

# Buffalo State Educational Opportunity Program

Celebrating EOP Honors Students  
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You have all shown amazing grit and perseverance this past year while completing your studies in such a unique and challenging environment.

Today you are receiving a very distinguished honor that will stay with you forever, just like your Buffalo State education. Being recognized at the EOP Honors Convocation speaks volumes about you as an individual. Everyone has a choice to work toward success or simply to coast along and you have chosen to succeed at the highest level.

With the education, skills, and tools you have acquired, I am confident that you are ready to take on any opportunity or challenge that lies ahead. Congratulations on your amazing achievement! We are so proud of you and are excited to see how you will make the world a better place.

**Jim Mayrose, Ph.D.**  
**Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs**  
**SUNY Buffalo State**



Congratulations to all our Buffalo State EOP students that are being recognized today and those graduating in the class of 2022. Your faculty, staff, and peers are all proud of your accomplishments. I have watched you move through your years as students and each year you have tackled the challenges before you and found your way to success.

These last 18 months have been especially challenging as you navigated multiple crises of health, social justice, and political divide. I know that the backdrop of these major issues has, at times, caused additional stress, frustration, and concern.

It was not always easy to find your way to today's recognition of success, but you did it. You drew upon your individual ways to cope, you worked hard, you were supported by those around you, and you kept your focus on the success ahead. These are traits that will benefit you throughout your life. It is easy to be derailed by the noise around you or to focus on something that is not productive, we all have had to pull ourselves back from these distractions on occasion; students, you maintained your focus on what was important and you carved a path to success.

Today, I stop to applaud you for maintaining a clear vision and focus on your goals and moving to grasp academic success.

I wish you all the best as you move forward. May you always find triumph in the most straightforward way such that your accomplishments continue to lift you to achieve your goals, your dreams, and your aspirations.



Katherine Conway-Turner, President  
SUNY Buffalo State

## WHAT IS THE HONORS CONVOCATION?

The Honors Convocation is an annual event recognizing academic excellence in the Educational Opportunity Program. The program honors the achievements of all EOP students who have earned a 3.00 or higher semester and/or cumulative grade point average during the previous fall and/or spring semesters. Students are recognized through special awards and scholarships based on academic excellence, campus leadership and community service. We also celebrate our graduates and the culmination of their hard work. Lastly, we highlight faculty and staff who have demonstrated strong support for our students.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EOP

EOP Scholars! Once again, we are not hosting our traditional convocation, however, we virtually send our love and positive energy while saluting your perseverance for hanging on through tough times.

Since the day you joined our Buffalo State family, you have shown strength and resilience, succeeding despite difficult circumstances. You have survived and thrived in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats, and stress. You have had no choice but to be resilient and being resilient is an act of resistance and survival. Our wish is for you to continue to prosper and enjoy much success, as we are in this together. You are not alone.



## SPECIAL AWARDS AND HONORS

### **EOP Distinguished Alumnus Award**

*Michael Garner*

### **Alumni Association Awards**

*Mikayla Hernandez  
Lu Meh*

### **EOP Staff Merit Award**

*Mary Kate Metzger*

### **Annie Joe Memorial Award**

*Lu Meh*

### **Kolawole Glover Memorial Award**

*Jadell Joseph*

### **Martha Pierce Student Recognition Award**

*Charles Gilbert*

### **Theresa A. Shepard Advocacy Award**

*Sheilly Aguilar*

### **Arthur O. Eve Distinguished Student Achievement Award**

*Aye San*

### **EOP Director's Award**

*Jean Brito*

### **EOP Faculty Merit Award**

*Richard Stempniak, Ph.D.*

### **Dougherty-Witten Scholarship**

*Jean Brito*

### **USB EOP Award**

*Yahya Alshuaibi  
Ran Magar*

### **Highest Cumulative Averages by Class**

*Freshman – Say Paw, Kyla Thomas  
Sophomore – Yovanna Maldonado  
Junior – Trevor Johnson  
Senior – Elham Abdulmalk*

### **Top Four Graduating Seniors**

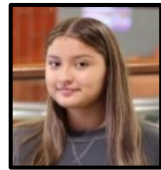
*Elham Abdulmalk  
Suesue Kie  
Lu Meh  
Mikayla Hernandez*



Michael Garner graduated from Buffalo State College in 1983 with his bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Management. He went on to earn his M.B.A. from SUNY Empire State College in 2009. Mr. Garner has devoted his career to increasing opportunities for minorities and fostering diversity. He worked at the New York City Housing Authority for 15 years overseeing the certification of firms, contract compliance, and outreach to minority- and women-owned businesses. In 2009, Michael Garner was named the Chief Diversity Officer for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). In addition to his role at the MTA, Michael Garner is committed to his community and serves as President of the Founding Chapter of One Hundred Black Men, which provides scholarships, mentorship, and inspiration to the youth of New York City.

### **Alumni Association Awards**

*The Alumni Association Awards are presented to the two May graduates who have earned the highest cumulative grade point averages.*



Mikayla Hernandez is a senior born and raised from NYC (Bronx). She will be completing her degree in Childhood Education with an impressive grade point average of 3.72. Her dedication to excel academically is admirable. She has received recognition for being on the dean's list every semester and made the EOP honor role. Mikayla is passionate of working with children and believes in empowering learning. Once she completes her degree, she will further continue her education with a master's degree in 2023. She currently serves as a Student Teacher at a local elementary school in Buffalo and is looking forward to educating tomorrow's pioneers.



