



Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

April 4, 2012



Dear Students, Family, and Friends,

It is a pleasure and an honor to join you today to recognize some of the most gifted and talented students within The State University of New York. The achievements of these students speak to their hard work and dedication, as well as the support provided by their families and friends, while underscoring the vast range of educational opportunities available across our SUNY system and the high quality of our faculty and staff.

As we continue to move forward with SUNY's ambitious strategic plan, *The Power of SUNY*, we will need students like these to exemplify our commitment to revitalizing New York's economy and improving the quality of life for all New Yorkers in every community throughout the state.

The students with us today have combined outstanding academic excellence with significant contributions to their institutions, their communities, the state, and in some cases, the world. We are extremely proud of their achievements and look forward to applauding the impact they will have as they lead and shape the future.

Thank you for joining us today to celebrate these accomplished students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy L. Zimpher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy L. Zimpher
Chancellor



WELCOME

Dr. Edward Engelbride
Associate Provost
SUNY System Administration

Kaitlyn Beachner
Student Trustee and President of the Student Assembly

REMARKS

Dr. Nancy L. Zimpher
Chancellor

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Musical accompaniment for today's program features the Frackenpohl Honors Brass Quintet from The Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam.

Thomas Giosa and **Brianne Borden**, trumpets
Marian Hotopp, horn
Shaun Cagney, trombone
Richard Cluxton, tuba

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY

ADIRONDACK CC

Stacie Hopkins

Queensbury, NY | Nursing

Stacie served as president of the College Activity Board, as a guest speaker at the Adult Learner Open House, as a senior employee at the Student Life Office, and as a volunteer with Angel Tree, Bay Road Clean-Up and the Balloon Festival.

Christopher Wilson

Glens Falls, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Christopher served as president of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as airman of the quarter for the US Air Force, as a physics tutor and lab assistant, and as volunteer for Bay Road Cleanup Project and the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York.

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY

Achumboro Ataande

Elmsford, NY | Psychology

Achumboro served as president of the Pre-Law Association and as second lead partner in the "Play for Africa" charity basketball tournament, produced profiles of the top 100 law schools, created the Pre-Law Association's first mock trial, and organized a civil rights seminar and a fourth amendment seminar.

Michael Blaustein

New York, NY | Political Science & Criminal Justice

Michael served as a member of the Five Quad Volunteer Ambulance, as chairman of Five Quad's Board of Directors, as senator of the Student Association, as a certified Emergency Medical Technician, and as an intern in the United States House of Representatives.

Catherine Cooley

Poestenkill, NY | Biology

Catherine volunteered in the Third World Impact's mission trip to Uganda, served as a research assistant at Albany Medical Center's Cell Biology and Cancer Research Center, as an executive board member of the Pre-Medical Club, and as a patient care technician and phlebotomist in the local emergency department.

Donald DeRosa

Floral Park, NY | Chemistry & Physics

Donald published an article and presented at the University's Undergraduate Research Conference, served as president of College Republican, as a research student and intern at the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering and at Brookhaven National Lab, and as coordinator of fundraising for Care Packages.

Sam Frumkin

Ithaca, NY | Africana Studies

Sam received the SUNY Trustee's Excellence and Student Initiative Award and the President's Community Service Leadership Award, served as outreach coordinator for the Albany Family Education Alliance's Baby Institute and as a workshop facilitator at a national conference on public education reform.

Joel Livingston

Bronx, NY | Criminal Justice

Joel founded and served as president of the Reclassifying All Children Equally Organization, as vice president of Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society, as a member of the Community and Public Service Program Advisory Board. Joel was highlighted in the *Capital Education* newsletter for outstanding volunteerism.

Minhal Makshood

Albany, NY | Biology

Minhal's presented his research on the Production of Riboswitch Elements Containing Homogeneous Ends for Structure Probing and Mass Spectrometry at the RNA Symposium. Minhal served as treasurer of the Pakistani Students Association and as a volunteer worker in a health clinic and a volunteer chemistry tutor for college and high school students.

Daina Migdel

Monroe, NY | Business Administration

Daina published two essays on the website of the New York State Military Museum, played clarinet at sporting events, and served as vice president for the School of Business Dean's Leadership Council, as presidential consultant to the Pre-Law Association, and as a student assistant in the University Performing Arts Center.

Nishtha Modi

Woodside, NY | Chemistry & Biology

Nishtha co-founded a pre-school in Uganda, volunteered at Albany Medical Center, and served as president of Third World Impact, as a resident assistant, and as a student researcher at the RNA Institute.

Matthew Russo

Sayville, NY | Accounting

Matthew served as president and treasurer of the Presidential Honors Society, as social chair of the Newman Association, as a member of Leaders in Service, and as a student mentor for the Albany Chapter of Young Entrepreneurs Association.

ALFRED STATE COLLEGE

Amanda Bush

Altoona, PA | Animal Science

Amanda provided veterinary care to Haitian livestock, completed Veterinary Technician certification, and served as co-captain and floor captain of the Volleyball Team, as president of the Vet Tech Club, and as a student instructor and tutor for Anatomy and Physiology.

Masanari Yamamoto

Tokyo, Japan | Financial Planning

Masanari received the Western New York Athletic Conference Award and the Men's Soccer Offensive MVP Award at Alfred State and served as a member of the Varsity American Football Team, as a resident assistant, and as an orientation leader.

NYS CERAMICS AT ALFRED UNIVERSITY

Austin Fox

Reinholds, PA | Ceramic Engineering

Austin served as president of Keramos Ceramic Engineering Fraternity, as president of Materials Advantage NY Chapter, and as a coach for the Track and Field Teams. As a Co-Op student, Austin was recognized with an award for implementing cost saving production procedures at his host company.

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

Raimi Ade-Salu

New York, NY | Political Science

A McNair Scholar, Raimi served as manager of the Men's Basketball Team, as a student representative on the Educational Planning and Policies Committee, and as a volunteer with Upward Bound, with the Juvenile Multi-cultural Program, and at an alternative school in Guatemala.

Eliza Anderson

Plattsburgh, NY | Integrative Neuroscience

Eliza's accomplishments include serving as vice president of the Scholar's Council, as an undergraduate teaching assistant and research assistant, as a presenter at a national professional conference, and as a volunteer step dance coach at a community center.

Taniel Chan

Brooklyn, NY | Finance and Accounting

Taniel's accomplishments include serving as founder and president of the Dean's Mentorship Program, as president of the Professional Business Fraternity, as a peer advisor for the School of Management, and as a member of an a cappella group.

Ryan Cogswell

Schenectady, NY | French & Philosophy

Ryan's accomplishments include serving as a resident assistant, as president of the Philosophy Club, as a teaching assistant, as a presenter at an ethics conference, as a member of the Intramural Soccer Team, and as a member of a band.

Amy Cabbage

Lansdale, PA | Economics & Geography

Amy's accomplishments include serving as current president and former volunteer coordinator of the Student Volunteer Center, as volunteer coordinator of the Regional Sustainability Coalition, as a member of the Center for Civic Engagement Advisory Board, and as a researcher on a team that studied Urban Food Insecurity.

Amanda Grannis

Far Rockaway, NY | Art History & Philosophy

Amanda's accomplishments include serving as an intern for a state Supreme Court judge, as a student ambassador with the Admissions Office, as a volunteer with Relay for Life, and as a mentor for the Bright Pink National Non-Profit Breast Cancer Organization.

Ashley Kuenneke

Rock Tavern, NY | English

Ashley served as president and treasurer of the UNICEF campus initiative, as vice president and chair of the Community Service Committee for Hinman College Council, as a resident assistant, as a transfer student mentor, and as a volunteer in the campus preschool.

Dana Levitt

East Rockaway, NY | Psychology

Dana's accomplishments include serving as treasurer of the University's Chapter of PEACE OUTside Campus, as secretary of the International Foreign Language Honor Society, as a member of the Varsity Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Team, and as a volunteer at a community nursing home.

Michaelangelo Misseri

Brooklyn, NY | English

Michaelangelo's accomplishments include serving as a resident assistant and orientation assistant, as a tour guide and hiring supervisor for the Admissions Office, as author of a LGBTQ Quick Reference Guide for the Career Development Center, as a student blogger, and as a mentor to transfer students.

Diane Wong

Port Washington, NY | Political Science & Asian and Asian American Studies

Diane's accomplishments include serving as editor-in-chief of Asian Outlook Magazine, as co-investigator of the Neighborhoods City Study, as a member of the Policy Debate Team, and as a cultural ambassador for local high school Chinese classes and community organizations.

THE COLLEGE AT BROCKPORT

Christopher Bauer

Cortland, NY | Computer Science

Christopher received the Computer Science Program Scholar Award and Departmental Award, interned in Fribourg, Switzerland, served as a resident assistant, and presented an exercise social network system at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research.

Brian Duffy

Hilton, NY | Computer Science

Brian served as captain of the Men's Soccer Team, was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's Scholar All-East Region Teams and top scholar on the 2011 All-SUNYAC squad. Brian was the leading member of the development team for Fast Trax Bike Rental program and developed bike rental software in support of Brockport's Green Initiative.

Justin Jackson

Spencerport, NY | History

Justin presented at three national conferences, served as director of Vacation Bible School, received an Excellence in Leadership Award, and founded both the Brockport Department of Education Marketing Committee and a personal business teaching art lessons.

