



CHANCELLOR'S AWARD for Student Excellence

April 4, 2013



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 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, reading "Nancy L. Zimpher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy L. Zimpher
Chancellor



WELCOME

Kevin Rea
Student Trustee and
President of the Student Assembly

REMARKS

Dr. Nancy L. Zimpher
Chancellor

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Student performances for today's program features
Sankofa from The College at Brockport and
The Earthtones from the University at Albany.

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY

ADIRONDACK CC

James Cotten

Glens Falls, NY | Nursing

James's accomplishments include being the recipient of the Academic Excellence Award for Therapeutic Communication, serving as the student speaker at the nursing program pinning ceremony, as well as serving as the student representative to the Nursing Program.

Mallory McGavin

Malta, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Mallory's accomplishments include creating a market with organic produce, grown on campus. She served as the president of the Green Communities Club, and started a weekly program to learn about growing food.

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY

Samantha Arpino

Brooklyn, NY |

Women's Studies and Communication

Samantha served as the director of programming for the Student Association, as a housing manager in the University Apartments, and she instructed a course in the Women's Studies Department.

Lauren Bailey

Endwell, NY | Political Science and Public Health

Lauren's accomplishments include working as a student assistant and member of the Rockefeller College Dean's Leadership Council, as well as presenting and publishing her research.

Matthew Curran

Hauppauge, NY | Public Policy

Matthew served as the director of marketing for the Student Association, as a Purple and Gold Student Ambassador for the Alumni Association, and he is also a member of the Handball Association.

Emily Finnegan

Niskayuna, NY |

Political Science and Globalization Studies

Emily's accomplishments include being chosen as the 2012 City of Albany Tulip Queen, being a member of the Cross Country Track and Field team, and senator in the Student Association.

Zachary Grieb

Goshen, NY | Psychology

Zachary is the volunteer co-director of the Tae Kwon Do Club for Inner City Kids. He also organized a resume day for psychology majors in addition to being a member of the intramural soccer team.

Samantha Hiza

Binghamton, NY | Human Biology

Samantha worked as a community assistant for the World of Sustainability, volunteered at the Roarke Food Pantry, and served as the president of the Optometry Club.

Amaury Munoz

Brentwood, NY | Public Policy and Political Science

Amaury's accomplishments include being selected as a 2012 Thomas R. Pickering Undergraduate Foreign Affairs Fellow, being recognized as one of the 2013 40 Under 40 Rising Latino Stars from the Hispanic Coalition of New York, and serving as the president and founder of the Heart of Justice organization dedicated to fighting human trafficking.

Megan Nyman

Oswego, NY | Public Policy

Megan served as a management assistant for the Department of Residential Life, as an orientation assistant for new student orientation, and as the president of the College Democrats.

Jennifer Pollard

Rexford, NY | Human Biology

Jennifer's accomplishments include being accepted to Albany Medical College through the early assurance program, conducting research in Tanzania for her senior thesis, as well as volunteering with the Five Quad Volunteer Ambulance Service.

James Wisniewski

Elmont, NY | Political Science

James served as vice president of the Club Baseball Team. He is a member of the Campus Recreation Club Sports Advisory Council, and the American Marketing Association.

ALFRED STATE COLLEGE

Courtney Cardianl

Depew, NY | Forensic Science Technology and Biological Sciences

Courtney served as president of the Student Senate. She is one of the founders and vice president of Live to Fight, an organization dedicated to raising cancer awareness, and fundraising for cancer related causes.

Alexander Pacific

Potsdam, NY | Technology Management

Alexander serves as late night event coordinator, as intern in a pilot program management, and as student ambassador.

NYS CERAMICS AT ALFRED UNIVERSITY

Stephanie Giera

Hernando-Ocala, FL | Art History and Theory

Stephanie is president of the Art History Club. She established the SHOPTALK Lecture Series highlighting local artists and organized a community Thanksgiving for students.

Samuel Miller

Kinsman, OH | Material Science and Engineering

Samuel was on the Vice President Advisory Council. He is a mentor for students in the "Big Brother" program, and wrote two articles for the American Cancer Society.

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

Taylor Arluck

Rego Park, NY |

Economics and Philosophy, Politics and Law

Taylor was the president of the College Democrats. He was an intern with the *New York Times*, and a contributing columnist with the *Binghamton Review*, a student run magazine.

Natalia Chapovalova

Pleasantville, NY | Psychology

Natalia was the founder of the national publication, *Undergraduate Psychology Review*. She is an interpreter for Russian mental health patients at the Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier, and tutored students in Binghamton's Educational Opportunity Program.

Connor D'Andria

Vestal, NY | Industrial and Systems Engineering
Connor is a peer advising leader and resident assistant. He was a community service leader for the annual charity auction that raised thousands of dollars for local flood relief organizations.

William Marsiglia

Holtsville, NY | Biochemistry and Music
William was the student representative on the Undergraduate Research Office Implementation Team. He coauthored an article in a peer-reviewed journal, Molecular Pharmacology, and is a Goldwater Scholarship recipient.

Qianli Men

Shanghai, China | Accounting
Qianli is the co-founder and vice president of Student Action in China, a service learning organization. He is the assistant to the Business Advisor of New York State Small Business Development Center, and was a student assistant in the Career Development Center.

Chelsea Reome

Cincinnati, NY |
Human Development and Psychology
Chelsea is the director of High Hope Crisis Prevention and Information Hotline. She is an undergraduate teaching and research assistant, and interned with the United Way of Broome County.

Jordyn Suhr

Webster, NY | Integrative Neuroscience
Jordyn is a member of the American East Conference Volleyball All-American Team. She is a building manager for campus recreation and a research assistant in the Binghamton Mood Disorders Institute.

Megan Watkins

Ballston Spa, NY | Mechanical Engineering
Megan was a research intern at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Institute of Physics in Beijing. She was the leader of the intramural soccer and volleyball teams, and a member of the pep band.

THE COLLEGE AT BROCKPORT

Laura Clark

Marcy, NY | Spanish, Women and Gender Studies
Laura represented Brockport regionally as a member of the Sankofa African Drum and Dance Ensemble. She lived in a Mayan village in Guatemala and taught English, and was a resident assistant for two years.

Nicholas Flesch

Ontario, NY | Mathematics
Nicholas is a peer mentor and math tutor with the Student Learning Center and EOP program. He also participated in Habit for Humanity, and he served as a student representative on the selection committee for the Dean for the School of Science and Mathematics.

Yuko Hashimoto

Sendai-Miyagi, Japan | Dance
Yuko was published in an academic journal on Physical Education, Health and Sports Sciences in Japan. She created a new study abroad program "Arts and Culture of Japan," and for two consecutive years she presented dance research at the National Dance Education Organization Conference.

Alexis Schmidtke

New York, NY |
Athletic Training and Exercise Science
Alexis is a group exercise and personal trainer, and is involved in intramural sports. She regularly volunteers in the community as a soccer and lacrosse coach with the Niagara Police Athletic League.

Amy Vanhooft

Brockport, NY | Mathematics
Amy coauthored a peer-reviewed paper and received Outstanding Poster Award at the Mathematical Association of America Conference. She is the treasurer of the Christian Fellowship/Brother & Sisters in Christ Club, and volunteers on campus and in the community.

