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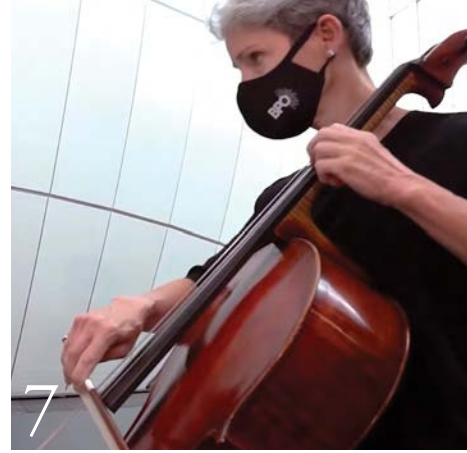
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150 ALUMNI DETAIL HOW
BUFFALO STATE HAS CHANGED THEIR LIVES
FOR THE BETTER.



BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE hosted the SUNY Model European Union (SUNYMEU) program April 7–9. The annual event alternates between a SUNY campus and the SUNY Global Center in New York City. Undergraduate and graduate students from across the SUNY system traveled to Buffalo to represent the 27 EU member states, while Buffalo State students played the role of the EU Council’s General Secretariat. This was the first time in SUNYMEU’s 35-year history that Buffalo State hosted the program.

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Katherine S. Conway-Turner, Ph.D.
President, Buffalo State College

Looking toward Our Next Chapter

As we end the yearlong celebration of our 150th anniversary, we have uncovered, explored, reinforced, and celebrated the foundations of Buffalo State College. This exploration has provided moments of reflection, surprise, and awe as we combed through the pages of our long and laudable history. Across the decades, social, political, and environmental changes have had a profound impact on our student body, the programs we've developed, and the ways we've connected with our community.

The mission of Buffalo State has always been carefully carried out by the leaders of the college, the faculty members who have delivered and developed our academic programs, the staff members who have supported every aspect of our campus, and the many students who have walked through our doors with the hope of attaining a degree as a means to a more promising future.

During this last year, I had many opportunities to talk not only with current members of our campus community but also with past administrators, emeritus faculty members, retired staffers, and alumni of the college. The 150 voices shared in this issue provide a glimpse of Buffalo State over several decades. What was clear in all my discussions was the pride and passion that people relayed when talking about Buffalo State and the great value they place on a Buffalo State education. It was also apparent that when hard times arrived—whether it was the Vietnam War, a financial crisis, or social unrest—what allowed the campus to thrive was reaching for innovative solutions, keeping an optimistic spirit, and working together as a collective. These same dispositions will continue to lead our campus to a successful future.

Today, we again grapple with difficult situations. We face a competitive environment that challenges all higher education; we are still negotiating a global health pandemic that has created stress and strain on all sectors of our community; we face continued social unrest where differences have been weaponized in ways that discriminate against many diverse members of our community; and economic factors create pressure on all members of our campus community, surrounding neighbors, and community partners. And just when we felt we were bringing all creative solutions to bear on these problems, an unthinkable racially motivated mass murder jolted our beloved city. These murders have rattled our community, and Buffalo State joins the city of Buffalo to support those directly affected and to develop ways to provide educational resources, expertise, and compassion as we heal and move forward.

Buffalo State will do what it has always done in facing challenges: we will step up to meet them—today and tomorrow. I see the resilience of our community as we work together to conquer the problems that lie ahead. I believe in Buffalo State College, and I trust that we will overcome the trials of this chapter and move beyond them to continue to provide an outstanding education for our amazing and diverse students. I channel Susan B. Anthony in believing that “failure is impossible,” and I believe that the Buffalo State community will lean into the struggles it faces and continue to lift students to new heights.

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REMEMBERING LESLIE COHEN, '69

Editor's note: Buffalo State College mourns the loss of Leslie Cohen, '69, the equality pioneer and icon who died March 15, 2022. Cohen and her wife, Beth Suskin, were the models for George Segal's Gay Liberation sculpture at Stonewall National Monument in New York City. Cohen's 2021 memoir, The Audacity of a Kiss, is an ode to the meaning of love. The book documents her personal journey with Suskin, her partner of more than 45 years, as well as her professional life as an attorney and a cofounder of New York City's first upscale women's club.

It was in the spring of 1965. I was studying in Butler Library and saw Leslie Cohen. I already knew Leslie from mixers on campus. She was the best dancer, and crowds surrounded her on the dance floor. I was without a roommate and thought that Leslie and I, both Queens natives, would make a great team.

My instincts proved correct. Leslie Cohen would be my best friend for the next 57 years.

Leslie was a merry prankster who "ruled" the tunnels, the dance floor, and the halls of Perry and Scajaquada. She always had a twinkle in her eye and mischief in her heart. She was smart, funny, and fiercely loyal. She put up with fetal pigs on the desk but not so with missing meatball subs. There was so much laughter as well as tears throughout our four years at Buffalo State. I cherish those memories.



Leslie went on to blaze a trail in the gay and lesbian community. She opened Sahara, a groundbreaking club for women, which hosted the most powerful and impactful women of the '70s. As if this weren't enough, Leslie became curator of the New York Cultural Center and was at the center of the art world. Leslie and

Beth Suskin, who became her wife, were the models for the Stonewall Inn statue created by renowned artist George Segal. Who else can claim a roommate who is a national monument?


In her "spare time," Leslie attended NYU School of Law and practiced law in Miami.

To chronicle an incredible life well lived, Rutgers University Press published her memoir, *The Audacity of a Kiss*, in September of 2021.

I am so lucky to have had such a precious friend. She loved life, "Her Beth," and her many friends. Her memory lives on with us. Rest in peace, my dearest and truest.

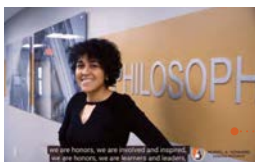
—Adrienne Rubin, '69

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Meet some of Buffalo State's finest students.



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Meet some of Buffalo State's most innovative faculty members.



• **The Muriel A. Howard Honors Program: Who We Are**
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A look back at the fall 2021 ceremony that officially dedicated two new campus spaces.

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Brimkov Named SUNY Distinguished Professor



Valentin E. Brimkov, professor of mathematics, was appointed Distinguished Professor by the State University of New York Board of Trustees in March. This honor is bestowed on faculty members who have achieved national or international prominence and a distinguished reputation within their field

through significant contributions to research and scholarship or creative activity.

Originally from Bulgaria, Brimkov has elevated mathematical scholarship during his 17 years at Buffalo State and more than 30 years in higher education, especially in the areas of discrete geometry and combinatorial image analysis. He has edited or co-edited 18 books, published almost 140 peer-reviewed scientific papers, and delivered more than 90 presentations, including keynote addresses at mathematical conferences in Japan, Poland, Portugal, South Korea, Spain, and the Czech Republic. He is a long-term member of the steering committees of two major international conferences and is a member of seven editorial boards of highly respected professional journals. In addition, he is a dedicated teacher who regularly involves students in his research.

Brimkov received the Buffalo State President's Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creativity in 2009 and the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities in 2012.

DeNysschen Named Dean of Professions



Carol DeNysschen, professor and former chair of the Health, Nutrition, and Dietetics Department, was selected as the new dean of the School of the Professions in April, following a national search. A faculty member at Buffalo State since 2008, DeNysschen attained the rank of full professor in 2017.

She earned a Ph.D. in exercise science from the State University of New York at Buffalo, a master of business administration from SUNY Oswego, and a master of public health from the University of Minnesota. She is also an active researcher and part-time assistant professor of oncology at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Mohamed Earns Newman Fellowship



Buffalo State student Iaya Mohamed, '23, was awarded a 2022–2023 Newman Civic Fellowship by Campus Compact, a national nonprofit organization, in April. The fellowship provides students with learning opportunities focused on the skills needed to serve as effective agents of change in addressing public problems and building equitable communities.

With a demonstrated commitment to social justice issues and service to others, Mohamed has served as an active member of the Student Civic Leadership Board and the Buffalo State College Rotaract Club, which received the award for Outstanding Community Service by a Student Organization at the 2021 Celebration of Community Engagement. She has volunteered with FeedMore WNY, the Arboretum Big Dig, Buffalo City Mission Shelter, the Buffalo City Thrift Store, Provisions 139, and the Afghan Evacuee Collection Drive.

Mohamed also served as a site coordinator for Bengals Dare to Care, a campuswide community service day. Most recently, she co-led the reactivation of the Muslim Student Association at Buffalo State. Her professional goal is to pursue a career in global health, especially as it relates to health equality.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/bscnewman22>.

Da Vinci High School to Call Buffalo State College Home for 2023–2024

Buffalo Public Schools (BPS) officials announced in March that Leonardo da Vinci High School will occupy Buckham Hall on the Buffalo State campus, the site of the former Campus West School, starting in fall 2023. The Buffalo Public School enrolls roughly 400 students in grades nine through 12 each year and was named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education in 2020. Da Vinci's presence on campus will create new partnership opportunities between the School of Education, BPS, and teacher education candidates at Buffalo State. A BPS-funded feasibility study will be conducted to prepare for necessary renovations before the start of the 2023–2024 academic year. Buffalo State departments and services currently located in Buckham Hall will remain in place.



◀ Letitia A. "Tish" James

♥ Joseph "Grandmaster Flash" Saddler
Darryl W. Dennard, '81
Eric J. Greenberg, '78



Commencement Returns to Campus

Buffalo State College conferred degrees on roughly 1,500 undergraduate and 725 graduate students during its 150th Commencement celebration on Saturday, May 21, marking the annual event's return to the campus Sports Arena after two years of virtual ceremonies during the global pandemic.

Letitia James, attorney general for the State of New York, delivered the Commencement address. Darryl W. Dennard, '81, broadcast journalist, and Eric J. Greenberg, '78, journalist and interfaith leader, each received a SUNY honorary doctor of humane letters. Joseph "Grandmaster Flash" Saddler, legendary DJ and hip-hop artist, received a SUNY honorary doctor of fine arts.

Nicholas M. Stanford delivered the baccalaureate student address as the recipient of the President's Medal for Outstanding Undergraduate Student, while Solomon Joseph delivered the graduate student address as the recipient of the President's Medal for Outstanding Graduate Student.

Kassius J. Broadus, Sara J. Hillman, and Joana Leamon were honored with the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence in recognition of their academic and extracurricular achievements, leadership, and service. Cody B. Crist received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence Special Award for Military Service.

Commencement marked the official close of the college's sesquicentennial year.



Ross Delivers 2022 MLK Speech



Trini E. Ross, U.S. attorney for the Western District of New York, spoke at Buffalo State College on February 2 in the Burchfield Penney Art Center's Tower Auditorium in honor of the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. and Black History Month. Nominated by

President Joseph Biden in July 2021 and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate on September 30, 2021, Ross, a Buffalo native, became the first African American woman to hold this position in Western New York. She represents the United States in all civil matters brought within this territory. The 2022 MLK speaker event was part of the college's 150th anniversary celebration and was sponsored by the Equity and Campus Diversity Office. [Read more at https://bit.ly/bscmkross](https://bit.ly/bscmkross).

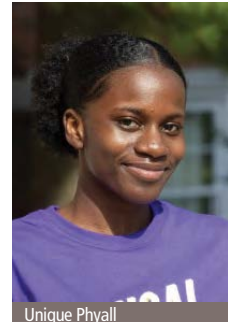
Five Tapped for SUNY Pre-Med Program

Five Buffalo State students enrolled in the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) have been chosen for a new SUNY-wide initiative aimed at helping qualified EOP students successfully prepare for medical school. The SUNY Pre-Med Opportunity Program was created to help address persistent racial and income disparities in the medical professions. Buffalo State students selected for the program were Ayan Ali, a junior biology major from Buffalo; Nayelisi Cano, a sophomore forensic chemistry major from Brooklyn; Unique Phyll, a junior biology major from Manhattan; Cindy Sanchez, a junior individualized studies major from Queens; and Jennifer Sosa, a junior individualized studies major from the Bronx. Buffalo State students composed nearly a quarter of the initial cohort selected for the program, which launched last summer with 25 students.

[Read more at https://bit.ly/bscsunpremed](https://bit.ly/bscsunpremed).



Ayan Ali



Unique Phyll



Cindy Sanchez



Jennifer Sosa

Not pictured: Nayelisi Cano



College Unveils New Master's in Applied Behavior Analysis

Buffalo State's Exceptional Education Department will accept its inaugural cohort of students into the college's newly approved master's degree program in applied behavior analysis (ABA) this summer. The two-year, six-semester program prepares students to work as independent practitioners with individuals who have autism and other behavioral health conditions. The program has been designed as a partnership with the Summit Center, which provides services to children and adults with autism and other developmental, social, and behavioral challenges. Many courses will be taught at Summit, and students will complete all their fieldwork under the guidance of Summit staff members who are experts in ABA. Upon receiving the degree, graduates must pass a state and national exam for licensure, which will enable them to practice as licensed therapists in ABA, one of the fastest-growing occupations in the country. The demand for board-certified ABAs increased by almost 2,000 percent between 2010 and 2018, according to one study. ABA specialists are hired by school districts, hospitals, and other organizations. [Read more at https://bit.ly/bscmsaba](https://bit.ly/bscmsaba).



Great Lakes Center Nets \$3M EPA Grant

Buffalo State's Great Lakes Center (GLC) has been awarded a \$3 million grant through the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to continue monitoring benthic invertebrates in the Great Lakes. This is the third such grant the GLC has received since 2012.

The entire grant of \$6.7 million was awarded to Cornell University and Buffalo State by the EPA Great Lakes National Program Office. James Watkins, associate director of the Cornell Biological Field Station, is the principal investigator of the project. Cornell's team, working in collaboration with the GLC, will monitor zooplankton and mysid crustaceans. Funded through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, the grant will support research through the beginning of 2028.

Alexander Y. Karatayev, director of the GLC; Lyubov E. Burlakova, senior research scientist; and Allison R. Hrycik, research scientist with the GLC, procured the grant for Buffalo State. The funding is part of a larger effort to restore and protect the Great Lakes, including continued monitoring of the food web, allowing researchers to better understand how the ecosystem has responded to stressors such as changing nutrient conditions, invasive species, and a warming climate.

The grant will benefit Buffalo State students by funding positions for graduate student researchers and undergraduate technicians in the GLC. It will also include independent research opportunities.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/bscglcgrant22>.

College Moves Up in Social Mobility Index

Buffalo State ranked 34th out of 1,550 benchmarked colleges and universities in CollegeNET's Social Mobility Index (SMI) for 2021. The SMI, now in its eighth year, measures the extent to which four-year colleges and universities educate economically disadvantaged students (those with family incomes below the national median) at low tuition and graduate them into well-paying jobs. Buffalo State ranks highest among schools within the State University of New York (SUNY) system and continues to be the highest-ranked four-year institution in Western New York.

"We've heard time and time again how a college education can catapult an individual from poverty into the middle class and beyond," said Buffalo State President Katherine Conway-Turner. "And at Buffalo State, we make it our mission to help students from all socioeconomic backgrounds achieve that goal."

