

# College of Visual & Performing Arts

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## CONVOCAATION

Syracuse University  
Saturday, May 13, 2023



# Program

## PRELUDE

Laura Freeman G'23, piano

## PROCESSIONAL

Orange Juice Jazz Ensemble

## WELCOME AND REMARKS

Michael S. Tick, Dean

## STUDENT ADDRESS

Ruchatneet Printup '23

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Anwar Nasir '06

## PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2023

Michael S. Tick, Dean

Diana Garcia-Varo '23, VPA Class Marshal

Ania Johnston '23, VPA Class Marshal

Martha Sutter, Interim Associate Dean, Academic Affairs

Elisa Dekaney, Associate Dean, Research, Graduate Studies, and Internationalization

Carol J. Ruffin, Director, Office of Academic and Career Advising

Robert Wysocki, Director, School of Art

Rachel Hall, Interim Chair, Department of Communication and Rhetorical Studies

Emily Stokes-Rees, Director, School of Design

Ralph Zito, Chair, Department of Drama

Susannah Saylor, Interim Chair, Department of Film and Media Arts

Milton Rubén Laufer, Director, Setnor School of Music

## CLOSING REMARKS

Julia Wakin '23

## ALMA MATER

Madeline McDermott '23, Briana Gilyard '23, Christian Schmidt '23, Benjamin O'Connell '23

## RECESSIONAL

Orange Juice Jazz Ensemble

## COLLEGE CELEBRATION

Immediately following the ceremony under tents on the Quad (see page 28)

## ORANGE JUICE JAZZ ENSEMBLE

*Theresa Chen and John Coggiola, Directors*

McKenna Fenimore '25, Vocals

Joseph King '25, Saxophone/Clarinet

Xaden Nishimitsu '26, Trumpet

Sam Ronan '23, Keyboard

Luke Brady '25, Bass

Grady Collingbourne '24, Drum Set

# Class Marshals

Diana Garcia-Varo  
Ania Johnston

# College Honors

## SUMMA CUM LAUDE

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.8 TO 4.0

|                      |                       |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Michael Ando         | Emerson Glick         | Alyeska Reimer        |
| Nicolette Angelotti  | Marisa Goldberg       | Brandon Richards      |
| Logan Becker         | Eva Groos             | Thomas Riggleman      |
| Caroline Bergan      | Andrew Hanrahan       | Roberta Sampson       |
| Alexis Brown         | Ethan Harpole         | Tara Sandlin          |
| Charlotte Bush       | Hope Henkenmeier      | Alexandra Santangelo  |
| Madeline Caruso      | Aviwe Himlin Mayekiso | Adeline Santello      |
| Thomas Cheng         | Abigail Hoeffner      | Christian Schmidt     |
| Madelyne Chiarolanzi | Runqi Jiang           | Alyssa Sgambati       |
| Shoshanna Cohen      | Ania Johnston         | Robert Shaffer Jr.    |
| John Cohen           | Jennifer Jordan       | Kylie Smith           |
| Shaun Collins        | Remi Jose             | Julianne Stein        |
| Meghan Coy           | Katarina Kelly        | Justin Stitt          |
| Kathryn Crabtree     | Shayaan Khan          | Yuxin Su              |
| Allison Crossman     | Ellen Kingman         | Peyton Surprenant     |
| Bryan Crowe Jr.      | Thomas Klapp          | Sofia Swensen         |
| D'Mya Curtis         | Rachel Langetieg      | Soumya Tadepalli      |
| Olivia Dalfino       | Madeleine Lentz       | Alex Talarico         |
| Viet Anh Dao         | Madison Lindsay       | Caroline Tangang      |
| Carrie Degraw        | Wanudsada             | Thanh Thai            |
| Savannah Devlin      | Luengwattanakit       | Kayla Tomlin          |
| Emily Digiulio       | Ryan McConnell        | Florence Vaillancourt |
| Ronald Ditchek       | Madeline McDermott    | Julia Wakin           |
| Asha Duerden         | Sophia Medeiros       | Sophia Walter         |
| Hannah Erickson      | Kathleen Mehne        | Dylan Weaver          |
| Maxwell Evans        | Abigail Meyer         | Yangzhi Xiao          |
| Ziyu Fan             | Alexandra Moore       | John Youmans          |
| Abigail Fay          | Lucas Morse           | Shenyang Yu           |
| Anne Fernandez       | Benjamin O'Connell    |                       |
| Brandon Ferrante     | Griffin Palmer        |                       |
| Kayla Ferris         | Sophie Penn           |                       |
| Emmie Frederico      | Gretchen Pfluger      |                       |
| Erika Garcia         | Alexandra Policano    |                       |
| Diana Garcia-Varo    | Ruchatneet Printup    |                       |
| Joshua Gill          | Maria Raad            |                       |