T. Roz Llewellyn

Saint Albans, NY | Finance

A McNair Scholar, T. Roz served as founder and president of the Fencing Club, as vice president of the Finance Club, as secretary of the Tae Kwon Do Club, as a resident assistant, and as chair of the flute section for the Brockport Pep Band.

Daniel Zdanowski

Marcellus, NY | Chemistry

Daniel served as a resident assistant, as president of the chemistry club, as teaching and lab assistant in the chemistry department, as executive director of the Brockport Student Government, and as a teacher in Regent's Chemistry and Exposure to Physics at Tyburn Academy.

BROOME CC

Christopher Connolly

Vestal, NY | Liberal Arts

Christopher's accomplishments include serving as president of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as a panelist at the Spring Applied Ethics Conference, and as a student representative on the Local Selection Committee for the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and Professional Service.

Kevin Cushner

Binghamton, NY | Childhood Education

Kevin's accomplishments include serving as executive vice president of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and as a volunteer for Toys for Tots, Roosevelt's After School Writing Program, and the Broome Community College Flood Center.

Lillien Drennon

Binghamton, NY | Human Services

Lillien's accomplishments include serving as vice president of the Student Assembly, as a voting member of the College Assembly and Council for Academic Issues, as a volunteer at the Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier, and as a musician who has recorded several self-written songs and music videos.

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

Kaitlyn Beachner

Webster, NY | Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration

Kaitlyn served as president of the SUNY Student Assembly, as trustee on the SUNY Board of Trustees, as a member of SUNY Chancellor Zimpher's Cabinet, as a graduate assistant for the Student Life Office on campus and as founder of the Buffalo State Graduate Student Organization.

Carlos Cisneros Vilchis

Grand Island, NY | Business Administration

Carlos served as president, vice president and treasurer of the International Student Organization, as organizer of both the Japanese Tsunami Victim's Relief and the Haiti Earthquake Victim's Relief fundraisers, and as a volunteer with *The Anne Frank Project*.

Devon Cozad

Tonawanda, NY | English

Devon served as a member of the Dean's Student Advisory Council, as a student ambassador for the All College Honors Program, as moderator and co-founder of the Brighton Place Book Club for Children, and as a volunteer with Operation Christmas Child.

Chanele Haynes

Queens, NY | Criminal Justice

Chanele organized a Lafayette High School Youth Symposium, was named scholar of the McNair Scholars Program, served as president of the Residence Hall Association, as note taker for the Office of Disabilities, and as a volunteer with various organizations.

Gabriela Moreno

Buffalo, NY | Arts and Letters

Gabriela coordinated Olmsted Parks Conservancy Arts Fair Backdrops, assisted in numerous campus productions, and served as house manager for *The Anne Frank Project*, and as gallery coordinator on the Visual Arts Board.

Morgan Morningstar

Buffalo, NY | Psychology

Morgan served as vice president of Psi Chi International Honor Society, as invited speaker at the National Walk to Save Homeless Youth Conference, as a volunteer and lobbyist for the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act, and as recipient of a Certificate of Leadership Achievement.

James Wangelin

East Otto, NY | Business Marketing

James received the SUNYAC Commissioner's Cup and served as captain of the Cross Country Team and the Track and Field team, as site coordinator for the Buffalo City Mission, and as a member on the Student Athletic Advisory Committee.

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO**Kristina Blank**

Craryville, NY | Social Sciences

Kristina organized a statewide environmental conference, researched health effects of diesel exhaust exposure, co-founded the Environmental Task Force, and served as president of the Environmental Network and as a volunteer at Green Options Buffalo.

Mara Deckard

East Amherst, NY | International Studies

Mara researched Minoan excavation on the Greek Island of Crete and served as secretary of the United Nations Student Association, as a member of the Swing Dance Club, as a member of the Marching Band, and as a volunteer with the International Institute.

Allison Funk

Voorheesville, NY | Theatre & Psychology

Allison served as external affairs liaison for the Student Association, as a founding sister and executive board member of Phi Sigma Sigma, as a student representative for the Bachelors of Arts Theatre majors, and as a campus tour guide.

Emily Gargiulo

Brooklyn, NY | Pharmacology and Toxicology

Emily interned and volunteered with United Way and Planned Parenthood, was selected as a presidential fellow with the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress, and served as president of the National Society of Leadership and Success, as treasurer of Mortar Board, and as research assistant for African Politics.

Emily Gibson

Kings Park, NY | Economics & Communication

Emily served as a member of the Student Association Environmental Affairs Department, as a student assistant in the Office of Sustainability, as a member of REALM, a leadership mentoring program, as co-leader of an environmental fashion show, and as a reporter for the Student Association Television.

Taylor Hiller

Channahon, IL | Dance

Taylor served as volunteer at the incoming freshman receptions, as teaching assistant in the dance department, as assistant to the Director of the Department of Dance, and as dancer and choreographer for numerous productions.

Bridget Hughes

Williamsville, NY | Biomedical Sciences & Psychology

Bridget received the Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Activities, developed and organized a wellness day for the West Side of Buffalo, and served as a researcher in psychology, clinical medicine, and behavioral medicine, as president of the Association of Pre-Medical Students, and as a competitive figure skater.

Andrew Hunt

Fairport, NY | Theatre & Psychology

Andrew assisted with lighting and scenery on numerous productions and served as a peer mentor, as a teaching assistant, as a member of the University Grievance Committee, and as a member of the Student Leadership Board.

Lauren Little

Colorado Springs, CO | Biomedical Sciences & Anthropology

Lauren studied abroad in Brazil, worked on two National Science Foundation sponsored archaeology projects, and served as a research assistant studying adolescent obesity, as a teaching assistant, and as an academic assistant.

Jasmine May

Sanborn, NY | Medical Chemistry

Jasmine conducted research and presented at several state-wide and nation-wide conferences, was selected as a Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program Scholar, and served as peer mentor, as College Health Educator Cohort Leader, and as a volunteer with the Kaleida Health DeGraff Memorial Hospital.

Madeline Morcelle

East Amherst, NY | English

Madeline founded and served as director of public relations for the Honors Student Council, was selected as University at Buffalo's Student Employee of the Year, and served as writer and editor of the *Speakeasy Magazine* and as class representative on the University Honors Council.

Shannon O'Leary

Rochester, NY | Nursing

Shannon interned at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, was recognized as one of the "Best and Brightest" student in the School of Nursing, researched and published an article, and served as a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the honors society of nursing, and as representative for the Honor's College.

Mary Scheda

Brockport, NY | Biomedical Sciences

Mary served as research assistant at the Children's Hospital, as community assistant on campus, as assistant director of club services for the Student Association, as a volunteer emergency medical technician, and as violist in the Genesee Symphony Orchestra and the University at Buffalo Orchestra.

Thawab Shibly

Amherst, NY | English & Political Science

Thawab served as assistant treasurer for the Student Association, as vice president for the Muslim Student Association, as president of Community Action Corps, and as a volunteer in the refugee community of Buffalo and in New Orleans, West Bank, and Lebanon.

Shant'e White

Buffalo, NY | Nursing

Shant'e was selected as a Gates Millennium Scholar and served as a member of the Honor Society of Nursing, as a member of the National College Athlete Honor Society, as member of the track and field teams, and as volunteer in the Emergency Room at Buffalo General Hospital.

SUNY CANTON**Kenneth Burwell**

Canton, NY | Nursing

Kenneth's accomplishments include serving as president of the Student Association, as a member of the Varsity Soccer Team, as founder of the Environmental Society on campus, as a volunteer at the local Humane Society, and as a member of St. Lawrence Area Poets.

Britney Livingston

Lisbon, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Brittney's accomplishments include serving as an officer of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as a programmer for the College Activities Board, as an orientation leader, and as a student representative on the Student/Faculty Judicial Hearing Board.

CAYUGA CC**Alicia Frame**

Skaneateles, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Alicia's accomplishments include serving as vice president of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and of Harlequin Productions of Cayuga Community College, and as recipient of acting awards from the Theatre Association of New York and the Eastern States Theatre Association.

Marin Valentino

Auburn, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Marin's accomplishments include serving as president of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as vice president of the Tutor Club, as a volunteer tutor at the local elementary school, and as a volunteer for the Prom Dress Project and the Warm Coat Drive.

CLINTON CC**Rebekah Treadwell**

Rouses Point, NY | Business Administration

Rebekah's accomplishments include serving as treasurer and secretary of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as a member of the Upper Disciplinary Board, as a member of the Maine Lobster Apprenticeship Program, and as a volunteer with a local youth group.

SUNY COBLESKILL**Ilianna Armata**

Athens, Greece | Health Science Studies

Ilianna served as president of the Medical Careers Club, as secretary of the International Club, as public relations chair for the Resident Assistant Activities Council, as a peer tutor in the Center for Academic Support and Excellence, and as a volunteer for the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens.

Benjamin German

Oneonta, NY | Fisheries and Aquaculture

Benjamin served as historian of the American Fisheries Society Student Chapter and as coordinator of the Halloween Fishing Derby, as campus aquarist and fly fishing instructor and assistant with the NYS Department of Environment Conservation. Benjamin's research projects on *Aquatic Micro-Invertebrate Fauna* and *Trap Nap Monitoring Fish Communities* were published in the 44th Annual Report of the Biological Field Station.

