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Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts
Forty-First Annual Commencement Ceremony 2021



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Arts Academy
450 Masten Ave.
Buffalo, New York 14209

Tuesday, June 22, 2021
•12:00 pm - Visual Art
•1:30 pm - Dance and
Media Communication

Wednesday, June 23, 2021
•12:00 pm - Instrumental
and Vocal Music (A-G)
•1:30 pm - Vocal (H-Z)

Thursday, June 24, 2021
•12:00 pm - Theatre
•1:30 pm - Technical Theatre

Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts

Grades 5 - 12

Our highly qualified staff prepares our students for both college and career readiness, with excellence in both the Arts and Academics. Arts Academy students have the opportunity to focus on one of the following studies, while being exposed to all of the Arts: Vocal or Instrumental Music, Dance, Theatre, Visual Art, and Media Communications! We offer multiple extracurricular activities and clubs for all our students in various areas such as: the arts, academics, athletics, community outreach and cross curricular events. Advanced Placement courses (college level) are offered in Literature & Composition, Language & Composition, World History, U.S. History, Biology, Spanish, Music Theory, Art History, and Studio in Art. We also have a College Access Program, a dual credit program offered collaboratively by the Arts Academy and Buffalo State College.

The Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts was founded as part of the desegregation plan in 1977. The goal was simple: provide an exciting college preparatory program for students in the Arts and Academics that will attract all races and ethnicities. Since our beginnings at 333 Clinton Street, the school has grown in numbers and in depth. In September 2007 we moved to our new, state of the art facility located at 450 Masten Avenue.

The Arts Academy is extremely proud to have nurtured and molded many very successful alumni, some of whom include: Jessie L. Martin (*Law & Order*, *RENT*), Ani DiFranco (recording artist, founder of "Babeville"), Claudine Ewing (WGRZ-TV), Pete Gullivan (WGRZ-TV), Stefan Mychajliw (Erie County Comptroller), Ramona Thomas-Reynolds (Director of Parent Involvement), Carmen Intorre (professional percussionist/drummer, graduate of Juilliard School of Music), Gabriel Croom (broadway cast of *"Lion King"*), Elizabeth Young (President/Creative Director at Studio (LLC)), Julian Montague (graphic designer, illustrator, photographer, and installation artist). Current Arts Academy alumni on staff include: Jody Covington (Principal), Jay Ingerson (technical theatre), Fragrance Harris Stanfield (long term substitute teacher), Dave Riffel (media communications) Don Jones (teacher aide) & Nicole Jones (dance).

Our current students continue to exceed NYS targets for academic performance, produce award-winning visual art work, participate in All County Music Festival, perform with the Buffalo Philharmonic, and attend the NYS Summer School for the Arts. All students are exposed to multiple guest artists and are challenged with professional level curriculum and training. The school is presently partnered with many outside organizations who support our rigorous curriculum. These partnerships allow our students to be involved within our community. Many of our outside organizations focus on integrating the various arts experiences as well as helping discover and develop their artistic talents. We support and nurture our students continued growth through these programs.

"School is not a place that judges you. It is a place where people help your brain grow new connections"
- Carol S. Dweck

Alumni In Action



Joe Piehler: husband, father, artist, designer, entrepreneur, hobby collector, lover of old things, and fan of weird things. After graduating from the Arts Academy's Visual Art Department in 2006, he spent the first years of college bouncing between majors but finally settled into the Communication Design Department. In 2008, excited and ambitious, he co-founded a t-shirt printing shop called *Positive Approach*. The shop, showing much promise, quickly became Joe's primary focus. The same year, he met the love of his life and adopted his best friend Bear his dog. Today, Joe's primary work consists of illustration and brand design. He has worked on several projects for Buffalo-based brands and companies. He and his wife are currently developing a clothing brand and illustrating a children's book, which is inspired by their daughter. Joe has supported our Arts Academy family with his dedication and creative expertise by providing us with various school apparel designs.



Jason Hall, a 1992 graduate of the Media Communications Department, forged relationships during his time at Arts that are stronger than many of those gained since graduation. There is something to be said for working in a creative environment while coming of age. Taking creative risks with the support of your peers and friends is not something that everyone gets to enjoy. Jay works in an artistic environment every day, and his ability to do so is possible because of what he took away from his time at Arts. Every day nurtured individual talents and strengths but he also learned, most importantly, how to develop creatively as an individual while supporting the talents of fellow classmates. Arts, and everyone involved while there, have always been like family... because we are a family. For many years, Jay has been running a live music venue with his family in Buffalo, NY. Sportsmen's Tavern has become synonymous with live music in this city. He also owns *Black Rock EPS, LLC*, a recording studio and production company for nearly 25 years. Jay is Chairman of Sportsmen's Americana Music Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization that funds music education programs throughout the city. Over the past few years, with a partnership with Sportsmen's Tavern, we have funded the Jonathan Croom Memorial Art Scholarship which has given thousands of dollars to Arts Academy graduates. In the future, we hope the scholarship can grow and become an important part of the Arts legacy and family for generations to come.

