

# School of Education

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**CONVOCATION**

May 2025







49TH ANNUAL  
Convocation Ceremony

Class of 2025

# Program

## **PRESIDING**

Jing Lei  
*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*

## **PRELUDE**

Thomaidha Trebicka  
*Pianist*

## **PROCESSIONAL**

School of Education Students, Faculty, Honored Guests and Official Party  
*Largo, G. F. Handel*

## **INVOCATION**

JoAnn Cooke  
*Chaplain, Hendricks Chapel*

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Olivia Scanzera  
*Music Education*

## **WELCOME**

Kelly Chandler-Olcott  
*Dean*

## **UNDERGRADUATE ADDRESS**

Sofia Reilly DaCruz  
*Selected Studies in Education*

## **GRADUATE ADDRESS**

Chelsea Nichole Bouldin  
*Cultural Foundations of Education*

## **CONVOCATION ADDRESS**

Stephanie J. Waterman '83, G'04  
*Ph.D., Higher Education*  
*Associate Professor, University of Toronto*

## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

## **PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES**

Hooding of Doctoral Degree Recipients

Bachelor's Degrees and InclusiveU Program Graduates

Master's Degrees and Certificates of Advanced Study

## **ALMA MATER**

Katherine Arnim Smyth

*Music Education*

## **BENEDICTION**

JoAnn Cooke

*Chaplain, Hendricks Chapel*

## **RECESSIONAL MARCH**

*Cujus Animam* from *Stabat Mater*, G. Rossini

## **RECEPTION**

Graduates, families, friends, faculty and staff

*All graduates and guests are invited to a reception with light refreshments in the tent outside of the John A. Lally Athletic Complex Fieldhouse.*

*This program contains a preliminary listing of graduates. For reasons beyond our control, names may have been omitted or erroneously included. The official listings of all University graduates will be forthcoming at a later date.*

MAY 2024 - APRIL 2025

# Doctoral Degrees

## **Abdulilah Al-Dubai**

*Educational Leadership, Ed.D.*

Advisor: George Theoharis

“Muslim Students in K-12 Experiencing Their Faith in U.S. Schools”

## **Gaelle Amazan**

*Higher Postsecondary Education, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Dawn Johnson

“A Prism of Blackness at Historically Black Institutions: Experiences of HBCU Students With Marginalized Racial, Gender, and Sexuality Identities”

## **Linzy Sunshine Andre**

*Counseling and Counselor Education, Ph.D.*

Advisors: Yanhong Liu and Derek Seward

“Becoming a Counselor: Applying Critical Phenomenology to Uncover Narratives From Black Women Counselors About Wounds and Healing”

## **Hillary Bermudez**

*Mathematics Education, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Duane T. Graysay

“Investigating Undergraduates’ Learning of Reading Strategies to Comprehend Mathematical Proofs”

## **Chelsea Nichole Bouldin**

*Cultural Foundations of Education, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Kal Alston

“Positioning the Unthought: Charting Octavia E. Butler’s Cognitive Self”

## **Stephen Caviness**

*Teaching and Curriculum, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Joanna Masingila

“Linking the Mathematics Identities of Learners, Teachers, and Educators”

## **Moshiena Lyn Faircloth**

*Educational Leadership, Ed.D.*

Advisor: George Theoharis

“Too Much or Not Enough: The Perceptions and Practices of Single Mothers of Color and School Involvement”

## **Kim Fontana**

*Literacy Education, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Kelly Chandler-Olcott

“Personalized Learning and Transformative Literacy Learning and Teaching: A Case Study of Students’ 20Time/Passion Projects in English 8”

*Doctoral degrees, continued*

**Tara Gourdine-Jennings**

*Educational Leadership, Ed.D.*

Advisor: George Theoharis

“Black Girls Graduating High School: Advanced Courses, Career Technical Education, and Extracurricular Opportunities”

**Cassandra Victoria Guzman**

*Cultural Foundations of Education, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Gretchen Lopez

“Las Voces Poderosas: Valuing Latine Undergraduate Perspectives When Re-Assessing Holistic Student Supports at Predominantly White Institutions”

**Kelly G. Hass**

*Counseling and Counselor Education, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Caroline O'Hara

“The Lived Experiences of Female Undergraduates at a Private University Regarding Foodways and Wellness: An Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis”

