



CHANCELLOR'S AWARD

for Student Excellence



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The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence acknowledges students who have received recognition for distinguished achievements. It is the highest honor bestowed upon a student by the University. This year, 135 students from 63 campuses will receive this award.

Nominations are sought for students who have best demonstrated and been recognized for their integration of academic excellence with other aspects of their lives including leadership, campus involvement, community service, arts (creative or performing), athletics, and/or career achievement.



a note from
THE CHANCELLOR

April 14, 2021

Dear awardees and distinguished guests:

I am honored to welcome you to the 2021 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence ceremony. Today we celebrate and recognize you – 135 of SUNY's most outstanding and talented students. You have shown incredible determination, character, and leadership during what has been a tremendously difficult year.

Because of your academic excellence, commitment to social justice, volunteerism, and visionary spirit, you were nominated by your campus to receive this prestigious honor for standing out among the more than 394,000 students pursuing their degree at SUNY.

This time last year we were just realizing what it meant to be living through a pandemic – remote learning, social distancing, and adapting to new normals, but you remained committed to your work, your athletics, your art, your research, your communities, and your passions.

I am honored and proud to be celebrating you today, though it be virtual, with your families, your friends, and your campus communities. Never doubt that you have us in your corner, cheering you on from near and far.

On behalf of the entire State University of New York, I congratulate you on all your impressive achievements, and wish you the very best of luck in your future endeavors. I can't wait to see what you accomplish next.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Malatras".

Jim Malatras
Chancellor

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Special Award Winners

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Special achievement in developing a sustained program targeted at increasing your campus awareness in this area with measurable results.

Darrien Hunt

*Farmingdale State College
Hometown: Cambria Heights, New York
BS - Computer Information Systems (Concentration: Programming)*

Darrien Hunt is majoring in computer programming and information systems. He is the founder of the Farmingdale State College student chapter of the NAACP. He is the current vice president of the Student Government Association, and has been part of multiple campus organizations, including the Black Student Union, CSTEP, and Epsilon Pi Tau Honor Society.

In June 2020, when national conversations about racial justice were ubiquitous after the murder of George Floyd, Darrien planned and led the virtual event "Student Voices: The Systematic Oppression of Black Lives," which brought together the Farmingdale State College (FSC) community for education, discussion, and healing. An impressive component of this event was the thoughtful and detailed list of suggested action items Darrien presented for how FSC can be more inclusive and responsive to its African American population. In coordination with FSC staff and faculty, Darrien also led a student effort to create a display of black authors and artwork titled "The Black Experience: Resources for Farmingdale State College." Of the many actions taken since that important conversation, perhaps most consequential has been the reimagining of the Campus Safety Advisory Committee. Darrien worked side-by-side with FSC's police chief so that diversity, equity, and inclusion are the first principles within the University Police Department. Darrien's commitment to social justice, his ability to organize and harness the resources of our community, and his "Yes, we can!" mentality have improved FSC in all the ways that matter.

MILITARY SERVICE

Special achievement for a former military student who has made a measurable impact on their campus.

Joseph Clark

*SUNY Schenectady County Community College
Hometown: Hudson Falls, New York
AA - Humanities/Social Science: History*

Joseph Clark entered U.S. Army MP School after graduating from high school. Joe's military background includes multiple deployments (Operation Just Cause in 1989 and Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm from August 1990 to March 1991). Joe is attending SUNY Schenectady through vocational rehabilitation due to a recurring service-connected injury.

Joe's contributions to his fellow student Veterans, as well as the general student population, include him volunteering to tutor students in academic areas that he is especially strong in. He has initiated formal presentations about his experiences with post traumatic stress disorder, in conjunction with VA Medical Center clinicians; he is an officer of the Student Veteran's Organization; and he has developed and shared presentations at Veteran's Day events to include: Armistice Day, its history, and significance; pandemics; and military medicine. Additionally, Joe has worked with others in their fundraising efforts for Blue Star Mothers.

Special Award Winners

OVERCOMING THE ODDS

Special achievement for a student that has a measurable impact in the area of disability issues, advocacy, research, general awareness, and activities.

Victoire-Grace Karambizi

*Buffalo State College
Hometown: Buffalo, New York
Master of Arts - Biology*

Victoire-Grace, a former Rwandan refugee, has been successful in synthesizing a series of new peptidomimetics. As a student researcher in Roswell Park Cancer Institute's Pathology Department, she is testing the efficacy of these compounds in heart cells alongside professional scientists. She is a board member with the nonprofit Femmes d'Espérance.

A survivor and child refugee, she came to the U.S. without speaking English, and completed a BA in chemistry and MS in medicinal chemistry. Ten years later, she completed a MA in biology.

SPECIAL SERVICE (2020-COVID-19)

Special achievement in developing a sustained program targeted at coordinating other students' and overall campus efforts in this area with measurable results.

Raven Baxter

*University at Buffalo
Hometown: North Tonawanda, New York
Doctorate - Curriculum, Instruction, and the Science of Learning*

Raven Baxter of Buffalo, New York, graduates with a doctorate in curriculum, instruction, and the science of learning. Raven is a recipient of the prestigious Arthur A. Schomburg Fellowship; founder of STEMbassy, a science advocacy organization; and is recognized in Fortune magazine's "40 Under 40" list for 2020.

Raven has reached more than four million viewers with over 200,000 followers, sharing best practices in science and education. She created a rap song entitled "Wipe It Down," which was broadcasted nationwide. Creator of Black in Science Communication, an organization that bridges the gap between science and the public, she has been instrumental in educating the community about the facts related to COVID-19 and what needs to be done to keep safe.

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SUNY ADIRONDACK

Yanary Champagnie

*St. Catherine, Jamaica
Business Administration*

Yanary is a native of Jamaica working towards a degree in business administration. She is a peer coach, and is on the Dean's List. She will graduate in May, and plans on pursuing a bachelor's degree. She would like to run a nonprofit agency, helping people struggling with food and in need of supplies .

Skylar Dorrer

*Granville, New York
Liberal Arts: Humanities & Social Science*

Skylar graduates in May with an AA in Liberal Arts: Humanities & Social Science. She is a Social Justice Scholar, Student Trustee, peer coach, and a resident assistant. She is a member of the College's Educational Opportunity Program and Phi Theta Kappa. She plans to pursue a career in journalism.