Alumni In Action



The Michelle D. Hare scholarship was established out of Michelle's love for BAVPA. She is forever grateful to her alma mater for the unique education she received. This education included the pursuit of excellence in arts, academics, integrity, and personal achievement. The scholarship recipient will also share Michelle's passion and commitment to dance, lifelong learning, and the community. Michelle is a 1993 graduate of the Arts Academy's Dance Department. She played the violin, was a member of the Chamber Orchestra, Vice-President of the Student Senate, and Junior and Senior Class President. Michelle graduated from SUNY at Buffalo with a Bachelor's Degree in Urban and Public Policy Studies. As a Schomburg Fellow, she obtained a Master's Degree in Applied Public Affairs, with a concentration in urban management. Michelle also received a second Bachelor's in Nutrition and Exercise Science from CUNY at Queens College. Currently employed by State Farm, she manages multicultural, life occasion, and National Basketball Association marketing initiatives across the United States. As an entrepreneur, Michelle owns M.A.J.E.S.T.I.C., a wellness company with a mission to promote physical fitness in urban communities.



Liz Young has been incredibly pleased to give back to her alma mater. She has embraced the educational and inspirational gatherings with current students who visit NYC each year, and was honored to be the keynote speaker at one of our recent graduation ceremonies. She has stated, *"I wouldn't be where I am today without the strong education, diverse experience, and creative skillset I gained by being part of the Arts family"*. Liz was a Visual Art major, a trumpet student and participated in three varsity sports. The Arts Academy prepared her for acceptance to the University of Hartford. While there, she majored in graphic design and minored in illustration. In 2003, Liz founded Studio LLC, now StudioLabs, a product design and development studio which focuses on creative technology. Through her work at StudioLabs, she has helped create software applications, mobile applications, websites, games, and other digital products for clients such as Estée Lauder and ESPN. Liz is CEO and Creative Director of StudioLabs.

Be Able to have Victory and Power over Adversity

Greetings to the Class of 2021 and the Arts Academy family! We have made it through another school year of having to adjust our lives around the challenges presented by the pandemic. What I find most remarkable is that this also marks another year where the strength and resilience of our students have shown the tremendous ability to overcome insurmountable obstacles towards success. Seniors you truly exemplify what it means to **"Be Able to have Victory and Power over Adversity."**

One can only imagine what the next months and years will have in store, however what I am certain about is the capacity that each of you have in mastering what your heart's desires for life. You may have plans to attend college, or pursue a career in the military, or to join the workforce after high-school. Whatever your plans are you have been undoubtedly equipped to on the demands of committing to your goals.

There's no better time than now to reflect on your momentous accomplishments as a **BAVPA** alumni, no matter how big or how small during your tenure at the Arts Academy. As you begin your journey as a young adult I encourage you to start with a focus on what's in your immediate control. Build your home court advantage by taking care of your physical, mental and social emotional well-being. Know the importance of personal accountability and the responsibility you owe to your neighbor-that being the person that is in need. Look to use your talent to uplift positivity in your community and in the lives of others. Discover the magic in your words by sharing sentiments that show that you care and that listening with an open-mind matters most. Challenge yourself to pay attention to others while mastering your future aspirations.

Thank you for not giving up; for staying the course with teachers, and for adapting to new ways of learning. I urge you to enjoy life and to continue dancing, singing, drawing, acting, building, journaling, communicating and playing your song! On behalf of the **B**uffalo **A**cademy for **V**isual and **P**erforming **A**rts' administration, teachers, support staff, and partners we **CONGRATULATE YOU** on a job well done Class of 2021!

Ms. J. Covington, Principal

Commencement Ceremonies

Processional March	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> , Composed by: Sir Edward Elgar
Pledge of Allegiance	Mr. Chris George
National Anthem - <i>Star Spangled Banner</i>	Isabella Sciortino
<i>Lift Every Voice</i> (recording)	Isabelle Carter, Gianna Cotto, Symphonie Giambelluca, Anigiah Harris, Cordell Hopkins, Norman McCarter, Camilla Morales, and Isabella Sciortino
Welcome	Principal Covington
Keynote Speaker	Erin Moss, c/o 2002
Granting of Diplomas	Arts Academy Administration, Guidance Department & Class Advisor
Closing Remarks	Principal Covington

Awards

Salutatorian Award ~ Mariely J. Hernandez

Valedictorian Award and Speech ~ Jonathan Xavier Denz

Principal's Award ~ Corey Rodgers Jr. and Alexa Laurel Stachowski

When selecting the recipients for the principal's award, the students that are considered, are ones who are most deserving of special recognition for exemplary achievement for overcoming possibly challenging obstacles and having made a significant contribution to the quality of life in our school in the arts, academics, and in their overall respect and character.

Jonathan Croom Alumni Award ~ Louange Theopiste Mizero

Presented to a visual art major who embodies Jonathan's spirit, the love of arts, and commitment to family, community service, and the well-being of others.

Visual Art Purchase Award ~ Tiriya Reynolds

Presented to a student who has created a work that exemplified outstanding artistic achievement.