**Lu Meh** is a Senior majoring in Social Work. Lu was born in a Thailand refugee camp and moved to the United States with her family in 2009. She feels very privileged to attend college knowing, that so many people from where she comes from do not get this opportunity. Lu states that, navigating her way into college as a first-generation college student was an extremely difficult journey. Lu is a hard-working student who often utilized the EOP Academic Center for Excellence for her writing assignments with Dr. Lori Woods. Although Lu faced some difficulty as an ELL student, she did not let that hamper her motivation. Through her effort and persistence, Lu was rewarded with high grades and recognition as an outstanding student. She has an impressive 3.91 GPA. Her dedication to excellence is a model that other students should strive towards. After graduation, she will continue her education at the University of Buffalo where she was accepted into the Advanced Standing Master of Social Work program starting Summer 2022.

### **EOP Staff Merit Award**

*The Staff Merit Award is presented to a college staff member who has shown commitment and service to the Educational Opportunity Program.*



Mary Kate serves as the EOP Admissions Advisor in the Office of Admissions. She has worked diligently at providing a "holistic approach" when reviewing EOP candidate folders. Mary Kate continually looks for ways to streamline and improve the process of EOP admittance. Mary Kate Metzger (MS '14) has served as an Admissions Advisor at Buffalo State College since 2015 where she advises prospective students and external stakeholders on the college admissions process, major requirements, and student support programs. She oversees the recruitment of an assigned territory in New York State and plans several yield-generating events throughout the year including Application Review Days and the Class Visit Program. Most recently, in an interim capacity, she has been serving as the Admissions liaison to the School of Arts and Sciences and the School of the Professions for special majors as well as advising readmission students and processing academic clemency petitions. Throughout her career in higher education, Mary Kate has remained committed to serving the Buffalo State community by participating on search committees, serving as a board member for an endowed scholarship, volunteering for New Student Orientation, serving on the Student Conduct Board, and contributing to several awards' selection committees. In the college admissions sector, she received a SUNYCAP Achievement Award for Excellence and Innovation in Recruitment Programming and has served as the Special Missions Representative on the SUNYCAP Executive Board since 2019. Mary Kate is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Higher Education at the University at Buffalo. Outside of her professional role, she is a proud member and volunteer of Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority as well as Class Chair of Leadership Buffalo's Rising Leaders Program.

### **Annie Joe Memorial Award**

*This scholarship is awarded to a junior or senior student who, despite significant special circumstances, has earned a 3.0 semester average during the Fall or Spring 2021 semester. The awardee must have worked diligently to overcome personal and academic obstacles. The scholarship is given in memory of Annie Joe, a student who died tragically on the eve of the 1982 EOP Honors Convocation.*

**Lu Meh (see above bio)**

### **Kolawole Glover Memorial Scholarship**

*Kolawole "Tommy" Glover was a junior majoring in Computer Information Systems when he passed away as the result of a car accident in February of 2001. A scholarship was created in his name to recognize a student who reflects his passion for learning. While attending Buffalo State, Kolawole was a sought-after resource in the North Wing computer lab and the EOP computer lab, which is now named in his honor. He was a leader on campus, active in the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), the African American Student Organization (AASO), the Caribbean Student Organization (CSO), and Adelante Estudiantes Latinos (AEL). The name Kolawole means "to bring together." Thus, the scholarship named in his honor is awarded to an individual who reflects the best of both campus involvement and academic success. This scholarship is co-sponsored by EOP and the Association of Faculty and Staff of Color.*



Jadell Joseph is a graduating senior who is majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in management. Jadell keeps himself highly engaged by minoring in Business Economics all while maintaining an exceptional grade point average of 3.59. Jadell participated in the National Student Exchange program after his first year at the college, completing a semester at Florida International University to expand his learning experience. He performed well and gained valuable experience. Jadell is an active member of our campus community and participated in several community service projects. He is actively involved with the Caribbean Student Organization and participated in its programs and activities throughout the year. Jadell worked with UPD as a student assistant to make sure our campus surroundings were safe for the campus community. He has also participated in our Bengals Day of Caring community service project to give back to our community. Jadell was a student speaker for the FUND SUNY NOW campaign organized by UUP. He has attended and participated in many EOP advocacy programs to speak about the importance of opportunity programs.