Mia Durham

*Lake Luzerne, New York
Liberal Arts: Math & Science*

Mia graduated Summa Cum Laude in January 2021. Throughout her time at SUNY Adirondack, she was on the President's List or Dean's List every semester, and she also started her own farrier business. She is a Phi Theta Kappa member, and is pursuing her education at SUNY Cobleskill in animal science.

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY

Sana Effendi

*Clifton Park, New York
Biology & Spanish*

Double majoring in biology and Spanish, Sana will pursue a career in medicine. She is the president of the Muslim Students Association and tutors biology courses. Sana volunteers with the Islamic Center

of the Capital District Food Pantry, senior populations, and virtually for Akhuwat Learning Hubs, which serves as a safe haven for children of sex-workers and dancers.

Andrew Eldeiry

*Slingerlands, New York
Biology*

Andrew has a 4.0 GPA as a biology major, and when he is not conducting research or contributing to campus life, he is assisting physicians as a medical scribe at Samaritan Hospital. He loves spending time at the South End Children's Cafe, and engaging students in academics, athletics, and the arts.

Chidiogo Igboekwe

*Queens, New York
Communication*

Chidiogo is an honors student majoring in communication with double minors in criminal justice and education, graduating magna cum laude. Chidiogo is involved as a peer tutor, housing manager, and administrative assistant for Cornerstone Campus Ministry. She has also served in the Student Association and works a peer career advisor.

ALFRED STATE COLLEGE

Hunter DeJonge

*Clifton Springs, New York
Construction Management*

Hunter has extensive leadership experience both on campus and off. As an Army reservist, Hunter trained as a welder and machinist and chose to advance his education at Alfred State. This led to an internship with a mechanical contractor who offered him a position as a project engineer.

Katherine Frascella

*Franklinville, New York
Nursing*

While completing her degree,

Katherine is employed full time as a nurse at our local hospital and also helps out with our Health & Wellness department. Additionally, Katherine captained the cross country/track and field team, volunteered for Special Olympics, and performed in various Performing Arts events on campus.

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

Aneesa Addarich

*Yonkers, New York
Human Development*

Aneesa is a first-generation college student from Yonkers, New York. As an immigration studies minor and passionate advocate for immigrant rights, she has interned at multiple immigrant rights organizations, including the American Civic Association, Refugee Family Reunification Clinic, and Paper Airplanes. Aneesa plans to join Americorps National Civilian Community Corps and pursue graduate school.

Maya Kallman

*Oceanside, New York
Business Administration and
Art and Design*

Maya approaches her many roles with passion, dedication, and diligence. She is president of the Binghamton University Scholars Council, serves on the SAPB Board, designs for the campus art museum, and has worked in international business. She hopes to apply her creative mindset to global problem-solving and building sustainable solutions.

Alyssa Vilda

*New Windsor, New York
Nursing*

Alyssa Vilda is a nursing student with a 3.96 GPA. A COVID-19 pandemic frontliner, she works in critical care, the emergency department, and volunteers for

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sample collection. She is president of the Nursing Student Association, participates in nursing research in pediatric asthma, and plays the french horn.

SUNY BROCKPORT

Shay Gauthier

*Spencerport, New York
Journalism and Broadcasting*

Shay Gauthier is a Delta College student majoring in journalism and broadcasting and minoring in political science. She has won six New York State Broadcasters Association awards and one national College Broadcasters Inc. award. An advocate for survivors of abuse, Shay plans to pursue a career as a broadcast journalist.

Morgan Sherwood

*Newark Valley, New York
Mathematics, Education
Certification Program*

Morgan Sherwood is an honors student majoring in mathematics with certifications in adolescent and special education. Morgan has been actively involved on campus as the co-coordinator of the Honors Peer Mentor Program, president of the Honors Club, and as a Green and Gold Ambassador. Her future involves helping students find their path.

SUNY BROOME

Bryanna Wayman

*Vestal, New York
Business Administration*

Bryanna Wayman is a business administration major working toward her associate's at SUNY Broome. She is president of the campus' Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and vice president of the Women's Discussion Group. She is on the President's List and has received an Outstanding Business Student scholarship.

Tatianna Young

*Owego, New York
Business Administration*

Tatianna Young grew up in North Carolina, making her way to New

York within the past few years. She is a first-generation college student, pursuing an accelerated pathway to Binghamton University to continue her education. Her resilience and determination to excel make Tatianna an inspiring leader among her peers.

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO

Gianna Damico

*Victor, New York
Fine Arts: General Studio & Anthropology
(Biological Anthropology)*

Gianna Damico of Victor, New York, graduates with a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) and a Bachelor of Arts in anthropology. Damico is a graphic designer and the only student in her BFA year with a solo gallery show. She creates interactive 3D renderings of vascular systems for the Jacobs Institute.

Jacqueline Hannan

*Poughkeepsie, New York
Biomedical Engineering*

Jacqueline Hannan of Poughkeepsie, New York, graduates with a Bachelor of Science in biomedical engineering and a human factors minor. Hannan has served as president of Honors Student Council, a student leader for first-year engineering courses, a peer mentor for multiple campus groups, and an undergraduate researcher in four laboratories.

Matthew Taboni

*Tonawanda, New York
Business Administration*

Matthew Taboni of Tonawanda, New York, graduates with a Bachelor of Science in business administration. Taboni has advocated for students' needs as a nationally recognized president of Residence Hall Association, co-chair of UB's food pantry, assistant director of health and wellness UB's for Student Association, and as a Leadership House peer mentor.

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

Kelly Glowny

*Buffalo, New York
Education*

Kelly, a member of the Muriel A. Howard Honors Program, co-founded the Future Teachers Club at Buffalo State. She has participated in International Professional Development Schools (IPDS) programs in Chile and Italy and shares her experiences as an IPDS student ambassador. She has conducted significant original research in her field.

Lila Rollo

*Buffalo, New York
Social Work*

Lila, who works as integration program coordinator at the International Institute of Buffalo, started a study group for Arabic-speaking students to offer peer support, interpretation, and skill development. She traveled to Rwanda with the College's Anne Frank Project (AFP), and was a presenter at the 2019 AFP Social Justice Festival.