Michelle D. Hare Scholarship Legacy Scholarship (c/o 1993) ~ Alexa Laurel Stachowski

Michelle is forever grateful to her alma mater for the unique education she received, which included the pursuit of excellence in arts, academics, integrity, and personal achievement. The recipient will also share Michelle's passion and commitment to dance, lifelong learning and the community.

Superintendent's Address



June 10, 2021

Dear High School Graduate:

Congratulations to you! The Class of 2021 has shown its strength, character, and resilience to life's challenges like no other. Following a year of remote and then in-person learning, during a global pandemic, I have watched you take in your circumstances and make the most of it. I have noted your willingness and flexibility to do what you had to, when you had to it, in order to overcome and succeed. Knowing this, I feel profound commendation and joy for you.

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."
– Harriet Tubman

Dream big! Change the world according to your understanding of what is right. And hold what is "right" dearly in your heart, as we, your Buffalo Public Schools family, hold you.

Wishing the best for you always,



Dr. Kriner Cash
Superintendent

Visual Art Purchase Awards

Award History

The Visual Art's Purchase Award was created by the Visual Art faculty in 1991. At that time, the faculty believed that a student's artwork should be purchased and displayed in the Arts Academy building for everyone to admire. Since 1991 and each year thereafter, a visual art piece has been purchased and added to the school's permanent collection. As part of the curriculum, each senior participates in a portfolio review where the faculty reviews and critiques work with the artist. The faculty wants to see a variety of work, hear about their motivation behind it, and be able to talk about it in an artistic way. The Visual Art faculty collectively chooses one or two pieces of artwork that shows college level skills.

You can view this collection as you enter or exit the building from the Ferry St. entrance.



Tiriya Reynolds

Excellence in Naturalism Purchase Award

This award of Excellence in Naturalism is based on the student's ability to represent aesthetic sensibility and the traditional practices of drawing, grounded in the accurate representation of the truth and beauty found in nature. The artwork will be purchased by the school, adjudicated and awarded by Mr. Witucki. It will remain in the permanent collection of the Buffalo Academy of Visual and Performing Arts. The drawing will be framed and displayed with the student's name and graduating year. As a community, we are proud to be training our students to be the next great generation of artists.



Zoe Mayback

Commencement Ceremony Continued

Buffalo Teachers Federation Award ~ Faith Byrd

Awarded to a student who is outstanding. The winner receives a certificate and a monetary award from the faculty.

American Federation of School Administrators ~ Isabelle Carter

This leadership award is presented on behalf of school administrators to recognize outstanding student leadership in our school and wider community by a graduating senior. The winner receives a certificate and a monetary gift.

Philip A. LaFornara Award ~ Owen Larrabee and Masala Mberwa

Presented to seniors who best exemplify excellence in both the arts and academics.

B.O.E. Education Exemplar ~ Abbi Lynn Cardona

Presented to a student who has contributed substantially to fostering an atmosphere of mutual understanding, respect, and acceptance in his or her school community.

Sherman F. Feyler Award ~ Jonathan Xavier Denez & Alexa Laurel Stachowski

Presented to outstanding students on the basis of the candidates' scholastic excellence, leadership qualities, activities in civic affairs, personality, and attitude toward country and neighbor.

Florence Johnson Perseverance Award ~ Quinton Jones & Nolani Holmes Allen

Awarded to a student who has overcome insurmountable obstacles to arrive at graduation. The recipient should have demonstrated the commitment to do better, have good attendance, and be economically disadvantaged.

Macy Favor Scholarship ~ Christian Medina

The late Hugh Macy Favor, local Jazz musician was inducted into the Buffalo Music Hall of Fame in 2002. He was an integral contributor of the Buffalo Colored Musicians Club. The club fostered an environment where people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds could come together over a mutual love of the American phenomenon called jazz. In his honor a scholarship has been established from an endowment bequeathed to the Arts Academy as a gift from his will. It will be awarded to a student who has shown growth and maturity in the face of adversity and will continue on a path pursuing music as a lifelong journey.

Class of 2021

Tuesday, June 22, 2021 12:00 pm - Visual Art



Herman J. Anderson
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Visual Art



Louange Theopiste Mizero
Niagara University, Criminal Justice
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Visual Art
Urban League Scholarship



Jada Bell
Otis College of Art and Design, Undeclared
Advanced Regents Diploma
Otis Diversity Scholarship \$4,000, Otis Institutional
Scholarship \$4000



Julia G. Ramos
Villa Maria College, Undeclared
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Visual Art
Say Yes, Daemen All High Art Scholarship, Villa Maria
Honors Scholarship \$12,000 annually



Abbilynn Cardona
Villa Marie College, Undecided
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Visual Art



Tiriya T. Reynolds
Erie Community College, General Studies
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Visual Art
NYWEA Scholarship \$12,000, Cappex Scholarship
\$1,000, Nitro Scholarship \$2,000, Course Hero
Scholarship \$4,000



Marichelle Cruz
Cosmetology School
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Visual Art



Xavier Waldemar Rodriguez
Villa Maria College, Game Design
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Visual Arts
Villa Maria Merit Scholarship \$7,000



