

# 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

Jennifer Stromer-Galley, *Senior Associate Dean*

## WELCOME

Andrew Sears, *Dean*

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Michael Brown '94, P'26, *CEO & Chairman of the Board—Skyline Robotics*

## CONVOCATION AWARDS

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

Maria Susanne DeCaro

*Presented by: Michael Fudge*

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

Priscilla Cruz

*Presented by: Bruce Kingma*

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

Anika Sahityani

*Presented by: EunJeong Cheon*

### **Undergraduate Service Award**

Jake Morgan Hyman

*Presented by: Christopher Perrello*

### **Donald and Joyce Marchand Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Information Management and Technology**

Jiayao Ou

*Presented by: Bruce Kingma*

### **Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Applied Data Analytics**

Gregory Scott Schroeder

*Presented by: Bruce Kingma*

### **Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Innovation, Society, and Technology**

Grace Giovanna Guido

*Presented by: Bruce Kingma*

### **Dean's Scholar Awards**

Ud Joseph and Mikayla Maria Voorn

*Presented by: Andrew Sears*

### **Katie Bennett '10 Undergraduate Leadership Award**

Marangelis Uben

*Presented by: Jeffrey Rubin*

**STUDENT ADDRESS**

Marangelis Uben

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

Bruce Kingma, *Professor*

*Presented by: Priscilla Cruz*

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

Jeffrey Fouts, *Adjunct Professor*

*Presented by: Caroline Vigna*

**RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES**

Jeffrey Rubin, *Professor of Practice*

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Matthew Clark, *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 2024. The class marshals demonstrate excellence in scholarship and academics, student organization involvement, campus and community service, and school spirit.

Jake Morgan Hyman  
Kayla Jones

## **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.

Maria Susanne DeCaro

## **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.

Priscilla Cruz

## **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.

Anika Sahityani

## **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.

Jake Morgan Hyman

### **DONALD AND JOYCE MARCHAND AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

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

Jiayao Ou

### **AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN APPLIED DATA ANALYTICS**

*This award recognizes an outstanding senior based on scholastic achievement in Applied Data Analytics.*

Gregory Scott Schroeder

### **AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN INNOVATION, SOCIETY, AND TECHNOLOGY**

*This award recognizes an outstanding senior based on scholastic achievement in Innovation, Society, and Technology.*

Grace Giovanna Guido

### **DEAN'S SCHOLAR AWARDS**

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

Ud Joseph

Mikayla Maria Voorn

### **KATIE BENNETT '10 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.*

Marangelis Uben

### **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.*

Bruce Kingma

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

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

Jeffrey Fouts

## CLASS OF 2024

# Candidates for Degrees

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Maegan Randi Adecera  
Michael Adler  
Maram Ahmed  
William Akerson  
Mohamed Alhaj  
Scott Anderson  
Katherine Arons  
Oluwaseminire Babafemi  
Justin Bair  
Simon Barley  
Mariama Barry  
Natasha Barsagade  
Massimo Battaglia  
Matteo Battaglia  
Joshua Bejenaru  
Todd Bemiller  
Emma Bernhardt  
Sharif Bey Jr  
Caroline Boris  
Ashley Broderick  
Jenaya Brodie  
Ryan Burns  
Joseph Cabrera  
Thomas Cahill  
Jeronimo Camou  
Daniel Capelli  
Aminata Ceesay  
Joshua Cevallos  
Elizabeth Chang  
Chenze Chen  
Ding Chen  
Justin Cheng  
Harley Cohen  
Zachary Cohen  
Priscilla Cruz  
Anthony D'Ambrosio  
Sofia Damiano  
Matthew Darrach  
Britney Davia  
Maria DeCaro  
Gavin Dickinson  
Devyn Digrande  
Lucienne Dionne

