



2025

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The State University of New York



SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT  
**COMMENCEMENT**  
GRADUATE CEREMONY

Friday

May 16, 2025

5 p.m.

Alumni Arena

North Campus

Ananth Iyer  
*Dean*



*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.*

# 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*

## University at Buffalo President's Medal

William J. Maggio  
*Managing Partner, Lorraine Capital*

Presented by President Tripathi

## Remarks

Ananth Iyer  
*Dean and Professor  
School of Management*

## Presentation of Awards to Students

Dean Iyer

Sudha Bommidu, 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

Associate Dean Simpson

## Recessional\*

Triumphal March

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

## Faculty Marshals

Rose Hu  
Charles Lindsey  
Mary Ann Rogers  
Sanjukta Smith  
Ian Tarrant  
Aditya Vedantam

## 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 serves on the board's Executive Committee and co-chairs

the Student Life Committee. She also serves on 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 2024, Lewin was named chair of the Buffalo Urban League Board of Directors, dedicating herself to its mission of ensuring African Americans and others in underserved communities achieve their highest true social parity, economic self-reliance, power and civil rights.

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 United States with her family in 1967. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Marymount Manhattan College, a master's degree in American and Puerto Rican studies, and an EdM in educational administration, both 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. His 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 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 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 co-chairs the Association of American Universities (AAU) Task Force on Expanding U.S.-India University Partnerships, serves on the College Football Playoff Board of Managers and the boards of University Innovation Alliance and Internet2. 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 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 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 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.

## **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; 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 school's Behavioral Research Lab helps uncover 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

## William J. Maggio

*Managing Partner, Lorraine Capital*



A highly accomplished business leader, William J. Maggio, MBA, is dedicated to growing and building companies across the country, particularly in Buffalo and Western New York.

The managing partner, director and co-founder of the private equity firm Lorraine Capital, Maggio has overseen the acquisition and operation of numerous companies, including enterprises focused on the life sciences. Among Maggio's numerous leadership roles, he is the co-founder and executive chair of Egret Healthcare Ventures, a Buffalo-based venture capital company that invests in cutting-edge medical

devices; Executive Chairman of ICM Controls, a Lorraine portfolio company; and a partner with Poppy Ventures, which invests in early-stage companies innovating in medicine, healthcare and technology.

Maggio has left an indelible mark on Buffalo's startup ecosystem through the 43North accelerator program. As chairman emeritus and a founding board member, he has been integral to the creation of 43North's entrepreneurial startup competition—the largest of its kind in the world. From its inception a decade ago, 43North has a portfolio of 74 companies that have created more than 3,000 jobs while raising nearly \$1 billion in capital. Its efforts have resulted in two “unicorns”—companies valued over \$1 billion—based in Western New York. Today, Maggio is the chair of the 43North Foundation, which is building on regional assets to create opportunities for the next generation of entrepreneurs and community leaders.

Furthering his dedication to Buffalo and Western New York, Maggio is the former CEO of the Jacobs Institute. He has served on the boards of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, the Burchfield Penny Art Center and the University at Buffalo Foundation, and he is the former chair and vice chair of the Kaleida Health Board of Directors.

Maggio has held senior-level business development and operational positions throughout his career, including at Boehringer Mannheim, Roche and Bureau Veritas. He considers himself fortunate to be a leader in a variety of capacities. Through these endeavors he has learned to embrace a mindset of abundance—a perspective he is committed to conveying to Western New York's future leaders.

# UB President’s Medal Recipients

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

*\* 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 4, 2025, and upon such others as may meet the requirements of their respective degrees. Candidates are listed according to actual date of degree conferral (August 2024, February 2025 and June 2025). Degree recipients will come forward to be congratulated during the commencement ceremony.*

### 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 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.

#### The UB Flame of Wisdom Pin

This pin, depicting the flame of wisdom for the university's seal, was received by students who were honored at the UB Celebration of Student Academic Excellence for earning select national, SUNY and UB awards and citations.

### Non-Academic, University-Wide Recognition Items

#### The Kente Stole

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

#### The Rainbow Tassel and Lavender Stole

These items were received by students who participated in the Lavender Reception, celebrating achievements of graduating students who identify with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) community at UB.

