



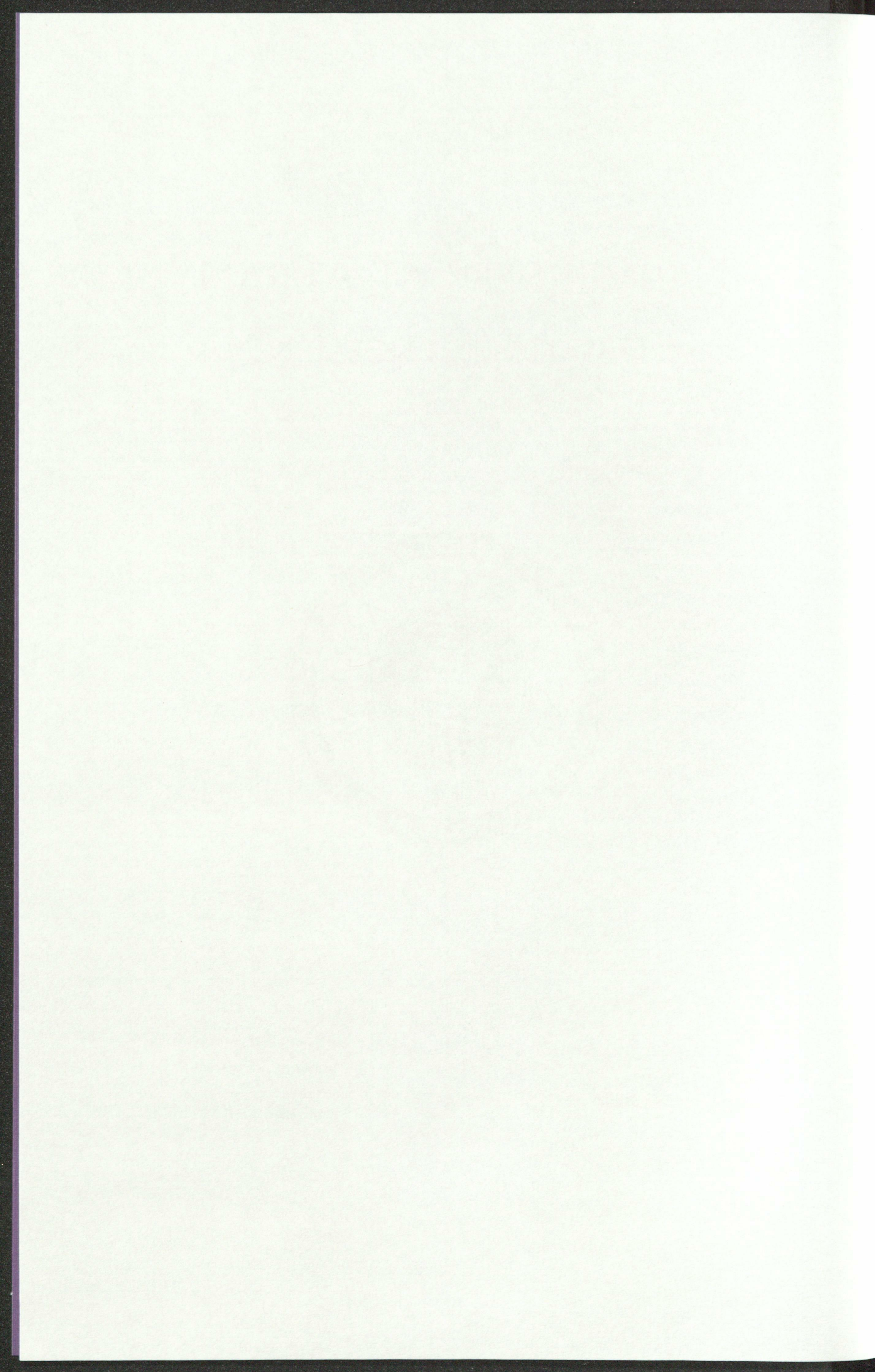


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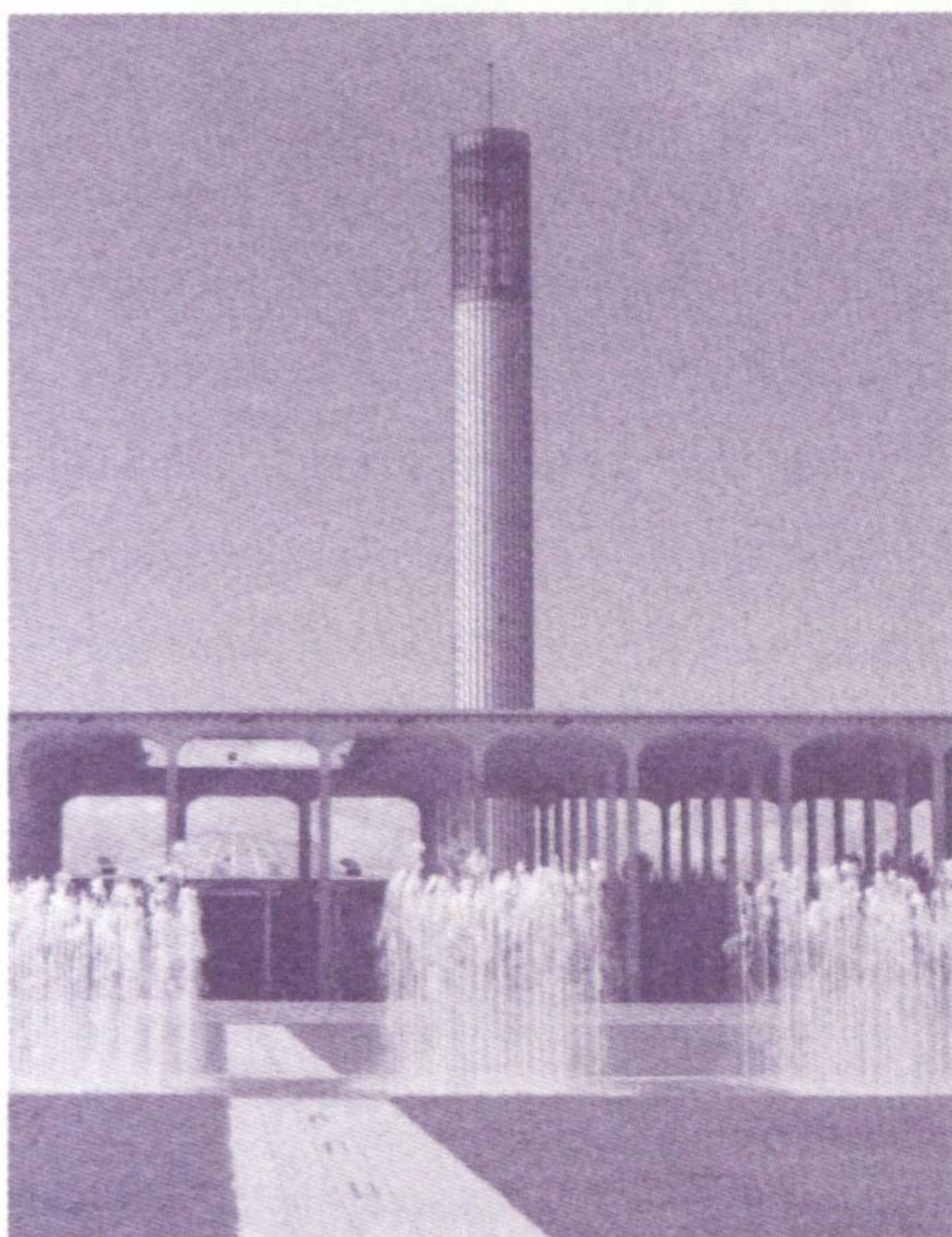
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A MESSAGE TO OUR GRADUATES

On behalf of the University at Albany, it is my distinct honor to congratulate you on the conferral of your degree. Whether you are receiving a diploma for a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree, this achievement is the culmination of years of tremendous perseverance, intellectual development, and personal growth.

You have completed your studies at a public research university with access to 1,200 dedicated faculty members across a vast academic and research portfolio – an institution committed both to academic excellence and deep engagement in the community and the world.

During your time at UAlbany, you may have benefited from a transformative education abroad program. Maybe you participated in an internship that solidified your professional plans. Or perhaps you carried out research that helps to address a critical challenge facing society. And you have all been part of a culturally and intellectually rich campus community, which will serve you well in the future as you navigate an increasingly diverse and globalized society.

Today, you join the ranks of 177,000 UAlbany alumni who are having a positive impact as professionals and leaders across the globe. We celebrate your entrance into the world as a graduate of the University at Albany, while encouraging you to remain involved through our Alumni Association.

No matter your program or field of study, I am confident that your degree will open new doors of opportunity, and that you will make important contributions wherever life takes you.

Again, my congratulations to each and every one of you on this very significant achievement!

Sincerely,

James R. Stellar
Interim President

GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017 ~ SEFCU ARENA, 5:00 P.M.

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

Led by Grand Marshal John S. Pipkin, *Distinguished Service Professor*

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

The Reverend Sandra Damhof, *Protestant Campus Ministries*

WELCOME

James R. Stellar, *Interim President*

PRESENTATION OF THE EVAN R. COLLINS AWARD

James R. Stellar, *Interim President*
to Jeanette Altarriba,
Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Education
to Julie Novkov,
Professor of Political Science, and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Kevin J. Williams, *Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Education*

CONFERRAL OF DOCTORAL DEGREES

James R. Stellar, *Interim President*

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

Edelgard Wulfert, *Dean, College of Arts and Sciences*
William Alex Pridemore '00, *Dean, School of Criminal Justice*
Robert Bangert-Drowns, *Dean, School of Education*
Kim L. Boyer, *Dean, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences*
Nathaniel C. Cady, *Associate Professor, College of Nanoscale Engineering, Technology and Innovation*
R. Karl Rethemeyer, *Interim Dean, Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy*
Laura Schweitzer, *Interim Dean, School of Public Health,
Vice President for Health Sciences and Biomedical Initiatives*
Lynn A. Warner, *Interim Dean, School of Social Welfare*

CONFERRAL OF MASTER'S DEGREES AND ADVANCED GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

James R. Stellar, *Interim President*

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES AND ADVANCED GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Martin L. Fogelman, *Clinical Professor of Management*
Lisa V. Trubitt '91, '93, *Information Technology Services*

RECESSIONAL

Platform Party and Faculty formally recess. Graduates may remain in the seating area to reunite with their guests.

THE EVAN R. COLLINS AWARD

THE GRADUATE CEREMONY

In recognition of distinguished service and devotion to the University at Albany by members of the faculty.

Jeanette Altarriba, Ph.D.

Dr. Jeanette Altarriba is currently serving a second term as Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Education overseeing, among other units, Advisement, General Education, the Writing and Critical Inquiry Program, the Honors College, and Undergraduate Research.

Dr. Altarriba joined the faculty of the University at Albany's Department of Psychology in 1992. She has served as the chair of the Department of Communication, the chair of the Department of Psychology, and associate dean for Academic Affairs for the College of Arts and Sciences. She has also served as the director of the Doctoral Program in Cognitive/Developmental Psychology and is the founder and director of the Cognition and Language Laboratory. Dr. Altarriba's research and teaching interests focus on bilingualism, memory, and emotion, and she has published numerous scientific journal articles in these areas.

