

# School of Information Studies

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**UNDERGRADUATE  
CONVOCAATION**

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**Syracuse University**  
**School of Information Studies**

*The iSchool is a globally recognized leader in advancing knowledge and developing creative, thoughtful and technically capable leaders in the information field.*

# Program

## OPENING

Megan Oakleaf, *Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*

## WELCOME

Jeff Hemsley, *Interim Dean and Associate Professor*

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Jeff Rubin '95 G'98, *Professor of Practice, School of Information Studies and Senior Vice President and Chief Digital Officer, Syracuse University*

## CONVOCATION AWARDS

### **John R. Weitzel Memorial Award for Information Systems Research**

Connor Cluett

*Presented by: Jennifer Stromer-Galley*

### **Donald and Joyce Marchand Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement**

Ainsley Puc

*Presented by: Laurie Ferger*

### **Adam Levitt '03 Undergraduate Award for Excellence in Innovation**

Mera Singh

*Presented by: Bruce Kingma*

### **Undergraduate Service Award**

Bushra Khazaleh

*Presented by: Sharon Akkoul*

### **Undergraduate Award for Excellence in Professional Practice**

Schneider Joachim

*Presented by: Chris Dunham*

### **Dean's Scholar Award**

Grace Wu

*Presented by: Lauren Hardee-Chase*

Ines Harouchi

*Presented by: Chris Dunham*

### **Katie Bennett Undergraduate Leadership Award**

Nicholas Zamerowski

*Presented by: Jeff Rubin*

### **STUDENT ADDRESS**

Nicholas Zamerowski

### **JEFFREY KATZER PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR AWARD & ADDRESS**

Alex Corsello, *Assistant Teaching Professor*

*Presented by: Sean Mazza*

### **OUTSTANDING PART-TIME FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARD**

James Enwright, *Adjunct Professor*

*Presented by: Adolphus Hackworth*

### **RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES**

Laurie Ferger

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Sarah Weber, *Interim Assistant Dean of Advancement*

### **ALMA MATER**

*Please remain seated until the faculty and student procession exits the auditorium.*

# Convocation Awards

## **SCHOOL OF INFORMATION STUDIES CLASS MARSHALS**

*Two Syracuse University iSchool seniors are selected as representatives for the Class of 2026. The class marshals demonstrate excellence in scholarship and academics, student organization involvement, campus and community service, and school spirit.*

Alexandra Miller-Thomas  
Benjamin Perle

## **JOHN R. WEITZEL MEMORIAL AWARD FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS RESEARCH**

*Established in memory of former faculty member John Weitzel, this award is presented to a student who exhibits excellence in information systems through coursework or research projects.*

Connor Cluett

## **DONALD AND JOYCE MARCHAND AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

*Established by former dean Don Marchand and his wife, Joyce, the award recognizes an outstanding senior based on scholastic achievement.*

Ainsley Puc

## **ADAM LEVITT '03 UNDERGRADUATE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION**

*Named in memory of Adam Levitt, an iSchool graduate who demonstrated innovative and tireless spirit, this award is presented to one outstanding undergraduate student who has demonstrated excellence in innovation in the field of information management and technology through innovative projects or startup ventures.*

Mera Singh

## **UNDERGRADUATE SERVICE AWARD**

*Recognizes seniors who have demonstrated a continuing commitment to helping others through personal engagement as well as leadership in campus and community service-oriented organizations.*

Bushra Khazaleh

### **UNDERGRADUATE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE**

*This award is presented to one outstanding senior who has demonstrated excellence in professional practice in the field of information management and technology by assuming a leadership role in the workforce at an accelerated pace, and/or has had their ideas for change integrated into the company for which they have interned or worked.*

Schneider Joachim

### **DEAN'S SCHOLAR AWARD**

*This award acknowledges academic achievement, intellectual growth and innovation, and contributions to the academic environment at the School of Information Studies.*

Grace Wu  
Ines Harouchi

### **KATIE BENNETT UNDERGRADUATE LEADERSHIP AWARD**

*Named in memory of Katie Bennett '10, an extraordinary iSchool student leader, this is the most prestigious award given by the iSchool to an outstanding senior who demonstrates all-around excellence as a student, has made contributions to the school through service, and serves as a role model for other students.*

Nicholas Zamerowski

### **JEFFREY KATZER PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

*Established in honor of former professor and interim dean Jeffrey Katzer, this award recognizes outstanding teachers in the School of Information Studies.*

Alex Corsello

### **OUTSTANDING PART-TIME FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARD**

*This award recognizes outstanding part-time teachers in the School of Information Studies.*

James Enwright

## CLASS OF 2026

# Candidates for Degrees

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Jamal Aden  
Ryan Adler  
Mary Aghedo  
William Alcorn  
Dylana Aldrich  
Victoria Almack  
Leonel Aviles  
Mojolaoluwa Babafemi  
Alexander Baldwin  
Noah Bamberger  
Fatoumata Barry  
Belizaire Bassette li  
Emmanuel Bazile  
Alexandra Bierman  
Aidan Blincoe  
Felice Bloom  
Josh Bosin  
Ulysses Briggs  
Amirah Britt  
Matthew Brown  
Beckett Buchman  
Solomon Burt  
Frailin Cabral  
Jonathan Callahan  
Madeleine Casamento  
Jaywei Chang  
Parames Chanthasensack  
Zerui Chen  
Haley Clark  
Connor Cluett  
Stephen Crossley  
Sierra Cuthill  
Mary Anne Daniel  
Brooke Danyluk  
Hassatou Daraméy  
Henry Dare  
Emre Daser  
Lukas Dashukewich  
Brandon Davis  
Kira Desai