#### 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.

## Master's Degrees

### Recommending Candidates for Degrees

Ananth V. Iyer

### Master of Science in Accounting

Hafiz Adesina  
Sebastian Michael Affronti  
Joseph Alphonse  
Margaret Grace Blenker  
Morgan Bluhm  
Macy Virginia Boss  
Leighton James Bradshaw  
Justin John Brooks  
Colin Brunecz  
Jillian E Burghardt  
Kemal Can Buz  
Nicholas Robert Capizzano  
Dominik Calvet Cardamone  
Nicholas V Cascione  
MingHuang Chen  
Sunny Y Chen  
Jessica Tonya Cruce  
Rafael Damian  
Liam Ernesto De La Osa Cruz  
Michael DeMarco  
Diana Josephine Dolan  
Ryan James Dombrowski  
Devon Dunkle  
Mikhayla Arin Edwards  
Sandro Fils-Aime  
Adam Fox  
Ella J Giannetto  
Karla De los Angeles Gonzalez  
Griffin D Harning  
Edward William Holyat III  
Aidan B Hotaling  
Connlan John Hotnich  
Simei Huang  
Rachel Marie Iavicoli  
Matthew Fernando Ippoliti  
Keping Jiang  
Albert Jo  
Andrew Thomas Johnson  
Aiden Matthew Jones  
Christopher Kirsch

Haiyin Kuang  
Trey Allen Kubitz  
Cianna Kusmierski  
Victoria R Lawrence  
Jaaron Reid L'Esperance  
David Li  
Amanda Lin  
Camryn Leigh Lisante  
Jessica Ahranie Lorick  
Joseph D McAuliffe  
Matthew T McCulloch  
Zeng Zeng Mu  
Lauren E Nawojski  
Bethany Alondra Ocampo  
Brandon M Pettit  
Jacqueline T Phung  
Collin Joseph Pichany  
Lauren Jean Pollock  
Charlotte C Reczek  
Zachary David Reed  
Juliette Maureen Roma  
Joseph Charles Russo  
Nicole Rose Santucci  
Daniel Savickis  
Justin Frank Schultz  
Junwei Shi  
Jake Stas Shin  
Farjana Siddiquee  
Quinn Hunter Skotnicki  
Morgan Riana Stockmeyer  
John F Velasquez  
Nathan Walck  
Michael Conor Waters  
Su Yadanan Wine  
Any Kin Yie Wu  
Minwoo Yun

### Master of Science in Business Analytics

Ismail Abdullah  
Shafi Abdur Rahman  
Oluwadamilola Adeniyi  
Ritvik Agarwal  
Sadia Alam  
Ronald Alvarado  
Andrew Amarain

Dhanu Hemantkumar Anurshetru  
 Tanweer Ashif  
 Joshua Bach  
 Megan Barnes  
 Prashanth Basuthkar Rajaram  
 Alperen Bay  
 Anton Bogdanov  
 Kendoll Cameron  
 Victoria Chilcott  
 Madeha Choudhury  
 Julia Coggins  
 Matthew Cupo  
 Travis Dawson  
 Luciano DeMaio  
 Jamie DeRidder  
 Sanjaykumar Dharini  
 Joshua Domagala  
 Jessica Emhof  
 Emma Gandolfi  
 Jeff Gangloff  
 Sudheer Chowdary Gurajala  
 Divesh Ajit Harchandani  
 Abhishek Gangadhar Harihar  
 Soumaya Hassan  
 Thomas Healy  
 Sandhya Hoskote Viswanatha  
 Isabelle Hyppolite  
 Rahul Shivkumar Jaiswal  
 Sohaib Jamal  
 Zhuheng Jin  
 Pooja Dayanand Kabadi  
 Aliya Kamal  
 Fatima Khan  
 Colin Kilpatrick  
 Yashraj Singh Kollapuram  
 Nicolette Kosowski  
 Saumya Kumari  
 Jenna Lenz (Pirrone)  
 Ming Juan Lin  
 Anirudh Lingamaneni  
 Tanmoy Madbar  
 Anusha Ashok Maganur  
 Aurianne Mignot  
 Aneesur Rahman Mohamed Salim  
 Andrew Molinas  
 Sai Bhavya Molugu  
 Sagar Mallappa Naduvinkeri