**Julia Hatt**

*Mathematics Education, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Duane T. Graysay

“Student Understanding of Trigonometric Functions: Exploring Understanding Through the Use of Contextual Tasks”

**Diana M. Katovitch**

*Higher Postsecondary Education, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Dawn Johnson

“I Want to Love How I Do Learn: A Phenomenological Study of Adult Learners With General Learning Disabilities and Their Goals for Postsecondary Education”

**Fatima Seyma Kizil**

*Literacy Education, Ph.D.*

Advisors: Marcelle Haddix and Zaline Roy-Campbell

“Raising Voices to Build Bridges: Exploration of Muslim American Early Adolescents' Literacy Practices in an Out of School Book Club”

**Ibrahim Kizil**

*Literacy Education, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Bong Gee Jang

“Exploring Digital Reading Through PISA Data: Global Trends and Racial Disparities”

**Gary E. La Point**

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Tiffany A. Koszalka

“Examining Strategies, Interactions, and Level of Learning in Synchronous Instructional Sessions of Equivalent Course Sections: A Mixed-Methods Study of Faculty-of-Record (FoR) vs. Adjunct Faculty (AdjF)”

*Doctoral degrees, continued*

**Alan Craig Miller**

*Counseling and Counselor Education, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Melissa Luke

“An Examination of School Counselor Leadership Practices Related to Burnout, Training Experience, and Caseload”

**Deborah A. Moriarty**

*Literacy Education, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Bong Gee Jang

“Mediating Roles to Develop Literacy Skills: A Formative Research Project Exploring Planning Tools Which Support Co-Practice for English Language Learners”

**Zhijuan Niu**

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Moon-Heum Cho

“Effects of Peer Feedback and Self-Feedback on Student Learning in Asynchronous Online Discussions”

**Emmanuel Nsadha**

*Mathematics Education, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Duane T. Graysay

“An Investigation of the Processes of Teachers’ Decisions to Choose and Sequence Examples in the Teaching and Learning of Mathematics”

**Brian Odiwuor**

*Mathematics Education, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Duane T. Graysay

“Understanding the Knowledge Used in Planning Problem-Solving Lessons: Addressing Suboptimal Mathematics Performance in a Mixed-Day Secondary School Serving Marginalized Communities in Kenya”

**Mary Arlene Podsiedlik**

*Teaching and Curriculum, Ph.D.*

Advisor: James H. Rolling Jr.

“The Phenomenon of the Singleton Educator: Exploring Art Teachers’ Experiences as Singleton Teachers in Rural Communities”

**Waleed A. Raja**

*Mathematics Education, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Nicole Fonger

“Exploring Students’ Emotions and Mathematics Learning in Social Justice Mathematics”



*Doctoral degrees, continued*

**Tremayne D. Robertson**

*Cultural Foundations of Education, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Dalia Rodriguez

“College Men and Masculinities: Why College Men and Students Do Antisexist Work on Campus”

**Zeemar Salim**

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Gerald S. Edmonds

“Factors Influencing Award-Winning Faculty’s Instructional Decisions”

**Ionah M.E. Scully**

*Cultural Foundations of Education, Ph.D.*

Advisors: Danika Medak-Saltzman and Gretchen Lopez

“Nehiyaw Two Spirit Creation Stories: Re-Mapping Home, Desire, and Indigenous Education Through the Body”

**Sara Jo Soldovieri**

*Special Education, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Beth Myers

“Because I Felt Like We Weren’t Chained Down Anymore: The Experiences of Families of Students With Intellectual Disability Who Revoke Consent for Special Education Services”

**Jermaine Soto**

*Cultural Foundations of Education, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Gretchen Lopez

“Urban Latinx Community Engagement in Activism and Advocacy: Community Members Interrogating Educational Systems, Policies, and Practices”

**Hester P. Veitch**

*Cultural Foundations of Education, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Alan Foley

“Disability and Transformation: Exploring the Lived Experiences of Students With Disabilities in South African Higher Education”

**Clara Vesterman-Starr**

*Teaching and Curriculum, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Joseph B. Shedd

“Disability Studies and Nursing Education: Walking the Walk of Disability in Healthcare and Nursing”

**Jessica M. Whisher-Hehl**

*Science Education, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Sharon Dotger

“Elementary Science Instruction: A Document Analysis of Teacher Messaging Across Two Sets of Curriculum Materials”