The recipient of the President's and Chancellor's

Excellence Awards in Teaching (2000) and in Service (2005), Dr. Altarriba is known for her mentoring and guidance of students, both undergraduate and graduate. She was honored with the Early Career Award for Teaching and Training by the American Psychological Association (1995), as well as their Dalmas A. Taylor Distinguished Contributions Award (2012).

Dr. Altarriba earned her master's and doctorate in Cognitive Psychology from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

She states, "I can think of no more important, gratifying, or humbling experience than to see students grow, and learn, and develop a sense of self-confidence and achievement. It has been an honor and a privilege to be able to devote a grand part of my career to serving them."



Julie Novkov, Ph.D.

Dr. Julie Novkov is a Professor of Political Science, and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and is completing her service as the chair of the Department of Political Science. She holds a J.D. from New York University School of Law and a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor).

Dr. Novkov's career in public higher education began at the University of Oregon, and she moved to UAlbany as an associate professor in 2006. Her work focuses on American law and political development, considering how struggles over rights and civic membership have shaped the American state over time. She has been the mainstay of the Political Science Department's program in public law, and is proud of its undergraduate and graduate alumni's career accomplishments and devotion to the bettering of society.

Dr. Novkov has published three books, including *Racial Union: Law, Intimacy, and the White State in Alabama, 1865-1954* (2008), which won the American Political Science Association's Ralph Bunche Prize in 2009, and

she is also the recipient of both the University's and the Chancellor's awards for Excellence in Teaching. She is the immediate past president of the Western Political Science Association. She also received an Outstanding Achievement Award (2010) from UAlbany's Disability Resource Center and the Teaching and Mentoring Award (2015) from the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association.

Dr. Novkov is grateful to her students for their curiosity and engagement and to her colleagues, both faculty and staff, in political science and Rockefeller College for their teamwork, dedication to the mission of public higher education, and commitment to the liberal arts. She thanks her children for their patience with her and the daily sense of radical amazement they provide. Most of all, she thanks Joel Bloom for his love, companionship, and support over the years.



UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017 ~ THE ENTRY PLAZA, 11:00 A.M.

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

Led by Grand Marshal John S. Pipkin, *Distinguished Service Professor*

NATIONAL ANTHEM

University at Albany Chamber Singers

INVOCATION

Catherine Reid, *Director of Catholic Campus Ministry*

WELCOME

James R. Stellar, *Interim President*

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Darrell P. Wheeler,
*Interim Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
and Vice Provost for Public Engagement*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Scott J. Kelly,
NASA Astronaut and Captain, U.S. Navy (Ret.)

INTRODUCTION OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER

Michael N. Christakis '01, '05, *Vice President for Student Affairs*

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER

Akeela M. Makshood '17

ALUMNI RECOGNITION

Brian C. Fessler '06, '07, *President, Alumni Association*

ALMA MATER

University at Albany Chamber Singers, joined by graduates and guests

HONORS RECOGNITION

Darrell P. Wheeler, *Interim Provost*

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Jeanette Altarriba, *Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Education*

Bachelor's candidates will be acknowledged by major, and degrees will be conferred collectively.

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

James R. Stellar, *Interim President*

RECESSIONAL

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COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

THE UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY

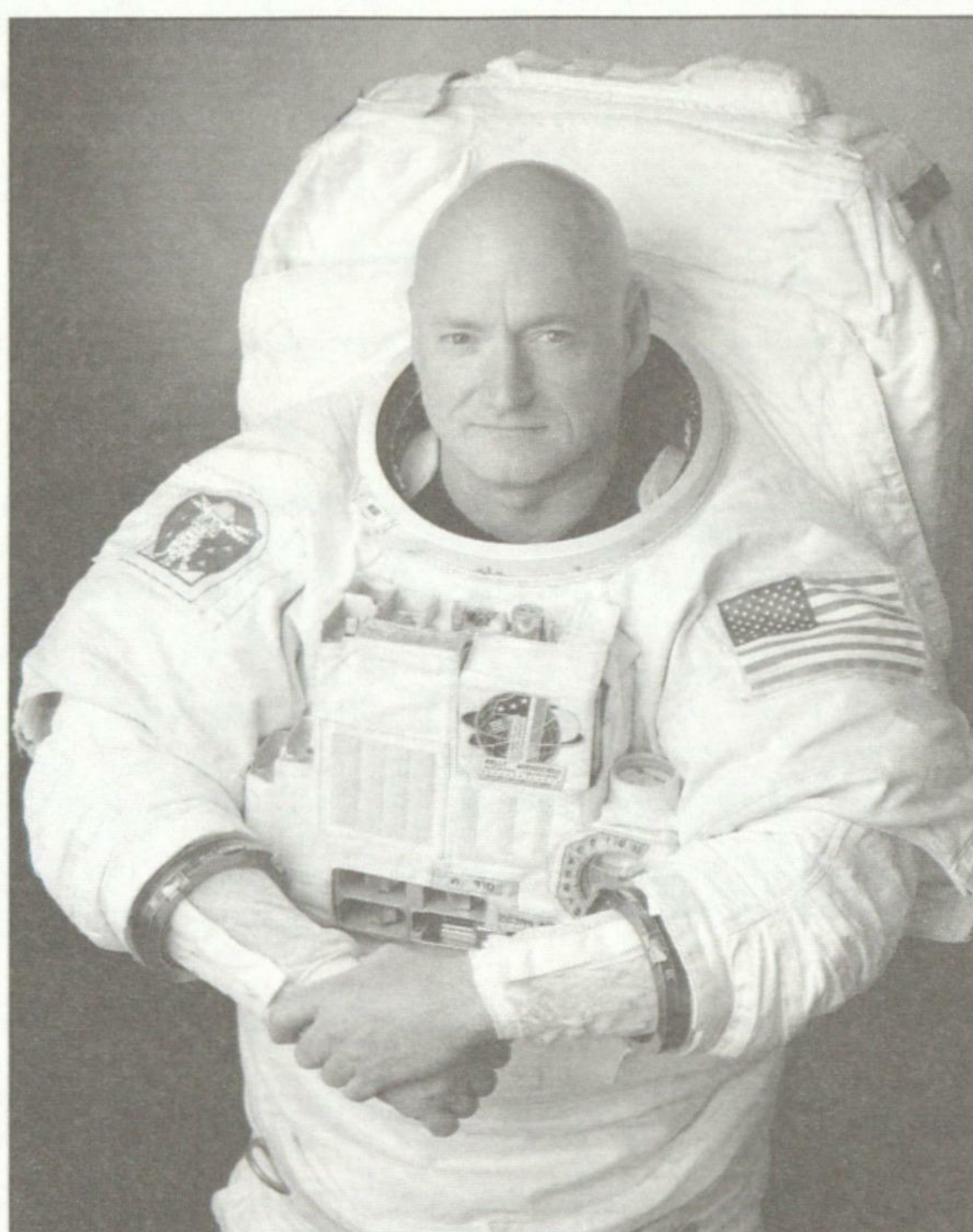
Captain Scott Kelly

History-Making U.S. Astronaut & Retired U.S. Navy Captain

Back from his historic record-breaking year in space, NASA astronaut Captain Scott Kelly has laid the groundwork for the future of space travel and exploration, and is a true pioneer of our time. The world remains in awe – his Twitter following is at 3.24 million! – as we celebrate a hero's return to the planet that is home from an adventure that is extraordinary.

With life lessons and personal stories that reveal unique and valuable advice on pushing one's own limits, to insight on the leadership and teamwork required in such demanding conditions, and the challenges – such as long term deprivation from loved ones and Planet Earth – Captain Kelly's commencement address will reflect on the choices and life events that paved his journey's path.

An astronaut since 1996, Kelly's achievements over his illustrious 20-year career with NASA earned him the coveted position as America's first year-round astronaut. On his historic mission that spanned from March 2015 to March 2016, Kelly and Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Kornienko conducted experiments, reconfigured station modules, and captivated the world with live



interviews and never-seen-before photos from the International Space Station. The historic mission also included NASA's groundbreaking Twins Study, in which Kelly's identical twin brother, retired NASA

astronaut Captain Mark Kelly, served on the ground as a control model in an unprecedented experiment to understand how space affects the human body.

In recognition of his work, Kelly has received numerous special honors and awards from NASA, the U.S. Navy, U.S. Department of Defense, and an Honorary Doctorate of Science degree from SUNY Maritime.

Prior to his career with NASA, Kelly served 25 years in the U.S. Navy, retiring as an experienced aviator and decorated Captain. He has logged over 8,000 hours

in more than 40 different aircraft and spacecraft and has over 250 carrier landings. Kelly holds a United States Coast Guard Third Mate's license.

Born in Orange, New Jersey, Kelly received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from SUNY Maritime and a Master of Science degree in Aviation Systems from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Captain Kelly's commencement address is made possible by support from the University at Albany Speaker Series, which brings renowned guest speakers from across the globe to campus in order to engage the University community in compelling and purposeful discussions addressing contemporary issues and events. Since its inception in 2008, it has featured such icons as President Bill Clinton, Colin Powell, Barbara Walters, Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Bill Nye, and, most recently, Brandon Stanton.

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Edelgard Wulfert, *Dean, College of Arts and Sciences*

UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

These University at Albany faculty have volunteered to assist with the student lineup and processional.

John S. Pipkin, *Grand Marshal*
College of Arts and Sciences

Cynthia Fox, *College of Arts and Sciences*

Sanjay Goel, *School of Business*

Elana Gordis, *College of Arts and Sciences*

Teresa Harrison, *College of Arts and Sciences*

David Lewis, *College of Arts and Sciences*

Aaron Major, *College of Arts and Sciences*

Jonathan Mandle, *College of Arts and Sciences*

Mary McCarthy, *School of Social Welfare*

David Miller, *School of Education*

James H. Neely, *College of Arts and Sciences*

Blanca Ramos, *School of Social Welfare*

Paul Stasi, *College of Arts and Sciences*

PURPLE AND GOLD AMBASSADORS

Purple & Gold Student Ambassadors are comprised of a select group of students who represent the University at Albany to its various constituencies on behalf of the president, various vice presidents, and the Alumni Association. Listed below are members who are graduating this Spring.