William Nolan  
 Nimisha Nooti  
 Dhara Oza  
 Vrushali SanjayKumar Panjwani  
 Radesh Patel  
 Mohit Patel  
 Shashwat Patel  
 Harshal Vijay Pawar  
 Narongrit Poomchongkho  
 Amiya Purey  
 Bhuwan Pankaj Purohit  
 Zhenfan Qin  
 Yuhui Qui  
 Mahidur Rahman  
 Shafayet Rahman  
 Benedict William Raj  
 Jonathan Ramos  
 Tushar Ranjan  
 John Rapp  
 Dylan Rendina  
 Kelly Ross  
 Bishal Sharma Roy  
 Aditya Sahni  
 . Satyam  
 Shaifali Saxena  
 Pallavi Shankar  
 Nishant Somnath Shendkar  
 Ratan Shetty  
 Ziad Shorize  
 Tanya Singh  
 Amandeep Singh  
 Spencer Slote  
 Sarvesh Santosh Surve  
 Rahul Tellapuram  
 Previtha Thanickal  
 Vaishnavi Ganesh Thube  
 Hannah Tribby  
 Mukul Kumar Tyagi  
 Aylin Umarova  
 Adelaide Vanderpuye  
 Vaishnavi Varanasi  
 Madison Whyte Ainsley  
 Jason Wieczorek  
 Adam Wisniewski-Jensen  
 Vibhor Kumar Yadav  
 Cherrie Yeung  
 Raymond Zheng

Denver Zupan

## **Master of Science in Finance**

Axel Javier Abreu  
 Jerin Alam  
 Gregory Aleksandrowicz  
 Narasimha Sai Akash Ambatipudi  
 Saikrishna Reddy Andra  
 Kshitij Girish Bansode  
 Sonali Bhat  
 Matthew Bishop  
 Danielle Nakya Boucher  
 Mia Danielle Brogan  
 Brian Marc Buday Jr  
 Sarah Katherine Cavino  
 Liang Chen  
 Ben Collins  
 Julia Elizabeth Damore  
 Venkata SaiMeghana Duggirala  
 Shreya Dunna  
 Jonathan Elkowitz  
 James Joseph Fattorusso Jr  
 Mason Fitzsimmons  
 Adam Douglas Fruck  
 Eden Fekadu Gebremeskel  
 Marisa Charisse Goding  
 Sivani Govini  
 Jenna Griffith  
 Aishwarya Sanjay Gurnule  
 Nicholas Austin Hall  
 Ajmain Islam  
 Ankita Deepak Jagwani  
 David Sharan John Peter  
 Riddhi Milind Kadam  
 Sharmi Dhivya Kalaarasu  
 Harish Kannadasan  
 Kyle John Kardysauskas  
 Vaishnavi Ashok Khadasane  
 Rajas Atul Koranne  
 Bhavik Korapati  
 Mihir Lamkhade  
 Jiafei Li  
 Zishen Liao  
 Jiazhen Lu  
 Vikrant Mahajan

Sai Pradyumna Reddy Manda  
 Justin Matthew Morgenthaler  
 Vini Mundra  
 Koushik Chowdary Nelapati  
 Matthew Thomas Nestor  
 Henry Emenike Okaro  
 Pooja Dhanaji Patil  
 Tanmay Shashikant Patil  
 Ajit Rajendra Pawar  
 Kousthub Pendyala  
 Zilong Peng  
 Alisha Prabhakar  
 Aurokrishnaa Ravindran Lakshmi  
 Varad Nandkishor Redij  
 Chinmay Pankaj Ruparel  
 Simran Bhikaji Salgaonkar  
 Akshay Ramesh Sapkale  
 Rakshanivasini Sekar Baalasubramani  
 Pavan Siddharth Senthilkumar  
 Soham Hemant Shah  
 Arnav Sharma  
 Rithik Sudhakar Shetty  
 Japneet Singh  
 Chaitanya Prahlad Sudi  
 Jack Napoli Talarico  
 Michael Walton Testone  
 Mahesh Thaluru  
 Nishtha Upadhyay  
 Ashton A Venditti  
 Aadhithi Vunyale  
 Khailyn Waite  
 Vianne Yagayandi  
 Hoi Lam Yau  
 Tianyi Zhang  
 Alice Zhang

### **Master of Science in Management Information Systems**

Tanisha Ahuja  
 Prashant Anand  
 Dinesh Kanna Aranganathan  
 Lokesh Ashwatnarayan  
 Piyush Raghunath Awachar  
 Arun Pandian Ayyar