Matei Schwartz

*Bucharest, Romania
Creativity and Change Leadership
(Creative Studies)*

Matei, who paused his professional career in Romania to focus on graduate studies, has served as a graduate assistant and project lead in the Creativity and Change Leadership Department's marketing and rebranding initiative. His extensive consulting work in Romania includes serving as a presidential campaign consultant for candidate Theodor Paleologu.

SUNY CANTON

Andrew Fitch

*Dunlap, Illinois
Mechanical Engineering Technology*

Andrew Fitch is a member of the basketball team and work as a student ambassador, tutor, and resident assistant, majoring in mechanical engineering technology – BTECH, with minors in mathematics and applied

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physics. Andrew was awarded the Outstanding Graduate Award (SUNY Canton) and the SUNY Chancellor's Scholar Athlete Award (class of 2019).

Sara O'Duffy

*Lakeville, New York
Mechanical Engineering Technology*

Sara attended school at SUNY Canton for mechanical engineering technology and joined clubs such as the American Institute of Steel Construction Steel Bridge Team, Society of Women Engineers, the Outdoor Adventure Club, Habitat for Humanity, and the women's cross country team. Sara enjoys being challenged and being able to participate in activities that help the local community.

CAYUGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Joshua Hart

*Auburn, New York
Media Production*

Mr. Hart completed a degree in audio production at Cayuga Community College in May 2020, and is completing a second degree in media production in May 2021. He prides himself on a consistently strong academic performance and success in many different campus activities.

CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Elissa Johnsen

*Colchester, Vermont
Nursing*

Elissa Johnsen has been the recipient of numerous scholarships; maintains a 4.0 GPA; is active in Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Pi Tau Chapter; and is a member of the Clinton Community College Nursing Club, as well as a volunteer mentor to first-year nursing students. She volunteers with her church, donates platelets for the Red Cross, and is a La Leche Leader.

SUNY COBLESKILL

Kathryn Bosley

*Malone, New York
Animal Science*

Kathryn exemplifies academic excellence as a dual major

in animal science and dairy production and management. She is a tireless advocate for the dairy industry, and her extensive list of academic achievements and personal accolades make her a powerful young voice in the field.

Brittany VanDuzer

*Parish, New York
Agricultural Business Management*

Brittany VanDuzer is an accomplished student leader widely known and well regarded by her peers and faculty alike. Her pursuits include Student Government Association leadership and affiliations with associations working to advance agriculture in New York State. Her dedication to learning and her work ethic inspire those around her.

COLUMBIA-GREENE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Emily Kratz

*West Coxsackie, New York
Social Science*

Emily is the oldest of five children. She graduated as salutatorian from high school. Her favorite quote, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free," depicts her eternal optimism. As a psychology major, her goal is bettering the world and those who reside in it.

CORNELL – NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & LIFE SCIENCES

Jack Elstner

*Stevensville, Maryland
Earth and Atmospheric Sciences*

Jack has excelled in both on-campus and field courses, demonstrating a low-key, but highly effective leadership style. He has also spent hundreds of hours serving the Cornell community through Cornell Emergency Services. Jack plans to attend graduate school next year, studying climate impacts on marine ecosystems and living resources.

Deana Gonzales

*Budd Lake, New Jersey
Environment and Sustainability*

While boasting outstanding academic achievements, Deana has also devoted herself to service through teaching, advocacy, research, and leadership. Her efforts have improved science literacy for elementary and adult students, increased technology access globally and locally, helped school construction abroad, addressed food insecurity, and contributed to federal policy analysis and awareness of human services organizations.

Sabrina Shih

*Rhinebeck, New York
Biological Sciences*

Upon entering Cornell, Sabrina became fascinated by fish evolution, which is now her honors research focus, employing advanced radiology, anatomical illustration, and phylogenetic methods. She teaches art therapy to members and patients at two local medical groups, and repurposes clothing to support the Thurgood Marshall College and Hispanic Scholarship Funds.

CORNELL – NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF HUMAN ECOLOGY

Abigail Brown

*Fairfax, Virginia
Design and Environmental Analysis*

Abigail Brown is a senior at Cornell University studying design and environmental analysis with a minor in environment and sustainability. After graduation, she hopes to utilize design thinking and research to positively impact children's well-being through educational spaces and engaged learning.

Mohammed Ullah

*Brooklyn, New York
Human Biology, Health, and Society*

Mohammed Ullah, a human biology, health, and society major with minors in computer science and health policy, demonstrates multifaceted excellence through his scholarship, accomplishments in the area of neurodegenerative

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research, commitment to service in his local and global communities, and leadership and choreography in Bollywood fusion dance performance.

CORNELL - NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL OF INDUSTRIAL & LABOR RELATIONS

Terrill Malone

*Belleville, Michigan
Industrial and Labor Relations*

Terrill has distinguished himself academically, professionally, and in the Cornell community. He has participated in the Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR) Global Service Learning Program in Mysore, ILR/UCD Semester in Dublin, ILR Credit Internship, and Hopi/Navajo Engaged Learning Programs. He has also held leadership positions in several student organizations and has received numerous honors.

CORNELL - NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Lindsay Seewald

*Duxbury, Massachusetts
Veterinary Medicine*

Lindsay has consistently ranked first in her class, contributed to more than a dozen scientific publications, and served as a teaching assistant and peer tutor. She was a student leader, a member of the veterinary honor society, volunteer, student technician, and recipient of a competitive national scholarship.

CORNING COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Madison Cunningham

*Big Flats, New York
Liberal Arts & Science*

Madison is a sophomore in the Math & Science Program at Corning Community College. Madison participates in student government and works as a laboratory assistant. She plans to continue her studies at a new institution, earning a bachelor's degree. Ultimately, she plans to attend medical school and earn her MD.

Kristo Nasto

*Korce, Albania
Engineering Science*

Kristo Nasto is an international student born in Drama, Greece, but has an Albanian nationality. Kristo has lived in both countries for several years, before moving to the U.S. in 2019 to continue higher education and pursue a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.