Mary Adeyeye

Kayla James

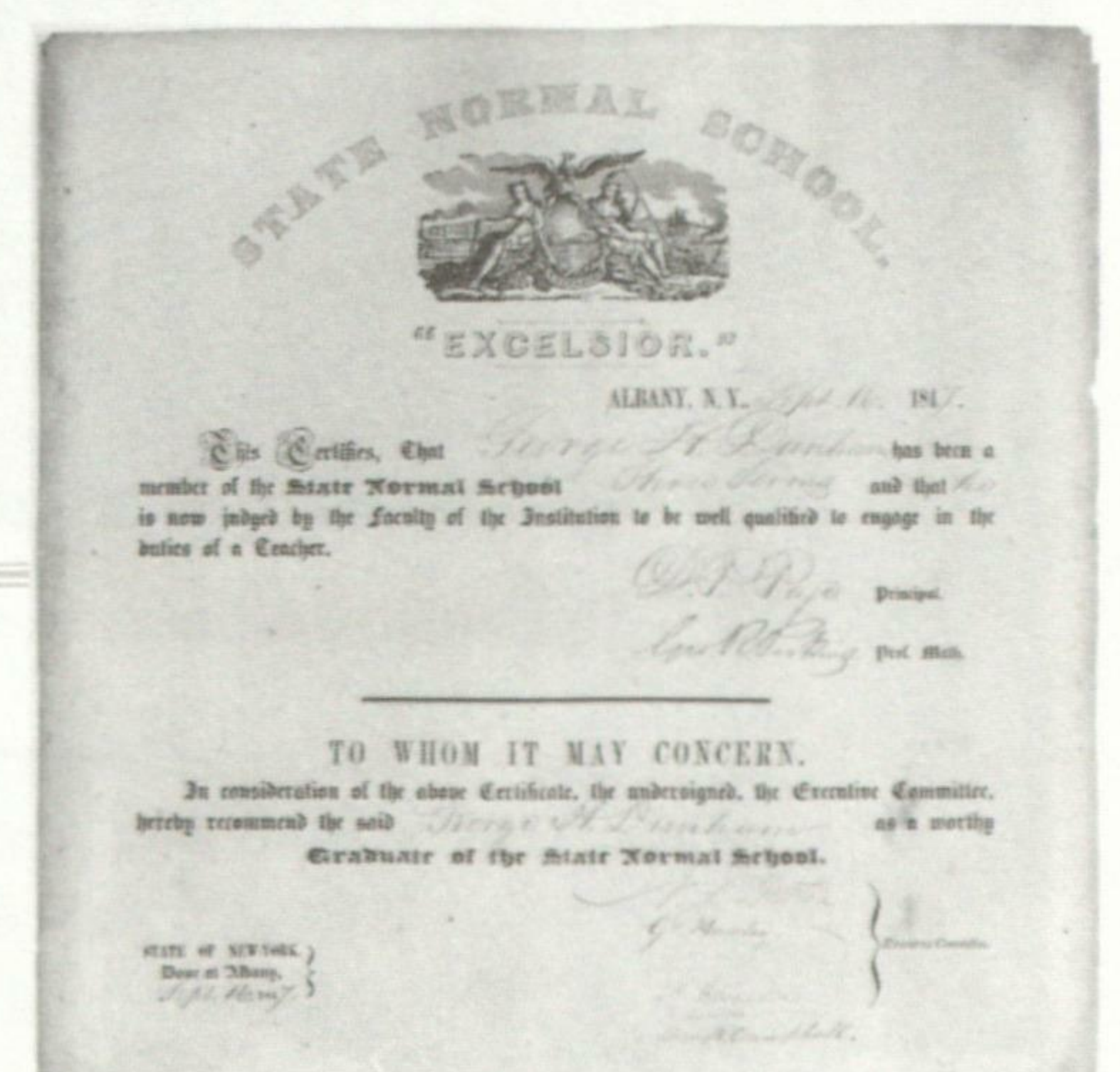
Jessica Levine

Michael Lorka

Adam Mrowca

Jacob Wasserman

A copy of the University's oldest existing diploma. Issued to George H. Dunham '47 and signed by the first Executive Committee (Board of Trustees).



MINERVA

Since the University at Albany's beginnings as the New York State Normal College, Minerva, the Roman goddess of wisdom, has been the institution's enduring symbol.

The figure of Minerva and the Latin motto, *Sapientia et sua et docendi causa* ("Wisdom, both for its own sake and for the sake of teaching") have appeared on the University seal since about 1913. Today, Minerva, wearing her distinctive helmet, continues to symbolize the University's proud past and long-standing reputation for educational excellence.



- UAlbany's seven-foot-plus white plaster statue of Minerva was purchased in 1888.
- While there is no official record of where she came from, remembrances have it that the statue was purchased with funds from a \$1 student fee collected for make-up exams.
- The Minerva statue was originally located at 88 Willett St. in Albany when the University was the New York State Normal College. In 1906, when a devastating fire broke out in the college's administrative offices, a brave custodian, Charles Wurtham, rescued the statue from the burning building.
- Minerva assumed her new home in the rotunda of Draper Hall when UAlbany was the State College for Teachers. For more than six decades, she was a popular meeting place for students. "Meetcha at Minnie" was a favorite phrase and her photograph appeared frequently in UAlbany yearbooks.



- In January 1962, UAlbany's Minerva achieved national fame when an article about the teacher's college appeared in an issue of the *Saturday Review* and she was pictured on the cover.
- In 1966, as a gift to the University, the senior Class of 1967 moved the statue from the downtown campus to the new main campus and paid for her refurbishment. The Class named themselves the "Guardians of Minerva."
- In 1987 Minerva was rededicated and today graces the lobby of the Science Library.

To reclaim its reputation as a pioneer and dominant institution of learning in a competitive and evolving school system in New York State, the Normal School established a new mission. Re-branded as the New York State Normal College in 1890, emphasis was placed on the development of new curricula, faculty and the recruitment of students to prepare secondary school teachers.



ACADEMIC HERALDRY

The caps, gowns, and hoods worn at college and university functions date back to the Middle Ages. Monks and students of those days wore them to keep warm in the damp and drafty 12th-century castles and halls of learning. The gowns for the bachelor's degree, earned after undergraduate study, have long, pointed sleeves and are designed to be worn closed.

The holder of the master's degree wears a gown with an oblong sleeve open at the wrist. The sleeve base hangs down, and the rear part of its oblong shape is worn square cut. The gown may be worn open or closed. An alternate and older master's gown is also permissible. The gown is always worn open, has a long sleeve, which is square and closed at the end, and has a slit near the forearm.

Gowns for the doctoral degree may also be worn open or closed, but they carry broad velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on the full, round, open sleeves. The velvet trimming may be either in black or the color distinctive to the field of learning to which the degree pertains.

At the University at Albany, academic gowns for bachelor's and master's degree candidates are black. Doctoral recipients wear purple gowns, characteristic of our institution's colors.

Academic protocol allows trustees, presidents, and marshals of higher education institutions to wear gowns which are especially designed and colored. The president of the University at Albany wears a black and royal purple gown bearing four horizontal royal purple bars with gold braiding on the sleeves. The marshals' gowns at UAlbany are navy blue with gold accents.

Caps may be of serge, broadcloth, or, for the doctoral outfit only, of velvet. The tassel is black or the color appropriate to subject, except the doctoral cap may have a tassel of gold or bullion.

It is the hood that gives color and real meaning to the academic costume. The hoods of the master's degree recipients are a black shell made of material to match the gown and use the institutional colors. UAlbany's institutional colors are royal purple and gold. The doctoral hood, which uses the same institutional colors, is larger and of a different style, having a flat panel at the

back. The hood is bordered with velvet of the proper width to indicate the degree and of the color signifying the field of learning to which the degree pertains.

If more than one degree is held, the gown and hood of the highest degree are worn. Holders of several doctoral degrees may make a choice of hood for any particular occasion. The colors indicative of the various fields of learning are as follows:

- Arts (Liberal Arts), Humanities, Letters
(Literature): *White*
- Commerce; Accountancy, Business: *Drab*
- Communication Studies: *Silver Gray*
- Economics: *Copper*
- Education: *Light Blue*
- Engineering: *Orange*
- Environmental Studies: *Russet*
- Fine Arts: *Brown*
- Journalism: *Crimson*
- Library Science, Information Management:
Lemon Yellow
- Music: *Pink*
- Philosophy: *Dark Blue*
- Public Administration, Public Policy: *Peacock Blue*
- Public Health: *Salmon Pink*
- Social Science, Natural Science: *Golden Yellow*
- Social Work: *Citron*

Graduating students at UAlbany wear tassels of the color representing their field of study. Honors graduates of the baccalaureate program also wear honor medallions.

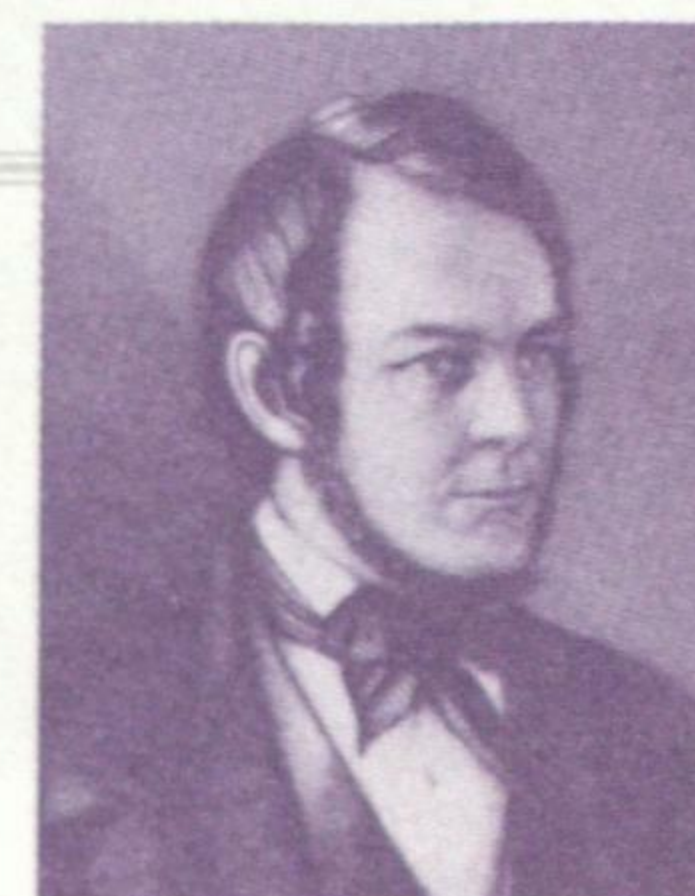
Candidates for degrees are listed as of April 17, 2017. No changes in status could be made after this date. Honors for degree candidates were computed using the cumulative grade point average as of this date and a projection that the student will have earned 56 or more credits at UAlbany, of which a minimum of 40 credits are A-E graded. Official honor status will be recalculated when term grades are recorded and will appear on the diploma.

***Summa Cum Laude: signifies a cumulative grade-point average of 3.75 or above

**Magna Cum Laude: signifies a cumulative grade-point average of 3.50-3.74

*Cum Laude: signifies a cumulative grade-point average of 3.25-3.49

Legislation establishing Albany's Normal School as New York's first public institution of higher learning was passed in 1844. For nearly 50 years, the Normal School provided a two-year education to students from across the state. David Perkins Page served the Normal School's first principal.