*Doctoral degrees, continued*

**Garmondy Whorway**

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Tiffany A. Koszalka

“Comparing Equivalent Face-to-Face (F2F) and Online (OL) Delivery Formats: Observations of Learner Interactions to Determine Instructional Quality”

**Qi Wu**

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation, Ph.D.*

Advisor: Moon-Heum Cho

“Effects of Self-Determination Theory (SDT)-Based Instructional Strategies on Learner Engagement in Asynchronous Online Discussions (AODs)”



DECEMBER 2024 - AUGUST 2025

# InclusiveU Program Graduates

Omarion Austin  
*OnCampus Certificate*

Damien Jamal Baldwin  
*Studio Art*

Timothy Quinn Beshers  
*Food Studies*

Seth M Bradford Jr.  
*OnCampus Certificate*

Kaeley Anne Carr  
*Food Studies*

Joshua Demetrius Carroll  
*OnCampus Certificate*

Jillian Kay Castle  
*Health and Exercise Science*

Megan Leigh Colasanti  
*Human Development and Family Science*

Elissa Hyre  
*Creative Writing*

Xavier Jefferson  
*History*

Ruby Elizabeth Kaftan  
*OnCampus Certificate*

Kaushik Krishnan  
*Food Studies*

Andrew Joseph Kuss  
*Food Studies*

Marlee Grace Matto  
*Nutrition*

Eloise Stella Mizerik  
*Creative Writing; German Language, Literature and Culture*

Abdinasir Mohamed  
*OnCampus Certificate*

Alexander Michael Mussision  
*Food Studies*

*InclusiveU program graduates, continued*

Vineet Narayan

*Fashion Design*

Ahmad J. Reid

*OnCampus Certificate*

Isabella Rose Rotundo

*History*

Madalyn Rupert

*Human Development and Family Science*

Alivia Jade Schuldt

*Computer Art and Animation*

Margaret Alexis Sidoti

*Food Studies*

Ryan Taylor Tallman

*Food Studies*

Shafreya Selena Wilkins

*Food Studies*

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# Bachelor's Degrees

Thomas Jan Allport

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Georgia Altman-Sagan

*Selected Studies In Education*

Sabrina Ashkar

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Sarah Margaret Augustine

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Sydney Ann Berkeihiser

*Arts Education*

Emma Kate Blanco

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Caroline Faith Blom

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Emily Beth Cagan

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Yiling Cai

*Selected Studies In Education*

Sofia Reilly DaCruz

*Selected Studies In Education*

Isabella Donnell DiPasquale

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Jami Disman

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Liyuan Duan

*Selected Studies In Education*

Kamora Ehlers

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Olivia Downey Farrow

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Sinead A. Feeney O'Connor

*English Education*

Molly Margaret Finnerty

*Physical Education*

Bianca Candace Foeller

*Science Education (Earth Science)*

*Bachelor's degrees, continued*

Anderson Anthony Fuentes  
*English Education*

Mason James Garbus  
*Music Education*

Ames Ernst Gerstenberger  
*Arts Education*

Sofia Virginia Giglio  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Julia Grace Gulbransen  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Louis Hyuma Hagenbucher  
*English Education*

Emily Brianne Veronica Hayes  
*Mathematics Education*

Carolyn Heenan  
*Social Studies Education*

Brennan Joseph Hogan  
*Health and Physical Education*

Xinyi Hu  
*Selected Studies In Education*

Emma Grace Infanti  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Lavina Ivy Jefferson  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

William Henry Johnson  
*Social Studies Education*

Jack Samuel Kapfer  
*Selected Studies In Education*

Lauren Michaela Kaplan  
*Social Studies Education*

Caroline Lili Kilgour  
*Music Education*

Katie Elizabeth Knapp  
*Selected Studies In Education*

Emma Hope Krasner  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Sarah Jean Layton  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