BROOME CC

Jennifer Celiberti

Newark Valley, NY |
Business Administration and Accounting
Jennifer was a recipient of the George Eastman Young Leader Awards for academic achievement and leadership. She participated in Adopt-A-Family Winter Magic Program, and was the most valuable player of the Newark Valley Basketball team.

Gwendolyn Nieves

Sidney, NY | Clinical Laboratory Technician
Gwendolyn is the director of environmental affairs for the SUNY Student Assembly. She is a student assembly senator, and is an assistant in the Admissions Office.

Hailey Wiggins

Harpursville, NY | Music Industry
Hailey was the student member on the Commit to Complete Committee and worked with administrators to plan a campus wide event. She is president of the college choir, and a member of the Broome Student Ambassadors.

SUNY BUFFALO STATE

Kira Bruce

Boise, ID | Psychology
Kira interned with Erie County Forensic Mental Health Services. She is a member of the Women and Gender Book Club, and was a part of the cheerleading squad in Buffalo State's Athletic department.

Sara Cripps

Rochester, NY | Music Education
Sara was president of Students in Music and organized events and activities that brought music into the campus and community. She organized a "Battle of the Bands" Canned Food Drive, and was a vocal teacher to 6-9th graders at Nardin Academy

Ismet Mamnoon

Williamsville, NY | Creative Studies
Ismet was a co-founder and program leader of Camp UpRising, a youth camp. He is also the co-founder and program leader of The Beyond Academy, an international creative program for children, and he was a facilitator on Governor Cuomo's Regional Economic Development Council.

Paige Ottaviano

Port Colborne, Ontario, Canada |
Business and Marketing Education
Paige served as president of the Student Athlete Advisory Council, as member on the Buffalo State Task Force, and as tutor at a local elementary school.

Amanda Pratt

Holland, NY | Physical Geography and Writing
Amanda is an editorial assistant with Middle States Geography. She is a wildlife educator at Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, and a member of the wilderness adventure club.

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO

Jay Amin

Rochester, NY |

Biomedical Science and Economics

Jay carried out and presented research for the FDA, served as academic assistant, and she served as a tutor on campus.

Maxwell Bileschi

Webster, NY | Mathematics and Computer Science

Maxwell's accomplishments include having developed and sold proprietary software, in addition to being recognized for community service with the Webster House of HOPE Social Justice Ministry, making Christmas shoeboxes for local housing developments.

Elise Blasingame

Atlanta, GA | Social Work

Elise founded and developed programming for a female sexuality workshop, re-structured and revived programming at a local non-profit, and served as president of the Society of Feminist.

Paul Garman

Webster, NY |

Chemical Engineering and Mathematics

Paul's accomplishments include being a member of the Men's Swimming and Diving Team, that were Mid-Atlantic Conference champions in 2011, being recognized as the most improved swimmer by the Swimming and Diving Program. He also held several competitive internships at chemical engineering firms.

Sourobh Ghosh

Pittsford, NY |

Mechanical Engineering and Economics

Sourobh co-founded and served as president of the Honors Student Council and served as chief organizer of the Annual Honors recruitment Dinner. He presented at "Discovery—An Undergraduate Research Showcase."

Sharlene Green

Staten Island, NY |

African American Studies and Political Science

Sharlene served as the co-founder and president of the UB Fight for Power Club, dedicated to student activism and awareness, the class vice president of Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity, and the elected representative for the Ellicott Sixth Ward for Erie County.

Megan Klyczek

Clarence, NY | Biomedical Sciences

Megan completed over 400 hours of community services, co-authored a research project, and served as member of the rowing team.

Matthew Leibowitz

Ronkonkoma, NY | Mechanical Engineering and Aerospace Engineering

Matthew served as team captain of the AIAA Microgravity Club and member of Tau Beta Pi, and was a Zimmer Award Scholar.

Peter Oldani

Clymer, NY | Biomedical Engineering

Peter founded and served as president of the Biomedical Engineering Society, founded an electronics recycling initiative, and volunteered at a church, a hospital, and internationally.

Daniel Salem

Liverpool, NY | Chemical Engineering

Daniel served as the co-founder and vice president of the Tennis Club in addition to being recognized for his community service with the Buffalo Public Schools Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Partnership and the Freshman Colloquium Service Learning Project.

Marlee Sroka

Liverpool, NY | Mathematics

Marlee founded the "Senior Showcase" for the Theatre & Dance Department, and was selected to choreograph for the American College Dance Festival and the university's production of "The Threepenny Opera."

Paul Stephan

Pittsburgh, PA | Social Science

Paul published a climate action plan for the Student Association and many articles for Generation Magazine about drug studies, academic dishonesty and mental health, and served as a teaching assistant for freshman honors colloquium.

Lauren Stutzman

Elma, NY | Chemical Engineering

Lauren served as president of Tau Beta Pi and grant writer for Engineers for a Sustainable World. She completed a research internship on the development of thin film solar cells.

Jessica Walts

North Syracuse, NY | Dance and Psychology

Jessica served as the assistant to the director of the Dance Department and as dance education specialist for Bridging Communities Through Dance, as well as volunteered for Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk.

SUNY CANTON

Zachary Smith

Lisbon, NY | Industrial Technology Management

Zachary volunteered to lead and manage the construction of a primary school in South Sudan and started a construction and contracting business that he owns and operates.

John Payne

Port Moody, NY | Sports Management

John served as the president of the Sports Management Student Association, the Vice President of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and served on the Sustainability Council in addition to serving on the Inter-collegiate Athletics Board.

CAYUGA CC

Catherine Fanning

Union Springs, NY |

Geographic Information Systems

Catherine presented as a panelist on "Current Challenges and Success: Student Veteran Leaders Speak" and "Boots to Books: Transitioning Veterans from Military to College," and was selected as a Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Brian Knapp

Waterloo, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Brian served as photographer for the student newspaper and member of Phi Theta Kappa and the National Barrel Horse Association and World Show Qualifier.

SUNY COBLESKILL

Marten Peterson

Oswego, NY | Biotechnology

Marten served as captain and instructor of the student medical squad and orientation leader. He presented research on genetically engineered drought.

Maii Zikry

Egypt | Communications

Maii served as a resident assistant, president of the international club, and delegate for Model United Nations.

COLUMBIA-GREENE CC

James Burns

Germantown, NY | Social Science

James served as the student representative to the campus Board of Trustees, as the vice president of the Student Senate, and is the recipient of the 2011-2012 Leader on the Horizon.

Jonathan Halligan

Cornwallville, NY | Business Administration

Jonathan served as captain of the Men's Basketball and Men's Baseball teams, as a student ambassador for the Office of Admission, and he was also recognized as the 2012 Male Student Athlete of the Year.

CORNELL-AGRICULTURE & LIFE SCIENCES

Sarah Ashley MacLean

Escondido, CA | Natural Resources

Sarah is the founder and president of the Birding Club. She won best student presentation at an international science conference, and went to the United Arab Emirates as a finalist in an art contest.

Ava Ryan

Brooklyn, NY | Agricultural Sciences

Ava has made substantial contributions to the community through the Cornell Cooperative Extension. She is a sustainability coordinator with Cornell Dining, and is a compost educator with the CCE Master Composter Training Program.

CORNELL-HUMAN ECOLOGY

Carlie Arbaugh

Elverson, PA | Human Biology, Health, and Society

Carlie is a research assistant for the Division of Natural Sciences, and created her own internship, which she used at Sisterhood Mobilized for AIDS/HIV Research & Treatment in NYC.