COLUMBIA-GREENE CC**Nicholas Fiducia**

Round Top, NY | Criminal Justice

Nicholas served as president of the Student Senate, as president of the Student Activities Board, as vice president of the Student Ambassadors, as a member of the Criminal Justice Club, and as a High School Wrestling volunteer assistant.

CORNELL-AGRICULTURE & LIFE SCIENCES**Janet Nwaukoni**

Springfield Gardens, NY | Biology and Society

Janet served as founder and president of Project Lansing Community Service Project, as president of Quill and Dagger Senior Honor Society, as vice president of programming for the Multicultural Greek Lettered Council, and as service chair of Mortar Board Senior Honor Society.

Claudia Pazlopez

Belle Mead, NJ | Food Science

Claudia interned with Unilever Global Research Centre, was named a presidential research scholar, formulated a new snack product that placed third in a national competition, and served as president of the Association of Peruvians at Cornell and as a member of the fundraising committee for the Institute of Food Technologists Feeding Tomorrow Scholarships.

CORNELL-HUMAN ECOLOGY**John Rhee**

Tenafly, NJ | Policy Analysis and Management

John was recognized for developing international exchange opportunities for interns with the United States Auto Workers. John led research on the effects of iron deficiency on worker productivity among Indian women tea leaf pickers and served as philanthropy chair of the Sphinx Head Senior Honor Society.

Elizabeth Stainton

Boonton, NJ | Human Development

Elizabeth served as co-captain of the Figure Skating club, as vice-chair of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, as a research assistant, and as a volunteer figure skater for charitable causes and to promote sports activities on and off campus.

CORNELL-INDUSTRIAL & LABOR RELATIONS**Melanie Berdecia**

Bronx, NY | Industrial and Labor Relations

Melanie served as registration and advertising chair for the 4th National Dominican Conference, as co-chair and alumni relation chair for La Asociacion Latina, as tapping chair for Quill and Dagger Senior Honor Society, as teaching assistant, and as intern at the New York State Department of Labor Bronx Career Center.

Gleb Drobkov

Washington, DC | Industrial and Labor Relations

Gleb served as president of the Johnson Ski Club and of the Cornell Students Against Sweatshops, as member of the Cornell Glee Club, as chair of the University Assembly Codes and Judicial Committee, and as a tutor and teaching assistant.

CORNELL-VETERINARY MEDICINE

Mason Jager

Ithaca, NY | Veterinary Medicine

Mason researched disease transmission through milk in Kenya and served as president of both the Student Chapter of the American College of Veterinary Pathology and the Veterinary Education club, as well as a campus representative in the USDA/APHIS Smith-Kilborne Foreign Animal Disease Program.

Erin Lashnits

Ithaca, NY | Veterinary Medicine

Erin co-authored two scientific research publications and served as president of the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association and as a volunteer with both the Cornell Wildlife Health Center and Ride for World Health.

CORNING CC

Nathaniel Eaton

Elmira, NY | Recreation Studies

Nathaniel served as a student mentor, as a peer tutor, as treasurer of the campus Christian Club, as vice president of leadership for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as a mustering petty officer for the US Navy, and as a member of the Environmental Protection Information Coalition.

Monica Erle

Horseheads, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Monica served as a student disability tutor, as lab assistant in three science labs, as a program assistant, field guide and volunteer at Spencer Crest Nature Center, and as a member of the Environmental Protection Information Coalition.

SUNY CORTLAND

Amanda Cheetham

Cortland, NY | Health Education

Amanda received the Outstanding Student Leader Award, co-coordinated Wellness Wednesdays and served as a resident assistant, as an orientation assistant and as an admissions ambassador.

Jamie Piperato

Thiells, NY | Kinesiology

Jamie served as president of the Student Government Association, as co-chair of the Annual Student Conference on Diversity, Equity, and Social Justice, as a member of the Women's Varsity Basketball Team and as resident assistant.

Laura Platt

Almond, NY | Biology

Laura studied abroad at the National Outdoor Leadership School in India, received an undergraduate research fellowship, served as president of the Water Skiing/Wakeboard Club, and volunteered as a teaching assistant and with Habitat for Humanity in El Salvador.

Michael Tota

Penfield, NY | Business Economics

Michael co-authored a research article, received an undergraduate research fellowship, served as a teaching assistant, and was named Academic All American Lacrosse Player and Phi Kappa Phi Scholar of the Year.

SUNY DELHI

Teresa Bryant

Newburgh, NY | Nursing

Teresa received the Student Life Emerging Leader Award & Scholarship and served as president of the Black Student Union, West Indian Coalition, and Sigma Omega and as a student member of the College Conduct Council.

George Nassar

Sauquoit, NY | Hospitality Management

George received the Community Service Leader of Excellence award and the Greek Council: Outstanding Male Greek Leader award and served as president of the Residence Hall Association and Upsilon Delta Epsilon, as well as senior student ambassador.

SUNY DOWNSTATE MEDICAL CENTER

Andrew Kim

Ardley, NY | Medicine

Andrew served as president of the Downstate Christian Fellowship, as site director and as team leader for the Summer Medical Institute, and as treasurer of a Haiti Medical Missions Trip. Andrew developed programs to create service opportunities for medical students, including medical mission trips.

Erick Pinedo

New York, NY | Nursing

Erick received the College of Nursing Leadership Award, co-founded the Brooklyn Tourism Committee, had an exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art, served as a student advocate on the Faculty Curriculum and Educational Policy committee, and volunteered at numerous community service activities.

DUTCHESS CC

Barbara Cady

Poughquag, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Barbara served as secretary of the Anthropology Club, as a member of My Sister's Keeper and Think Globally/Act Locally, as a volunteer with Autism Speaks and battered women's services, and a hospitality coordinator for senior members of a local church.

Jesse Fuerst

Pleasant Valley, NY | Criminal Justice

Jesse's accomplishments include serving as vice president of the Criminal Justice Club, as a justice on the Student Government Association Student Appeal Board, as a student tutor and student ambassador, and as a volunteer painter and volunteer library assistant.

Emma Hogan

Pleasant Valley, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Emma's accomplishments include serving as president of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as a member of the Committee on Procedures for Personnel Evaluation, as a Student Government Association representative, as a member of the Outdoor Adventure Club, and as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society and Make A Wish.

Naria McGee

Germantown, NY | Architectural Technology

Naria's accomplishments include serving as a Student Government Association senator, as a member of the Committee for Leaders at Lunch, as a campus artist whose work was published, and as organizer of Adopt A Highway project.

Lindsay Panko

Hopewell Junction, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Lindsay's accomplishments include presenting on behavior analysis at the Beacon Conference, as well as serving as secretary of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as a member of the Student Government Association, and as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE

Anita Brown

Green Island, NY | Interdisciplinary Studies

Anita co-presented at the Center for Distance Learning Conference, volunteered regularly at a food pantry, and served as vice president of the Board of Education, as member of the Student Activity Fee Committee, and as team leader for Relay for Life.

Vicki Haas

North Collins, NY

Business, Management and Economics

Vicki organized a student study group, volunteered at numerous community service activities, and served as board member on the Regional Environmental Group, as computer lab tutor, and as a student ambassador.

Kevin LawsonEast Bethany, NY | **Psychology**

Kevin received the Meritorious Service Medal awarded by the United States Army, co-authored an investigation on social implications of social media, volunteered with Care-A-Van Ministries, and served as youth mentor for the Royal Rangers Program and as leader of the Seneca District Training Committee.

Carolyn PolikarpusGhent, NY | **Community and Human Services**

Carolyn served as co-president of the Alternatives to Violence Project New York and facilitated Alternatives to Violence workshops in a Costa Rican prison. Carolyn presented at the Empire State College Student Academic Conference on the topic of *From Poverty to Prison: How to We Change the Path?* and conducted a workshop at the campus Northeast Center on communication strategies for conflict resolution.

Ryan SmithsonSchenectady, NY | **Interdisciplinary Studies**

Ryan authored *Ghosts of War: The True Story of a 19-Year-Old GI*, volunteered with Big Buddy, and served as a member of the U.S. Army Reserve, as veteran/student author in multiple campus publications, and as a speaker and panelist at many events.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND FORESTRY**David Andrews**Long Lake, NY | **Aquatics and Fisheries Science**

David served as president of the timber sports team and competed in the Stihl Collegiate Challenge, as a member of the Provost's Student Advisory Council and the Intercollegiate Athletic Board, and published an article and presented a poster at the American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting.

Colby FisherEndicott, NY | **Environmental Resources Engineering**

Colby received the Department of Environmental Resources Engineering Faculty and Alumni Award and the Raytheon/US FIRST Robotics Award, founded the student Chapter of New York Water Environmental Association and served as a member on the Provost's Student Advisory Council, and as an ecological engineering research assistant.

ERIE CC**Jacob Glaser**Buffalo, NY | **Liberal Arts and Sciences**

Jacob achieved intermediate level in Classic French Foil Fencing, presented his poetry in multiple readings on the campus; participated in numerous literary events throughout Buffalo, and served as a volunteer with Clean Up UB, Red Cross Blood Drives, and Boy Scouts.