Read more at <https://bit.ly/bsccollegenet22>.



BPO Shines at Planetarium

The Whitworth Ferguson Planetarium at Buffalo State hosted the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra's popular "Out of the Box" series last fall. "Out of the Box" features BPO musicians traveling Western New York to showcase architectural treasures and unique area landmarks. Previous episodes were recorded at such places as Niagara Falls, the North Park Theatre, Buffalo City Hall, and Frank Lloyd Wright's Darwin Martin House and Graycliff estate.

The episode recorded at the planetarium featured musicians Janz Castelo on viola, Eva Herer on cello, and Andrea Cone and Amy Licata on violin performing Manuel Ponce's "Estrellita," Antonín Dvořák's "Song to the Moon" from *Rusalka*, and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *String Quartet No. 19 in C Major, K. 465* "Dissonance": I. Adagio-Allegro.

The planetarium reopened to the public in October following a complete remodeling.

Read more and watch the performance at <https://bit.ly/bscbpoplanetarium>.

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College to Add Three Sports

Buffalo State plans to add three new NCAA sports teams over the next two years: men's volleyball and women's acrobatics and tumbling will begin play in the 2023–2024 season, while women's wrestling will start in 2024–2025. These additions will bring the total number of Bengals intercollegiate sports programs to 21. The new programs are expected to add about 100 student-athletes to the roster of nearly 400 who currently compete at Buffalo State. The campus Sports Arena will serve as the home venue for all three programs.



Morgan Takes Reins of Football Program

Buffalo State has appointed Lazarus Morgan as the sixth head coach in the history of the Bengals football program. Morgan joined the Buffalo State athletics department February 1

after serving as the defensive coordinator at SUNY Cortland this past season, where he oversaw the fifth-ranked overall defense in NCAA Division III, helping guide the Red Dragons to an 11-1 record, an Empire 8 title, and a trip to the NCAA playoffs. Before Cortland, Morgan served six seasons as an assistant coach at Alfred University, including four years (2016–2019) as the Saxons' defensive coordinator. He was Alfred's defensive backs coach and junior varsity head coach for two seasons, from 2014 to 2015. Before joining Alfred, Morgan coached for five seasons at his alma mater, Utica College.

"I am truly blessed and honored to be the next head football coach here at Buffalo State College," Morgan

said. "I can't wait to get on campus and work with our student-athletes. I look forward to working relentlessly with our coaching staff and our administration to bring this program back to its winning ways."

A native of the Bronx and an alumnus of Christopher Columbus High School, Morgan was a defensive back at Utica from 2006 to 2008 and an All-Empire 8 honoree. He earned a bachelor's degree in communication arts from Utica in 2008 and a master's degree in educational leadership and administration, also from Utica, in 2014.



Villarini Earns Hoops Honors

Senior guard Katie Villarini closed out a historic season in March, earning Fifth Team All-America, Region 3 Player of the Year, and First Team All-Region honors from D3hoops.com. She was also named State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Player of the Year. Villarini averaged 22.4 points per game and made 161 free throws, both school records. Her 559 points this season were all-time second behind the 587 points tallied by Liv LeBaron, '20, in the 2019–2020 season. Villarini led the conference in scoring, assists (4.8 per game), free throw percentage (85.2 percent), assist-to-turnover ratio (1.98), defensive rebounds (6.6 per game), and minutes played (38.8 per game). She finished fourth in rebounding average (7.5 per game) and fifth in three-pointers made per game (1.8). Nationally, Villarini ranked fifth among all Division

III players in scoring, third in free throws made, fourth in minutes played, 24th in free throw percentage, and 30th in assists. She finished her career second on the college's all-time scoring list with 1,491 points, behind Arlene Eagan, '91 (1,699 points).

Koller Receives SUNYAC Retiree Award

SUNYAC honored Buffalo State's Tom Koller with its Retiree Award for his more than 20 years of distinguished service.



Koller, who retired in June 2021, had been a vital part of the Bengals athletics department since 2001, when he was first hired as assistant athletics director for external affairs. He was promoted to senior associate athletics director in 2010, and he assumed the role of officer in charge of Intercollegiate Athletics at Buffalo State July 1, 2020, following the retirement of longtime director of athletics Jerry Boyes. The Retiree Award is presented to personnel of full member institutions or the conference office with a minimum of 15 years of service within the conference.

Jenkins Pursues Pro Football Dreams

Senior long snapper Cole Jenkins earned an invite to compete in the 2022 SPIRAL Tropical Bowl, held at Camping Grounds Stadium in Orlando, Florida, on January 15. The bowl is a showcase of top seniors with professional football aspirations from around the country across all NCAA and NAIA divisions. Jenkins earned plaudits all season for his work on special teams, as he was named to the 2021 Preseason All-America Watch List from Special Teams U and The College Football Network (TCFBN). TCFBN also honored him as a Third Team All-American and rates him as the No. 1 long snapper in Division III. He also competed in the FCS Bowl in mid-December.



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◀ Athletic Director
Renee Carlineo
(third from right) with
Bengal student-athletes

New AD Stresses Teamwork, Positive Culture

Carlineo aims to build on success.

Buffalo State College Director of Athletics Renee Carlineo almost became an engineer. That's the direction she was heading going into her senior year of high school. An internship with her high school athletic director in Corning, New York, however, changed that.

"I just loved what I was doing," Carlineo said of the internship. "I didn't want to be an engineer. I wanted to work in sports somehow." After serving as an assistant women's lacrosse and head strength and conditioning coach at Buffalo State from 2007 to 2012, and stints in the athletic departments at Elmira College and the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), Carlineo made her way back to Buffalo State in June 2021, when she was named the successor to longtime athletic director Jerry Boyes.

"I love Buffalo State," she said. "I love our students; I love what we do here. I wasn't going to pass up the chance to come back."

Taking over for Boyes, who served as athletic director for more than 20 years, had its pros and cons, Carlineo said. Taking over in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic presented other challenges.

"It wasn't just the immediate change of leadership," she said. "There was this huge pause

in athletics, and all these other things. I think everybody was really ready for some energy and to start trying to move forward."

Before returning to Buffalo State, Carlineo served as the associate vice president of athletics at Elmira College, starting in 2019. At Elmira, she was responsible for 22 NCAA Division III programs in addition to varsity clubs, campus recreation, intramurals, and physical education. She also served as a member of the President's Senior Leadership Cabinet and the NCAA Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) for women's lacrosse.

Before Elmira, she served as an associate athletics director at RIT, where she was responsible for the scheduling, event management, transportation, travel budgets, and daily operations for the institution's 21 NCAA Division III and two NCAA Division I programs.

In addition, Carlineo has a background in development, serving as the leadership giving officer at Ithaca College before being promoted to the director of family giving within the development office. In her time there, she successfully closed major gifts that established the first endowment for a women's athletic program, as

well as transformational gifts from alumni and parents to support Ithaca's endowment, annual fund, financial aid, and intercollegiate athletics.

Working in that capacity as a fundraiser was beneficial, Carlineo said, adding, "It's really helped in my athletic director role."

In her current role, Carlineo is looking at what the future holds for athletics at Buffalo State.

"That involves defining what our culture is going to be like, what our goals are, and how we're going to operate as a team," she said. "I approach this position just like I would as a coach. We have a team of people, and we've got some goals. Winning is one, but there's so much more that goes into what produces the wins."

Carlineo said she knows there will be bumps in the road. She looks at those as opportunities for growth.

"I'm thankful that I understood a lot about this department coming into it," she said. "I think my time at Elmira gave me an opportunity to learn. I made some mistakes, but I think it's important to learn from those mistakes. I'm a big believer in education, and development never stops."

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BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE 1871-2021



150 VOICES

As Buffalo State's sesquicentennial year draws to a close, we celebrate what has always made the college so special: our people.

Students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends breathe life into our campus. They share their time and talents to help make Buffalo State a college that transforms lives.

In the following pages, we present 150 Voices—representative stories from 150 alumni who detail how Buffalo State has changed their lives for the better.

We are proud to celebrate Buffalo State College's 150th anniversary—and here's to 150 more!

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1 I always look back on my Buffalo State days as the cornerstone for preparing me for all the careers that followed.

— Patricia G. (Gullo) Selden, '63



2 I have always been a creative person, and the **art education curriculum and Buffalo State seemed to fit** what I thought would be an excellent career path. My 40-year ad agency career was exciting, challenging, and stimulating.

—Alden F. Schutte, '63

3 My time at Buffalo State really had great value for me. **I value and appreciate the diversity** on the Buffalo State campus.

—Paula (Crandall) Decker, '77

4 Without Buffalo State, there's no way I would be where I am. I take a lot of pride in my education and my time there. It means the world to me. I still have my Buffalo State sweatshirt, and I wear it to this day.

—Todd L. Borsa, '99

5 I take special pride in the fact that, on the day my application was approved, my transfer adviser informed me that I was officially the very first person to enroll in the new communications media program.

—Douglas S. Carpenter, '77

6 After a couple of years of studying business administration at Monroe Community College, I came to the conclusion that **I really wanted to pursue a career in journalism at Buffalo State College**. I went into journalism and was a reporter... I have worked in public relations and corporate communications ever since.—

Glen A. White, '88

7 When I went to my orientation, I made a lot of friends that I kept throughout my college career.

—Richard N. McDonald, '80

8 I was really pleased with the work-study program because I got a lot of good experience from that.

—Catherine Eberhard, '72

9 **I had great professors and learned a lot**, which sent me off on a career in journalism for the next 40 years. Then I switched careers and got a job as a high school English and journalism teacher.

—Debra J. (Jok) Smelley, '77

10 I look back and cherish my time there. I loved my classes, fraternity life, sports, the special training I had during my student teaching, and finding my love. Nearly 48 years after Buffalo State, life has been a blessing, two children and three grandchildren.

—Sandy Greenstein, '72

11 I was involved in extracurricular activities, including the Buffalo State Gospel Choir, under the direction of Andrew Brown. I became **one of the first African American cheerleaders** for the basketball team.

—Lucy Virginia Mosby-Herring, '74

12 I'm very grateful for the years that I spent at Buffalo State and for the great foundation it provided me with for a very enjoyable career.

—Roy A. "Mac" Macaluso, '67

13 The rigors of college **prepared me for my professional life** and the things that I'm doing now.

—Michael D. Brown, '86

14 We have had a blessed life, and Buffalo State Teachers College started it all! I'm proud to have started my advanced education at such a fine university.

—Kenneth H. Buckwald, '55

15 The Engineering Technology Department had several other veterans enrolled. There was an added level of camaraderie with **being with other veterans in a university setting**.

—Robert G. Pierce, '79

16 I chose to go to Buffalo State because I came from a generation where my parents told me it was more important to get an education.

—Clareanne Silver, '63

17 I was a member of WRA and Alpha Tau Sorority. **My fondest memory was winning the Ruth Elliott Houston Award** in WRA as a senior.

—Nancy Helen (Harrington) Nelson, '63, '68

18 Transitioning out of Buffalo State, I had a better lens on what I wanted to do and the opportunities that I would like to pursue.

—Kireshia Monae Breland, '14

19 I was able to intern for what they called soft goods at Fisher-Price toys. I was able to get this internship because of a career day that they had at Buffalo State, and I'm very grateful for it. That opened a door for me to the toy industry. I've spent nearly 40 years in the toy and baby gear industry.

—Carolyn (Herzig) Pochatek, '81

20 Buffalo State helped shape me into the person I am today. During my time there, **the staff made an impression on me**, and I'm still in contact with most of my professors.

—Kassandra Flynn, '18

21 I continue to look back fondly on my days at Buffalo State College and truly believe they prepared me for my professional life.

—Keith M. Spadaro, '83

22 My liberal arts degree prepared me to start my banking career at Buffalo Savings Bank, where I was blessed to be the first Black person in their management development program.

—Thomas Leon Clark Jr., '70

23 I knew I was going to become a teacher, and **Buffalo State was the number one teaching college in New York**.

—Cynthia Kay (Derby) Mawson, '70

24 Once I did not think I was going to be accepted into college. I was going to join the military with several friends; however, I received an acceptance packet from Buffalo State, and it changed the direction of my life.

—Duane R. Kelly, '95

25 The education I received from Buffalo State College **catapulted me from being a teacher's aide to a public school principal**.

—Cynthia (Ruffin) Mathews, '76, '89

26 I want to give credit to my engineering instructor, Dr. Harold Stephen. Also, Dr. Katherine Whittemore and Dr. Marvin A. Rapp, my history professors, who took me to lunch one day and pointed me in the right direction, something I will always remember. As I think back, I'm glad I had the opportunity to attend Buffalo State College.

—James H. Gassman, '51

27 I married Elaine Marie Csizmar, a fellow graduate. After **our semester in Siena**, we spent a few weeks during the summer of 1969 hitchhiking through Europe, visiting Crete, Greece, Yugoslavia, Germany, England, and Luxembourg. We developed a love of travel through the Buffalo State program.

—Andrew J. Hochreiter, '70

28 I liked that it was a **small campus and close to my apartment so I could walk there** and back every day. It was a really nice campus.

—Sandra J. Demler, '76, '89

29 The professors were wonderful, and they became **lifelong friends of mine.**

—Ilive Rita Peltier, '19

30 I will never ever regret being a teacher or attending Buffalo State College.

—Linda A. Smolen, '77

31 My degree impacted my life a great deal because it allowed me to support myself and attain the things that I wanted to in life as far as being a homeowner and rearing my children. I was able to get through without having to take out loans and get **a great education to help fulfill my dreams.**

—Blanche A. (Drayton) Robinson, '75

32 I can honestly say that there was never a single day that I did not look forward to going to work. I credit my education at Buffalo State College for that sentiment.

—Amy L. Botsford, '90, '95

33 I had a wonderful career at the college and was fortunate to work with so many great colleagues.

—William "Bill" Licata, '52

34 The knowledge that I gained from Buffalo State enhanced and helped me facilitate the conversations about politics and government to help **people of color have a voice and seat at the table.**—

Tunisha W. Walker-Miller, '98, '00

35 The study-abroad experience, living with an Italian family and speaking the language, changed my life. [My career] all came about from my experience at Buffalo State and the Siena Program, which became the gateway to my future.

—Denise A. Baylis Sporn, '75

36 Buffalo State College provided me with an **exceptional opportunity to fulfill my goal** of becoming an educator, and I will always be grateful.

—Barbara A. (Eick) Blais, '73

37 I became a mom, and I wanted to go back to school so that I could have more opportunities for my kids. Buffalo State provided me with ample opportunity to succeed, and **I am proud to say I am a Bengal graduate!**

—Kaytland Gambles, '19

38 Buffalo State was a greater opportunity than I initially realized. The biggest experience for me at Buffalo State was the opportunity that I had to do the study-abroad program in China. That has helped me in shaping my future soap manufacturing business with international goals and intellectual property rights in mind.

—Angela J. Walker, '14

39 I'm originally from China. I appreciate all the encouragement of my professors and friends at Buffalo State, which made me always **want to try my best, achieve more, be more confident in my field,** and pursue more in my future career.