Alice Cope

Costa Mesa, CA | Policy Analysis and Management

Alice co-authored an article that was presented at a national conference. She is research assistant in the Policy Analysis and Management Lab, and was the Varsity Volleyball service chair.

CORNELL-INDUSTRIAL & LABOR RELATIONS

Shane Seppinni

Rocklin, CA | Industrial and Labor Relations

Shane is an editorial columnist and board member for the Cornell Daily Sun. He was a Hansard Scholar at the London School of Economics, and did a Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement in India.

CORNELL-VETERINARY MEDICINE

Melissa Andritz

Hanacroix, NY | Veterinary Medicine

Melissa was the senior delegate to the National Student American Veterinary Medical Association. She is a student supervisor at the campus Wildlife Clinic, and was a teaching assistant at the Summer College.

Dana Peirce

Ithaca, NY | Veterinary Medicine

Dana was the co-director of the Southside Healthy Pet Clinic, a bi-weekly student run clinic for pets of economically disadvantaged families. She is the vice president of the Surgery Club, and active in competitive rowing.

CORNING CC

Matthew Kelly

Sparta, NY | Computer Information Science

Matthew is the voting student representative to the Corning Community College Board of Trustees. He served as student representative when Senator Gillibrand visited campus, and volunteered with the Salvation Army.

Danielle Stamp

Corning, NY | Mathematics

Danielle is a lab assistant for General Biology I & II. She is a student disability tutor and volunteers with the Corning-Painted Post Small Fry Football League.

SUNY CORTLAND

Erik Burrows

Cicero, NY | Political Science

Erik was awarded the Atlantis Mobility Fellowship for study of public administration and policy at Manchester Metropolitan University in the United Kingdom. He is the president of the golf club, and was a first year experience teaching assistant.

Jessica Evans

Hamburg, NY | Physical Education

Jessica served as captain of the Swimming and Diving Team, and president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. She regularly volunteers in the community.

Kristen Guercio

Smithtown, NY | Adolescent Education

Kristen is the captain of the volleyball team, and was selected as the national player of the week twice. She has volunteered with the Toys for Tots program and "Girls Day Out"

Lima Stafford

Grenada | Physical Education

Lima served as the president of the Caribbean Student Association, as a resident assistant, and served as a student teaching assistant in the Physical Education Department.

SUNY DELHI

Meghan Wallace

Roxbury, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Meghan served as the treasurer for the Campus Voice Club, she spearheaded the "Operation Christmas Child" campus-wide donation program, and she served as student coordinator at the O'Connor Center for Community Engagement.

Satoshi Yamamoto

Fukoka, Japan | Business Administration

Satoshi's accomplishments include being the recipient of the Student Life Citizenship Award, serving as an orientation leader for incoming Japanese students, and being recognized for her community service work as Community Service Leader of Excellence.

SUNY DOWNSTATE MEDICAL CENTER

Amirfarbod Yazdanyar

Brooklyn, NY | Molecular and Cellular Biology

Amirfarbod authored three peer reviewed journal articles and a book chapter, served as president of the graduate school student council, and volunteered at Kings County Hospital.

Mary Zeng

Rochester, NY | Medicine

Mary served as a member of Alpha Omega Alpha and College of Medicine Admissions Committee, and visiting student researcher for the National Institute of Mental Health.

DUTCHESS CC

Kayla DelBiondo

Hopewell Junction, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Kayla served as student ambassador, as Model United Nations delegate, and has participated in a field study looking at Native American culture in the American Southwest.

Amy Fuerst

Pleasant Valley, NY | Human Services

Amy is the vice president of the Human Services Club. She is a New York State certified rape crisis counselor, and she helped organize and participate in a "Out of the Darkness" community walk to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Lauren Molella

Millbrook, NY | Science

Lauren was a Model United Nations delegate. She is an anti-bullying leader with Rachel's Challenge, a series of student empowering programs, and she volunteers regularly at campus events.

Tristan Zukowski

Poughkeepsie, NY | Adolescent Education

Tristan received the Model United Nations Outstanding Position Paper Award. He is a longsword instructor, and creator and designer of custom fencing jackets that are used for practices and tournaments.

EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE

Sean Coffman

Barberton, OH | Social Theory, Social Structure and Change

Sean is a published journalist for the High Plains Reader. He is a volunteer leader in humanitarian and response organizations as a marketing and advertising designer, and he is the Vice Chair of Cass Clay Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters.

Michele Cooper

Liverpool, NY | Communication and Writing

Michele wrote two comprehensive training manuals and curriculums on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. She created a not-for-profit company to build and manage all aspects of a 2.5 million community ice skating facility and she earned a gold medal at the U.S. Adult National Figuring Skating Championships.

Travis Kuhns

Jamestown, NY | Literary Studies

Travis is a published creative and non-fiction writer. He is a public relations guide with the National Association of Rocketry Chapter, and he volunteers in different activities in the community.

Jeannie Lockwood

Johnstown, NY | Labor Studies

Jeannie was the first United States International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers apprentice selected to attend a one month on the job exchange program in London. She is an instructor at Non-Traditional Employment for Women, a non-profit working to bring women into higher paying jobs, and she served as class representative.

Lisa Michaels

Rotterdam, NY | English Education

Lisa was the recipient of the Dean's Medal from the School for Graduate Studies and was a teaching assistant at Farnsworth Middle School. She is an editor of the New York State Reading Associations' quarterly newsletter The Empire Reading Scene.

Jason Torreano

Syracuse, NY | Liberal Studies

Jason founded Inkululeko, a non-profit organization in Grahamstown, South Africa. He is a recipient of the Spirit of Syracuse Behavioral Healthcare Award, and the Graduate Diversity Fellowship.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND FORESTRY

Aislinn Brackman

Syracuse, NY | Paper Engineering

Aislinn is the president of the Undergraduate Student Association. She is a teaching assistant for Principals of Mass and Energy Balance, and she regularly volunteers and serves on the Board of Directors of The Vera House, a non-profit that supports people affected by domestic and sexual abuse.

Eugene Law

Syracuse, NY |

Environmental Resources Engineering

Eugene is student representative to the campus Board of Trustees. He is a liaison to the Syracuse University's Student Association, promoting campus students interests, and he served as orientation leader.

ERIE CC

Michael Balon

Orchard Park, NY | Information Technologies

Michael will be graduating with an AAS in only 12 months. He volunteers with the Sisters of Mercy with computer questions and other needs, and he provides sound services throughout Erie County for musicians and local municipalities.

David Brummer

Cheektowaga, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

David is a student ambassador. He regularly volunteers at the Buffalo Psychiatric Center, and teaches guitar and piano to children with disabilities.

Samuel Koch

Lackawanna, NY | Business Administration

Samuel received the Student of the Year Awards from the Pathways Department. He received SUNY Emerging Leader Award, and he is the student representative of the transportation committee.

James McKeehan

Lancaster, NY |

Architecture and Construction Technology

James is the student representative on the Architectural Advisory Board. He created plans and drawings that were presented to the Lancaster Town Board, and was selected as a team leader for Earth Day activities.

Crystal Rea Murno

Buffalo, NY | Nursing

Crystal is president of the Nursing Club and Sunday School teacher. She participated in the Leadership Symposium led by the SUNY Student Trustee.