### **Martha Pierce Student Recognition Award**

*This award acknowledges the academic achievements of a non-traditional junior or senior with a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA who has prevailed as an above-average student amidst difficult circumstances, such as health concerns, raising children, or juggling employment with academics. The award is named in honor of Martha Pierce, who is recognized as the first SEEK/EOP graduate in New York State. Ms. Pierce entered Buffalo State as an adult student in 1967 and graduated in just seven semesters with a degree in elementary education. She then taught in the Buffalo Public School system for more than 20 years. She is known for speaking on behalf of funding for EOP before the joint legislature in Albany, where she received a standing ovation.*



**Charles Gilbert** is currently a transfer senior at SUNY Buffalo State majoring in Media Production in the Communication Department. He received his associates degree in Communication and Media Arts from SUNY Erie in 2020. Charles is a member of Lambda Pi Eta, The National Communication Association Honor Society Rho Psi Chapter, and services as Vice President of the chapter as well. Charles is also an active member of the BSC-TV, as he serves as the equipment manager but is very hands on with the club with assisting in producing, directing, and editing the shows. Outside of school, Charles is a sound engineer for a local media company formally known as Crews Control Media (Due to legal issues the name is in a changing phase) and is inspired to own his media company as well. Charles is the executive producer and host of two podcasts (Royal Club Wrestling Podcast – co-hosted with Assad Harris and So, In the Meantime, in which he hosts by himself). He also consults those who are inspired to start podcasting.

During his time away from school, Charles spends time with his 15-year-old daughter, Vanessa, his family, and friends. He loves basketball, video games, wrestling, movies, tv shows and podcast. After graduating, Charles looks to get into the field of media as a producer or as a production assistant, where he can truly find his footing.

### **Theresa A. Shepard Advocacy Award**

*The Advocacy Award is given to an individual or organization that has shown commitment to EOP through outstanding support and service. The award has been renamed in honor of EOP student Theresa Shepard, who passed away unexpectedly in December of 2001. Theresa earned a bachelor's degree in computer information systems and a master's degree in educational computing. She was employed by the Computing and Technology Services Department and was well known throughout the campus community. Theresa spoke out on behalf of funding for EOP, both in the Buffalo community and on campus. She was admired and respected for her work ethic and her dedication to academic success.*



**Sheilly Aguilar** is a graduating senior majoring in Psychology & minoring in Criminal Justice, Spanish Language & literature. She has completed a certificate for Child Advocacy Studies and maintains an exceptional GPA (3.43). She has travelled the world while at Buffalo State to London, Mexico, Guatemala, and Canada, keeping herself engaged. She is an active student on our campus community and served as a first-year peer mentor. She is a hardworking and responsible individual who inspires and motivates others. She is active on campus with student organizations and the rugby team, and she is always willing to assist the program to represent us when called upon. She has volunteered her time for the College Day of Caring as well as providing campus tours to prospective students through information sessions. She has travelled to Albany for EOP advocacy days and participated in the testimony for SUNY Higher Education before the NYS Senate. Sheilly was one of the students from Buffalo State who participated in Albany for the Model Senate debates, workshops, and presentations. She always makes herself available to assist and advocate on behalf of our program and to represent the EOP family. Sheilly plans on attending graduate school where she will further her education upon graduation.



### **Arthur O. Eve Distinguished Student Achievement Award**

*This award was established to honor former Deputy Speaker Arthur O. Eve, who established the first SEEK/EOP program in the SUNY system at Buffalo State in 1967. The award is given to a graduating native resident of Buffalo or Niagara Falls who exemplifies the characteristics Mr. Eve sought for our students: academic excellence reflected by a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA and a commitment to community service proven through strength of character and leadership.*



**Aye San** is a senior majoring in Speech-Language Pathology, and she was recently accepted to the Graduate School of Education at the University at Buffalo where she will pursue her studies in School Counseling/EDM. In addition to serving as an EOP Freshmen Mentor and teaching Sunday School for her church while maintaining a 3.65 GPA, Aye has provided support services for children with cerebral palsy and fluency disorders as part of her Speech-Language Pathology community service. Aye finds great satisfaction in helping children with speech disorders make progress, and she looks forward to a career counseling children and adolescents in educational settings.

### **EOP Director's Award**

*The Director's Award recognizes a junior or senior with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA who has demonstrated leadership, dedication, and service through involvement with both EOP and campus organizations.*



**Jean Brito** obtained his degree in December 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a minor in Economics and Finance. Jean was selected to participate in the Muriel A. Howard Honors Program to engage in a rigorous learning experience. He has worked on several research projects and completed many presentations during his time at Buffalo State. He maintained an exceptional cumulative grade point average of 3.51 and was an active member in our campus community. Jean was the finalist for the Buffalo State President's Medal. Jean received the Norman McConney, Jr. Award for Educational Opportunity Program Student Excellence in 2022. Jean made the Dean's list each semester in addition to receiving various awards and scholarships throughout his time at the college. He received the Dougherty-Whitten Scholarship, Burrell Diversity Scholarship, Kolawole Glover Award, USG Leadership Scholarship, Hispanic Scholarship Fund, and HACU Model Senate Scholarship to name a few. Jean volunteered his time for many projects and community outreach activities such as Buffalo State's Day of Service and EOP's recruitment presentations where he facilitated campus tours for prospective students and families. He has participated and advocated for funding for EOP and SUNY advocacy days in Albany and Buffalo. He attended the Men of Color conference and workshop series with great commitment. Jean was one of the students from Buffalo State who participated in Albany for the Model Senate debates, workshops, and presentations to enhance his knowledge and understating in the governance of political structure. Jean has served as an EOP mentor and worked with first year students to assist them with their transition to college and connect students to various resources. Jean worked as a Resident Assistant (RA) to assist students in residence halls while collaborating and organizing workshops and programming to enhance students' residence life experience. He worked as a J-Term Student Assistant for the EOP Sophomore Success Program to assist with enrichment workshops and monitor student progress activities in and out of the classroom. Jean has secured a fulltime position after graduating with Deloitte Risk & Financial Advisory in New York City.

