CHANCELLOR’S AWARD
for Student Excellence

April 2, 2014
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Dear Students, Family, Faculty, and Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to recognize some of the most gifted and talented students at SUNY. The achievements of these students reflect their impressive hard work and dedication, as well as the support provided by their families and friends and SUNY’s world-class faculty.

The State University of New York is proud to be not only the largest comprehensive public university system in the nation but also New York’s leading economic driver and partner in creating better opportunities and a better quality of life for all New Yorkers. SUNY’s relationship with its communities in every part of the state is so important to our state’s vibrancy — and it is exceptional students like those we are honoring today who will be instrumental in building a better, stronger, healthier New York in the years to come.

The students we recognize today have combined outstanding academic excellence with significant contributions to their institutions and communities. We are extremely proud of their achievements, and I know I can speak on behalf of the entire State University of New York system when I congratulate each of you on your distinguished achievements and wish you the best of luck in the years to come.

With best wishes,

Nancy L. Zimpher
Chancellor
WELCOME

Tremayne T. Price
Student Trustee and
President of the Student Assembly

REMARKS

Dr. Nancy L. Zimpher
Chancellor

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The Chamber Singers from SUNY New Paltz
are the featured performers for today’s event.

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY
**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY**

Karen Cosey  
Greenwich, NY  
Communication & Media Arts  
Karen was recognized for superior academic achievement by the NCJAA for softball and tennis. Karen was a tutor and interned for the women’s tennis team head coach.

Gabriela Hernandez Caprini  
San Jose Villanueva, Spain  
Management, Marketing & Entrepreneurship  
Gabriela volunteered to teach Spanish to children at the Saratoga Public Library and students with special needs at the Accessibility Services Office. She also co-founded Hola Amigos Spanish Art Camp.

Sarah Gauthier  
Schenectady, NY  
Social Work  
Sarah founded Trans*Action, a student organization representing the transgender community, founded Transgendered Awareness Week, and served as the equity and diversity chairperson for Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program.

**SUNY ADIRONDACK**

Kelsey Hanson  
Clifton Park, NY  
History  
Kelsey served as president of Pi Sigma Alpha, was a member of the Rockefeller College Dean’s Leadership Council, and won three America East Conference Championships in the pentathlon.

Brian Junquera  
Scotia, NY  
Political Science  
Brian interned at the National Center for Security and Preparedness. He served as associate justice for the Student Association and was a member of Rockefeller College Dean’s Leadership Council.

Margaret Levine  
Delmar, NY  
Music  
Margaret interned at Universal Republic Records, was a teaching assistant for Music Theory I-IV, and choreographed for the University Dance Council for five semesters.

Temitope Omoladun  
Staten Island, NY  
Biology  
Temitope received the Katherine Vario Scholarship. She served as vice president of the Sankofa Africa Organization and was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa.

Kelsey Hanson  
Clifton Park, NY  
History  
Kelsey served as president of Pi Sigma Alpha, was a member of the Rockefeller College Dean’s Leadership Council, and won three America East Conference Championships in the pentathlon.

**ALFRED STATE COLLEGE**

Joshua Altemoos  
Buffalo, NY  
Information Technology  
Joshua served as president of the Student Senate, student director of the Auxiliary Campus Enterprise Services Board of Directors, and director of information services & technology for the SUNY Student Assembly.

Rachel Howard  
Pittsford, NY  
Veterinary Technology  
Rachel served as president of the Veterinary Technology Club and was a supplemental instructor for Anatomy & Physiology of Large & Small Animals. Rachel volunteered weekly at the Hornell Humane Society.

Carley Youngman  
Spencerport, NY  
Architectural Technology & Construction Management Engineering Technology  
Carley served as team captain of the Design Build Team at the American Schools of Construction Region 1 Student Competition, where the team placed second. Carley was also a project intern at LeChase and served as captain of the volleyball team.

**NYS CERAMICS AT ALFRED UNIVERSITY**

Eric Teller  
Granville, NY  
Glass Science Engineering  
Eric presented at the Material Science and Technology Conference. Eric represented the campus on the American Ceramic Society’s President’s Council of Student Advisors. He served as vice president of the Outdoors Club.

Gavin Tougher  
Delmar, NY  
Sculpture  
Gavin served as president of the Reusable Materials Depot, curated three art exhibitions in the Robert C. Turner Student Gallery, and displayed works in ten different exhibitions.

**BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY**

Tiffany Choi  
Forest Hills, NY  
Management  
Tiffany served as founding president of the Women in Business Advisory Board, was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society, and organized events for numerous community groups, such as the YWCA and the Girl Scouts.
Dana Hall  
East Northport, NY  
Psychology  
Dana served as vice president of the Student Psychology Organization, editor-in-chief of the Undergraduate Psychology Review, and head student researcher in the Environmental Neuropsychology Lab.

Jin Woo Lee  
Suffern, NY  
Mechanical Engineering  
Jin Woo conducted research on the “Sterilization of Catheters Using Optically Heated Gold Nanorods.” He served as vice president of Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society, and played cello with the Binghamton University Symphony Orchestra.

David Lui  
Flushing, NY  
Computer Science & Mathematical Sciences  
David interned at IBM in software development and was a member of the team that won IBM’s 2012 Smarter Cities Mobile App Challenge. He is co-founder and served as chief technology officer of a financial startup, DowRisk.com.

Kaitlin Toporowski  
Saugerties, NY  
Nursing  
Kaitlin served as a nurse intern at the Albany Stratton VA Medical Center. She volunteered for A Horse Connection in Rhinebeck, and served as an executive board member of the Nursing Student Association.

Jonathan Allentoff  
Pittsford, NY  
Interdisciplinary Arts for Children  
Jonathan founded and served as music director and president of the Brockport Symphony Orchestra. He was certified as music educator by the National Association for Music Education, and was recognized by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

Mackenzie Meyer  
Livonia, NY  
Biological Sciences  
Mackenzie served as president and vice president of the Biology Honors Program. Mackenzie received the United States Presidential Volunteer Service Award, and was an Ann and Allegra Ford National Scholar.

Tasfia Rahman  
Brooklyn, NY  
Anthropology, Latin, & Medieval Studies  
Tasfia participated in the Fulbright Summer Institute at Durham University and served as editor-in-chief of Binghamton Prospect Magazine. Tasfia conducted research and authored a paper on the Pan-Arab Movement.

Cullen Wegman  
Rochester, NY  
Art  
Cullen received the Undergraduate Research Scholarship. Cullen received acceptance into the national adjudicated ceramic exhibition, and was a certified firefighter.

Mallory Mecca  
Wappingers Falls, NY  
Economics & Sociology  
Mallory served as director of the Binghamton High School Mentoring Program for at-risk high school students. She received the President’s Award for Undergraduate Student Excellence and conducted research in sociology on “Bombs and Books: The Militarization of the University.”

Benjamin Nicholson  
London, England  
English & Philosophy  
Benjamin was the leading point scorer for the men’s soccer team. He was a charity event organizer for the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and was a community soccer coach.