SUNY CORTLAND

Callie Humphrey

*Manlius, New York
Political Science*

Callie is a well-rounded student, demonstrating academic excellence and campus leadership, and involvement in campus activities, community service, and the arts. Among her achievements are a 4.00+ GPA, Student Government Association presidency, SUNY Student Assembly participation, and College Community Orchestra violinist. Her career goal is to join the foreign service.

Shaneya Simmelkjaer

*Bronx, New York
Criminology, Africana Studies,
Political Science*

Shaneya is a dedicated, passionate, and hard-working young Black woman from the Bronx, New York. Coming from a low socio-economic status, she persevered to defy all odds against her and became the first person in her family to seek higher education. Shaneya will graduate Summa Cum Laude in three majors.

Emily Speciale

*San Antonio, Texas
Exercise Science*

Emily is a senior executive science major with plans of attending physical therapy school this summer at the University of Texas Southwest Medical Center. She has competed on the Cortland varsity gymnastics team since being a freshman in 2017-2018. Emily hopes to be a pediatric physical therapist once she graduates.

SUNY DELHI

Demeire Banks-Price

*Far Rockaway, New York
Integrated Energy Systems*

Demeire Banks-Price, an integrated energy systems major, is an exemplary student who serves as president of the National Electrical Contractors Association student club on campus. Demonstrating great character and maturity, he leads his peers in community service and fundraising events and goes above and beyond to make a positive impact.

Seth Bywater

*Cornwall, New York
Mechatronics Design*

Seth Bywater has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout his studies in the rigorous mechatronics technology program. An All-American athlete in cross country and track and field, he is a valued teammate and leader. He serves as president on the Student Athlete Advisory Council, and tirelessly volunteers for the campus and community.

Sarah Krzyston

*Delhi, New York
Criminal Justice*

Sarah Krzyston is an outstanding criminal justice major, demonstrating academic excellence, research abilities, and insights into social issues and the criminal justice system that are mature beyond her years. Outside the classroom, she serves in leadership positions in various student clubs and is an United State Collegiate Athletics Association national all-academic tennis player.

SUNY DOWNSTATE HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

Thomas Monaghan

*Brooklyn, New York
Medicine*

Thomas Monaghan, PhD, aspires to be a leader in academic urology, and will train at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. His interests center on addressing unique urologic needs of underserved patient populations,

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including African- and Caribbean-Americans, frail elderly individuals, and people living with mental health diagnoses and cognitive deficits.

Akya Myrie

*Brooklyn, New York
Medicine*

Akya Myrie immigrated from Jamaica to Brooklyn, New York, with her family. She hopes to serve vulnerable communities and individuals who are chronically underserved through medicine. She is a proud four-time recipient of the Associated Medical Schools of New York Diversity in Medicine scholarship. She is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society.

Emiliya Storman

*New York, New York
Medicine / Neural & Behavioral Science*

Emiliya Storman is currently in the SUNY Downstate MD/PhD program. Originally from Moscow, Russia, Emiliya grew up in New York, receiving her B.S. in neuroscience from New York University. Emiliya has demonstrated perseverance, compassion, and commitment to teamwork. She is passionate about research, teaching, and bettering others' lives.

DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Christopher Herrera

*Pleasant Valley, New York
Business Administration Transfer*

Christopher, a non-traditional Dutchess Community College graduate is continuing his studies at University at Albany. As Student Government Association director of Community Services, his passion to create positive change through business and community involvement commenced. He led numerous events, supported local nonprofits, and inspired others to make a difference in their community.

Randy Liao

*Poughkeepsie, New York
General Studies*

Randy Liao will earn his associate's degree in general studies, with a 3.91 GPA. He is a Conklin Scholar, Student Government Association senator, member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and he submitted papers to two conferences. Randy volunteers with the Clover Project, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and a Chinese church in Philadelphia.

Vanessa Phillips

*Poughkeepsie, New York
Criminal Justice Transfer*

Vanessa learned to value education, academic excellence, and the need for young women in her community to be positive role models. Vanessa earned the Applewood Leadership Scholarship at Dutchess Community College, maintaining 3.5 GPA. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Eleanor Roosevelt Community College Emerging Leaders Program.

SUNY EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE

Ronald Freeman

*Brooklyn, New York
Social and Public Policy*

Mr. Freeman is a lifelong New Yorker. He has attended many prestigious schools, such as The Trinity School, Brooklyn Tech High School, and now SUNY Empire State College. He is passionate about New York City's educational system, and hopes to be a force for change in a post-COVID-19 world.

Liza Rochelson

*Fayetteville, New York
Interdisciplinary Studies: Planning,
Design and Management*

Ms. Rochelson graduated with a B.S. in interdisciplinary studies: planning, design and management. She is a dedicated leader engaged in helping bring Empire students together through her role as interim vice president of the newly-formed Student Government Association. She is also active on a number of SUNY Empire committees.

SUNY ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND FORESTRY

Molly Mulhare

*Bloomingburg, New York
Environmental Resources Engineering*

Molly Mulhare is a senior in environmental resources engineering at SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry. She is an academic excellence award recipient, honors student, and an active and engaged member of her college community who works hard as a young woman in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), all while balancing top leadership roles on campus.

Timothy Webb-Horvath

*Galway, New York
Environmental Resources Engineering*

Tim is a fourth-year student at SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF), pursuing a bachelor's in environmental resources engineering and graduating in May 2021. Tim has worked hard to maintain an incredibly busy schedule throughout his college career to build himself and the ESF community to new heights.

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Malika Sultonova

*Buffalo, New York
Natural Science*

Malika Sultonova is an international student from Tajikistan here on an F-1 Student Visa. Enrolled in natural science, she carries a 3.78 GPA. Despite English not being her primary language, she demonstrates academic excellence, on-campus engagement, and leadership. She is focused, self-confident, and possesses a positive "can-do" attitude.

FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE

Simran Mohan

*Bethpage, New York
Criminal Justice: Law
Enforcement Technology*

Simran Mohan arrived to the United States in 2002 from India. She has spent the last 18 years melding

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these two cultures to develop her own worldview. She takes a critical approach to her studies and her future career as an attorney, advocating for the eradication of gender-based violence.