Vicky Sickau

Eden, NY | Business

Vicky is the first female member of the Eden Volunteer Fire Department. She is an English tutor on campus, and has had three poems published in ECC's Images.

FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE

Christie Deeks

Malverne, NY | Dental Hygiene

Christie is the treasurer of the Student's of the American Dental Hygienist Association. She volunteers with Give Kids a Smile event providing free oral healthcare exams to children from the community and with Autism Speaks.

Jessica Micallef

Smithtown, NY | Professional Communications

Jessica is the assistant editor for Lilith Feminist Magazine. She received the Mather Hospital Junior Volunteer Award for logging over 300 hours community service and she held two internships.

Tara Polla

Wantagh, NY | Nursing

Tara is a member of the board for Nursing Honor Society. She is a campus tutor and spent time in Breezy Point helping homeowners recover from the effects of Hurricane Sandy.

FASHION INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Augusta Falletta

Islip, NY |

Advertising and Marketing Communication

Augusta is the vice president of programming for the Student Association. She is a resident assistant and is a published editorial writer at StyleCaster Media.

Brittany Harris

Edison, NJ | Technical Design

Brittany was the Student Association's first vice president. She is a resident assistant and is a co-chair and committee member of Dance-A-Thon, a charitable organization.

Nicole Lorden

Peabody, MA | International Trade and Marketing

Nicole is president of the International Trade Association. She was the executive board treasurer for the Student Association and was selected by the International Trade and Marketing Department to research and co-author Cotton Import-Export Manual.

Julia Sinelnikova

Brooklyn, NY | Fine Arts

Julia is the lead organizer in Urban Studio, FIT's club for fine arts and public arts. She was a leader and active volunteer in community art associations in Brooklyn and Bushwick, and served as a chief/co-curator for over ten exhibits.

Anubhuti Swarup

New York, NY |

Advertising Marketing Communications

Anubhuti served as president and vice president of alumni affairs in the Student Association. She was the founder of the FIT Student Alumni Shadowing Program.

Madeline Thompson

New York, NY |

Fashion Merchandising Management

Madeline is a member of the Faith and Fellowship Club and brought members of Falling Whistles, to FIT to discuss protests for peace in the Congo. She is a writer for W27, a student newspaper.

FINGER LAKES CC

Julie Brooks

Holley, NY | Athletic Training

Julie is a member of the basketball, soccer, and track & field teams. She was selected to represent FLCC in the PTK All USA Scholarship competition, and she helped organize the Honoring Heroes at Hickory Ridge Golf Tournament.

Tami Cocuzzi

Macedon, NY |

Graphic Design and Business Administration

Tami is the vice president of the FLCC art club. She is a peer tutor at The Write Place and was honored with the Rochester Area College's Continuing Education Outstanding Adult Student Award.

SUNY FREDONIA

Rachael Coccia

Victor, NY | Public Relations

Rachael is the host and associate producer of Aqua Kids, a national children's television show, and is the host and scriptwriter for The Raphy Report, a student interest web series. She has volunteered for Relay for Life and Up 'Til Dawn.

Hannah Delansky

East Amherst, NY | Childhood Inclusive Education

Hannah is a student teacher and steering committee member as candidate in the Fredonia-Hamburg Program, and is a co-founder and secretary for campus Rotaract. She also was a teaching assistant for Ethical Leadership and Experienced Leadership courses.

Maxwell DeNies

East Aurora, NY | Biology

Maxwell was a recipient of the NFS summer fellowship to perform research at Marquette University; publication of his work is pending. He was president of the Men's Volleyball Club, and he regularly volunteers as a duet violist at Elma United Methodist Church.

Sarah Ficarro

Oswego, NY |

Communication Disorders and Sciences

Sarah is the captain of the Women's Varsity Swimming and Diving Team, and has participated in various community service projects while on the team. She is a six time NCAA All-American Diver and Academic All-American.

FULTON-MONTGOMERY CC

Santa Pumpura

Balozī, Latvia | Business Administration

Santa is the treasurer of the Student Government Association. He is a volunteer in the tutoring lab, and was selected to participate in the SUNY 6-year program with a professor from the college.

Aaron White

Broadalbin, NY | Electrical Engineering Technology

Aaron is President of the Student Government Association. He was a recipient of the Advanced Technological Education Award for Excellence from the National Science Foundation, and he is a volunteer firefighter with the Broadalbin-Kennyetto Fire Association.

GENESEE CC

Samantha Callisher

Batavia, NY | Fashion Merchandising Management

Samantha is president of the Distributive Education Club of America. She was chosen to mentor under Maria Pesin Vice President at S. Rothchild & Co. and volunteers with the Genesee Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse Fashion Show.

Suzanne Smith

Geneva, NY | Communication and Media Arts

Suzanne is a self-published author of a memoir/inspirational novel for those with obstacles to overcome when faced with cancer. She was appointed VP of Marketing for the GCC Multicultural Communications Club and is a cancer coach at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

Samantha Vogt

West Seneca, NY |

Fashion Merchandising Management

Samantha is the student trustee on the campus Board of Trustees. She was a producer of a bridal fashion show, and a resident assistant for the College Village.

SUNY GENESEO**Jessica Carl**

Johnson City, NY |

Childhood and Special Education

Jessica is an award winning vocalist. She has received the Geneseo Opportunities for Leadership Development Emerald, Silver, and Bronze certification, and she is a member of Circle K International.

Olivia Derella

West Nyack, NY | Psychology

Olivia was the head research assistant on sibling and peer research project and she presented the research findings at an international conference. She is the president of Student Eliminating Ableism through Advocacy.

Melissa Graham

Orchard Park, NY | Biology

Melissa was awarded the Community Advocates Ambassadorship in Community Service grant. She was the captain of the Women's Basketball team and is a resident assistant.

Delfin Iglesia

Branchburg, NY | Biology

Delfin participated in a summer abroad research program with The National Institute of Health at The University of the Philippines. He was the organizer of multiple programs in themed residence halls and campus-wide on diversity education and he is a member of the jazz band and Bhangra Dance Team.

HERKIMER COUNTY CC**Abby Black**

Turin, NY | Social Science

Abby is the team captain of the Women's Softball Team and is a first team All-American, All-Region, and All-Conference selection. She did an internship with the Lewis County Opportunities non-profit agency and worked with low income families providing them with food, clothing, and other household necessities.

Shane Delameter

Arkville, NY | Physical Therapy

Shane is president of the Physical Therapy Assistant Club. He was the assistant head coach for Little League Baseball and volunteers at different campus events.

HUDSON VALLEY CC**Devin Brady**

Ballston Lake, NY | Business Administration

Devin was freshman class senator in HVCC's student senate. She participated in the Disney College Internship Program, and volunteered with the entrepreneur and senate with Hurricane Sandy relief efforts.

Eugene Corcione

Albany, NY | Business Administration

Eugene is a board member on the Faculty Student Association. He is the vice president of the Student Senate, and he was a Hurricane Sandy relief volunteer with FEMA on Staten Island.

Fatima Hussain

Troy, NY | Individual Studies

Fatima was a participant in the National College Media Convention. She is president of the campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, and she was a member of the Environmental Sustainability Committee.

