyara Coulthurst
Victoria Crossman+++
Gregory Cunney
Lindsey Cutler
Ryan Daly++
Nelson Darling+++
Ananya Das
Rishika Das
Meaghan Davis
Ryan Degan+
Hailey DeGroff+++
Jack DeMarco
Leah Dennison

Mike DePillo +++
Alexa Depradine
Christian Der +++
Eli Desandis ++
Nathan DeVinny +
Brendon Diabo +
Mitchel Dikerman +
Zachary Dimitroff
Andrew Diviney
Tanner Douglass ++
Megan Dreher +++
Junyi Du ++
Izabella Ducato ++
Orrie Duquette
Colin Dwyer+
Tamiya Earl+
Jade Easley +++
Nadia Edley
Willis Eng
Sofia Englert +
Parker Esch ++
Sheryn Rose Espinosa ++
Zaine Evans ++
Brad Evelt+
Samantha Ezihie+
Muhammad Falah
Xu Fang+
Charbel Farah
Afroz Farukhzoda
Luke Fasso ++
Alex Faulhaber +++
Javel Felix
Munmun Ferdous ++
Damon Fernandes
Benjamin Finch ++
Nolan Fineberg+
Jerry Fiorini+
Patrick Fitzsimmons +++
Colin Folck
Sam Foley ++
Joven Fong
Mary Fremming ++
Dylan Furman
Sarah Furrelle

Jack Gallagher
Arlet Garcia
Marybel Garcia
Rishit Garg ++
Khalil Garrett+
Jordyn Geller+
Jerrod Gentry +++
Benjamin Genzel
Mathew George+
Sammy Georgioudakis
Menoua Gharakhani Siraki
Primo Giammusso ++
Jake Gladke
Emma Golba
Alex Gomez +++
Nan Gong+
Abigail Gorman
Margret Gozley+
Kayden Gregory
Carter Grimes
Daniel Gronowski
Joseph Richard Grzeskowiak +
Kevin Guan
Troy Guerra
Julio Guerrero +
Sam Guiffrida +
Jeffrey Gunning
Robin Guo+
Andrew Ha+
Shawn Haber
Benjamin Hadsall ++
Drew Hambley +
Trevari Hamer
Liam Hamilton
Victor Han+
Ashlie Hansen +++
Laci Hardy
Jack Harmon ++
Terah Harness
Kaylee Hartman ++
Kanar Hawrame+
Joseph Hawryschuk
Katrina Hegarty +
Sean Helferich ++

Jesse Hendler +
Karla Hernandez Umanzor +
Harris Hodge
Andrew Hoffman ++
Paul Holstein ++
Jacob Howe
Jacqueline Htay+
Kaiqiao Hu +
Khalil Hu ++
Alvin Huang +
Ang Qi Huang +
Isabelle Huang
Kevin Huang +++
Max Hubert +++
Junique Huggins Gabriel +++
Saathvik Hulgundi
George Hunter ++
Adil Hussain +
Emily Hylkema+
Maryam Ijaz ++
Adesuwa Ikponmwen +
Salvatore Intravaia +
Brennen Ippolito +
Mohammed Islam
Shafiqua Islam +
Nicholas Jackson +
Myles James ++
Judge Janjua
Anthony Jiang +
Brian Jiang
Connie Jiang
Jason Jiang +
Tiffany Jiang ++
Connor Johnson
Collin Jones +
Kahdir Joseph
Seok Hun Jun +
Andrew Jung +
Jenna Kaiser ++
Max Kander
Jatin Kapur
Natalie Karmazyn +
Thomas Keane
Bobby Kersten

Baccalaureate Degrees

Tyler Kersten
Abdullah Khan
Wasif Khan +
Alexander Kibler
Eunice Kim ++
Martin Kim +
Samuel Kim+++
Youngwoo Kim
Kendall Knealing +
Christian Kolasny ++
Alexander Korn
Lucas Kosarko ++
Ava Kowalow +
Jacob Koziej +
Ella Kramer +
Justin Kruk
Farah Kurdi
Joel Kuruvila +
Ryan Ladner
Joe LaDuca
Carter LaFond +
Jace Lambert
Matthew Lang
Clark Lasky
Hoang Duy Anh Le +++
Alexis Lee +++
Joonmin Lee +++
Seongjae Lee +
Steven Lee
Hannah Lerner-Morelle +++
Timothy Leung +
Max H Levy
Gerardo Leyva
Jiarui Li ++
Sabrina Li +
Yinghui Li +++
Kyle Liang
Jihui Liao +
Qinming Liao +++
Brandon Licursi +++
Matthew Liew +++
Andy Lin +
Cindy Lin
Sammy Lin +
Wendy Lin +++

Joshua Lindsley
Cole Linehan +
Kayli Liu
Xixi Liu +
Aiyana Livingston +
Zac Long +++
Jazmin Alexandra Lopez
Anthony Lozina ++
Danny Lu
Andrew Luangaphay
Henry Luo
Tianyi Ma +
Dylan Mack
Arif Mahdi
Nur Mahmud ++
Abigail Mailloux
Clement Mainguy
Anida Mak +
Jeremy Malaga
Gavin Malec +
Nick Mancuso
Abhishak Mangar +
Yash Pragjibhai Maniya +
Kyle Manning ++
Kyle Manwaring +++
William Marburger
Luke Marcinkiewicz +++
Jack Marra
Christopher Martin +
Kayla Martin +
Mitchell Martin +
Kayla Maslak ++
Hudson Mataraso +++
Luke Matheos ++
Wasif Matin
Giovanna Matute
Benjamin Mauro ++
Joseph Mayer ++
Aidan McClurg
Dillon McDonald
Kiera McHerron +++
Omari Mckenzie +
Riley McKie
Madison McMahon ++
Harris Mehboob+

