



2024

**UB** University at Buffalo  
The State University of New York

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL



SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCES  
**COMMENCEMENT**  
GRADUATE CEREMONY 2

Saturday

May 18, 2024

1:00 PM

Alumni Arena

North Campus

Kemper E. Lewis

*Dean*

## Land Acknowledgment Statement

We would like to begin by acknowledging the land on which the University at Buffalo operates, which is the territory of the Seneca Nation, a member of the Haudenosaunee/Six Nations Confederacy. This territory is covered by The Dish with One Spoon Treaty of Peace and Friendship, a pledge to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. It is also covered by the 1794 Treaty of Canandaigua, between the United States Government and the Six Nations Confederacy, which further affirmed Haudenosaunee land rights and sovereignty in the State of New York. Today, this region is still the home to the Haudenosaunee people, and we are grateful for the opportunity to live, work, and share ideas in this territory.



# Program

## Processional

Selections from *Pomp & Circumstance*  
by *Edward Elgar*

## Opening Declaration

David Kofke  
*Mace Bearer, Walter E. Schmid Chair*  
*SUNY Distinguished Professor*  
*Director of Undergraduate Studies*  
*Department of Chemical and*  
*Biological Engineering*

## Welcome

Jeffrey R. Errington  
*Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs,*  
*School of Engineering and Applied Sciences*

## National Anthem

Kira Whitehead  
*BFA, Music Theatre '24*

## Introductions

Senior Associate Dean Errington

## Greetings

Satish K. Tripathi  
*University President*

## Remarks

Kemper E. Lewis  
*Dean, School of Engineering and*  
*Applied Sciences*

## SEAS Dean's Award for Achievement

Victor Bahl, BS EE '86, MS EE '88  
*Technical fellow and chief technology officer*  
*of Azure for Operators in Microsoft Strategic*  
*Missions and Technologies division*

## Student Address

Rahul A Thurairatnam  
*MS, Electrical Engineering '24*

## Conferring of Degrees

President Tripathi

## Alumni Welcome

Nathaniel Bolt, BS '11  
*President, UB Engineering and Applied*  
*Sciences Alumni Association*

## Alma Mater

Kira Whitehead  
*BFA, Music Theatre '24*

## Closing Declaration

David Kofke

## Recessional

Triumphal March from *Aida*  
by *Giuseppe Verdi*

# The UB Mace

The mace is part of the medieval traditions of the university. It was originally a weapon used to protect kings, but later became a symbol of enlightened authority.

The UB mace is designed to tell the story of UB and the Niagara Frontier. Fashioned by silversmith Hudson Roysher of Arcadia, Calif., it was used for the first time in 1962. Engraved atop a miniature walled structure representing the City of Buffalo are three arrows bound together, symbolizing the unity of UB and the city.

Other details include symbolic representations of the discovery of Lake Erie in 1669 by Joliet and early explorations by LaSalle. A crest symbolizes UB's role as a dynamic center of human growth and welfare. The motto "University and City Community" is lettered in Latin around the knob of the shaft.



# 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, which she co-chairs. In

this role, 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. In 2022, Lewin was named co-chair of the 5/14 Remembrance Committee to honor the mass shooting victims of the May 14 tragedy in East Buffalo.

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

Born in Guantanamo, Cuba, Lewin immigrated to the 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.

In 2024, Tripathi was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. A fellow of IEEE and AAAS, he has published more than 200 scholarly papers, supervised more than 30 doctoral and postdoctoral students and served on program committees of numerous international conferences.

Tripathi graduated at the top of his class from Banaras Hindu University (BHU). He holds a master's degree and 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. He has received honorary doctorates from the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad, and Brock University in Canada.

Tripathi is co-chair of the Association of American Universities (AAU) Task Force on Expanding U.S.-India University Partnerships, and he serves on the College Football Playoff Board of Managers. Previously, he was chair of the Mid-American Conference Council of Presidents and Internet 2. He also served on the boards of the AAU, the NCAA Division I, the NCAA Board of Governors, the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities and the 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; diversity and inclusion initiatives; and university libraries. Weber is leading the implementation of the university's vision to be recognized among the top 25 public research universities in the nation, focused on building on UB's strengths to achieve new levels of excellence in research, scholarship, education, clinical care and engagement.

A 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. 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 serves on New York's Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Board for Chemical Waste Management. He is a former board member and current advisory committee member of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County.

Weber earned bachelor's and master's of science degrees in civil engineering from Virginia Polytechnical Institute and a PhD in civil engineering from the University of California, Davis.

## **Kemper E. Lewis**

*Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences*



Kemper E. Lewis, PhD, MBA, and dean of UB's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, is a global leader in engineering design, system optimization, and advanced manufacturing. He served as chair of the

Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering prior to being named dean in 2020; and was the inaugural Moog Professor of Innovation, a role he held until 2022.

Lewis is also the director of UB's Community of Excellence in Sustainable Manufacturing and Advanced Robotic Technologies (SMART), an initiative that harnesses the strengths of faculty across the university to develop advanced manufacturing and design processes, including autonomy, intelligence, and materials technologies.

He is a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), and has served on the National Academies Panel on Benchmarking the Research Competitiveness of the United States in Mechanical Engineering. He has published over 200 refereed journal articles and conference proceedings and has been principal or co-principal investigator on grants totaling more than \$33 million.