## MAGNA CUM LAUDE

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.6 TO 3.799

|                     |                    |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Sofia Aguirre       | Rosely Htoo        | Jessica Sylaj      |
| Zoe Anderson        | Zhengxiang Huang   | Brett Tenaglia     |
| Olivia Andrews      | Claire Hughto      | Mary Underwood     |
| Gavrielle Azoff     | Tracey Jean-Claude | Daren Wang         |
| Elana Babbitt       | Ziqi Jin           | Naiyou Wang        |
| Benjamin Bauder     | Kaili Johnson      | Matilda Washington |
| Amanda Becker       | Matthew Kamimoto   | Lidia Woolery      |
| Grace Beckwith      | Nicole Kaplan      | Emma Yehle         |
| Anna Behr           | Molly Keefe        | Hexiang Yu         |
| Lillian Bencich     | Misuni Khamankar   | Capeley Zimet      |
| Colin Biros         | Theodore Kocher    |                    |
| Aidan Blaylock      | Aidan LaBella      |                    |
| Grace Bourne        | Stephen Mack       |                    |
| Lauren Brennan      | McKay Marshall     |                    |
| Naja Butler         | Jasive Medina      |                    |
| Leah Buxbaum        | Daniel Menchaca    |                    |
| Rowan Cale          | Garcia             |                    |
| Brooke Cantor       | Riley Moore        |                    |
| Rocio Carrero       | Margo Moran        |                    |
| Madeline Carter     | Sergio Munoz       |                    |
| Zichen Chang        | Betancourt         |                    |
| Jamie Chernet       | Anna Munuz         |                    |
| Caleb Christensen   | Nathaniel Murphy   |                    |
| Natalie Claas       | Caitlin Natis      |                    |
| Soraya Cordero      | Henry Niepoetter   |                    |
| Lily Coyle          | Sadie Nochimson    |                    |
| Eve Dillingham      | Seamus O'Donovan   |                    |
| Nathaniel Drakeford | Kyle Osteen Jr.    |                    |
| Rochelle Dweck      | Skylar Othman      |                    |
| Emma Edelin         | Siiri Pombar       |                    |
| Adore Ellis         | Haley Popowitz     |                    |
| Xinyue Feng         | Jackson Poulin     |                    |
| Corinne Ferrer      | Ryan Rodgers       |                    |
| Will Foohey         | Sam Ronan          |                    |
| Abraham Frankel     | Jada Rudolph       |                    |
| Victoria Ghillani   | Gabrielle Sartori  |                    |
| Luigi Giacomucci    | Nikkos Saviolis    |                    |
| Briana Gilyard      | Olive Sayre        |                    |
| Mary Gretskey       | Emery Schramm      |                    |
| Charlie Hane        | Sarah Schultz      |                    |
| Taylor Harrison     | Stella Schwartz    |                    |
| Chloe Hechter       | Brooke Shanley     |                    |
| Britt Hollaway      | Anna Sorensen      |                    |
| Kimber Hower        | Eric Stewart       |                    |
| Samantha Hrcncr     | Emma Stripling     |                    |

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## CUM LAUDE

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.4 TO 3.599

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Ryan Ally             | Jayden Poellot       |
| Jamie Ashkinos        | Sedona Regan         |
| Gabriele Berman       | Andrenne Rogers      |
| Emily Bilynsky        | Sophia Scandura      |
| Jonathan Brennan      | Rayna Schiering      |
| Gina Calaprico        | Megan Sher           |
| Andrew Cha            | Madison Sim          |
| Andrew Chen           | Sadie Small          |
| Lillian Chidlaw-Mayen | Erica Trobia         |
| Rachel Chiricos       | Harrison Vogt        |
| Samuel Courtney       | Runqi Wang           |
| Mia Cunningns         | Benjamin Wolfe       |
| Madison D'Ambra       | Jiangnan Xu          |
| Anuar De Santis       | Xinyuan Xu           |
| Tehosterihens Deer    | Diana Zapata Cabruja |
| Benjamin Delmarsh     | Yi Zhou Zhang        |
| Jillian Dembs         |                      |
| Ann Drennan           |                      |
| Sophia Dyer           |                      |
| Nya Fitzgerald        |                      |
| Kathryn Flynn         |                      |
| Yuqi Fu               |                      |
| Lindsee Gotfried      |                      |
| Martin Granada        |                      |
| Mina Gurbuz           |                      |
| Berkley Hayes         |                      |
| Noah Henry            |                      |
| Yuxuan Jin            |                      |
| Gabrielle Kelly       |                      |
| Amaan Khan            |                      |
| Seo Hyun Kim          |                      |
| James Kyle            |                      |
| Evan Lane             |                      |
| Elyza Learned         |                      |
| Sharon Lee            |                      |
| Dana Levine           |                      |
| Jackson Masters       |                      |
| Mallory Mosier        |                      |
| Hongan Nan            |                      |
| Rubin Parker          |                      |

# Scholars

## VPA SCHOLARS

The highest undergraduate honor awarded by the College of Visual and Performing Arts

|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Caroline Bergan | Shayaan Khan         |
| Thomas Cheng    | Ruchatneet Printup   |
| Ronald Ditchek  | Alyeska Reimer       |
| Anne Fernandez  | Tara Sandlin         |
| Marisa Goldberg | Alexandra Santangelo |
| Ania Johnston   | Julia Wakin          |

## UNIVERSITY SCHOLAR

The highest undergraduate honor awarded by Syracuse University

Ruchatneet Printup

## REMEMBRANCE SCHOLARS

Awarded by Syracuse University to honor the University's students lost in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103

Ronald Ditchek  
Riley Moore

## RENÉE CROWN UNIVERSITY HONORS

Students who have completed rigorous program requirements along with a multi-semester capstone project

|                       |                 |                |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Grace Bourne          | Andrew Hanrahan | Asa Rogers     |
| Madelyne Chiarolanzio | Ania Johnston   | Tara Sandlin   |
| Savannah Devlin       | Katarina Kelly  | Emma Stripling |
| Adore Ellis           | Griffin Palmer  | Thanh Thai     |
| Hannah Erickson       | Jackson Poulin  |                |

## VPA AMBASSADORS

Students who have volunteered their services for the College of Visual and Performing Arts' Office of Recruitment and Admissions

|                       |               |                |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Madelyne Chiarolanzio | Elyza Learned | Robert Morris  |
| Shoshanna Cohen       | Jasive Medina | Jayden Poellot |
| Olivia Dalfino        | Riley Moore   | Anna Sorensen  |
| Corinne Ferrer        | Margo Moran   |                |

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### VPA PEER ADVISORS

Students who have volunteered their services for the College of Visual and Performing Arts' Office of Academic and Career Advising to mentor incoming undergraduate students

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Michael Ando        | Alexandra Santangelo |
| Nicolette Angelotti | Adeline Santello     |
| Gavrielle Azoff     | Christian Schmidt    |
| Amanda Becker       | Megan Sher           |
| Caroline Bergan     | Fabiana Suarez       |
| Aidan Blaylock      | Kayla Tomlin         |
| Kaitlynn Brach      | Julia Wakin          |
| Kiara Brown         | Daren Wang           |
| Madeline Carter     |                      |
| Thomas Cheng        |                      |
| Shoshanna Cohen     |                      |
| Meghan Coy          |                      |
| Ronald Ditchek      |                      |
| Brandon Ferrante    |                      |
| Victoria Ghillani   |                      |
| Marisa Goldberg     |                      |
| Annie Goldman       |                      |
| Lindsee Gotfried    |                      |
| Timothy Guly        |                      |
| Andrew Hanrahan     |                      |
| Ziqi Jin            |                      |
| Ania Johnston       |                      |
| Jennifer Jordan     |                      |
| Amaan Khan          |                      |
| Thomas Klapp        |                      |
| Malena Logan        |                      |
| Sicong Ma           |                      |
| Jasive Medina       |                      |
| Riley Moore         |                      |
| Margo Moran         |                      |
| Robert Morris       |                      |
| Lucas Morse         |                      |
| Mallory Mosier      |                      |
| Rubin Parker        |                      |
| Alexandra Policano  |                      |
| Siiri Pombar        |                      |
| Alyeska Reimer      |                      |
| Tara Sandlin        |                      |

## Awards and Prizes

### SYLVIA WYCKOFF AWARD

For outstanding achievement by a part-time University College student earning an art or design degree

George Lambert

### SCHOOL OF ART AWARDS

#### M&S WEISS AWARD

To a senior for excellence and achievement in illustration

Kayla Ferris

#### THOMAS G. YOHE ENDOWED AWARD

For excellence in illustration and drawing

D'Mya Curtis

#### HIRAM GEE AWARD

For a senior in painting

Marisa Goldberg

#### AUGUSTA HAZARD AWARD

For a senior in painting

Madelyne Chiarolanzio

#### ROSWELL S. HILL AWARD

For a junior in painting

Madelyne Chiarolanzio

#### GEORGE VANDERSLUIS AWARD

For an outstanding graduate student in painting

Mengru Zhou

#### MARION BEHR AWARD

For a printmaking student

Siiri Pombar

#### M. SCHAEFER MARCY EXCELLENCE AWARD

For a junior in drawing or ceramics

Olive Sayre  
Marisa Goldberg

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND RHETORICAL STUDIES AWARDS

### MARY ELIZABETH EARLE PRIZE

For an outstanding undergraduate student in communication and rhetorical studies

Jerome Pearson (second prize)

### J. CALVIN CALLAGHAN GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

For second-year graduate students who are enrolled in preparing for future faculty programs

Kerry Mess

## SCHOOL OF DESIGN AWARDS

### ELISA RIBATT MEMORIAL PRIZE

For an outstanding and deserving senior in design

Hannah Erickson

### ELIZABETH AND ALAN DYE AWARD

For an outstanding senior in communications design

Thanh Thai

### PAUL LEIBOWITZ AWARD

For expertise in web navigation via cutting-edge interactive design

Kathryn Flynn

### CMD ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

For the senior with the highest overall GPA

Alexandra Policano

### C.W. PIKE AWARD

To an outstanding junior in communications design

Anna Munuz

### RALPH LAIDLAW AWARD

For excellence in design presentation

Yuqi Fu

### JESSE BONE & F. MONTAGUE CHARMAN FOUNDERS AWARD

For excellence in design concept

Lidia Woolery

### FRANCIA MORIGI AWARD

For design research

Rocio Carrero

### ENVIRONMENTAL AND INTERIOR DESIGN AWARD

To an outstanding environmental and interior design student

Eva Groos

### OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

In fashion design

Kathleen Mehne

### JOAN RUSITZKY PRIZE

For excellence in knit design

Jessica Sylaj

Esther Oke

Adore Ellis

### FASHION ENDOWED FUND AWARD

Anna Behr

### OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

In industrial design

Alexandra Santangelo

### BERT RICE MEMORIAL PRIZE

For the most promising student in industrial and interaction design

Viet Anh Dao

### ARTHUR PULOS AWARD FOR THESIS DESIGN

For excellence in scholarship at thesis

Griffin Palmer

### IDSA STUDENT MERIT AWARD

For an exceptional student designer

Hannah Erickson

### ROBERT E. KALVITIS EXCELLENCE IN PRODUCT DESIGN ENDOWED AWARD

For an industrial design student who has shown excellence in product design and professional presentation

Matthew Kamimoto

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**DESIGN STUDIES AWARD**

*For an outstanding senior in design studies*

Gina Calaprico

**DESIGN STUDIES AWARD**

*For outstanding capstone in design studies*

Chelsea Clark

**M.F.A. DESIGN AWARD**

*Master's Prize*

Rabia Razzaq

**THE CATLIN PRIZE IN MUSEUM STUDIES**

*For an exceptional graduating student in the M.A. museum studies program*

Samaya Nasr

**DEPARTMENT OF DRAMA AWARDS**

**JOSEPHINE ABADY PRIZE FOR DIRECTING**

*For a student selected as best play director of the year*

Savannah Devlin

**ILENE LEHRER GOTTFRIED PRIZE**

*For the most outstanding graduating senior female actress*

Emerson Glick

**SAWYER FALK AWARD**

*For a male and female student majoring in drama*

Jahi Owens

Puaseisei-Hanalei Patu-Tanielu

**EDWARD G. GREER PRIZE**

*For classic acting*

Erika Garcia

**BECCI INGRAM MEMORIAL AWARD**

*For success in all areas of training: acting, singing and dancing*

Jahi Owens

**JULIAN M. KAUFMAN AWARD**

*For excellence in the field of acting and/or directing*

Savannah Devlin

**MARK HARUFF AWARD**

*For positive spirit force*

Katarina Kelly

**MARCIA MOHR AWARD**

*For outstanding female students in dramatic art*

Charlotte Bush

Adeline Santello

Soumya Tadepalli

Corinne Ferrer

Emma Yehle

**GERARD MOSES AWARD**

*For an outstanding student in drama*

Sofia Swensen

Shaun Collins

**JERRY GERSHMAN AWARD**

*For an outstanding comedic actor*

Thomas Riggleman

**ARTHUR STORCH AWARD**

*For artistic growth*

Sofia Swensen

Katarina Kelly

**DEPARTMENT OF FILM AND MEDIA ARTS AWARDS**

**PHILIP K. DAVIS AWARD**

*For a third-year graduate student with outstanding creative and academic achievement in film*

Mmakgosi Anita Tau

**CAROL NORTH SCHMUCKLER AWARD**

*For an undergraduate with outstanding creative and academic achievement in film*

Madeline Carter

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## **SETNOR SCHOOL OF MUSIC AWARDS**

### **ANNA FREELAND BERRY MEMORIAL PRIZE**

*For a female undergraduate student who has a high degree of dedication, attainment and promise in voice*

Briana Gilyard  
Julianne Stein

### **JOANNA AND ROGER MOORE AWARD**

*For vocal excellence*

McKenzie Rybka

### **CAROL HALL NICHOL MEMORIAL PRIZE**

*For a student majoring in classical voice*

Tara Sandlin

### **SHANNON KANE MEMORIAL AWARD**

*For an outstanding flute or other woodwind instrumentalist majoring in music education*

Michael Ando

### **EVALINA VERNON HONSINGER AND NORMA CHAPIN HONSINGER PRIZE**

*For excellent performance on the piano*

Laura Freeman

### **EARL GEORGE AWARD IN CHORAL MUSIC**

*For excellence in choral music*

Morgan Beaton  
Seth Velez

### **MORTON SCHIFF JAZZ AWARD**

*For outstanding jazz musician students*

Sebastian Goodman  
Jackson Masters  
Benjamin O'Connell  
Anthony Romagnuolo  
Sam Ronan

### **BRIAN ISRAEL AWARD**

*For an outstanding student composer*

Christian Schmidt

### **HELEN FALK-JULIUS KAHN AWARD**

*To further music education*

Caroline Bergan  
Aidan Blaylock  
Benjamin O'Connell

### **DOUGLAS SOYARS MUSIC INDUSTRY AWARD**

*For excellence in music industry*

Lauren Brennan  
Jennifer Jordan  
Madeline McDermott

### **MARION ARMSTRONG AWARD**

*For excellence in musical performance*

Asriel Davis

### **IRENE L. CROOKER MUSIC AWARD**

*For demonstrated excellence in music*

Keidi Sada

### **PATTI THOMPSON BUECHNER AWARD**

*For an outstanding vocal student*

Lillian Goetzman

### **DONNA Z. MILLER AWARD**

*For a junior demonstrating a commitment to achieving excellence in voice*

Julianne Stein

### **DOTTIE BURMAN CABARET PERFORMANCE AWARD**

*For a student interested in cabaret performance*

Briana Gilyard

### **SIMEON POPOV MEMORIAL AWARD**

*For an outstanding orchestral musician*

Alexander Guiliano  
Mark Olesh  
Anthony Romagnuolo

### **SRT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

*For the graduating sound recording technology senior with the highest GPA*

Brandon Ferrante



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#### **SRT FACULTY AWARD**

*For the graduating sound recording technology senior who has shown the highest level of personal, technical, academic and artistic leadership*

Alex Talarico

#### **ACADEMIC MUSIC AWARD**

*For outstanding work in a paper, lecture or research*

Stacey Clark  
Micah Patt  
Tara Sandlin

#### **SETNOR PERFORMANCE AWARD FOR WINDS, BRASS AND PERCUSSION**

*For demonstrated excellence in performance by an upperclass or graduate student*

Margaret Strehle  
Alex Talarico

#### **SETNOR PERFORMANCE AWARD FOR STRINGS**

*For demonstrated excellence in performance by an upperclass or graduate student*

Aidan Elwell  
Johan Hoxha  
Tales Navarro  
Keidi Sada

#### **SETNOR FACULTY AWARD**

*To a student who made the greatest contribution to the School of Music*

Ronald Ditchek

## Keynote Speaker

#### **ANWAR NASIR '06**

Anwar Nasir is the executive director of the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra (LPO). In this role, he ensures the fulfillment of the LPO's longstanding mission to transform people and communities through music while helping to craft the next stage in the organization's growth. Prior to joining the LPO in July 2021, Anwar was the chief revenue and advancement officer for the Omaha Symphony, where he established the vision and strategy for relationship management and led the public relations and revenue generation teams for the organization. During his tenure, he helped the organization launch its first creative rebrand in more than a decade, retool its subscription packages to increase paid capacity, launch a centennial anniversary season, and introduce a new music director.

Anwar has been named an emerging leader in the arts and culture space by the League of American Orchestras and Arts for LA. He also serves as co-chair for the League of American Orchestras' Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion working group for staff of color and the Professional Development Committee of the International Ticketing Association and has been selected to the Tessitura Network's inaugural Diversity, Equity, Access, and Inclusion Advisory Committee. He is also the co-founder of the Black Arts Leadership Alliance, formed to support African Americans in pursuing and developing careers in arts management.

A former professional dancer, Anwar has held leadership positions with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and Hollywood Bowl, Atlanta Ballet, and Philadelphia Workforce Development Corporation. In 2018, he was one of 12 selected for the League of American Orchestras' prestigious, year-long Emerging Leaders Program, which is widely considered the orchestra field's premier program for cultivating the potential of rising professionals.

An in-demand speaker, Anwar has presented at several national and international conferences on topics as diverse as integrating technology in customer experience; inclusion, diversity, equity, and access; data-backed decision-making; patron acquisition and retention; social media; and professional development/career transitions.

Anwar is a graduate of the College of Visual and Performing Arts' Department of Communication and Rhetorical Studies and is member of the college's Young Alumni Council.

# Student Speakers

## RUCHATNEET PRINTUP '23

Ruchatneet Printup, Tuscarora Turtle Clan, will graduate with a bachelor of fine arts degree in film from the College of Visual and Performing Arts' (VPA) Department of Film and Media Arts. He resides on the Tuscarora Nation outside of Niagara Falls, New York, and has two adult children and six grandchildren. Ruchatneet has been a recipient of multiple awards and scholarships while at Syracuse University. He is a Haudenosaunee Promise Scholar and one of 12 Syracuse University Scholars, the highest undergraduate honor. He is one of 12 VPA Scholars and an Invest in Success Scholarship recipient. He was one of four senior film majors selected to participate in the 2023 Sundance Film Festival Ignite Program and was a Spring 2023 SOURCE Fellowship recipient to help produce his senior film thesis. He was also a Bologna, Italy, study abroad grant recipient.

As part of VPA, Ruchatneet was the undergraduate representative on the search committee for the chair of the Department of Film and Media Arts. He attended the VPA Los Angeles program in Fall 2022 and the Bologna, Italy, Summer 2022 study abroad program. He is a member of the Native Student Program through the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Outside of Syracuse University, Ruchatneet has been a part of the Traditional Circle of Elders and Youth, which travels around North America to different indigenous communities to encourage them to hold onto their traditional language, culture, and teachings. Ruchatneet has continued to work with the Nature Conservancy to collaborate on how we can be better caretakers of the Earth as we find ourselves in a global environmental crisis.

Ruchatneet would like to thank his family, friends, and community for their support and encouragement in this work. He would also like to recognize all the knowledge given and support received from his professors and film student peers. After graduation, Ruchatneet is going to continue to develop narrative and documentary features and work in the industry to continue to expand himself as a filmmaker.