FLAG BEARERS

Presentation of Colors by the following members of the ROTC Mohawk Battalion Color Guard:

Cadet Ryan Clemente	Cadet Michael Pepe
Cadet Alyssa Griffith	Cadet Kevin Quinde
Cadet Jake Maltz	Cadet Joseph Stielde

Presentation of international flags representing members of the graduating class, by the following students:

Ibrahim E. Abdalla	Christophe Maxime Fokoua Dongmo	Alaa Yassin Muhiddin
Sana E. Ahmida Abdelkarim	Zahraa Ismail Ahmed Foraida	Chansa Everline Mushota
Ubaidat Abdul-Rahman	Ashley Giannita	Sameera Sinha Nallanthighal
Ore Adelaja	Marcos Aurelio Grael Jr.	Arunkumar Odedara
Temilayo Elizabeth Adeyeye	Maria Vittoria Gronchi	Urenna Joy Onwunaibe
Vishal Agarwal	Kapil Gupta	Irene Owusu-Takyi
Kossi D. Agbozo	Sebastian Herrera	Giovana Padilla
Sumayya Adib Al-Chalabi	Hoang Nghia Hoang	Liyang Pang
Jane Anyango Gregory	Jona Hoxha	Olena Petrashchuk
Betelehem Solomon Bera	Chu-Chun Huang	Mai Quynh Pham
Anne-Carolin Beuttler	Hannah Brigida Isla Infantado	Pritisha Pradhan
Sharareh Biglari	Maik Katko	Elipha Pradhananga
Volha Boyles	Nobumasa Kawakami	Riasat Hussain Rana
Fanta Camara	Hina Khalid	Vishwanath Boorgucharla Rao
Xiaofeng Cao	Sabrina Khan	Sergey Romanishin
Yadi Chen	Min Pyo Kim	Fusun Sahin
Sodgerel Chinburen	Kavi Kiriella	Alba Sala
Marlene Emilse Diaz	Maria Koga	Luzi Shi
Jonathan Michael Diraddo	Grace Esther Caroline Korompis	Seunghyun Shin
Mamou Doumbia	Lin Li	Daria Sidoruk
Denisse Duran-Reyes	Tianqi Liao	Yutthana Srisakunkhunakorn
Cassandra Edwards	Changha Lim	Barbara Ellis Suarez
	Marshall Makate	Nicolas Texeira Nunez
	Akeela Makshood	Merve Turan
	Marieka Felesia McLeod	Munzerin Uddin
	Paul Mensah	Monica Sabina Venegas Urbina
	Laura M. Milanes	Xiyuan Wang
	Andrea Minchala	Bakhytkul Zhakipbayeva
	Stuti Misra	Daniela Zolorzano
	Gertrude Morgan Dadzie	



UNDERGRADUATE HONORS, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Many members of the Class of 2017 have been supported and encouraged by donors who generously fund scholarships, awards and prizes which are presented annually through UAlbany's philanthropic entity, The University at Albany Foundation. As these students prepare to embark upon the next phase of their lives, we invite you to read the stories of several who share their plans for the future while acknowledging the thoughtful donors who made their aspirations possible.

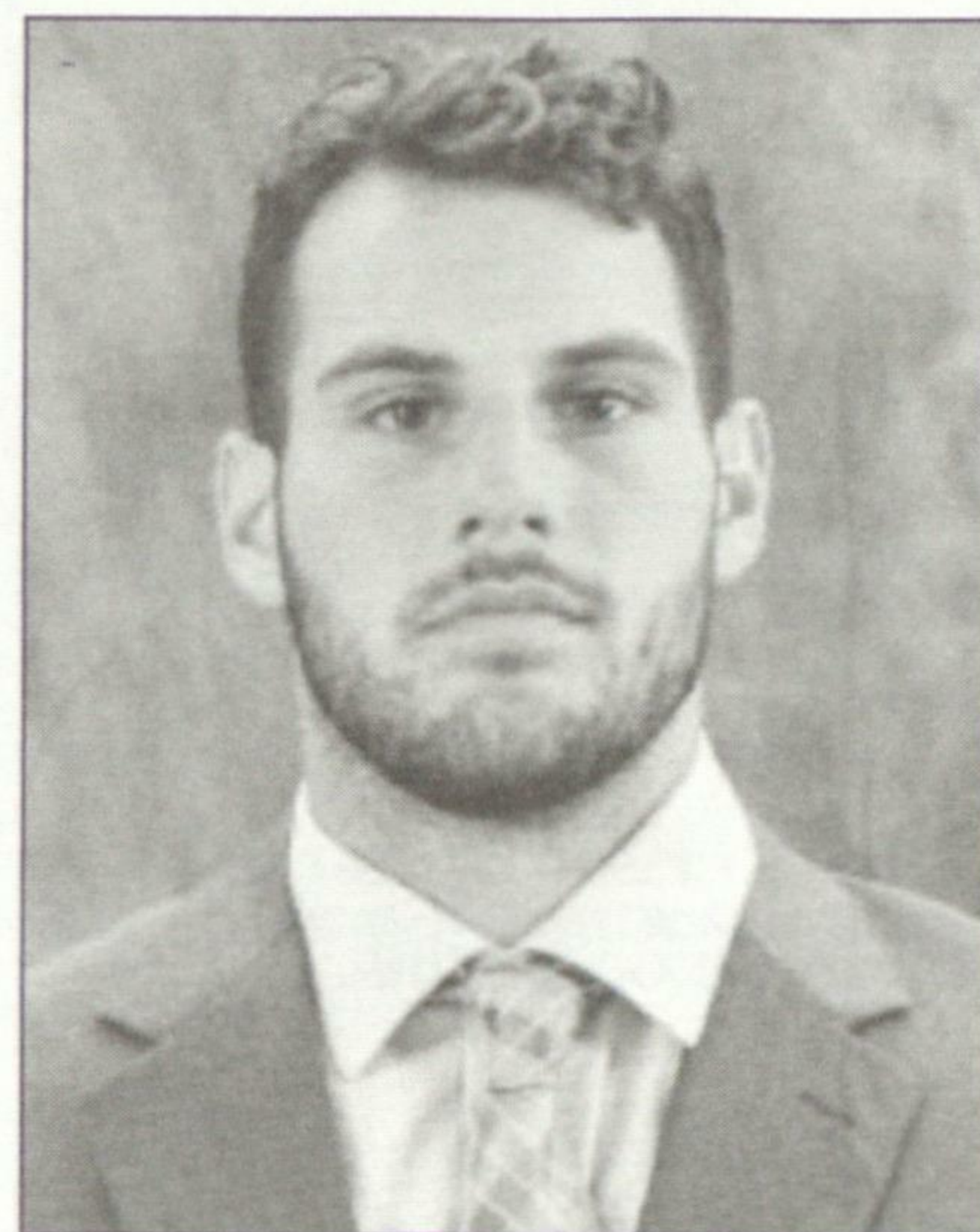
Douglas Crook Jr.

"Life changing," is how Douglas Crook Jr. describes the assistance he received as *The Mark Pnini '98 Football Scholarship* recipient. The West Barnstable, Mass. native transferred to UAlbany a year and half ago and never looked back. After accumulating significant debt at another institution, he was relieved to be able to complete his education at UAlbany with the help offered by the *Pnini Scholarship*. "I've enjoyed the change, and I will now be proud to be a Great Dane forever," he states. Crook earned a degree in economics and sociology and intends to put his studies to use expanding his Aquaculture business on Cape Cod.

Outside of the classroom, Crook's biggest commitment was to the UAlbany football team. This was his fourth

year playing at the collegiate level, and he has had a love and passion for the sport since he was a child. His scholarship was truly the perfect fit, supporting him both on and off the field.

When Crook was able to find a spare moment, he enjoyed spending time at his favorite place on campus, the fountain. "Not only is it a good place to catch up with friends," he says, "but it also has this presence that is unique to only our school."

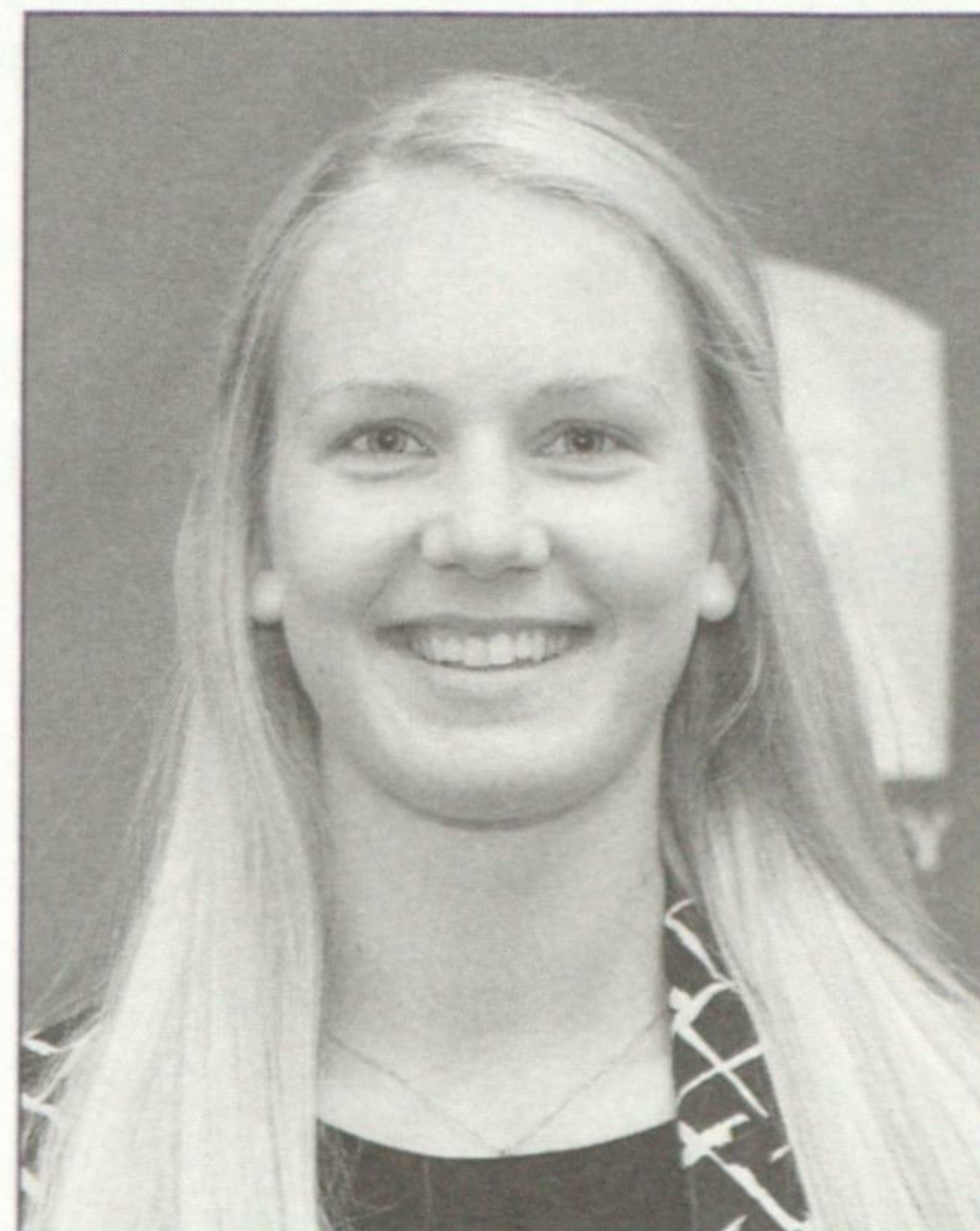


Kristin Flatow

"I appreciate the support and relationship I've been able to build with my donor and how it has helped me grow professionally," reflects senior Kristin Flatow, recipient of *The David P. Schaffer '83 and Paul C. Schaffer '86 Scholarship*. In addition to helping make her UAlbany education possible, Paul Schaffer welcomed Flatow as an intern at Alterna Capital Partners, his private equity firm in Wilton, Conn.