### **EOP Faculty Merit Award**

*The Faculty Merit Award is given for outstanding commitment and service to the Educational Opportunity Program.*



**Dr. Richard Stempniak**, a professor in the Engineering Technology department, is an expert in the fields of Occupational Safety and Material Processing. Dr. Stempniak has previously served as coordinator of the Industrial Technology Program and as Interim Chair of the Business Department. Dr. Stempniak consults in the local Aerospace industry as well as being an employer liaison to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Dr. Stempniak was past president of the Buffalo State Alumni Association and served multiple terms as the President of Buffalo State's chapter of the United Universities Profession union (UUP). Throughout Dr. Stempniak's decades of service to Buffalo State, he continually taught, advised, and inspired EOP students in the areas of engineering, safety studies, and technology. At the same time, he always made time to provide EOP students with guidance on managing their academic careers, helping students to graduate and better prepare for the world beyond college.

### **Dougherty-Witten Scholarship**

*Through his work on SUNY campuses as a Financial Planner with VOYA Financial Advisors, George D. Dougherty has had the opportunity to work with the Educational Opportunity Program and see the support and opportunities the program provides to students with the potential to succeed, but who are economically disadvantaged. Impressed with the dedication of the EOP staff and the EOP students' thirst for learning, he established the Dougherty Scholarship to provide educationally and economically disadvantaged students with access to higher education. Recently, Gary Witten, also a Financial Planner with VOYA, contributed a very generous sum to the scholarship, reflecting his similar belief in the students of EOP. To be eligible for the Dougherty-Witten Scholarship, students must intend on declaring a major, or have declared a major, in one of the departments in the School of the Professions and must have either a high school average of 85% or higher or an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher. The scholarship can be received each semester of attendance if the recipient maintains a 3.0 minimum GPA.*

**Jean Brito** (see above bio)

### **USB Awards for Outstanding EOP Students**

*USB EOP Awards of \$500 each are given to one outstanding junior student and one outstanding senior student majoring in either Computer Information Systems or Engineering Technology. The donor likes to remain anonymous.*



**Yahya Alshuaibi** is a graduating senior in Electrical Engineering (Smart Grid) program. Since his beginnings at Buffalo State, Mr. Alshuaibi has been a prolific student and maintained a 3.0 GPA throughout his time at the college. Being a local student, and having to work full-time off campus, he has displayed extreme commitment in managing his studies as a full-time student. Yahya is an active student on campus and a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). He is involved with the creation of the three-phase transformer trainer project for National Grid.



**Ran Magar** is a graduating senior and active EOP scholar. He is majoring in Computer Information Systems with a grade point average of 3.51. He has made the EOP honor roll and the dean's list several semesters. He is a student who is proactive, taking advantage of ACE services and resources. Every semester he connects with his EOP counselor early on to make sure his classes and financial aid are in place. He then follows up regularly to go over academic concerns. He is actively involved with campus organizations such as the Bengali student club. He has participated in several on campus community service projects including Bengals Day of Caring. He is always ready to help when called upon to volunteer or participate in workshops and programming sponsored by EOP.

## TOP FOUR GRADUATING SENIORS



**Elham Abdulmalk** is a senior in Business Administration with an International Business Concentration and Economic minor. Elham has earned a grade point average of 4.0 in all semesters throughout her college year making the dean's list every semester at Buffalo State. Elham graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting in Yemen and worked as an accountant as well. She has worked extremely hard in her college career. She has learned English. Elham works at Buffalo State College as a tutor for business administration courses and as a student assistant in the school library. She plans to work at a company as an accountant then plans to continue her schooling and earn a master's degree. Elham lives for, and encourages people to go by this quote, "Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do" – Pele. Elham continues to work hard and make her family proud.

**Suesue Kie** transferred into Buffalo State from Erie Community College. She currently holds a 3.95 cumulative grade point average and is an Individualized Studies major.