Mariely J. Hernandez
The School of Visual Arts, Animation
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Visual Art
SHR Merit Scholarship \$12,500, Federal Pell Grant
\$6,495



Damaylyn Elaine VanCleaf
Workforce
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Visual Art



Grace Mancuso
Undecided
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Visual Art



Amaja Ma'Che Zimmerman
SUNY Buffalo State, Interior Design
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Visual Art



Zoe Mayback
SUNY University at Buffalo, English with a minor in
Journalism
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Visual Art



Awards Previously Presented Continued

Departmental Awards Communications

Prolific Editor Award - Amya Coley, Emerging Photographer Award - Savanna Eckrotz,
Voice of the Major Award -leigha Floyd, Integrity in Communication Award - Corzy Rodgers Jr.,
Emerging Audio Engineer Award - Kalzeb Jarrett, Jam Vafai Creative Genius Scholarship - Masala Mberwa
National Technical Honor Society - Amya Coley & Masala Mberwa have both been inducted as members for earning over
90% average in their CTE coursework and over 85% GPA!

Dance

Extensive Research in Dance - Alexa Laurel Stachowski, Most Dedicated to Success - Alexa Laurel Stachowski
Dedication and Service - Alexa Laurel Stachowski Dedication and Service - Juan Diaz
Dedication and Service - La'Tajja Hoosier Outstanding Stage Performance - La'Tajja Hoosier

Theatre

Most Significant Growth in Theatre - Cheyenne Roneone, Most Dedicated Performer - Janay Burnell,
Most Dedicated Theatre Student - Ariana Ballard, Overall Excellence in Theatre Arts - Jonathan Denz,
Brightest Future in the Theatre - Hannah Alley, Leadership Award - Chans Dean,
Most Compassionate Student - Tolani Holmes-Allyn

Instrumental Music

Back and Beyond - Jessica Williams, The Behringer Award - Anaxamander Jelliff,
Louis Armstrong Award - Christian Medina
Trumpeter on Board Award - Owen Larrabee,
The Authenticity Award - Angel Howie, The Stratocaster - Gabriela Villa

Vocal Music

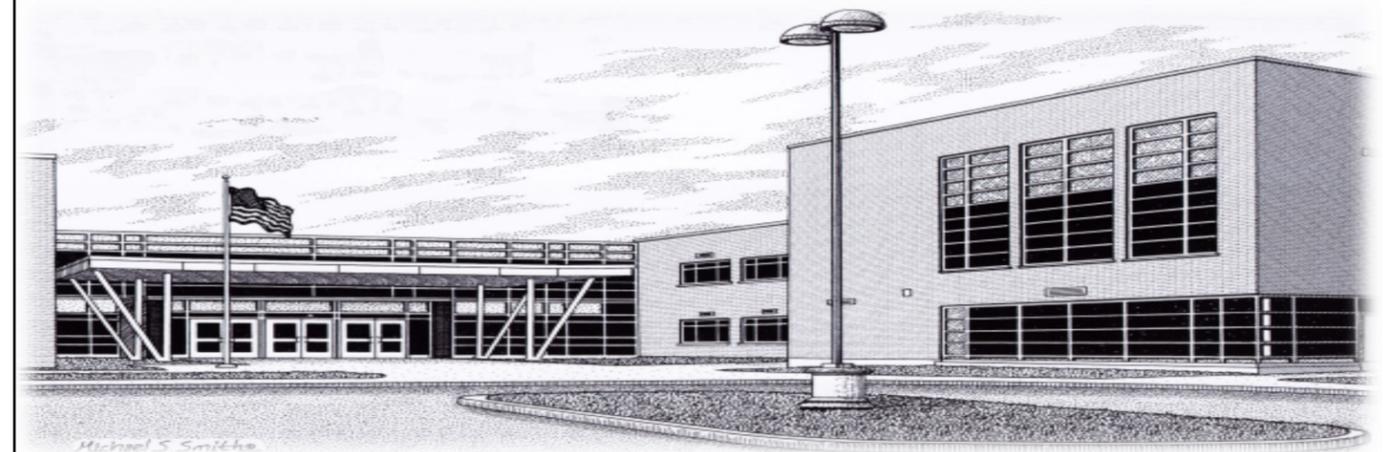
Rising Star Award - Isabella Sciortino, Heart of the Chorus - Gianna Cotto,
Cornerstone Award - Ruby Oddo

Visual Art

Biggest Brain - Herman Anderson, Most Courageous - Evan Bell, The Art Rebel - Jada Bell,
Most Colorful - Abbilynn Cardona, Born Leader - Marichelle Cruz, Best Advice Giver - Imani S. Dean,
Wisest Advice - Imani S. Dean, Toughest Cookie - Xavier Dukes,
Wildest Imagination - Mariely Hernandez, Best Dressed - Grace Mancuso,
Biggest Heart - Zoe Mayback, Future Teacher - Julia Ramos, Ray of Sunshine - Tiriya T. Reynolds,
Most Improved - Xavier Rodriguez, Most Studious - Louange Theopiste Mizero,
Most Unique - Damaylyn VanCleaf, and Awesome Attitude - Amaja Zimmerman

Julie Hage Scholarship c/o 1995 ~ Alexa Laurel Stachowski

The recipient demonstrates ambition and commitment to personal success while pursuing
advancement in higher education opportunities. Appreciates and embodies the spirit of dance and participated to the
fullest extent of their Arts Academy Experience.