Isaac Ward  
Castle Creek, NY  
Engineering Science  
Isaac served as president of the American Society for Engineering Education Club, tutored peers in mathematics, computer science, and physics, and received first place in the Musselman Half-Ironman Triathlon 2013.

Elizabeth Morgan  
Owego, NY  
Psychology  
Elizabeth interned at St. John of God Hospital in Dublin, Ireland. She received the Psi Chi/APS Undergraduate Research Award for Summer Research and co-presented research at a national conference.

Nicole Santalucia  
Binghamton, NY  
English Literature and Rhetoric & Composition  
Nicole founded Binghamton Poetry Project, where she was a workshop leader and program director. She served as the poetry editor for the Harpur Palate Literary Journal and taught a fifth grade class after Hurricane Lee.

Eliza McCall  
Endicott, NY  
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Biology  
Eliza McCall served as president of the Biology Honors Program.

Barbara Ferrese  
Endicott, NY  
Liberal Arts  
Barbara served as vice president of membership of Phi Theta Kappa, executive board member for The Bleeding Disorders Association of the Southern Tier of New York State, and group counseling facilitator at United Health Services for the Breast Cancer Support Group and The Caregivers Support Group.

Alexa Krowiak  
Endicott, NY  
Elementary Education  
Alexa served as president of Phi Theta Kappa, was named an All-American Athlete for Fall 2012 by NJCAA in women’s tennis, and received the Phi Theta Kappa Hallmark Award of Distinguished Chapter Officer.

Joseph Jackson  
Spencerport, NY  
Computer Information Systems  
Joseph served as a computer information systems program scholar. He also founded a personal e-business, and served as the webmaster for the Student Government.
Melissa Ash
Binghamton, NY
Art Education
Melissa served as captain of the women’s ice hockey team, was a member of the SUNY Athletic Conference All-American Team, and served as secretary for the Art Education Association.

Adza Beda
Buffalo, NY
Communication Studies
Adza was a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. She received the Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship and Outstanding AmeriCorps Award.

Anthony Bruno
Grand Island, NY
Mechanical Engineering Technology
Anthony volunteered with Special Olympics and was a member of the SUNY Athletic Conference All-Academic Team for swimming and diving. He was a member of the Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Daniel Frontera
West Seneca, NY
Higher Education Administration
Daniel founded the WNY Iraq Afghanistan Memorial Effort, and received the Bronze Star Medal Land Combat Action Badge from the United States Army. He presented at the National Association of Student Personal Administration Region I and SUNY Meeting the Needs of Student Veterans conferences.

Timea Kernacova
Spisska Nova Ves, Slovakia
Secondary English Education
Timea served as president of Sigma Tau Delta, edited "If a Tree Falls" blog, and published the "Book Autopsy."

Jeff Oyo
Cambia Heights, NY
Economics
Jeff served as summer undergraduate research assistant at the Center for Human Resources. He received the Ross B. Kenzie Family Presidential Scholarship and First Year Mentor of the Year Award.

Eric Sauerzopf
Downingtown, PA
Business Marketing & Business Administration
Eric served as president of the United Student Government and was a member of the SUNY Athletic Conference All-Academic Team in track and field. He received the Eagle Scout Award.

Kelsey Barbour
Clifton Park, NY
Social Sciences
Kelsey was a member of the women’s swimming team and a student recruitment specialist for the Admissions Office. Additionally, she co-founded the “Hope Floats” swim meet fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, which raised $10,000.

Erin Ellis
Kenmore, NY
Community Health & Health Behavior
Erin received the Society of Behavioral Medicine’s 2012 Award for Outstanding Trainee Abstract in Health Decision Making. She published in the Journal of Behavioral Medicine and served as president of the department’s Graduate Student Association.

Emily Fiore
Freeport, NY
Biology & Anthropology
Emily founded both the BuildOn Chapter and Global Brigades Chapter, and served as a domestic violence and sexual assault advocate for Crisis Services.

Courtney Kodweis
Hilton, NY
Biomedical Engineering
Courtney taught two courses in Engineering Principles and Forensic Anthropological Osteology, conducted research in Hyderabad, India, funded by the National Science Foundation, and published and presented research at two national conferences.

Taylor Lansing
Vestal, NY
Psychology and Health & Human Services
Taylor received an NCAA Division I Scholarship as a member of the women’s swimming team, and co-founded the “Hope Floats” swim meet fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, which raised $10,000. She was a research assistant in two labs.

Andrew Lyons
Webster, NY
Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
Andrew served as president of the Robotics Club, worked at a product-engineering co-op at Moog Inc., and introduced speakers and managed the main presentation hall at Space Vision 2012, a national student-run conference.

Elise Martin
Orchard Park, NY
Biomedical Engineering
Elise served as president of Impulse Dance Force and as a project leader for the Biomedical Engineering Society’s “Imagine It Recycling.” She was inducted into Tau Beta Pi.

Kayla Maxwell
East Amherst, NY
Pharmacy
Kayla pioneered the Dual Doctorate Degree Program (PharmD/PhD), served as class president of the Pharmacy Class of 2014, and volunteered on a medical missions trip.

Daniel Ovadia
East Meadow, NY
Finance, Marketing & Human Resources
Daniel assisted in the creation of a management poster, was a member of the campus council, and served as chief public relations officer for a student investment fund.

Elise Roberts
Buffalo, NY
Social Sciences
Elise co-founded and served as student director of the SUNY Buffalo Model European Union, was an ambassador for the College of Arts and Sciences, and was a student representative at five international summits.

Amanda Sherman
Guilderland, NY
Biomedical Sciences
Amanda served as research assistant for Dr. Epstein’s clinical research study and was a member and mentor of the honors college. She volunteered for the Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital Patient Ambassador Program.

Matthew Silver
Plainview, NY
Accounting
Matthew served as president of Beta Alpha Psi, volunteered with the Income Tax Assistance Program, and interned at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Christine Tjahjadi-Lopez
Getzville, NY
International Trade
Christine founded and served as executive director of the girls leadership conference, co-edited and founded the Bloggers Against Social Injustice and Freedom Walk Buffalo, and conducted research on corporate social responsibility and ethical retail.
Phillip Tucciarone  
Washingtonville, NY  
Chemical & Biological Engineering  
Phillip served as a resident assistant and teaching assistant. He was awarded the Association of Council Members and College Trustees of the State University of New York Scholarship.

Trenton Van Epps  
Spencerport, NY  
Architecture  
Trenton served as president of Alpha Rho Chi. He organized a study abroad exhibition and leadership conference.

Lydia Dale  
Norwood, NY  
Graphic & Multimedia Design  
Lydia served as vice president of the American Institute of Graphic Arts, received first place in Drawing and Painting in the Optic Appeal Art Show, and illustrated a children's book.

Meghan Gibson  
Canton, NY  
Sports Management  
Meghan interned with the sports information department on campus, served as a summer camp counselor at Oswegatchie Educational Center, and was a student note taker.