**Lu Meh (see above bio)**

**Mikayla Hernandez (see above bio)**

# SPRING 2020 SEMESTER

## AVERAGES OF 3.00 OR HIGHER

Abdulkalk, Elham	Davis, Faith	Karim, Karisma	Quick, India	Wilson Simmons, Naeemah
Acosta, Kaizer	Davis, Mya	Key, Keontae	Qurashi, Sabiha	Winbrone, Keilani
Agu, Jessica	Dawkins, Nevaeh	La Fleche, Francesca	Rahman, Mahbubur	Wright, Kazyrah
Ahmad, Said	Dawkins, Tori	Lake, Faith	Ramgoolam, Michelle	Wright, Terrina
Ahmed, Safayet	De Jernett, Andrea'H	Lam, Kenny	Rico, Rifat	Yakub, Fardowsa
Ahmed, Noushin	Delgado, Jayda	Lantigua, Kyara	Rijo, Moises	Yakub, Hamdi
Akter, Sumia	DeSandies, Asiyah	Lema, Jessica	Rosado, Nayka	Yakub, Musa
Alabbadi, Maha	Diallo, Kadiatou	Liranzo, Abrahami	Rosales, Ashley	Yam, Wing Yan
Alameri, Fakhri	Dickerson, Nyjae	Lopez, Jalisa	Rosario, Adarlynn	Yet, Jule
Albert, Milan	Dong, Kevin	Lowe, Salifu	Ross, Quindell	Zelaya, Brittany
Alhassan, Amer	Drammeh, Fatoumata	Lukudu, Christina	Rumph, Maria	Zhou, Andy
Ali, Abdirahman	Ehadi, Joy	Mackey, Scott	Rusia, Salome	
Ali, Ava	Estevez, Juan	Magar, Ran	San, Aye	
Ali, Ayan	Fadhil, Aseel	Maitland, Krisoyne	Sanchez, Cindy	
Ali, Mohammed	Figuerola, Deliana	Malay, Robin	Sanchez, Trinity	
Ali, Naveen	Francisco, Ashley	Maldonado, Maryann	Santiago, Angelina	
Alibadi, Ahmed	Gamble, Tanya	Maldonado, Yovanna	Sar, Eh	
Almodovar, Bryan	Gilbert, Charles	Marino, Imani	Saunders, Loretta	
Almonor, Bythovens	Gill, Karanveer	Matthews, Donald	Schutte, Emily	
Al-Naji, Sara	Gobah, Mahyoub	Mawi, Dawt	Sharieff, Mohammad	
Alsaadi, Ayat	Goldson, Brittany	McDaniel, Madeline	Shaw-Williams, Cicara	
Alshuaibi, Yahya	Good, Kobe	McNally, Julia	Shee, Htee	
Amato, Jodie	Gorsai, Susmita	Meh, Ko	Simms, Essence	
Amerume, Ayawa	Grabowski, Autumn	Meh, Lu	Simms, Shanique	
Amoah, Princess	Grant, Juanita	Meh, Sue	Slaughter, Desiray	
Arafat, Yasir	Gravino, Natalie	Mendez, Francisco	Somuah, Daniel	
Avarello, Josephine	Gray, Essence	Mensah-Boahene, Valarie	Sosa, Jennifer	
Aweis, Maryan	Green, Alexis	Miah, Tania	Sow, Amadu	
Baez, Jadelis	Green, Niesha	Midyette, Dahlia	Spencer, Carmen	
Balde, Hamidou	Griffiths, Shanisha	Miles, Sarafina	St. Fleurant, Nicolette	
Barnaby, Peter-Kay	Gullatt, Emajinay	Mitchell, Dairyona	Starkes, Cameran	
Batista, Emily	Habiba, Umme	Mitchum, Shytimber	Starkes, Tamyra	
Beeman, Timothy	Habiyambere, Alphonsina	Mohamed, Abdu	Stevenson, Kalie	
Bhandari, Mahesh	Hernandez, Maria	Mohamed, Fatima	Sylla, Fatima	
Blakeslee, Jacqueline	Hernandez, Mikayla	Mohamed, Hamdi	Tanha, Fakiha	
Boateng, Misheal	Hernandez, Rosalia	Mohammad, Ensuf	Terera, Alou	
Bodden, Tyshawyn	Hill, Isabella	Mohammed, Ashleigh	Tha, Ehler	
Brito, Jean	Hinds, Elysia	Morris, Leonna	Thibou, Emielle	
Brown, Alajade	Hue, Lou Bowa	Morrow, Kierra	Thomas, Tywana	
Brown, Staniquea	Imeri, Argjend	Muminovic, Ervin	Thompson, Destiny	
Burgoa, Miriam	Imeri, Diamant	Munoz, Julie	Torres, Cristina	
Busch, Alexandria	Imeri, Rrezon	Neequaye, Sophia	Trisa, Shahadatul	
Cano, Nayelis	Jackson, Taijanah	Nelson, Johnathen	Utti, Ndubuisi	
Centeno, Matthew	Jacobs, Josephine	Nguyen, David	Valentin, Jonathan	
Charcopa, Ely	Jahan, Nusrat	Niaj, Rizaul	Valverde, Sterling	
Chung, Alondra	Johnson, Derek	Nichols, Amanda	Vasquez, Brandon	
Collantes, Demetrios	Johnson, Maurice	Oaks, Taliyah	Walters, Juliet	
Core, Teyana	Johnson, Trevor	Okine, Joel	Washington, Cinque	
Cultrara, Timothy	Johnson, Ty-Ree	Paone, Daniel	Webber, Deavyon	
Cummings, Christina	Johnson, Yu-Neek	Parke, Dominique	Whitfield, Ayanna	
Cybulski, Jonathan	Johnson Pratcher, Joshua	Paulino, Adalis	Williams, Dianndra	
Czapla, Lisa	Jordan, Desa	Paw, Ba	Williams, Iyanna	
Dahal, Durga	Joseph, Jadell	Paw, Klihtoo	Williams, Shania	
Dalmeida, Benjamin	Juarez, Luis	Pawarski, Madison	Wilson, Darryl	
Darby, Kelvin	Karamoko, Fatou	Perkins, Monte	Wilson, Quamel	