—Mei M. Zhu, '98

40 At that time, I was a YouTuber at its very fresh beginnings. People didn't know what it was. Meg Knowles was one of the first people to fully support me. She saw what I was doing, and she thought I was funny. She thought I had talent, and she was one of the **people who encouraged me to go all the way through.**

—Tajh V. Lewis, '13

41 I went back to Buffalo State and got my master's in special education, so I'm dual certified in special ed and elementary ed. I taught special ed for 37 years. I now am retired and got back into my art, and I now teach watercolor painting to adults and children.

—Rebecca L. (Thompson) Wilson, '77

42 Buffalo State gave me an opportunity through the veteran's hope program to give me a fresh start. **The way the professors taught and helped mentor students** stuck with me. I wanted to let other people know what I know because, as a leader, I want to grow and develop future leaders. I took that with me throughout my military and professional careers.

—Adam Robert DelPriore, '17

43 I wanted to work in higher education in some type of capacity, either as an administrator or a professor. **I had the opportunity to do both,** and I wouldn't have been able to do that had I not gotten my master's in student personnel administration.

—Millicent (Mathis) Thomas, '85

44 I was at home living with my parents because my husband was in the Marine Corps and was in Vietnam. It was easy for me to drive from Niagara Falls up to Buffalo State College for my classes. **It was a nice atmosphere to study under.**

—Heather J. Tace, '68



51 I was interested in speech therapy. Buffalo State had the program and featured its own clinic for hands-on practice!

—Joy B. (Herron) Gottlieb, '76

45 I went back to school very late; it was very convenient to do it as a late learner. Dr. Ron Stewart was my favorite professor. He actually encouraged me to go on and get my master's degree in student personnel administration. He kept the students engaged to learn more and dig deeper.

—Christopher "Chris" Mathias, '07, '10

46 Buffalo State helped me prepare when I was working in theater and film. I was able to focus and put my attention on the theater. **Buffalo State was a good preparation to go out into the world and do something.**

—Anne E. Munter, '84

47 I stayed in Buffalo after I got married. That was where I went for my master's, too. I was a liberal arts educator. I stayed in elementary education for 32 years. I advised the students that were coming to be good listeners, good communicators, and embrace where you are. **Enjoy it and learn from it. Buffalo State was a great place.**

—Robert A. Lockman, '68, '72

48 I wanted a smaller school where I could have individualized attention from the teachers. I went to Buffalo State with an idea of what I wanted to do and what I wanted to learn. I was already working with some researchers at Cornell University, and I wanted to continue with that in a larger capacity.

—Leah R. Tyrrell, '18

49 Buffalo State was helpful to me. It shaped my future. In my junior year, I did an internship at IBM. My experience helped get me acclimated to what the real world would be. When I got to my senior year and graduated, **I was able to use those relationships built during the internship to secure a job when I left.**

—Dennis M. Carden, '84

50 What made me choose to attend Buffalo State was knowing how great the Education Department was. Buffalo State was the place where I got my education, made new friends, learned some new things, and got more knowledge.

—Danielle Nicole Masse, '18

52 Professor Ann Emo **made sure that I was on the right track to graduate from the very first day.** I was in the costume shop for a lot for the theater productions. I was really behind the team mostly, but she was really inspiring. Now I have my own salon suite. I provide services that include custom-made wigs, makeup applications, and natural hairstyling.
—Brittany S. Randall, '14

53 I had wanted to go to Buffalo State College since I was 8 years old. I had a great time there, and I learned how to approach challenges and overcome them. I'm now in the medical field dealing with engineers and businesses, and I use everything I learned to work with other people, so it's working very well. **I'm proud of Buffalo State College.**
—Emily M. (Pietraszek) McLaren, '00

54 I went to take Spanish education, and Buffalo State was a good institution for teaching degrees. I was close to some of my professors in the Modern Language Department. One of my favorites was Dr. Raul Neira because he made **a huge impact on me.** I started doing some teaching after

International Center for Studies in Creativity at Buffalo State. I created a program to help others like me to find themselves and re-create themselves. It is called the Dorey Method Program of Integrative Study, and everything that I learned in those five years, I teach to anybody who is a survivor of any kind of trauma. **It is a defining moment that changed the course of my life,** my children's lives, and many other women's lives.
—Kathy Sue Dorey, '84, '13

58 I've run an ad agency now as president and creative director for over 30 years. We have trusted partnerships around the world. I worked with a company for the last five years in India, and we developed our own social network. I attribute a lot of that to the great environment of Buffalo State.
—Michael G. Visconte, '84

59 I had a couple of **professors who helped me expand my horizons** simply by being good in front of the class. I became interested in urban and economic planning because of my geography professor, Dr. Paul Beaudet. I learned that geography

63 Buffalo State had a huge impact on my life and my decision with pursuing a career in social work. Our professors motivated all of us to get an M.S.W. Now I'm a mental health counselor.
—Summer Margaret Louise Locking, '19

64 I majored in home ec, and I thoroughly enjoyed it very, very much. My mother wanted me to come to a school that was more established, so she insisted that I come to Buffalo. I see a lot of my former students now who tell me constantly how much they enjoyed what I taught them. **It makes me feel like I did some good in this world.**
—Grace M. (Fox) Leanen, '52

65 Because I was working at a bank, I was looking for a school that would be accommodating of my work schedule. Buffalo State had what I was looking for, and it **perfectly fit my schedule.** It was a good balance between work and getting my education.
—Isoken J. Okundaye, '07, '10

66 I'm in the pharmacokinetics laboratory doing therapeutic drug monitoring. Overall I'm very



I graduated, and I'm using my degree with child and family services.
—Sara E. Rodriguez, '08

55 My grandmother was an alumna of Buffalo State. I liked how much Buffalo State valued diversity, included everyone, and made sure everyone got the help they needed. Buffalo State made me realize the level of professionalism and what is **necessary to succeed in the business world.** I definitely grew up a lot and found myself, what I'm interested in, what I don't like, and what I'm looking for in the future.
—Taylor Jane McCann, '20

56 I grew up in Long Island, and I wanted to have the opportunity to experience living in a more urban environment. I immediately was attracted to the city of Buffalo and in particular Buffalo State, its diverse students, and well-respected education and liberal arts programs.
—Bruce Lehman, '76

57 I started looking at degrees and programs of study at the **graduate level that were more of leadership-type programs.** I found the

was more than just place names and maps. He **had a great influence on my educational path, and ultimately, my career path.**
—Ralph M. Carestio Jr., '65

60 I loved the size of Buffalo State and the diversity. I met a lot of people from all walks of life and learned about newcomers. The culture was amazing. I am a full-time student, worker, and mom, and when COVID started, it was hectic. Those creative study classes helped me think out of the box and be creative in a way where I'm helping people, but I am also helping myself.
—Uling M. Bunbury, '20

61 I have a learning disability, so it was a struggle for me, but I got through it. I had a whole lot of help from my professors and co-workers who went through the same program. My degree helped me get promoted to the higher level in the company that I work for.
—Shamika Denise Holloway, '18

62 The professors who ran the program gave me the background and knowledge to make a 40-year career in teaching.
—Elizabeth A. Hynes, '79

pleased with my experience at Buffalo State. **I'm definitely glad I went there for my master's degree.**
—Matthew A. Pawlikowski, '99

67 I knew that I wanted to be a teacher, and Buffalo State had an excellent teaching program. It was a big school for me at the time, but it was also exciting. **There were so many possibilities,** and it made me feel like an adult coming from a high school going into a college like that.
—Dona M. (Steinke) Stutz, '80

68 The main thing that shaped my career and the way that I carried myself throughout my college career was the EOP program. **I had an amazing EOP counselor.** She was encouraging and supportive. She was like a second mother to me. Once I entered my major, everything clicked. I had found my family.
—Gabriela Ramirez Pujols, '18

69 I was working in the field involved in geology. I always thought it would be good to return to the university to complete my degree. **It was a great experience.** Buffalo State helped me fill in some gaps in my experience and education. It allowed me to have a career that lasted my entire life since 1985.
—David L. Palmerton Jr., '85

70 For me, Buffalo State is a place that **helped me advance my professional career and life.**
—John W. Herriage III, '73

71 Buffalo State is more than a college to me; it's a community of friendships that last a lifetime.
—Maria C. (Hejna) Garrity, '86, '93

72 Having the best teachers impacted me to be a good teacher. I taught for 22 years.
—Deborah (Miller) L. Shanuk, '74

73 I think getting that initial job was highly affected by the **respect for the program from a respected school.**
—Joseph A. Killian, '85

74 A foundation for my career was built there at Buffalo State that allowed me to do what I've been fortunate enough to do and accomplish.
—Joseph Michael Mancini, '83

75 I have hired special education teachers and struggled to find candidates who had the

80 I decided to go to Buffalo State because I was interested in industrial arts. It was one of the best in the nation at an affordable cost.
—Anthony C. Sartori, '68

81 **The professors were great;** they really took an interest when I asked for help. They made sure you got the help that you needed.
—Rebecca L. Broderick, '14

82 I was very thankful for the teachers that I had.
—Stephen C. Ash, '67, '71

83 Getting to know my professors and interacting with them really helped me. That gave me the confidence to figure out that I could be a principal.—
Kathleen V. Franklin Adams, '74, '88

84 **It was a transformative experience for me.** Buffalo State gave me the academic research and professional foundation upon which I have built a successful career as an M.D., nephrologist, and now as a biotech clinical developer.
—William T. Smith, '96

90 **Many friendships that I made in college lasted for a lifetime.**
—Carol Ann (Bettcher) Lawton, '56

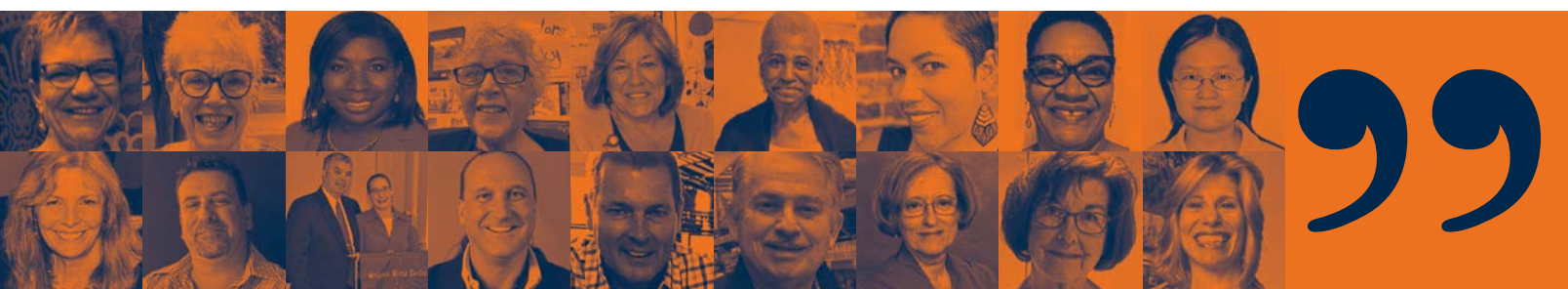
91 I love Buffalo State, and I would not have been in the same position in life if I had not gone there.
—LaChae T. Burress, '09

92 **Buffalo State impacted my career** because of the training that I got there. I got a very good education in home economics.
—Judith A. (Yauchzy) Klug, '59, '65

93 I'm now a software tester engineer, thanks to my degree from Buffalo State.
—Ladonna G. Flowers, '03

94 I chose Buffalo State College because I liked the **smaller class sizes.**
—Danielle T. Unkrich, '14

95 My friends from Buffalo State made a lasting impression on me. I've kept in touch with several of them.
—Jane (Walburg) Cudney, '55, '77



superior level of training that **I was fortunate enough to receive at Buffalo State. I am so very grateful for my training there.**
—Sharon M. Grandinette, '80, '85

76 When I got to Buffalo State College, many people were helping me along. Every professor I had was terrific.
—Jon C. Chisholm, '60

77 The teaching degree from Buffalo State and the understanding of how people **learn and grow** provided an essential underpinning to my advanced degrees.
—Barbara G. Star, '61

78 **My year at Buffalo State changed everything for me.**
—Louise A. Nelson, '90

79 I loved college. It was one of the greatest times of my life besides having children. I met my college roommate at Neumann Hall, and she and I are best friends to this day.
—Cherry M. (Thomas) Artis-Boyd, '83

85 Had I not gone to Buffalo for four years, I probably wouldn't have had the courage to take that next step and actually move across the country.
—Crissee Irene Russo, '13

86 **The professors prepared me for the life** that I would have as a teacher and trained me well.
—Patricia A. (Cwynar) Sheedy, '62

87 My guidance counselor called my mother the summer that I graduated from high school and said, 'I'm looking at these papers, and I would like to ask you why she's not enrolled in a college.' With her guidance, I got into Buffalo State.
—Barbara (Jackson) Hein, '72

88 My degree was extremely beneficial in the career path that I chose and other aspects of things that I became involved in. It was an **opportunity to learn** how to learn and how to keep yourself open to different ideas and different points of view.
—Michael P. Hilczmayer Jr., '78

89 My greatest takeaway from Buffalo State was my love of learning.
—Mary Beth (Hill) Bursuck, '69

96 **I was able to do research,** and I was able to present research at two conferences. It got me into graduate school as well.
—Jessica Rene Blind Brooks, '99

97 Looking back on those years at Buffalo State, the associations developed with international students and foreign language professors became the starting point for future adventures throughout the Spanish-speaking world and led to a Ph.D.
—Cathryn Collopy O'Donnell, '69

98 **I used the GI Bill** to finish up the bachelor's degree at Buffalo State, opting to go to night school to finish. I continued working after I got my degree at a small aerospace company, Carlton Technologies, and I worked there for 33 years.
—Melvin Hames McClenathan, '74

99 Living in the Buffalo area, Buffalo State was the best place to go.
—Marjorie (Hensley) Rivera, '63, '77

100 I had a good career, and **Buffalo State got me started on that.**
—William C. Arcieri, '72

101 Buffalo State had the intensive teacher training program, where we went to class for one summer and got a temporary teaching certificate. We were able to **go right to work and then get a master's degree.** I continued teaching, and then I became a guidance counselor.
—Arbuta Elizabeth McKee, '64

102 I went to Buffalo State to get into the special education field, and that's what I stayed in for 30-some years.
—Edward David Fawcett Sr., '63

103 Buffalo State brought out the best in me because I always enjoyed my years of teaching. **I thank the college for giving me that opportunity.**
—Paul N. Mudd Sr., '62, '65

104 While I was still finishing my last classes, I applied for a teaching position in Long Beach, California. They were impressed and accepted my teaching within a month after I finished at Buffalo State.
—Robert J. Heitzhaus, '63

105 I went to Buffalo State College, and I lived on campus all four years. I made friendships and **enjoyed the campus life a lot.**
—Patricia Ellen (Scheer) Varley, '66

106 I have a successful career with the Buffalo Public Schools. I probably wouldn't have had that without Buffalo State.
—Christopher J. Quail, '06, '14