Abdoulaye Diop  
Andraia Dipisa  
Jarell Dorsey  
Alaa Elhussen  
Tyler Emerling  
Neha Eregodu Laxminarayana  
Eliza Estes  
Alexander Fernandez  
David Fernando  
Caribel Florentino  
Elizabeth Fookson  
Julian Frucht  
Yujia Fu  
Jack Gerard  
Michael Gindi-Kolker  
Steven Goines  
Antonio Gonzalez  
Janluis Gonzalez  
Jared Gonzalez  
Isabel Gordon  
Lauren Gracias  
Micah Greenberg  
Olivia Hackenberry  
Adolphus Hackworth  
Xinyu Han  
Ines Harouchi  
Grace Hayden  
Zanyiah Hill Milling  
Catherine Holguin  
Lindsey Horowitz  
Kai Tun Hsu  
Kymani Hughes  
Eda Imer  
Mack Jackson  
Monica-Lillie Jacobs  
Yuntian Jiang  
Luis Jimenez Perez  
Schneider Joachim  
Joshua Kane  
Ashley Kao

*Degree candidates, continued*

Andrew Kassel	Katsitsiaroroks Mitchell
Tyler Katz	Lissette Mitzi Mendez
Julia Kehr	Margaret Montgomery
Jack Kester	Elizabeth Morales
Nicolas Ketterer	Anthony Moran
Bushra Khazaleh	Anthony Morana
Kamonwat Kiattaweesup	Jane Elizabeth Murphy
Benjamin Kitaeff	Owen Nesci
Natalie Klumb	Spencer Newirth
Alexa Kocur	Thanhngan Nguyen
Liliya Koenig	Yaneeeka Nichols
Mikolaj Kokoszko	Arman Nizam
Jordan Kristoff	Fiona O'Brien
Alison Kunzwiler	Natee Okrah
Alejandra Lara	Luisana Ortiz
Madison Lee	Abdi Osman
Yuna Lee	Griffin Osterhaus
Calysta Lee	Matthew O'Toole
Nichole Lemus	Nathan Ou
Ella Lescinskas	Bryce Papir
Jiachen Li	Jeremiah Park
Junyao Li	Isaiah Patterson
Keyun Li	Carson Pawlyshyn
Terry Li	Avi Peled
Zhilin Li	Ryan Peluso
Cameron Light	Richell Perez
Meky Lin	David Perkins
Junyi Liu	Benjamin Perle
Elijah Livingston	Naomi Peters
Erin Lloyd	Michael Phelps
Dean Lourenco	Anastasia Poltinnikov
Gabriel Lucey	Tristan Porter
Chao Lyu	Ainsley Puc
Anna Macleod	Elle Pucci
Samantha Malinsky	Steven Pullano
Jake Mansdorf	Xiaoyan Qiu
Dodge Martinson	Mathew Quintero
Christian Matthews	Sofia Quintero
Sean Mazza	Megan Radakovich
Samuel McCain	Khadiza Rahman
Cameron Mclvor	Jayden Ramos
Josue Melgar	Benjamin Robinson
Dominick Miceli	Nicholas Robison
Ezra Miller	Giordanna Rojas Cordova
Alexandra Miller-Thomas	Jake Rosenberg

*Degree candidates, continued*

Mia Rosenzweig	Estella VanBeveren
Karolina Rosse	Nathaniel Vasserman
Shane Rubenstein	Tejasdeep Vempa
Aidan Rudick	Ansh Verma
Marisol Russo	Jacob Vontersch
Tina Shek	Laina Waggoner
Gloria Shepherd	Robert Walsh
Max Silva	Xiaodi Wang
Carl Simpson	Tyler Wenning
Jaspreet Singh	Corin Wiggins
Mera Singh	Jack Witty
Jayden Smith	Ashlyn Woo
Shiho Son	Kevin Wood
Andres Soto Plaza	Grace Wu
Boubacar Sow	Peng Wei Wu
Fatumata Sow	Haowen Xiong
Daniel Stouter	Kangkang Xu
Tyler Stricof	Zhongyan Xu
Siyu Su	Siwoo Yoon
Yiyi Su	Nicholas Zamerowski
Nicole Supliguicha	Ivan Zeng
Anastasia Sysoeva	Presley Zhang
Noah Thompson	Cindy Zhang
Antwan Thompson Jr	Zhonghan Zhou
Isabella Trianine	Sophie Zober
Robert Valliciergo	Kelvin Zorrilla Burgos
William Van Horn	

**IN MEMORIAM**

*The empty chair on stage serves as a reminder of iSchool faculty, staff, alumni, students and friends who are no longer with us.*

# Alma Mater

WHERE THE VALE OF ONONDAGA  
MEETS THE EASTERN SKY  
PROUDLY STANDS OUR ALMA MATER  
ON HER HILLTOP HIGH.  
FLAG WE LOVE! ORANGE! FLOAT FOR AYE,  
OLD SYRACUSE, O'ER THEE.  
LOYAL BE THY SONS AND DAUGHTERS  
TO THY MEMORY.

-Junius W. Stevens, Class of 1895