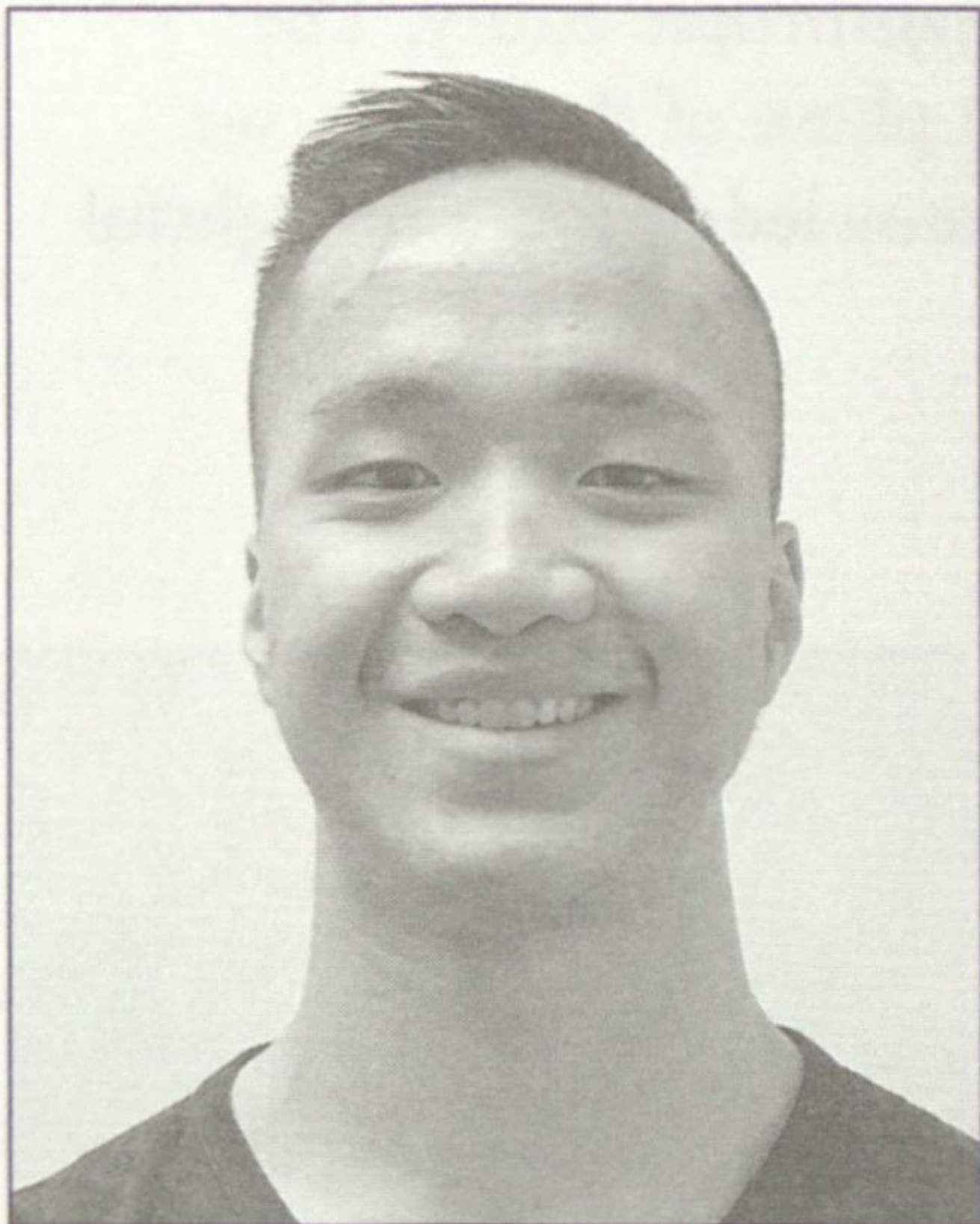
Flatow is an accounting and business administration double-major with a minor in journalism. She also served as president of the UAlbany Stock Exchange and treasurer of her chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, an international honorary organization for accounting students and professionals.

Impressively, she has already signed on with Deloitte, a multinational firm providing audit, consulting, advisory and tax services, and plans to get her master's degree in taxation. After reflecting on what a huge impact her scholarship experience at UAlbany has had on her, Flatow muses, "Maybe someday I'll establish a scholarship here in my own name."



UNDERGRADUATE HONORS, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS (CONT.)

Wahing Lau



Wahing Lau credits his experience at UAlbany with helping to explain the world to him. The first-generation college student from New York City decided to double major in sociology and economics as a way to understand the reasoning behind human actions and the decisions we choose to make. He describes leaving favorite professor Andrew Horvitz's *Sociological Theory* class "in complete awe and enlightenment" on multiple occasions.

Receiving the *Yang Family Scholarship* helped Lau finish up his last year at UAlbany and gave him the financial freedom to begin thinking about his career. "I plan to get a job at a financial firm and be a personal trainer on the side, eventually owning my own gym/personal-training business," he explains. Lau is dedicated to physical fitness and spent many hours of his free time at the campus fitness center. Working out on a regular basis revolutionized his life, and he wants to help others achieve the same benefits. "I know the value that fitness can bring to someone's life," he says.

Lau is grateful for the assistance his scholarship has provided and thanks the Yang family for their generosity.

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Noni Murphy

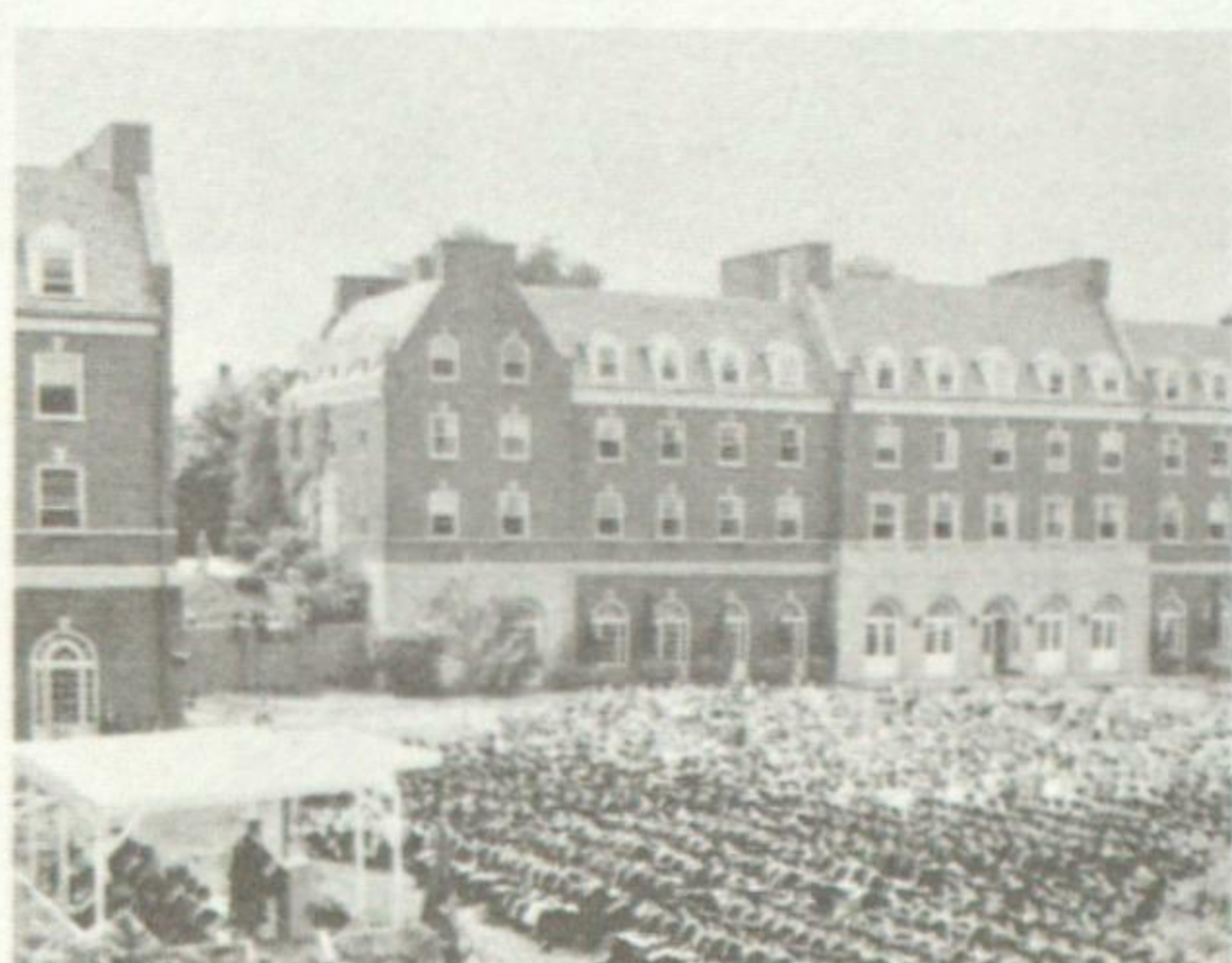


"I have loved my time here," declares Noni Murphy, recipient of *The Barnes and Noble Achievers Scholarship*. When Murphy was choosing a college, UAlbany made the most sense financially for her, and her scholarship has helped her achieve her dreams. She was able to attain success in the classroom and do all the things she planned to do during her time here without the worrisome burden of financing her education entirely on her own.

Murphy is a vocal-performance major with a minor in psychology. Her classes have kept her busy and engaged during her time at UAlbany. "My most memorable professor is Dr. Victoria von Arx, my piano teacher. She is personable and warm toward her classes. I've enjoyed my time with her." Murphy also served as vice president of Phenomenal Voices, the student performance group on campus, and was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, the first Greek-lettered sorority established by African-American college women.

After graduation, she'd like to put her musical talents to use and begin auditioning on Broadway. She's also considering graduate school, where she would pursue a degree in music and therapy. "My ultimate goal in life is to be happy with what I'm doing," she says. It's clear UAlbany has given Murphy a foundation to achieve just that.

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Alumni Quadrangle, completed in 1959, was the first residence hall designed for Albany students. Prior to this development, most students lived in boarding houses.

Hasina Noory

During her time at UAlbany, *Roselle DeCarlo Memorial Scholarship* recipient Hasina Noory was determined to take advantage of every opportunity available to her here. Knowing medical school was in her future, she chose to double major in human biology and sociology. As a complement to her classwork, Noory also worked with favorite professor Dr. Maksim Royzen, conducting research at the RNA Institute. There, she gained hands-on experience running reactions in a real laboratory setting.



Honor Society; volunteered with Student Support Services' free peer tutoring program; and was active in Doctors 4 Hope, a student group that connects pre-med students with volunteer and research opportunities.