Tiffany Moore  
Brooklyn, NY  
Veterinary Science Technology  
Tiffany served as president of Chi Alpha Epsilon and was a member of the National Association for Veterinary Technicians in America. She volunteered at the Barbados Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Kaitlin Pullis  
Auburn, NY  
Studio Art & Design  
Kaitlin was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and was a tutor on campus. She was mentioned in Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges.

Sara Randall  
Auburn, NY  
Math & Science  
Sara served as president of the music club and as secretary of the tutor club. Additionally, she was member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Crystal Searor  
Fulton, NY  
Graphic Design  
Crystal served as president of the Green Team, was a teaching assistant, and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Matthew Coupal  
Champlain, NY  
Computer Information Technology  
Matthew served as president of Phi Theta Kappa, volunteered at Northern Housing, a senior housing facility, and presented at the SUNY Conference on Instructional Technology.

Vihan Wickramasinghe  
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates  
Liberal Arts  
Vihan was member of Phi Theta Kappa and a tutor on campus. He fundraised for the ROTA Gallery, a non-profit community arts and music center.

Earl Brady  
Columbia, NY  
Animal Science  
Earl served as vice president for the Pre-Vet Club and was a resident assistant. He was named outstanding Beef and Livestock Associate Student.

Tracee Schiebel  
Vernon, NY  
Agricultural Business Management  
Tracee served as captain of the women's basketball team and was a resident assistant. Additionally, she received first place at the Post-Secondary Agricultural National Conference.

Blair DelDuco  
Melienville, NY  
Criminal Justice  
Blair was a peer tutor in the SPARK Peer Tutor Program and served as secretary of Phi Theta Kappa. Blair also volunteered with Go Greene!

Danielle Lown  
Germantown, NY  
Education  
Danielle was an outfielder on the softball team, received the David A. Rarich Freshman Student Athlete Scholar of the Year Award, and volunteered at the Alzheimer's Walk.

Spenser Reed  
Clearwater, FL  
Nutritional Sciences  
Spenser published articles in medical and biomedical journals, and presented at state, regional, and national medical and research symposia. Spenser volunteered as a research coordinator at the Center for Autism & Related Disorders.

James Spanjaard  
Annapolis, MD  
Applied Economics & Management  
James was a member of a Social Business Consulting Organization, and was a teaching assistant and research assistant for a report by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

Martin Zorrilla  
Santa Rosa, Ecuador  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Martin co-created and served as an undergraduate instructor for an Innovative Service Learning class. He served as president of Von Cramm Cooperative and he was recognized as a Public Service Center Scholar.

Evelyn Fok  
Hong Kong, China  
Human Development  
Evelyn served as president of the AIESEC, received the Cornell Undergraduate Research Board Award in Industrial & Labor Relations, and founded the United World College Society.

Juhi Purswani  
Tarrytown, NY  
Biology & Society  
Juhi served as president of the Student Association Cover Africa and was a resident advisor. Additionally, she conducted research on international nutrition and maternal health outcomes.
Danielle Abada  
Woodbury, NY  
Industrial & Labor Relations  
Danielle was a Hansard Society Scholar and served as president of Phi Alpha Delta. She served as a parliament intern with the House of Commons and London School of Economics.

Sheretta Noel  
Brooklyn, NY  
Industrial & Labor Relations  
Sheretta served as president of Baraka Kwa Wimbo, an a cappella group. She served as president of Advent Christian Fellowship and as mentor for Project Lansing, mentoring at a correctional facility for minors.

Daniel Jackson  
New York, NY  
Veterinary Medicine  
Daniel received a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, and published research articles in peer-reviewed journals. He served as president of Veterinarians Interested in Developing Areas.

Michelle White  
Ontario, OH  
Veterinary Medicine  
Michelle founded and served as president of the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association and was a representative to the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly. She participated in the American Veterinary Medical Association’s “Can You Hear Me Now?”

Ryan French  
Newark Valley, NY  
Engineering Science  
Ryan served as vice president of the Student Veterans Association, participated and contributed in Research Experience for Undergraduates, and tutored at the Math Learning Center.

Francis LaLomia  
Keene, NH  
Business Administration  
Francis was a resident assistant and assistant scoutmaster after receiving the Eagle Scout with a Bronze Palm. He also received the Student Leadership Scholarship.

Renee Staffeld  
Corning, NY  
Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Renee served as president of Phi Theta Kappa and was a NYS Wildlife Rehabilitator. She was also co-founder and vice president of the Science Club.

Khalia Brown  
Brooklyn, NY  
Communication Studies  
Khalia sang the National Anthem at campus commencement in 2012 and 2013. She was a teaching assistant in Ghana, and an admissions tour guide.

Michael Rosenthal  
Syracuse, NY  
Political Science  
Michael received the Willi Uschald Study Abroad Scholarship. He volunteered as a precepting attendant for Campus Rescue and served as a peer tutor for the Educational Opportunity Program.

Kyle Shea  
Wallkill, NY  
Physical Education  
Kyle served as coordinator for Adopt-A-Family and was a student host for the Multicultural Life and Diversity Conference. Additionally, he received the Northeast Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls MINI-No-Frills 2013 Award.

LeighMarie Weber  
Williston Park, NY  
Speech & Hearing Science  
LeighMarie served as president of the Student Government Association and was a teaching assistant. She interned for International Programs, Campus Activities and the Multicultural Life and Diversity Office.

Virginia Giles  
South Kortright, NY  
Information Systems Auditing  
Virginia served as president of the Student Veterans Association, volunteered for more than 800 hours of community service, and received the Student Life Leadership Award.

Craig Ness  
Brooklyn, NY  
Medicine & Public Health  
Craig served as the director of Mexican operation for One Small House and as a room makeover construction manager for the Oncology Club. He delivered weekly lectures in physiology, pathology, and cardiology to high school students.

Jasmine Patel  
Staten Island, NY  
Medical  
Jasmine served as chief medical officer of the Brooklyn Free Clinic and was a resident director. She volunteered with Medicine in Action to provide Women's Health and Primary Care Services in Jamaica.

Angelika Juerss  
Clinton Corners, NY  
Liberal Arts & Sciences  
Angelika was an exploring transfer scholar and a member of the Honors Program. She served as secretary for Phi Theta Kappa.

Unshin Kittel  
Red Hook, NY  
Liberal Arts & Sciences  
Unshin served as vice president of Student Government Association, was a delegate for the Model United Nations, and was a student ambassador.

Yoshorini Tsuji  
Toyonaka-shi Osaka-fu, Japan  
Business Administration  
Yoshorini served as president and president pro-tempore of the Student Government Association. He also was a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Keara Wright  
Saugerties, NY  
Liberal Arts & Sciences  
Keara served as president pro-tempore of the Student Government Association and as vice president of the Ultimate Frisbee Club. She was a representative for Model United Nations.
Joshua Wright
Poughkeepsie, NY
Liberal Arts & Sciences
Joshua was a member of the Eleanor Roosevelt Community College Emerging Leaders Program and served as a senator of the Student Government Association. Additionally, Joshua received the McCann Foundation Scholarship.