Xuehan Dong  
Jordan Drucker  
Haydn Ellinger  
Gokdenis Ersoy  
Drew Estrin  
Jack Ferreri  
Sarah Frankel  
Mason Freer  
Ariella Friedman  
Isabela Gadsby  
Cedric Georges  
Courtney Gerard  
Alex Green  
Grace Guido  
Grace Guilette  
Dean Gwadz  
Samantha Haber  
Gillian Hahn  
Thomas Hamblet  
Brandon Hammond  
Kareem Haq  
Claire Harris  
Yasmeen Hembree  
Anna Hill  
Alexandra Hodge  
Jake Howard  
Natalie Huang  
Symphony Hylton  
Jake Hyman  
Yui Inagawa  
Frazia Jan  
Monica Jankovic  
Maria Jimenez  
Dean Johnston  
Kayla Jones  
Ethan Jose  
Ud Joseph  
Brett Kaplan  
Matthew Kelly  
Cassidy Kennedy  
Sungyun Kim  
Sara Kirschner  
Eliza Kollin



## Degree candidates, continued

Kohdai Kurihara	Fidel Rivera
Lauren Lanahan	Collin Roche
Lewis Ledyard	Dylan Rode
Melody Lee	Sebastian Rodriguez
Ryan Lee	Dawryn Rosario
Daisy Leepson	Reed Rosen
Noah Legagneur	Elijah Rosenblum
Ford Lenchner	Allie Sachar
Cameron Litton	Anika Sahityani
Yihe Liu	Nicholas Santangelo
Ziqing Liu	Jacob Scherrer
Kimberly Llanganate Puente	Jessica Schoenfeld
Amanda Lovegrove	Gregory Schroeder
Thomas Lynch	Griffin Schwartz
Bennett Macaulay	Anya Dhaval Shah
Madison Mackin	Brady Sheehan
Ahmed Mahmoud	Andrew Shore
Erin Makarova	Kathleen Silverstein
Bintou Manneh	Kyu Ho Sim
Tyler Marma	Cory Spangler
Adam Mccaffery	Peter Stein
Cali McCoy	Nicholas Steinmetz
Grace McHugh	Eamonn Sullivan
Niara Mcintyre	Tabitha Sullivan
Isabel Meara	Olisaelloka Tasie-Amadi
Devante Mitchell	Elaina Teklits
Abdoul Mounir Mohamadou Hima	Lizbeth Tepan Fernandez
Michael Moriarty	Meghan Themistocle
Kyle Muth	Anthony Thomas
Zau Tawng N-Hkum	Devin Thompson
Saw Yan Naing	Leslie Treminio Figueroa
Dexter Norales	Marangelis Uben
David Obeng-Agyapong	Jaime Vargas
Chidiebere Obi	Caroline Vigna
Zoe Ogele	Emma Villaverde
Jiayao Ou	Mikayla Voorn
Clarena Paez	Celine Wang
Andrew Patten	Runfeng Wang
Margaret Patten	Melanie Wilder
Angela Pepdjonovic	Hannah Wright
Tyree Perez	Xibo Xu
Peter Permanente	Josiah Yoba
Mia Perry	Abdirezak Yusuf
Jessica Pinguil	Qianqian Zhao
Zilun Qiu	Shengyun Zhou
Estella Quy	Yetao Zhou
Anthony Riccelli	Owen Zides

## SCHOOL OF INFORMATION STUDIES FACULTY

Jaime Banks	Yiqi Li
Carlos E. Caicedo Bastidas	Lee W. McKnight
Scott Bernard	Sebastian Modrow
Renate L. Chancellor	Megan Oakleaf
EunJeong Cheon	Carsten Østerlund
Rachel Ivy Clarke	Joon Park
Kevin Crowston	Beth Patin
Raj Dewan	Christopher Perrello
Christopher Dunham	Jian Qin
Sevgi Erdogan	Jeffrey H. Rubin
Ingrid Erickson	Jeffrey Saltz
Laurie A. Ferger	Steven B. Sawyer
Michael Fudge	Carl Schramm
Paul Brian Gandel	Andrew Sears
LaVerne Gray	Jeffrey M. Stanton
Jeffrey Hemsley	Jennifer Stromer-Galley
Joshua Introne	Jasmina Tacheva
Md Tariqul Islam	Murali Venkatesh
Preeti Jagadev	Lu Xiao
John M. Jordan	Bei Yu
Kelvin K. King	Ping Zhang
Bruce Kingma	

## 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