107 I got my master's degree in earth sciences, and that was what I taught. I got a job right after I graduated.

—Janet B. (Wasson) (Zimmerman) Zehr, '73, '79



108 Buffalo State College was a great choice for me. It was a smaller school, and I was able to receive one-on-one instruction with my teachers.
—Heidy S. Galan-Honrado, '01, '05

109 Buffalo State was like a community where you could move around, **have a good time, and succeed.**
—James P. Williams, '62, '65

110 I was living in Buffalo. I went to night school the whole time for both of my degrees. Then I transferred over to Buffalo State. It was a little more **accessible for someone who was working** and going to school at night.
—Albert Sammons Jr., '86

111 The experiences I had were enjoyable. I was well-prepared for the career of teaching. I taught for 30 years. I'm always reflecting on what I learned at Buffalo State.
—Vera L. (Lloyd) Johnson, '72

112 I played soccer for four years at Buffalo State, and I'm **still very close to many of the players.**
—Stephen Killian, '82

113 Buffalo State had a tremendous impact on my life. After I got my bachelor's degree in speech and communication, I went on to get a master's degree, and I worked in public schools for 35 years.
—Janis A. (Minardo) Raufman, '69

114 What I am most thankful for from my time at Buffalo State is the friends I made; I still know a couple of people all these years later.
—Brian J. Gniewiecki, '84

115 I had to live at home and go to school, and I had a job, so I **chose to attend Buffalo State, which was a wise choice.**
—Clayton M. Pasternack, '73

116 Through Buffalo State, I managed to get internships, and those internships led to jobs. I'm still in my career today as a TV anchor reporter. Buffalo State means home to me, and I was able to accomplish a goal that set me on my path for life.
—Claudine Ewing, '92

117 My degree from Buffalo State helped me deal with senior citizens. **I had a nursing degree,** and my social work degree helped me with my nursing degree.
—Patricia G. Shaffer, '87

118 The experiences that I had at Buffalo State and the overall knowledge helped organize me and make me a better professional person all the way around. **I remember Buffalo State fondly.**
—Janet R. (Fischer) Conti, '72

119 I enjoyed Buffalo State. **I had a lot of good professors there.** After Buffalo State, I was able to go to several colleges to teach.
—Paul H. Sanio, '63, '66

120 I have no regrets. If I could do it all over again, I would do it all the same way.
—Charles T. Fiermusca Jr., '76

121 Being a veteran and having my bachelor's degree was very beneficial. **I feel proud to be a Buffalo State alumna.**
—Shirley M. Harrison, '84

122 I had a minor in African studies, and that really opened me up to my culture and history. Several of my professors in the African Studies Department had a really big impact on me, too.
—Arthur Hicks Jr., '76

123 I stayed in the dormitory, and it was a great experience. It was a **wonderful, eye-opening indoctrination into adulthood.** I went right into special education teaching and enjoyed it very much.
—Irene A. (Rozanski) Schofield, '63

124 I've always viewed the education at Buffalo State as one of the best that I could have gotten anywhere. They took it very seriously and challenged the students.
—Robert John Holland, '73

125 Buffalo State was absolutely a good foundation for me, and I would recommend it to anybody. It helped convince me to make the decision to become a business owner, and I still am today.
—David D. Regan, '04

126 I was actually a campus police officer there for five years, and then I transferred and was a facilities manager at the college for about 30 years. I retired from Buffalo State.
—Joseph William Ball, '78

127 I had a good education and training from Buffalo State that gave me all the tools that I needed to get the first job. I applied for a job at Honeywell. They immediately hired me because of my qualifications, **my schooling, and my service in the military.**
—Martin Lee Barrows, '79

128 I learned a lot at Buffalo State, and I got a chance to learn about different topics. **My time at Buffalo State made an impact after graduation** because I learned a lot about human behavior, which is part of my sociology major.
—Jameeka L. (Skillon) Cade, '02

129 What made an impression on me was the camaraderie; it was like a brotherhood and sisterhood. I had an opportunity to be a professional interior designer with a professional license number.
—Lenny M. Ritts, '11

130 I might have changed careers over time, but it shaped who I am today. **I enjoyed the campus and the social aspect.** I still remember the things taught to me and what my professors have told me.

—Alexandra M. Watson, '93

131 Buffalo State prepared me for my future and my career. It also taught me how to be independent and responsible.

—Delerue E. Trotman, '88

132 **Everything that I've done started with Buffalo State.**

—Herbert A. Tolbert, '72

133 I was the first generation in my family to attend college. I was able to get a job when I moved to California pretty quickly because of the degree in forensic science that I got from Buffalo State, and that was the start of a lifelong career in forensic science.

—Ronald G. Nichols, '84

134 I got to the United States in 2014, and I didn't know anything about college when I was applying in 2015. We have a really good community of people who are willing to help others achieve their goals and pass all their classes. **I was the first to go to college in my family,** so I want to make the best out of it so my siblings will follow through my footsteps.

—Ayisha Murtala Abdallah, '20

135 I really thank Buffalo State for what my entire life is now. I discovered my passion for volunteer coordination. I learned that from Buffalo State and my professors. I feel good about my life today based on the career and the job that I have now, and it all started at Buffalo State.

—Sierra Starr Johnston, '11

136 I wanted to go for social work. I wanted to consider teaching a double major, and I was looking for other classes that I could just explore while I was there. Even at 15, I remember looking at acting and theater classes. Is there a way for me to sing? Could I study abroad? Then the experience I wanted on campus was to be a resident assistant, like a peer model for students, and I wanted to join a sorority. I got to do all of those things, and **got everything I possibly wanted out of a college while I was there!**

—Cassandra J. St. Vil, '05

137 I wanted to further my degree in dietetics, and Buffalo State was the best school for that. **I was an older and nontraditional student.** I liked that I got to know different age groups and a diverse group of people. I was attending Buffalo State at the same time my daughter was. We took a class together because her major was the hospitality administration program.

—Mary M. McCabe, '17



138 There are so many connections that I made that I'm still able to lean upon to this day.

—Darius G. Pridgen, '88

139 The reason I chose to attend Buffalo State was because my grandfather was a part of the education program there as a professor. **Buffalo State was my choice for grad school** to continue the family legacy.

—Elizabeth M. Licata, '13

140 I met my husband in an anthropology class at Buffalo State College. I knew him before because he played hockey, and I played lacrosse.

—Elyse (Stark) Michalski, '18

141 I earned my bachelor of science in fashion textile technology with a concentration in fashion merchandising. That enabled me to get a job as a women's buyer with a Fortune 500 retailer after graduating. I eventually went on to own multiple successful e-commerce businesses, and **I've been able to become a business development coach.**

—Jenelle S. (Jones) Augustin, '10

142 When I was accepted to Buffalo State, I sought out the radio station and took a tour. I was hooked. I started off as an assistant news director, became a news director, studied and achieved my FCC license, which you needed at the time to be a disc jockey on the air. **I was so grateful for the experience** that I serve on the alumni board of directors to this day as a way of trying to give back for what I got out of it when I attended Buffalo State.

—Kimberly (Schweitzer) Evering, '94

143 The art program there was exceedingly good because it gave me a basic knowledge of all manifestations of art. **After my time there, I was hired immediately** by three different school districts in the state. I picked a job in the Adirondacks and taught art for 33 years.

—Maureen (Mulligan) Temple, '70

144 I was the first generation to graduate in my family. I remember my professors, like Victor Balowitz, Herman Cole, and Russell Vannoy. They were all in the Philosophy Department. They were mentors, not just teachers.

—Joseph F. Palau, '66

145 My master of science in education from Buffalo State helped me greatly in my career as an elementary teacher.

—Nancy B. (Schwandt) Kryszuk, '72

146 My time at Buffalo State was definitely a milestone in my life that really changed my life positively.

—Rebecca Anna (Rehwaldt) McKeown, '05

147 I became the first member of my family to attend college. Before going to Buffalo State, I had a very limited view about my future. But my education at Buffalo State expanded my views and made me aware of a variety of opportunities that were all beneficial for my future. **It changed my life.**

—Ronald J. DeVito, '56

148 Teaching is such a rewarding profession, and I appreciate my formative years at Buffalo State.

—Norma (Shoemaker) Buckwald, '59

149 I always had that goal of becoming something much better. I have three daughters now, but at the time, I had my oldest daughter. I wanted to provide for her and give her the best life that I didn't have. Our life now is where I never thought it would be. I'm so appreciative. **I transferred to Buffalo State to work on my bachelor's degree.**

I took the bus while pregnant every single day from Niagara Falls. It would be 11:00 at night sometimes before I got home, but I was so determined. The professors always made me feel really good about that and let me know that was self-determination. That is what the social work field needed, and it needed people like me. It changed my life drastically.

—Melissa Marie Fuller, '16

150 A love of learning and the law, writing, and public speaking fostered during my four years at Buffalo State College has served me well in my career.

—Elizabeth A. Urbanski-Farrell, '89

Alumni quotes excerpted from *In My Words: The Oral History Project* (Publishing Concepts Inc.) and compiled for this article by Joseph Scordo, '23.



The Joy of Teaching

Growing up in Dansville, New York, a small town south of Rochester, Christopher Shively, '93, '99, knew the last thing he wanted to do was get into teaching.

His father was a school principal, after all, and Shively, an associate professor in the Elementary Education, Literacy, and Educational Leadership Department, wanted to be involved with sports.

"I wasn't one of those kids who grew up saying, 'I want to be a teacher,'" he said, noting that he was a three-sport athlete in high school and played college football at the University at Albany. "All I wanted in my life was to be a sports guy."

Despite his intentions to stay away from teaching, however, Shively has spent the last 30-plus years in education and has been an instructor at Buffalo State College since the early 2000s. It all started with a conversation with his father, when he was trying to figure out his next steps in life after his eligibility for college football ended. Shively's father asked him to substitute teach at the school he oversaw, just to see how it went.

"The weirdest thing happened to me," he said. "I got along great with the students. It was so easy to work with kids. I don't mean to teach kids. I mean to connect with them, talk to them."

From there, Shively, who had been a computer science major at Albany, switched to education and earned an elementary education degree from Buffalo State in 1993. He eventually went on to earn his master's in educational computing at Buffalo State in 1999 and his Ph.D. in learning and instruction from the University at Buffalo in 2013. He started as an assistant professor at Buffalo State in 2013, becoming an associate professor in 2019. He also teaches courses at UB.

"I really love working in the education field," he said. "I feel that it's the field that spawns all other fields."

Along with teaching math and science methods to undergraduate students at Buffalo State, Shively teaches research methods classes for educators and volunteers with the Community Academic Center, teaching science and math to refugee children.

Last year, Shively and some of his students began working with middle school refugee students from around the Buffalo area over Zoom. Shively then volunteered to work with the students in person through the CAC's Global Youth Leaders Program, spending several weeks over the summer helping his college students come up with lesson plans and teach them. The middle schoolers worked with Shively on a temperature-gauging activity, a coding activity, and an astronomy program.

"I still get to sit down with a bunch of kids that don't even know my name, and they can be my best friends in 30 seconds," he said. "I love the innocence and the joy of working with kids, especially kids that are super confused with math and they don't understand science. I feel good that I can still connect with those kids."

Shively is also involved with an effort to bring the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines to students through rural libraries in Chautauque County. The program may end up reaching as far as Missouri, Mississippi, and Utah.

"We'll be bringing Buffalo State students, via Zoom, to teach rural kids in all those states and doing STEM stuff," he said. "I have a big passion for bringing science to kids. Science is vital to everything in our economy and our society."

Over the years, Shively has seen the education world change in a number of ways. One of the biggest issues he's noticed is the amount of standardized testing students are undergoing, and the impact it has on the students—and on teacher morale.

"It's almost like we're creating these little robots," he said.

Shively tries to combat complacency in his students by making them feel empowered, and letting them be creative in the lesson plans and activities they design.

"If you can control how you want to teach, and you can control how you want to present information," he said, "you're going to make it more fun for your kids. And you're going to make it more fun for yourself, and you're not going to feel burned out. It's okay to be creative. It's okay to make your own lessons."

Despite the challenges, Shively said, he couldn't imagine doing anything else. And he credits Wendy Paterson, '75, '76, dean of the School of Education, with making sure Buffalo State is on the cutting edge of teaching methods.

"She has been so vital to my ability to teach," he said.

While he didn't have the career in sports he may have wanted when he was younger, Shively has been able to stay connected to the sports world, first as a varsity football coach, and now as an usher at Buffalo Bisons games. It's all part of "doing what makes you happy," he said.

"I wouldn't want it any other way."

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Christopher Shively, Ph.D., is an associate professor of elementary education, literacy, and educational leadership.

College Honors Donors with Named Center, Programs

Buffalo State College has received approval from the State University of New York Chancellor's Office for three naming opportunities:

The Buffalo State College Center for Global Engagement will become the **Maurene Callahan Bouras Center for Global Engagement at Buffalo State College** in honor of Maurene Callahan Bouras, '69, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and participated in the semester-abroad program in Siena, Italy, in 1967. Now retired, Bouras enjoyed a teaching career in the Maryvale School District and Greece Central School District. Through a generous commitment to the college via her estate, she established the Maurene Callahan Bouras Center for Global Engagement Scholarship Fund to support current and future students in the Siena study-abroad program and similar semester-long study-abroad programs in Europe.

The Buffalo State College School of Education International Professional Development Schools (IPDS) program will become the **Michael and Nancy Chicola International Professional Development Schools Program at Buffalo State College** in honor of Dr. Nancy Chicola, '66, and her late husband, Michael. Chicola, who earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Buffalo State, has been a teacher and educational leader for 50 years, serving as a classroom teacher, special education teacher and consultant, staff developer, and university professor. She joined the faculty of Buffalo State in 2000 as an associate professor in the Elementary Education and Reading Department, served as department chair for seven years, and, after retiring to half-time work, coordinated international initiatives for the School of Education. Through a generous commitment to the college via her estate, Chicola established the Michael and Nancy Chicola International Professional Development Schools Program Fund to support the IPDS mission.

The Buffalo State College School of Education educational leadership program will become the **Christmann Family Educational Leadership**

Program at Buffalo State College in honor of Robert Christmann, '75, and Karen (Sudyn) Christmann, '77, '81. Robert, who earned his master's degree and certificate of advanced study in educational leadership from Buffalo State, is a career educator and founder of the New York State Leadership Group LLC at Buffalo State, which provides consulting and professional development services for superintendents and principals. He served as the superintendent of schools for the Grand Island School District. Karen, who graduated from Buffalo State with a bachelor's degree in special education and a master's degree in learning and behavioral disorders, spent her professional career as a special education and reading teacher. Through a generous commitment to the college via their estate, the Christmanns have established an endowed fund in honor of Robert's father, Charles Christmann, who graduated from Buffalo State in 1946 with a degree in elementary education and spent his career as an educator. The Christmann Family Endowed Fund will ensure that Buffalo State has the resources to prepare future educational leaders enrolled in the college's educational leadership program.