Mark Rider
Farmington, NY
Educational Studies
Mark founded and served as volunteer director of the Victor Summer Music Lesson Program. He served as the director of sales operations at Getinge North America, and was a member of Victor Outreach in Children Education Parent Group.

Nicholas Jones
West Seneca, NY
Liberal Arts
Nicholas served as captain of the football team, was a member of the Student Veteran Volunteer Group, and was a Regional Scholar Athlete.

Morgan Miller
Hamburg, NY
Liberal Arts
Morgan served as president and student trustee of the Student Government Association, as chair of the Board of Trustees Student Affairs Committee, and as secretary of the Women's Lacrosse Team.

Sandra Barkevich
Amsterdam, NY
Business, Management & Economics
Sandra served as editor of the student newsletter and was a student representative in SUNY-wide discussions regarding Open SUNY. She was named as one of New York’s 2013 “40 Under 40 Rising Stars.”

Ashley Caldwell
Ashburn, VA
Business, Management & Economics
Ashley was on the 2010 and the 2014 US Olympic Freestyle Skiing Teams and served as a team leader for the U.S. women’s aerial team. She won both a gold (2011) and silver (2013) medal in the women’s aerials World Cup Competition.

Danny Ferreyra
Bronx, NY
Labor Studies
Danny volunteered on the Rapid Response Team for Hurricane Sandy and served as a student representative on the Student Affairs Committee. Additionally, he founded and served as president of SASSY, a student club focused on civil and human rights.

Elizabeth Hughes
Rochester, NY
Human Development
Elizabeth co-authored two scholarly papers on parasocial attachment. She was recognized twice as an Outstanding Adult Student and volunteered at Brookside Elementary School.

Lori Mould
Delevan, NY
Art
Lori served as a co-chair on the Student Affairs Committee and was a university colleges representative on the SUNY Student Assembly. Additionally, Lori organized a Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Trip.

Beverly Agtua
Holbrook, NY
Biototechnology
Beverly authored and co-authored publications pertaining to scientific manuscripts and experimentation. She assisted in significant research and presentations with faculty, and received an award at the 2013 Biotechnology Symposium.

Lauren Alteio
Montgomery, NY
Environmental Biology
Lauren created improvements in the waste reduction practices on campus, received the SUNY ESF Honors Program Scholarship, and conducted research at Mohonk Preserve in New Paltz.

Daniel Cheng
Buffalo, NY
Liberal Arts
Daniel served as secretary of the Student Government Association, was an active partner in his family-owned restaurant, and volunteered at events on campus.

Lauren Alteio
Montgomery, NY
Environmental Biology
Lauren created improvements in the waste reduction practices on campus, received the SUNY ESF Honors Program Scholarship, and conducted research at Mohonk Preserve in New Paltz.

Daniel Verna
Morgantown, WV
Liberal Arts
Nicholas served as captain of the football team. He was a member of the Student Veteran Volunteer Group and member of the Academic Honors Platoon.

Alexa Wajed
Cheektowaga, NY
Culinary Arts
Alexa received the Travel Abroad Scholarship for an internship experience in Italy and participated in a cooking demonstration television program - Winging It! She volunteered at the food pantry at St. Girard’s Church.

Joy Grynko
Port Jefferson Station, NY
Applied Psychology
Joy was a resident assistant and an orientation leader. She served as a president of the International Honor Society.

Kristine Meyer
Dix Hills, NY
Nursing
Kristine received the Sigma Theta Tau International Award, served as treasurer for the Student Nurses Association, and administered more than 400 flu shots at Senator Skelos’ Golden Gathering.
John Suteri  
Farmingdale, NY  
Computer Programming  
John served as chief justice of Student Government, vice president of the Student Veterans Club, and as a member of Sigma Beta Delta.

Jade Truong  
Beacon, NY  
Bioscience  
Jade served as vice president of Golden Key International and was a peer tutor for biology. Additionally, she participated in the Marist College Internship Program.

Sarina Turbendian  
Farmingdale, NY  
Professional Communications  
Sarina served as the president of the Golden Key International, as executive of the Armenian Youth Federation, and received the 2013 Eugene P. Link Undergraduate Scholarship.

Elizabeth Halberstadt  
Indianapolis, IN  
Fabric Styling  
Elizabeth received the Barnes & Noble ‘Pursue Your Passion’ Scholarship Grant, contributed writing and research reports for Stylesight, and was an industry buyer of the Merchandising Society.

Zara Khalid  
Scarsdale, NY  
Advertising & Marketing Communications  
Zara served as student ambassador, and was co-founder and editor-at-large for Student’s Blog Magazine. She also received the Baker and NYS Diversity Scholarship.

Sanya Khanna  
Natick, MA  
Advertising & Marketing Communications  
Sanya served as vice president of the Student Association and co-founded and served as president and treasurer of the Multicultural Association of South Asians Living in America Club. She also volunteered with New York Kids Enjoy Exercise Now.

Hyuna Na  
Gwangju-si, Korea  
Packaging Design  
Hyuna was a resident assistant. She served as co-president of the Packaging Design Club and as treasurer of the Student Association.

Kelly Broderick  
Canandaigua, NY  
Liberal Arts  
Kelly served as captain of the Women’s Basketball Team and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She received the Omega Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship.

Sean Murphy  
Penn Yan, NY  
Horticulture  
Sean served as president of the Horticulture Club, as coordinator of fundraising for Phi Theta Kappa, and volunteered at blood drives for the American Red Cross.

Carley Shick  
Prattsburgh, NY  
Registered Nursing  
Carley served as a student trustee to the Board of Trustees and as a chair of the Campus Activities Board. She was a co-founder of the Habitat for Humanity Alternative Spring Break Trip.

Laura Hirst  
Watertown NY  
Political Science & History  
Laura studied abroad at Univerzita Karlova in Prague and the Czech Republic. She served as an English translation editor with Memory of Nations Project at Cesky rozhlas (Czech Radio) and as vice president and founding member of the International Club.

Cory Jackson  
Schenectady NY  
Biology  
Cory conducted research in neurobiology and biochemistry at the University of Rochester, tutored peers in biology, chemistry, physics, and calculus and served as treasurer of the Health Professions Club.

Samantha Jemiolo  
Orchard Park, NY  
Psychology  
Samantha served as president of the Golden Key International Honor Society, participated on medical service trips to Honduras and Costa Rica, and presented research at the Western Pennsylvania Undergraduate Psychology Conference.

Carl Lam  
Hamburg, NY  
Audio Production & Applied Music/Journalism  
Carl received the Louis C. Adler Scholarship. Additionally, he was a member of the Symphony Orchestra and served as chair of the Student Relations Committee.