Zachary Pearson

Ghent, NY | Computer Aided Drafting

Zachary is currently a 4-H leader and has received awards for his service. He is a tour guide and tutor on campus.

Robert Spain

Albany, NY | Civil Engineering Technology

Robert is an honor guard with Patriot Flight, a community group whose mission is to bring surviving WWII veterans to see the memorial built to honor their service and sacrifice. He is a contributing author with the campus newspaper, Threads, and is a volunteer firefighter.

Matthew Whalen

Troy, NY | Business Administration

Matthew is the senior class senator on the Student Senate. He was nationally certified as a student leader by The National Center for Student Leadership and is a member of the Safety Committee.

JAMESTOWN CC**Brittany Brace**

Jamestown, NY | Physical Education Studies

Brittany is co-captain of the Women's Volleyball Team, and she was named WNYAC All-Conference 1st team. She volunteers at local elementary schools through the YWCA of Jamestown.

Danelle Turney

Jamestown, NY | Social Science

Danelle is president of the Jamestown Community College Phi Theta Kappa chapter. She is a member of the swimming and diving team and was named to the NJCAA All American Team.

JEFFERSON CC**Cassandra Davis**

Lufkin, NY | Human Services

Cassandra is the chair of the Budget & Finance Committee for the Student Government. She was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation from the U.S. Army for her contributions to Family Readiness Groups, and she is a certified rape crisis advocate.

Erich Horeth

Watertown, NY | General Science

Erich was a participant in the Howard Hughes Biomedical Research Program. He was the Phi Theta Kappa representative at the NYS Regional PTK Conference, and he is a peer tutor.

MARITIME COLLEGE**Martin Brown**

New Hope, PA | Naval Architecture

Martin enlisted in the United States Navy as a naval aviator. He was honored as a member of the Capital One Academic All-District Football Team, and is the Alpha Company Commander, leading and mentoring 25 underclass Midshipmen.

Daniel McDonald

New Hope, PA | Naval Architecture

Daniel was the co-captain of the Offshore Sailing Team, the vice president of the Blue & Gold Society, and supported volunteer activities in the local community.

MOHAWK VALLEY CC

Andrew Platt

Camden, NY | Engineering Science

Andrew is a member of the Engineering Science Club. He is a math and chemistry tutor, and a member of the Food Service Committee.

Carlos Pulquerio

Boonville, NY | Biology

Carlos is the president of the Student Congress. He is an active member on the program board, and has participated in numerous community events such as the Intergenerational Clean Up, American Heart Run, and Hurricane Sandy Relief work.

Pawser Soe

Utica, NY | International Studies

Pawser is an orientation leader for traditional and returning adult students. She is active in the International and Women in Science Clubs, and she is involved in community organizations such as the American Red Cross and New York State Migrant Education Program.

MONROE CC

Alexandra Gilbert-Schrag

Rochester, NY | General Studies

Alexandra is the vice president of the Student Association. She is co-captain of the Dance Team, and she organized the Lollypop Farm fundraiser.

James Gutowski

Rochester, NY | Business and Economics

James is captain of the Men's Baseball Team. He is an aide in the Athletic Department, and assists with baseball campus teaching young children the basics of the game.

Elizabeth Kennedy

Fairport, NY | Chemistry

Elizabeth is president of the campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. She was awarded the Chancellor's Educational Pipeline Biomedical Research Award and is a regular volunteer with Foodlink restocking and distributing food to people in need.

Christopher Morris

Rochester, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Christopher is the vice president of the campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. He is an investigative writer with the school newspaper Monroe Doctrine, and he created an award winning short documentary film.

Amy Myer

Johnsonburg, NY | Nursing

Amy is the president of the Student Nurses Association. She facilitated "Welcome Day" for first year incoming nursing students and she volunteers with Compeer of Rochester, working with adults with mental illness.

Chelsea Reed

Rochester, NY | General Studies

Chelsea assists the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development in facilitating new student and family orientation. She is a peer mentor and resident assistant.

MORRISVILLE STATE COLLEGE

Cora Mason

Silver Spring, NY |

Agricultural Business Development

Cora served as representative at the New York Farm Days in Washington D.C., was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa, and participated in the Northeast Regional Inter-collegiate Dairy Challenge.

Hai Nguyen

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam |

Architectural Studies and Design

Hai's accomplishments include serving as president of the American Institute of Architecture Students and member of Phi Theta Kappa, as well as placing first and third in the NYS Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges Competition.

NASSAU CC

Anil Adhikari

Levittown, NY | Engineering

Anil is the vice president for the campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. He is the secretary of the South Asian Student Association and placed second in the New York State Mathematics Associations of Two-Year Colleges Competition.

Joy Adler

Hicksville, NY | Music

Joy is a soloist and section leader in the Nassau Community College Chorus. She is vice president in two campus clubs and secretary in another, and she is a volunteer tutor in Music Theory.

Jean Chen

Westbury, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Jean is vice president of the Student Government Association, chair of the Election Review Board, and a student orientation leader.

Janelle Clausen

Wantagh, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Janelle served as the interim editor-in-chief, features editor, and copy editor of the student newspaper Vignette. She participated in the annual breast cancer awareness walk and expo, and was praised by NCC's Blood Drive Task Force for her coverage of the event.

Jennie Eagle

Brooklyn, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Jennie is president of the Achilles Club. She is a performer in The Third Street Music School settlement, and is a member of the campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Sandra Garcia

Jericho, NY | Fashion Buying and Merchandising

Sandra is president of the Fashion Club. She volunteered with her church to help out after Hurricane Sandy to assist people who were in need and was the promotional stylist for the campus Prom Boutique.

Jennifer Jacks

Valley Stream, NY |

Hotel Technology Administration

Jennifer opened her own jewelry business and raised funds for her local community. She regularly devotes time working with children who have developmental disabilities, and is a Disney campus representative.

Logan Kenney

Long Beach, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Logan is president and chair of the Student Government Association. She is an orientation leader, and is an Assistant Youth Leader at her church leading discussions and teaching.

Kathleen Lee

Hicksville, NY | Social Work

Kathleen is a student orientation leader. She is a youth soccer and softball coach and regularly volunteers to mentor at Long Island Youth Mentoring.

Pierre Mombeleur

East Meadow, NY | Math and Science

Pierre is president of Haraya, the Pan-African student organization on campus. He is the treasurer of the Student Government Association and has received many awards for academic and leadership excellence.

Megan Murphy

Mineola, NY | Communications

Megan is the writer and editor of the sport section for Vignette, the student newspaper, is a starter on the Women's Volleyball Team, and a recipient of the Student Activities Award.

Desiret Nuesi

Baldwin, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Desiret is the president of Baldwin's Women Choir. She is a student orientation leader and a regular volunteer with Nassau County Department of Health, where she is involved with the HIV/Aids Awareness Program.

Brittany Thomas

Baldwin, NY | Business Administration

Brittany is an academic senator in the Student Government Association. She is the vice president and choreographer of the Hip-Hop Urban Dance Team, and she is an orientation leader.

SUNY NEW PALTZ**Faith Hassell**

East Meadow, NY |

Industrial and Organizational Psychology

Faith is the president of campus chapter of Up 'Til Dawn, raising awareness and funding for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. She has been a resident assistant for three years, and is the founder and student director of the handbell and flute choir.