Zorianna Menclewicz +++
Delshana Merisier
Melaku Mesganaw ++
Harrison Meyers +
Jacie Middione ++
Ju Ho Min +
Emma Minotti +++
Muhammad Ali Mirsidikov
Jack Misenheimer +++
Raad Mleiti
Edward Mo ++
Kiersten Mojica ++
Debora Monfiston+
Kahmil Monk-George ++
Joe Morgenweck +
Jamaluddin Mohammadi
Ariana Rosalia Moya ++
Audrey Mueller +
Abdulfazl Mukumov +++
Ryan Mullane +
Liam Mulvihill
Emilee Muoio
Matthew Murphy +++
Mohammed Musleh
Ma Na ++
Abbey Nagel ++
Hamza Naitbalk
Sanskar Narang +
Justin Narciso
Faiz Nasyam Mohammed +
Cassidy Naylor +
James Neilson+
Stephanie Newberger +
Max Newcomb ++
Miffy Ng +
Thomas Ng
Alyssa Phuong Truc Nguyen +++
Hoang Nguyen
Katie Nguyen
Tiffany Ni +
David Ning
Luis Nunez
Tony Nyima
Quinn O'Connor +++

Alvim-David Ofori-Koranteng +
Patrick Omalley
Ashley Lauren Yaokasin Ong +
Jennifer Orellana +
David Ott
Alex Ottnod
Yariel Pacheco
Chet Palmer
Violet Palmer ++
Ethan W. Pantera ++
Shannon Panzarella ++
Jeremiah Papaleo +
Hayleigh Parks-Carney
Nilkumar Patel
Zen Patel
Peter Patsatsis
Ryan Peterson
Haley Pham
Kyle Phelps
Alexander Pierre Charles ++
Oliver Pineda
Mia Pinker +++
Rachael Plese
Leah Podmayersky
Lillian Pollak +
Louis Poon
Kobe Popp +++
Mark Puglisi
Sydney Pulver +++
Timothy Purack +
Dominic Qualiana
Hamda Rafat
Kyle Ragaini +
Olivia Rager
Miz Rahman
Pavel Rahman
Rayaan Rahman +++
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The University at Buffalo Gamma Chapter for scholars in management was established in 1932. The purpose of Beta Gamma Sigma is to recognize outstanding management students of high scholarship and good moral character. Election to membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest scholarship rank that a student in management can attain.

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SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

Abdulfazl Mukumov



Abdulfazl Mukumov of Buffalo, N.Y., graduates with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Financial Analysis) from the UB School of Management. Mukumov is an Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) scholar and a Western New York Prosperity Fellow, advancing regional economic growth through collaboration with business leaders and organizations across Western New

York. He co-founded the Buffalo Global Shapers Hub, served as vice president of the UB Investment Club, and participated in an immersive, student-led, M&A initiative managing a \$230 million acquisition. An entrepreneur, he also founded a renovation company that supports local economic development.

The John Thomas Award for Global Leadership

This award is presented to a student who has pursued and excelled in global experiences and engagement during their time at the university.

Hannah Camille Clarke

Adriana Ilyse Thaler Memorial Senior Award in Marketing

This award is presented to the students who have best demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, marketing professionalism and personal motivation.

Allison Schuler

University at Buffalo Accounting Association Michael S. Dockery Memorial Senior Award

This award is presented to a senior accounting student who has provided exemplary service to the UB Accounting Association, displayed exceptional leadership and contributed in a substantial way to the School of Management.

Christopher Kerr

Eddy Lin Memorial Award

This award is presented to an accounting student who is focusing on an accounting career with a mid-size public accounting firm.

Kristin Sheridan

Undergraduate Student Achievement Award

This award is presented to a student who has demonstrated scholastic excellence and has rendered outstanding extracurricular service to the school and the university.

Steven N. Spota

William H. Wendel Memorial Award for Student Excellence in Human Resource Management

This award is presented to a student who has made the greatest contribution to the field of human resources management.

Tiffany Amanda Jiang

Awards, Scholarships and Fellowships Given by the School of Management Prior to Commencement

Algappan Family Scholarship

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The Mace

Designed to tell the story of the university and the Niagara Frontier, the mace was fashioned by California silversmith Hudson Roysler. 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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Congratulations! On behalf of the School of Management Alumni Association, I applaud you and your accomplishments over the past several years. You have completed a rigorous education at a top-ranked business school. You leave here equipped with the knowledge, skills and resilience to make a meaningful impact in your organizations, your communities and the world.

Today, you join the School of Management alumni family — a vibrant network of nearly 49,000 graduates living and working across 87 countries. Wherever your career and life may take you, you will find fellow alumni who are eager to connect, support and help you navigate your path forward.

While you may be leaving campus, you are not leaving UB behind. I encourage you to stay engaged and connected to your alma mater in the many ways available to you:

- LinkedIn group (University at Buffalo School of Management Alumni)
- Facebook (University at Buffalo School of Management)
- Instagram (@ubschoolofmgt)
- 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.

Sudha Bommidi, MBA '07

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The modern seal for the University at Buffalo harks back to a design adopted in 1923 to reflect the evolution of the university from separate schools into a more close-knit organization. Though the seal has been revised several times over the decades, the foundational elements remain: a proud bison signifying the city of Buffalo atop a shield supported by the palm leaves of victory and emblazoned with the flames of wisdom.