Luis Martinez  
Far Rockaway, NY  
General Studies  
Luis was a member of the Residence Life Club, volunteered with residence life and student activities, and fundraised in the community.

Gregory Ruddy  
Troy, NY  
General Studies  
Gregory served as president of the Student Government Association, and was a member of the campus Board of Directors and the baseball team.
Michelle Nagle  
Randolph, NY  
Tourism & Hospitality Management

Michelle was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and a project manager for the Annual Fashion Show Reception. She served as captain of the women's volleyball team and she was named Western New York Athletic Conference Player of the Year.

Yuki Sasao  
Fukuoka, Japan  
Business Administration

Yuki received Competent Leader and Communicator Awards from Toastmasters International, while she served as webmaster for Phi Theta Kappa and treasurer for the International Student Organization.

Emmeline Vacanti  
Alexander, NY  
Teacher Education

Emmeline received the Presidential Scholarship and was Student of the Month. She also served as vice president of Phi Theta Kappa.

Kelly Wetherby  
Olean, NY  
Fashion Merchandising & Event Planning

Kelly coordinated a luncheon that hosted Project Runway winner Anya Ayoung Chee, and coordinated and hosted a professional workshop guided by Susan Makai, founder of Susan Makai's Personal Best. She also assisted in raising $2,523 during the 5th Annual Duck Derby.

Mary Aldridge  
Rochester, NY  
Business Administration

Mary earned the Emerald Certificate in Geneseo Opportunities for Leadership Development program, served as captain of the cross-country team, and was a two-time national championship qualifier.

Laura Duclos  
Clifton Park, NY  
Biology & Cognitive Science

Laura was a summer Undergraduate Research Fellow with Upstate Medical University, served as a leader in Admissions and Residence Life, and volunteered as a state and regional judge for NY Odyssey of the Mind.

Rena Pazienza  
Castleton, NY  
Psychology & Philosophy

Rena received the Edgar Honors Scholarship and served as president and vice president of Women's Action Coalition. She was certified by New York State as a rape crisis advocate.

Marty Rogatchefsky  
Brighton, NY  
Political Science & Economics

Marty received first place in a Moscow Essay Competition. Additionally, he was a senior resident assistant and was a Council on Public Liberal Arts Research Scholar.

Kathryn Dolly  
Herkimer, NY  
Liberal Arts & Sciences

Kathryn was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the women’s softball team. She volunteered with the American Heart Association, the Great American Irish Festival, and Catholic Daughters Court Reardon #841.

Kayla Guidi  
Herkimer, NY  
Criminal Justice

Kayla served as president of the Sociology Club, vice president of Outdoors/Go Green Club and Criminal Justice Club, and public relations officer for Phi Theta Kappa.

Avery McLemore  
Poughkeepsie, NY  
Physical Therapist Assistant

Avery served as president of the Student Association, student trustee on the Board of Trustees, and president of the Physical Therapist Assistant Club.

Shauna Anderson  
Greenville, NY  
Liberal Arts & Sciences

Shauna was a member of Phi Theta Kappa Scholar, was a member of the Student Senate, and taught American Sign Language and deaf culture at the Greenville Public Library.

James Greg  
Clifton Park, NY  
Engineering Science

James was named a Phi Theta Kappa scholar, served as vice president of the Student Senate, and volunteered as a group leader with Sports Are For Everyone.

Charles Parslow  
Fonda, NY  
Engineering Science

Charles served as captain of the baseball team, was a representative on the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence and Teaching Committee, and was a peer tutor in mathematics and physics.

Bryan Vandenburgh  
Valatie, NY  
Business Administration

Bryan was a Phi Theta Kappa Scholar and served as vice president for chapter membership for Phi Theta Kappa. Additionally, he served in the United States Marine Corps.

Nolan Farr  
Jamesstown, NY  
Liberal Arts & Sciences

Nolan was a student ambassador and served as captain of the men's soccer team. He received the All-Conference First Team Award for Soccer.

Amy Hulin  
Bolivar, NY  
Liberal Arts & Sciences

Amy was a student ambassador and served as captain of the women's soccer team. Additionally, Amy ranked in the Top 15 of Goallies in NCJAA.

Tyler Silagyi  
Cherry Creek, NY  
Business Administration

Tyler was a student ambassador, a student representative on the Presidential Transition Team, and a resident assistant.

Kate Gehrke  
Belleville, NY  
Business Administration

Kate was named Enrollment Management and Student Life’s Student of the Year, received the Steven Can Scholarship for Academic Excellence, and served as captain of the women's soccer team.
Juliann Schindler
Dexter, NY
Hospitality & Tourism
Juliann served as president of the Student Government and as president of the Clayton Figure Skating Club. Additionally, she was a member of the Campus Life Committee.

Brandon Baranyar
Fairfield, NY
Marine Transportation
Brandon was a top three deck cadet on a summer cruise, and participated on the cadet ship with Alaska Tanker Company. He also served as drummer in a bagpipe band.

Julia Paxton
Sebastopol, NY
Marine Environmental Science
Julia was a deck training instructor and served as squad leader for the Regiment of Cadets. Additionally, she served as co-captain of the sailing team.

Meghan Carlo
Rome, NY
Engineering Science
Meghan was selected as a 2nd Team All-American for the NJCAA. She interned in the Research and Development Department at Indium Corporation and served as an ambassador, promoting STEM career fields.

Nicolai Giedraitis
North Brookfield, NY
Engineering Science
Nicolai received the Exceptional Student Scholarship and Presidential Scholarship, volunteered at the Children’s Museum of History, Science, and Technology and Christopher Columbus Elementary School. He performed in the Drama Club’s Variety Show.

Keari Little
Whitesboro, NY
Psychology
Keari served as president of Phi Theta Kappa and was a delegate to the Student Congress. She coordinated “Course to Career: An Exploration in MVCC’s Majors.”

Madison Vitale
Illion, NY
Childhood Education
Madison served as the vice president of service of Phi Theta Kappa and was a student assistant in the Admissions Office. She received the Class of 1953 Scholarship and the Dave and Virginia Ward Scholarship.

Olivia Choma
Webster, NY
Liberal Arts
Olivia served as vice president for Phi Theta Kappa and was a delegate to Model United Nations. She also chaired the Phi Theta Kappa Honors In Action Research Project.

Tashawn Desir
Brooklyn, NY
Liberal Arts
Tashawn was a member of the men’s basketball team, was named Most Valuable Player of the Murph Shapiro Tournament, and volunteered with the Rochester City School District.

Adrian Hale
Rochester, NY
Liberal Arts
Adrian served as speaker of the senate in the Student Government Association and was a senior airman in the US Air Force. Additionally, he coordinated a fundraiser for Hurricane Sandy victims.

Krista Maltzahn
Webster, NY
Liberal Arts
Krista was a member of the women’s volleyball team, a member of the 2013 All-Conference Volleyball Team, and a volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House.

Rachel Peden
Rochester, NY
Psychology
Rachel was an orientation assistant and member of Phi Theta Kappa. Rachel also received the Jack and Maureen Koch Liberal Arts Scholarship.

