

# School of Information Studies

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**UNDERGRADUATE  
CONVOCAATION**

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*

## WELCOME

Jeff Hemsley, *Interim Dean*

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Sam Clarvit '10, *CEO of Clarvit Venture & Technology Associates*

## 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**

Biyang Wang

*Presented by: Jeff Rubin*

## STUDENT ADDRESS

Biyang 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.

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

### Degree candidates, continued

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

## 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.*