Noory is grateful for the assistance provided by the *DeCarlo Scholarship*, particularly because it freed up some of her finances to pay the hefty fees attached to applying for medical school. She is considering specializing in emergency

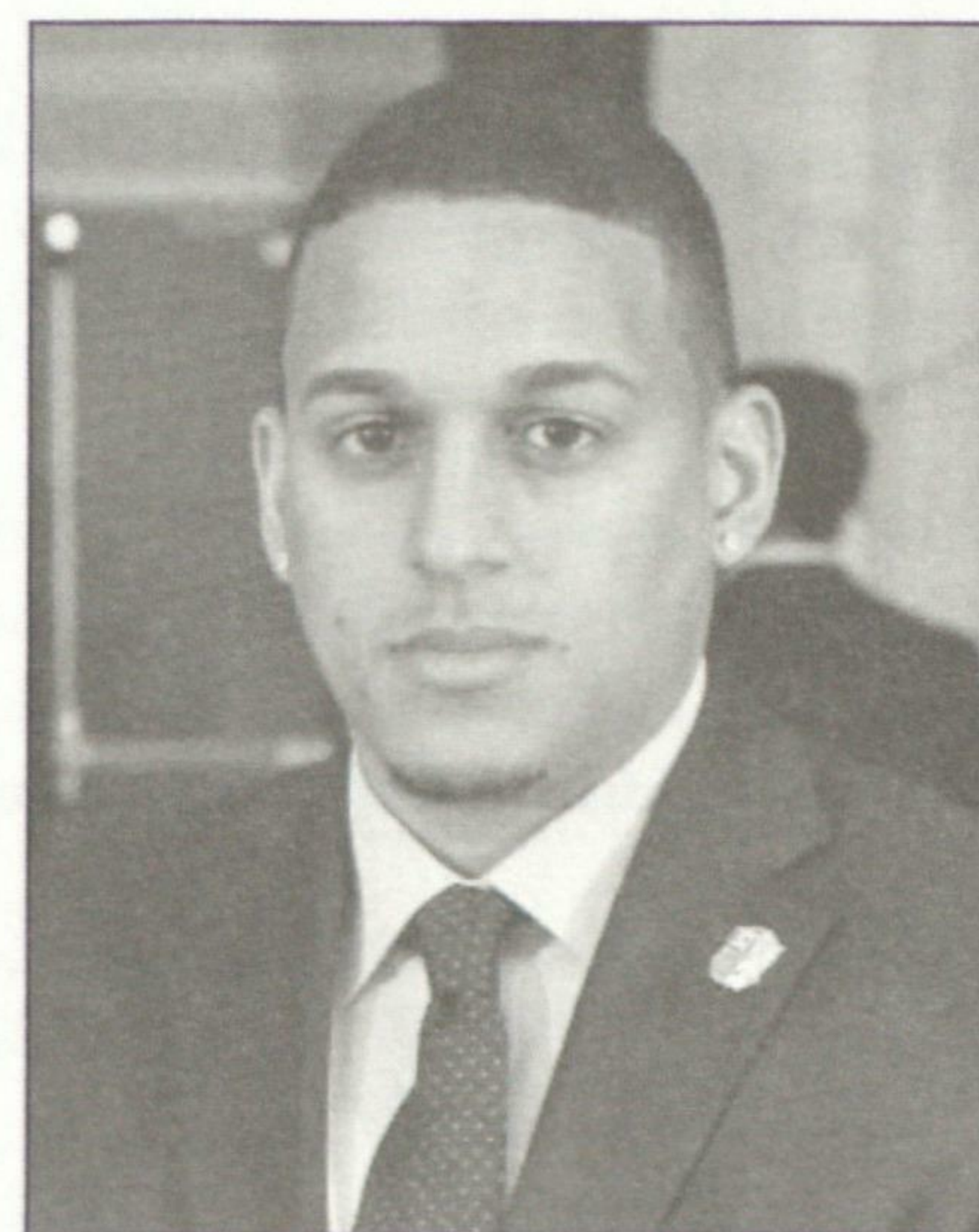
medicine eventually, but is keeping that door open for now. She has enjoyed her UAlbany experience and reflects, "it opened up a lot of opportunities I don't think I would have gotten anywhere else."

The Galloway, N.J. native also made sure to get involved in campus life as much as her busy schedule would allow. She became a member of the Presidential

Ralph Sanchez

Senior Ralph Sanchez explains that coming from the Bronx and being able to remain in college is not always easy. However, with the assistance of *The Edith and Otto Katz Scholarship* he received, Sanchez was able to thrive at UAlbany. The *Katz Scholarship* stipulates its recipient must demonstrate academic achievement. As an outstanding student double majoring in mathematics and economics, Sanchez certainly fit that criterion. He plans to enter the financial world after graduation and eventually pursue a graduate degree.

Originally drawn to UAlbany for its diverse student body, Sanchez became wholly involved in campus life. He is a member of La Unidad Latina Lambda Upsilon Lambda Inc., a fraternity dedicated to service in the Latino community, and Fuerza Latina, a student group that serves and supports Latino students on campus. Sanchez also enjoyed playing intramural sports on a regular basis and meeting up with friends at the fountain. He feels lucky to have been chosen to receive the *Katz Scholarship* and is grateful to the donors for "reaching out and giving out a helping hand to so many."



Moving-Up Day was a popular tradition at the New York State College for Teachers. It was the occasion when the classes advanced from one "rank" to another, beginning with freshman week and concluding at Commencement.

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS (CONT.)

Kayla Potter

Kayla Potter is the first person in her immediate family to attend college, something her parents proudly supported. However, financing an undergraduate education was a major concern. Thankfully, with the assistance of *The Robyn Fishelberg Memorial Scholarship* and *The Barnes & Noble Achievers Scholarship*, Potter was able to complete her studies and much more.

The senior from Endicott, N.Y. earned a degree in both criminal justice and English with a minor in sociology. Throughout her time at UAlbany she was also deeply involved in campus life – president of the Phi Alpha Delta Pre Law Fraternity and chair of the UAlbany Fund Philanthropy Council. She enjoyed her work outside of the classroom and always strived

to inspire her peers to do the same. Potter was recognized for her efforts with a President's Award for Leadership in 2016.

Potter will be attending law school after she says goodbye to UAlbany but will never forget her time here. She notes, "No amount of thanks will ever do enough justice, but thank you for making such a difference."



UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

This award is presented by the Chancellor to students who have best demonstrated the integration of academic excellence, which may include leadership, community service, arts, athletics and career achievement.

Mathew Boll
Caitlin Qingyang Briggs
David Bunn
Cassandra Edwards
Kayla James
Ermida Koduah
Akeela Makshood
Naomi McPeters
Stuti Misra
Aritra Saha

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP

Distinguished Scholar-Leader Award

Awarded to one graduating senior who best exemplifies the scholar-leader-service ideal, demonstrating academic excellence, effective leadership, a commitment to serving others, and creative scholarly activity.

Brittany Egnot

Outstanding Senior Award

This award recognizes seniors who have contributed greatly to the University during the course of their undergraduate careers through their demonstrated leadership abilities.

Erik Augspurger
Mathew Boll
Caitlin Briggs
Rashan Brown
David Bunn
Carlie Eagle
Cassandra Edwards
Grant Hilsenrath
Kayla James
Ermida Koduah
Laini Leindecker
Michael Lorca
Akeela Makshood
Colin Manchester
Jibin Manimala
John McCauley
Naomi McPeters
Stuti Misra
Troy Norton
Kayla Potter
Nicholas Rizzo
Kimberly Roc
Aritra Saha
Elizabeth Snow
Natalie Turner

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

The recipients of this award have been selected on the basis of a major paper or project produced by the student, whose significance is judged in terms of its academic quality and originality.

College of Arts & Sciences

Mathew Boll
Haylee Shepard
Deirdre Curry
Sebastian Herrera
Margaret Norway
Sean Johnson
Naomi McPeters
Seunghyun Shin
Caitlin Briggs

College of Engineering & Applied Sciences

Stuti Misra

Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy

Jona Hoxha

School of Public Health

September Johnson

For a complete list of graduate and undergraduate honors, awards and scholarship recipients, please visit www.albany.edu/uafoundation/scholarships

DOCTORAL DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Muberra Allahverdi, Ph.D., Mathematics
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Alexandre B. Tchernev
“Torsion freeness of symmetric powers, exterior powers, and Schur Functions”

Olivia L. Barone, Ph.D., French Studies
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Cynthia A. Fox
“The Effects of Increasing Object Pronoun Input Frequency on the Aural Comprehension of 3rd person Object Pronouns among second semester Classroom Learners of French”

Susan Elizabeth Beckhardt, Ph.D., Mathematics
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Boris Goldfarb
“Extension properties of asymptotic property c and finite decomposition complexity”

Beatriz E. Bolivar Vega, Ph.D., Chemistry
Dissertation Chair: Prof. John T. Welch
“Structural Characterization of the Interactions of Nicotinamide and Analogs with Human SIRT6 by Saturation Transfer Difference (STD) NMR and Site Directed Mutagenesis”

Elise R. M. Bouhet, Ph.D., French Studies
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Jean-Francois Briere
“L'espace du jeu dans les émeutes de 2005 en France”

Jessica Wooldridge Brown, Ph.D., Industrial & Organizational Psychology
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Michael Ford
“The Effect of Justice and Injustice on Sleep Quality”

Ozgur Celenk, Ph.D., Sociology
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Steven Seidman
“The Transformation of Political Islam in Turkey: A Cultural Analysis of the Islamic Narratives of the ‘West’”

Andrew J. Clark, Ph.D., Anthropology
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Sean M. Rafferty
“Landscape of War: A Spatial Analysis of Village Settlements in the Middle Missouri Subregion of the North American Great Plains”

Christopher M. Colose, Ph.D., Atmospheric Science
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Mathias Vuille
“Influence of Volcanic Eruptions on Tropical Hydroclimate During the Last Millennium”

Cecily Brainerd Corbett, Ph.D., Spanish
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Lotfi Sayahi
“Sociophonetic accommodation as a function of interlocutor target language competence: The case of New York Dominican Spanish”

Leonardo J. Correa, Ph.D., Spanish
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Lotfi Sayahi
“Variación y cambio en el español de Bogotá: análisis de dos variables sociofonéticas”

Christopher Michael DeMott, Ph.D., Chemistry
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Alexander Shekhtman
“Using In-Cell NMR to Study Biologically Important Interactions”

Cristina Dubceac, Ph.D., Chemistry
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Marina A. Petrukhina
“Site-Specific Functionalization of Corannulene: Tailoring Structures and Properties”

Wahida Ferdousi, Ph.D., Economics
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Kajal Lahiri
“Inequality in access to dental and vision care: examining the role of income and insurance”

Richard E. Ferro, Ph.D., Mathematics
Dissertation Co-Chairs: Profs. Charles A. Micchelli & Jani Virtanen
“Structured Pseudospectra of Block Matrix Structures”

Nicholas James Figueroa, Ph.D., Spanish
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Maurice J. Westmoreland
“Variation in /r/ Outcomes in the Speech of U.S.-Born Puerto Rican and Dominican Heritage Spanish Speakers”

Alyssa Maureen FitzGerald, Ph.D., Biology
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Jeremy J. Kirchman
“Speciation and ecological niche divergence of a boreal bird species complex”

Kristen Lee Hourigan, Ph.D., Sociology
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Joanne M. Kaufman
“Redefining Murder: A Qualitative Exploration of Emotion and Identity Following Loss of a Loved One to Homicide”

Chu-Chun Huang, Ph.D., Atmospheric Science
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Wei-Chyung Wang
“Sensitivity of Meiyu Front to Aerosol Spatial Distribution Over Yangtze-Huai River Valley”

Vivian Shing-wei Hwang, Ph.D., Clinical Psychology
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Mitch Earleywine
“A Pilot Study of a Brief Motivational Intervention for Marijuana Use in College Students”

William J. Jaremko, Ph.D., Chemistry
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Li Niu
“Developing Channel-Selective & Subunit-Selective RNA Aptamers for AMPA Receptors”

DOCTORAL DEGREES (CONT.)