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Abdulmalk, Elham	DeSandies, Asiyah	Mateo, Danisha	Sharieff, Mohammad
Abubeker, Aziz	Diaz, Armani	Matthews, Donald	Sosa, Jennifer
Abukar, Anis	Diaz, Jadalyynn	McDaniel, Madeline	Spencer, Carmen
Adams, Dwight	Drammeh, Fatoumata	Mcdonald, Natasha	Sterling, Rayliah
Agu, Jessica	Duchaine, Jodie	Mckelvie, Skylar	Stevenson, Kalie
Aguilar, Sheilly	Duru, Nnenna	McPherson, Kyle	Strudwick, Amber
Ahmad, Said	Fadhil, Aseel	Meh, Lu	Taylor, Kitan
Ahmed, Noushin	Fleuricot, Jacob	Meh, Sue	Tha, Ehler
Ahmed, Safayet	Forrest, Teja	Melesse, Gedion	Thibou, Emielle
Akter, Sumia	Francisco, Ashley	Miles, Sarafina	Thomas, Iris
Alabbadi, Maha	Gamba, Omata	Mohamed, Abdu	Todi, Fundi
Ali, Mohammed	Gelster, Shane	Mohamed, Fatima	Torres Fietz, Abigail
Al-Naji, Sara	Gilbert, Charles	Montero, Illiagnie	Valcin, Rose
Alsaadi, Ayat	Gobah, Mahyoub	Morris, Leonna	Valdez, Jarlenys
Alshuaibi, Yahya	Gore, Kennedy	Moussa, Hassan	Wally, Amie
Amato, Jodie	Gravino, Natalie	Muhdin, Hawa	Walters, Julia
Anderson, Courtney	Green, Alexis	Nawrin, Nabilah	Walters, Juliet
Arafat, Yasir	Green, Mercedes	Neckles, Cordelia	Washington, Talia
Babb-Sirju, Arlina	Griffiths, Shanisha	Neequaye, Sophia	Whitis, Jae
Balde, Hamidou	Guerra-Figaro, Joyal	Nguyen, David	Wilson, Darryl
Barry, Mamadou	Habiba, Umme	Oaks, Taliyah	Win, Juliet
Barry, Theirno	Harding, Kyla	Outten, Daron	Winbrone, Keilani
Bedoya, Ezra	Heaven, Javontae	Paone, Daniel	Woodward, Kiara
Begum, Sonya	Hill, Isabella	Paredes, Juan	Wright, Kazzyrah
Bhandari, Mahesh	Hinds, Elysyia	Parke, Dominique	Wright, April
Blessingame, Robin	Holguin, Ryan	Paw, Klihtoo	Wroblewski, Samantha
Boutwell, Marquell	Holland, Jana	Paw, Say	Yakub, Fardowsa
Bright, Dominique	Hossain, Md	Pawarski, Madison	Ynfante, Alejandra
Brooks, Lamarr	Imeri, Argjend	Perez, Luna	Yusuf, Mohamed
Bruno, Chelsea	Imeri, Diamant	Perez, Xitlali	Zewdie, Fasika
Buchanan, Wilma	Imeri, Rrezon	Peru, Shanoyia	Zhou, Andy
Burks, Makai	Jahan, Nusrat	Piert, Branden	Zolnoski, Bernard
Busch, Alexandria	Johnson, Derek	Poethig, Jonathan	
Cabrera, Janae	Johnson, Trevor	Prater, Tristan	
Cadet, Nadyves	Johnson, Ty-Ree	Quick, India	
Castillo Bermudez, Yossy	Jones, Justin	Qurashi, Sabiha	
Charcopa, Ely	Joseph, Jadell	Rahman, Nuha	
Chen, Jahnia	Kaba, Saran	Rahman, Sumayia	
Chung, Alondra	Key, Keontae	Rico, Rifat	
Cifuentes, Derrick	Kie, Suesue	Rijo, Moises	
Clarke, Shainna	King, Jamea	Roberts, Daniell	
Collantes, Demetrious	Kok, Nyalilit	Rosales, Ashley	
Contreras, Justin	Lake, Faith	Ross, Quindell	
Croff, Kayla	Lantigua, Kyara	Rusia, Salome	
Cummings, Christina	Lindsey, Aniyah	Saint Philippe, Shana	
Cybulski, Jonathan	Lopez, Jalisa	Salas Batista, Jaeko	
Czapla, Lisa	Lowe, Salifu	San, Aye	
Darboe, Mustapha	Lukudu, Christina	Sanchez, Cindy	
Darbouze, Jason	Mabika, Reagan	Santana, Ruben	
Davis, Mya	Magar, Ran	Santiago, Angelina	
Davis, Zarlina	Mason, Tyreek	Schutte Watson, Emily	
Delgado, Jayda	Masrour, Abdalla	Scott, Nacima	