Awards Previously Presented

President's Academic Effort Award - Herman Anderson, Randall Bryant, Angel Fossett, Taren Gloss, Quinton Jones, Moriah McCloud, Liamis Ramirez Mouliez, and Bryanna Walker
Awarded to students who show outstanding educational growth, improvement, commitment or intellectual development in their academic subjects. This award is meant to recognize students who work hard and give their best effort in school.

President's Academic Excellence Award - Isabelle Carter, Amya Coley, Jonathan Xavier Denez, Mariely Hernandez, Owen Larrabee, Zoe Magbaek, Masala Mberwa, Louange Mizero, Ruby Oddo, Julia Ramos, and Alexa Stachowski

Outstanding Service Awards - Hannah Alley, Gianna Cotto, Juan Diaz, Aleigha Floyd, La'Taeja Hoosier, Owen Larrabee, Norman McCarter, Samuel Parrett, and Alexa Laurel Stachowski
Presented to students who have volunteered service to the Arts Academy. Each winner receives a certificate and a monetary award.

Triple "C" Award - Ruby Oddo
Presented to a student who has exhibited outstanding "Character, Courage and Commitment" to learning, their community and their fellow classmates.

New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association - Chans Dean
Statewide scholarship program is awarding a senior with a \$600 scholarship.

New York State Comptroller's Achievement Award - Corey Rodgers Jr.
This award is presented to a graduating senior who has demonstrated leadership potential and a commitment to public service, including devoting a significant amount of time to helping the school and community.

NY State Scholarship for Academic Excellence - Jonathan Xavier Denez, Mariely Hernandez, Alexa Laurel Stachowski, and Isabelle Carter
Based on scholastic achievement, the above students have been awarded annual scholarships of either \$1500 or \$500 from the New York State Board of Regents.

Class of 2021 Scholars - 90% and above overall GPA
Shawn J. Carr II, Isabelle Carter, Amya Coley, Jonathan Xavier Denez, Mariely J. Hernandez, Anaxamander Jelliff, Owen Larrabee, Zoe Magbaek, Masala Mberwa, Louange Mizero, Ruby Oddo, Liamis Ramirez Mouliez, Julia G. Ramos, and Alexa Laurel Stachowski

Top 10 Seniors

Valedictorian ~ Jonathan Xavier Denez
3 ~ Alexa Laurel Stachowski
5 ~ Owen Larrabee
7 ~ Anaxamander Jelliff
9 ~ Liamis Ramirez Mouliez

Salutatorian ~ Mariely J. Hernandez
4 ~ Isabelle Carter
6 ~ Amya Coley
8 ~ Louange Mizero
10 ~ Julia G. Ramos

Highest Academic Averages

English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Spanish, and Theatre - Jonathon Xavier Denez
Visual Art - Mariely Hernandez
Dance - Alexa Laurel Stachowski
Physical Education, Instrumental Music - Owen Larrabee
Media Communications - Amya Coley
Technical Theatre - Liamis Ramirez Mouliez
Vocal Music - Ruby J. Oddo

2021 Senior Class Officers

President - Ruby J. Oddo
Vice President - Gianna Isabel Cotto
Treasurer - Arianna Dyani Ballard
Secretary - Masala Mberwa
Sergeant at Arms - Randall Bryant Jr.
Class Advisor - Mrs. Sheila Jones

Class of 2021 Tuesday, June 22, 2021 1:30 pm - Dance



Courtney L. Anderson
SUNY Buffalo State, Biology with a minor in Dance
Regents Diploma



Kaila Baldon
Undecided
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Dance



Juan Alberto Diaz III
Medaille College, Biology with minor in Pre-Med
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Dance



Taren E. Gloss
Undecided
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Dance



La'Taeja Sheila Ann Gladys Hoosier
Culinary Arts School
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Dance



Alexa Laurel Stachowski
Canisius College, BA in Psychology
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Dance
100 Club of Buffalo's Scholarship of Excellence \$750, Bflo. State Erie County Merit Scholarship \$1,000, The Peter Canisius Scholarship \$56,000, Medaille Trustee's Scholarship \$88,000, Canisius Choice Say Yes \$20,000, Oswego Presidential Scholarship \$20,000, D'Youville President Scholarship \$36,000, Fredonia Scholarship \$10,000, Erie County Employees' Credit Union \$500



Bryanna L. Walker
SUNY University at Buffalo,
Biology with a minor in Dance
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Dance
Buffalo Urban League Scholarship

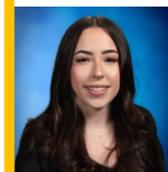


Ranissa K. White
Undecided
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Dance

Class of 2021 Tuesday, June 22, 2021 1:30 pm - Media Communication



Amya Coley
SUNY University at Buffalo, Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing
Advanced Regents Diploma
National Technical Honor Society
CTE Endorsement
Arts Academy Diploma in Media Communications