Sean Reid
Fairport, NY
Engineering Science
Sean served as president of the Engineering Leadership Council, published an article on the use of surface grinding and polishing to remove etch induced noise, and placed first in the AMATYC and NYSMATYC National and State Math Competition.

Chloe Vazzana
Webster, NY
Liberal Arts
Chloe served as president of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Project, assisted with the Clinton Global Initiative’s project Brighten A Child's Future, and received the SUNY Emerging Leader Award.

Daniel Mirocco
Stony Brook, NY
Automotive Technology
Daniel served as president of the Automotive Club and was a member of Syracuse Nationals Factory Five Build Team. He delivered the ESBOCES Commencement Speech in 2012.

Amanda Watkins
Cazenovia, NY
Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management
Amanda served as president of Phi Beta Lambda and was a peer tutor. Additionally, she completed the Institute for Leaders at the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference.

Shanice Bailey
Freeport, NY
Liberal Arts
Shanice was an orientation leader and a volunteer at Planned Parenthood. She also served as representative to the NYPIRG State Board.

Kara Curtin
Williston Park, NY
Liberal Arts
Kara served as chair of the Student Government Association, was a representative on the Academic Senate, and was a sports editor of the campus student newspaper.
Ryan Elton  
Port Washington, NY  
Accounting & Business Administration
Ryan volunteered at the Community Chest of Port Washington and was a member of the Accounting Society. He also started two small businesses.

Michael Gallo  
Carle Place, NY  
Marketing
Michael was a member of the Board of Trustees for the Development & Outreach Committee of Catholic Charities of Brooklyn & Queens, and a co-chair of the Bishop Sullivan Memorial Classic. Additionally, he founded the Michael J. Gallo Italian Heritage Scholarship.

Joshua Lafazan  
Woodbury, NY  
Liberal Arts
Joshua served as founder and CEO of Safe Ride Syosset and was an elected official to the Syosset School Board of Education. The Long Island Press named him as one of the 50 Most Influential People on Long Island.

Daniel MacDonald  
Long Beach, NY  
Business Administration & Accounting
Daniel chaired the Veterans Outreach Committee, founded and managed the Pergola Company of Long Beach, NY, and served as an American Red Cross Volunteer.

William Mahlan  
Massapequa, NY  
Liberal Arts
William served as treasurer of the Phi Theta Kappa and as pianist in the Jazz Ensemble. Additionally, he won the break contest at the Bamboozle Music Festival with his band, Bears and Motorcycles.

Swathi Marda  
Westbury, NY  
Liberal Arts
Swathi served as a senator in the Student Government Association, volunteered at Nassau University Medical Center, and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Emmanuel Ozuruonye  
Queens, NY  
Liberal Arts
Emmanuel served as president of the POP Records Club. Additionally, he was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and an orientation leader.

Justine Re  
Wantagh, NY  
Liberal Arts
Justine served as features editor for the student newspaper, interned at CBS Prime-time Casting, and hosted a local campus radio station.

Kerry Sweeney  
Bethpage, NY  
Liberal Arts
Kerry served as secretary of Phi Theta Kappa. She was an orientation leader and a writer for the student newspaper.

Leslie Trigos  
Lynbrook, NY  
Paralegal Studies & Legal Studies
Leslie was ministry director and facilitator in a local church and a member of Lambda Epsilon Chi. She also served as president and owner of a small business.

Elyse Zappia  
Malverne, NY  
Liberal Arts
Elyse was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and a writer for the campus literary journal. She served as academic senator of the student government.

Chelsea Allocco  
Chatham, NJ  
Math & Computer Science
Chelsea earned NCAA All-America honors and was SUNYAC Champion six times. Additionally, she served as an intern at AT&T and founded the Robotics Club.

Stephen Lawrence  
Bayport, NY  
Organizational Communication
Stephen was a member of the President’s Student Advisory Board and a peer career assistant. He served as executive director for the “Up ‘Til Dawn” project.

Loucia Papaseraphim  
Astoria, NY  
Early Childhood Education & English
Loucia was a member of Kappa Delta Pi and an emerging leader mentor. She volunteered on the Alternative Spring Break in New Paltz.

Deborah Walnicki  
Glenmont, NY  
Sociology
Deborah received the Cetrino Family Award and Scholarship, served as a campus recruitment ambassador for City Year, and interned for Fundacion Crecer in Ecuador.

Brendan Wright  
Patchogue, NY  
Women’s, Gender & Sexuality Studies
Brendan served as a board member of National Residence Hall Honorary, as associate director of the North East Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls, and as departmental representative on the Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean’s Advisory Board.

Jessica Dolansky  
Newfane, NY  
Nursing
Jessica served as vice president of the Student Nurses Association. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Professional Nurses Association.

Reid Okoniewski  
Ransomville, NY  
Public Communication
Reid served as president and treasurer of the Student Senate, as president of the Student Programming Board, and was a member of the intercollegiate golf team.

Linda Seefeldt  
East Amherst, NY  
Human Services
Linda served as president and secretary of the campus Human Services Association, as social media editor for the Promise for Tomorrow Grant project, and was a member of the campus advisory board.

Joshua Wooldridge  
Niagara Falls, NY  
Physical Education
Joshua served as president of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Majors Club, as president of the Future Professionals Section of New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. He received the Major of the Month Award twice.
Melody Blackmore  
Hamilton, NY  
Massage Therapy  
Melody was a student trustee, a member of the Student Senate, and a member of the campus association overseeing auxiliary services.

Epril Nossent  
Tromso, Norway  
Math & Science  
Epril was a student ambassador and served as captain of the women’s soccer team. Additionally, Epril received the Science Award for Outstanding Achievement.

Susan Ramirez  
Brentwood, NY  
Biological Sciences  
Susan presented research at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students. She interned at the Women’s Center on campus and was a member of the Science Club.

Raymond Boss  
Macedon, NY  
Adolescent Education  
Raymond served as vice president of the Association of Secondary Educators and received the Best and Brightest for Academic Excellence award. He received recognition for College Engagement and Community Involvement.

Kaylee Herzog  
Delmar, NY  
Biology  
Kaylee served as president of the Biology Club, received a research grant for describing a new species of stingray tapeworm, and published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal.

Ashley Ly  
Walton, NY  
Biochemistry  
Ashley served as concert master for the Orchestra, received the 2014 Student Grant for Research and Creative Activity award, and tutored high school students in chemistry.

Mifuyu Otsuka  
Tokyo, Japan  
Mass Communication  
Mifuyu served as a representative on the President’s Council on Diversity, as president of the Japanese Society for All, and as founder of the Annual Global Movement Festival.

Christopher Ellis  
Laguna Beach, CA  
Engineering Science & Electrical Engineering Technology  
Christopher served as the founding chair of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, as student representative on the Board of Directors, and as vice president of evening programs for Phi Theta Kappa.