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donorprofile Marie J. (Gagnon) Marillo, '56

A monumental gift from a behind-the-scenes alumna who received a degree in exceptional education and speech pathology from Buffalo State College in the 1950s will serve students in the Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) Department for years to come.

Marie J. (Gagnon) Marillo, '56, left a \$2.1 million endowment to the department, intended to be used to "support speech therapy education," according to Susan Felsenfeld, associate professor and chair of the department.

"The amount was pretty shocking," Felsenfeld said. "For our discipline, and probably for almost any department, it's very unusual to get a gift that large."

The endowment will allow the department to spend \$75,000 annually for at least the next decade.

Marillo had not maintained much contact with her alma mater before this, and not much was known about her. She was born in North Tonawanda, New York, where she attended local schools. After marrying Chris A. Marillo, she moved to East Detroit, Michigan, where she initiated a speech pathology program and worked for two years. Upon the couple's return to Buffalo, she worked in the Kenmore schools and then moved to the Sweet Home District, from which she retired in 1988. She worked as a speech-language pathologist for more than 40 years in total. She

enjoyed traveling, especially to Europe and China.

She bestowed the gift to the college when she died in 2010, to be disbursed upon the death of her husband. He died last year, Felsenfeld said.

"We are extremely grateful to Marie Gagnon Marillo," said Buffalo State President Katherine Conway-Turner. "This is a transformative gift that will have a profound impact on our students and on our entire community that relies on vital services at the Buffalo State Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic."

"Mrs. Marillo's legacy lives on through this gift," added James Finnerty, vice president for institutional advancement. "It's clear that she was passionate about her career, and she is now ensuring that current and future Buffalo State students will be well prepared to follow in her footsteps as speech-language pathologists."

The money will allow the department to do many things, Felsenfeld said. First and foremost, it will give SLP students the opportunity to learn in cutting-edge facilities, with the tools to pursue high-level training. That includes creating state-of-the-art teaching and clinical labs.

The gift will also enable the department to increase the diversity of the population that SLP students serve, augmenting the services of the Buffalo State Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic. The clinic provides services for individuals of all ages



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Marillo left \$2.1 million
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who present with many types of communication disorders, including articulation and phonological disorders; language impairments; aphasia; voice, hearing, and fluency disorders; and traumatic brain injury. Clinic services are provided by graduate students under the direct supervision of clinical faculty who are licensed by New York State and who hold the Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

The gift will also provide opportunities for students to receive more specialized trainings and attend more conferences, as well as to bolster recruitment efforts, including a new stipend—the Marillo First-Year Fellowship—for first-year graduate students.

"What [Marillo] decided to do, really, will have such an impact on so many," Felsenfeld said. "I think she wanted future students to have the type of training and the benefit of training that she received, because she loved her career."

Find out all the ways you can make a difference. Contact the Buffalo State College Foundation at (716) 878-4658 or giving.buffalostate.edu.

25th Annual Golf and Tennis Scholarship Classic: September 26

Join us for 18 holes as we return to the Park Country Club in Williamsville for the Buffalo State College Foundation's 25th annual Golf and Tennis Scholarship Classic on Monday, September 26.

New this year—the tournament will run a tee-time format with a meal-to-go as well as an after-play meal and beverages throughout play. Tee times are available from 8:00 to 9:20 a.m. and 1:00 to 2:20 p.m. Register early at giving.buffalostate.edu to secure your desired spot.

Support of this event has provided financial assistance and academic scholarships for hundreds of students through the years. This year's presenting sponsor is Pepsi.

We hope you will participate in this opportunity for Buffalo State College and the wider Western New York community to come together and support our students.

Please email Alexis Greinert, development coordinator, at greineas@buffalostate.edu with questions about the Golf and Tennis Scholarship Classic.

Day of Giving Raises \$60K

Buffalo State Gives, the college's annual 24-hour online giving event, raised \$60,000 on May 16–17. The fourth annual event inspired 343 donors to support their favorite college causes, including the College Fund, Milligan's Food Pantry, the Bengal Internship Award, the Archaeological Field School, Art Conservation student fellowships, Campus House, emergency assistance for EOP students, the HEA Academic Navigator Program, and Intercollegiate Athletics. Campus groups used the power of social media to tell donors how contributions would benefit students. Early bird, matching gift, and final hour challenges all inspired gifts that will make a difference in the lives of Buffalo State students.



◀ President Katherine Conway-Turner welcomed Bengala attendees to campus.

Bengala Raises Record \$500K

After a two-year stint as a virtual fundraising event due to pandemic restrictions, Bengala returned to its in-person format on Saturday, May 7. The 25th annual Buffalo State College Foundation Scholarship Gala was held in the Science and Mathematics Complex on campus and celebrated with a college sesquicentennial theme. The event raised a record \$500,000.

This year's Bengala was chaired by New York State Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes, '74, '02; and Buffalo Mayor Byron W. Brown, '83. M&T Bank served as the presenting sponsor.

The evening included a cocktail reception, dinner, performances by Buffalo State students and alumni, a live auction, dancing, and desserts. Proceeds from the largest fundraising event of the year support Buffalo State students through academic scholarships and emergency financial assistance.

Annual Report Available Online

Buffalo State College's 2020–2021 Annual Report is available online at <https://bit.ly/bsc2021annualreport>. The report includes a year in review, audited financial information and demographic data, and the donor honor roll.



scholarshipprofile { Dr. Julia Piquette Communication Scholarship }

Daniel May, '24



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Daniel May, a sophomore public relations and advertising major, loves football.

He played the sport at St. Mary’s High School in Lancaster and has been a fan of the National Football League (NFL) for as long as he can remember. When the opportunity arose to apply for an internship at the NFL Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, May jumped at the chance. He didn’t really think he had a shot.

“I wasn’t expecting a call back,” May said.

Not only did May get the call, but he also landed the prestigious internship, becoming one of only two applicants chosen out of the 250 students who applied for the position nationwide.

“They told me they liked my résumé, my experience, my personality, and my passion for football and communications,” he said. “It’s definitely exciting.”

May headed to Canton on June 1 and will work through August 10. While there, his duties will include internal and external communication for the Hall of Fame, writing news releases, and working at both the Hall of Fame induction ceremony and the Hall of Fame game in August. He’ll also be responsible for issuing the 5,000 media credentials that are given out for the induction ceremony, making it the NFL’s second-largest event after the Super Bowl.

“I’ll be able to meet a bunch of hall-of-famers,” he said.

Heading into high school, May said, he was quiet around people he didn’t know. His experiences in high school with his teachers, administrators, and peers helped him come out of his proverbial shell, and he decided he wanted to work in communications. When it came time for college, May wanted to stay local and was impressed with Buffalo State’s Communication Department.

“It was perfect,” he said. “I toured the college and loved it. It’s been a great fit.”

In addition to the internship, May also spent the first week of March at the NFL Combine in Indianapolis, Indiana, as sports editor for the *Record*, Buffalo State’s student-run newspaper. May noted that working for the *Record* has been a great experience. He was able to meet former players and interview general managers and coaches from several NFL teams.

May is also vice president of the Buffalo State chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA), vice president for public relations for United Students Government (USG), and host of an NFL radio show, “The Blitz,” on WBNY-FM 91.3. He received the Communication Department’s Dr. Julia Piquette Communication Scholarship in 2021.

Deborah Silverman, associate professor of communication and chair of the department, said May was not only a great student but also involved in many activities and a great person.

“Needless to say, Daniel is extremely excited about this internship,” she said, “and I’m extremely proud of his achievements so far.”

May said he’d like to work in communications in the NFL in the future, either for a team or an NFL-affiliated organization.

“That’s my dream job,” he said.

alumni profile Terry Alford, '84

The Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor is a nationally and internationally recognized Buffalo neighborhood that serves as the focal point of the city's rich African American history.

The corridor spans Michigan Avenue between Broadway and William streets and encompasses four cultural anchors known for their historical significance—the Michigan Street Baptist Church, the Colored Musicians Club, the Nash House Museum, and WUFO/Black History Collective. It is also home to the Freedom Wall, a Civil Rights mural painted by several Buffalo State alumni artists.

According to Executive Director Terry Alford, '84, the commission serves "to advocate for the cultural and historical significance of the African American community, not just in the city of Buffalo, but the Buffalo Niagara region and the entire country."

"We achieve this mission through public participation, engagement programs, community development, and historic preservation," said Alford, who became the commission's first full-time staff member in early 2020.

"I serve as a conduit between the corridor's stakeholders, including political leaders, private developers, residents, and board members," he said. "These are exciting times for the corridor. Having dedicated staff has created momentum and new synergy."

Alford collaborated on the corridor's first strategic action plan, which integrated 12 months of community outreach data, to help develop the area's neighborhoods to better serve residents and visitors.

According to Alford, his education and roots have enabled him to lead the commission and liaise with its vital public-private partners, including Empire State Development, the University at Buffalo Regional Institute, and East Side Avenues.

"I am a product of this community, which makes me uniquely positioned for this role," said Alford, who studied sociology and urban planning at Buffalo State. "I learned how these disciplines can be integrated into my work to support transformational change, which does not happen overnight and includes many players."

Alford always saw himself being an agent of change at the grassroots level but never anticipated becoming a nonprofit director several decades into his career.

"It's one of the best decisions I have ever made," he said. "You can't be afraid to take risks, explore new opportunities that connect to past experiences, and be open to new ideas."

A fellow alum, Audrey Clark, '19, became the commission's first program manager in March 2020. She develops various visitor programs and information for the corridor's cultural anchors, including youth education, public awareness campaigns, volunteer opportunities, and special events.

Alford noted that Clark's flexibility, ability to adapt, and breadth of knowledge have made her the ideal counter part to serve the corridor and strengthen the commission.

"Audrey has so many diverse skills and has helped the commission in many ways," Alford said.

Visit <https://www.michiganstreetbuffalo.org> for more information and to view virtual tours of the cultural anchors.



EXCITING TIMES *for the* CORRIDOR

BY NATALIE MURPHY

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Sunshine State Reunion

Buffalo State alumni living in Florida recently enjoyed a series of reunion events in The Villages (Waterfront Inn, March 22); Sarasota (Art Ovation Hotel, April 4); and Naples (Sea Salt Restaurant, April 5). Alumni gathered to connect with each other and celebrate the college's 150th anniversary. President Katherine Conway-Turner joined the festivities in Sarasota and Naples. Jim Finnerty, vice president for institutional advancement and executive director of the Buffalo State College Foundation, attended all three events with staff members from his office. These were the first Florida reunions since 2020. The annual event was canceled last year because of the pandemic.

Legacy Family Tree Contest Winner

The Buffalo State Alumni Association received 85 submissions, representing nearly 200 alumni, for the 150th Anniversary Legacy Family Tree Contest.

The winning entry was submitted by Maureen Flanigan Jackson, '65, who had eight alumni family members, including her two sisters: Patricia Flanigan Graham, '63, and Kathleen Flanigan O'Brien, '95. Jackson can trace her family back to the 1910s and her Great Aunt Loretta McQuade, who graduated when Buffalo State College was still the Buffalo Normal School.

More information about submissions and category winners can be found at alumni.buffalostate.edu.



James Speaks on Power of Positivity

Shomari James, '01, delivered an inspiring talk, "Expediting Change: Maximizing Positivity and Productivity in Organizations and Teams," on April 5 in the LoRusso Alumni and Visitor Center.

The event was attended by students, faculty, and alumni. James is the executive director of strategy deployment and business transformation at Howard University, a six sigma-certified professional, and the cofounder and CEO of Equity Now Inc. and Legends Charter School. He studied industrial engineering at Buffalo State and cofounded the Buffalo State chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), which co-sponsored the event with the Buffalo State College Technology Department.

Hockey Alums Reunite on the Ice

Buffalo State men's and women's hockey alumni celebrated their annual Reunion Weekend on February 18–19. On Friday, they supported current Buffalo State hockey players by attending the men's hockey game against Cortland in the Ice Arena. On Saturday, they hosted alumni games and a family skate event, followed by an alumni mixer in the evening.



Alumni Grace 30 Under 30 List

Several Buffalo State College alumni were honored in *Buffalo Business First's* annual 30 Under 30 list, which recognizes young, high-achieving professionals at work and within their communities. The 11th annual class, which includes four Buffalo State undergraduate and graduate alumni, was narrowed down from almost 150 nominations.

- Marirose Brucato, B.A. '15, lead national manager, business development, ACV Auctions
- Jocelyn Leising, B.S. '16, employee experience coordinator, Evergreen Health
- Rebecca Mack, M.P.A. '19, director of customized support, Heritage Christian Services
- Sara Moretta, B.S. '16, project manager, Enterprise Transformation and Execution Office, M&T Bank

Among the factors considered for inclusion in the list were career achievement, leadership and initiative, community engagement, and each nominee's potential to become a community leader on a grand scale. The winners were honored at an awards event on April 21 at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo.

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50s

Patricia (Maishak) Heydenreich, B.S.Ed. '52, writes, "I was just an ordinary girl growing up in Buffalo when I fulfilled my father's dream by graduating from Buffalo State. I had planned to teach in the Buffalo Public School system when Dr. Anna Burrell, the first African American faculty member at Buffalo State, asked me if I would be interested in moving to Los Alamos, New Mexico, to teach in the city schools there. Oh, it was heaven! Thank you, Dr. Burrell! I only spent a year in Los Alamos, but later, on a trip back, I met a handsome Texas soldier. We were later married and settled in San Antonio. Today, at 90 years old, I sit and reminisce about my wonderful life, surrounded by my three children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. I owe it all to Dr. Anna Burrell."

Rita Argen Auerbach, B.A. '54, M.S.Ed. '74, painted a series of watercolors—inspired by her international travel to Italy, France, Germany, Spain, Costa Rica, and England—that were on view in the Art Heals Gallery at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center in Buffalo through

May 31. The 18 artworks were recently donated by the artist to Roswell for its permanent collection. The gallery opened in 2020 in response to research conducted by Roswell and the Albright-Knox Art Gallery indicating that exposure to art was associated with improving patients' hope and mental well-being and decreasing their anxiety.

Frances "Frankie" Solar, B.S. '54, retired to Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, where she enjoys the wonderful weather, golfs, and plays Mahjongg several times a week. She has lived in Ocean Ridge Plantation with her daughter and family since her husband died in 2015.

Rita (Tevelowitz) Kohn, B.S. '55, continues her work as a columnist with the Indianapolis-based news weekly Nuvo.net (online from its original print format since 2019). She continues to volunteer her services to nonprofit organizations and to mentor young writers. On tap is a new edition of her book *True Brew*, the story of Indiana's craft beer industry that launched in the 1990s.

Janet (Popp) Stout, B.S. '55, writes, "After spending over 30 years in family and consumer science education, I have been enjoying my next 30 years with my second love, music. Currently we are forming a New Horizons Music group in the Buffalo area for people over 50. If you are interested in more information, send me a note at 354janet@gmail.com. Years pass quickly when you are busy and excited about future experiences!"