Nicholas JohnBuffalo, NY | **Information Technology**

Nicholas, an Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran, was awarded a Joint Service Achievement Medal during deployment to Camp Ramadi, Iraq, served as choirmaster of St. Paul's Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys, and as founding member of Harmonia Chamber Singers, which was voted Buffalo's Best Vocal Ensemble.

Tatyana KorogodaBuffalo, NY | **Paralegal**

Tatyana served as vice president of leadership for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as founder of the Safety Team for Denny's Western NY Region, as a volunteer with Junior Achievement, as a tutor for high school students, and as a library volunteer.

Bryan MeyersTonawanda, NY | **Business Administration**

Bryan served as president and trustee for the Student Government Association, as a representative to the SUNY Student Assembly, and as organizer of a blood drive, a community service day fair, and a flag football team.

Todd StevensBuffalo, NY | **Liberal Arts and Sciences**

Todd organized a community food exchange project and served as a volunteer with many community projects, including the Homeless Outreach Task Force, Erie County Medical Center Drug Rehabilitation Center, AIDS Community Services, and Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

Nicki UnderhillBuffalo, NY | **Liberal Arts and Sciences**

Nicki served as a senior tutor for the Social Science Department and as a library volunteer. Nicki's article on the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute Conference was published in the Student Voice and her poetry was published in *ECC Images*.

Lisa WomerBuffalo, NY | **Social Science**

Lisa served as founder and president of the No Matter What Club, as a member of the Women's Varsity Lacrosse Team, as secretary for NY Northeastern Area of Narcotics Anonymous, and as volunteer for Bundle up Buffalo, the Well Buffalo Church, and for the Student Government Association.

FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE**Jaimie Dorr**Shirley, NY | **Business Management**

Jaimie served as president of Sigma Beta Delta International Honor Society in Business, Management and Administration and as a member of the Accounting Society and Business Club, volunteered for Harvest Food Drive, and became an IRS certified tax preparer.

Salvatore HanusiewiczMassapequa Park, NY | **Computer Programming and Information Systems**

Salvatore created a physics engine for the Android which is controlled by accelerometers. Salvatore served as a tutor for the Student Success Center, as a software developer and a web development intern for local companies.

Amy OlenickLake Ronkonkoma, NY | **Nursing**

Amy served as co-president of the Student Nurses Association, as a member on the Institutional Resource Committee and the Volunteer Fair Committee, as a volunteer with various organizations including the American Red Cross, and received the Home Health Aid certification.

David OlivoEast Elmhurst, NY | **Dental Hygiene**

David educated peers about oral health on campus at Health and Wellness Fairs and Open Houses, organized and participated in numerous community service events including Give Kids a Smile, and served as president of the Student's of the American Dental Hygienists' Association and as class historian.

FASHION INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Darrin Amellio

Brooklyn, NY | Graphic Design

Darrin's accomplishments include serving as president of the Media Design Club, as producer of an off-campus exhibition entitled *RePurpose*, as co-founder of peer-to-peer and studio sessions focused on multi-design media, and as producer of the campaign for Services for the Under Served.

Johanna Brozinsky

New City, NY | Advertising and Marketing Communications

Johanna served as president of the Residence Hall Community Council, as vice president of residential life for the Student Association, as organizer of the Thanksgiving food drive, and as treasurer of the Distributive Education Clubs of America.

Cassandra Holden

Bayside, NY | Fine Arts

Cassandra's accomplishments include presenting at the National Conference on Peer Tutoring, serving as co-president of the Art Collective Club, as a peer writing consultant, as a volunteer with Asia Society, and Materials for the Arts, and the open house at FIT.

Teneka King

Montreal, Canada | Graphic Design

Teneka served as vice president of student affairs for the Student Association, as president of the Black Student Union, as Student Ambassador Coordinator, as a poster design finalist for AIDS Global Action, and as a volunteer with Admissions Open House and AIDS Walk.

Ou Ma

Beijing, China | Fashion Design

Ou served as vice president of the Fashion Design Club, as a student ambassador, as fourth place winner of the Secret Art of Dr. Seuss' Exhibition/Design Competition, and as a volunteer at New York Fashion Week.

Yecca Zeng

Libertyville, IL | Fashion Design

Yecca served as vice president of the Intimate Apparel Club and as a presenter at the National Conference on Peer Tutoring and Writing. Recipient of an award for Outstanding Design in Draping VIII Specialization, Yecca was commissioned to design three wedding gowns.

FINGER LAKES CC

Janet Myers

Canandaigua, NY | Chemical Dependency Counseling

Janet's accomplishments include founding a community-based organization where local artisans can showcase their crafts and serving as a member of the Silent Rhythm Dance Troupe. Janet was featured in an article in the *Messenger Post* which described her positive force in the community.

SUNY FREDONIA

Zhuojun Fu

Shanghai, China | Communication

Zhuojun initiated the Lu Wan Language and Culture Program, coordinated Chinese New Year dinners, served as president of Golden Key International Honor Society, the Chinese Club, and the American Red Cross chapter on campus.

Steven Gangloff

Amherst, NY | Biology

Steven founded an online business, presented research as the Student Creativity and Research Exposition, and served as president of Beta Beta Beta National Honor Society, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, and the Biology Club.

Keriann Ketcham

New Hartford, NY | Interdisciplinary Studies

Keriann interned at *la Fundación para la Paz y la Democracia* in Costa Rica, helped institute an honorary member speaker program, and served as student ambassador, as delegate at the United Nations Youth Assembly, and as a Spanish-English translator.

Jessica Martorana

Penfield, NY | Childhood Inclusive Education

Jessica presented at the College of Education Research Symposium and served as chapter president of Golden Key International Honor Society, as secretary of National Society of Leadership and Success, as vice president of special events for the Teacher Education Club, and as a tutor for local elementary students.

FULTON-MONTGOMERY CC

Hei Laam Fong

Hong Kong, China | Business Administration

Hei Laam served as a senator for the Student Activities Board, as a member of the Soccer Team, as a peer tutor, as a member of the Chemistry Club, and as technical support for campus theatre productions, including staging, lighting and special effects.

Marie Thomas

Amsterdam, NY | Business Administration

Marie served as president and freshman senator of the Student Government Association and several other student clubs, volunteered at Sacandaga Bible Conference, and attended a mission trip to Honduras to help with outreach efforts.

GENESEE CC

Lorraine Briggs

Rochester, NY | Fashion Merchandising Management

Lorraine's accomplishments include serving as chairperson of the Campus Activities Board, as project manager for the Business Forum Club's first In Case of Emergency (ICE) for Life Campaign and the Annual Fashion Show, as president of the Student Body Choir, and as a senator for the Student Government Association.

Lindsay Chatt

Oakfield, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Lindsay's accomplishments include serving as captain of the Varsity Softball Team, Varsity Soccer Team, and the Varsity Basketball Team, as a class officer and Varsity Club officer, and as an Open House ambassador and campus tour guide.

SUNY GENESEO

Kaitlyn Gayvert

Fairport, NY | Mathematics

Kaitlyn co-chaired the Scholars' Committee on Volunteerism, presented research at the Mathematics Symposia and COPLAC Regional Conference, served as member of the SUNYAC Championship Tennis Team, and as a volunteer on numerous community service projects.

Jesse Goldberg

Lake Ronkonkoma, NY | English

Jesse published scholarly papers and presented at an international conference, served as president and editor-in-chief of the student newspaper, and as captain of Kempo Martial Arts Demo Team.

Elizabeth Lawrence

Sandy Creek, NY | Accounting

Elizabeth served as lead mentor for Geneseo's Organization for Leadership Development, as resident assistant, as president of Seneca Hall/Writers House Council, as a health guard, and as concierge for the College Union.

Michael Roff

Huntington Station, NY | English

Michael developed a research and community service project, served as vice president of Alpha Phi Omega and as member of the Sexual Assault Prevention Peer Theatre Group, received Geneseo Student Association Merit Award for Service, and founded *Catharsis*, a literary magazine.

HERKIMER COUNTY CC**Michael Elleman**

New Hartford, NY | Physical Therapy Assistant

Michael served as vice president of the Faculty Student Association, as a senator with the Student Government Association, as a member of the Cross Country Team, as 2nd Team All-Region, D-III Cross Country, and as a volunteer with the Open Wheelchair Curling Competition.

Matthew Marrotta

Frankfort, NY | Criminal Justice

Matthew served as president of the Student Government Association, as student trustee on the Board of Trustees, as a non-voting member of the Faculty Student Association, as captain of the Intercollegiate Bowling Team, and as an assistant coach for youth soccer.

HUDSON VALLEY CC**Chad Coumbes**

Troy, NY | Fine Arts

Chad served as president of the Student Senate, as president of the Upstate Gamers' Club, as member of the college's winning Cross Country Team, as writer of an essay and short story that was published in *Threads* magazine, and as a volunteer with a soup kitchen.

Alyxandra Norell

Lake George, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Alyxandra served as treasurer of the Student Senate, as a student representative to the Faculty Student Association, as secretary of the Animal Outreach Club, as a member of the Theatre Club, and as a volunteer for the local animal shelter.

