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Saturday

May 15, 2021

1:00 PM

Commencement Pavilion

North Campus

Jean Wactawski-Wende, PhD

*Dean and Professor*

### **Associate Deans**

R. Lorraine Collins, PhD

Gaspar A. Farkas, PhD

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Gregory Wilding, PhD



# Program

## Pomp and Circumstance

Sir Edward Elgar

## Opening Declaration

Dr. Gaspar Farkas

*Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs*

## National Anthem

Anna Fernandez

*Music Theatre (2021)*

## Degree Conferer Remarks

Dr. A. Scott Weber

*Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs*

## Dean's Address

Dr. Jean Wactawski-Wende

*Dean*

*SUNY Distinguished Professor*

*Professor of Epidemiology and*

*Environmental Health*

*School of Public Health and Health*

*Professions*

## Commencement Address

Dr. Thomas Russo

*SUNY Distinguished Professor of Medicine*

*Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases*

*Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical*

*Sciences*

## Student Welcome

Emma Meore

*Exercise and Nutrition Science, Athletic*

*Training (2021)*

## Conferring Degrees

Dr. A. Scott Weber

*Provost and Executive Vice President for*

*Academic Affairs*

## Alumni Welcome

Dr. Gary Giovino

*Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs School of*

*Public Health and Health Professions*

## Alma Mater

Anna Fernandez

*Music Theatre (2021)*

## Closing Declaration

Dr. Gaspar Farkas

*Associate Dean for Academic and Student*

*Affairs*

## Pomp and Circumstance

Sir Edward Elgar

## SUNY Trustee and UB Officials

### Eunice Ashman Lewin

*Member of the State University of New York Board of Trustees*



President and co-founder of Impacto Consulting Associates, Eunice Ashman Lewin joined the SUNY Board of Trustees in February 2010. She helped reinstate the Student Life Committee, on which she is co-chair. In that capacity,

she spearheaded the creation of the Food Insecurity and the Mental Health task forces. Lewin serves on the board's Executive Committee and the committees for academic affairs, communications and external affairs, community colleges, and academic medical centers and hospitals.

A former commissioner of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, Lewin was a founding member of the Roswell Park Alliance and a board member of the Buffalo Urban League and Hispanics United of Buffalo. She is a member of the Hispanic Women's League and the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable. Earlier this year, she was named to the Western New York Health Equity Task Force to coordinate vaccine distribution for the region's counties.

A retired bilingual social worker for the Buffalo Board of Education, Lewin is a champion for STEM education.

Born in Guantanamo, Cuba, Lewin immigrated to the U.S. 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.

### Jeremy M. Jacobs

*Chairman of the University at Buffalo Council*



Jeremy M. Jacobs was appointed to the UB Council in 1997; in 1998, then-Gov. George Pataki named him chairman. Jacobs is chairman of Delaware North, a global hospitality company with customers in the United

States, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. The company's operations include food and retail at airports and sports venues, sports facility ownership and management, operations of parks and major tourist attractions, hotel ownership and management, gaming operations and fine dining.

Jacobs owns the Boston Bruins and serves as chairman of the National Hockey League's Board of Governors. In 2018, he received the sport's highest honor when he was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

An alumnus of UB's School of Management and Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program, Jacobs holds honorary doctorates in humane letters from UB, Canisius College, Niagara University and Johnson & Wales University. In 2015, his family donated \$30 million to advance UB's medical school, which was renamed the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Jacobs has served Western New York for more than four decades with his business expertise and philanthropic leadership, and Delaware North has received multiple awards for social responsibility, community service and environmental stewardship.

A longtime friend and supporter of UB, Jacobs has served as chairman, trustee and director of the UB Foundation, chairman of the President's Board of Visitors and adviser to the School of Management.

### 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 professor of computer science at the University of Maryland, including seven years as department chair.

Tripathi graduated at the top of his class from Banaras Hindu University (BHU). He holds a master's degree and a doctorate in computer science from the University of Toronto, as well as master's degrees in statistics from the University of Alberta and BHU. A fellow of the IEEE and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, he holds honorary doctorates from the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad, and Brock University in Canada.

A leader in the national higher education community, Tripathi serves as chair of the Mid-American Conference Council of Presidents and on the boards of the NCAA Division I, NCAA Board of Governors and College Football Playoff Board of Managers. A member of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Reimagine NY Commission, he has served on the boards of the Association of American Universities, the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. In 2011, Gov. Cuomo appointed Tripathi inaugural co-chair of the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council, a position he held until 2017.

## 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, responsible for leading the development and implementation of the

university's academic vision. Weber provides leadership across the academic enterprise including research, scholarship and creative activities; undergraduate, graduate, professional and international education; faculty development; diversity and inclusion initiatives; and university libraries.

A member of UB's faculty since 1983, Weber is an innovative scholar and teacher and former chair of UB's Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering, where he helped establish UB's transportation engineering program and oversaw the department's significant rise in national rankings among U.S. civil engineering programs. Weber has held progressively responsible administrative roles at UB, including senior vice provost and vice provost for academic affairs, where he was instrumental in the creation of the UB Curriculum and the nationally recognized Finish in 4 program; and vice president for student life, where he focused on enhancing the student experience on campus and promoting overall student wellness.

Weber's research focuses on biodegradation of chemicals in water and soil and the reclamation of environmentally impacted brownfield sites. He 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.

## Michael E. Cain

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



Michael E. Cain, MD, came to the University at Buffalo in 2006 from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, where he was director of the Cardiovascular Division and Tobias and Hortense Lewin Professor of Medicine.

Cain is a graduate of Gettysburg College and received his medical degree from George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. He completed training in internal medicine and cardiology at Barnes-Jewish Hospital/Washington University School of Medicine. He was a clinical/research fellow in clinical cardiac electrophysiology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

An internationally recognized physician-scientist, Cain specializes in cardiac electrophysiology, the examination of the heart's electrical system. He is a translational researcher, clinician and educator. His research, funded by the National Institutes of Health, has been directed at the electrophysiological determinants of ventricular tachycardia and fibrillation in the setting of healed myocardial infarction.

Cain is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology, the American Heart Association and the Heart Rhythm Society. He is a past president of the Association of Professors of Cardiology and the Heart Rhythm Society, and past chair of the board of directors of The Sarnoff Endowment for Cardiovascular Science.

He has received the Hans-Peter Krayenbuehl Memorial Award for Research in Cardiac Function from the International Academy of Cardiology, the American Heart Association's Arthur E. Strauss Award, the 2012 Resident/Fellow Achievement Award from Washington University School of Medicine and the 2013 Leadership Buffalo Value Award for Inclusion.

## Jean Wactawski-Wende

*Dean, School of Public Health and Health Professions  
SUNY Distinguished Professor  
University at Buffalo*



Jean Wactawski-Wende, PhD, is an epidemiologist who focuses her research on understanding factors that influence women's health. With more than 25 years of research experience, she is currently the principal investigator of UB's Women's Health Initiative (WHI) Center and also leads the WHI

Northeast Regional Center, comprising nine other institutions. Initiated in 1993, the WHI is an NIH-funded, multi-centered study that involves both randomized clinical trials and an observational longitudinal study examining the major factors influencing morbidity and mortality in older women. She has served in various leadership roles in WHI, including publications chair, and the WHI executive committee and is currently serving as the national chair of the WHI steering committee. Results of that work have been far reaching, impacting our understanding of long-term health in older women. For example, the Hormone Therapy trial revealed many risks associated with hormone therapy use, including increased risk of cardiovascular disease, stroke, cancer and dementia. Those findings changed the use of hormone therapy in older women world-wide.

In addition to the WHI, she has been principal investigator on dozens of research studies funded by the NIH and other federal agencies. Her interests include research on risk factors and prevention of cancer, osteoporosis and periodontal disease in postmenopausal women. She has also conducted several studies on reproductive health issues in younger women. As part of this work, she has led several large-scale prevention clinical trials in women.

