
Former Deans of the College of Arts and Sciences

1923-1928 Rev. Edward J. Harrison, C.M.
1928-1930 Rev. Charles N. Faivre, C.M.
1930-1932 Rev. James L. Walsh, C.M.
1932-1946 Rev. Francis Meade, C.M., Ph.D.
1947-1954 Rev. Edward J. Kiernan, C.M., Ph.D.
1954-1957 Rev. Joseph A. Mc Bride, C.M.
1957-1959 Rev. Jose C. Pando, C.M., Ph.D.
1960-1964 Rev. Joseph T. Cahill, C.M., M.A.
1964-1966 Rev. Robert J. Rivard, C.M., M.A.
1966-1967 Rev. P. Austin Derrig, C.M., Ph.D.
1967-1975 Thomas J. Lynch, Ph.D.
1975-1979 Rev. Cary J. Leonard, C.M., Ph.D.
1979-1986 Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M., S.T.D.
1986-1987 Joseph J. Forrester III, M.S.
1987-1997 Susan E. Mason, Ph.D.
1997-2013 Nancy E. McGlen, Ph.D.
2013-2016 Timothy O. Ireland, Ph.D.
2017-Present Peter Butera, Ph.D.

COLLEGE
OF

Arts & Sciences

DAY OF RECOGNITION

Friday, May 11, 2018
Gallagher Center, Upper Level



A Brief History of the College of Arts and Sciences

When the Seminary of Our Lady of Angels was founded in 1856 with the purpose of preparing young men for the priesthood, a selected number of students were also accepted for entrance into “the college.” In 1883, Our Lady of Angels Seminary was re-chartered as Niagara University and 40 years later “the college” became known as the College of Arts and Sciences. In 1908, the three-year program leading to a Bachelor of Science degree was extended to four years. College of Arts and Sciences degree programs continued to be added: Chemistry, Physics and Biology in the 1940s; English, Latin, History, Mathematics, Modern Languages and Sociology in the 1950s; Political Science in the early 1960s; Social Work, Criminal Justice and Communication Arts in 1973; Psychology, Biochemistry and Biotechnology in the late 1970s; Computing in 1980 and Theatre Studies in 1988. At present, the College of Arts and Sciences includes 18 academic departments, 35 major undergraduate courses of study with approximately 1100 students, two graduate degree programs, almost 90 full-time professors and more than 120 part-time faculty members. In 1981, Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M., then dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, initiated the Day of Recognition to honor the achievements of outstanding Students and faculty. In 1988, Dr. Susan Mason expanded the faculty awards to include Excellence in Service and Excellence in Scholarship.

Dean’s Student Advisory Council 2017-2018

Sarah Andres — Biochemistry
Noah Barnard — Computer and Information Sciences
Madison Boehler — English
Marissa Delvecchio — Theatre and Fine Arts
Sarah Devantier — History
Zachary Dorobiala — Mathematics
Courtney Fell — Criminology and Criminal Justice
Jacob Foote — Philosophy
Rachel Kaufman — Communication Studies
Sadie Newcombe — Political Science
Brian Robinson — Liberal Arts
Martha Saltarelli — Modern Languages
Cassidy Scheuer — Nursing
Kaycianna Smith — Sociology
Cassandra Stefanik — Psychology
Rebecca Wood — Social Work

2003 Timothy Ireland, Criminology/Criminal Justice
2004 Philip Collington, English
2005 Eduard Tsekanovskii, Mathematics
2006 Matt Jackson-McCabe, Religious Studies
2007 Dan Pinti, English
2008 Brian Bennett, Religious Studies
2009 Christopher Stoj, Chemistry
2010 Ronny Priefer, Chemistry
2011 Susan Mason, Psychology
2012 Diana Falco, Criminology/Criminal Justice
2013 Thomas Chambers, History
2014 Doug Tewksbury, Communication Studies
2015 Robyn Goacher, Chemistry
2016 John A. Keller, Philosophy
2017 William Cliff, Biology