JAMESTOWN CC**Vincent Gerace**

Jamestown, NY | Media Arts

Vincent served as campus videographer for the Sustainability Project, as recipient of the Best Interview Project Award and Best Cinematographer for Digital Video Production Class, as a member of the campus Media Arts/Communications Panel, and as a volunteer with Drama Enrichment Project.

Natalie Marsh

Bemus Point, NY | Human Services

Natalie served as captain of the Women's Soccer Team, as a member of the Women's Basketball Team, as member of All-Conference 2nd team of soccer players in JCC's Region and Division, as a student ambassador, and as a volunteer for the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk.

Christy Twilight

Jamestown, NY | Biotechnology

Christy serves as president of the Book Club, as president of the Deranged Nerd Alliance (DNA) Club, as secretary of the Sustainability Committee, as a student ambassador, as designer of the ribbon for the new science building, and as a peer mentor.

Samantha Wulff

Campbell, NY | Individual Studies

Samantha served as captain of the Women's Soccer Team, as participant in the NJCAA National Soccer Tournament, as a student tutor in the Learning Center, as a volunteer at a soccer clinic, and as designer of a public service announcement.

JEFFERSON CC**Katie Norstrud**

Watertown, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Katie served as a peer tutor and as a volunteer in her community, assisting with the building process and housing renovations for Habitat for Humanity and her local church. As a volunteer for Super Science Saturday, Katie performed demonstrations to community members to help them gain an understanding of science and chemistry.

Veltris Patterson

Fort Drum, NY | Hospitality and Tourism

Veltris served as president of the Hospitality and Tourism Club, as vice president of the Business Club, as secretary of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and as a volunteer for the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, and Fort Drum Vet Services.

MARITIME COLLEGE**Emily Motz**

Cincinnati, OH | Marine Environmental Science

Emily co-authored and presented on the topic of arctic freshwater variability at a National Ocean Science meeting and served as battalion commander of the NROTC Unit, as captain of the woman's crew team, as a member of the women's cross country team, and as a volunteer at the Central Park Conservancy.

Daniel Salazar

Brewster, NY | Facilities Engineering

Daniel served as chief indoctrination officer for the Regiment of Cadets, as president of the Campus Crusade for Christ, as member of the Student Achieving in Leadership program, as director of three Campus Crusade Retreats, and as midshipman executive officer for the Bronx NROTC Battalion.

MOHAWK VALLEY CC**John Coleman**

Jamesville, NY | Welding

John served as president of Student Congress, as president of the Welding Club, as a member of the Auxiliary Services Corporation Scholarship Committee, as designer of a 9/11 memorial bench as well as a bench honoring a retired professor, and as a volunteer for American Red Cross and for the Intergenerational Clean-Up Project.

Marina Joseph-Lebedeva

New Hartford, NY | Nursing

Marina served as vice president of the Student Nurses Organization, as a peer tutor in anatomy and physiology, as a student assistant in the cadaver lab, and as a volunteer with a hand washing project in elementary schools, with blood pressure screenings and community walks for various causes.

MONROE CC**Michael Adams**

Rochester, NY | Communications and Media Arts

Michael served as president and web designer for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as a member of the Student Disciplinary Committee, as a tutor with at-risk high school students, and as chairperson of the Make-A-Wish Fundraiser.

Elaina Caven

Rochester, NY | Global Studies

Elaina served as president of the Spanish Club, as vice president of the College Project in Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as coordinator of the Complete to Compete Project, as a Model United Nations head delegate, as a singer with the Community Theatre of Rochester, and as a volunteer with the Big Brother/Big Sister Program.

Virginia Combs

Penfield, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Virginia served as a member of the Women's Volleyball Team, 1st Team All-Conference, 3rd Team All-Region, 2nd in nation for hitting efficiency, NJCAA Division III, and as a volunteer with community volleyball programs.

Jennifer Conklin

Pittsford, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Jennifer served as captain of the Swim Team and was recognized as Region III Champions and All-American by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America. Jennifer also served as a peer advisor in the campus Career and Transfer Center, as a campus lifeguard, and as a volunteer in a reading program with elementary school students.

Timothy Gaura

Penfield, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Timothy served as college Project Chair of Leadership and vice president of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as a peer leader, as a tutor for at-risk high school students, and as writer of poetry that was published in *Voices Within*, a student publication.

Alyssa Ginevra

Rochester, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Alyssa served as vice president of events, publicity coordinator and wellness coordinator in the Student Events and Governance Association, as a peer leader in the Student Services Department, and as a volunteer with a children's reading project.

Brad Hutton

Webster, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Brad served as captain of the Men's Lacrosse Team and was recognized as 1st Team All-Western NY Athletic Conference. Brad also served as a coach and mentor in the Webster Youth Lacrosse Program and as a volunteer with the Webster Food Cupboard.

Aubree McClellan

Rochester, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Aubree served as president of the Global Union International Student's Association, as a presenter at the SUNY Brockport Resident Assistant Conference, as an adjudicator for the student Grievance Committee, and as election fellow for the campus in collaboration with five area colleges and the Monroe County Board of Elections.

Jonathan Roman

Rochester, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Jonathan served as president and treasurer of the Men of Excellence Club, as a peer leader in the Student Services Department, as a student worker in the First Year Experience Program, and as a volunteer for the Canned Food Drive and the Japan Relief Fundraiser.

Saul Schuster

Rochester, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Saul served as president of the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Project, as a member of the Varsity Soccer Team, as keynote speaker at the 22nd Annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration, as writer of an article published in the MCC Memorandum Newsletter on *A Grandson's Tribute*, telling the story of his grandfather, a Holocaust survivor.

Megan Scott

Rochester, NY | Nursing

Megan served as president of the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Project, as a student trustee, as coordinator of the Student Government Association Round Table, as president of the Student Nurses Association, and as chair of the Water for Sudan fundraising event.

MORRISVILLE STATE COLLEGE**Adam Houck**

Vernon Center, NY | Application Software Development

Adam served as member of the cross country team, as resident assistant, as member of Judicial Board, as treasurer of Mo'Pride, and as a volunteer for Hurricane Katarina cleanup efforts in New Orleans.

Thomas Longland

Dunnville, Canada | Human Performance and Health Promotions

Thomas founded Morrisville Mustang Mentors where athletes tutor elementary school students, and served as president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, as captain of the hockey and lacrosse teams, and as student community service initiatives coordinator.

NASSAU CC**Zain Ali**

Valley Stream, NY | Biology

Zain served as vice captain and winner of the Commonwealth Cricket League, as a volunteer and tutor at the Islamic Center of South Shore, as organizer of a Youth Conference for Media Broadcasting, and as a researcher studying anti-microbial properties of certain species of plants and how they can help in the medicinal field.

Gul Bertkas

Wantagh, NY | Liberal Arts

Gul served as a senator for the Student Government Association, as a student representative to the Academic Senate and Board of Trustees, as president of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as founder and vice president of the Amnesty International Club, and as an emergency medical technician corps volunteer.

Brian Gillespie

Garden City, NY | Liberal Arts

Brian served as president of College Intramural Sports, as vice president of the Honors Club, as an orientation leader and tour guide, as an international scholar laureate, and as a volunteer with the Breast Cancer Walk and Fun Run.

Joshua Goodfarb

Old Westbury, NY | Liberal Arts

Joshua served as a member of the Social Action Committee at a local religious center, as assistant to the president of the Wall Street Club, as a broadcaster of weekly sports news at the campus radio station, and as organizer of a chemistry study group.

Ayal Gul

Far Rockaway, NY | Liberal Arts

Ayal served as head counselor for a program that works with disabled children, as a member of the Jewish Student Organization, as an orientation leader, as a performer with the Break Dance Club, and as part owner of Simcha Squad, a motivational break dance group that performs at local events.

Bonique Henry

Rosedale, NY | Surgical Technology

Bonique served as vice president of the Student Government Association, as founder of the Surgical Technology Club's Award and Luncheon, as a senator with the Academic Senate, as director of the Faculty Student Association, and as chairperson for the campus Pep Rally.

Karen Hernandez

Uniondale, NY | Art

Karen served as a tutor and mentor at the Hispanic Counseling Center, as a printmaking instructor for a fine arts summer campus, as an assistant caregiver at the college child care center, and as an intern at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Amanda Lev

East Meadow, NY | Liberal Arts

Amanda served as president of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as a student orientation leader, as a choir member at her synagogue, as an American Sign Language tutor, and as co-leader for a Daisy Girl Scout Troop.

Kaitlyn Oliveri

West Babylon, NY | Liberal Arts

Kaitlyn served as a senior volunteer at Good Samaritan Hospital and as a participant at the National Conference for Student Leaders. As co-sponsor chair of the Programming Board, Kaitlyn assisted all clubs with running their events and with the disbursement of funds to the various clubs.

Kaitlyn Osterman

Massapequa Park, NY | Liberal Arts

Kaitlyn served as president of the Programming Board, as an orientation leader and tour guide, as secretary of the Interact Club, as senior counselor at the YMCA, and as co-founder of A Night for Warriors, a chorus to benefit the Ronald McDonald Foundation.

Cody Ryan

Bethpage, NY | Physical Education

Cody served as game captain of the Football Team, as secretary of the Health and Physical Education Majors Club, as a member of the Outing Club and Intramural Yoga, as a volunteer football coach, and as assistant to the Head Athletic Trainer.