Savanna R. Eckrote
Villa Maria College, Photography
Advanced Regents Diploma
CTE Endorsement
Arts Academy Diploma in Media Communications



Aleigha Michelle Floyd
Molloy College, Music Therapy
Advanced Regents Diploma
CTE Endorsement
Arts Academy Diploma in Media Communications
Molloy Fine Art Scholarship \$8,000



Juliana Giglio
Undecided
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Media Communications
Trustee Scholarship, Canisius College Dean's Academic Scholarship



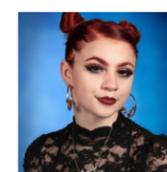
Kaleab A. Jarrett
Medaille College, Undeclared
Regents Diploma
CTE Endorsement
Arts Academy Diploma in Media Communications



Masala Mberwa
SUNY University at Buffalo, Digital Art with a minor in Business
Advanced Regents Diploma
National Technical Honor Society
CTE Endorsement
Arts Academy Diploma in Media Communications



Corey W. Rodgers Jr.
SUNY Buffalo State, Undeclared
Regents Diploma
CTE Endorsement
Arts Academy Diploma in Media Communications



Kylisa Wurthmann
Undecided
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma Media Communications

Class of 2021

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 12:00 pm - Instrumental Music



Amaia R. Abram
Regents Diploma



Samuel T. Parrett
Villa Maria College, Business
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Instrumental Music
\$32,000 Opportunity Scholarship



DJuan Boyd
SUNY Buffalo State, Undeclared
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Instrumental Music



Taya Renee Porter
Undecided
Regents Diploma



Angel L. Howie
Hilbert College, Criminal Justice
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Instrumental Music
Say Yes, Hilbert Board Scholarship \$5,700



Jason Rivera
Automotive Mechanic Trade School
Regents Diploma



Anaxamander Jelliff
SUNY Purchase, Studio Production
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Instrumental Music



Gabriela E. Villa
SUNY University at Buffalo, Psychology
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Instrumental Music



Owen Larrabee
SUNY Polytechnic Institute, Game Design and
Interactive Media
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Instrumental Music



Yaz'mene Washington
SUNY Buffalo State, Undeclared
Regents Diploma



Christian Medina
SUNY Buffalo State, Music Performance with a minor
in Music Production
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Instrumental Music



Jessica C. Williams
Undecided
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Instrumental Music

Class of 2021

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 12:00 pm - Vocal Music (A-G)



Delanie Alverio
Undecided
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music



Amajah Monet Beard
Trocare College, Nursing
Regents Diploma



Destiny Jamari Barber
North Carolina A&T State University, Criminal Justice
with a minor in Business
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music



Yasmine U. Bell
Trocaire College, Nursing
Regents Diploma
Say Yes, Trocaire Presidential Scholarship

Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts Faculty and Staff

Principal
Ms. Jody Covington

Assistant Principal
Mrs. Rebecca Ryan

Assistant Principal
Mr. Jonathan Welka

Arts Coordinator
Mr. Chris George

Speech Therapist
Mrs. Angela Downing

Student Support Services
Ms. Kim Jones
Mrs. Rubie McKelvey

Dance
Ms. Rebecca Bateson-Brown
Ms. Nicole Jones
Ms. Alexandra Swonder
Mrs. AnnMarie Jenczka-Caldiero

Guidance & Counseling Department
Mrs. Wendy Loveria
Mrs. Tyshae Moore
Mr. Randall Womack

School Nurse
Ms. Tina Donovan

Media Communications
Ms. Mary Elizabeth Murray
Mr. David Riffel

English Language Arts
Mrs. Lisa Corey
Mr. Ivan Gonzalez
Ms. Stephanie Hollis
Ms. Elizabeth Lyons-Duke

Library Media Specialist
Ms. Alison Farinacci

Foreign Language/Spanish
Mrs. Julie Brostko
Ms. Noelia Monge

Music
Mr. Timothy Buckley
Ms. Jennie Knight
Mrs. Jaime Pitnell
Ms. Lauriann Stephan
Mr. Jared Tinkham
Ms. Ana Vafai

Mathematics
Mr. Robert Brotz
Mrs. Cynthia Shumaker
Ms. Clyvette Grayson
Mrs. Shannon Podsadowski

Special Education
Mrs. April Bartosz
Ms. Nicole Boreanaz
Ms. Tayler Cole

Mrs. Izabela Cunningham
Ms. Theresa DellaVilla
Mrs. Jennifer Eynon
Mrs. Rebecca Felicetta
Ms. Michele Gibson

Theatre
Ms. Kelly Beuth
Mr. Andrew Kottler

Mr. Richard Skrabucha
Mr. John Smith

Technical Theatre
Mr. Gerry Durak
Mr. Jay Ingerson

Social Studies
Mr. Mark Borgioli
Mr. James Healy
Mr. Robert Houck
Mrs. Jessica Swiech
Mrs. Sarah Wright