He has received numerous awards in recognition of his teaching and research excellence from several professional societies, including ASME, the Society of Automotive Engineers, the American Society for Engineering Education, and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Lewis joined UB in 1996. He earned a BS in mechanical engineering and a BA in mathematics from Duke University, his MS and PhD in mechanical engineering from Georgia Tech, and an MBA from UB.

## Dean's Award for Achievement

### Victor Bahl, BS EE '86, MS EE '88



Each year, the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences gives its highest honor, the Dean's Award for Achievement, to someone who has made a substantial contribution to the practice of engineering or the applied sciences and/or has had an exceptional professional career. This year, it is with great pleasure that the school honors Victor Bahl. Victor Bahl, BS EE '86, MS EE '88 is a technical fellow and chief technology officer of

Azure for Operators in Microsoft Strategic Missions and Technologies division. Prior to this, he was the founding director of networking research in Microsoft and a member of the senior leadership team in Microsoft Research. With over 35 years of industry and research experience, Dr. Bahl advises Microsoft's CEO and senior leadership team on long-term strategy related to NextG, edge computing, cloud infrastructures, networked systems, mobile computing & wireless systems. He is the original co-inventor of the edge computing paradigm and architecture and thought leader behind industry-wide edge computing products. He is also one of the architects of the telecommunications and cloud convergence strategy that led to the creation of Microsoft's Azure for Operators business.

Dr. Bahl has delivered numerous foundational technologies to Microsoft Azure, XBOX and Windows that also span the industry. They shaped new datacenter architectures, new networking protocols and optimizations, new network management systems and new consumer experiences. A few well-known technologies he delivered include the world's first Wi-Fi hotspot network, the world's first radio frequency based indoor localization system, the world's first Multi-radio network and the world's first wireless virtualization architecture. His evangelism and technical contribution and advocacy of dynamic spectrum access led to the United States FCC opening 180 MHz of spectrum for unlicensed use. He has published over 130 papers with over 76,000 citations; he is the author/co-author of over 200 patents and has won three test of time and four best paper awards. For his professional and research leadership he has received numerous prestigious awards including four lifetime achievement awards from the ACM and IEEE organizations. He is the founder/co-founder of ACM SIGMOBILE, MobiSys, GetMobile and several other important conferences and journals. He received his BSEE and MSEE degrees in 1986 and 1988 from the University at Buffalo and his Ph.D. in 1997 from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Dr. Bahl is a Fellow of ACM, IEEE, and AAAS. The University at Buffalo is honored to recognize Victor Bahl as an alumnus of great distinction, whose career achievements merit our highest regard.

## Past Recipients of the Dean's Award for Achievement

### 1978

James W. McLernon, BS IE 1950, DocHCL (Hon) 1998  
*President, Volkswagen Manufacturing Corporation of America*

### 1979

Wilson Greatbatch, MS EE 1956, ScD (Hon) 1984  
*President, Wilson Greatbatch, Limited*

### 1980

Paul E. Mohn  
*Professor Emeritus and former Dean  
School of Engineering and Applied Sciences  
University at Buffalo*

### 1981

James DeSerio  
*President, DeSerio Engineers*

### 1982

Martin Kasbohm  
*Director, Research and Development  
Linde Division, Union Carbide Corporation*

### 1983

Charles M. Fogel, BS PHY 1935  
*Professor and Director of Industrial Liaison  
School of Engineering and Applied Sciences  
University at Buffalo*

### 1984

William C. Moog, Jr.  
*Chairman and President, Moog, Incorporated*

### 1985

Howard E. Strauss, MS ME 1954  
*Professor and Associate Dean  
School of Engineering and Applied Sciences  
University at Buffalo*

### 1986

Gregory B. Jarvis, BS EE 1967,  
*Awarded Posthumously  
Hughes Aircraft Company  
NASA Payload Specialist*

### 1987

H. Robert Leland  
*President, Calspan Corporation*

### 1988

Henry P. Semmelhack  
*President, Barrister Information Systems Corporation*

### 1989

Gerald D. Albertson  
*Vice-President, Linde Division, Union Carbide Corporation*