Christa Speranza

Hicksville, NY | Liberal Arts

Christa served as president of the Comic Book Club, as a member of the Science Fiction Fantasy Club, as a writer for the campus newspaper, *Vignette*, and as a volunteer with Rise Above Bullying, a student organization designed to increase awareness and stop bullying.

Caterina Viti

Franklin Square, NY | Liberal Arts

Caterina served as youth leader for the Morning Star Youth Group, as secretary for the Make a Difference Club, and as a choir member at a local church. Caterina achieved a black belt in Mixed Martial Arts and served as a volunteer for Friends of Hempstead Plains.

SUNY NEW PALTZ**Jeremy Borrelli**

Vestal, NY | Anthropology

Jeremy received the Advanced Open Water SCUBA certificate and served as captain of the swimming team, as crew chief of the Archaeological Field School, as a research assistant, and as a participant of the Leadership Academy.

Alexandra Danz

East Islip, NY | Adolescence Education

Alexandra served as a graduate and mentor for the Emerging Leader program, as student activities manager, as a teaching assistant for Mineralogy, and as a presenter on geology research at the Northeast Section of Geological Society of America.

Kristofer Pistillo

Mahopac, NY | Psychology & Communication Studies

Kristofer created the *DubStep into Leadership* program on campus, was awarded Club Leader of the Year, and served as vice president of the National Residence Hall Honorary, senior orientation leader, and as student ambassador.

Ayanna Thomas

Flushing, NY | Political Science

Ayanna served as vice president of academic affairs and governance of the Student Association, as vice president of the African Women's Alliance, as a member of the Provost Search Committee, as a writing tutor, and as intern for Assemblywoman Nettie Mayersohn.

NIAGARA COUNTY CC**Emily Ertel**

North Tonawanda, NY | Criminal Justice

Emily served as student trustee on the NCCC Board of Trustees, as vice president of the Student Senate, as a student ambassador and orientation leader, as student speaker at the campus Veteran's Day Celebration, as a member of the Planning and Facilities Committee for renovation of the campus center, and as a volunteer tutor.

Kellsie Nolan

North Tonawanda, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Kellsie served as a member of the Student Senate, the Student Programming Board and the college choir, as founding member and president of the Catholic Club on campus, and as a volunteer religious education teacher and peer tutor.

Christopher Sharkey

Lockport, NY | Sports Management

Christopher served as captain and conference starting pitcher for the campus Baseball Team, an NJCAA nationally ranked team, and as a member of the AAA Muny League for Pignatoros, leading the team to the northeast final four. Christopher volunteered at the Buffalo Turkey Trot and the Polar Bear Run.

Morgan Waple

Lockport, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Morgan served as senator and treasurer for the Student Senate, as a member of Programming Board, Foreign Language Club, Teacher Education Club and the Tutoring Club. Morgan was recognized as Most Valuable Player for the Women's Volleyball Team, which ranked in the Top 10 nationally for digs in the NJCAA.

NORTH COUNTRY CC**Courtney Taylor**

Brushton, NY | Environmental Science

Courtney served as a resident hall assistant, as student ambassador for New Student Registration and New Student Orientation, as captain of the Soccer Team, as a member of the Women's Basketball Team, and as a volunteer with the local animal shelter.

OLD WESTBURY**Bilal Butt**

Elmont, NY | Biology

Bilal placed 13th at the National Championship in Olympic Weightlifting Contest in 2011, conducted research in cellular biology at Downstate, and won first place in the state-wide Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program Poster Competition. Bilal volunteered in the neurology department and the emergency room at a local hospital.

Brian Campbell

Centereach, NY | History & Philosophy

Brian served as president and treasurer of the History and Philosophy Society, as treasurer of the Council for Exceptional Children, as a presenter at Old Westbury's Research Day, and as a volunteer with a campus wellness and health event.

COLLEGE AT ONEONTA

Michelle Linder

Sauquoit, NY | Chemistry

Michelle's accomplishments include serving as president and editor-in-chief of the yearbook, as a researcher on green synthesis, as a peer tutor, and as a presenter at the American Chemical Society National Meeting.

Alyson Marmet

Laurens, NY | Chemistry

Alyson's accomplishments include serving as Relay for Life team captain, as treasurer of the Chemistry and Geology clubs, as a teaching assistant, and as a member of the Emerging Leaders Program.

Jared Reynolds

Coeymans Hollow, NY | Sociology

Jared's accomplishments include serving as captain of the Varsity Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field teams, as co-founder of the Mock Trial Team, and as secretary of both the Pre-Law Society and the Class of 2012 Executive Board.

Curtis Walker

Corona, NY | Meteorology

Curtis's accomplishments include serving as a volunteer with underprivileged children, as an academic peer advisor for residence hall students, as an intern in the Significant Opportunities in Atmospheric Science and Research (SOARS) program, and as a presenter at the American Meteorological Society Student Conference.

ONONDAGA CC

Matthew Abernathy

Cazenovia, NY | Music

Matthew served as a member of the Syracuse Opera Chorus, as assistant Choir Conductor, as founder and conductor of the Music Club Choir, as a resident assistant, and as a music tutor.

Brian Anastas

Syracuse, NY | Business Administration

Brian served as public relations officer for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as a mentor to ESL students, and was recognized as volunteer of the year by the Educational Opportunity Program. Brian volunteered with The Spanish Action League and campus food drives.

Malisha DeWalt

Syracuse, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Malisha served as events coordinator for the Disability Office, as organizer of game night for students with disabilities, as designer of visual arts posters to create awareness for inclusion, and as an independent researcher and writer for online *Feminist Activism*.

Mary Schad

Camillus, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Mary served as president of the Student Association, as Clubs Organization coordinator, as chair of the Club Contingency Fund Committee, as an orientation leader, and as a member of the Chancellor's Award Committee for faculty, administrators, and staff.

Amelia Weimar

Minoa, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Amelia published an essay for the Historical Society of the Courts of NY, provided a monthly speech on Frances Perkins and the Labor Movement to the History Club, performed as lead vocalist with two musical groups, and served as a summer volleyball clinic leader.

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Sara Jones

Attica, NY | Optometry

Sara planned and implemented the Summit on Student Engagement on campus and served as trustee of the American Optometric Student Association, as treasurer of the Fellowship of Christian Optometrists, as member of the BSK Optometric Honors Society, and as a volunteer at the Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

Andrea Olson

St. Paul, MN | Optometry

Andrea served as student representative on the Curriculum Committee, as class secretary to the Student Body Government, as member of BSK Optometric Honors Society, and as a volunteer for Optometric Services to Humanity in El Salvador and Remote Area Medical/VOSH Health Exposition in Virginia.

ORANGE COUNTY CC

Erica Cruz

New Windsor, NY | Engineering

Erica served as president of the Student Senate, as a student representative to the Board of Trustees, as a student ambassador, and as a sergeant in the Army National Guard. Erica organized relief efforts for earthquake victims in Japan and a clothing drive for local homeless shelters.

Britney Schoonmaker

Middletown, NY | Criminal Justice

Britney served as student mentor, as a member of the Criminal Justice Club, as coach and secretary of a youth bowling team, and as a volunteer with the Middletown Humane Society.

SUNY OSWEGO

Earl Bellinger

Schenectady, NY | Computer Science & Applied Mathematics

Earl's accomplishments include developing an open-source evolutionary learning machine that is capable of composing music, conducting research in the field of stellar astrophysics, and publishing his work in several peer-reviewed journals as well as writing over fifty full scores of music that he performs live.

Robert Kronen

Cato, NY | Music

Robert's accomplishments include writing symphony for four major campus musical ensembles, serving as founder and guitarist of a student-led jazz trio, as leader of the Oswego Guitar Ensemble, and as music director for performances with a country recording artist.

Amy LaLonde

Dryden, NY | Applied Mathematics

Amy's accomplishments include serving as a resident assistant, math tutor, student manager of the Fitness Center, as a student representative on the Alumni Board of Directors, and as a volunteer with Special Olympics and Oneida Shores' Polar Plunge.

Eric Wojtanik

Eden, NY | Cinema and Screen Studies & Creative Writing

Eric's accomplishments include serving as assistant director and writer of a full-length independent film, as director, writer, producer and actor of over seventeen film projects, as founding member of the Film Club, and as a member of the Men's Track and Field and Cross Country Teams: 4 times SUNYAC All American.

Adam Wolfe

Troy, NY | Journalism & Economics

Adam's accomplishments include serving as chief justice and president pro tempore of the Student Association, as editor-in-chief of the student run newspaper, as an on-air environmental reporter for National Public Radio, and as a researcher in the Journalism Department.

SUNY PLATTSBURGH

Joel Collado

Yonkers, NY | Public Relations

Joel's accomplishments include serving as matriculation ceremony speaker for the Class of 2013, as recipient of the Chancellor's Certificate of Academic Achievement, as a resident assistant, as chair of the Student Association Special Events Committee, and as a volunteer for Relay for Life and Hearts for Haiti.

Allaire DaleyKeyser

Plattsburgh, NY | Chemistry

Allaire's accomplishments include six biology research presentations at national conferences, AmeriCorps service with the North Country Traumatic Brain Injury Center, as well as serving as a teaching assistant with the Biology Department, and as a volunteer with Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital.