*Bachelor's degrees, continued*

Zhi Lin

*Selected Studies In Education*

Kelsey Marie Lincoln

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Abigail Barbara Long

*Spanish Education*

Xinhe Lu

*Selected Studies In Education*

Denaysha Macklin

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Alexander William Markowski

*Music Education*

Colin Javad Mashkuri

*Social Studies Education*

Rosemary McNulty

*Inclusive Early Childhood Special Education*

Morgan Meddings

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Julia Elizabeth Mencaroni

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Cameron Brady Messman

*Social Studies Education*

Jenna Emily Miller

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Anthony J. Miskines

*Health and Physical Education*

Joseph Steven Morgan

*Music Education*

Melissa Kay Neff

*Arts Education*

Erin Dale Nelson

*Inclusive Early Childhood Special Education*

Christopher Quincy Neptune

*Selected Studies In Education*

Jessie Renee Norton

*Spanish Education*

Sacha Rose Norton

*Selected Studies In Education*



*Bachelor's degrees, continued*

Elizabeth Katherine Novak  
*Music Education*

Megan Panny  
*English Education*

Jenna Ann Parisi  
*Science Education (Biology)*

Christopher Joseph Polworth  
*Mathematics Education*

Krystal Lee Poole  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Emma Lauren Price  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Rosalie Laura Raibman  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Sara Rose Reisman  
*Selected Studies In Education*

Jessica Madison Robinson  
*Selected Studies In Education*

Mason Enrique Romero  
*Music Education*

Olivia Giuliana Scanzera  
*Music Education*

Jae Eun Shin  
*Selected Studies In Education*

Rachel Lauren Simpson  
*English Education*

Mirielle Paige Smith  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Katherine Arnim Smyth  
*Music Education*

Joshua Samuel Spodek  
*Social Studies Education*

Emily Tom  
*Mathematics Education*

Brandon Allan Vona  
*Selected Studies In Education*

Emma Wareing  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

*Bachelor's degrees, continued*

Lingzhe Wei

*Selected Studies In Education*

Nathan James Wymer

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Xuzhou Yan

*Selected Studies In Education*

Shuyue Yang

*Selected Studies In Education*

Minna You

*Selected Studies In Education*

Madison Sara Zeltzer

*Selected Studies In Education*

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# Master's Degrees

Jessica Ivette Acevedo Roman  
*Literacy Education*

Daniel Muah Ackah  
*Teaching and Curriculum*

Rene Orlando Aleman  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Morgan Elizabeth Barley  
*Early Childhood Special Education*

Lourdes M. Barragan  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Ella Marie Beaghen  
*Science Education (Chemistry)*

Leighthaniel Benavidez  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Austin Stone Bettinger  
*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Neil Boedicker  
*Inclusive Special Education (Grades 7-12)*

Cheryl Naa Ayorkor Botchway  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Chelsea Nichole Bouldin  
*Cultural Foundations of Education*

Mandeep Singh Brar  
*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Eboni Brown  
*Literacy Education*

Izma Naim Butt  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Austin Christopher Cabrera  
*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Katelyn Ann Calkins  
*Teaching and Curriculum*

Jake Donovan Carbone  
*Science Education (Biology)*

*Master's degrees, continued*

Andrea Margarita Castro  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Lina Choi  
*Childhood Education*

Lauren Nicolette Colie  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Hayden Cook  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Megan Corrigan  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Floyd C. Dailey III  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Anna Dallam  
*Cultural Foundations of Education*

Kelsey Lynn Dalzell  
*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Natalie Dascoulias  
*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Brady Ryan Davis  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

James Robert Delain  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Paola Michelle Delarosa-Lloret  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Mazda Lee Delgado  
*Inclusive Special Education (Grades 7-12)*

Alyssa Marie Deveso  
*English Education*

Katia Carleena Dickson  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Euphoria Jolean Dobbs  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Elizabeth Anne Drewett  
*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Cydrella Du  
*Childhood Education*

Daniel S. Dunning  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

*Master's degrees, continued*

Sierra Marie Eastman  
*Teaching and Curriculum*

Kendall Taleah Edwards  
*Teaching and Curriculum*

Tyshon Qyrell Fogg  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Maddy Jiajin Formikell  
*School Counseling*

Brae Fuller  
*Inclusive Special Education (Grades 7-12)*

Hannah Rose Gardner  
*Literacy Education*

Ariel Gratch  
*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Jazmine La'Nique Green  
*Inclusive Special Education (Grades 7-12)*

Trinity Grimord  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Pooja Ramraj Gupta  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Shalim Guzmanrodriguez  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Immanuel Malachi Harris  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Yncantessa Hawkins  
*Science Education (Biology)*

Meghan Rose Hendricks  
*Literacy Education*

Rebecca Catherine Holmes  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Christopher Holowczak  
*Teaching and Curriculum*