### 1990

Ray W. Judson  
*President, The Parsons Corporation*

- 1991**  
Sol W. Weller  
Furnas Professor Emeritus  
*School of Engineering and Applied Sciences*  
*University at Buffalo*
- 1992**  
Lee H. Runk, BS IE 1961  
*President, Harvard Industries, Inc.*
- 1993**  
Irving H. Shames  
*Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus*  
*School of Engineering and Applied Sciences*  
*University at Buffalo*
- 1994**  
Robert H. Goldsmith, BS ME 1951  
*Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer*  
*Exten Industries, Inc.*
- 1995**  
Hatim A. Tyabji, MS EE 1969, DocHL (Hon) 2001  
*Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer*  
*VeriFone, Inc.*
- 1996**  
Anthony L. Russo, PhD ME 1969  
*Executive Director*  
*Calspan-University at Buffalo Research Center (CUBRC)*  
*Vice President*  
*Calspan Corporation's Advanced Technology Center*
- 1997**  
Calvin C. Chien, MS CIE 1970, PhD CIE 1974  
*Environmental Fellow, DuPont Company*
- 1998**  
Hiroshi Morihara, PhD ME 1971  
*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Peninsula Laboratories, Inc.*  
*President, Via Press, Inc.*  
*President, CGC, Inc.*
- 1999**  
Eli Ruckenstein  
*Distinguished Professor*  
*Department of Chemical Engineering*  
*School of Engineering and Applied Sciences*  
*University at Buffalo*
- 1999**  
John Zahorjan, PhD IE 1974  
*Adjunct Professor*  
*Department of Industrial Engineering*  
*School of Engineering and Applied Sciences*  
*University at Buffalo*
- 2000**  
Erich Bloch, BS EE 1952, ScD (Hon) 1985  
*Distinguished Fellow, Council on Competitiveness*  
*Principal, Washington Advisory Group, LLC*
- 2001**  
Henry Stone, BS ME 1949  
*Vice President, retired, General Electric*
- 2002**  
Lawrence L. Peckham, BS IE 1969  
*Founder, LPA Associates*
- 2003**  
Hadi Makarechian, BS CIE 1972  
*Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer*  
*Capital Pacific Holdings, Inc.*
- 2004**  
George C. Lee  
*Samuel P. Capen Professor of Engineering and Dean Emeritus*  
*School of Engineering and Applied Sciences*  
*University at Buffalo*
- 2005**  
Steven L. Lerner  
*Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer*  
*Praxair*
- 2006**  
Douglas P. Taylor, BS ME 1971  
*President, Taylor Devices, Inc.*  
*President, Tayco Developments, Inc.*
- 2007**  
Mark H. Karwan  
*Professor and Dean Emeritus*  
*School of Engineering and Applied Sciences*  
*University at Buffalo*
- 2008**  
Norman R. McCombs, BS ME 1968  
*Senior Vice President*  
*AirSep Corporation*
- 2009**  
Gina Bronkie Hammond, MS CS 1973  
*Director, Computer Science Corporation's North America Public Sector, Defense Division*
- 2010**  
Russell L. Agrusa, BS EE 1976  
*Founder, President, and Chief Executive Officer*  
*ICONICS*
- 2011**  
Scott D. Stevens, PE, BS CIE 1979  
*Founder and Chief Executive Officer*  
*Dimension Fabricators, Inc.*
- 2012**  
James P. Smist, BS CE 1980  
*President*  
*Dean and Company*
- 2013**  
John R. "Jack" Davis, BS IE 1955  
*Founder and Owner*  
*I Squared R Element Company, Inc.*
- 2014**  
Stephen E. Still, BS CIE 1976  
*Founder and Managing Director, Seabury Airline Planning Group, LLC*
- 2015**  
Krishna Kolluri, MS IE 1988  
*General Partner*  
*New Enterprise Associates*
- 2016**  
Norman Hayes, BS EE & BA CS 1980  
*Director of ASIC Engineering, Analog Bits*
- 2017**  
Ann Wegrzyn, BS IE 1985, MBA 1990  
*CIO, National Fuel Gas*
- 2018**  
Gina Lee-Glauser, BS MAE 1982, MS MAE 1988  
*Vice President for Research and Scholarship, Clarkson University*
- 2019**  
Jonathan Watts, P.E., BS IE 2000, BS CIE 2003  
*Vice President, Watts Architecture and Engineering*
- 2020**  
Robert G. Harrison, P.E. BS ME  
*Vice President Engineering and Construction*  
*Transmission Developers, Inc.*
- 2021**  
John K. Schneider, PhD EE '90  
*Vice President of Technology for Qualcomm*
- 2022**  
Dinah Gueldenpfennig Weisberg, BS '87  
*Chief Executive Officer and President, REDCOM Laboratories Inc.*
- 2023**  
Laura J. Pyrak-Nolte, BS'81  
*Distinguished Professor of Physics and Astronomy, Purdue University*



## Student Speaker

### **Rahul A Thurairatnam** *MS Electrical Engineering*



Rahul A Thurairatnam of Johor Bahru, Malaysia, graduates with a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering. Rahul works on campus as a cleanroom technician in the Davis Hall Electrical Engineering Cleanroom, as well as a Student Assistant Supervisor at UBIT Help Center. Before coming to UB, he worked at Micron Singapore as an Automated Materials Handling System (AMHS) technician, working on the robots that transport

semiconductor wafers from one process machine to another.

Rahul has participated and led STEM workshops in Malaysia and Singapore, and took part and facilitated events for Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) which is organized by the United States Mission to ASEAN.

## Alumni Speaker

### **Nathaniel Bolt, BS '11** *President, UB Engineering and Applied Sciences Alumni Association*



Nate Bolt graduated from UB in 2011 with his BS in Civil Engineering and his MBA from Niagara University in 2014. He began his career working for Turner Construction within many roles including field engineer, assistant superintendent, cost engineer and project manager. Notable projects he has been on with Turner include UB Davis Hall, Kaleida GVI, Children's Hospital of Buffalo, Niagara Wheatfield Schools and Lockport

Schools Capital Projects. Nate is now the Assistant Director of Construction Delivery for UB Facilities, a role that involves overseeing the teams of project managers, estimators and self-perform group for the majority of construction projects at all three campus locations.