Prajwal Shah

Williamstown, MA | Economics & Finance

Prajwal's accomplishments include serving as president and vice president of finance of the Student Association, as co-founder and president of Club International, as coordinator of fundraisers for Japan and Philippines, as a resident assistant, and as a student ambassador and tutor.

Julia Warren

Middletown, NY | Nutrition

Julia's accomplishments include serving as co-captain of the Women's Cross Country and Track and Field team, as a teaching assistant in the National Issues Honors Seminar, and as a member of the SUNYAC All-Academic Team and the SUNYAC Commissioner's List.

SUNY POTSDAM

Avatar Davis

Bronx, NY | Philosophy

Avatar's accomplishments include presenting at a conference on *The Second Law of Thermodynamics and Its Metaphysical Implications*, serving as treasurer of the Student Government Association, as conference chair for the Gaming Club, and as a volunteer for Hospice of Northern New York.

Courtney Falconer

Bay Shore, NY | Community Health

Courtney's accomplishments include membership in the Varsity Volleyball team, recipient of the Division III Rookie of the Year award and of a Learn and Serve Higher Education grant, founder of the Student Nutrition Awareness Committee, and a volunteer for Relay for Life.

Renee Krusper

Grieg, NY | Psychology & English

Renee's accomplishments include serving as a wellness advocate building leader for the Counseling Center, as a middle school mentor, as a creative writing camp counselor for at-risk middle school students, as director of a children's summer reading program and as web master and managing editor for the campus newspaper.

PURCHASE COLLEGE

Jennifer Boronow

Dix Hills, NY | Film

Jennifer received the Hills West Silver Medal in Photography Award and served as assembly leader at the Global Citizens Youth Assembly in Bangalore, India, as co-president of TransAction, as production intern at College Humor, IAC, a comedy video production company, and as a volunteer with Global Citizens for Sustained Development.

German Fermin

Binghamton, NY | Studio Production

German received the Longman Writing Award, created "Firebird" a mural displayed on campus, and served as docent at the Neuberger Museum, as tech support for visually-impaired at Campus Technology Services on campus, and as chief justice on the Student Government Association.

Erin Sullivan

Fairfield, CT | Visual Arts & Environmental Science

Erin graduated from the National Outdoor Leadership School, organized a campus clean-up, and served as intern at the Interdisciplinary Center for Marine and Environment Research in Porto, Portugal, and as peer advisor for the Environmental Studies Learning Community.

ROCKLAND CC

Rene Midouin

Spring Valley, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Rene served as vice president of leadership for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as a senator for the Student Government Association, as secretary of the Active Minds Club, as a peer mentor, and as a volunteer for the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Super Scholars Conference.

Lisa Newmark

Suffern, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Lisa served as vice president of the Student Association, as a student representative to the Campus Fun and Learn Center, as president of the Teachers of Tomorrow Club, as treasurer of Democracy Through the Eyes of Women, and as a student speaker at New Student Orientation.

Alex Ojeda

Spring Valley, NY | Engineering Science

Alex served as vice president of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as senator of the Student Government Association, as treasurer of the Peer Mentoring Club, as president of the Transfer Club, and as a student ambassador.

Abraham Taub

Spring Valley, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Abraham served as a volunteer driver for families of terminally ill patients, as a volunteer at a local hospital, as an instructor of Basic Life Support training for the American Heart Association, and as an emergency medical technician.

Marwan Zaid

Spring Valley, NY | Engineering Science

Marwan served as president of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as vice president of the Peer Mentor Club, as vice president of the Transfer Club, as a student ambassador, and as a member of the Robotic Club and the International Club.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY CC

Matthan Bird

Schenectady, NY | Human Services

Matthan served as senior senator for the Student Government, as president of the Student Activities Board, as president of the campus chapter of Student Veterans of America, as coordinator of the campus Veteran's Day Ceremony, and as a volunteer for the YWCA Women's Domestic Violence Shelter.

Noney Grier

Niskayuna, NY | Chemical Dependency Counseling

Noney served as vice president of the campus chapter of Student Veterans of America, as senior senator for the Student Government Association, as a panelist for the Alliance for Students with Disabilities, and as a volunteer with Toys for Tots.

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

Kenneth Ascher

Oceanside, NY | Mathematics

Kenneth served as Honors College captain, as secretary of the Math Club, and as a trumpet player in the University's Big Band and the University's Jazz Combo. Kenneth was recognized for an outstanding presentation on *The Topology of Graphical Hyperplane Arrangements* at the Young Mathematician's Conference.

Denise DeGennaro

Miller Place, NY | English

Denise served as founder of the Community of Awesome Blog and Community Pledge Leader, as a student honoree at the Stars of Stony Brook Gala, as a student ambassador, and as recipient of the Best Student Program Award, Case Study Competition Best Overall, at the National Orientation Director's Association Regional Conference.

Caroline Dwyer

Quogue, NY | Environmental Design, Policy and Planning

Recipient of an Emerging Leader Award, Caroline served as co-founder and secretary of the Food for All Club, as co-chairperson of the Stony Brook University Greening Committee, as recipient of the Public Discourse Award, and as a teaching assistant in the Sustainability Studies Program.

Yaseen Eldik

Kings Park, NY | Psychology

Yaseen presented an original article *The Establishment Clause and Public Education in an Islamophobic Era* at the Leadership Alliance National Conference, served as president of the Science and Society Council, as a student ambassador, and as vice president of Student Admission Representatives.

Matthew Graham

Watertown, NY | Chemical and Molecular Engineering

Matthew served as president of the Undergraduate Student Government, as a member of the Men's Rugby Team, a member of the Wind Ensemble and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, and as organizer of a petition asking the University for an increase in student recreation field space.

Hayley Green

Auckland, New Zealand | Psychology

Hayley received the Undergraduate Outstanding Student Award, was selected to the American East All-Academic Team for cross country and outdoor track & field, and served as captain for the Women's Cross Country Team and as volunteer for various Student Athletic Advisory Committee events.

Sean Hoffman

Smithtown, NY | Applied Mathematics and Statistics

Sean served as president of the athletic band, as a community pledge leader, as a teaching assistant, as a student ambassador, and as a member of the American East Championship Band.

Henna Kochar

Lake Grove, NY | Biology

Henna served as vice president of the Sikh Student Association, as a member of the National Residence Hall Honorary, as a liaison for the International Academic Program, as a mentor for the Big Sibling Program, and as a volunteer in a Gurdwara, a religious place of worship for Sikhs.

Kiran Lorick

Queens Village, NY | Biochemistry

Kiran received the Excellence in Community Service award and served as coordinator for the campus Day of Service, as president of Sigma Beta Honor Society, as co-vice president of the Alternative Spring Break Outreach, and as founder of the Community Service Board.

Deborah Machalow

Valley Stream, NY | Political Science and Economics

Deborah received the Undergraduate Recognition Award for Outstanding Achievement for Leadership and served as executive vice president of the Undergraduate Student Government, as voting delegate at the SUNY Student Assembly, and as president and vice president of the Pre-Law Society.

Priya Misra

Shrewsbury, MA | Chemistry

Priya served as vice president for planning to achieve collegiate excellence in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, as a teaching assistant, as a tutor for the Writing Center, as secretary and speech coordinator for the Speech and Debate Society, and as member of the belly dancing club.

Hillary Moss

Port Jefferson Station, NY | Biochemistry

Hillary served as vice president of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, as a member of the National Residence Hall Honorary, as arts coordinator for the Toscanini Hall Council, as youth group advisor for the North Shore Jewish Center, and as a volunteer at Stony Brook University Medical Center.

Muntazim Mukit

Douglaston, NY | Biochemistry

Muntazim received the Emerging Leadership Award and served as president of Sigma Beta Honor Society, as a student ambassador, as recognition coordinator of the National Residence Hall Honorary, and as national communications coordinator for the Residence Hall Association.

Ioan Tomescu-Nicolescu

East Setauket, NY | Computer Science

Ioan received the Outstanding Academic Achievement award and served as founder and president of the Game Developers Club, as a student ambassador, as an intern at Microsoft, and as member of the Computer Society.

SUFFOLK COUNTY CC

Valerie Brancato

East Northport, NY | Nursing

Valerie served as secretary of the Nursing club, as a delegate to the Nursing Students' Association of New York State, as a student representative to the School of Nursing Faculty, as Health Team Ministry leader for a local church, and as a volunteer on a medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

Francene Campbell

Bay Shore, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Francene served as vice president of leadership and as treasurer for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as managing editor and freelance writer for *Cassandra*, the campus literary magazine, and as a tutor and mentor for Family Help Service.

Jennifer Carall

Mount Sinai, NY | Nursing

Jennifer served as vice president and co-president of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as a senator for the Student Government Association, as organizer for the Scholarship and Transfer Seminar, and as a volunteer for Get Swabbed, a bone marrow donor registration drive.

Michael Cespites

Port Jefferson Station, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Michael served as a mentor for the Honors Club, as a member of the Math Club, Physics Club and Italian Club, as a tutor in the Math and Science departments, and as a volunteer emergency medical technician and a volunteer for Relay for Life.

Emily Cox

Kings Park, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Emily served as vice president of the Honors Club, as a contributor to the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Round Table, as a photographer for *Cassandra*, the campus literary magazine, and as a volunteer at the food pantry and Special Olympics.