Mrs. Antolene Jenczewski
Mr. Daniel Massey
Mr. David Majewski
Ms. Margaret Marino
Ms. Joelle Perfetti
Mrs. Abigail Petri
Mr. Ryan Ried
Mrs. Stacie Schirca
Mrs. Carrie Schlau

Visual Art
Mrs. Heather Guinther
Mr. Marc Herring
Mrs. Elizabeth Larrabee
Ms. Rachel Lyons
Mr. Sean Witucki

Science
Mr. John Bihr
Mrs. Sherri Kochan
Mrs. Jennifer Koscielski
Mr. Thomas Pearse
Mr. Eric Vosburgh
Mrs. Celeste Watson

ENL
Mrs. Stephanie McClain

Career and Tech. Ed.
Mr. John Augustine

Technology
Mr. Sebastian Case

Physical Education/Health
Mr. Michael Bogdan
Ms. Sarah Galante
Mr. Brian Rosintoski
Mrs. Amanda Saddleson

Teacher Assistants/Aides
Ms. Salma Afroz
Mrs. Cynthia Andersen
Ms. Toy Benefield
Ms. Anne Marie Burke
Ms. Brenda Jones
Mr. Donald Jones
Mrs. Janice Jones
Mrs. Sheila Jones
Ms. Nicole Sanders

Home & Careers
Ms. Lisa Judge

Elementary Education
Mr. Howard Fisher
Mrs. Linda Greenan
Mrs. Linda Kraft
Mrs. Jordan Shively



Office Staff
Mrs. Dawn Damstetter
Mrs. Christina White

Class of 2021 Theatre Continued



Kayla Michele Revere
SUNY Buffalo State, Chemistry
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre



Sharon Christine Smith
Canisius College, Biochemistry with a minor in Computer Science
Advanced Regents Diploma



Cheyenne A. Roncone
SUNY Buffalo State, Theater with a minor in Speech
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Theater



Jakari Thornton
Canisius College, BA in Digital Media Arts with a minor in Theatre Arts
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre
Buffalo Urban League Scholarship \$2,000, Buffalo AAF \$2,000, Buffalo Prep, Say Yes, Institutional Scholarship

Class of 2021

Thursday, June 24, 2021 1:30 pm - Technical Theatre



Shaylyn Block
Local Diploma
CDOS Credential



Cameron V. Liggins
Undecided
Regents Diploma
CDOS Credential
Arts Academy Diploma in Technical Theatre



Shawn J. Carr II
Local Diploma
CDOS Credential
National Technical Honor Society



Emily Dawn Murray
Undecided
Regents Diploma
CDOS Credential
Arts Academy Diploma in Technical Theater



Brandon Tyrell Davis
SUNY Buffalo State College, Undecided
Regents Diploma
CDOS Credential



Octavia E. Paige
Empire Beauty School or Continental School of Beauty
Regents Diploma
CDOS Credential
The National Society of High School Scholars
Arts Academy Diploma in Technical Theatre



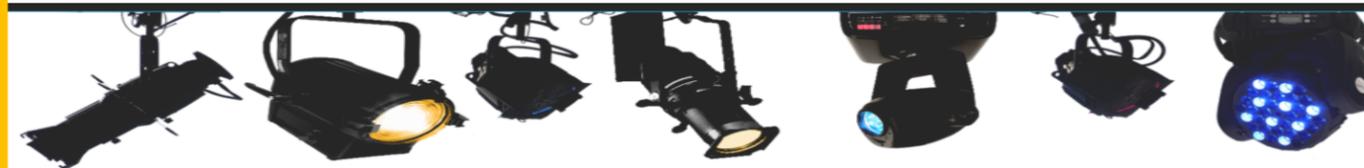
Philisha Hargrove
Villa Maria College, Communication Arts
Regents Diploma
CDOS Credential
Arts Academy Diploma in Technical Theater



Liamis Ramirez Moulter
Medaille College, Psychology
Regents Diploma
CDOS Credential
Arts Academy Diploma in Technical Theatre



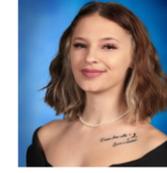
Quinton T. Jones
Undecided
Regents Diploma
CDOS Credential



Class of 2021 Vocal Music (A-G) Continued



J'moni Unique Bivins
Undecided
Regents Diploma



Symphonie Marie Nicole Giambelluca
SUNY Fredonia, Theater Arts
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music
\$8000 SUNY Fredonia



Isabelle Carter
SUNY Fredonia, Communication Disorders and Sciences
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music
Honors Program Scholarship \$750, Fredonia Scholar Award \$14,000, Merit Scholarship \$1000



Chayanne Gomez
Undecided
Advanced Regents Diploma



Gianna Isabel Cotto
SUNY Buffalo State, Theatre
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music



Mihiya A. Green
The Salon Professional Academy, Esthetics
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music



Martina Garcia - Montano
Undecided
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music



Class of 2021

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 1:30 pm - Vocal Music (H-W)