He serves on multiple boards including the UB Engineering and Applied Sciences Alumni Association, Cornerstone Community Federal Credit Union Committees and the Lockport Ice Arena. Nate enjoys spending time with his wife and young daughter, attending UB Bulls games and mentoring students.

## The First Commencement

The first commencement of The University of Buffalo was held at the First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, June 16, 1847, when medical degrees were conferred on seventeen "young gentlemen." The event was witnessed by "quite a large concourse of our citizens, as the occasion was a novelty here," according to the newspaper report.

After an impressive and appropriate prayer, the Honorable Millard Fillmore, Chancellor, delivered an address dealing principally with a historical sketch of the rise and progress of education in Buffalo. Following music by the choir and conferring of degrees, Professor Hamilton spoke to the graduates. His address was described in a local newspaper the following day as a "feeling and beautiful effort complete with high sentiments, of sound morality and enlarged and pure philanthropy, which, if made the rule and guide of the young gentlemen to whom it was more immediately directed, cannot fail of making them ornaments to their profession and to society . . . in thought, word and deed."

After 16 weeks of study, which in those days was the entire medical preparation, each graduate was cited for having "specialized" in one of the following: Hernia, Empiricism, Remittant Fever, Pneumonities, Mania Potu, Puerperal Fever, Erythema, Anatomical Fractures, Typhoid Fever, Pneumonia, Acute Laryngitis, History of Physiology, Dyspepsia, Haemorrhagi, Inflammatory Croup, Pregnancy, Scarlatina.

The students had paid \$62.00 for all the lectures in the entire course, plus a \$3.00 matriculation fee, \$5.00 for a "demonstrator's ticket," and \$20.00 for a graduation fee. Board, including fuel and light, cost from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per week.

# Academic Costume

The traditional costume worn at commencement exercise is a record of academic achievement of the individuals taking part. Its use, which originated at English and European universities during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, came to the United States in 1754 with the founding of what is now Columbia University.

In 1895 the Intercollegiate Commission, a group of leading American educators, met at Columbia to draft a code which would serve to regulate the design of gowns and hoods for various degrees as well as to fix the colors that indicate the various faculties. This code has been adopted by most of the colleges and universities in America. It was revised in 1932 and again in 1959.

The level of degree held is indicated by the gown's cut. Doctoral gowns have full sleeves which are round and open. Gowns worn by bachelors have long pointed sleeves, and those worn by masters have long, closed, somewhat fuller sleeves which reach nearly to the wearer's knees. The arm goes through a slit, giving the appearance of short sleeves.

The color as well as cut of the gown varies. Although most doctoral gowns are black, in some cases their color is that of the university conferring the degree. The doctoral gown is trimmed in velvet; it has three two-inch bars on the sleeves and a five-inch border extending from the back of the neck down the two sides in front. Although usually black, the velvet may be of a color that indicates the nature of the degree. For the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, the color is dark blue, engineers may also wear orange; for Doctor of Medicine, green; for Doctor of Dentistry, lilac; for Doctor of Education, light blue; for Doctor of Science, golden yellow; for Doctor of Law, purple; for Doctor of Social Work, citron, etc. Master's and bachelor's gowns have no facing.

The hood seems to have had a more practical origin. During the Middle Ages monks wore them to protect their shaved heads in the winter and as a container in which to collect alms. It is the most significant part of the academic dress. Its shape and size indicates the degree of the wearer, the color of the velvet border indicates the academic field, and the color of the lining indicates the institution granting the degree. The bachelor's hood is three feet long and has a two-inch velvet border, the master's is three and one-half feet long and has a three-inch border, and the doctor's is four feet with a five-inch border. The State University of New York at Buffalo hood is lined with blue and gold stripes; orange signifies engineering.

The mortarboard cap has been conventionalized from the skull cap which was worn by monks of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. The mortarboard is usually black. Tassels are worn over the left front quarter by degree holders; candidates wear the tassel over the right front quarter until the degree is conferred.

# School Leadership and Distinguished Faculty

## Dean

Kemper E. Lewis  
*Dean*

## Associate Deans

Rajan Batta  
*Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Recognition, SUNY Distinguished Professor, Industrial and Systems Engineering*

Jeffrey R. Errington  
*Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Chemical and Biological Engineering*

Moises Sudit  
*Associate Dean for Research, Industrial and Systems Engineering*

Kristen R. Moore  
*Associate Dean for Equity and Inclusion, Department of Engineering Education, Department of English*

Kevin M. Burke  
*Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Electrical Engineering*

## Department Chairs

Jonathan P. Bird  
*Electrical Engineering*

Francine Battaglia  
*Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

David Doermann  
*Computer Science and Engineering*

James N. Jensen  
*Engineering Education*

Victor L. Paquet  
*Industrial and Systems Engineering*

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

Krishna Rajan  
*Materials Design and Innovation*

Mark T. Swihart  
*Chemical and Biological Engineering*

Yun Wu  
*Biomedical Engineering*

## SUNY Distinguished Professors

Stylios T. Andreadis  
*Chemical and Biological Engineering*

Rajan Batta  
*Industrial and Systems Engineering*

Ann M. Bisantz  
*Industrial and Systems Engineering*

Michel Bruneau  
*Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering*

Deborah Chung  
*Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

Michael C. Constantinou  
*Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering*