Ryann Hubbard  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Ahlam Islam  
*Cultural Foundations of Education*

Sydney Elaine Jackson  
*Higher Postsecondary Education*

*Master's degrees, continued*

Jaime Lyn Jacobson

*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Raia Michele James

*Literacy Education*

Qitian Jiang

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Maximiliano Jimenez

*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Richard Thomas Jordan

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Jason R. Kaack

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Vildan Karatepe

*Cultural Foundations of Education*

Justin Katz

*Social Studies Education*

Dustin Kelley

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Carlee Kerr

*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Christina Kinsey

*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Titus Kisakye

*Teaching and Curriculum*

Callie Renee Kniffin

*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Zaire Knight

*Arts Education*

Anoushka Sagar Kulkarni

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Richard Carl Lampl

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Lauren Madison LaRoche

*Literacy Education*

Rafiatu Olayide Lawal-Judge

*School Counseling*

Malik Alexander Lettsome

*Childhood Education*

*Master's degrees, continued*

Attilio J. Lospinoso III

*Early Childhood Special Education*

Anabelle Elise-Santos Maldonado

*Inclusive Special Education (Grades 1-6)*

Caitlin Mary Mannion

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Abigail Marr

*Early Childhood Special Education*

Meghan Martin

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Grace Elisabeth Martinichio

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Jennah Drew McGuire

*Literacy Education*

Harper Grace McKenzie

*Higher Postsecondary Education*

David Patrick McKinnon

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Michael William Middleton

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Byung Kee Min

*Teaching and Curriculum*

Ashley Nicole Mitlitsky

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Kamille Jordan Montgomery

*Literacy Education*

Lourdes Maria Jose Morales Hernandez

*Literacy Education*

Izabella Monet Munoz

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Nogaye Faly Ndiaye I

*Social Studies Education*

Demetris T. Nichols

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Breana Kai Nieves Vergara

*Cultural Foundations of Education*

Japheth Ajani Niles

*Music Education (Preparation)*

*Master's degrees, continued*

Tim S. Ninnemann  
*Cultural Foundations of Education*

Eric Emmanuel Nyarkoh  
*Teaching and Curriculum*

Benjamin O'Connell  
*Music Education (Professional)*

Camila Cristina Ortiz  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Emma Pate  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Christin L. Patterson  
*Arts Education*

Destiny Marie Pearson  
*Mathematics Education*

Rebecca Renee Pettit  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Jo Anne Phang  
*Cultural Foundations of Education*

Ryan Joseph Quinn  
*School Counseling*

Pei Ren  
*Early Childhood Special Education*

Jayson Rivera  
*Teaching and Curriculum*

Odette Marie Rodriguez  
*Cultural Foundations of Education*

Elsa Jessica Roman  
*Literacy Education*

Emmanuel K. Sagoe  
*Social Studies Education*

Soroth San  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Ayumi Nainesh Saraiya  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Farida Seifallah Mohamed Hamdy Sayed Mostafa  
*Cultural Foundations of Education*

Lexianne Seewagen  
*Literacy Education*



*Master's degrees, continued*

Natalie Semine

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Liela Shadmani

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Calistus Wekesa Simiyu

*Teaching and Curriculum*

Nicolas Alexander Sinaiko I

*Cultural Foundations of Education*

Jordyn Ronit Sisenwine

*Literacy Education*

Maung Myint Soe

*Teaching and Curriculum*

Jose Enrique Suarez

*Music Education (Professional)*

Justin Adam Supnick

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Caitlin Bridgette Testa

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Cecily Thomas

*Arts Education*

Chynara Turatbek Kyzy

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Alexander Mateo Vasquez

*Childhood Education*

Mia Anise Verdugo

*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Amal Irfan Wali

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Xiangni Wang

*Early Childhood Special Education*

Brian Michael Warner

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Makayla Weiss

*Literacy Education*

Mackenzie Cheri Welch

*Early Childhood Special Education*

M'Tia N. Williams

*Higher Postsecondary Education*

*Master's degrees, continued*

Leah Mareshah Willis

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Emily Ann Wood

*School Counseling*

Keonna India Wren

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Ruiyao Wu

*Cultural Foundations of Education*

Weijun Zhang

*Cultural Foundations of Education*

Hannah Marie Zimmer

*Higher Postsecondary Education*

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# Certificates of Advanced Study (CAS)

Joshua Litela Ansah

*Designing Digital Instruction*

Austin Stone Bettinger

*Intercollegiate Athletic Advising and Support*

Jennifer Bradley

*Disability Studies*

Ashley Burke

*Educational Leadership*

Concetta Carocci

*Educational Leadership*

Kateri Teresa Connolly

*Educational Leadership*

Lucas James Daunhauer

*Intercollegiate Athletic Advising and Support*

Christopher Lavon Davis Jr.