June Blatt, B.A. '56, M.S. '65, was honored at a luncheon at the Prestancia Country Club in Sarasota, Florida, in celebration of the 20-year anniversary of the Sarasota Italian Cultural Events (SICE) organization, of which she was a founder and past president.

Silas Manspeaker, B.Ed. '57, lives in San Diego, California, and just finished 10 years of volunteering at the Monarch School, a K-12 public school for homeless youth in downtown San Diego. The school enrolls over 300 students. He writes, "I cannot describe what a great journey it was. I have four great-grandchildren. Lucky me!"

PASQUARELLO AND VALLET-SANDRE



Marianne Vallet-Sandre, B.S. '58, M.S.Ed. '65, and **Paul Pasquarello, B.S.Ed. '64**, are celebrating their 42nd anniversary (preceded by 10 years of "thinking about it"). Pasquarello will retire this year after 36 years as the supervisor of photographic operations for the New York Power Authority and Canal Corporation, following a 20-year career as a photojournalist with the *Buffalo Courier-Express*. Vallet-Sandre, who retired 22 years ago, began teaching art in the Ken-Ton and Williamsville school systems before joining the faculty of the Design Department at Buffalo State. She served for four years as department chair and seven as executive assistant to then-President D. Bruce Johnstone, after which she returned to teaching for a few years. This March, the couple—who has four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren—also celebrated the first birthday of their latest grandson, Gianluca Pasquarello. Pasquarello plans to keep busy with his professional hobby of 3D and fine art photography. Vallet-Sandre, a native of France, volunteers

as a benevolent interpreter for asylum-seeking immigrants and continues with her assorted roles in the Buffalo chapter of the Alliance Française, a worldwide apolitical organization. Having hosted many students over the years from France, Spain, Belgium, Mexico, and Russia has enriched their lives and keeps them busy with worldwide friendships that have lasted decades.

Donna Dempsey, B.S.Ed. '59, taught on Long Island after graduating from Buffalo State. She got married and had three children in quick succession. She attended SUNY Stony Brook, earning an M.S.L.A. in anthropology and an M.S.W., and worked for 20 years as a psychiatric social worker. After leaving Long Island, she moved to Newport, Rhode Island, of which she writes, "The best place to retire and become involved in new interests. Now I am the grandmother of seven college graduates, with four in graduate school, and the others pursuing their vocational dreams. Waiting for next generation!"

MASTRANGELO



Barbara "Bobbi" Mastrangelo, B.S.Ed. '59, participated in the *DreamShapes* Florida Sculptors Guild exhibition at Osceola Arts in Kissimmee, Florida, March 1–April 1. Her triptych wall relief *Da Gracias Por Agua* (Give Thanks for Water) hung in the alcove to the left of the main entrance (<https://bobbimastrangelo.com/women-in-the-arts-pod-cast>).

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60s

Gary Boats, B.S. '63, taught eight years at Addison Central School, served as assistant professor at SUNY Oswego teaching industrial ceramics and polymer technology for two years, and taught in Elmira for one year before moving to Maryland, where he taught for 32 years in three Baltimore County Schools. He received a \$250,000 grant to build and operate a radio-TV program and ran the program for 12 years before retiring in 2006. He taught evening and summer classes and workshops for University of Maryland Eastern Shore at the Baltimore Museum of

Industry campus for 14 years. He also owned and operated a residential construction company for 20 years, and traveled extensively. Currently, he works part time for the Baltimore Museum of Industry as a consultant. He is married and has two children, a daughter working in commercial insurance and a son who is an attorney.

Donald Hodson, B.S. '63, writes, "Still alive and kickin' on Long Island after 40-plus years in high school education and as an adjunct professor at Stony Brook University. Never did find my BCM jacket after the graduation parties."

Burt Grant, B.S. '64, writes, "The Class of '64 had a great group of people. Buffalo State was the perfect start to life. I only used my industrial arts degree to teach high school for one year, but it gave me the opportunity to enter industry, and that is where my career really started. I have attended both the 25th and 50th anniversary events, and it was wonderful to tour the campus each time to see how it's grown and to bring back all those wonderful memories."

Elaine Robak LaVigne, B.S. '64, M.S. '68, and **Denis Uminski, B.S. '64, M.S. '68**, were married on December 21, 2020, in the presence of their children and grandchildren. Elaine and Denis are pictured together in a Kappa Delta Pi group photo in the 1964 yearbook. Ten years later, they were introduced to each other by Uminski's late wife, **Mary Jane (Morcio) Uminski, B.S.Ed. '67**.

schools and in adult education, owned a consulting business, and conducted research projects. They both enjoyed sabbaticals in San Francisco, San Diego, and Maine. The couple retired to Maine but moved to North Carolina to be near twin grandchildren. A few years ago, Reynolds got homesick for Buffalo and her family, and they now live in Lancaster.



LAVIGNE AND UMINSKI

Judith (Baumler) Reynolds, B.S. '64, majored in home economics, spending half of her junior year at Merrill-Palmer Skillman Institute in Detroit to study child development. She went to Cornell University after graduation to earn an M.S. in consumer economics. She met her husband, Neil, at Cornell, and after his Air Force commitment in Ohio, they moved to Washington, D.C., where they lived for 34 years. They both taught at Gallaudet University for the deaf. She also taught in Montgomery County, Maryland, high

John Serio, B.S. '65, writes, "I cannot praise enough the fine education I received at Buffalo State. It opened my mind to a world of possibilities and fostered critical thinking. It prepared me for my first teaching job: a college instructor at age 22(!) and launched my career as a college professor and scholar. This summer, my wife, Faye, and I will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary. We have three children, all remarkably talented: Alisa, a Ph.D. in molecular and microbiology; Alexis, a full professor in art and a

recognized painter; and Andrew, with a degree in astronomy and another in systems engineering, working on building the world's major telescopes. Thank you, Buff State!"

Elizabeth "Betty" (Smith) Nuhn, B.S. '66, was in the first class to receive a master of library science degree from UB in 1968 and served as an elementary school librarian in the West Seneca Central School District from 1966 to 2002. She married Donald Nuhn in 1971. They have one son and three grandchildren. In retirement, she is a member of the Friends of the Marilla Library, is active in her church, and enjoys bowling and traveling.

Carol Roth, B.S. '66, writes, "I sure am grateful to Buffalo State for being a great school when I was young and a bit slow to mature. I did mature while there and eventually became a teacher and then a guidance counselor for 30 years. I owe a 'thank-you' to Buffalo State for all the school did for me! My best regards to all."

Cynthia (Pollicove) Diamondstone, B.S. '68, M.S. '71, retired after 43 years of teaching special education and has since been heavily

involved in the nonprofit organization Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership (COIPP), working with the children, spouses, and caregivers of incarcerated individuals. In addition, she teaches incarcerated parents to parent from afar and transition back into their families.

Judy (Benson) Mangor, B.S. '68, and **Benny Mangor, B.S. '69**, met at Buffalo State and celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in December 2022. They have three children and two grandchildren and enjoy retirement in Easton, Maryland. Benny is a retired Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) special agent, and Judy retired from the U.S. Department of State. They enjoyed working in Europe, Canada, and numerous locations in the United States. After retirement from the DEA, Benny conducted background investigations for the FBI part time until 2017, which was the start date of his full retirement and new career playing golf.



MANGORS

Judy volunteers her expertise as a knitting instructor at various facilities for senior citizens.

Hank Nuwer, B.S. '68, won Third Place for Column Writing for his coverage of Randolph County, Indiana, in the 2022 Indiana Society of Professional Journalists' Best of Indiana Journalism competition. Nuwer and his wife, Gosia, recently enjoyed a 10-mile dogsled run near their 15 vacation acres in Tok, Alaska.

Ronald Schworm, B.S. '68, has been a teacher at Gateway Children's Home and BOCES in Colorado Springs and Denver, Colorado. He was director of special education for the Alamosa Colorado master's program in learning disabilities at the University of Denver. He earned his Ph.D. in developmental disabilities from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He

served on the faculty of SUNY Albany in special education and was director of education and a faculty member in the School of Education at the University of Rochester Medical Center. He was also in private practice as an educational consultant and diagnostician. He served as a consultant at Genesee Community College and an educational diagnostician at Encompass Rochester. He retired in 2008 and 2013. He volunteered for nine summers at Cradle Beach Camp. He is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and has three children and five grandchildren.

Mary Ann (Barth) Adamski, B.S. '69, writes, "I should have graduated in 1968, but marriage delayed it. My husband, our first son, and I moved to Pennsylvania in 1972. We adopted our youngest son from Vietnam in 1974. I taught middle school math in Pennsylvania and California, where we lived for 16 years. We moved back to PA when we both retired. Traveled to Alaska, Europe, and Australia—wonderful adventures! I always tell people I took two buses to college every day."

Barry Diamondstone, B.A. '69, M.A. '71, writes, "After spending the first 10 years of my retirement training horses and teaching riding to students with a wide variety of disabilities, I decided that my body could no longer tolerate the long hours working in the ring and on the farm. I have now been volunteering for the last six to seven years with the Habitat for Humanity ReStore."

Sharon Dusen, B.S. '69, has been retired for 20 years after teaching for 33 years in the Alexander Central School District.

Matt Gryta, B.A. '69, was editor of the *Record* in both his sophomore and senior years. He was an active member of Casting Hall and had a work-study job in the college's Public Information Office. He interned for two summers at the *Buffalo Courier-Express* and after graduation, worked for 48 years as a reporter for the *Buffalo Evening News*, later the *Buffalo News*. Drafted into the U.S. Army in 1970, after working for five months as a police reporter



Vintage Charm on Wheels

Kellyann Scarlett, M.S. '04, recently celebrated 13 years with her boutique event-planning service, the Scarlett Agency. Now she is launching a sister company, Little Sipper LLC, featuring a Piaggio Ape tap truck.

Derived from the Italian word for *bee*, the Ape is a three-wheeled cousin to the popular Vespa scooter and is a common sight in Europe, selling gelato and other concessions. Several years ago, Scarlett was introduced to a vintage Piaggio Ape mobile bar and since then has had the idea of bringing a prosecco truck to New York. Scarlett's truck features three taps that pour various beverage choices, including wine, beer, cider, and alcohol-free beverages. It also includes a 250-cigar humidor and nitro tap, pouring Guinness, oatmeal stout, and nitro coffee. The truck is available for bookings anywhere in New York State.

Little Sipper goes beyond the standard bar service, bringing vintage charm and countless photo ops. The truck serves as the centerpiece for any special event, like birthdays, weddings, showers, or corporate gatherings (littlesipperbuffalo.com).

and general assignment reporter for the *News*, he was detailed for Army service in the Vietnam War, first to a combat battalion and then as a U.S. Army war correspondent. Because of his professional journalism background, he was pulled from a combat unit after a few months and reassigned to head the Americal Division's Public Information Office in Chu Lai. He was honorably discharged in May 1971 and returned to work at the *News*. He has written and published five nonfiction books.

Robert Henry, B.S. '69, writes, "Buff State taught me to believe in myself and challenge myself to always reach higher. My experiences launched my career of life-long learning culminating in earning my doctorate from UNLV. I met so many great people while in Buffalo, one of whom has been a lifelong friend—Reg Herzog. As a retired school district administrator, I have chosen to continue to influence the development of new teachers by being a site facilitator for UNLV, supervising student teachers. Buffalo State gave me a running start!"

William Rogowski, B.S. '69, taught for 34 years at West Seneca West High School. He also coached basketball and baseball for 10 years at West and football for two years at John F. Kennedy High School. He held public office as a trustee for two years and mayor for eight years in the Village of Sloan. He served as a councilman in Cheektowaga for 27 years and the tax receiver for three years. He and his wife, Corrine, have been married for 53 years and have three boys—two of whom graduated from Buffalo State—and seven grandchildren. The couple has been "snowbirds" in Nokomis, Florida, for the last 20 years.

70s

Karen (Palisano) Indian, B.S. '70, and her husband, Mike, are now full-time residents of The Villages, Florida.

Rita (McKenna) Kean, B.S. '71, writes, "I have wonderful memories of Buffalo State! I am especially grateful to Mrs. Monica Brinson, our textile science professor, who told me, 'You could do better if you worked harder.'" Upon graduation, Kean was hired by B. Altman & Co. in New York City and joined its

buying training squad. She also taught home economics for one year at Western Junior High in Greenwich, Connecticut. In 1973, she was offered an assistantship in the Textiles, Merchandising & Fashion Design Department (TMFD) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). While in Nebraska, she met her husband of 48 years, Joe Kean. Upon completing her master's degree, she was hired as a buyer for Hovland Swanson, a specialty store in Nebraska, where she worked for five years. In 1980, she was offered a teaching position in the TMFD, where she taught full time and completed her Ph.D. in education in 1984. Kean spent 35 years at UNL and retired in 2015. She keeps in touch with classmates via Facebook and is enjoying retirement with her husband and their 3-year-old golden retriever, Jack.

Paul S. Macias, B.S. '70, worked as a senior program quality engineer at Raytheon Company before his retirement in November 2017. During his 33-year career in quality assurance, he received numerous awards from General Dynamics, Hughes, and Raytheon Corporations.

James Maher, B.A. '71, retired after 43 years of service with Xerox Corporation as area manager for Western New York and Northwest Pennsylvania.

Jo Ann (Hinton) Smith, B.S., '71, writes, "I have visited all seven continents, trekked in the Himalayas, climbed almost to the top of Kilimanjaro, and rowed around icebergs in Antarctica."

Daniel Everett Thomas, B.A., '71, writes, "Buffalo State and the surrounding area is at the center of my youth—from childhood through the start of my career in higher education. I worked in Buffalo State's Institutional Research Office from 1973 to 1976. I am now retired after 38 years at the University of Maryland—capped in the role as a senior research and policy analyst. I will always be grateful to Buffalo State for the guidance, nurturing spirit, and opportunities it provided to me."

Sophia (Kupferman) Veffler, M.S.Ed. '71, lectures at schools and colleges about the Holocaust, genocides, and human rights issues. She received the SUNY Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in 2019.

Amy (Leibowitz) Goldman, M.S. '72, is chair of the Pennsylvania Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and president of the National Council of State Boards of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. She is also president of the U.S. Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication, the U.S. chapter of the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication.

Edward Robinson, B.A. '72, writes, "I have such wonderful memories of Buffalo State and the superb education I received there. I am now enjoying full retirement after a career as a U.S. diplomat in Tokyo, Japan."

Don Kellner, B.S. '73, retired in 2018 after 39 years in quality engineering and management positions at the Lockheed Martin Corporation design and production facility in Wheatfield, New York (formerly Bell Aerospace Textron).

Charles Arbutina, B.A. '74, M.A. '75, retired in 2012 after 35 years in the information technology field, including the last 25 years at HSBC. He has been an adjunct faculty member at Buffalo State since 1981.

Mike Sexton, B.S. '74, retired as vice president for enrollment at Santa Clara University in California after a 41-year career in college admissions.