John Crassidis  
*Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

Amit Goyal  
*Chemical and Biological Engineering*

Venugopal Govindaraju  
*Computer Science and Engineering*

Quanxi Jia  
*Materials Design and Innovation*

David A. Kofke  
*Chemical and Biological Engineering*

Vladimir Mitin  
*Electrical Engineering*

Paras Prasad  
*Electrical Engineering*

Thomas Thundat  
*Chemical and Biological Engineering*

Chunming Qiao  
*Computer Science and Engineering*

Krishna Rajan  
*Materials Design and Innovation*

Mark T. Swihart  
*Chemical and Biological Engineering*

Andrew S. Whittaker  
*Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering*

## SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professors

Mark H. Karwan  
*Industrial and Systems Engineering*

Carl R. Lund  
*Chemical and Biological Engineering*

Joseph C. Mollendorf  
*Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

Johannes M. Nitsche  
*Chemical and Biological Engineering*

# School of Engineering and Applied Sciences Dean's Advisory Council

Michael J. Cadigan\*, Chair  
*Chief Quality Officer, GlobalFoundries*

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*Founder, President and CEO, ICONICS, Inc. (Retired)*

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*Chief Operating Officer, VanDeMark Chemical, Inc.*

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*Vice President-Engineering, Moog, Inc., Space and Defense Group*

Julie Cercone\*  
*Information Security Professional – Lead Analyst, Citi*

Daniel D'Angelo, P.E.\*  
*Principal Civil Engineer, Applied Research Associates*

Dennis Elsenbeck\*  
*Head of Energy and Sustainability, Phillips Lytle LLP Energy Consulting Services*

Mark Glauser\*  
*Professor Emeritus, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, College of Engineering and Computer Science, Syracuse University*

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*Consultant to the Energy Industry and former Enterprise Category Manager, Royal Dutch Shell*

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*Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, New York Power Authority*

Steve Kreenser\*  
*CFO, Alkuri Global Acquisition Corp.*

Anil Kshirsagar\*  
*Executive Chair, CAPIOT Software, Inc*

Mike Kurdziel\*  
*Principal Fellow and Engineering Director for the Chief Engineering Systems and Technology Group, L3Harris Technologies*

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*Vice President for Research, Syracuse University (Retired)*

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*Principal Engineering Fellow, Hardware Engineering Center, Raytheon Intelligence and Space*

Ashish Shah\*  
*Vice President of Research and Development, Viant Medical*

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*Joe W. Forehand/Accenture Distinguished Professor of the Industrial and Systems Engineering Department, Auburn University*

Stephen E. Still\*  
*Professor of Practice, Institute for Sustainable Transportation and Logistics, University at Buffalo*

Subbarao Vanka\*  
*President, NW Engineering Consultants, Inc.*

Chris Wan  
*Founder, Dyno Group Inc.*

Jonathan Watts, P.E.\*  
*Director of Operations, Nelson Nygaard*

Jim Wehrfritz\*  
*Executive, Exxon and ExxonMobil (retired)*

Candace Yano  
*Kallbach Professor of Business Administration, Morris Chang Chair in Management of Technology Innovation, University of California, Berkeley*

\*School alum



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

# 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 13, 2024, and upon such others as may meet the requirements of their respective degrees. Candidates are listed according to actual date of degree conferral (August 2023, February 2024 and June 2024).*

## Academic Recognition Items

### **The Gold Cord**

This cord is awarded to bachelors degree recipients who are graduating with Latin honors.

### **The Grey and Red Stole**

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

### **The White Stole**

This stole was received by graduating members of Tau Beta Pi, an academic honor society representing the entire engineering profession.

### **The SUNY Chancellor's Medallion**

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

### **The 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.



# Master's Degrees

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## Master of Engineering in Chemical Engineering

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### June 2024

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## Master of Professional Studies in Data Sciences & Applications

### August 2023

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Vinay Kumar Reddy Chittimilla  
Piyush Varsha Chunduru  
Venkata Sai Pavan Karthik Devalla  
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Kavya Reddy Guntaka  
Tabinda Hayat  
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Bhuvanendra Jonnalagadda  
Bindu Kalam  
Hruthika Kancharla  
Jishnu Rahul Kanisetty  
Nithin Karanam  
Dharani Katamreddy  
Rashmitha Reddy Keesara  
Ekamjot Kaur Khaira  
Nithin Raj Kore  
Pranav Kirtibhai Kotak  
Sai Jayavardhana Reddy Kotla  
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Nikhileswar Mada  
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Bharanidhar Reddy Marthala  
Swapna Medam  
Ashwini Shivaji Meher  
Yeshwanth Reddy Mendu  
Sainath Reddy Nagireddy  
Sai Kumar Nalla  
Vamshi Krishna Reddy Nandhyala  
Vidushi Ojha  
Lalithsai Padakula  
Praneeth Padala  
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Lakshmi Praneeth Revanth Kumar Potu  
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Sharuk Shaik  
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Hussain Khojehema Vakharwala  
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Sathwik Varikoti  
Achal Vats  
Sreerag Venugopalan  
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Varsha Vishwakarma  
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### June 2024

