

School of Information Studies

**UNDERGRADUATE
CONVOCATION**

May 2025



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*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*

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CONVOCATION AWARDS

John R. Weitzel Memorial Award for Information Systems Research

Lauren Coop

Presented by: Steven Sawyer

Adam Levitt '03 Undergraduate Award for Excellence in Innovation

Gabriel Davila-Campos

Presented by: Jaime Banks

Undergraduate Award for Excellence in Professional Practice

Quyet (Dave) Tran

Presented by: Chris Dunham

Undergraduate Service Award

Ryan Tores

Presented by: Alexander Corsello

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

Gabrielle Goldman

Presented by: Alexander Corsello

Dean's Scholar Award

Rebecca Skier

Presented by: Laurie Ferger

Katie Bennett '10 Undergraduate Leadership Award

Biying Wang

Presented by: Jeff Rubin

STUDENT ADDRESS

Biying Wang

JEFFREY KATZER PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR AWARD & ADDRESS

Christopher Perrello, *Assistant Teaching Professor*

Presented by: Stephen Crossley

OUTSTANDING PART-TIME FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARD

Lauren Hardee-Chase, *Adjunct Professor*

Presented by: Gabriel Davila-Campos

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Jeff Rubin, *Professor of Practice*

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 2025. The class marshals demonstrate excellence in scholarship and academics, student organization involvement, campus and community service, and school spirit.

Rebecca Skier
Ellie Walker

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.

Lauren Coop

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.

Gabriel Davila-Campos

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.

Quyet (Dave) Tran

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.

Ryan Tores

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.

Gabrielle Goldman

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.

Rebecca Skier

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.

Biying Wang

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.

Christopher Perrello, Assistant Teaching Professor

OUTSTANDING PART-TIME FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARD

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

Lauren Hardee-Chase, Adjunct Professor

CLASS OF 2025

Candidates for Degrees

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Jacob Adise	Madison De Vera
Jessica Aimunmondion	Nicole Diffley
Afnan Akinyele	Connor Durkin
Yusuf Ali	Justin Ehrlich
Albatool Aljiboury	Margaret Esquinca-Moreno
Gabriela Aracena	Kodjo Ettuh
Arianna Armstrong	Benjamin Euto
Adam Ashby	Cheikh Fall
Djelika Ba	Ari Fazlija
Anthony Barbera	Williams Fehrenbach
Dalton Baxter	Bera Felouz
London Bennett	Jack Ferreri
Meghna Bharath	Darrin Fosu
Christopher Biniaris	Alexandro Frimpong
Mackenzie Birch	Kunaal Garodia
Olivie Bizimana	Ahmed Ghanem
Sam Boyes	Gabrielle Goldman
Erin Brousseau	Harrison Goldmintz
Jacob Bury	Ryan Goodrich
Christopher Cabral	Ethan Hale
Kevin Cabral	Mian Hamid
Fabio Candelario Diaz	James Harman
Adriana Carruitero	Camilla Harmison
Gwonwoo Cha	Grace Hayden
Kage Chang	Haiyang He
Jarett Chapman	Allen Heidt
Abdur Cheema	Valerye Hidalgo Garcia
Joy Chen	Dreyson Hill
Taylor Chen	Vincent Holness
Tuo Chen	Jason Huang
Shania Clayton	Marcus Johnson
Brent Cohen	Seth Katz
Zachary Cohen	Yusra Khazaleh
Jamie Cole	Zaria Kirkland
Spencer Congel	Jonah Komosinski
Enzo Conti	Ananya Krishnamurthee
Grace Conturro	Evan Krukin
Lauren Coop	Kavias Lai
Stephen Crossley	Izaiah Lang
Nathan Cruz	Oliver Lang
Juliet Cunningham	Samuel Kahane Lapp
Gabriel Davila-Campos	Daisy Leepson
Brayden Dawson	Jordan Leuenberger

Degree candidates, continued

Zhilin Li	Alexander Robitaille
Micah Livingston	Kenneth Rosario
Liam Lockhart	Karolina Rosse
Raylene Lopez	Lilianne Ryan
Matthew Lustrino	Francis Sales
Luke Lybarger	James Sands
Maria Madero	Emily Santiago
Benjamin Magram	Cesar Sassoon
John Masseria	Isabella Schambers
Kiamesha McMillian	Julian Schlossberg
Astrid Melendez	Adam Schulman
Josue Melgar	Kevin Scott
Kelvin Mensah	Orfeas Sfyrlos
Wyatt Merkle	Jonathan Shaffran
Nebiyu Meshesha	Katherine Shapiro
John Miller	Justin Shkreli
Sidali Mohamed	Elizabeth Silha
Isabella Montemurro	Charles Sirey
Michael Moriarty	Rebecca Skier
Joseph Motta	Erica Smith
Benjamin Munoz	Jason Smith Jr
Luke Muoio	Andres Soto Plaza
Xingjian Murong	Kerry Spencer
Adam Murphy	Jonah Tafuri
Samuel Mutiso	John Tambe
Kevin Nguyen	William Tannebaum
Lisa Nguyen	Ryan Tores
Dayyan Noble	Alexander Torres
Mary-Christine Numa	Quyet Tran
Kevin Ochoa Gualpa	Nafisatou Tunkara
Philip Okituama	Patrick Tuyishime
Benjamin Olivier	Ellie Walker
Ryan Olivier-Meehan	Biyang Wang
Marlon Orellana	Jue Wang
Fasheem Paige Jr	Xiaodi Wang
XingLai Pang	Abigail Whalen
Isaiah A Patterson	Monica Willkens
Shuaipeng Peng	Renee Workman
Keren Petion	Yan Lin Wu
Karis Petrosino	Mark Young
Anastasia Poltinnikov	Xinyang Yu
Adira Ramirez	Thomas Zarif
William Reale	Hanlin Zheng
Brealin Redecker	Luke Zides
Aiden Robinson	

SCHOOL OF INFORMATION STUDIES FACULTY

Jaime Banks
Carlos E. Caicedo Bastidas
Scott Bernard
Renate L. Chancellor
EunJeong Cheon
Rachel Ivy Clarke
Alex Corsello
Kevin Crowston
Raj Dewan
Christopher Dunham
Sevgi Erdogan
Ingrid Erickson
Laurie A. Ferger
Michael Fudge
Paul Brian Gandel
LaVerne Gray
Jeffrey Hemsley
Joshua Introne
Md Tariqul Islam
Preeti Jagadev
John M. Jordan

Kelvin K. King
Bruce Kingma
Yiqi Li
Lee W. McKnight
Sebastian Modrow
Megan Oakleaf
Carsten Østerlund
Joon Park
Beth Patin
Christopher Perrello
Jian Qin
Jeffrey H. Rubin
Jeffrey Saltz
Steven B. Sawyer
Carl Schramm
Jeffrey M. Stanton
Jennifer Stromer-Galley
Jasmina Tacheva
Murali Venkatesh
Bei Yu
Ping Zhang

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

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.