*Intercollegiate Athletic Advising and Support*

Melicia Edwards

*Educational Leadership*

Jessica Chase Frezza Svoboda

*Educational Leadership*

Michael Daniel Grace

*Intercollegiate Athletic Advising and Support*

Rickey Gregory

*Educational Leadership*

Alexis Hammack

*Educational Leadership*

Colleen M. Hunter

*Educational Leadership*

Klara Jandusikova

*Intercollegiate Athletic Advising and Support*

Colleen Patricia Kenney

*Educational Leadership*

Christina Kinsey

*Intercollegiate Athletic Advising and Support*

CAS, continued

Callie Renee Kniffin  
*Intercollegiate Athletic Advising and Support*

Scott Lane  
*Educational Leadership*

Sophie Leo  
*Disability Studies*

Lindsey Elizabeth Ludke  
*Educational Leadership*

Luke Andrew McDonald  
*Educational Leadership*

David Patrick McKinnon  
*Designing Digital Instruction*

Breana Kai Nieves Vergara  
*Disability Studies*

Tim S. Ninnemann  
*Disability Studies*

Christina R. Percoski  
*Instructional Design Foundations*

Sara Petit-McClure  
*Disability Studies*

Veronica Catherine Poulos-Connors  
*Educational Leadership*

Beth Anne Robbins  
*Educational Leadership*

Michelle Salvetti  
*Disability Studies*

Farida Seifallah Mohamed Hamdy Sayed Mostafa  
*Disability Studies*

Marisa Katherine Seifritz  
*Educational Leadership*

Amber Rose Shearer  
*Disability Studies*

Arlene Dawn Smith  
*Educational Leadership*

James Donald Smith II  
*Educational Leadership*

Sara Jo Soldovieri  
*Disability Studies*

CAS, continued

Sara Marta Wasiakowska

*Intercollegiate Athletic Advising and Support*

Rebecca Carrell Wilk

*Educational Leadership*

Renci Xie

*Disability Studies*

# Awards and Recognitions

*Listed in order of presentation*

## SOE COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

*Represent the School of Education at significant events and lead their peers into the Commencement ceremony. Selected for their scholarship, leadership and collegiality.*

Sofia Reilly DaCruz  
Joshua Samuel Spodek

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION PEER ADVISORS

*Mentor new first year and transfer students supporting their transition into our School of Education and Syracuse communities.*

Emma Kate Blanco  
Sofia Reilly DaCruz  
Morgan Meddings  
Joshua Samuel Spodek

## KAPPA DELTA PI MEMBERS

*Were inducted into the Alpha Iota Delta chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education.*

Emma Kate Blanco	Sara Rose Reisman
Olivia Downey Farrow	Mirielle Paige Smith
Kelsey Marie Lincoln	Joshua Samuel Spodek
Julia Elizabeth Mencaroni	Nathan James Wymer

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS

*Recognized upon admission to Syracuse University for their leadership, extra-curricular involvement, interest in education and passion for making their communities more inclusive and welcoming to all.*

Sofia Reilly DaCruz	Jenna Ann Parisi
Lauren Michaela Kaplan	Sara Rose Reisman
Katie Elizabeth Knapp	Rachel Lauren Simpson
Sarah Jean Layton	Joshua Samuel Spodek
Abigail Barbara Long	Brandon Allan Vona
Rosemary McNulty	Nathan James Wymer
Morgan Meddings	

## **SOURCE RESEARCH GRANT RECIPIENTS**

*Received funding for a mentored project, research assistantship and/or fellowship from the Syracuse Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Engagement (SOURCE).*

Denaysha Macklin  
Colin Javad Mashkuri  
Olivia Giuliana Scanzera  
Katherine Arnim Smyth  
Emma Wareing

## **RENÉE CROWN HONORS PROGRAM STUDENTS**

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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.

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