Angelique Roberson

*Mineola, New York
Business Management*

Angelique Roberson was raised in the community of Wyandanch/Wheatley Heights, New York, by a widowed mother who came to the United States from Mexico. As a first-generation Black and Hispanic college student, Angelique developed a passion for social justice and community outreach. After graduation, she will attend law school.

David Wan

*New Hyde Park, New York
Electrical Engineering Technology and
Computer Engineering Technology
(Double Major)*

David Wan is a double major in computer and electrical engineering technology. He is a research assistant at the Computational Science Initiative Department at Brookhaven Laboratory. He has participated in the Student Undergraduate Laboratory Internship-BNL for two years, has presented results at two major conferences, and has two publications.

FASHION INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Sonja Feaster

*Coppell, Texas
Textile Surface Design*

Sonja is an extraordinary artist, leader, and academic. She maintains a 3.98 GPA while representing Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) as a Presidential Scholar, track captain, and National Student-Athlete council member. She contributed to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and FIT Functional Fabrics Workshop, and completed five distinguished internships. Sonja received numerous awards for her design ingenuity and leadership.

FINGER LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Rebekah Abdallah

*Canandaigua, New York
Liberal Arts & Sciences*

Rebekah is a non-traditional student who went from being too anxious to attend classes in the first semester to getting consistent A's in honors classes, all while working at the College's library, and occupying several positions on the Student Corporation. Rebekah's story is that of redemption and student success.

Kimberly Dey

*Marion, New York
Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities*

Kimberly is the mother of three children. After taking a 30-year hiatus from school, she returned to Finger Lakes Community College to finish her associate's degree, and plans to transfer to obtain a social work degree. Her dream is to work in the field of social work and open a private practice.

Aimee Hawkins

*Canandaigua, New York
Fine Arts & Graphic Design*

Aimee is a non-traditional student pursuing two degree programs, and plans to graduate in May with dual associate's degrees in fine arts and graphic design. Aimee graduated from Canandaigua Academy in 1995, and attended Finger Lakes Community College (FLCC) and Keuka College before marrying in 2000. Aimee recently returned to FLCC to complete her degree.

FREDONIA

Elizabeth Hahn

*Rome, New York
Biology*

Elizabeth Hahn was active as a student ambassador, tutor, teaching assistant, and genetics laboratory research student. She pursued French horn studies, performing in the College's Chamber Orchestra, Wind Symphony, and chamber groups. She co-founded Partners in Health Engage, and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity. Elizabeth aspires to become a physician.

Braelin Scott

*Victor, New York
Business Admin-Management*

Braelin Scott will complete a B.S. degree in business administration: management with a minor in leadership studies in three years. She's held leadership roles on campus, participated in community service projects, and was a member of Enactus—the largest experiential learning platform developing NextGen Leaders with a head for business and a heart for the world—and the women's basketball team.

Thomas Sheffield

*Ballston Spa, New York
Political Science*

Thomas Sheffield is a double major in political science and music. A bassist who primarily plays and studies jazz, his academic interests include judicial decision-making and constitutional design. A gigging musician, he has had multiple internships for congressional campaigns, and was a research assistant for a Washington, D.C., think tank.

FULTON-MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Kira Williams

*Gloversville, New York
Associate of Arts
Liberal Arts & Science: General Studies*

Kira Williams has had an exceptional academic and athletic career at Fulton-Montgomery. An award winning member of the Cross-Country team, member of Phi Theta Kappa and the President of this organization on the Fulton-Montgomery campus. Kira worked in a veterinary clinic, and has excelled academically with a 3.85 GPA.

SUNY GCC GENESEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Carson Barker

*Alliston, Ontario
Accounting*

Carson Barker is a hard-working student with proven time management skills. He demonstrates strong

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communication, leadership, and teamwork skills, and has earned academic excellence by being named to Genesee Community College President's List, all while being a starter and captain on the College's baseball team. He comes to Genesee from Ontario, Canada.

Ashley Hearn

Waterloo, New York
Sport Management

Ashley Hearn is a hard worker in high academic standing, all while being heavily involved in campus athletics and the community at Genesee Community College. She is a physical education studies and sports management major with a cumulative 3.8 GPA. On campus, she is an athlete on the soccer, lacrosse, and swim teams.

Me'ilani Nelson

Warsaw, New York
Individualized Studies

Me'ilani Nelson is a hard worker in high academic standing who has overcome much to be here, all while being heavily involved in campus life at Genesee Community College. She is an individualized studies major, focusing on business and humanities. On campus, she's a voice and advocate for all of her peers.

SUNY GENESEO

Sakura Hamazaki

Hastings, New York
Biology

Hamazaki is a biology major and mathematics minor from Hastings, New York. She holds dual research assistantships in the Chemistry and Biology Departments. Hamazaki is also a varsity athlete on the women's swimming and diving team, volunteers as a GOLD leader mentor, and founded SUNY Genesee's Student-Athlete Mentor Program.

Awab Shawkat

Latham, New York
Psychology

Awab Shawkat is a psychology major with a college honors program minor and a 3.94 GPA. A McNair Scholar, research

assistant, and vice president of Best Buddies, Awab is a member of two national honor societies and several student organizations, and co-organizer of the June 2020 campus community March for Black Lives.

HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Carynn Bohley

Canajoharie, New York
General Studies

Carynn has been named to the President's List in the Fall 2019 & Spring 2020 semesters, as well as the Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. She is a member of the Honors Program, editor of the student newspaper, and fictional editor for The Phaethon. She recently signed a contract with a publishing company for her fantasy novel, "Darkness Rise."

Kaitlyn Jenks

Canajoharie, New York
Communication & Media Studies

Kaitlyn serves as the vice president for Chapter Growth of Phi Theta Kappa; is a peer tutor; Student Government senior senator; visual editor and content creator for the College's literary and arts magazine, Phaethon; and the photo editor for the College's online student newspaper. She is on the President's List for the Fall 2019, Spring 2020, and Fall 2020 semesters.

Taylor Listovitch

Ilion, New York
Legal Studies

Taylor serves as the Student Government president and Student Trustee. She is also a member and captain of the women's bowling team. She is a member of the Honors Program, as well as Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society.

HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Tatianna Moragne

Little Rock, Arkansas
Environmental Science

Tatianna is a student leader

and humanitarian committed to learning. She is secretary of both the Student Senate and the Black and Latino Student Union. Tatianna is an artist, activist, and environmentalist. She has fed the hungry, cleaned the ecosystem, and brought people together. She is dedicated to excellence and professional development.