# CUMULATIVE AVERAGES OF 3.00 OR HIGHER

Abdulkalk, Elham  
Agu, Jessica  
Aguilar, Sheilly  
Ahmad, Said  
Ahmed, Noushin  
Ahmed, Safayet  
Akter, Sumia  
Alabbadi, Maha  
Albert, Milan  
Ali, Ayan  
Ali, Mohammed  
Almonor, Bythovens  
Al-Naji, Sara  
Alsaadi, Ayat  
Alshuaibi, Yahya  
Amato, Jodie  
Anderson, Courtney  
Arafat, Yasir  
Balde, Hamidou  
Begum, Sonya  
Bhandari, Mahesh  
Blakeslee, Jacqueline  
Bodden, Tyshawn  
Bright, Dominique  
Brito, Jean  
Brooks, Lamarr  
Bruno, Chelsea  
Buchanan, Wilma  
Busch, Alexandria  
Cabrera, Janae  
Capers, Shina  
Carter, Dylan  
Castillo Bermudez, Yossy  
Charcopa, Ely  
Chung, Alondra  
Clare, Natasha  
Collantes, Demetrios  
Contreras, Justin  
Core, Teyana  
Croff, Kayla  
Cummings, Christina  
Cybulski, Jonathan  
Czapla, Lisa  
Darboe, Mustapha  
Dawkins, Nevaeh  
De Jesus, Lissette  
Delgado, Jayda  
DeSandies, Asiyah  
Diaz, Jadalynn  
Drammeh, Fatoumata  
Ducheine, Jodie  
Estevez, Juan  
Fadhil, Aseel  
Forrest, Teja  
Gilbert, Charles  
Gobah, Mahyoub  
Gonzalez, Shannya

Grabowski, Autumn  
Gravino, Natalie  
Green, Alexis  
Green, Mercedes  
Green, Niesha  
Griffiths, Shanisha  
Habiba, Umme  
Haider, Shaharin  
Harding, Kyla  
Hernandez, Mikayla  
Hernandez, Rosalia  
Hill, Isabella  
Hinds, Elysia  
Imeri, Argjend  
Imeri, Rrezon  
Jahan, Nusrat  
Johnson, Derek  
Johnson, Trevor  
Johnson, Ty-Ree  
Jones, Justin  
Joseph, Jadel  
Kie, Suesue  
Lake, Faith  
Lanier, Kalis  
Lantigua, Kyara  
Laster, Makhia  
Lema, Jessica  
Lindsey, Aniyah  
Lopez, Jalisa  
Mabika, Reagan  
Magar, Ran  
Maldonado, Maryann  
Marino, Imani  
Matos, Janniariz  
Matthews, Donald  
McDaniel, Madeline  
Mckelvie, Skylar  
McKoy, Kavorn  
Meh, Lu  
Meh, Sue  
Miles, Sarafina  
Mohamed, Abdu  
Mohamed, Fatima  
Morris, Leonna  
Morrow, Kierra  
Muhdin, Hawa  
Neequaye, Sophia  
Nguyen, David  
Oaks, Taliyah  
Paone, Daniel  
Parke, Dominique  
Parsons, Avery  
Paw, Klihtoo  
Paw, Say  
Pawarski, Madison  
Perez, Luna  
Perez, Xitlali

Peru, Shanoyia  
Piert, Branden  
Poethig, Jonathan  
Prater, Tristan  
Quick, India  
Rahman, Nuha  
Rico, Rifat  
Rijo, Moises  
Roberts, Danielle  
Rosales, Ashley  
Ross, Quindell  
Rusia, Salome  
Saint Philippe, Shana  
Salas Batista, Jaeko  
San, Aye  
Sanchez, Cindy  
Sanchez, Trinity  
Santana, Ruben  
Santiago, Angelina  
Schruefer, Lexus  
Schutte Watson, Emily  
Sharieff, Mohammad  
Sosa, Jennifer  
Spencer, Carmen  
Sterling, Rayliah  
Stevenson, Kalie  
Strudwick, Amber  
Tanha, Fakiha  
Tha, Ehler  
Thomas, Iris  
Thompson, Destiny  
Torres Fietz, Abigail  
Vasquez, Brandon  
Wally, Amie  
Walters, Juliet  
Washington, Talia  
Williams, Iyanna  
Wilson, Darryl  
Win, Juliet  
Wright, April  
Wright, Kazyrah  
Wroblewski, Samantha  
Ynfante, Alejandra  
Yusuf, Mohamed  
Zelaya, Brittany  
Zewdie, Fasika  
Zhou, Andy  
Zolnoski, Bernard