Robert Di Palermo

Riverhead, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Robert served as secretary and treasurer of Student Government, as a senator for Student Government, as vice president of the Honor Club, as a peer coach, and as a volunteer with Hampton Bay Wildlife Refuge.

Nadin El Gawish

Patchogue, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Nadin served as vice president of the Honors Club, as team captain of Relay for Life, as a tour guide at the Fall Open House, and as a volunteer at a safe haven for runaway teens, at a fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, and at the Guide Dog Foundation.

Daniel Emerson

Nesconset, NY | Human Services

Daniel served as president of the Amnesty International Club, as an organizer for the Take Back the Night Rally, as a tour guide at the Fall Open House, as a member of Suffolk Singer's Select Choir, and as a volunteer for the American Red Cross.

Carissa Forde

Huntington, NY | Business Administration

Carissa served as president of the Student Government Association, as secretary of the Computer Club, as a peer mentor, as an organizer of a car wash fundraiser for Special Olympics, and as a volunteer with the local food pantry.

Shelby Harvey

Hampton Bays, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Shelby served as president of both the Honors Club and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as a peer mentor for new students in the orientation process, as a volunteer for the local homeless community and the Wildlife Rescue Center of the Hamptons, and as an editor of the campus website.

Cheryl Kavanagh

Holbrook, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Cheryl served as co-president of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as organizer of a campus-wide recycling program, as a tutor in the Math Learning Center, and as writer of an article published in *Lilith*, a campus publication.

Krista Miller

Mount Sinai, NY | Paralegal

Krista served as vice president of the Student Government Association, as a member of the Campus Association Advisory Council, as a peer mentor, orientation leader and admission tour guide, and as a volunteer at Central Islip Civic Council.

Shela Raman

East Islip, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Shela served as vice president of scholarship for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as an orientation leader and peer mentor, as project manager for the Peer Mentor of the Week program, as an actor in a staged reading of *The Exonerated*, and as a volunteer with Special Olympics.

Michael Rippe

Center Moriches, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Michael served as founder and president of the Music Club, as a student leader and peer mentor, as a Mathematics Department advocate, as an event music performer, and as a volunteer with Operation Christmas Child.

SULLIVAN COUNTY CC**Alexandria Hercules**

Liberty, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Alexandria served as president of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as vice president and secretary of the Psychology Club, as chair of the Charitable Works Committee, as a member of the Student Government Association, as an orientation leader, peer tutor and as a student ambassador.

Liza MacEntee

Kiamesha Lake, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Liza served as treasurer of the Glee Club, as chair of fundraising for the Mama Yoda's Scale Climbers, as a presenter at the North-east Regional Honors Council Conference, as a participant in the Say Something Else Project, designed to facilitate LGBTQ acceptance and awareness, and as a volunteer makeup artist for theatre productions at the local middle school.

SUNYIT**Olysses Lee**

Brooklyn, NY | Electrical Computer Engineering

Olysses participated on the Varsity Swim Team and served as team leader of electrical computer engineering junior design lab project, as vice president of Asian Affiliated Association, as a learning center tutor, and as a member of the Alternative Energy Club.

Jeremy Skiechs

Sauquoit, NY | Psychology

Jeremy served as a resident advisor, as captain of the Swimming Team, as president of the Sociology Club, founded and served as president of the Emergency Medical Services Club, and has been EMT-basic certified.

TOMPKINS CORTLAND CC**Arron Bound**

Ithaca, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Arron served as president of the Student Advisory Board, as a member of the Faculty Student Association Board of Directors, as student speaker for the 9/11 Memorable and Reflective Tribute, as an assistant karate instructor, and as volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

Audrey Lawrence

Spencer, NY | Human Services

Audrey served as a resident assistant, as a student ambassador in the Admissions Office, as a member of the campus Student Leadership Panel, as a mascot choreographer for the TC3 mascot, and as a volunteer bell ringer for Salvation Army.

Nicki Svensson

Söderåkra, Sweden | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Nicki served as vice president of Student Government, as coordinator of a campus-wide event called Meet the President, and as organizer of the Food Drive competition. Nicki was featured in a campus promotion video that chronicles the experience of an international student.

Samuel Trotman

Ithaca, NY | Hotel and Restaurant Management

Samuel served as lead ambassador for the Hotel and Restaurant Major, as a volunteer for the Ithaca Sustainability and Environmental Entrepreneur Network, as a resident assistant, and as a member of the resident assistant Selection Committee.

ULSTER COUNTY CC**Gulnar Babayeva**

Cottkill, NY | Fine Arts & Advertising

Gulnar's accomplishments include serving as president of the Visual Arts Club, as art director and designer of SLATE, the campus and literature magazine, as recipient of the President's Award Recognizing Student Initiative, and as a student admissions ambassador.

UPSTATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY**Chigozie Onyinanya**

Brentwood, NY | [Medical Biotechnology](#)

Chigozie served as a resident assistant, as vice president for the Student Government, as director of campus relations for the SUNY Student Assembly, as a member of the President's Student Ambassador Program, and as a volunteer with the soup kitchen and Upstate Medical Hospital.

Kasandra Scales

Detroit, MI | [Medicine](#)

Kasandra served as president of the Family Medicine Club, as co-founder and vice president of Amaus Club, a student-run clinic, as parliamentarian for the Student National Medical Association, as an admissions interviewer for the College of Medicine, and as a volunteer with Good Samaritan Blood Pressure Clinic and Food Pantry.

WESTCHESTER CC**Tomiko Arriaga**

Peekskill, NY | [Music](#)

Tomiko's served as director of administrative affairs for the Student Government Association, as secretary of the Westchester Events Board, as an orientation leader and peer advisor, and as volunteer for the Loft LGBT Community Center and for UNICEF.

Rita Cordero

Yonkers, NY | [Communications and Media Arts](#)

Rita served as a staff writer for Viking Newspaper, as treasurer of the Student Media Association, as head peer advisor for the Orientation Leader/Peer Advising Program, as an Open House ambassador, and as head media correspondent for the Westchester Events Board.

Isabella Di Marco

Mahopac, NY | [Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)

Isabella served as president of the Italian Club, as a senator for the Student Government Association, as a volunteer for the Craniofacial Association and the local children's hospital. Isabella received the Key Award for outstanding contributions to the campus.

Keyla Garcia

White Plains, NY | [Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)

Keyla served as vice president of finance for the Westchester Events Board, as head peer advisor, as vice president of the Student Government Association, as secretary of the El Club Hispano Americano, as an orientation leader, and as a peer advisor.

Benjamin Grobe

South Salem, NY | [Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)

Benjamin served as president of the Faculty Student Association, as head orientation leader/peer advisor, as lead photographer for the Westchester Events Board, and as an open house and graduation volunteer.

Anissa Latif

Scarsdale, NY | [Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)

Anissa served as co-curricular chair for the Westchester Events Board, as an orientation leader/peer advisor, as an admissions ambassador, as a member of the Human Rights Club, and as a volunteer tutor for high school students.

Dali Lu

South Salem, NY | [Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)

Dali served as vice president of marketing for the Westchester Events Board, as head peer advisor for the Orientation Leader and Peer Advising Program, as an Open House ambassador, as a graduation speaker, and as a student speaker for the college foundation Board of Directors Meeting.

Caroline Ning'ang'a

Scarsdale, NY | [Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)

Caroline served as an orientation leader/peer advisor, as president of the United Nations Club, as a senator for the International Friendship Club, as a member of the Global Business Club and the Christian Club, and as a volunteer at the campus library.

Fiorella Villar

Eastchester, NY | [Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)

Fiorella served as president of the Human Rights Union, as vice president of Philosophia Honors Program Club and Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, as secretary of the Student Government Communications Committee, and as a writer for *The Viking News*, a student-run school newspaper.

The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

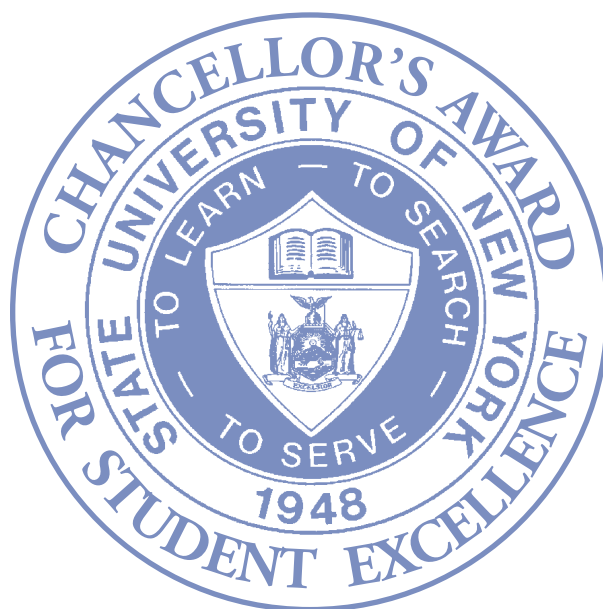
The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence was created to recognize students who have best demonstrated and been recognized for the integration of academic excellence with accomplishments in the areas of leadership, campus involvement, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts, or 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 257 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 will receive a framed certificate and a medallion that may be worn at commencement.

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