Logan Simms

Glens Falls, New York
Accounting

Logan Simms is a student-leader and aspiring certified financial planner. He is passionate about financial literacy, food insecurity, and student initiatives. Logan is an award-winning furniture maker who donates his pieces to charity for fundraising. He is a man of faith who is dedicated to the service of others.

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Bagul Mammedova

Yoloten, Turkmenistan
Global Studies

Bagul Mammedova is an international student from Turkmenistan. She is a sophomore studying global studies at Jamestown Community College (JCC). After JCC, she plans to transfer to a four-year university to further her studies in international relations and economics. She is passionate about global development, intercultural communication, and exploring the world.

SUNY JEFFERSON

Jeremy Dening

Lowville, New York
Mathematics

Jeremy Dening is an exemplary student scholar and leader. Having earned 39 hours of college credit while still in high school, Jeremy completed his associate's in mathematics in December 2020. He is on track to complete his second associate's in engineering science in May 2021.

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John Phelps

Watertown, New York
Business Administration

John Phelps is an exemplary student scholar who, as an adult learner, has fully immersed himself on campus and within the community. He has carried a perfect 4.0 GPA every semester in attendance at SUNY Jefferson, and is actively involved in a variety of community organizations.

Lachlan Rees

Adelaide, South Australia
Accounting

Lachlan Rees is one of SUNY Jefferson's international students, joining us from Adelaide, Australia. Lachlan has received Dean's List or President's List honors every semester during his time at SUNY Jefferson. He is an accomplished athlete and involved in many extracurricular activities, including being appointed as a resident assistant this academic year.

MARITIME COLLEGE

Husene Camara

Bronx, New York
International Transportation and Trade

Husene has overcome adversity and succeeded in his life. He learned how to rise above these struggles and has maintained a semester GPA of over 3.0 each semester. On top of academics, Husene is a member of the men's basketball program and a great leader by example.

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Josephine Ochoa

Utica, New York
Criminal Justice

Josephine Ochoa graduated with an A.S. in criminal justice. During her time at Mohawk Valley Community College, she was president of two clubs and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Josephine is a refugee who embodies the true meaning of service. She plans to continue to give back to her family, community, and her homeland.

MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Jaelah Bundy

Rochester, New York
Fine Arts

Jaelah maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout three semesters at Monroe Community College. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, and was an art studio monitor and a resident assistant for two of her three semesters. She has held clothing drives and was on the leadership board of a community arts organization.

Auven "Benny" Martinez

Rochester, New York
Criminal Justice

Auven began his leadership at Monroe Community College (MCC) as a peer leader, showing and proving his leadership potential. This role led Benny to serve as the Downtown Student Government president, and then Student Trustee. Eloquence, passion, and critical thinking led to effective, inclusive representation of all MCC students during unprecedented times.

SUNY MORRISVILLE

Danielle Bunting

Thornville, Ohio
Human Performance & Health Promotion

Originally from Ohio, Danielle came to SUNY Morrisville to follow a dream of playing collegiate ice hockey. In the hockey community, she became a captain, friend, and leader throughout campus. After graduation, Danielle plans to use those skills to continue to medical school for sports medicine.

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Natalie Asitimbay

Floral Park, New York
Liberal Arts in Math & Science

Natalie is president of Nassau Community College's Student Government Association, was a freshman senator, the Psychology Club vice president, and a member

of the Chemistry Club. Her honors include being a recipient of the Henry Wessels Elk Scholarship, and a member of the Carol Farber Honors Program and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Natalie is and has been a BrainTERNS ambassador and intern at Lenox Hill Hospital.

Kevin Drucker

Plainview, New York
Business Administration

Kevin Drucker's accomplishments at Nassau Community College include being the recipient of three scholarships, the current president of the Honors Students Organization, and enrollment in the Honors Program. He serves as a peer mentor, is a member of several clubs, and is participating in two internships in marketing communications and business.

Jenna Petrovic

Brooklyn, New York
Health Studies

Jenna is an international honors student, and a natural leader who excels academically and is involved with social causes on and off campus. She is the academic chair of the Student Government Association at Nassau Community College, a freshman student orientation leader, and volunteers for the New York-based non-profit, Saving Jane, and the outreach DEED organizations.

NEW PALTZ

Ashleigh Arrington

Kingston, New York
Chemistry / Mathematics

Ashleigh is a double major in chemistry and mathematics who plans to spend a year volunteering before attending graduate school in materials science. She has excelled in undergraduate research both at New Paltz and in a highly competitive undergraduate research program at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

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Isma Rajpura

New Windsor, New York

Biology

A biology major, Isma is the daughter of immigrants and grew up entrenched in two cultures. Passionate about science and serving others, she is pursuing a career in medicine and practice abroad. Isma is an Honors Program student and a contact tracer in the Infection-Prevention Department at a local hospital.

NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Allyson Clark

Lockport, New York

Liberal Arts: Humanities & Social Sciences

Allyson is a liberal arts: humanities and social sciences major, and will complete her program in May 2021. She currently holds an overall 2.82 GPA, but she achieved a 3.58 GPA during the Spring 2020 semester, which COVID-19 greatly affected, all while holding multiple leadership roles on campus.

Miranda Fiore

Niagara Falls, New York

Liberal Arts: Humanities & Social Sciences

Miranda began her studies at Niagara County Community College in the Fall 2017 semester. She majored in liberal arts and sciences: humanities and social sciences. She graduated in the Fall 2020 semester with a 2.72 GPA and was on the Dean's List. She plans to transfer on to continue her education and complete a bachelor's degree.

Arianna Morales

Niagara Falls, New York

Liberal Arts: Humanities & Social Sciences

Arianna will graduate May 2021 with a liberal arts: humanities and social sciences degree. She has served as the Student Government Association president, co-president of NSLS, and SUNY Student Assembly Community College Caucus chairwoman. Arianna is also a great advocate for mental health awareness and equity in our education system.