Tishara Imani Hall
Morgan State University, Criminal Justice
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music
McDonald's Scholarship \$2,500, Cyberbullying Awareness Scholarship \$1,000, Equal Justice Scholarship \$1,000, HBCU Scholarship \$1,000, There's space for everyone Scholarship \$2,500, The Hustle's Scholarship \$2,021



Janiyah Loynes
Regents Diploma



Aniyah C. Harris
SUNY Fredonia, English
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music



Norman R. McCarter III
Northland Workforce - Training Center
Regents Diploma



Cordell Hopkins
SUNY Buffalo State, Theater with a minor in Vocal Music
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music



Moriah J. McCloud
Medaille College, AS in Veterinary Technology with a BS in Biology
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music
Say Yes, Full tuition Scholarship - Medaille College



Robyn Marie Knighton
SUNY Buffalo State, Criminal Justice
Regents Diploma



Amari Keith McDade
Penn State University, Undeclared
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music
Buffalo Urban League and Discover Award Scholarship \$26,000

Class of 2021
Vocal Music (H-W) Continued



Halle Mendez
*Workforce
 Regents Diploma*



Iyona Smith-Poole
*Undecided
 Regents Diploma*



Camilla Victoria Morales
*Medaille College, AS in Veterinary Technology with a
 BS in Biology
 Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music*



Corra R. Smyntek
*SUNY Cortland, BS Double Major in Archaeology and
 Anthropology
 Advanced Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music*



Ruby J. Oddo
*SUNY Purchase, Theatre Performance
 Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music
 Bethany Scholarship \$6,000, University Scholarship \$72,000,
 Summer Scholarship \$4,500, Magis Scholarship \$50,000, Trustee
 Recognition Award \$94,000, Resident Scholars Tuition Award
 \$3,000, Merit Scholarship \$2,000, Dean Scholars Award \$12,000*



Ca'Niyah S. Sumpter
*Continental School of Beauty
 Regents Diploma*



Dayna K. Peart
*Medaille College, Undeclared
 Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music*



Kiany Dalys Torres
*Undecided
 Regents Diploma*



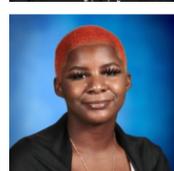
Janiyah K. Robinson
*Niagara University, Social Work with a concentration in Mental
 Health Counseling
 Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music
 EOP Full Scholarship, Delta Sigma Theta Scholarship \$800, Girls
 to Pearls Scholarship \$200, Niagara University \$10,000*



Armand A. Walker
*Undecided
 Regents Diploma*



Isabella Sciortino
*SUNY Buffalo State, Vocal Music
 Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music
 Buffalo State College Music Department Scholarship,
 Niagara University Academic Scholarship*



Jocelyn Tai'Yanna Williams
*Workforce
 Regents Diploma*



Skylynn Scott
*Mt. Saint Marys LA, Philosophy
 Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music
 Merit Scholarship \$17,000, Mount Scholarship \$21,000,
 Presidents award \$15,000*



Class of 2021
Thursday, June 24, 2021 12:00 pm - Theatre



Hannah Marit Alley
*Jamestown Community College, Psychology
 Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Theater*



Jonathan Xavier Denz
*SUNY Geneseo, Geological Sciences/Adolescence
 Education: Earth Science and General Science
 Advanced Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre*



Keijana N. Antoine
*D'Youville, Nursing with a minor in Medical Sociology
 Advanced Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre
 D'Youville \$52,000 Scholarship, Say Yes*



Selah Mone't Dixon-Vinson
*SUNY Erie, Culinary Arts
 Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre*



Ariana Dyani Ballard
*Medaille College, Biology
 Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Theater*



Angel M. Fossett
*Advanced Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre*



Randalle Bryant Jr.
*Daemen College, Nursing (1+2+1), RN-BS
 Advanced Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre
 Dean Scholarship \$10,000*



Aolani Holmes-Allen
*SUNY University at Buffalo, Undeclared
 Advanced Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre
 Buffalo Urban League Scholarship, Delta Sigma Theta
 Sorority Scholarship*



Janay M. Burnell
*The University of Massachusetts-Amherst,
 Animal Science
 Advanced Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre*



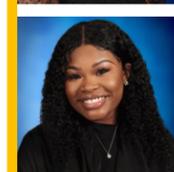
Matthew Cameron Johnson
*Undecided
 Regents Diploma*



Faith Imani Byrd
*SUNY Buffalo State College, Undecided
 Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre
 Buffalo Urban League Scholarship*



Aaliyah A. Matthews
*West Virginia University, Nursing
 Advanced Regents Diploma*



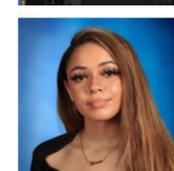
Darniece Carter
*SUNY Fredonia or SUNY Buffalo State College,
 Psychology
 Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre*



Zavi McCullough
*Medaille College, Undeclared
 Regents Diploma*



Mylia Amari Chambers
*Niagara County Community College, Medical Assistance
 Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Theater*



Valencia Ire Medley
*D'Youville College or Florida Atlantic University,
 Undeclared
 Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre*



Chans Munira Dean
*Central State University, Criminal Justice
 Advanced Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre*



Reina Anae Reed
*SUNY ECC, Liberal Arts
 Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre*