

# School of Education

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**CONVOCATION**

May 2021





**45TH ANNUAL**  
**Convocation Ceremony**

Class of 2021

# Program

## **PRESIDING**

Kal Alston, Associate Dean

## **COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS**

Brenna Hart  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Lily Wolfer  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

## **INVOCATION**

Rev. Brian Konkol, Dean  
*Hendricks Chapel*

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Julie Coggiola  
*Music Education*

## **WELCOME**

Joanna O. Masingila, Dean

## **UNDERGRADUATE ADDRESS**

Erin Hernandez  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

## **GRADUATE ADDRESS**

Joash Geteregechi  
*Mathematics Education*

## **CONVOCATION ADDRESS**

Juli Boeheim G'97  
*M.S., Infants and Young Children with Special Needs*  
*School of Education Board of Visitors*  
*Jim and Juli Boeheim Foundation*

## **REMEMBRANCE SCHOLARS**

Andrew Benbenek  
Justine Hastings  
Victoria Munley  
Gabrielle Phillips

## **UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS**

Julie Coggiola  
Lily Wolfer

## **AWARDING OF DOCTORAL RESEARCH PRIZES**

Joash Geteregechi  
Jordan Shannon  
Di Sun

## **INCLUSIVEU PROGRAM GRADUATES**

Andrew Benbenek  
*Certificate of Broadcast and Digital Journalism*

Daquan Brathwaite  
*OnCampus Certificate*

Cobia Bruggeman  
*Certificate of Earth Science*

Ian Coe  
*Certificate of Studio Arts*

Travis Crawley  
*OnCampus Certificate*

Edward Crossman  
*Certificate of Food Studies*

Lal Hurat  
*OnCampus Certificate*

Hunter Lockwood  
*Certificate of Physical Science*

Tia Nelis  
*Certificate of Disability Studies*

Omari Odom  
*Certificate of Studio Arts*

Jordan Ogletree  
*Certificate of Exercise Science*

Kaine Robinson  
*Certificate of Sport Management*

Joe Seltzer  
*Certificate of Information Management and Technology*

Sally Shehatou  
*Certificate of Food Studies*

## **PRESENTATION OF GRADUATING STUDENTS**

Bachelor's Degrees  
Master's Degrees

Certificates of Advanced Study  
Doctoral Degrees

## **ALMA MATER**

Victoria Munley  
*Music Education*

Following is a preliminary listing of graduates. For reasons beyond our control, a few names may have been omitted. The official listings of all University graduates will be forthcoming at a later date.

**DECEMBER 2020 - AUGUST 2021**

# Bachelor's Degrees

\*Renée Crown University Honors graduate

Sarah Allam  
*Arts Education*

Brandon Bauer  
*Social Studies Education*

Caroline Bookstaver  
*Social Studies Education*

James Boring  
*Art Education*

Richelle Calderon  
*Health and Physical Education*

Sarah Caporin  
*Music Education*

Cara Cherepakhov  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Julie Coggiola  
*Music Education*

Nicole Cruz  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Isabella Dell'Amore  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Anthony Diaz  
*Selected Studies in Education*

Marek Dolezaj  
*Selected Studies in Education*

Maryrose Dollard  
*Selected Studies in Education*

Jessica Dratch  
*Selected Studies in Education*

Courtney Dunaway  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

*Bachelor's degrees, continued*

Cailey French

*Social Studies Education*

Rilea Fusco

*Selected Studies in Education*

Jenny Gines

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Madison Goldberg

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Nicolas Gonzales

*Selected Studies in Education*

Gregory Gordon

*Social Studies Education*

Demarquez Grissom

*Selected Studies in Education*

Melissa Gruber

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Zoe Haigh

*English Education*

Brenna Hart\*

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Justine Hastings\*

*English Education*

Javon Hedgemond

*Inclusive Early Childhood Special Education*

Erin Hernandez

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Kyle Hill

*Science Education/Biology*

Taylor Hill

*Selected Studies in Education*

Martin Hirschberg

*Selected Studies in Education*

Angella Hwang

*Selected Studies in Education*

Meghan Jacobsen

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Christian Jaquay

*Music Education*

*Bachelor's degrees, continued*

Nathan Jaring  
*Physical Education*

Kyle Jones  
*Music Education*

Nora Keefe  
*English Education*

Nora Kingman  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Katie Kingston  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Allison Klaber  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Adam Klucznik  
*Selected Studies in Education*

Caitlyn Krueger  
*Music Education*

Hee Yeon Lee  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Jamie Leon\*  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Jacob McNeal  
*English Education*

Celena Moulton  
*Arts Education*

Rachel Mulcahy  
*Art Education*

Olivia Mulloy  
*Science Education/Earth Science*

Victoria Munley  
*Music Education*

Sara Narvaez  
*Inclusive Early Childhood Special Education*

Sofia Notar-Francesco  
*Music Education*

Abigail O'Connor  
*Inclusive Early Childhood Special Education*

Sean Partee  
*Music Education*

*Bachelor's degrees, continued*

Gabrielle Phillips  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Marta Polosky  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Ellen Pozzi  
*Selected Studies in Education*

Ganarehawe Printup  
*Health and Physical Education*

Summer Psaila  
*Social Studies Education*

Matthew Quezada  
*Music Education*

Christina Rizzotto  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Madeline Santoro  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Frankie Sedar  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Yerin Son  
*Selected Studies in Education*

Colby Staltieri  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Samantha Strauss  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Marie Arlene Svoboda  
*Music Education*

Xinyi Tong  
*Selected Studies in Education*

Juliette Treglia  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Sabrina Venturini  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Caroline Veraldo\*  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

William Voss  
*Selected Studies in Education*

Jordan Walz  
*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*



*Bachelor's degrees, continued*

Lily Wolfer

*Inclusive Elementary and Special Education*

Carolyn Young

*Selected Studies in Education*

Amanda Zall

*Music Education*

Hannah Zimar

*Inclusive Early Childhood Special Education*

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# Master's Degrees

Mandy Allen

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Walter Allen

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Najla M. Muftah Almissalati

*Educational Leadership*

Alena Anthony

*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Jasper Arey

*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Angel Baker

*Cultural Foundations of Education*

Ali Wasiq Bakhtiari

*Teaching and Curriculum*

David Balin

*Inclusive Special Education 7-12*

Cassidy Bartlett

*Biology Education 7-12*

Nicole Bartlett

*Inclusive Special Education: Severe/Multiple Disabilities*

Rebecca Benedict

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Sarah Bernhard

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Yalonda Bey

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Rachel Bickford

*Literacy Education Birth - Grade 12*

Amy Bissetta

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Keyshawn Blakes

*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Hanna Brovka

*Early Childhood Special Education*

Jada Brown

*Literacy Education Birth - Grade 12*

*Master's degrees, continued*

Julianna Butera  
*Social Studies Education 7-12*

Eliana Camargo  
*Educational Leadership*

Danielle Carter  
*Music Education*

Michael Cerullo  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Jiaying Chen  
*Teaching and Curriculum*

Maureen Coleman  
*Arts Education*

Zuleyka Contreras  
*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Cora Cool-Mihalyi  
*Inclusive Special Education 7-12*

Anna D'Aprix  
*Literacy Education Birth - Grade 12*

Easton Davis  
*Cultural Foundations of Education*

Andrew Deunger  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Jing Di  
*Teaching and Curriculum*

Kimshari Diaz  
*Inclusive Special Education 7-12*

Elisa DiOdoardo  
*Arts Education*

Elise Dolbier  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Kaitlyn Ertl  
*Literacy Education Birth - Grade 12*

Andrew Estes  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Timieka Evans  
*Teaching and Curriculum*

Vincent Evola  
*Higher Postsecondary Education*

*Master's degrees, continued*

Jade Farrell

*Inclusive Special Education 1-6*

Livio Fasullo

*Music Education*

Ruohan Feng

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Monica Fitzgerald

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Rebecca Ford

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Aileen Gallagher

*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Si Gao

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Emily Gershman

*Literacy Education Birth - Grade 12*

Patrice Gonzalez

*Arts Education*

Bentley Gordon

*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Michael Grattan

*Cultural Foundations of Education*

Travis Greene

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Eva Grove

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Abigail Guillaume

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Cassandra Guzman

*Cultural Foundations of Education*

Leah Haines

*Literacy Education Birth - Grade 12*

Lauren Heller

*School Counseling*

Nodesia Hernandez

*Teaching and Curriculum*

Syrena Hernandez

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

*Master's degrees, continued*

Tammy Hnat-Comstock  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Amelia Hoffman  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Katherine Holgate  
*Early Childhood Special Education*

Jahnae Holmes  
*Inclusive Special Education 1-6*

Channon Jamison  
*Cultural Foundations of Education*

Maya Jean  
*Inclusive Special Education 1-6*

Mengqi Jia  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Michelle Katz  
*School Counseling*

Barihan Khattab  
*Mathematics Education*

Ibrahim Kizil  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Cooper Klares  
*Music Education*

Julie Knerr  
*Teaching and Curriculum*

Lauren Koniuch  
*Early Childhood Special Education*

Julia Kronenberg  
*Literacy Education Birth - Grade 12*

Christine Kudrewicz  
*Early Childhood Special Education*

Brandon Langford  
*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Rachel Leach  
*Music Education*

Nicholas Lee  
*Higher Postsecondary Education*

*Master's degrees, continued*

Ellen Legg

*Literacy Education Birth - Grade 12*

Margaret Lenkiewicz

*Music Education*

Sunny Li

*Literacy Education Birth - Grade 12*

Yanan Li

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Yanping Lin

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Alexis Linck-Entwistle

*Teaching English Language Learners - 1st Certification*

Gabrielle Loar

*School Counseling*

Monica Lopez-Lara

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Gianni Marabella

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Dorota Mariak

*Teaching English Language Learners*

Armando Martinez

*Cultural Foundations of Education*

Elena Massetti

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Emma Maurer

*Literacy Education Birth - Grade 12*

Karyn Meyer-Berthel

*Arts Education*

Elizabeth Michaels

*Teaching and Curriculum*

Haley Michlitsch

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Julius Moreno

*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Tarryn Morris

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Caroline Morton

*Arts Education*

*Master's degrees, continued*

Anthony Mower  
*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Midheta Mujak  
*Literacy Education Birth - Grade 12*

Abigail Mulloy  
*School Counseling*

Mai Nguyen  
*Teaching and Curriculum*

Mikaela Odom  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Marissa Ohl  
*Higher Postsecondary Education*

David Orloff  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Kathryn Pataky  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Rebecka Peelman  
*Literacy Education Birth - Grade 12*

Amy Pennington-Lee  
*Arts Education*

Ella Perkins  
*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Donald Petrie  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Sarah Petrokonis  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Sara Pica  
*Teaching English Language Learners - 1st Certification*

Charles Pittman  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Tammy Poole  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Basir Poya  
*Teaching and Curriculum*

Ming Qiao  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Lening Qiu  
*Teaching and Curriculum*

*Master's degrees, continued*

Waleed Raja

*Teaching and Curriculum*

Anthony Rausch

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Antonia Roach

*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Alejandro Rosasolis

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Breanna Savage

*Literacy Education Birth - Grade 12*

Kevin Schuller

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Zachary Schuster

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Mary Scott

*Teaching English Language Learners*

Michelle Sievers

*Literacy Education Birth - Grade 12*

Caroline Smalley

*Inclusive Special Education 7-12*

Hannah Smith

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Sara Soldovieri

*Inclusive Special Education 7-12*

Alyssa Stahrr

*Biology Education 7-12*

Brianna Stahrr

*Inclusive Special Education 7-12*

Alexandra Starmer

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Thomas Stewart

*Teaching and Curriculum*

Joshua Swanson

*Teaching and Curriculum*

Michael Teague

*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Rachel Terry

*School Counseling*



*Master's degrees, continued*

Bhoomi Vinod Thakkar  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Erin Tochelli  
*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Kelsey Tracewell  
*Early Childhood Special Education*

Ekaterina Tretiakova  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Michael Wahl  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Xi Wang  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Alyssa Watson  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Allison Whitlock  
*Literacy Education Birth - Grade 12*

Brittany Wright  
*Teaching and Curriculum*

Jingyu Yang  
*Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation*

Lele Ye  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Jie Yi  
*Teaching and Curriculum*

Abigail Young  
*Music Education*

Eliza Zachowicz  
*Higher Postsecondary Education*

Menger Zhu  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

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# Certificates of Advanced Study (CAS)

Abdulilah Al-Dubai  
*Educational Leadership*

Morgan Alexander  
*Intercollegiate Advising and Support*

Alena Anthony  
*Intercollegiate Advising and Support*

Amy Applebaum  
*Disability Studies*

Angel Baker  
*Disability Studies*

Sara Bessette  
*Disability Studies*

Eliana Camargo  
*Instructional Design Foundation*

Vanessa Constantino  
*Intercollegiate Advising and Support*

Zuleyka Contreras  
*Intercollegiate Advising and Support*

Kelli Cooney  
*Educational Leadership*

Erica Daniels  
*Educational Leadership*

Frank DeMauro  
*Educational Leadership*

Chaz Lit Doyle  
*Educational Leadership*

Kristen Duffy  
*Educational Leadership*

Pam Gavenda  
*Instructional Design Foundation*

Michael Grattan  
*Disability Studies*

Nicole Heath  
*Educational Leadership*

CAS, continued

Lauren Heller  
*School Counseling*

Alison Hill  
*Educational Leadership*

Madeleine Horridge  
*Intercollegiate Advising and Support*

Channon Jamison  
*Disability Studies*

Michelle Katz  
*School Counseling*

Michaela Kiewra  
*Educational Leadership*

Fatima Seyma Kizil  
*Designing Digital Instruction*

Lindsey Kurak  
*Educational Leadership*

Brandon Langford  
*Intercollegiate Advising and Support*

Christopher Laurenzo  
*Educational Leadership*

Gabrielle Loar  
*School Counseling*

Lauren Ludovico  
*Educational Technology*

Elizabeth Michaels  
*Disability Studies*

Abigail Mulloy  
*School Counseling*

Sarah Nunes  
*Disability Studies*

Daniel O'Bryan  
*Educational Leadership*

Francis Odette  
*Disability Studies*

Marissa Ohl  
*Intercollegiate Advising and Support*

Nakia Payne  
*Instructional Design Foundation*

CAS, continued

Ella Perkins  
*Intercollegiate Advising and Support*

Drake Porter  
*Intercollegiate Advising and Support*

Jasmine Price  
*Educational Leadership*

Dawn Pulverenti  
*Educational Leadership*

Cara Quimby  
*Intercollegiate Advising and Support*

Stephen Rehfuss  
*Intercollegiate Advising and Support*

Rebecca Rice  
*Disability Studies*

Cavin Robinson  
*Educational Leadership*

Jessa Salibrici  
*Educational Leadership*

Ella Simkins  
*Intercollegiate Advising and Support*

Phillandra Smith  
*Disability Studies*

Kevin Sommer  
*School District Business Leader*

Joshua Stone  
*Instructional Design Foundation*

Magan Straight  
*Disability Studies*

Rachel Terry  
*School Counseling*

Cynthia Thomas  
*Instructional Design Foundation*

Lindsay Thompson  
*Educational Leadership*

Katherine Vroman  
*Disability Studies*

Eliza Zachowicz  
*Intercollegiate Advising and Support*

Rachel Zoanetti  
*Intercollegiate Advising and Support*

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# Doctoral Degrees

## **Fadi Al-Issa**

Teaching and Curriculum

Advisor: Joseph Shedd

*Professional Development in Context: Investigating Syrian EFL Teachers' In-Service Training Programs During Times of Military Conflict*

## **Nigar Altindis**

Mathematics Education

Advisor: Nicole Fonger

*Exploring the Nature of the Co-Emergence of Students' Representational Fluency and Functional Thinking*

## **Danielle Brain**

Teaching and Curriculum

Advisor: Joseph Shedd

*Teachers' Perceptions of Evaluation Feedback Conferences: A Mixed Methods Study*

## **Monica Burris**

Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation

Advisor: Tiffany Koszalka

*Interactive Whiteboard-Supported Social Studies Instruction: Case Studies Exploring Current Practices of Middle School History Teachers*

## **Meredith Devennie**

Teaching and Curriculum

Advisor: George Theoharis

*How the Classroom Schools: A Focused Ethnography Exploring the Built Environment and Its Inhabitants in One Kindergarten*

## **Dominick Fantacone**

Science Education

Advisor: John Tilotson

*Examining Adolescence Science and Mathematics Teachers' Views of the Characteristics of Effective Professional Development: A Q-Methodological Study*

## **Joash Geteregechi**

Mathematics Education

Advisor: Joanna Masingila

*Investigating Middle School Students' Mathematical Reasoning in a Connected In-School and Out-of-School Context*

## **Dean Kloss**

Teaching and Curriculum

Advisor: George Theoharis

*Peachtown 2019: Practice and Pedagogy in a Progressive Learning Setting*

Doctoral degrees, continued

**Bridget Lawson** (Awarded Posthumously)

Cultural Foundations of Education

Advisor: Marcelle Haddix

*A Community Engaged Study of the Educational and Social Experiences of Students of Color in Urban Schools*

**Kathleen Maniaci**

Teaching and Curriculum

Advisor: James Haywood Rolling Jr.

*Multimodality in the Art and Media Arts Classroom: A Qualitative Study of Multimodal Literacies as They Appear in Art and Media Educator Classroom Curriculum and Practice*

**Katie Roquemore**

Cultural Foundations of Education

Advisor: Alan Foley

*Dispositions and Dis/ability in Teaching Education: Teacher Education Perspectives*

**Sara Scribner**

Special Education

Advisor: George Theoharis

*You Always Have That One: A Critical Analysis of the Conceptualizations of Educators Around Classroom Community and Challenging Behavior*

**Jordan Shannon**

Counseling and Counselor Education

Advisor: Derek Seward

*Examining Intentions to Seek Counseling Amongst African American Male College Students*

**Lina Souid**

Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation

Advisor: Tiffany Koszalka

*Developing Cognitive Flexibility and Project Management Judgment: Using Progressive Cases to Introduce Realistic and Unexpected Challenges*

**Di Sun**

Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation

Advisor: James Bellini

*A Learner Interaction Study of Different Achievement Groups in Mpocs with Learning Analytics Techniques*

**Sara Thaxton**

Counseling and Counselor Education

Advisor: Melissa Luke

*A Phenomenological Investigation of the Lived Experiences of Workplace Burnout, Wellness and Resilience in Independently Licensed Practice Counselors Who Operate Their Own Practice While Maintaining a Caseload of Clients*

*Doctoral degrees, continued*

**Jennifer Welch**

Higher Education

Advisor: Catherine Engstrom

*Assessing Grit and Conscientiousness to Predict Medical Student Success on the National USMLE Step 2 Clinical Knowledge Exam*

**David Wolken**

Cultural Foundations of Education

Advisor: Emily Robertson

*Mindful Inquiry: A Deweyan Assessment of Mindfulness and Education*

**Lili Zhang**

Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation

Advisor: Jing Lei

*The Use of a Digital Question Board to Facilitate Student Questioning and Engagement in Large Lecture Classes: A Mixed-Methods Study*

# National Anthem

O, say can you see, by the dawn's early light

What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?

Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thru the perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,

Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.

O, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



# 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