Kimberly Lepore

Standfordville, NY | Psychology

Kimberly published an article and presented it at a national conference, is the captain of the Women's Field Hockey team, and a regular volunteer at the local Humane Society.

Destiny Denise Saldivar

Washington Heights | Psychology

Destiny was the co-founder and vice president of Impact Sensual Dance Team. She is a resident assistant and peer mentor to first-year students in the Educational Opportunity Program.

Marissa Stephani

Deer Park, NY |

Interpersonal-Intercultural Communication

Marissa's case study placed first in the Northeast Affiliate of College & University Residence Halls in December 2012. She is both a resident assistant and campus ambassador.

Chelsea Stokes

Long Island, NY | English

Chelsea is the station manager and talk show host at WFNP New Paltz Radio and held two summer internships at Harvard and Columbia Universities as a resident assistant for high school programs.

NIAGARA COUNTY CC**Alexandra Gancas**

Barker, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Alexandra served as the president of the Tutor Club, the secretary of the Student Senate, in addition to serving as an orientation leader for incoming students.

Kensia Russell

Appleton, NY | Music

Kensia's accomplishments include being recognized for her community service with the Music Ministry Team, Kids for Christ, and the Buffalo City Mission, in addition to teaching piano and voice lessons.

Charitie Bruning

Lockport, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Charitie's accomplishments include being the recipient of the 2011 Leader of the Year Award from the Lockport Family YMCA for over one-thousand hours of community service, serving as a Day Camp Counselor for the YMCA, and being a member of the NCCC Teacher Education Club for aspiring teachers.

NORTH COUNTRY CC**Kaylan Short**

Champlain, NY | Criminal Justice

Kaylan served as the secretary of the Student Government Association, and as the captain of the Cross Country Team, in addition to being the recipient of multiple athletic recognitions, including North Country Athlete of the Year and Academic NJCAA All American.

COLLEGE AT ONEONTA**Emily Hunter**

Cooperstown, NY | History

Emily served as the treasurer of the History Club, she moderated at the Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture, and she has been recognized twice with Oneonta's Best and Brightest Award.

Dylan Nealis

Delhi, NY | English

Dylan published an article that is forthcoming in The Thomas Wolfe Review, will present another paper at the 35th Thomas Wolfe Society Conference and was an active participant in Oneonta's Ghana Learn and Serve Program.

ONONDAGA CC**Benjamin Cleeton**

Pittsfield, NY | Photography

Benjamin published photographs and wrote an article on the Legend's Series of Jazz in the student newspaper, The Lazer. He came in 2nd place in the student art show for digital photographs, and volunteers with Media Unit, a non-profit youth acting group.

Sophie Jackson

Marcellus, NY | Childhood Education

Sophie is a member of the Women's Softball and Soccer Teams. She received 2nd All Region and All Conference for softball and soccer and was nominated to serve as the student trustee on the campus Board of Trustees.

Jenna Johnson

Effingham, IL | Business Administration

Jenna served as the captain of the Women's Basketball Team and received an honorable mention for her participation in the Women's Basketball All-Tournament Team from the Mid-Atlantic Conference, and she is a regular volunteer with the Otisco Fire Department.

Sarah Radford

Cicero, NY | Business Administration

Sarah is president of the Student Association and the campus chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success as well as regularly volunteers at the local Salvation Army serving food to the homeless.

Garrett Sisson

Schenectady, NY | Humanities

Garrett served as a student representative on the Presidential Search Committee. He is the captain of the Men's Basketball Team and a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Sheralyn Wellman

Syracuse, NY | Music

Sheralyn is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She placed 3rd in a musical awards competition, and was the assistant stage manager for Syracuse Opera's performance of "Tosca."

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Antonio Chirumbolo

Pittsburgh, PA | Optometry

Antonio served as a senior member on the Core Leadership Team and Business and Finance Journalist on optometrystudents.com, the head tutor for academics and clinical skills in optometry, and has been recognized for his work with the Special Olympics as a vision screener.

Irene Tran

Parsippany, NJ | Optometry

Irene completed a research project in a ten-week period through the National Eye Institute summer fellowship and presented a lecture and poster on it and she ranked in the top three of her class.

ORANGE COUNTY CC

Molly McNeety

Middleton, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Molly served as the founder and president of the English Club, she was an intern on the 2013 Presidential Inaugural Campaign, and she was the organizer of campus voter registration drive.

Nicholas Zazzi

Newburgh, NY | Economics

Nicholas served as the president of Alpha Nu Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, as an invited voting member of the Honors Advisory Board, and as a peer mentor for new students enrolled in the Honors Program.

SUNY OSWEGO

Elizabeth Canfield

Oswego, NY | Music

Elizabeth was selected to participate in a summer piano study at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. She performed Mozart's Double Piano Concerto with the College Community Orchestra, and was selected to perform for the opening of Laveck Concert Series.

Evangeline Canfield

Oswego, NY | Music

Evangeline was selected to perform at the SUNY-wide Faculty Senate Plenary Showcase. She volunteers as a piano instructor and accompanist performer with young pianists in the Central New York community, and she participated in an intensive study of the Art of the Piano summer program.

Barbara Ciceron

Brooklyn, NY |

Political Science and Communication Studies

Barbara secured a grant and coordinated a campus-wide Women's Conference focused on sexual assault and domestic violence. She is the director of programming in the Student Association and did a service learning experience in New Orleans.

Adam Szymaniak

Marcellus, NY | Biochemistry

Adam worked on four major research projects and submitted a publication to Microwave. He presented his work at five regional or national conferences and received numerous awards.

Jon Whitelaw

Huntsville, Ontario | Adolescence Education

Jon is a two time captain of the Men's Ice Hockey Team. He was named SUNYAC Rookie of the Year and First Team ALL-SUNYAC, and has reached the Frozen Four every season he has played on the team.

SUNY PLATTSBURGH

Rory Carroll

Plattsburgh, NY | Biology

Rory is the founding president of the Wildlife Club. He had his work published in a peer reviewed undergraduate research journal, and completed an internship with the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in Forest Ecology.

Michelle Haynes

Plattsburgh, NY |

Art History and English Literature

Michelle presented a poster of her senior thesis at a national conference of the Paleopathology Association. She was selected as the Winter Commencement Speaker through a competitive process, and volunteered with three separate organizations in Israel.

Mackenzie Kilkeary

Plattsburgh, NY | Biology

Mackenzie conducted DNA research on Maya skeletons that led to presentations at a national conference for the National Association of Biology Teachers and Northeast Sigma Research Xi Research Symposium. She is the co-founder of Uke-A-Dooks a ukulele club that teaches students how to play the instrument.

Timothy Maggio

Palmyra, NY | Public Relations

Timothy is the film director for Cardinal Public Relations, a student-run public relations firm established within the major. He is the president of Omicron Delta Kappa, National Leadership Honor Society, and served in various public relations internships.

SUNY POTSDAM

Tanasia Betts

Brooklyn, NY | Sociology

Tanasia's accomplishments include being the recipient of the Phenomenal Woman Leadership Award from the Center for Diversity, the Wholly Woman's Leadership Scholarship, and she also served as a Reachout Crisis Hotline volunteer.

Celina Furman

Norwich, NY | Psychology

Celina's accomplishments include being selected as a student presenter at the campus 2012 Leadership Conference, as well as serving as vice president and academic chair for Alpha Delta Kappa and as the president of Psi Chi.