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Harshitha Kanta  
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Srinivas Madival  
Prem Sajani Madugula  
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Pavan Kalyan Reddy Mallavarapu  
Sharath Chandra Malyala  
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Jairam Marndi  
Jyosna Reddy Matta  
Fanxu Meng  
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Konda Reddy Padala  
Mini Palepu  
Sateesh Reddy Patlolla  
Sreya Sathvik Patri  
Venkata Sai Meghamala Pavani  
Sravan Perisetty  
Haarika Polukanti  
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Sri Harsha Potturu  
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Vineeth Rekha  
Vamsi Priya Sajjarao  
Praniitha Reddy Samala  
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Hrithikesh Sankineni  
Prachi Sinha  
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## Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering

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## Master of Science in Chemical Engineering

### August 2023

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## **Master of Science in Electrical Engineering**

### **August 2023**

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Shubham Sharma  
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## **Master of Science in Engineering Science; Artificial Intelligence**

### **August 2023**

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Sai Sri Krishna Chaitanya Nimmagadda  
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## **Master of Science in Engineering Science; Clean Energy**

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Saumya Buliya  
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Sri Maniteja Chinnam  
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Shraddha Sudhakar Dangare  
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Vishal Das  
Niharika Dhapola  
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Narasimha Gaonkar  
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Nihareeka Suneel Gote  
Jaipriya Gunasekar  
Harshitha Gundra  
Shreya Guru  
Sree Raga Lahari Guttikonda  
Aishwarya Halvagal Veeresh  
Suryatej Hittala Mathada  
Nishant Varma Indukuri  
Lavan Theja Jada  
Lokesh Surendra Jain  
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Pritish Kamble  
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Gopika Koranath  
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Saish Suhas Mandavkar  
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Sankalp Mehani  
Shubham Sanjay Misar  
Nihal Mishra  
Deepak Raj Mohan Raj  
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Sai Bhavya Myla  
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Bala Balaji Bharadwaj Nemani  
Himavanth Reddy Nomula  
Meghna Pal  
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Rahul Teja Veeravarapu  
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Sai Teja Billakanti  
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Ritaban Mitra  
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Sidharth Muraleedharan  
Mohith Sai Nattam  
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Naga Manasa Palaparathi  
Nithin Kumar Palli  
Priya Ghanshyambhai Patel  
Rohan Ishwarlal Patel  
Akshat Pathak  
Bahalul Khan Pathan  
Yash Madhukar Patil  
Ayeshee Patra  
Jayakrishna Pavuluri  
Tejesh Pawar  
Akshaya Peduru  
Divya Polavarapu  
Bharath Kumar Polisetty  
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Adhisheshu Dathatraya Sesha Battar  
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Shashavali Baba Shaik  
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Sanasi Sittani  
Aditi Soni  
Arjun Srinivasan  
Vineesh Sriramoju  
Naga Venkata Sai Kumar Tadi  
Vedanth Takkalge  
Chaitanya Kumar Reddy Talla  
Varshini Tammineedi  
Hemanth Thaluru  
Jay Yogesh Thanki  
Satyam Tiwari  
Sri Guna Kaushik Undru  
Bhargava Ungata  
Kuldeep Bhurabhai Vadhiya  
Nithish Kumar Valluru  
Kumaramangalam Vangavolu  
Anuragh Vasam  
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## Master of Science in Engineering Science; Engineering Sustainability

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## Master of Science in Engineering Science; Internet of Things

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## Master of Science in Engineering Science; Robotics

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Aditya Divyakant Bhatt  
Sai Karthik Mahesh Reddy Chaganti  
Raghav Singh Chauhan  
Vaibhav Rajaram Dholam  
Yashom Narendra Dighe  
Jaya Sanker Reddy Eeda  
Parvani Ghosh  
Chetan Anil Gidvir  
Gautam Gupta  
Naga Sai Surya Guttikonda  
Sanket Sadashiv Jadhav  
Sen Jiang  
Ninad Naresh Kale  
Kamala Krishnan  
Shreeya Vinod Kulkarni  
Bedanta Bikash Lahkar  
Praveen Raj Masilamani  
Mohammed Faseeh Uddin  
Arun Kumar Myla  
Sai Siddarth Nichenametla  
Nikhil Naveen Chandra  
Dhruv Vinodchandra Patel  
Vignesh Prakash  
Shanmukh Sri Krishna Punukollu  
Ashish Pyla  
Smit Makarand Rajguru  
Lakshmi Ramaswamy Vishwanath  
Ayush Rawat  
Sriram Saireddy

Anupam Sharma  
Prajwal Shubhodaya Shetty  
Shivani Shingne  
Anamika Singh  
Suryaveer Singh  
Haripranesh Soundararajan  
Venkata Harikrishna Talapala  
Sashank Tamilarasan  
Vaishnavi Pawan Tiwari  
Yash Ashvin Vaidya  
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# Doctorate Degrees

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## Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering

### February 2024

Kyle Anthony Weeks  
Major Professor: Albert Titus

Wenhan Zheng  
Major Professor: Jun Xia

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Major Professor: Yun Wu

Moustafa Taha Elsayed Mohamed Mabrouk  
Major Professor: Jonathan Lovell

Kevin Alan McPhillips  
Major Professor: Mark Ehrensberger

Jesse D Schmitz  
Major Professor: Mark Ehrensberger

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Major Professor: Ciprian Ionita, Umesh Sharma

## Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Engineering

### August 2023

Panagiotis Chrysinas  
Major Professor: Rudiyanto Gunawan

Emmanuel Reginald Jacques  
Major Professor: Paschalis Alexandridis

Emmanuel Mahangayiko Nsengiyumva  
Major Professor: Paschalis Alexandridis

### February 2024

Taliehsadat Alebrahim  
Major Professor: Haiqing Lin

Debanik Choudhury  
Major Professor: Stylianos Andreadis

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### June 2024

Shema Rachel Abraham  
Major Professor: Mark Swihart

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Major Professor: Ashlee Ford Versypt

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Major Professor: Haiqing Lin

Priyanshu Vishnoi  
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## Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering

### August 2023

Rodrigo Napoleon Castillo Perez  
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Kaiser Mahmood  
Major Professor: Panagiotis Anastasopoulos

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## Doctor of Philosophy in Computational and Data Enabled Sciences

### August 2023

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Major Professor: Rachael Hageman Blair

### February 2024

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Major Professor: Margarete Jadamec

### June 2024

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Major Professor: Sarah Muldoon

## **Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering**

### **August 2023**

Vaishak Prathap

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Yue Wang

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Major Professor: Kwang Oh

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Major Professor: Uttam Singiseti

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### **June 2024**

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Major Professor: Vasili Perebeinos

Anindita Chakravarty

Major Professor: Huamin Li

Jiangqi Hu

Major Professor: Zhangyu Guan

Sudipto Saha

Major Professor: Uttam Singiseti

Zhongchang Sun

Major Professor: Shaofeng Zou

## **Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental and Water Resources Engineering**

### **August 2023**

Tashfia Mosharraf Mohona

Major Professor: Ning Dai

### **June 2024**

Zachary Kralles

Major Professor: Ning Dai

## **Graduate Student Organizations**

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# History of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

*In celebrating this commencement, the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS) marks 78 years of educational and research excellence and service to the technology community, to New York State, and to society at large.*

## The Founding of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Engineering courses were initially offered by the College of Arts and Sciences, which began granting a Certificate in Engineering in 1929. Early programs were established in engineering science, mechanical engineering, industrial engineering, and electrical engineering. Then in 1946, 100 years after the University at Buffalo was founded, the School of Engineering was established. The school was initially authorized to offer both bachelor's and master's degrees. Departments of civil engineering and chemical engineering were added in 1958 and 1961, respectively. In 1962, the university joined the State University of New York (SUNY) higher education system, and by 1967, the name of the school had been changed to the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Sciences. One year later, aerospace engineering was added, and a comprehensive engineering school was achieved. An undergraduate program in engineering physics was added in 1985, and four years later, in 1989, the unit changed its name to the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

In 1998, a new Department of Computer Science and Engineering was formed by merging the computer science program from the College of Arts and Sciences with the computer engineering component of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering in SEAS. Since that time, three new departments have been created. In 2010, a new Department of Biomedical Engineering was formed in collaboration with the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at UB. Then in 2014, a new Department of Materials Design and Innovation was established in collaboration with the College of Arts and Sciences. The newest Department of Engineering Education was established in 2018.

SEAS has come a long way since 1946, when it first held courses in the newly dedicated Karr Parker Engineering Building on South Campus. Parker Hall was immediately enlarged to accommodate traditional students and returning G.I.s intent on pursuing engineering careers after WWII. In the mid-70s to mid-80s, the school moved to five new buildings on the North Campus: Bell, Bonner, Furnas, Jarvis, and Ketter Halls. Davis Hall opened in 2011, featuring an environmentally friendly design and construction. Together, these buildings form an outstanding educational and research facility, comprising 275,000 square feet of laboratory and office space. Due to the recent growth in enrollment within SEAS, the school also occupies space in Capen Hall, Baldy Hall and Lockwood Memorial Library. To

accommodate this continued growth, the school plans to construct a new \$102 million building on the North Campus that features collaborative spaces for student clubs, maker space, and facilities that support entrepreneurship and student startups. Supported by \$68 million in funding from New York State, the new building will be an embodiment of our vision for 21st-century engineering: collaborative, innovative, entrepreneurial, and exciting.

## Faculty and Leadership: A Heritage of Vision and Talent

SEAS has enjoyed consistent success, in large part, because of its leadership. Over the course of its 77 years, 13 distinguished educators have served as leaders of the school. In 1946, Paul E. Mohn became the first dean. His 13-year tenure as dean lent stability to the young school. Frederick H. Thomas served as acting dean from 1959–1960. E. Arthur Trabant was dean from 1960–1966; and Howard E. Strauss was acting dean from 1966–1967. When the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Sciences became the administrative body of engineering at the University at Buffalo, the head of the faculty was often referred to as the provost. F. Karl Willenbrock was provost from 1967–1970; Joseph Bergantz was acting provost from 1970–1971; and William Gill served as provost and dean from 1971–1977. George C. Lee took office as dean in 1978, serving in that post until 1995. In 1996, Mark H. Karwan became dean, followed by Harvey G. Stenger Jr. in 2006. Rajan Batta was the school's interim dean from 2011–2012, and in 2013, Liesl Folks joined SEAS as the school's eighth dean. Following Folks' departure in 2019, Rajan Batta served the school again as interim dean until the appointment of Kemper E. Lewis as the new dean on May 1, 2020.