# GRADUATING SENIORS

Abdulmalk, Elham	Espinal, Alexander	Martinez Benedith, Yennifer	Taylor, Kitana
Abubeker, Aziz	Fadhil, Aseel	Mason, Tyreek	Thibou, Emielle
Aguilar, Sheilly	Fleuricot, Jacob	Matos, Janniariz	Torres Fietz, Abigail
Akter, Sumia	Francisco, Ashley	Matthews, Donald	Turnipseed, Dre
Alabbadi, Maha	Franklin, Naquelle	McDaniel, Madeline	Vanevery, Chelsea
Almonor, Bythovens	Gilbert, Charles	Meh, Lu	Vasquez, Jacob
Alsaadi, Ayat	Gore, Kennedy	Meh, Sue	Walters, Julia
Alshuaibi, Yahya	Grabowski, Autumn	Mensah-Boahene, Valarie	Walters, Juliet
Anderson, Courtney	Gravino, Natalie	Mike, Giniyah	Webber, Deavyon
Arafat, Yasir	Green, Alexis	Mitchell-Doldron, Sembagare	Wilson, Darryl
Barry, Mamadou	Green, Mercedes	Mohamed, Abdu	Wright, Tyquan
Barry, Theirno	Guzman, Giovanna	Mohamed, Fatima	Yakub, Fardowsa
Bedoya, Ezra	Guzman, Ryan	Morrow, Kierra	
Beeman, Timothy	Habiba, Umme	Muya, Maslah	
Bright, Dominique	Harding, Kyla	Neckles, Cordelia	
Brito, Jean	Hernandez, Maria	Perez, Bianca	
Brooks, Quanisha	Hernandez, Mikayla	Pheto-Howard, Latasha	
Brown, Alajade	Hinds, Elysia	Poethig, Jonathan	
Camara, Sanassa	Holmes, Nari	Qurashi, Sabiha	
Charcopa, Ely	Hossain, Md	Rehema, Suzana	
Chung, Alondra	Johnson, Ty-Ree	Rijo, Moises	
Core, Teyana	Joseph, Jadell	Rosales, Ashley	
Coulibaly, Mamadou	Khan, Tanhim	Ruiz, Gustavo	
Cox, Patrick	Kie, Suesue	San, Aye	
Cybulski, Jonathan	Lake, Faith	Sanchez, Cindy	
Davies, Andrea	Lanier, Kalis	Schutte Watson, Emily	
Davis, Zarliah	Lantigua, Kyara	Sharieff, Mohammad	
Dawkins, Nevaeh	Leach, Jenna	Simpson, Jhan	
De La Cruz, Jesmailyn	Lloyd, Victoria	Sosa, Jennifer	
DeSandies, Asiyah	Lopez, Jalisa	Stevenson, Kalie	
Digaetano, Daijia	Lowe, Salifu	Strudwick, Amber	
Dockett, Kenzie	Lu, Pa	Sutton, Carmelina	
Dolbille, Yuniior	Lukudu, Christina	Swain, Eddie	
Duncan, Andre	Magar, Ran	Sylla, Fatima	
Duran, Brian	Manuel, Akayla	Tanha, Fakiha	

## Congratulations Class of 2022



Finding a strong purpose and dream in your life the way that you have, serves to inspire those around you. In some ways, you have already been a success in your pursuit of greatness. Congratulations on your accomplishments so far, and good luck on your inspiring future!



"Every morning you have two choices: continue to sleep with your dreams or wake up & chase them."



Congratulations to you all for your outstanding achievements! You make us proud. Keep up the great work and inspire others to follow you to the greatness.



Resilience is the ability to bounce back despite the obstacles life throws at you, and today you are STRONGER than ever. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement and keep rising. We celebrate and honor your determination and perseverance to do better and be better!



Congratulations to the class of 2022!

"Go Into the world and do well. But more importantly, go into the world and do good."  
(Minor Myers Jr)



Congratulations to all honorees! Your success, perseverance and dedication inspire faculty, staff and students alike! Wishing you well as you move forward knowing you are up to any challenge. Take care.



Congratulations 2022 graduates on this wonderful accomplishment! I am excited for you all and know that you will be able to overcome anything that comes your way. Never stop following your dreams and remember that EOP will always be here for you.



"Or walk with Kings-  
nor lose the common touch"



Congratulations! You achieved your aspirations through hard work and commitment. All the best for the future.



"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."

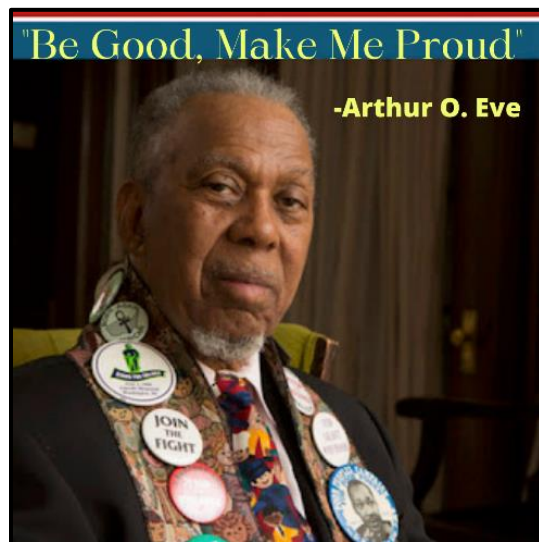


"Started from the bottom,  
now we're here  
Started from the bottom,  
now my whole team here  
Started from the bottom,  
now we're here"

# THE HONORABLE ARTHUR O. EVE

During Eve's first term as an assemblyman, he led the effort to obtain an initial \$500,000 (\$3.8 million as of 2020) of funding to establish the State University of New York system's SEEK/Educational Opportunity Program. Since the 1970s, colleges in New York State have administered the Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program to assist students who may otherwise be unable to attend college because of educational and financial circumstances. Later, in 1988, he would receive the Kennedy Center Distinguished Leadership in Arts-in-Education Award.

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