Katelyn Kornsa

Sault St. Marie, Ontario | Biology

Katelyn served as captain of the Women's Hockey Team and she has also been recognized for her commitment to the community with her service at the Out of the Darkness Walk for suicide, in addition to her involvement with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program and the Special Olympics.

PURCHASE COLLEGE

Christina Blankenship

Excelsior, MN | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Christina is the president of the Student Government Association. She is a Student Life Assistant for the Office of Student Life and Community Partnerships, and recipient of the Longman's Publisher's Awards for writing excellence.

Michael Clark

Canton, OH | Dance

Michael served as the elected student representative to the dean and director for the 2013 Dance Conservatory, he teaches jazz dance classes at the Camp Mariah for underprivileged children, and he performed with modern dance company Dance Heighbotham at different venues across the country.

Amy Crehore

New York, NY | Literature and Creative Writing

Amy coordinated Multilingual Night to raise funds for the Japan Tsunami Relief Organization. She was the recipient of the Diana Reutershan Epstein Prize in Services to the Humanities, and had her poetry and short stories published in three literary magazines.

ROCKLAND CC**Jordan Zuber-Banks**

Pomona, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Jordan served as the president of the Debate Team, as well as the vice president of scholarship for the Alpha Phi Sigma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, and he served as the coach for the Saint Joseph Regional High School Mock Trial Team.

Mohammed Zaid

Sana'a, Yemen | Chemical Engineering

Mohammed served as the group leader for the "Best for Haiti" solar panel purification system project, he managed the discount cards project for the Student Government Association, and he volunteered as a math and physics tutor.

Navid Safaie

Suffern, NY | Engineering

Navid served as the president of the Student Government Association, as well as the vice president of leadership for the campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, in addition to serving as a student tutor.

Melissa Dimataris

Northvale, NJ | Performing Arts

Melissa served as the vice president of the Campus Players and she was also recognized for her contributions to the Performing Arts with her performance at Radio City Music Hall as well as singing the National Anthem at a New York Rangers game at Madison Square Garden.

Kechan St. Clair

Brooklyn, NY | Computer Information Systems

Kechan served as the vice president of the Women in Computers Club, in addition to being nominated and accepted as a mentor for her peers and serving as a computer programming volunteer at her church where she teaches children basic computing skills.

SCENECTADY COUNTY CC**Kenette Webster**

Bronx, NY | Tourism and Hospitality Management

Kenette served as the secretary for the Hospitality Club, she had extensive community service with the YMCA's Food Pantry and Community Meals Program, and she also assisted as a new student orientation as a volunteer and ambassador.

John Donahue

Billerica, MA |

Human Services, Humanities and Social Sciences

John served as the president of the Student Government Association and the vice president of the campus chapter of the Student Veterans of America, as well as serving as a community youth leader for the Boy Scouts of America and Clifton Park Youth Hockey League.

Rebekah Kimble

Scotia, NY | Humanities and Social Sciences

Rebekah's accomplishments include being a recognized volunteer with the Capital District Youth for Christ Teen Parent Mentoring Program and as a peer tutor; she also served as the honor secretary of the Schenectady County 4-H Club.

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY**Saira Afzal**

Nanuet, NY | Political Science

Saira's served as a peer educator, student ambassador, and trained and hired new orientation leaders as an orientation team leader.

Katherine Chu

Woodside, NY | Political Science and History

Katherine was the co-founder and secretary of the Stony Brook Speech and Debate Society, she served as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the Undergraduate Student Government, and she was a recipient of the Presidential Merit Scholarship.

Robert Drago

Brooklyn, NY | Political Science

Robert served as a resident assistant, a staff assistant in the Office of the Dean of Students, and he served as staff captain for the Tabler Center for Arts, Culture and Humanities.

Kirolos Ibrahim

College Point, NY | Biochemistry

Kirolos' accomplishments include serving as a cancer researcher in the Ojima Laboratory, serving as a volunteer tutor for EOP students in chemistry and biology, and he was also a recipient of a URECA Fellowship.

Rachel Jaffe

North Potomac, MD |

English and Environmental Humanities

Rachel served as executive manager and contributor for the Spoke the Thunder literary magazine, and as a tutor in the writing center. She has also been recognized for her contributions to science for her honors thesis.

Daniel Jones

Farmingville, NY | Mechanical Engineering

Daniel served as the president and suspension design leader of the Stony Brook Motorsports Team, he interned at Polaris Industries, Inc., and he was inducted into Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society and Pi Tau Sigma Mechanical Engineering Honor Society.

Steven Licardi

West Islip, NY | Psychology and Philosophy

Steven's accomplishments include being the recipient of the Stony Brook University Alumni Association Dean's Choice Award and Scholarship, volunteering in New Orleans, LA, as part of the Alternative Spring Break outreach program, and presenting and defending his paper "The Mind of God and the Teleological Argument for God's Existence."

Briana Lociero

Shoreham, NY | Philosophy

Briana served as a peer educator and leader as a part of the peer education. She also served as an EMT-B for the Port Jefferson Volunteer Ambulance Service, and was a member of the Student Health Advisory Committee.

Karthik Rao

Westborough, MA | Biology

Karthik served as the principle drum major of the Stony Brook Marching Band, he was the Homecoming King, and he served as the co-director of the Philippine United Student Organization Modern Dance Crew.

Joan Rosenthal

Hauppauge, NY | History

Joan's accomplishments include being a member of the 2013 Teach for America Corps, she is a regular volunteer at Parents for Megan's Law and Suffolk County Crime Victims Center, and she presented research at the 2012 Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities symposium.

Samuel Rosner

Yonkers, NY | Biology

Samuel served as the president of the National Residence Hall Honorary. He received the Top 10 Programming Award at the North East Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls Regional Conference and was a recipient of the SUNY Emerging Leader Award.

Michael Saccomanno

Garrison, NY | Chemistry

Michael's accomplishments include serving as the president of the Catholic Campus Ministry. He is an assistant lifeguard with NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, and was teaching assistant for General Chemistry.

Kevin Sackel

Plainview, NY | Mathematics and Physics

Kevin's accomplishments include being recognized as a Churchill Scholar, serving as the president of the Math Club, and representing Stony Brook at the Stars of Stony Brook Gala.

Alexandra Santiago

Rocky Point, NY | Environmental Studies and Environmental Humanities

Alexandra's accomplishments include serving as 2011 Power Shift co-coordinator advocating for clean energy economy and a sustainable future in Washington D.C., supporting a developing Honduran community through the Global Water Brigades Volunteer Expedition, and she was selected for the Jewish Foundation for Education of Women SUNY International Relations & Global Affairs Two-Year Internship and Scholarship.

SUFFOLK COUNTY CC**Priscila Quiroz**

Hampton Bays, NY | Criminal Justice

Priscila served as the president of the Honors Club, as the secretary of the campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, and volunteered at the Southampton Animal Shelter assisting with adoptions.

Man Zhang

Centereach, NY | Engineering Science

Man served as the vice president of the Asian Culture Club; he served as a student tutor for the Math Learning Center; and he was recognized for his volunteer work with patients at the Stony Brook Medical Center.

Luis Zambrano

Brentwood, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Luis served as the secretary of the Honors Club, recognized for his volunteer work with the campus blood drive and volunteered his time with the annual Thanksgiving Dinners with the Grant Campus Food Pantry.