Andrew Jordan Lavender, Ph.D., Spanish
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Maurice J. Westmoreland
“Code Switching, Lexical Borrowing, and Polylinguaging in Valencian Spanish: An Analysis of Data from Conversational Corpora and Twitter”

Mark F. LaVigne, Ph.D., Communication
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Matthew D. Matsaganis
“Constructing the Municipal Innovation Exchange (MIX): How an interorganizational network of local government associations contested passage of a proposed property tax freeze”

Sarah Heins Ledogar, Ph.D., Anthropology
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Marilyn A. Masson
“A zooarchaeological and geochemical analysis of the faunal remains from the Tripolye site Verteba Cave, Ukraine”

Benjamin Howard Leeming, Ph.D., Anthropology
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Louise M. Burkhart
“Aztec Antichrist: Christianity, Transculturation, and Apocalypse on Stage in Two Sixteenth-Century Nahuatl Dramas”

Theodore W. Letcher, Ph.D., Atmospheric Science
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Justin R. Minder
“The Impact of the Snow Albedo Feedback Over Mountain Regions as Examined Through High-resolution Regional Climate Change Experiments Over the Rocky Mountains”

Zhaojin Lu, Ph.D., Sociology
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Richard W. Lachmann
“Official Nationalism with Dominant Narratives on the Imperial Pasts: A Comparison between Britain and China, 1900-2016”

Marshall Makate, Ph.D., Economics
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Pinka Chatterji
“Three essays in health economics”

Rebecca R. Mendelsohn, Ph.D., Anthropology
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Robert M. Rosenswig
“Resilience and Interregional Interaction at the Early Mesoamerican City of Izapa: The Formative to Classic Period Transition”

Laura Margarita Milanes, Ph.D., Sociology
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Ronald N. Jacobs
“Narrating Economic Crises in the Media. An Analysis of the Media Coverage, in Colombia and in the United States, of Two Crises: The Great Recession (2008) and the Colombian Crisis of the End of the Century (1998)”

Darcy Mullen, Ph.D., English
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Laura A. Wilder
“There’s No Space like Home: Locavore Writing and Rhetorics of Place”

Zahir S. Mumin, Ph.D., Spanish
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Lotfi Sayahi
“A Sociolinguistic Study of Puerto Rican Spanish in Amsterdam, NY”

Claire Kathleen Muro, Ph.D., Chemistry
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Igor K. Lednev
“Further Development of Raman Spectroscopy for Body Fluid Investigation: Forensic Identification, Limit of Detection, and Donor Characterization”

Megan K. Murphy, Ph.D., Sociology
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Steven Seidman
“Queer Youth Activism: Generational Change in the US LGBTQ Movement”

Natalie Jean O’Neil, Ph.D., Chemistry
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Marina A. Petrukhina
“Multi-Charged Buckybowls: Self-Assembled and Metal Ion Intercalation”

Basak Ozgenc, Ph.D., Sociology
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Hayward D. Horton
“Human Capital, Assimilation and Local Labor Markets: A Multilevel Analysis of Earnings Inequality between Non-Hispanic US-Born and Foreign-Born Whites in the U.S.: 1980-2010”

Md. Muhit Rana, Ph.D., Chemistry
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Mehmet V. Yigit
“Multifunctional Nanomaterials Utilizing Hybridization Chain Reaction For Molecular Diagnostics and Bioanalytical Application”

Edelmira Reynoso, Ph.D., Sociology
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Hayward D. Horton
“Mexican-American Professionals: An Oxymoronic Concept or New Reality”

Garima Siwach, Ph.D., Economics
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Byoung Park
“Impact of Employment Barriers on Individuals with Criminal Records: An Econometric Evaluation of Criminal Background Checks in New York”

Joel P. Sodano, Ph.D., English
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Richard A. Barney
“Novel Passions: Re-Reading English Fiction Through the History of Emotion, 1689-1751”

Sarah R. Strahan, Ph.D., Industrial & Organizational Psychology
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Kevin J. Williams
“Understanding Trait-Turnover Relationships: An Examination of the Utility of Holland’s Congruence Theory and the Riasec Typology”

Allen W. Wong, Ph.D., Sociology
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Joanne M. Kaufman
“Immigration and Victimization: Applications of Criminological Concepts to the Lesser-Known Side of the Immigration and Crime Nexus”

Yin-Shuo Wu, Ph.D., Chemistry
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Li Niu
“A Mechanistic Study of Inhibition on Complex AMPA Receptor Channels by 2,3-Benzodiazepine Compounds”

Linbin Zhong, Ph.D., Chemistry
Dissertation Chair: Prof. John T. Welch
“The preparation and characterization of hypervalent sulfur- λ 6-tetrafluorosulfanes”

Yu Zou, Ph.D., Economics
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Hany A. Shawky
“Three Essays on Electricity Pricing, Congestion, and Market Efficiency”

SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Daniel W. Waddington, Ph.D., Criminal Justice
Dissertation Chair: Prof. David H. Bayley
“A SWOT Analysis of Community Policing as a Reform Schema for the Egyptian National Police to Counter Violent Extremism”

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Maribeth Hope Ballert Potter, Ph.D., Educational Psychology & Methodology
Dissertation Chair: Prof. David Yun Dai
“The Lived Experiences of High-Achieving Adults during Their Middle School and High School Years: A Phenomenological Study”

Holly J. Breault, Psy.D., School Psychology
Dissertation Chair: Prof. David N. Miller
“Effects of the Helping Early Literacy with Practice Strategies (HELPS) Program on Reading Fluency with Secondary Level Students Attending an Alternative Education Program”

Piera Camposeo, Ph.D., Curriculum & Instruction
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Alex K. Kumi-Yeboah
“Investigating Teacher and Administrator Response to a Care-Based Curriculum Implementation”

Owen M. Donovan, Ph.D., Curriculum & Instruction
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Robert P. Yagelski
“Using Technologies to Support the Social and Academic Engagement of Young People with Cancer”

Thomas E. Enderlein, Ph.D., Educational Policy & Leadership
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Alan P. Wagner
“Patterns of Graduate Student Finance”

Deepti V. Marathe, Ph.D., Educational Psychology & Methodology
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Joan Newman
“Parental Involvement during College: Student Perceptions and Relationship with Self-Efficacy”

Martha Lois Oldfield-Maser, Ph.D., Curriculum & Instruction
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Istvan Kecskes
“Humor in Secondary Students’ World Language Writing”

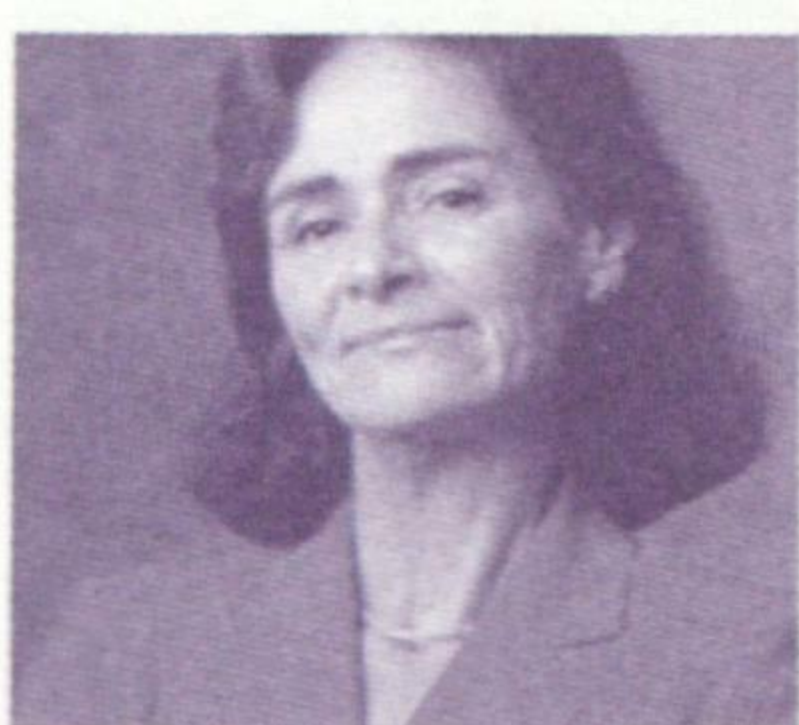
Gretchen Patricia Oliver, Ph.D., Curriculum & Instruction
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Carol Rodgers
“Taking it to Heart: A Case Study of Supporting English Language Learners through Culturally Responsive Teaching, Collaboration, and ESOL-Focused Leadership”

Patterson R. Rogers, Ph.D., Curriculum & Instruction
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Alandson W. Oliveira
“Mathematics Discourse and Its Relationship to the Development of Collective and Individual Student Knowledge in the Context of Limits”

Celia C. Rouse, Ph.D., Curriculum & Instruction
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Alandson W. Oliveira
“Factors impacting minorities in their decision to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields and the licensed professions in College”

Fusun Sahin, Ph.D., Educational Psychology & Methodology
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Kimberly F. Colvin
“Exploring Validity of Computer-Based Test Scores with Examinees’ Response Behaviors and Response Times”

Jason Toole, Ph.D., Educational Policy & Leadership
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Kathryn S. Schiller
“Student Departure at West Point: An Examination of Persistence Within A Total Institution”



Maureen Baginski '79 ~ Senior Intelligence Advisor

From a B.A. degree in Slavic languages to the National Security Agency, she climbed the ranks to the Signals Intelligence Directorate, where she was put in charge of developing technology and producing intelligence information. She eventually headed the FBI's then new Office of Intelligence. Retired from the FBI in 2005, she is now a director in BearingPoint's Intelligence Sector.

DOCTORAL DEGREES (CONT.)