She has served in many leadership roles at the university. She is currently serving as dean of the School of Public Health and Health Professions. Immediately prior to serving in this role, she served as vice provost for Strategic Initiatives and Research Advancement. In that role she coordinated and oversaw the university at Buffalo Strategic Strengths, the platform for interdisciplinary and collaborative research. Encompassing the breadth and depth of research at UB, the Strategic Strengths provide the vision and guidance to achieve UB2020. Wactawski-Wende also oversaw the UB Office for Research Advancement, which provides support for faculty to pursue large-scale, multi-investigator, cross-disciplinary research grants of institutional priority.

## Commencement Speaker



**Dr. Thomas Russo** is a SUNY Distinguished Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases in the Department of Medicine in the Jacobs School of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. His clinical and research focus is on infectious diseases. He cares for hospitalized patients at the Buffalo VA Medical Center (Buffalo VAMC).

After earning his undergraduate degree from Tufts University and his medical degree from McGill University, Dr. Russo completed a clinical and research fellowship in internal medicine and infectious diseases at Harvard Medical School and Tufts-New England Medical Center.

Following his fellowship, Russo was a senior staff fellow at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease's Laboratory of Clinical Investigation for five years before being appointed at UB in 1994.

Dr. Russo has been honored with numerous awards including the SUNY Inventor Award, as a Top 100 Principal Investigator, and the Stockton Kimball Award for consistent academic accomplishment, significant research discoveries, and contributions to the progress of the university and the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Throughout his career, Russo's research focus has been on pathogenesis, and drug and vaccine development against extraintestinal pathogenic *Escherichia coli*, *Acinetobacter baumannii*, and a new pathotype of *Klebsiella pneumoniae*. This work has been funded by NIH and the Veterans Administration.

Dr. Russo teaches medical students in lecture settings and small group sessions. He also teaches medical students, residents and fellows patient care at the VAMC. In addition, he mentors students, residents, and fellows in his laboratory.

Since the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic he has served as a resource to educate and inform the university, healthcare providers, the public, and businesses on how to best manage this evolving crisis.

# Candidates for Degrees

*Subject to the completion of all degree requirements, degrees will be conferred as indicated upon those individuals listed herein who were identified by April 3, 2021, and upon such others as may meet the requirements of their respective degrees. Candidates are listed according to actual date of degree conferral (August 2020, February 2021 and June 2021).*

## 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 2021 commencement programs, candidates for the June 2021 degree conferral date must qualify based upon their UB cumulative GPA through the Winter 2021 session and total number of UB credit hours projected through the Spring 2021 semester. Standings for Latin honors MAY change once final grades are posted or degrees conferred.

Cum laude is denoted by\*

Magna cum laude is denoted by\*\*

Summa cum laude is denoted by\*\*\*

## 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 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 WNY Prosperity Fellowship Medallion

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

## Non-Academic, University-Wide Recognition Items

### The Kente Stole

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

### The Rainbow Tassel

This tassel was received by students who participated in the Lavender Ceremony, celebrating achievements of graduating students who identify with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer community at UB.

### The Red, White and Blue Cord

This cord is being worn by graduating UB students who are reservists, members of the National Guard, newly commissioned officers or veterans of the United States armed forces.



## Doctorate Degrees

### Doctor of Philosophy

#### Department of Biostatistics

Chi Chen

*A Nuisance-Free Inference Procedure  
Accounting for the Unknown Missingness  
Mechanism*

Ziqiang Chen

*Selected Topics in Statistical Methods for  
Drug and Diagnostic Device Development*

Zehua Zhou

*An Estimation and Inferential Framework for  
Minimal Clinically Important Difference*

#### Department of Community Health and Health Behavior

Danielle M. Smith

*Co-occurring Use of Nicotine and Cannabis:  
Multiple Perspectives on a Complex  
Phenomenon*

#### Department of Epidemiology and Environmental Health

Zhongzheng (Jason) Niu

*Air Pollution, Telomere Length, and  
Cardiovascular Disease: A Life Course Study*

Amy Lynn Shaver

*Muscle Density as a Biomarker of Resilience  
in Head and Neck Cancer Patients*

#### Department of Exercise and Nutrition Science

Hayden Walter Hess

*Diver Physiology and Performance: Effects  
of Hydration Status, Hyperoxia, and Cold  
Stress*