## JULIA WAKIN '23

Julia Wakin will graduate with a bachelor of science degree from the College of Visual and Performing Arts' Department of Communication and Rhetorical Studies (CRS). In addition to majoring in CRS, she double minored in business and design studies, gaining Dean's List status every semester of her college career.

Julia's intellectual growth goes far beyond her classroom experiences. She held a nine-month research assistant position for Dr. Sylvia Sierra in the CRS department and gave back to the community by being a tutor and instruction assistant for student athletes in a broad range of classes and degrees. She also was selected to be in University 100, proudly one of the 100 student ambassadors at Syracuse University who reflect the diverse energy and excellence of the school. Her leadership as a student is evident in her participation in various clubs, organizations, and philanthropy on campus, such as being a peer advisor for three years.

While Julia does not know exactly what the future has in store for her, she is considering different opportunities in marketing for healthcare or banking for the coming years and looks forward to attending graduate school for a master of business administration degree.

# Tentative Listing of Graduates

The following lists represent the names of students who officially filed their diploma request form by April 7, 2023.

## ADVANCED DEGREES

### SCHOOL OF ART

Yuanjing Chu  
Zherong Hu  
Lingyin Luo  
Rumpelstiltskin Morgan  
Daisy Wiley

Jiayun Xu  
Anika Zetterberg  
Xiaodi Zhang  
Mengru Zhou  
Feimo Zhu

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND RHETORICAL STUDIES

Stephanie Baquero  
Easton Draut  
Ashley Hay  
Aranveer Litt

Kerry Mess  
Timothy Michowski  
Gabriel Tomas O'Rourke  
Rayana Weller

### SCHOOL OF DESIGN

Stephanie Adams  
Calista Attamah  
Zhiru Chen  
Ai Ni Cheng  
Austine Emifoniye  
Ting Kang  
Amaan Khan  
Courtney Levings  
Hao Lu

Samaya Nasr  
Kai Patricio  
Rabia Razzaq  
Lisa Soltren  
Qingyue Song  
Madelaine Thomas  
Devon Vander Voort  
Madeline Whitacre  
Taylor Wood

### DEPARTMENT OF FILM AND MEDIA ARTS

Sam Azghandi  
Evan Bode  
Jason Eppink  
Manya Gadhok  
David Garcia De Lira

Qianjin Men  
Wanda-Marie Rana  
Mmakgosi Tau  
William Trent Welstead  
Qian Zhang

## SETNOR SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Michael Alessie  
Joseph Arcuri  
Morgan Beaton  
Peri Bernstein  
Richard Zakaryah Bouldin-Herrera  
Jaclyn Breeze  
Timothy Cato  
Robert Child  
Stacey Clark  
Thomas Culeton  
Asriel Davis  
Jacob Dean  
Cal Dougherty  
Aidan Elwell  
Laura Freeman  
Lillian Goetzman  
Alexander Guiliano  
Justin Hess  
Johan Hoxha  
Owen Hucke  
Madison Karten

Vanessa Lora  
Micayla MacDougall  
Giovanna Maropo  
Patrick Mullen  
Tales Navarro  
Joshua Nightingale  
Micah Patt  
Luan Phan  
Haotong Qin  
Anthony Romagnuolo  
McKenzie Rybka  
Keidi Sada  
Hannah Scarborough  
Gabriel Spivey  
Margaret Strehle  
Mary Tehan  
Seth Velez  
Yingxi Zhang  
Yiyi Zhang  
Huilin Zhao  
Hong Zheng

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

### SCHOOL OF ART

Kelli Atkins  
Matthew Bennett  
Jiayin Cheng  
Madelyne Chiarolanzio  
D'Mya Curtis  
Rochelle Dweck  
Laurie Fernandez  
Kayla Ferris  
Nya Fitzgerald  
Abraham Frankel  
Marisa Goldberg  
Lindsee Gotfried  
Mary Gretskey

Claire Hughto  
Yuxuan Jin  
Remi Jose  
Ritah Lyons  
Sophia Medeiros  
Skylar Othman  
Siiri Pombar  
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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.

-Junius W. Stevens, Class of 1895

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