Jennifer Robin Wrage, Ph.D., Educational Policy & Leadership
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Heinz-Dieter Meyer
“Understanding the Perceptual Divide Between Students with Disabilities, Faculty and Administrators in an Open Enrollment Environment”

Thea A. Yurkewecz, Ph.D., Literacy
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Virginia J. Goatley
“Navigating the Complex Nature of Specialized Literacy Professionals in Formalized Teacher Leadership Positions”

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES

Avinash Bachwani, Ph.D., Information Science
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Suraj Commuri
“Reducing medication errors: a dialectical journey from the phenomenological to the ontological”

Stephen B. Buerle, Ph.D., Information Science
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Jagdish Gangolly
“BioONT: Improving Knowledge Organization and Representation in the Domain of Biometric Authentication”

Mary Catherine Peters, Ph.D., Information Science
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Philip B. Eppard
“Personal Digital Archiving in Public Libraries: A Critical Realist Approach”

Jingnan Xie, Ph.D., Computer Science
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Harry B. Hunt, III
“Complexity Theoretic Parallels Among Automata, Formal Languages and Real Variables: Including multi-patterns, L-systems and cellular automata”

COLLEGE OF NANOSCALE SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Karsten Beckmann, Ph.D., Nanoscale Engineering
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Nathaniel C. Cady
“Resistive Random Access Memory from Materials Development and Engineering to Novel Encryption and Neuromorphic Applications”

Vishal Umeshbhai Desai, Ph.D., Nanoscale Engineering
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Nathaniel C. Cady
“Novel uses of directly patternable silicon oxide based resist for advanced patterning applications”

Zahraa Ismail Ahmed Foraida, Ph.D., Nanoscale Sciences
Dissertation Chair: Prof. James Castracane
“Towards a biomimetic elastin-based scaffold for salivary gland tissue regeneration and growth factor delivery”

Avyaya Jayanthinarasimham, Ph.D., Nanoscale Sciences
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Vincent P. LaBella
“Materials for Giant Spin Hall Effect Devices”

Stephen Henry Kasper, Ph.D., Nanoscale Engineering
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Nathaniel C. Cady
“Novel Approaches to Mitigating Bacterial Biofilm Formation and Intercellular Communication”

Machara Krishna Malladi, Ph.D., Nanoscale Science & Engineering
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Hassaram Bakhru
“Exploring magnetic nanostructures embedded within single-crystal Silicon for generation of spin-polarized carriers”

Jacob Jordan Terracina, Ph.D., Nanoscale Engineering
Dissertation Co-Chairs: Profs. Susan T. Sharfstein & Magnus Bergkvist
“Computational Optimization and Characterization of Molecularly Imprinted Polymers”

NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & POLICY

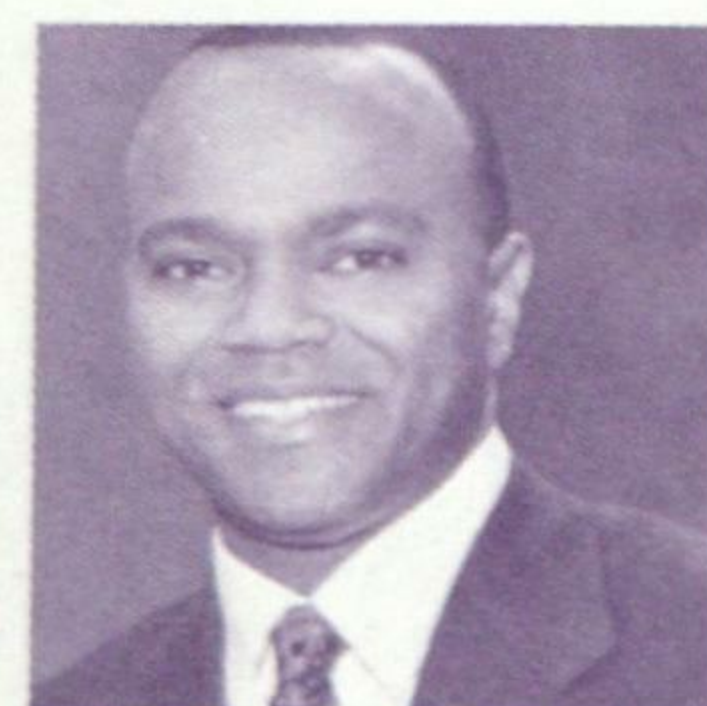
Amira Saleem Jadoon, Ph.D., Political Science
Dissertation Co-Chairs: Profs. Victor H. Asal & Bryan R. Early
“Aiding Repression? The Effects of U.S Military Aid on Conflict Intensity and Civilian Targeting”

Hina Khalid, Ph.D., Public Administration & Policy
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Erika G. Martin
“Improving HIV outcomes in Pakistan: the interaction between politics, power, and implementation”

Manabu Nakashima, Ph.D., Public Administration & Policy
Dissertation Chair: Prof. R. Karl Rethemeyer
“Antecedents and Consequences of Performance Information Use in Collaborative Networks”

L. Oliver Robinson '96 ~ Superintendent, Shenendehowa School District

The first from his Bell Glade, Fla., high school to graduate from an Ivy League college, he is an authority on public school finance who rose in ten years from an administrator in the Berne-Knox-Westerlo school district to superintendent of schools for Mohonasen Central, to superintendent of the Capital Region's largest school district, Shenendehowa Central. He was named one of the region's "Best and Brightest Under 40" by *The Business Review*.



Rachel Rappaport, Ph.D., Political Science
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Victor H. Asal
“THE NEW RIGHT IN EUROPE: SUPPLY, DEMAND,
AND ELECTORAL PERFORMANCE A Qualitative
Comparative Analysis of New Right parties, 1980-2015”

Katherine M. Zuber, Ph.D., Political Science
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Julie Novkov
“Then Came Marriage: Legal Advocacy in the
Movement for LGBT Equality”

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Temilayo Elizabeth Adeyeye, Ph.D.,
Environmental Health Sciences
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Erin M. Bell
“Wheezing and Food Allergies in Infants Delivered
via Cesarean Section - The Upstate KIDS Study”

Marcie Fraser, Dr.P.H., Public Health
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Jennifer Manganello
“Impact on Substance Abuse and Obesity/Overweight on
the Relationship Between Domestic Violence and Bullying”

Lusine Rafik Ghazaryan, Dr.P.H., Public Health
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Perry Smith
“Maltreatment Related Outpatient Visits and
Hospitalizations Among Children in New
York State, 2011-2014”

Elisabeth R. Knoll, Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Randall H. Morse
“Influence of the pre-initiation complex on Mediator
recruitment in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*”

Grace Esther Caroline Korompis, Dr.P.H.,
Public Health
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Erin M. Bell
“Early Diagnosis and Intervention for Young Children
with Autism Spectrum Disorder in New York State”

Ming Luo, Ph.D., Biometry & Statistics
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Igor G. Zurbenko
“KZ Spatial Wave Separation with Applications
to Atmospheric Data”

Zainab Magdon-Ismail, Dr.P.H., Public Health
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Barry R. Sherman
“Mortality One-Year Post Stroke: What Matters?
An exploratory study of a cohort in New York State”

Sameera Sinha Nallanthighal, Ph.D.,
Biomedical Sciences
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Ramune Reliene
“Understanding the genotoxicity of silver nanoparticles
and the chemoprevention of pomegranate extract”

Sridevi Ranganathan, Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Kathleen A. McDonough
“Structural and functional characterization of an
unusual cAMP responsive transcription factor,
Cmr, in TB complex mycobacteria”

Janmeet Singh Saini, Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Sally Temple
“Retinal Disease Modeling and Drug Screening
using Stem Cell Derived Retinal Pigment Epithelium”

Lauren Elizabeth Schlichting, Ph.D., Epidemiology
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Alissa Rachel Van Zutphen
“Pregnant Women with Congenital Heart Disease:
Pregnancy Outcomes and Proximity to Care”

Charlene J. Schulz, Dr.P.H., Public Health
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Wendy E. Weller
“Genetic Counselor Workforce Trends in the
United States: 2002 to 2016”

Christopher James Sevinsky, Ph.D., Biomedical
Sciences
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Douglas S. Conklin
“The Role of N-MYC Downstream Regulated
Gene 1 in Breast Cancer Lipid Metabolism”

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Suran Ahn, Ph.D., Social Welfare
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Katharine Briar-Lawson
“The Effects of Employment and Training Programs on
Low-Income Workers' Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence
from the Survey of Income and Program Participation”

Megan Brophy-McLean, Ph.D., Social Welfare
Dissertation Co-Chairs: Profs. Toni Naccarato
& Lynn Warner
“Factors Associated with Successful Completion
of a Transitional Living Program for Homeless
and Former Foster Youth”

Caroline Weiss Dawson, Ph.D., Social Welfare
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Philip McCallion
“The Lived Experience of Caregivers for
Children with Asthma”

Emily DeLorenzo, Ph.D., Social Welfare
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Katharine Briar Lawson
“Evaluation of the Equinox, Inc. Transitional
Living Program”

MASTER'S DEGREES AND GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Degree candidates are listed alphabetically by School/College and degree.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts

Nishangani Shashika Abegunawardana
Laura Auketayeva
Matthew George Bandurchin
Tegan Paula Barron-Shashok
Haris Bektesevic
Amanda Sarah Belasen
Sade Shannen Bowen
Ovgu Bozgeyik
Oyku Bozgeyik
Kristen E. Brayden
Mary-Elizabeth Theresa Breitmaier
Claire Elizabeth Burgon
Lauren Palma Burke
Johnathan Cassidy
Matthew J. Chamberlain
Graig Ernest Chapman
Yoon Seok Choi
David James Coffey
Christina Hodsoll Coogan
Marissa Jean Crary
Ellie Yaqiao Deng
Stephanie Rene deNormand
Kaleb Oliver Dornheim
Deidre Michelle Dumpson
Qiang Fang
Stacey Lyn Farmer
Sabrina Fernandez
Aleesha F. Fiddemon
Jamie Ann Frankenfield
Matthew Christian Fritzsich-Long
Kingsley Gaa
Michael Goodman
Zeryai Peter Hagos
Caryn Livia Halle
Carolyn Difiori Hopkins
Samantha Marie Horton
Rachel Lynn Jason
Ashli Jean-Louis
Zhengxiong Jin
Najeebullah Khan
Heeyeon Kim
Sean Kingsbury
Melanie Martin LaBarge

Lukas W. Lahey
Jean-Paul P. LeBlanc
Sih Lee
Kyle Reese Lockhart
Lyam Lugo
Colin Hugh Lunde
Jimmy Mathew
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Appointed by President George W. Bush in 2003 to the U.S. Court of Appeals, he is one of America's leading jurists. He was elected to the New York State Assembly in 1982, then to the State Supreme Court in 1986. In 1997, he was appointed by then Governor Pataki to the New York State Court of Appeals.



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Lisa and Debbie Ganz '88, '89 ~ Twin Talent Agency, ~ Authors & Entrepreneurs

They created Twins Talent, the only referral service/talent company exclusively for twins and multiples, placing clients in film, print, special and corporate events, and many television reality shows. They also founded the famed Twins Restaurant in New York City, published an acclaimed photography "Book of Twins," and appear often as spokeswomen and reporters.

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Harvey Milk '51 ~ Champion for Gay Rights

The first openly gay elected official in California, Milk championed grassroots politics on behalf of urban neighborhoods and civil rights. In 2008, Milk's story was brought to the big screen, directed by Gus Van Sant and starring Sean Penn. It received 8 Academy Award nominations, including Best Picture.