#### Department of Rehabilitation Sciences

Fei (Fiona) Zhao

*Muscular and Cerebral Oxygenation  
Changes after Moderate-Intensity Exercise  
in Sedentary Older Adults with Type 2  
Diabetes*

### Doctor of Physical Therapy

#### Department of Rehabilitation Science

Rebecca Anderson

Jessica Bodie

Timothy Dontel Brown

Courtney Carella

Jerry Tyler Chan

Saira Chaudhry

Nicholas John Constantino

Samantha Curtis

Dominic Andrew Dalfonso

Richard Louis Deiboldt

Angelene Belle Dimaano

Brandon Duca

Erica Fischer

Heather Mae Gronkowski

Benjamin Kevin Haefner

Tessa Josie James

Kumudini Kelkar

Evan Thomas King

Sean Matthew Kishel

Madelyn Catherine Korol

Courtney Elizabeth Laderer

Timofey v Lepa

Kenneth Li

Julia Licciardi

Laura Lucas

Ashley Minderler

Thomas Benjamin Morog

Marvin Mui

Rachel A. Munnett

Alexis Lisa Peters

Nicholas C. Peters

Halle Ann Phillips

Amanda Pignato

Brandon Reilly

Meghan Roselli

Halle Sauer

Robert George Schwarztrauber

Navid Niyaz Siddiqui

Fernando Solis

Johnathan Song

Ivan Tam

Molly Tupta

Sean Michael Tyrell

Alec Ventimiglia

Christina Lynn Victor

Raymond Xu

## Masters Degrees

### Master of Art

#### Department of Biostatistics

Adam Paul Cunningham

Wanqing Tian

Xinlei Wan

### Master of Science

#### Department of Biostatistics

#### Bioinformatics and Biostats

Anya K. Fike

Joseph Gentile

Xinglin Jia

Matthew Jehrio

Michael Nicholas

Ruolin Tang

Rachael Tylock

Yujun Wang

#### Department of Community Health and Health Behavior

Danielle Tanis

#### Department of Epidemiology and Environmental Health

Runda Dahhan

#### Department of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences

#### Exercise Science

Jiing-Jiun Chang

Zhaohua (Danny) Guan

Wenjie Ji

Anisha Sunilkumar Panchal

Shraddha Vipin Paranjpe

#### Exercise Science/Athletic Training

Daniel Cox

Kara Haboian

Rylee Taylor Haffey

Brian Lee Hebbard

Sara Leilani Kolipinski

Anthony Joseph Laquitara

Emma Meore

Keiona Marie Nance

Jakob Eugene Strzelec

## **Nutrition**

### **Comprehensive Exam**

Rachel Ann Barich  
Brenna Biggs  
Adrianna Calabro  
Kaley M. Dewey  
Andrea Kathryn Less  
Megan Ashley McCann  
Summer Neu  
Christina Lynne Patterson  
Johnathan Przybysz  
Felicia Marie Ramallo  
Kelsey Rose Schaffstall  
Brenna Sleggs  
Heidi Marie Smith  
Madolyn R. Whitmarsh  
Valerie Renee Wolfe

### **Project Masters**

Divya Choudhary  
Emily E. Galbraith  
Tyler Adam Re

## **Master of Public Health**

### **Department of Community Health and Health Behavior**

Amanda Altman  
Elizabeth Marie Arenare  
Amanda Bahgat  
Cheyenne L. Barger  
Miranda Bosse  
Derek A. Burghardt  
Edward Butt  
Emily Autumn Bystrak  
Michael Canty  
Autum Carter  
Olivia Clare Case  
Alicia Claudio  
Katherine Elizabeth Connelly  
Juliana Lynn Dicecca  
Allison Emborsky  
Jennifer Ann Fillo  
Steven Jeffrey Gabriel  
Jennifer Gilbert  
Mark Hasman  
Emily M. Hayes