SUNY OLD WESTBURY

Keana Lee

Bethpage, New York

Special Education Childhood

Keana Lee graduates with a B.S. in special education childhood and a concentration in mathematics. She is a member of the Honors College, was inducted into Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society for Education, and served as treasurer and president of the SUNY Old Westbury chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children.

Kalief Shack-Metellus

Uniondale, New York

Politics, Economics, Law

Kalief Shack-Metellus graduates with a B.A. in politics, economics and law with a minor in women and gender studies. As a high-impact leader, Kalief has served multiple presidential terms in the Student Government Association, and he received the Norman R. McConney Jr. Award for Educational Opportunity Program Student Excellence in 2020.

SUNY ONEONTA

Arene Holston

Bronx, New York

Political Science and Africana & Latinx Studies

Arene is an exceptional student leader. She has presented her research and completed two impressive internships. Arene is a dedicated student senator, president of the Students of Color Coalition, and a peer tutor and mentor. She has coordinated numerous successful events raising awareness of marginalized groups on campus and beyond.

ONONDAGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Hadassah Johnson

Auburn, New York

Music

Hadassah Johnson is a dedicated student and vocalist with a self-sufficiency that amplifies and produces success within her professional and educational environments. Hadassah has made

a conscious effort to stand out among her peers with a desire to learn and succeed.

Gina Segreti

Liverpool, NY

Early Childhood Education

Gina is an aspiring teacher who is committed to helping others and giving back to the community. Although she has had a difficult past, school is a very important part of her life. She is president of the honor society, serves on student government, and loves being engaged on campus.

Hope Spencer

Syracuse, New York

Environmental Technology

Hope Spencer is a sophomore in the math and science degree program at Onondaga Community College. She will earn her associate's in the spring and plans to transfer to SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry. Hope is a college athlete who has volunteered extensively toward improving her community.

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Christina Cherny

Staten Island, New York

Optometry

A native of Western Germany and proud New Yorker, Christina completed her undergrad at Cornell University, where she was heavily involved in scientific research. At SUNY, Christina has found a passion for specialty contact lenses. She has contributed to several peer-reviewed publications with Columbia University and presented posters at national conferences.

Elise Hoi

East Brunswick, New Jersey

Optometry

Elise Hoi, a native of East Brunswick New Jersey, received a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Pennsylvania before joining SUNY Optometry. She has dedicated herself to community outreach by spearheading networking events. She has excelled both academically

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and clinically, all while bolstering student morale through tutoring and service.

Melissa Levine

*Great Neck, New York
Optometry*

Melissa Levine received her B.S. degree in neuroscience at Binghamton University. She continued her SUNY education at the College of Optometry, where she enjoys being involved in the community through volunteer service, assisting with clinical research, and tutoring students. She has received several awards honoring her academic and clinical excellence.

SUNY ORANGE

Nicholas Kanan

*Middletown, New York
Liberal Arts*

Nicholas Kanan is a member of the SUNY Orange Honors Program, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and president of the Student Senate. He has served as vice president and president of the College's student theatre group, and has performed in several productions. He has also maintained a 4.0 GPA.

Elizabeth Kimber

*Walden, New York
Criminal Justice*

Elizabeth, a non-traditional student, returned to college determined to succeed. She dove into academic, campus, and community life, volunteering and being actively involved in the Honors Program and Criminal Justice Club. During her last semesters, she simultaneously graduated from the New York State Department of Correction and Community Supervision academy and began work as a corrections officer.

Jennifer Tancin

*Poughkeepsie, New York
Liberal Arts*

Jennifer Tancin's goal is to become a clinical psychologist. As a non-traditional student, returning to SUNY Orange re-awakened her love of learning and thirst for knowledge. Highly successful in

a range of academic classes, she is eager to pursue a bachelor's degree and graduate level education thereafter.

SUNY OSWEGO

Christian DiBiase

*Ravena, New York
Biology*

A biology major, Christian has a 4.0 GPA. He has built houses in Ghana, volunteered at an HIV/AIDS clinic in New Orleans, and helped in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria. He has received academic awards, has been involved in several research projects, secured several grants, and tutors and mentors his peers.

SUNY PLATTSBURGH

Kassandra Doran

*McGraw, New York
Psychology*

Kassandra completed an internship at Walter Reed National Military Center, and is a member of several academic and leadership honor societies. She is an Honors Program student, community advocate, admissions ambassador, teaching assistant, and research assistant. She has volunteered with children on the autism spectrum.

James Faraci

*Troy, New York
Biochemistry & Biomedical Services*

James has been recognized for his research in organic chemistry and biology. He is also a community advocate, teaching assistant, president of the Pre-Med Association, and a three-season track and field athlete. He has volunteered with the Samaritan Hospital Emergency Department as well.

SUNY POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

Argirios Papagianis

*Queens, New York
Mechanical Engineering*

Ari is a well-rounded student involved in many aspects of SUNY Polytechnic Institute. If you were to ask him what he is up to, you will

likely get the following answers: participating or running a Student Government at Utica meeting, applying classroom learning on the Baja car, tutoring students, or completing his coursework.

SUNY POTSDAM

Jennifer Darlak

*Lockport, New York
History and Creative Writing*

Jennifer will be receiving dual degrees: Bachelor of Arts in History and Bachelor of Fine Arts in Creative Writing with concentrations in general and advanced honors, and all with an impressive 3.98 GPA. Jennifer is planning on getting her master's and PhD in history.

Haven Gotham

*Edwards, New York
Music Education and Voice*

Haven is graduating with a Bachelor's of Arts in Music Education with a concentration in voice, maintaining a 3.98 GPA and earning a spot on the President's List each semester. Haven has received the Helena Jarvis Memorial Scholarship, NC Elite Housing Scholarship, Elmira College Key Award, and George Eastman Young Leaders Award.

Monica Mack

*Webster, New York
Biology*

Monica is graduating with a degree in biology and currently holds an impeccable 4.0 GPA. She has been on the President's List since her very first semester. Monica will be attending the University at Buffalo's College of Dental Medicine, with an anticipated graduation date of 2025 with a DDS.

PURCHASE COLLEGE

Caleb Dowden

*Slidell, Louisiana
Dance*

Caleb Dowden is an exceptional dancer with a broad range of virtuosic skills. A disciplined student, Caleb's education, both here and abroad, has ignited her fascination with exploring other

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cultures and making connections through dance. She is engaged on and off campus using dance to advocate for Black youth.

ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Emanuel Bastos

*Fortaleza, Brazil
Math and Science: Math Track /
Automotive Technology*

Emanuel Bastos is an international student at Rockland Community College (RCC), originally from Brazil. An exceptional student, Emanuel serves as the RCC Student Trustee as well as the co-chair of International Students for the SUNY Student Assembly. He is a double major in math and science as well as automotive technology.

Deana Shalygina

*Pearl River, New York
Business Administration*

Deana Shalygina is an exceptional student at Rockland Community College (RCC), majoring in business administration and maintaining a 3.7 GPA. Deana is an employee in the RCC Reading and Writing Center, where she tutors other students, and serves as president of the Biological Honors Society and vice president of the Chemistry Club.

SUNY SCHENECTADY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Melissa Deal

*Troy, New York
Assistant Chef*

Melissa attends school part-time and works part-time at the Schuyler Inn Kitchen, a displaced families shelter in Menands, New York. Melissa's passion is to help others in need with her culinary skills. She loves working at the Inn, as she can learn while working with a supportive team.

Amber Dorvee

*Schenectady, New York
Nutrition*

Amber had to overcome many obstacles throughout her life to achieve her goals. She became

a mother at a young age, but had her husband to support her. Despite the deployments and their jobs endured while serving in the Army, she excelled in her classes because she believed in herself!

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

Neomi Lewis

*Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Physics*

Neomi is an international student majoring in physics with an optics concentration. She has participated in optics research since her freshman year. Through a DAAD-Research Internships in Science and Engineering Fellowship, she worked at a Nobel-prize winning lab in Germany. She was a resident assistant and is a mentor in the WISE program.

Erika Nemeth

*Sound Beach, New York
Biology*

Erika is an aspiring physician-scientist in the Honors College, majoring in biology. She is a Goldwater Scholar, and conducts sphingolipid research with Dr. Daniel Canals and bioinformatics research with Dr. Richard Moffitt. Erika leads the Society of Women Engineers, volunteers as an emergency medical technician, and intends to earn MD/PhD degrees.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Amrita Deonanan

*Brentwood, New York
Business Administration*

Amrita Deonanan, a business administration major from Brentwood, New York, has a 4.0 GPA, and has earned Dean's List recognition every semester for the last two years. Amrita serves as a peer mentor, chief financial officer of the Student Government Association, and assistant editor-in-chief of the Western Student Press.

Gabriella Hassildine

*Mattituck, New York
Liberal Arts General Studies*

Gabriella Hassildine, a liberal arts general studies major from Mattituck, New York, has a 4.0 GPA and has earned Dean's List recognition every semester for the last two years. Gabriella has served as president of the Music Club, president of the Honors Club, and an orientation leader.

Leeanna Rutigliano

*Medford, New York
Child Study-Education*

Leeanna Rutigliano, a child study education major from Medford, New York, has a 4.0 GPA and has earned Dean's List recognition every semester for the last two years. Leeanna serves as president of Phi Theta Kappa's Alpha Zeta Nu Chapter, is a Division 1 Finalist Oberndorf Scholar, and a member of Suffolk's College Choir.

SUNY SULLIVAN

Omar Gai

*Gambia, West Africa
Business Administration*

Omar immigrated to the United States at 14 from Gambia, West Africa. Learning English and excelling in high school inspired Omar to become a first-generation college student. He continued his academic success by being named to the President's List for two semesters. Omar is actively involved in numerous campus activities.

Michelle Miralle

*Liberty, New York
Nursing*

Michelle, a senior nursing student, has proven her academic excellence by placing on the Dean's List three out of four semesters. Michelle demonstrates strong leadership as our Student Trustee, and as an active member of various committees. The excellent care received during an extended stay in the hospital inspired Michelle to change careers.

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TOMPKINS CORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Tyler Thomas

*Ithaca, New York
Recreation Leadership*

Tyler has been on the Dean's List consecutively during her time at Tompkins Cortland Community College, all while serving as co-president of the Recovery Club and as a single mother. She is an involved member of clubs and organizations, maintaining employment and regular volunteerism as well.

SUNY ULSTER

Steven Cina

*Kingston, New York
Computer Science*

Steven Cina is an extraordinarily gifted student in our computer science program. In addition to his outstanding academic achievements (3.96 GPA), he has distinguished himself as our star tutor! Many students have expressed gratitude to him for helping them succeed. Steve not only tutors, he coaches and inspires his classmates!

Sophie Temple

*Kingston, New York
Business Administration*

Sophie Temple, an AS business admin. major with 4.0 GPA, is pursuing her bachelor's degree studies as an accounting major. Currently working part-time at Kingston Library, she participated as a student intern for Center for Academic Programs Support - Peer Mentoring in the Fall 2020 semester. Sophie serves as Student Government Organization secretary and the Business Club secretary, and is a member of Circle K International.

SUNY UPSTATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

Krista Newell

*Syracuse, New York
Microbiology & Immunology*

Krista is in her fourth year of study in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. She is a Syracuse-area native and a graduate of SUNY Potsdam and the University of Southern New Hampshire. She initiated her graduate studies following an early career in public health molecular diagnostics.

WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Bianca Braun

*Stolberg, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany
Liberal Arts: Social Science*

Bianca Braun grew up in Germany and has come to the United States to pursue her goal of earning a doctorate in psychology. She has 4.0 GPA and is active in campus life. She serves as Phi Theta Kappa president, completed the Commit to Change Leadership Program, and was an orientation leader.

Joseph Ciamarra

*Briarcliff Manor, New York
Liberal Arts: Math & Science*

Joseph Ciamarra has overcome many personal and health challenges during his time at Westchester Community College. He has held numerous leadership positions on the Student Government Association and served as an orientation leader. Joseph's passion for social justice has driven him to volunteer in support of numerous causes that reflect this commitment.

Pamela Morales

*Bronx, New York
Marketing*

Pamela Morales is a first-generation college student who has excelled academically. After taking a gap year, she came to Westchester Community College, where she has been involved since her first semester. Pamela founded the Marketing Club, served as an orientation leader, and is vice president of the Programming Board.



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