Jennifer Sheridan

Kings Park, NY | Liberal Arts & Sciences

Jennifer served as the vice president of fellowship for the campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa as well as public relations chair for the Honors Club; in addition, she served as a peer mentor.

Thalia Olaya

East Hampton, NY | Criminal Justice

Thalia served as the president of the campus chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa, volunteered at the domestic violence agency, and conducted fundraisers to support various not-for-profit organizations.

Anthony Mangual

Brentwood, NY | Accounting

Anthony served as the student member on the campus Board of Trustees, as the president of the Business Club, and is being recognized for moderating the Men Leaders Paving Paths for Young Men Conference.

Maria Koval

Bellport, NY | Business Administration

Maria served as the president of the Business & Accounting Club; she was a volunteer with the Boys & Girls Club of Bellport; and the Bellport Animal Hospital.

Deirdre Keen

Selden, NY | Visual Arts

Deirdre served as the executive recruitment coordinator for the Campus Activities Board, as a building manager for the Babylon Student Center, and as assistant to the director of the Maurice N. Flecker Memorial Gallery.

Robert Grisafi

Smithtown, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Robert served as the president of the Honors Club, as a senator in the Ammerman Campus Student Government Association, and he has been recognized for his regular volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity.

Steven Agnostakios

Selden, NY | Construction Technology

Steven served as the vice president of service for his campus's Phi Theta Kappa chapter and has been recognized for his involvement the Book Recycling Program, campus-wide green recycling program, as well as the Macy's Make A Wish Fundraiser.

Matthew Mayers

Port Jefferson Station, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Matthew served as vice president of the Math Club, volunteered in the emergency room at the Mather Hospital, and is a recipient of the President's Award for Volunteer Service.

Chris Petrosino

Dix Hills, NY | Nursing

Chris' accomplishments include founding a not-for-profit business known as Coffeecake, Ltd., serving as the co-president of the Grant Campus Nursing Club, as well as serving as the president and co-president of the Nassau-Suffolk chapter of the Autism Society of America.

SULLIVAN COUNTY CC**Jennifer Conway**

Newburgh, NY | Criminal Justice

Jennifer served as the president of the Student Association; she also served as a volunteer at the local Humane Society, as well as publishing an article which she presented at a national conference.

Evangelia Fitzpatrick

Parksville, NY |

Nursing and Liberal Arts and Sciences

Evangelia's accomplishments include teaching and assisting music students at Liberty High School, working with children with disabilities at the Frost Valley YMCA Camp, and as well as being recognized for her community service through the Youth Association of the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church.

SUNYIT

Sarah LaFont

Clinton, NY |

Psychology and Community and Behavioral Health

Sarah is the president of the Psychology & Sociology Club. She volunteers with the local Humane Society and is doing research on bullying.

Kelli McArdell

Baldwinsville, NY | Civil Engineering Technology

Kelli served as a student ambassador and tour guide. She is the founder of the Ladies Night Out student group, and was chair of the club funding board.

TOMPKINS CORTLAND CC

Sara Moreno Lopez

New York, NY |

Business Administration and International Business

Sara served as a resident assistant; she also served as an office assistant in the Office of Global Studies, and participated in the annual campus Leadership Retreat.

Ignacio Saldana

Staten Island, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Ignacio served as the president of the Student Government Association and student representative to the Faculty Student Association; he received the President's Award for Highest Academic Honors and was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa.

SUNY ULSTER

Jesse Hicks

Ulster Park, NY | Business Administration

Jesse served as a community college representative to the SUNY Student Assembly, as the president of the campus chapter of the American Marketing Association, and as the president of the Student Government Organization.

Ethan Burwell

Kingston, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Ethan served as the secretary and treasurer of the Student Government Organization, as a student admissions ambassador, and as videographer, editor and participant in the admissions recruitment video.

UPSTATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

Sean Bardenett

Syracuse, NY | Physical Therapy

Sean's accomplishments include serving as the lead investigator on Physical Therapy research that was accepted for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine Conference, volunteering with youth at the Southwest Community Center, and he was the recipient of the National Association of Division III Athletic Administration Johnsten's Community Service Award.

Samuel Schueler

Camillus, NY | Medicine

Samuel served as the president of the Student Government Association, as the editor and co-founder of the Upstate of Mind Magazine, as well as serving as the president of Community Outreach & Preventative Education Program.

WESTCHESTER CC

Linda Puci

Wermelskirchen, Germany |

Liberal Arts and Sciences

Linda served as an orientation leader and peer advisor, the president of the International Friendship Club, is an Honors student.

Vitor Granja

Brazil | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Vitor served as a regional officer of Phi Theta Kappa as the vice president of the New York Southern District; he created a scientific research poster which he presented at the McNair Conference; and he served as the secretary of the Student Government Association.

Neish Dawkins

Jamaica | Electrical Engineering

Neish served as the student member of the campus Board of Trustees, the production manager and a staff writer for the college newspaper, Viking News, and an orientation leader and peer advisor.

Kristen Scudieri

Holmes, NY | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Kristen served as the editor-in-chief of the college newspaper, Viking News, she served as an orientation leader and peer advisor; and she was recognized as a Kathryn W. Davis Global Community Scholar.

Taje Champagnie

Springfield, MA | Liberal Arts and Sciences

Taje served as the president of the Student Government Association, as well as an orientation leader and peer advisor, and he is a member of the college Honors Program.

Drayvon Carmichael

Yonkers, NY | Business Administration

Drayvon served as the president of the Global Business Leadership Club, the vice chair of the Student Government Association Constitution Committee, orientation leader, and peer advisor.

Lauren Borchert

Cortland Manor, NY | Business Administration

Lauren served as the director of public relations for the Student Government Association; she was an orientation coordinator for the Orientation Leader/Peer Advisor Program, and was a student representative to the Perkins Grant Advisory Board.

The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

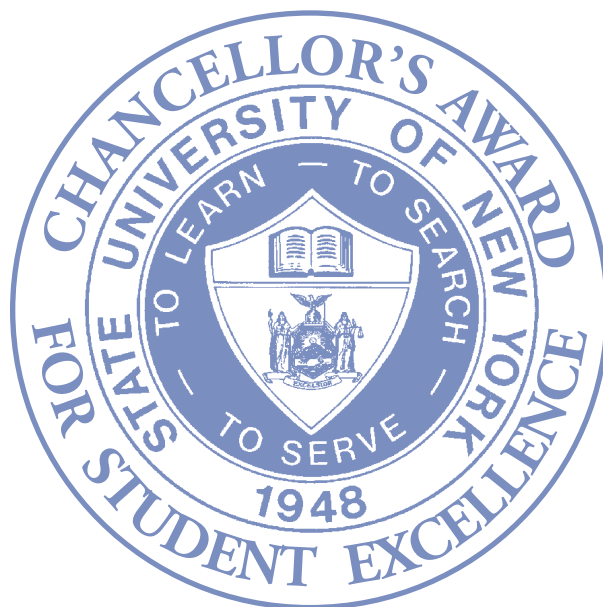
The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence was created to recognize students who have best demonstrated and been recognized for the integration of academic excellence with accomplishments in the areas of leadership, campus involvement, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts, or 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 243 students from each of the 62 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.

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