Samantha Hidalgo  
Laura M. Hoehn  
Jacquelyn Jordan  
Sylvia Kelly  
Sarah E. Lawrence  
Joshua Lembke  
Shavae Lewis  
Kaytlan Ann LoCicero  
Supriya D. Mahajan  
Morgan McDonald  
Julio Cesar Ramirez  
Brandon Reilly  
Halle Sauer  
Alexa Schenk  
Katherine Sessler  
Jonathan James Shaw  
Paige Sinsebox\*\*  
Alyssa Tzetz  
Spenser Ehrich Urban  
Elizabeth Walsh  
Kathleen Renee Warner  
Sophie Wisoff

### **Department of Epidemiology and Environmental Health**

Parveen Attai  
Kofi Biney  
Brittney L. Cantor  
Wonhee Cho  
Madison Cooper  
Tori Alexis Fox St Jacques  
Rebecca Hoelzl  
Arsh Issany  
Evan Gene Kessler  
Sadat Khan  
Andrea Kraft  
McKenzie Kuehlewind  
Kelly R. Law  
Erin Licherdell  
Jamie Christopher Light  
Albert Luong  
Carlos Ivan Martinez  
Arline Matias  
Geoffrey Masangya Mercene  
Megan Mihans  
Theresa M. Munroe  
Veer Vinod Nair  
Edward Pudim, III  
Zakiya M. Rhodie

Justin J. Rokisky Jr.  
Md Ashraful Islam Rony  
Jennifer Rowan  
Alora Leigh Rumfola  
Minhaz Mohammed Siddiqui  
Jordan Sobon  
Sarah Thomas  
Mikayla Rose Venditti Thompson  
Ryan Tober  
Theresa Adoma Tufuor  
Abisha Vijayshanthar  
Sang Kit Wat  
Nikolas Zaphiros  
Nadin Zejnilovic  
Minguang Zhang

## **Bachelor of Science/Master of Science**

### **Department of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences**

Lori Hatzinger  
Matthew Metz  
Daniel Kellogg Sweet

### **Department of Rehabilitation Science**

#### **Occupational Therapy**

Amanda Augesen  
Robert John Babajko  
Jennifer Behlmaier\*  
Julia Brennen  
Jessie Elizabeth Celebi  
Brandy Elizabeth Clarke\*\*  
Dana Cowley  
Leah Dennison  
Rebecca Don\*  
Ericka Marthajane Eades  
Richard Engel  
John Eno  
Sarah Frances Fiscus  
Katelyn Nicole Flanders\*  
Gillian L. Gitlin\*\*  
Lauren Helena Greatrix  
Katharine Anne Grosche  
Faith Hodges  
Elizabeth Kalappura  
Kayla Rose Kalbfell  
Jessica Lam  
Allison Laquidara

## Masters Degrees

Madison K. LaRocca  
Julia Laugeman  
Rebecca Lawrence  
Karen Stephanie Martinez  
Chelsea Isadora Meade  
Erin Milano  
Batool Mansour M. Nass\*  
My Ngo\*  
Maya Nolan  
Anna Olejniczak  
Christina Pastolero\*  
Eve Elizabeth Pauly\*  
Angella Maria Baldevia Pielago  
Yaw Poku  
Alana Jade Reimondo  
Paige Sarnataro  
Kristen Saskowski  
Nicole Scheck  
Dianna Serediuk  
Abigail Claire Silverman-Hrubes  
Natalie Ann Stocksclaeder  
Lexie Streitman  
Ashlee Tuschong  
Vivian Clark Vaisman  
Morgan Weber  
Bridget A. Whalen\*

# Baccalaureate Degrees

## Bachelor of Arts

### Department of Biostatistics

#### Statistics

Samantha Jane Brosius\*\*\*  
Paul Jacob Carwile\*\*  
Utkarsh Chaturvedi  
Joseph Esposito, Jr.  
Peter Daniel Henderson\*\*\*  
John Amos King  
Han Liu\*  
Cassandra Mari Lyman\*\*\*  
Angad Singh Minhas  
Michael Ryan McDonough  
Christian J. Orellana  
Robert Charles Osborne  
Saumya Pandey\*\*  
Soren Andres Przygocki\*\*\*  
Tyler Joseph Sanchez  
Brian Keith Schleede\*\*\*  
Connor Davis Seeley-Ion\*  
Kevin Joseph Steele  
Ariana Krysten Surguy-Bowers  
Hanyu Tian  
Ian Robert Unson\*\*\*  
Scott Wallace  
Zihao Wu  
Tong Yang\*