Excellence in Service

1990 Zdenka Gredel-Manuele, History
1991 Sr. John Frances Gilman, Computer and Information Sciences
1992 Francis L. Higman, Mathematics
1993 Joseph J. Forrester III, Chemistry
1994 C. Bernard Sylvester, Philosophy
1995 Marilyn P. Fleckenstein, Philosophy
1996 C. Gerald Carpenter, History
1997 Sharon O. Watkinson, Theatre Studies
1998 Rev. Gregory L. Klein, O. Carm., Religious Studies
1999 Wendy L. Duignan, Mathematics
2000 Dorothy L. Gould, English
2001 Clementine Laverman, Social Work
2002 Carol R. Sweeney, Biology
2003 Ana Spitzmesser, Modern and Classical Languages
2004 Rita Pollard, English
2005 Henrik Borgstrom, Modern and Classical Languages
2006 Carolyn Morell, Social Work
2007 Timothy Osberg, Psychology
2008 Suzanne Wagner, Computer and Information Sciences
2009 Timothy Ireland, Criminology/Criminal Justice
2010 Peter Butera, Psychology
2011 Donna Thompson, Psychology
2012 Mark Gallo, Biology
2013 Jamie Carr, English
2014 Paula Kot, English
2015 Alexander Bertland, Philosophy
2016 Mark A. Gallo, Biology
2017 Robert Kane, History

2014 Carol Winkler, Nursing
2015 Clementine Laverman, Social Work
2016 James A. McCutcheon, Modern and Classical Languages
2017 Carrie Teresa, Communication Studies

Excellence in Teaching Part-Time

1992 Steven Monick, History
1993 Rose-Ann Martin, Writing
1994 Rev. Werner Weinrich, Religious Studies
1996 Patricia Yannello, Theatre Studies
1997 Lynette Miller, Communication Studies
1998 Ann Rensel, Computer and Information Sciences
1999, 2004 Leslie Nesbitt, Biology
2000 Nancy Knechtel, Fine Arts
2001 William Nelson-Loefke, History
2002 Joanne Basta, Mathematics/Psychology
2003 Margaret Rizzo, Social Work
2005 Ann Rensel, Computer and Information Sciences
2006 Todd Bindig, Philosophy
2007 Coleen Edwards, Biology
2008 Darren MacDougall, Religious Studies
2009 Daniel Kaczmarek, English
2010 Mary Altair, Sociology
2011 Yoshiko Connolly, Modern and Classical Languages
2012 Kamilla Deavers, Chemistry
2013 Nanette Harmon, American Sign Language
2014 Kristen Burger, History
2015 Larry Passanese, Biology
2016 Mary Louise Georgevich, Nursing
2017 David Schoen, Director of Libraries

Excellence in Scholarship

1990 Wayne Northcutt, History
1991 Robert S. Greene, Biology
1992 Sister Louise Sullivan, Modern and Classical Languages
1993 Laurence R. Boxer, Computer and Information Sciences
1994 Theresa J. Zielinski, Chemistry
1995 Nancy E. McGlen, Political Science
1996 Peter C. Butera, Psychology
1997 Donna F. Thompson, Psychology
1998 Ana M. Spitzmesser, Modern and Classical Languages
1999 Meredith Reid Sarkees, Political Science
2000 William L. Boeck, Computer and Information Sciences
2001 James H. Wittebols, Communication Studies
2002 Carolyn M. Morell, Social Work

Invocation

Rev. Aidan R. Rooney, C.M.
Levesque Institute/University Mission and Ministry

Welcome

Peter C. Butera, Ph. D.
Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Remarks from the President

Rev. James J. Maher, C.M.

2018 Departmental Awards

Art History with Museum Studies

Marian Granfield, Director

The Armand & Eleanor Castellani Award for Excellence in the Field

Olivia A. Takacs, Buffalo, N.Y.

Biology

Dr. Robert Greene, Chair

Outstanding Achievement in Biology

Britteny M. Purcell, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico
Christian K. Domin, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Haley V. Parker, Tonawanda, N.Y.
Hannah Rozanski, Avon, N.Y.
Jenna L. Blamowski, Buffalo, N.Y.
Tanya Verma, North Tonawanda, N.Y.
Taylor A. Sanders, Batavia, N.Y.