Catherine Collins, B.S. '75, a member of the New York State Board of Regents, unveiled her artistic side last fall in a pop-up exhibit of her photos from the *Herd About Buffalo* public art project, a collaboration between the Roswell Park Alliance and the Burchfield Penney Art Center in 2000.

Loren Gifford, B.S. '75, joined the Peace Corps and got married after graduating from Buffalo State with a B.S. in design. He exhibited with the USDA in Washington, D.C., the Census Bureau overseas, and NASA's Center in Silicon Valley, retiring to the Finger Lakes region of New York State. He moved overseas again with his wife's Peace Corps job and is now finally settled in New England.

Stuart Shapiro, B.A. '75, has opened two offices for his law practice—on Delaware Avenue and on Grant Street, a few blocks from the Buffalo State campus. He is also a full-time assistant professor at the State University of New York at Fredonia, where he teaches courses on contracts and intellectual property in

the School of Business's Music Industry program. In his spare time, he plays in three bands.

Alberto Arroyo, B.A. '76, is a certified nuclear medicine technologist, a member of the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, and a fellow of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging—Technologist Section. He has worked as a board-certified nuclear medicine technologist at Bon Secours Mercy Health's St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio, for over 44 years and has published more than 40 articles in nuclear medicine journals (the last one in the *British Journal of Radiology*, 2020). He has also presented over 60 guest lectures across the United States, Canada, Europe, and South America. He writes, "Still having a great time along with my wife, Hannah. No plans to retire anytime soon! We wish the rest of the alumni a wonderful time as well, especially to the U.S. Bicentennial Class of '76."

Ann Lupo, B.S.Ed. '76, M.S. '82, recently celebrated 25 years of service to Buffalo State at a luncheon held in the Campbell Student Union Social Hall in April. Lupo

teaches in the History and Social Studies Education Department. She also serves on the WNET PBS Educational Services Advisory Committee and the Roswell Park Patient and Family Advisory Council.



LUPO

Cynthia (Ruffin) Mathews, B.S. '76, has been a published author for over 40 years. Her recent work, *The Principal's Handbook: Practical Details for a Smooth Operation*, is a model handbook and resource for principals to create their own personal leadership styles. The handbook covers the "nitty gritty" of the routines and policies needed to ensure a good start and maintain a productive academic year.

William Page, B.A. '76, continued his studies in biology and psychology to study and participate in primal therapy in New York City. Primal therapy combines the biology of repressed emotions from experienced trauma and deprivation with the body's natural ability to release repressed feelings, which can otherwise result in physical addictions, violence, and mental illness.

Vicki Perlman, B.A. '76, and **Rubin Alspecter, B.A. '76**, are celebrating 44 years together. They have two wonderful daughters, two amazing sons-in-law, and four precious grandchildren.

Rick Chiorando, B.S. '77, is the chief executive officer and chief creative officer of Austin Williams, a nationally recognized, full-service advertising and digital marketing firm based in New York. He leads new business development and creative strategy at the firm, which specializes in financial services, health care, and higher education. Austin Williams has won hundreds of advertising awards, was named to the *Agency Post* list of 100 Fastest Growing Ad Agencies in the Nation and the Inc. 5000, and was recognized as a Best Digital Marketing Agency by DesignRush.

Michael Giangreco, B.S. '77, has been a faculty member at the University of Vermont (UVM) since 1988. He was named University Distinguished Professor of Special Education in spring 2021, the highest academic honor that UVM can bestow on a faculty member.



GIANGRECO

Martha (Batzloff) Hard, B.A. '77, writes, "I should have graduated in 1976, but I changed my major from psychology to mass communications (that's what it was called then). I took newswriting classes and had some wonderful professors, such as "Frankie" Campbell and Lee Coppola. Aspiring classmates included Lou Michel, writer for the *Buffalo News*, and Nick Magnini, general manager at WUTV. I worked at WUTV from 1980 to 1987 as a 16 mm film editor for programming and ran the camera in the studio for public affairs shows, movie

host segments, and a Mass for shut-ins. I moved to Las Vegas in 1998 and worked at UNLV Law School Library for 20-plus years. I am now retired and enjoying every bit of it!"

Larry Lundy, B.F.A. '78, writes, "Finally retired from being a production designer and set decorator for films and TV (*Native Son*, *Flatliners*, *ER*, *High Fidelity*, *Sense8*, *Shameless*, *Batwoman*, etc.). Reclaiming my life as an artist has been fun. I have been downsizing, streamlining, and simplifying and am about to have a big show of my work. I will be revisiting my high school to help those students who want to go into film. I had the pleasure of visiting Buffalo State last August."

Paul Neiss, B.S. '78, retired from the U.S. Postal Service last July after 37 years. He has been married to his wife, Jeanne, for 37 years. They have two children, Kelly and Rob, and two grandchildren, Charlotte and Nolan.

Darcy Leslie Parsons, B.A. '78, worked as co-director with Richard Martin of the Historic Preservation division of the City of Buffalo, conducting extensive architectural surveys of the city's buildings. She worked to

successfully save the Genesee Building, now occupied by the Hyatt Regency. After moving to New York City, she moved up in the film industry to become a line producer on commercials. She also worked two seasons at *Saturday Night Live* and produced two HBO specials before moving to Los Angeles, where she eventually transitioned into visual effects. Parsons now owns Kevin VFX in Los Angeles, a leading boutique for photo-real visual effects and animation in commercials.

Nina Herman-Blumlein, M.S.Ed. '79, C.A.S. '94, was awarded the 2021 Woman of Distinction Award by New York State Assemblywoman Karen McMahon last August. Herman-Blumlein is a retired director of revenue and related services for special education for the Buffalo Public Schools. She is currently subbing as the district's school administrator.

Ray Pena, B.A. '79, has been married since 1984 and has three adult children. He has worked as a professional emergency manager since 1985, including 10 years with the American Red Cross; 16 years with a local emergency management agency;

10 years with federal agencies, including FEMA; and several years in the private sector. He still plays guitar occasionally and sings every day.

80s

Vince Cauntero, B.S. '80, writes, "It was a pleasure to meet new friends and catch up with others I have known for years at the March Florida visit in Naples. I spent a great deal of time getting to know President Conway-Turner and her husband, Dr. Turner, and they talked me into attending the Gala event in May. I look forward to it very much!"

Tom Koller, B.A. '80, retired in June 2021 after 32 years of service to the State University of New York, including 18 at Buffalo State. He accepted a position at Old Dominion University (ODU) in Norfolk, Virginia, as its director of corporate relations, developing and strengthening ties to local, regional, and global companies. He is a member of the Norfolk Rotary Club, a volunteer coach of First Tee Hampton Roads, and an adjunct professor at ODU. He was also named to the State of Virginia Sports Hall of Fame board of directors.

Paul Russo, B.S. '82, earned a master of health services administration and is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. As the director and CEO of the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System in St. Petersburg, Florida, he received the Secretary of the Veterans Administration National Award for the Advancement of Nursing Programs for 2022. The award recognizes outstanding leadership support for nursing programs and practice. He has also been inducted into the Buffalo State Rugby Hall of Fame for his leadership and contributions to the college and U.S. Rugby Football over many years.

Jeffrey Bessen, B.A. '83, is the deputy editor of Herald Community Newspapers, a 20-paper chain that is part of Richner Communications, a multimedia company based in Garden City, New York. Bessen lives in Lindenhurst, New York, with his wife, Christine, and children, Matthew, a certified paramedic, and Elizabeth, a high school senior.

Sheri Richardson Dodge, B.S. '83, worked as a substitute teacher in Buffalo before relocating to Portland, Oregon. Now retired after 25 years in public affairs and congressional relations for

the Pacific Northwest Research Station and U.S. Forest Service, she enjoys reading; movies; her cat, Twinkle; and domestic and foreign travel with her husband, Steve, a retired journalist.

Nannette (Gross) Horan, B.S.Ed. '83, is an artist, educator, and business owner.

Debbie Lessner Gioquindo, B.S. '85, opened a restaurant in North Wildwood, New Jersey—Trio North Wildwood—an American gastro eatery with a global flair. She passed the Certified Sherry Wine Specialist course with honors in January.

Frances Smokowski, B.F.A. '85, earned her master's degree in art therapy from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 1991 and went on to provide art therapy services to children and adolescents for over 25 years. In 2010, she earned a second master's degree, an M.F.A. from the New York Academy of Art in New York City. In 2011, she began building her own business as a teaching artist, specializing in customizing art lessons for a wide range of students, including those with special needs such as Down syndrome and autism. She tutors and shares her art through her websites. She was featured

in the award-winning documentary video *Healing through Art*, which is playing in 2,000 primary care office waiting rooms nationwide. Her mixed media drawing was featured on the cover of *Art Therapy*, the journal of the American Art Therapy Association. She currently resides in the Hudson River Valley, 30 miles north of New York City, and actively posts art and journal entries on Instagram @francesmokowski, reflecting on the many influences that have shaped her work, including the Art and Design Department at Buffalo State (www.nyarttutor.com; www.francesmokowski.com).

Charleen Harris Strasner, B.S.Ed. '85, M.S.Ed. '88, writes, "Doing well 10 years into retirement this June; finding myself busier than ever! Getting ready to celebrate my 50th high school reunion—Big Ups to Bennett Class of '72! Currently sitting as president of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Kappa Upsilon Zeta Chapter, and holding positions on the e-boards of the Buffalo Chapter of the Association of Black Social Workers Inc. and the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Western New York. Proud mother of Laurence and Charles Strasner, loving 'Granny' to Damani and Nayyir Strasner."



Chopped Finalist Tantalizes Tastebuds

For Darian Bryan, B.S. '17, making meals for others has always been a way of life. Bryan, who studied hospitality administration at Buffalo State, grew up working in his mother's cookshop in Jamaica and "loved to see how food made people happy."

"From there, I knew I wanted to be a chef," said Bryan, who is the executive chef of the Plating Society, a one-of-a-kind restaurant in Buffalo's Larkinville that he started with his wife, **Jessica (Micha) Bryan, B.A. '14, M.S. '16**. "I came to America and chose Buffalo to start my journey."

The Plating Society is a new dining concept that brings the back of the house to the front, allowing each private dining party to intimately experience Bryan's cooking techniques and personality.

Bryan, who has also worked as a private chef to several Buffalo Bills players—including Josh Allen and Stefon Diggs—has grown a large Instagram following for his culinary content.

His reputation grew in March when he advanced to the finals of the Food Network's popular program *Chopped*.

"I constantly strive to see those smiles and hear those 'Wows!'" said Bryan. "I love being able to connect with people on a daily basis, whether it's in their kitchens or them watching me cook or with my family on their phones."

David Zapfel, B.S. '85, writes, "My 'Intro to Social Work' professor at Buffalo State, Shirley Lord, changed my life. She taught us that there was no greater calling than to work with and advocate for the poor in our community. I am proud to be a social worker and now run an agency that helps hundreds of people in need every week."

Jeff Bagel, B.A. '86, was named managing principal of eAdvancement Consulting (eA). For more than two decades, eA has been a globally recognized source of experienced experts providing comprehensive fundraising counsel to educational institutions, foundations, and nonprofit organizations. He joined the firm as a principal in 2017. Bagel is also the author of *Annual Fundraising Plans Made Simple: A Roadmap for Community Colleges and Small Development Shops*. Now in its second printing, the book has been sold in more than 25 countries and has become a resource for fundraisers worldwide (www.jeffbagel.com).

Scott Fitzgerald, B.S. '86, is senior corporate director of business development for Spectrum Operations at Mercury Systems.

Eugene Johnson, B.S. '86, is a retired Atlanta Police Department detective with 30 years of law enforcement service.

Geraldine (Wuestman) Clark, B.S. '87, will retire in July after 35 years of teaching elementary school. She has spent the past 30 years teaching at School 92 in Queens, the Harry T. Stewart Sr. Magnet School for Engineering, Architecture, and the Arts.

John Garcia, B.A. '87, was elected the 54th sheriff of Erie County on November 2, 2021, and took office on January 1, 2022. Garcia worked with the Buffalo Police Department (BPD) for over 25 years. He retired as a detective with the Homicide Squad and as commander of the Crisis Management Team, where he supervised a group of highly trained hostage negotiators and the BPD dignitary protection team. He also worked for many years as a detective in the Buffalo Police Department Narcotics/Vice Squad and in the Gang Suppression Unit.

David Reichlin, B.A. '87, M.A. '88, retired from the logistics field as a safety supervisor in 2020. He writes, "My youngest son was just accepted [to Buffalo State] for fall 2022, and we went on campus for

the tour. Loved the new and improved campus. Couldn't find the fountain, spent too much at the new bookstore, and got teary-eyed at the Donald Savage Building. I'm a Bengal again!"

David Ribakove, B.A. '87, and **Tina (Webb) Ribakove, B.S. '88**, are celebrating their third decade in private practice as chiropractors in the Buffalo area. They are also celebrating 23 years of marriage. The couple met at orientation at Buffalo State in 1983. In fall 2021, they audited the West African Drumming Ensemble class taught by Tiffany Nicely and participated in the 150-year celebration Prism Concert in December 2021.

Karl Shallowhorn, B.A. '87, M.S. '98, was hired as director of youth programs for Mental Health Advocates of WNY in September 2021. He is also the founder and president of Shallowhorn Consulting LLC, which focuses on behavioral health training and leadership development. The author of *Leadership Through the Lens of the 12 Steps*, he is the chair of affiliate relations for the board of directors of the Mental Health Association in New York State. In addition, he was featured in the TV docuseries *Reversed* and was a speaker at TEDx Buffalo

2021 on the topic of African American men's mental health. He also hosts the podcast *Mental Health Verses*, which can be found on YouTube and Spotify.

Robert Hammond, B.A. '89, has been married for 28 years to Christine Hammond. Since 2009, he has served as pastor of Long Hill Baptist Church in Trumbull, Connecticut. He also serves as a visiting instructor at New England Baptist College.

Mary Joy (Buscemi) Murphy, B.S. '89, is an abstract artist who spent 30 years promoting artists, making connections for artists, fundraising for arts organizations and not-for-profits, and as an active member on many art boards. She recently opened her own studio, Mary Joy's Art Studio, at 111 Tonawanda Street in Buffalo (maryjoysartstudio@gmail.com, (716) 603-6630).

90s

Melissa Majchrzak Buckley, B.F.A. '92, was recently accepted as a juried artist of the Arts and Craftsmen Guild on the Roycroft Campus in two categories, Fibers and Collage.

Chris Gallant, B.A. '92, is an associate professor at Hilbert College and currently chairs the Digital Media and Communication Department. He has been with Hilbert since 2009. During his career as a news photographer, he earned two New York State Emmy Awards for his WGRZ news documentaries "They Made a Mistake: The Anthony Capozzi Story" (2007) and "Niagara Falls: A Tale of Two Cities" (2008).

DESSABLES



Mary Jane Dessables, B.S. '93, has been appointed chief quality officer at MercyFirst, a social service organization serving the children, youth, and families of Brooklyn, Queens, and Long Island. She oversees the Performance and Quality Improvement Department responsible for overall quality, compliance, program data tracking, reporting, and performance improvement processes across MercyFirst's programs and services.