## Bachelor of Science

### Department Exercise and Nutrition Science

#### Exercise Science

Elsa Jane Antal\*\*  
Joseph Paul Bachraty  
Jade Akari Baltimore\*\*  
Erika Leanne Barnes  
Juliana Basla  
Gina Battaglia\*  
Brian R. Benson\*\*  
Gregory Jackson Berghash\*  
Carly Jule Bettinger  
Lucas Blaszyk  
Jordan Alexander Block\*\*  
Bradley Bonner\*

Brian Peter Boyne  
Maya Bryant  
Aaron Chen\*  
Kevin Chen\*  
Vincent Chen  
Mackenzie E. Clark  
Samantha K. Clark  
Jenny Lynn Comency\*  
Shayna Cooney  
Harrison John Courtin  
Kimberly Crosier\*  
Robert Neil Dempsey  
Candace Christine De Raffele\*\*\*  
Xavier J. Duque  
Nicole Encarnacion  
Meral Evke  
Rachel Lynn Franz\*  
Lillian Gavio  
Joshua Gho\*  
Sabrina Caroline Goldman  
Alyssa Marie Gowe\*\*  
Jessica Lillianna Gross  
Jessica Gugulski\*  
John Patrick Hall\*  
Stephanie Sunita Devi Harris\*  
Linda Claire Hatch  
Bo Alexander Henry\*  
Ezekiel Humphrey  
Hui Jin\*  
Alfred Berthol Joseph  
Sophia Anna Kesidis\*  
Benjamin Daniel Kinem  
Cameron Kirby  
Rebecca G. Knighton  
Ka Yuet Kwan  
Dustin Kwong  
Hannah Mackenzie Latour\*\*\*  
Justin Russell Lew\*  
Jinling Liang  
Siu Man Lin\*\*\*  
Jerry Lu\*\*\*  
Brandon LuShing\*  
Nicole Luengas\*  
Amanda Mangru  
Carter Martin\*\*  
Madelyn Elizabeth McNamara\*  
Victor Mccutcheon  
Richard Michel  
Emily Frances Morrison

Brendan Jerome Murphy  
Joseph Simone Nasr  
Ashleigh Nicolini  
Arinzechukwu Kennedy Ononiwu  
David Panfil\*\*\*  
Anneke Bianca Parkinson\*  
Raveena Mihirkumar Patel  
Tiffany Phan  
Briana Reinecke\*\*  
Jehryl Steven Richards\*  
Antonio Rizzo  
Ronan Schreer  
Emma Leigh Seiders\*  
Haley Erin Sheehan  
Carter Matthew Smith  
Lucrecia Souza  
Madeline Stoness  
Andrew Syvertsen\*  
Shuwen Tan\*  
Arianna Tia Tarantello  
Samirah Estelle-Lena Taylor  
Ramar Kadeem Thompson  
Madeleine Codjovi Tiadjeri  
William Michael Tompkins\*\*\*  
Alexa Elizabeth Tronolone\*\*  
Brandon Lawrence Voight  
Katie Ann Wackowski  
Noah Weisberg  
Ariel Whitman  
Collin Wyman\*  
Derrek Yang\*

### Department of Community Health and Health Behavior

### Department of Epidemiology and Environmental Health

#### Public Health

Malaike Addo\*\*\*  
Mya R. Agard\*  
Datima Martin Akpan\*  
Jenna Tarek Al-Naji\*\*  
Naftaly Kwarteng Amanin  
Crystal Asabor  
Anna Asare-Darko  
Aissatou Lamarana Bah  
Kevin Bajdel\*\*