Emir Ljuca  
Manlius, NY  
Engineering Science  
Emir served as treasurer of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and was a tutor for physics, chemistry, and calculus. Additionally, his team scored in the top five at the New York State Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges’ Math League Competition.

Rebekah Tanner  
Syracuse, NY  
Humanities, Social Sciences & Art  
Rebekah received the Faculty Endowed Scholarship for Academic Excellence and served as chair of the campus committee for “Out of the Darkness Campus Walk.” She volunteered as zoo educator and tour guide at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo.

Casey Taylor  
Minoa, NY  
Humanities & Social Sciences  
Casey served as vice president of the Student Association for Entertainment and Programming, as president of the National Society for Leadership and Success, and was a volunteer coach for youth basketball.

Zachary Traver  
Vestal, NY  
Business Administration  
Zachary was named NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-American. He served as captain of the campus baseball team and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Kevin Willeford  
Easton, PA  
Optometry  
Kevin published four papers in various scientific journals, received the Student Travel Grant from the Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association, and implemented smoking cessation services on campus.

Joanna Dykeman  
Montgomery, NY  
English  
Joanna presented at the Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference in 2013 and 2014, served as student representative to the Foundation Board, and received the President’s Honors Program Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

Vivek Sood  
Middletown, NY  
Business Administration  
Vivek received the President’s Honors Program Scholarship, presented at the Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference, and served as vice president of the Business Club.

Larissa Assam  
Cameroon, Africa  
Biology  
Larissa served as president of the Minority Association of Pre-Health Students, was named Peer Educator of the Year by the National Alliance of Black School Educators, and conducted research at the University of Calcutta in India.
Kyle Brayton
Fulton, NY
Accounting
Kyle served as president of the Financial Management Association and Accounting Society, volunteered with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, and interned at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Lindsay King
Troy, NY
Global & International Studies and Communication
Lindsay received the Jose Ramon Perez International Beijing Scholarship, interned for Congressman Daniel Maffei and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, and served as international marketing intern for the Great Wall Club Incorporated.

Nicole Leader
Baldwinsville, NY
Childhood Education & Earth Science
Nicole received the Dean’s Writing Prize in Curriculum and Instruction, served as captain of the women’s tennis team, and tutored peers in mathematics.

Rhiannon Peshniak
Hopewell Junction, NY
History & Anthropology
Rhiannon was a campus tutor and a research lab assistant in the NAGPRA Archaeology Lab. Additionally, she presented scientific papers at national and international conferences.

Maura Danehey
Hopewell Junction, NY
Public Relations & Multimedia Journalism
Maura interned at the Department of State and NBC Sports Group Communications, received the Richard Semmler Community Scholarship, and was a teaching assistant.

Rebecca Robbins
Essex, NY
Nutrition
Rebecca interned within the Lake Forest Senior Living Community, Green Mountain at Fox Run, and DAK Bar. She presented at the National Association of Biology Teachers and volunteered at Planned Parenthood.

Elizabeth Pysarenko
Riverhead, NY
Art History
Elizabeth received the Philip H. Steckler, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. Additionally, she served as a nurse educator and healthcare volunteer at a tribal nursing home and as curator of an art exhibit, “In Search of the Ephemeral: Sublimes Explorations of Urban Decay.”

SUNY ROCKLAND

Norman Cottrill, Jr.
Mays Landing, NJ
Communication & Media Arts
Norman served as president of the Student Veterans Honor Society. He was a member of Phi Sigma Omicron and a volunteer at the campus multi-media center.

Lazar Lipa Schmeltzer
Airmont, NY
Performing Arts
Lazar Lipa served as a leader of the congregation at a local synagogue and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. He also released many Jewish pop albums world-wide.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY CC

Thomas Bambury
Schenectady, NY
Chemical Dependency Counseling & Human Services
Thomas served as vice president of Restart Club, as vice president of the Student Veterans Organization, and as student trustee on the Board of Trustees.

PURCHASE COLLEGE

Lauren Britton
Purchase, NY
Visual Arts
Lauren received the Presidential Scholarship, participated in the Art Show: Best of SUNY Student Art Exhibition, and was a resident assistant.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY CC

Elisabeth Smith
Schenectady, NY
Teacher Education
Elisabeth served as vice president of the Student Government Association, as co-leader of Second Blessings Clothes Project, and as board member of the Faculty-Student Association.
Safa Abdelhakim
St. James, NY
Biology
Safa served as president of the Golden Key International. She was a member of Global Medical Brigades and an undergraduate researcher.

Connor Beierle
Centereach, NY
Mechanical Engineering
Connor interned at NASA Ames Research Center and NASA Glenn Research Center. He also served as founder and president of the American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics and was a captain of the rugby team.

Dara Bobb-Semple
New York, NY
Chemistry
Dara published in a peer-reviewed journal, received the UNCF-Merck Science Research & American Chemical Society Scholarships, and presented at the annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students.

Kevin Chavez
Flushing, NY
Biochemistry
Kevin published in a scientific journal, received a poster award at the annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students, and served as student representative on the Student Health Advisory Committee.

Olivia Cheng
Jackson Heights, NY
Biochemistry
Olivia was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and received the Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities Fellowship. She was selected Homecoming Queen.

Derek Cope
Glen Cove, NY
Nursing
Derek served as vice president for academic affairs in the undergraduate Student Government, as founder and president of the Sports Club Council, and as coordinator of the Pediatric Cancer Center Volunteer/Bone Marrow Drive.

Kara DeSanna
New Hyde Park, NY
History & Political Science
Kara was named a JFEW-SUNY Global Affairs and International Relations Scholar, organized a service learning project at the Southern US Model United Nations Conference, and presented at the Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities Symposium.

Raniah EL-Gendi
Rocky Point, NY
Psychology & Sociology
Raniah was a student ambassador and a freshman seminar teaching assistant. She served as a Jewish Foundation for Education of Women Scholar.

Neha Kinariwalla
Sayville, NY
Sociology
Neha founded the Humanology Project, served as student representative on the Asian Program Advisory Committee, and delivered remarks at the inaugural TEDx event.

Justin Thomas
Floral Park, NY
Biochemistry & Philosophy
Justin was a teaching assistant, volunteered as an emergency medical technician, and performed as a vocalist and guitarist for patients at local hospitals.

Jean-Claude Velasquez
Hicksville, NY
Political Science & Philosophy
Jean-Claude was a Summer Public Health Scholar at Columbia University, and published an article in the Political Science Journal. He also served as freshman representative on the Educational Opportunity Program Student Association.

Elizabeth Ammenworth
Bayport, NY
Business Administration
Elizabeth served as president of the Community Service Club and as chair of the Communications Club. She also received the Get There From Here Scholarship.

Sameer Anand
Baiting Hollow, NY
Computer Science
Sameer served as vice president of the Community Service Club, volunteered as an emergency medical technician and first responder at Riverhead Volunteer Ambulance Corps, and founded a software engineering company.