Mark Jainchill, B.A. '93, retired from the Clark County School District in Las Vegas, Nevada, after 25 years as a high school counselor. He writes, "I credit my psychology professor, Dr. Blodgett, for encouraging me to go on to graduate school at Canisius College, where I earned my M.S. in 1995. After taking a jogging class as part of a physical education requirement, I became a lifelong runner. I'm an avid car enthusiast and writer, published in over a dozen car magazines."

Kimberly (Schweitzer) Evering, B.A. '94, writes, "I launched a podcast featured on Spotify called *Gal on the Go Unplugged*. It's a fresh take on my web blog of a decade, featuring fun and informative interviews with women from all walks of life. The mission of the show is to inspire girls and women to lead fearless, healthy lives, mentally and physically" (<https://rss.com/podcasts/galonthegounplugged>).



EVERING

Jovino Morales, B.S. '94, is celebrating 30 years as the founder and CEO of Jovino Property & Financial Management, a full real estate brokerage company with the subsidiaries Lafayette Services Inc. (a property management company) and Four Points Development Corporations (a construction company).

EHLINGER



Jeffrey Ehlinger, B.A. '95, earned his master's degree in cosmetic chemistry from the University of Cincinnati's James L. Winkle College of Pharmacy in May 2020. Shortly after graduating from Buffalo State, he took a job as a lab technician for the Mentholatum Company in Buffalo, where he has worked in various capacities for the past 25 years and is currently an R&D scientist.

Ramona Santa Maria, B.S. '97, M.S.Ed. '98, is an associate professor at Buffalo State. She has been working in the Computer Information Systems Department since 1999. She is the internship coordinator for the department and is looking to work with other Buffalo State alumni for internship placements.

Simona (Simmons) Hunt, B.A. '98, recently received the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) National HeRO Award for supporting efforts of the organization. She has been with VHA for almost 17 years and dedicates her career to improving supply chain issues and care for veterans. She earned an M.B.A. and project manager certification, completed a national training program in supply chain, and is a preceptor to guide future staff through the program.

Jill Gonzalez, B.S.Ed. '99, writes, "After enjoying an 18-year second career as an elementary school teacher, I finally retired! People say that you are busier in retirement than when you were working, and it's true! I have spent my retirement volunteering at Meals on Wheels and helping friends who own businesses. Riding my bicycle in the Slow Roll, hiking, and attending local gyms all keep me busy, healthy, and active!"

00s

Aisha (Iturralde) Brady, B.S. '02, is a counselor at Marietta West Cobb Counseling Center, a private group practice in the Atlanta metro area. A therapist with a passion for working with women and young adults, she is a trained perinatal mental health provider specializing in helping mothers deal with pregnancy-related mental health issues such as postpartum depression and anxiety disorders. She earned her M.S.W. in 2007 at Adelphi University.

Julie (Charles) Williams, B.S. '03, writes, "I moved to California after graduation and earned a teaching credential for special education from National University in 2008. I also received my A.A. in teaching with specialization in autism in 2014 and am currently in a master's program in applied behavior analysis with an anticipated graduation of 2022. I work with several Buffalo State speech-language pathology graduates in my southern California school district, and they are the best that we have!"

Michael Ackerbauer, M.S. '04, earned his Ph.D. in creative leadership for social innovation from the University of the Virgin Islands in 2020.

Demar Vassell, B.S. '05, is currently a director of facilities for a company in New York City. He is married with two children.

Krystal Testa, B.S. '06, was promoted to director of alumni events at the University at Buffalo in late 2021.

10s

Kanasha Blue, B.S. '10, completed her doctorate in leadership and policy at Niagara University in May. In March, she joined Empire State Development, Minority and Women's Business Development, as an associate director of certification for the Western New York region.

Mary (Hager) Mayle, B.S. '11, M.S.Ed. '13, writes, "My husband, **Brian Mayle, B.S. '11**, and I met in 2009 during our sophomore year at Buffalo State. We got married on July 23, 2021. We love living close to our families in Cheektowaga, where I've been teaching fourth grade, and Brian enjoys refereeing local soccer games and working for Stellar Technology. We are expecting our first baby this coming October."

Lauren Kirchmyer, B.A. '12, was recently hired as the public relations and content strategy associate at Shea's Performing Arts Center in Buffalo.

Katie (Percival) La Vecchio, B.S. '12, M.S. '14, and **Michael La Vecchio, B.S. '13**, had a baby, Joseph Preston, on January 26.

Travis Carlson, B.A. '13, a television and film arts major, partnered with six fellow alumni to create their first feature film, *Mother's Day*, which won the Best of the Festival award in the Queens World Film Festival in 2021. Based on a true story, *Mother's Day* explores the complex nature of mental illness and its effects on personal relationships (PanAmericanFilms.com).

John Szablewski, B.A. '13, M.S. '21, is a visual arts educator in the North Tonawanda School District, teaching art classes to students in grades K-8. In February, he married the love of his life, Madison, a general music teacher. He is a theatrical and music director and is involved with the community theater scene in Buffalo.

CLOSE



Alexis Close, B.A. '15, joined the Workers' Compensation practice group as an associate at Goldberg Segalla in Buffalo. She was previously with Collins and Collins in Buffalo. She counsels and defends employers, insurers, and third-party administrators in all stages of workers' compensation litigation, from intake through trial and appeal, drawing on her previous experience as a paralegal in a number of private law firms. She earned her juris doctor from Barry University's Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law.

Sarah Gatti, B.S. '16, is a principal planner with the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, where she works to protect farmland and promote local farms. Her project, Erie Grown, was awarded Best in Category (community and economic development) by the National Association of Counties in 2021.

Anthony Gorynski, B.S. '17, writes, "The immense support and guidance I received from the faculty and advisers at Buffalo State was vital to my success. I am currently in my last year at the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. I will be graduating in May with my doctor of pharmacy degree, and I am excited to be starting my new position as a resident pharmacist at Mount Saint Mary's Hospital in Lewiston, New York. Without the strong foundation and skills I learned at Buffalo State, I would not be where I am today. I am truly grateful."

Shawn Grange, B.S. '17, writes, "I am pleased to share that I am still employed in the social work field. I am actively looking at schools to complete my M.S.W. I still reside in Buffalo and plan on buying a house within the next year!"

Jessica McCarey, B.S. '18, is currently an FS II, assigned to trace evidence and arson casework at the New York State Police Forensic Investigation Center in Albany. She graduated magna cum laude from Buffalo State with a B.S. in forensic chemistry and anthropology, and was a

member of the Chemistry Club, an athletic scholar on the women's soccer team, and a member of the Muriel A. Howard Honors Program. She held two internships: the Trace Evidence Section of the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory and the Autopsy Section of the Orange County Medical Examiner's Office. She was inducted into the Iota Sigma Pi National Honor Society and received a number of academic awards. She is also a member of the American Chemical Society.

Zanisha Suter, B.A. '19, lives in Rochester, New York, with her boyfriend, Steven, and two cats. She was recently hired as a customer relations representative at Rochester Gas & Electric, a subsidiary of Avangrid.

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Yuli (Liang) Wells, B.S. '21, recently started a garden and advocates nutritional impact in the community, where she is enjoying motivating families and business owners to discover their strengths in having a healthy and diverse diet for better protecting themselves and their loved ones from multiple disease-related problems.

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Buffalo State at a Crossroads

By David Ben-Merre *and* M. Scott Goodman

* NOTE:

This is a rebus crossword. (Five of these squares contain more than one letter. It is up to you to figure out where those squares are and what they include.)

ACROSS

- 1 You might go for it in Houston Gym
- 4 They're found in the sciences and in some kennels
- 8 Confidence games
- 13 "Buffalo Dusk" by Carl Sandburg, for instance
- 15 Off-white shade
- 16 Wrigley sight
- 17 Academic home for Oakie, Benji, Roody Roo, Baxter Bearcat, and Victor E. Bull.
- 18 CHE 101 topic
- 19 Repent
- 20 Singer Redding
- 22 At the center of or at the end of a pyramid?
- 24 Someone with a habit?
- 25 "Deuce Bigalow" actor
- 28 Took too much
- 29 Course materials option
- 30 How a student tells an instructor that the homework isn't done yet, perhaps
- 32 Cherry centers
- 33 Dr. Stewart (Sociology), to friends
- 34 Unfortunate result of an Allen wrench, abbr.?
- 35 Grant and Amherst, abbr.
- 36 Remote location?
- 37 ____-Cat (it might get you through a Buffalo winter)
- 38 101 course where you learn días de la semana
- 41 Dress (up)
- 42 Droop
- 43 B- for some
- 44 Wise
- 48 X-rated
- 49 Tom Calderone, Buffalo State alum, currently
- 50 They detail 162 games
- 52 Professors Bill (CIS), Barb Weitzner- (SLP), or Xia Jiang (Art & Design)
- 53 Name in a will or named Prince William?
- 54 Only
- 55 Remark heard by the Warren Enters audience
- 57 It's gripping
- 59 Make an impression in art class?
- 62 Peter I, Peter II, and Peter III
- 63 Black, to bards
- 64 Buffalo State authority
- 65 Corporate department
- 66 Email button
- 67 Macadamia, for example

DOWN

- 1 They're turned at Sahlen Field, for short
- 2 Note from someone who is short?
- 3 Members of the Wabanaki Confederacy
- 4 "Buy or ____"
- 5 Warren Enters segment
- 6 Educate
- 7 The best part of academia, to some
- 8 Ocean or species of fish in the ocean
- 9 TFA directive, at times
- 10 Takes the money and runs
- 11 Name after 52-Across on Broadway
- 12 Expensive or big-ticket
- 14 Elmwood Ave. eatery
- 21 You might be doing this puzzle in it
- 23 Hamlet south of Buffalo on US 20
- 25 The College Senate, essentially
- 26 Passing mention?
- 27 Privy to
- 28 Diamond call
- 31 Conceptual artist Yoko
- 33 ____ change
- 36 Weigel nickname
- 37 Obi one?
- 38 BIO 308 Human Anatomy topic
- 39 Window part
- 40 College Senate assents
- 41 Professor Tang (Geography and Planning)
- 42 Sign up to get the Daily Bulletin
- 43 Like Bulger vis-à-vis the Horace Mann Quad
- 44 Egg-drop competition mishaps
- 45 In math class, the distance from the Y-axis
- 46 Amiable
- 47 Dickens-inspired musical
- 48 A form of 13-Across
- 51 Revise
- 53 Gas company famous for its green toy trucks
- 56 "Dr." of rap
- 58 Vladimir Guerrero Jr., to a certain Hall-of-Famer
- 60 HAL 9000, e.g.
- 61 F.D.R.'s V.P.



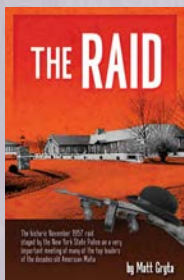
Note on 47 Down/66 Across: Puzzle solvers should credit themselves if they answered either OLIVES/SEND or OLIVER/REND.

The Buffalo State crossword puzzle was created by David Ben-Merre, professor of English, and M. Scott Goodman, professor of chemistry, for Buffalo State in honor of its 150th anniversary celebration.

* Read more at <https://bit.ly/bssc crossword>.

Bengal Bookshelf

Matt Gryta, B.A. '69, recently published his fifth and sixth books: *The Raid*, about the historic 1957 New York State Police raid that exposed the American Mafia and its Buffalo and Western New York connections (Getzville Grove Press, 2020); and *The Warehouse Explosion*, about the 1983 propane blast that



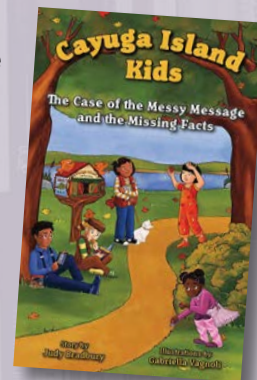
devastated a 16-block stretch of Buffalo, killing seven people, including five firefighters. (Available exclusively at the Buffalo History Museum.)

Michael Sheldon, B.S. '69, M.S. '71, C.A.S. '76,



recently published *Smile and Have Fun with the Kids! A Practical Guide for Teachers*. The book delves into successful strategies for teachers and provides positive techniques that will enhance their professional careers.

Judy Bradbury, B.S. '74, has published *The Case of the Messy Message and the Missing Facts*, the third book in her Cayuga Island Kids chapter book series for ages 7-10 (City of Light Publishing, 2022). The second book in the series, *The Adventure of the Big Fish by the Small Creek*, has been awarded the IBPA Ben Franklin Award for Young Reader Fiction, 8-12.



Kathleen Edstrom Walker, B.S. '80, is the author of *Blunders, Car Accidents, Lawyers, Insurance*, a cautionary tale about a car accident and its harrowing aftermath (Cookbook Specialists, 2021).



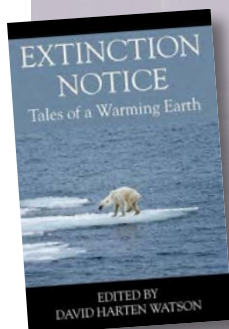
Janis Leslie Evans, B.A. '82, has published her debut book, *Recollections About Race: Getting to the Roots and Healing* (Jahmerican Press, 2020), a narrative look at the emotional impact of racial events. Triggered by the brutal death of George Floyd in summer 2020, Evans recalls her lifetime of experiences as a Black woman in America and how she survived the negative impacts

Gloria Barlow, B.S. '90, M.S. '98, wrote *Travel to Africa: A Children's Book* (Dorrance Publishing Co., 2021), which includes personal photos of her trip to the continent and encourages readers to explore their heritage. Barlow has two daughters and a grandson.

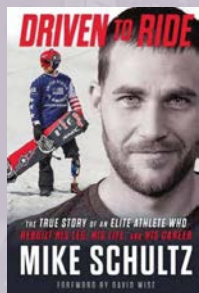


of micro- and macro-aggressions from childhood to adulthood, offering a path to healing from racial trauma and damaged self-esteem (janislevans.com).

David Harten Watson, B.S. '92, has released his fourth book, *Extinction Notice: Tales of a Warming Earth* (Silver Sword Press, 2022), an anthology of 41 stories written by a diverse group of talented authors from nine nations on four continents. It includes works of science



fiction, political satire, humor, horror, young adult, and romance. The stories not only entertain but also open readers' eyes to the catastrophic dangers of runaway global warming. Profits from the anthology will be donated to environmental charities (www.cli-fi.org).



Matt Higgins, B.A. '97, coauthored *Driven to Ride* with paralympic snowboarding champion Mike Schultz (Triumph Books, 2022).

Kia Marlene Warmley, B.S., '10, has published her debut collection of poetry, *Evolution of Awareness*. In more than 400 pages of poetry, she provides thoughts, questions, and answers concerning our collective greater purpose. She leads readers through a spiritual journey to enlightenment: connecting with their inner selves, discovering their true purpose and passion, unleashing their power, and finding happiness and self-love within (Left Bridge Publishing, 2022) www.kiamarlene.com.





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