## Baccalaureate Degrees

Abby Mae Baker  
Sibaridibo Banuna\*  
Farida Begum\*  
Svetlana Mary Bhalla\*\*\*  
Rachael A. Bioh  
Srima Biswas\*  
Megan Breen\*  
Georgia Brodie  
Cameron Edward Brooks\*  
Eryn Renae Broshar\*\*  
Alec Michael Buczynski  
Dayasiah Esperanza Burch\*  
Alec C. Butruch  
Sara Elizabeth Cilino  
Macit Citiroglu  
Ashley Justine Corning\*\*\*  
Caroline Elizabeth Conway  
Ryan Katherine Cronin\*  
Andrew Gerou Cunningham\*\*  
Jishanny Guadalupe De La Cruz  
Collin Raymond Delgado  
Liana Diaz  
Rachel Clancy Donaldson  
Bria Mae Elizabeth Fauzey  
Kathleen N. Frauel  
Sierra S. Gayton-Sawatzky\*  
Kennedy C. George\*\*\*  
Bradly Gill  
Morgan Ashley Gilliams  
Destini Nicole Griffith  
Britney D. Gutierrez  
Shannon Harvey  
Douglas Eric Hohenschuh  
Ashley L. Jelfo  
Fanta Jobarteh\*  
Benjamin Charles Kaiser  
Erin Shea Kenney\*  
Prathanashree Khadka Chhetri  
Tenzin Dolma Konnyer  
Roxanne Sidney Kouadio  
An Thanh Le\*  
Minyoung Lee  
Julie Lenyo  
Jiahui Li\*  
Annamarie Malik\*\*  
Taylor Mackenzie Manns  
Jenna Adelaide Mattson\*  
Malaiikha McCormick-Cisse\*  
Sean Patrick McGuire

Kelsey Lynn McMahon\*\*  
Alexandra Rose Miller\*  
Brooklynn Leone Monks\*  
Cindy Ng  
Michaela O'Brien  
Chrisunta Palma  
Odin Patanzo  
Sofia Amber Paulino  
Alondra Enid Pena-Merced  
Mauricio Jose Perez  
Jovanna Kelsey Phillips  
Joshua Porter  
Lauren Ashley Racz\*\*  
Rachel Nicole Rainey  
Sadia Rifah  
Alyssa Aileen Rios\*  
Christian Rivera  
Vanessa De Jesus Rodriguez-Reyes\*\*  
Brandon Conrad Roth  
Jahmakah-Lynn Nadira Seals  
Alexandra Taylor Seefeldt\*  
Ashiqi Merin Shaji  
Stanley William Sigl\*  
Paige Sinsebox  
Andrew James Smith  
Noah Solomom Taddesse  
Julia Patricia Tauriello\*\*  
Austin Daniel Tipping\*\*  
Taylor Simone Turner  
Daniellynn Anne B. Ursua\*  
Vondajai Netanya Walker  
Aisha Warsame  
Bridget Elizabeth Wild  
Ashley Williams  
Hillary Hairui Wu  
Wei Yao  
Mathew Jacob Yonks\*\*  
Sarah Zoutis

### Department of Rehabilitation Science

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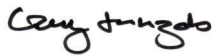
Congratulations! On behalf of the UB Alumni Association, I'm delighted to welcome you to your global network of more than 280,000 alumni. You've persevered during a year like no other, and we're proud of all you have accomplished.

As you begin your next chapter, please stay in touch! We have so many ways for you to remain connected—to UB and to each other—through email and social media, as well as through alumni events and volunteer opportunities happening across the country and around the world.

What does this mean for you in practical terms? It means that career help, volunteer opportunities, and engaging educational and social events are all yours for the taking. To learn more about what's available with your new alumni status, visit [buffalo.edu/alumni](http://buffalo.edu/alumni).

Remember, this isn't goodbye—it's WELCOME to the UB alumni family. We know you'll always be True Blue and will proudly keep your Horns Up, wherever you go and whatever you do. Contact the Office of Alumni Engagement at [ub-alumni@buffalo.edu](mailto:ub-alumni@buffalo.edu).

Go Bulls!



Gary J. Jastrzab, BA '76  
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*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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