Our leadership and faculty realize the school's vision with the invaluable support of our dedicated staff, students, alumni, friends, and industry and corporate partners. In addition to their dedicated teaching, research, and service, the faculty, which now numbers over 250, have won prestigious awards, authored countless books and articles, and produced many patents for materials and techniques, all aiming to benefit humankind. Forty-six of our faculty have been elected as fellows of engineering professional societies and 44 are National Science Foundation Early Career Award winners. In the past three years, five of our current faculty members have been recognized as SUNY Distinguished Professors for their outstanding academic contributions, including scholarly publications, national and international research presentations, research findings, and the training of students.



## Programs and Partnerships

SEAS was an early innovator in reforming the traditional preparation of engineers. The school has always valued interdisciplinary research and has structured itself to promote connections across disciplines that benefit undergraduate and graduate study, as well as to address important societal needs. SEAS is the home of such prominent interdisciplinary research and educational programs as the Biology with X-ray Free Electron Lasers (BioXFEL) Science and Technology Center; Blockchain ThinkLab; Cell, Gene and Tissue Engineering Center (CGTE); Center for Hybrid Rocket Exascale Simulation Technology (CHREST); Center for Multisource Information Fusion (CMIF); Center for Space Cyber Strategy and Cyber Security; Center for Unified Biometrics and Sensors (CUBS), Center of Excellence in Information Systems Assurance Research and Education (CEISARE); Institute for Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (IAD); Multidisciplinary Center for Earthquake Engineering Research (MCEER); and The Center for Industrial Effectiveness (TCIE).

Under UB's broad strategic initiatives, we engaged with our campus colleagues to develop research and educational programs that will have a high impact both inside and outside the university. These include the Institute of Bridge Engineering (IBE); Stephen Still Institute for Sustainable Transportation and Logistics; Sustainable Manufacturing and Advanced Robotic Technologies (SMART) Community of Excellence; Global Health Equity Community of Excellence; and the Research and Education in eNergy, Environment and Water (RENEW) Institute. Our total research expenditures for the current year were \$90 million.

Historically, SEAS' partnership with industry has been valuable and mutually rewarding. Students benefit from the professional interactions that our experiential learning programs provide, and faculty contribute to and gain valuable perspective from industry-sponsored research. Industry partners, meanwhile, benefit from access to a talented workforce and a well-trained knowledge base that provides them with a competitive edge in research and development.

## A Proud Past, A Challenging Future

The School of Engineering and Applied Sciences is a world-class institution. Today's graduates join the ranks of over 41,000 alumni who have made their mark on the discipline, both in the academic world and in industry. Graduates live in all 50 states and 70 countries around the world.

Like any great organization, the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences is continually evolving and stretching to meet new challenges. The more we achieve, the more we see there is still work to be done. We take great pride in training the next generation of engineers and applied scientists and are inspired by the challenge of delivering world-changing advances in science and technology.

To keep up to date with the school, please visit us at [engineering.buffalo.edu](http://engineering.buffalo.edu).



*Davis Hall, on UB's North Campus*

# UB Engineering and Applied Sciences Alumni Association Letter

**Dear Class of 2024,**

Commencement is a time for reflection and hope. As engineers and computer scientists you are about to embark on the next chapter of your incredible stories. Reflect upon all the great connections, education, and moments from the time here at UB. These all have played a role in shaping who you have become and what you will want to become. The training and education that UB has given you is an incredibly solid foundation on which you can build.

Hope for looking to the future and dreaming about the impacts, innovations and changes you will all have on this world. You are all resilient and it will be that resiliency that will propel your careers to new heights. While the future is hopeful it can also be uncertain. Always remember that you have a support network in the University at Buffalo Engineering and Applied Sciences Alumni Association.

As this world looks to you to lead change, I am confident that each of you as UB graduates will successfully lead that change. On behalf of the University at Buffalo Engineering and Applied Sciences Alumni Association, its Board of Directors, and the more than 40,000 members who have preceded you, we welcome you. Together, we are UB.

Thank you,

Nathan Bolt (BS CSEE '11, MBA 14')  
*President, University at Buffalo Engineering and Applied Sciences Alumni Association*

## The UB Alma Mater

*Music by UB Students in 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)*

# UB Alumni Association Letter

Dear Member of the Class of 2024,

Congratulations! On behalf of the UB Alumni Association, I'm delighted to welcome you to your global network of more than 300,000 alumni. We're proud of all you have accomplished.

As you begin your next chapter, please stay in touch! Your alumni status opens up so many opportunities to stay connected to your alma mater and to fellow alumni.

What does this mean for you in practical terms? It means that career help, through our virtual Connect-a-Bull platform, volunteer opportunities to recruit new students or help current students, 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).

If you have questions about how to stay involved, contact the Office of Alumni Engagement at [ub-alumni@buffalo.edu](mailto:ub-alumni@buffalo.edu).

Remember, this isn't goodbye—it's WELCOME to the UB alumni family. We know you'll always be True Blue and proudly keep your Horns Up, wherever you go and whatever you do.

Go Bulls!



Joseph Stefko, PhD '03, MA '99, BA '97  
*President, UB Alumni Association Board of Directors*

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