Amie Bernstein
Holbrook, NY
Liberal Arts
Amie served as president of Phi Theta Kappa, assisted with various Community College Completion Corps events, and was certified as a New York State Licensed Optical Trainee.

Taylor Biondi
Holbrook, NY
Nursing
Taylor received the Get There From Here Scholarship, volunteered at Stony Brook University Hospital, and served as a student representative on the CTEA Local Advisory Council.
Angelina Curley  
Sayville, NY  
Liberal Arts  
Angelina served as president of the Biology Club, interned at Stony Brook University for the National Science Foundation, and received a NSF Scholarship in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

Felipe Espitia Cetina  
Brentwood, NY  
Business Administration  
Felipe served as a student trustee on the Board of Trustees and as president of the Association of Latin American Students. Additionally, he was included in Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

Jennifer Ilgaz  
Eastport, NY  
Accounting  
Jennifer served as president of Alpha Beta Gamma, as vice president of Phi Theta Kappa, and as senator of Student Government.

Amanda Koscik  
Commack, NY  
Liberal Arts  
Amanda served as editor-in-chief of Western Student Press, as public relations officer of the Speech and Debate Team, and as the student representative on the Assessment Advisory Council.

Suzanne Loevner  
Bohemia, NY  
Chemical Dependency Counseling  
Suzanne served as the communication system administrator for the Chemical Dependency Program and vice president of Phi Theta Kappa. Additionally, she received first place in the 2013 Undergraduate Poetry Project.

Bryan Nee  
East Setauket, NY  
Theatre Arts  
Bryan received the Get There From Here Scholarship, was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and volunteered with clean up efforts after Hurricanes Sandy and Nemo.

Maryam Yahya Rabbani  
Bayshore, NY  
Liberal Arts  
Maryam Yahya served as managing editor of the Western Student Press and as vice president of Phi Theta Kappa. Additionally, she received the Chancellor’s Educational Pipeline Biomedical Research Award.

Deborah Rehm  
Shirley, NY  
Business Administration  
Deborah founded and served as president of SOULS in Business and founded the Jammie Chicks Project, and was included in Who’s Who Among Students in Universities and Colleges.

Danielle Safety  
Hauppauge, NY  
Liberal Arts  
Danielle served as president of the National Science and Discovery Club, as a senator for the Student Government, and was a member of the Special Olympics Committee.

Jorge Vallecillo  
West Islip, NY  
Liberal Arts  
Jorge served as vice president of the Student Government Association and as president of the Sigma Kappa Delta. He was included in Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

SUNY Sullivan  
Rachelle Walker  
Monticello, NY  
Liberal Arts  
Rachelle served as president of the Student Government Association, received seventh place in the State of New York for Public Forum Debate, and presented at the Northeast Regional Honors Conference.

April White  
Cochecton, NY  
Liberal Arts  
April was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and tutored in the Learning Center Peer Tutoring Services. She was certified as an Emergency Medical Technician.

Rachel Barbato  
Binghamton, NY  
Psychology  
Rachel served as chair of the nominating committee and active board member of the Town of Western Historical Society. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and a research assistant.

Brittani Howell  
Whitney Point, NY  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Brittani was a resident advisor and member of the Student Athlete Advisory Council. She received the National Eastern Athletic Conference Scholar Athlete Award for Women’s Soccer and Women’s Lacrosse.

Tompkins Cortland Community College  
Cheyenne Gorton  
Lansing, NY  
Hotel & Restaurant Management  
Cheyenne served as the student trustee on the Board of Trustees, as president of the Hospitality and Restaurant Association, and as vice president for student involvement for the Student Government Association.

AudreyKate Ordway  
Freeville, NY  
Nursing  
AudreyKate served as captain of the women’s basketball team and was a tour guide. Additionally, she volunteered over thirty hours per week.

Taylor Policay  
Ithaca, NY  
Sport Management  
Taylor was on the Mid-State Athletic Conference All-Conference Softball Team and served as captain of the women’s softball team. She was named NJCAA Region III Co-Athlete of the Week.

SUNY Ulster  
Kyle Knuffke  
Kingston, NY  
Criminal Justice  
Kyle interned with the New York State Police, received certification as an exterior firefighter, and was a member of the Criminal Justice Club.

Courtney Sheeley  
Tillson, NY  
Science Adolescent Education  
Courtney served as vice president of the Student Government. She also was a member of the Ulster County Youth Board and the Vocal Ensemble.
Daniella Palermo
Bronx, NY
Medicine
Daniella received the SUNY Upstate Student Citizen Award, served as the president’s student ambassador, and volunteered at the Westside Family Health Center.

Tiffany Telarico Caza
Clay, NY
Medicine
Tiffany received the American College of Rheumatology Research and Education Foundation Medical and Graduate Student Achievement Award, served as a mentor for first-year medical students, and volunteered as an interpreter at migrant farm clinics.

Komala Kotramada Bheemaiah
Karnataka, India
Paramedic
Komala was an admissions ambassador, an orientation leader, and a peer advisor.

Ryan Haslauer
White Plains, NY
Business Administration
Ryan served as regional vice president for Phi Theta Kappa’s New York Regional District. He was an orientation leader and a peer advisor.

Raisza Latif
Scarsdale, NY
Math & Science
Raisza served as vice president of marketing for the Westchester Events Board, was a peer advisor, and interned as a graphic designer for the Office of Student Involvement.

Hyun Ho Lee
Aregentia, Buenos Aires
Liberal Arts
Hyun Ho served as a senator of the Student Government Association and was an orientation leader. He was also named a Davis Global Scholar.

Felicia Malcolm
Yonkers, NY
Liberal Arts
Felicia served as secretary of the Student Government Association, was a peer advisor, and was named a Kathryn Davis Global Scholar.

Jessica Palma
North Salem, NY
Liberal Arts
Jessica served as secretary and treasurer for the Westchester Events Board, as vice president the Student Alumni Association, and was a member of Chi Alpha Epsilon.

Patrick Sluiter
White Plains, NY
Visual Arts
Patrick served as vice president of the Art Club, received the Initial Teaching Experience Program Grant, and curated a pop-up gallery.

Hei Tsun Tse
Hong Kong, China
Engineering Science
Hei Tsun served as student trustee on the Board of Trustees. He was an orientation leader and a peer advisor.
The Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence

The Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence was created to recognize students who have best demonstrated and been recognized for the integration of academic excellence with accomplishments in the areas of leadership, campus involvement, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts, or career achievement.

Each campus president established a selection committee, which reviewed exemplary members of their college communities who are graduating this year. Nominees were forwarded to the Chancellor’s Office for a second round of review, and finalists were recommended to the Chancellor to become recipients of the Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence.

This year, we honor 274 students from each of the 64 institutions within The State University of New York. Recipients of this year’s award have an overall grade point average of 3.8 and records of significant contributions to their campuses and communities.

Each recipient receives a certificate and a medallion that may be worn at commencement.

Congratulations to this year’s awardees!
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