Ishaq Azami  
 Dhanashree Nitin Badgujar  
 Prabhuddha Bhan  
 Rupali Bhatnagar  
 Mridul Bhushan  
 Rajat Jitendra Bopalkar  
 Jacob Borczyk  
 Ayden Burns  
 Brian Caulfield  
 Patrick Chen  
 Chetan Ravichandra Vani  
 Ishita Chhangani  
 Emily Chin  
 Darshan Nitin Devraye  
 Kajol Yogendrakumar Dubey  
 Parth Dubey  
 Joseph Dvir  
 Divya Dwivedi  
 Dharani Gandhipathy  
 Pranita Ashok Ghebad  
 Ankan Ghosh  
 Adheesh Ghotikar  
 Piyush Ramesh Ghule  
 Noodhan Gowri Shankar  
 Kritika Goyal  
 Saquan Grizzle  
 Rushikesh Balasaheb Gunjal  
 Sonali Gupta  
 Rupal Handoo  
 Raymond Harenza  
 Suraj Bhaskar Hipparge  
 Sonali Kripal Hotwani  
 Mayuri Sanjay Jadhav  
 Asmita Jain  
 Prachi Ramesh Jaiswal  
 Patnala Jhansi  
 Chaitanya Shrikrishna Joshi  
 Dollie Juneja  
 Timea Kadas  
 Kiran Prakash Kannappa Reddy Mani  
 Aditi Kar  
 Thanis Annal Jenifer Kennady  
 Elizabeth Kent  
 Krishna Kumar  
 Saket Kumar  
 Vijay Kumar

Vishnu Kumar  
 Shweta Kharel  
 Akanksha Kothari  
 Matthew Kreuzer  
 Achyut Shashikant Kulkarni  
 Sakshi Kulkarni  
 Aaron Larson  
 Nitin Narayan Lataye  
 Tyler Lee  
 Prateek Madnani  
 Neha Manmode  
 Aishwarya Ashok Medhe  
 Nana Nyarko Mensah  
 Pranjal Vijay Mestry  
 Aman Modi  
 Prasun Mukhopadhyay  
 Ummul Mukta  
 Munjie Murci  
 Jyothi Mysore Sathyanarayanarao  
 Keerthi Nagallapati  
 Divyanshi Nath  
 Vivek Noorummana Thekkethil Rajend  
 Pranav Vitthalrao Padmane  
 Paige Pagano  
 Neelima Pakina  
 Laya Palepu  
 Pranav Prakash Palkar  
 Priyal Panda  
 Anjali Pandey  
 Soumini Reddy Pannala  
 Kavita Pant  
 Pradumna Nitin Patki  
 Sree Dhanush Peddinti  
 Vishak Puthenveettil Viswanathan  
 Nishanth Holla Raghavendra  
 Sushma Preethi Rajamani Veni  
 Poorna Chandra Ramachandra  
 Varuni Rao  
 Ashwin Ravichandran  
 Swaroop Ravindranath  
 Varun Razdan  
 Chinmay Girish Rege  
 Bhuvana Repaka  
 Noaman Mohammadisfaq Rukdikar  
 Maya Samuel  
 Gopinath Sankara Narayanan

Zayan Shaheen  
Alankrita Singh  
Saurabh Narendra Singh  
Vishal Singh  
Miles Smallhorne  
Ashirwad Srivastava  
Harshul Srivastava  
Jathin Suresh  
Nikhil Suresh Yadav  
Sowfia Syed Abuthaheer  
Nidhi Paresh Tailor  
Minh Tang  
Sampada Bhalchandra Telang  
Amal Abdulaziz Mohsen Naser Teraif  
Monika Thakur  
Vaishnavi Thouta  
Priyanka Shyam Narayan Tiwari  
Liz Tom  
Janmajoy Tripathy  
Eric Tu  
Anuja Ulhe  
Komal Ved  
Avinash Venugopal  
Pranay Premshankar Verma  
Yatin Vij  
Rui Xie  
Zhijun Yang  
Aravind Sarma Yeluripati

## **Master of Science in Management**

Kaylie Bodmer  
Maya Bybel  
Danush Danush  
Tyson Mark Dunn  
Tracy Fang  
Ziju He  
Julius Kaye  
Eitan Levy  
Robert Lohnas  
Kyrach Milfort  
Saika Rahman  
Jamal Simon  
Braydon Surra  
Lindsey Wiesen

## **Master of Science in Management Science: Business Analytics and Systems**

. Akshay Therambath Sudheer  
Dhananjay Anilkumar  
Roshan Arun  
Akshay Das Ashok  
Sundharsa Ramanaa Ayiramuthu Perumal  
Aathisivathimiga Balasubramanian Rama  
Jayadev Balathil  
Meghana Bezawada  
Akash Deb  
Nikhil Divakaran  
Amirthavarshini Ganesh  
Srividhya Ganesh  
Anirudh Gireesh Nambiar  
Shayam Sundar Harihara Subramanian  
Gautham Balaji Hariharan  
Anand Jayachandran  
Ramprasath Karunaharan  
Abhishek Kommu  
Sreevidya Koroth  
Raghuram Kuppusamy  
. Lekshmy Jayaram  
Tanyaradzwa Machingauta  
Anusree Manoharan  
Sidharth Manoj Chandran  
Abijith Manoj Kumar  
Sriram Murali  
Akhilesh Nair  
Prateek Nair  
Prerna Nayak  
Athira P  
. Parvathy Thilak  
Pon Barath Suva Raj Periaswamy  
Meghna Prakash  
Praseetha Prasad  
Srinivas Puducode Chandrasekh  
Resmi Radhakrishnan Nair  
. Rahul Rajendran  
Karthik Rajagopal  
Aakash Rajan Vanaja Kumari  
Krishnakumaaran Ramaswamy Gunasekara  
Allen Clifford Kumar Sam Starling Premkum  
Sharan Menon Santhosh Kumar  
Gunasekhar Selvaraj

Sriram Senthil Kumar  
Parvathy Shaji  
. Shreya Satheesh  
Shweta Shrivastava  
Rahul Sidharthan  
Parvathy Sindhu Deepu  
Rachana Singh  
Shanthosh Sivakumar  
Vinayak Sivprasad  
Swathi Soman  
Rahul Soman Menon  
Roshan Prakya Somasundaram  
Gautham Srinivas  
Akhila Susilkumar  
Advait Tharayil Santhosh  
Harshini Tiruppur Vijayakumar  
Devanarayanan Unni  
Aravind Nair Unniparambath Kalapp  
Thejus Vazhakkali Murukara  
. Vishnu Narayanan  
Ananda Yoga Roopan

## **Master of Business Administration**

Mirka Arevalo  
Navpreet Bains  
Brianna Bialy  
Elizabeth Bock  
Peter Bouris  
Shelby Chan  
Selvi Chhabra  
Amma Darkwah  
Emily Diep  
Peter Dike  
Joseph Doona  
Nicholas Falk  
Amanda Fermo  
Brandon Ferrigno  
Ryan Fitzgerald  
Talia Fuld  
Emma Gielas  
Harlain Gill  
Quinn Gruppe  
Leanna Hodge  
Nicholas Karlsen

Da Wei Lin  
Francesco Luppino  
Salome Mawi  
Connor McVey  
Macy Meng  
Matthew Mullens  
Daphine Musisi  
Olivia Helene Nasternak  
Prasiddhi Patel  
Melissa Patino  
Kristof Pawelek  
Grant Pitcoff  
Eric Raine  
Mariam Sadawi  
Dawn Sakalian  
Dylan Schihl  
Matthew Taboni  
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### **Charles H. Diefendorf Award in Finance**

*This award is presented to the student who has made the greatest contribution to the finance discipline.*

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### **Drs. John and Arlyn Myers Award**

*This award is presented to an MBA student who demonstrates excellence in the field of marketing.*

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### **MS Student Achievement Award**

*This award is presented to a student within each degree program. The student recipient has demonstrated scholastic excellence and has rendered outstanding extracurricular service to the school and the university.*

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*This award is presented to an MBA student born outside of North America. The student promotes global understanding among MBA students.*

Arpitha Ganesh

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Selvi Chhabra

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## The Mace

Designed to tell the story of the university and the Niagara Frontier, the UB mace was fashioned by silversmith Hudson Roysher of Arcadia, California. 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 of alternating jewels of lapis and howlite encircles the head of the mace and bears the founding dates of the thirteen 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 Joliet and early explorations by Robert de LaSalle are symbolized on the left side of the head. A crest on the right side is symbolic of the university's role as a dynamic center of human growth and welfare.

The wild rose, the official flower of the state, is depicted in a floral motif at the top and bottom of the mace's head. Encircling the ends of the shaft are three wavy lines representing intellect and water, the latter a reference to the Niagara River and the Great Lakes.

The motto "University and City: Community" is lettered in Latin around the knob of the shaft.

Traditionally used in university ceremonies, the mace is a symbol of "enlightened authority." The mace bearer is 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 W. 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 and now have the knowledge and skills to make your mark on the world.

Welcome to the School of Management alumni family — a group of nearly 48,000 graduates living and working in 87 countries. Wherever you go, you will find School of Management alumni who are willing to help you navigate your way to continued success.

Though you may be leaving campus today, you are not leaving UB behind. I encourage you to take advantage of the many ways to stay in contact with your alma mater:

- LinkedIn group (University at Buffalo School of Management Alumni)
- Facebook (University at Buffalo School of Management)
- Twitter (@UBSchoolofMGT)
- Attending events in a city near you ([mgt.buffalo.edu/alumni](http://mgt.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. You can contact the Office of Alumni and External Engagement at 716-645-3224 or [mgt-alumni@buffalo.edu](mailto:mgt-alumni@buffalo.edu).

Best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

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

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