Biochemistry, Chemistry and Physics

Dr. Mary McCourt, Chair

Outstanding Academic Achievement

Ashley L. Gugino, Grand Island, N.Y.
Alexander R. Kovacs, Grand Island, N.Y.
Matthew R. Michienzi, Lake Pleasant, N.Y.
Haley V. Parker, Tonawanda, N.Y.

Outstanding Research Student

Christopher S. Swagler, Grand Island, N.Y.

Communication Studies

Dr. Mark Barner, Chair

Outstanding Academic Achievement

Bridget Q. Cauley, Lewiston, N.Y.
Morgan A. Haley, Lockport, N.Y.
Samantha M. Martineau, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Michaela L. McGrath, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Zachary D. Pinti, Clarence, N.Y.
Nico R. Santangelo, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Chloe Steinig, Orchard Park, N.Y.

Brian Murphy Memorial Award

To Be Announced

Computer and Information Sciences

Dr. Suzanne Wagner, Chair

**Dr. William and Barbara Boeck Award for an
Outstanding Student in Computer and Information Sciences**

Kathryn M. DuBrey, Schenectady, N.Y.

**Computer Task Group, Inc. Award for
Excellence in Computer and Information Sciences**

Nicholas J. Marrocco, Collins, N.Y.
Maria P. Sciarrino, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

**College of Arts and Sciences Honors in
Computer and Information Sciences Award**

Jeffrey Weber, Ransomville, N.Y.

Faculty Award for Excellence in Service

Presented by Dr. Stefanie Wichhart
History

Criminology and Criminal Justice

Dr. Talia Harmon, Chair

Jay Albanese Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement

Alexandra M. Filips, Grand Island, N.Y.

Outstanding Service Award

Jaclyn S. Danvir, North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Academic Achievement Award

Brooke N. Horning, Newfane, N.Y.
Caleb C. Goldfus, Little Valley, N.Y.
Richelle R. Kloch, North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Keelin D. Higgins, Middleport, N.Y.
Mersedez J. Hoover, Beaver, Pa.
Kayla R. McSorley, Ottawa, Ontario
Kayla M. Storto, Orchard Park, N.Y.
Carly L. Weldy, West Seneca, N.Y.
Russell R. Wilson, Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Tim Ward Players' Award for Excellence in Theatre

To Be Announced

Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, Full-Time

Presented by Dr. Carrie Teresa
Communication Studies

Closing

Dr. Peter Butera
Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Please join us for a dessert reception immediately following the ceremony.

PREVIOUS FACULTY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Excellence in Teaching Full-Time

1991, 2002 Peter J. Baxter, Political Science
1992, 2001 William J. Martin, English
1993 Louis P. LaBarber, Social Work
1994 Timothy M. Osberg, Psychology
1995 Ana M. Spitzmesser, Modern Languages
1996 Michael A. Kotarski, Biology
1997 Rita H. Pollard, English
1998 Mark A. Gallo, Biology
1999 John B. Stranges, History
2000, 2010 Timothy O. Ireland, Criminology/Criminal Justice
2003 Josef G. Krause, Chemistry
2004 Talia Harmon, Criminology/Criminal Justice
2005 Patrick Tully, Philosophy
2006 Ron Priefer, Chemistry
2007 Kevin Blair, Social Work
2008 Todd Schoepflin, Sociology
2009 Jamie Pimlott, Political Science
2011 Christopher Stoj, Chemistry/Biochemistry
2012 Henrik Borgstrom, Modern and Classical Languages
2013 Kalen Churcher, Communication Studies

Dr. Patricia Ebert Memorial Award
Sarah Ribble, Walworth, N.Y.

Religious Studies

Dr. Brian Bennett, Chair

Blessed Frederic Ozanam Award
Rebecca P. Wood, Webster, N.Y.

Social Work

Dr. Kevin Blair, Chair

Leadership

Jessica L. Pruner, Pennellville, N.Y.
Grace Stewart, Canisteo, N.Y.

Community Service

Diante Cobb, Ft. Irwin, Calif.
Katherine R. Pandolfino, Getzville, N.Y.

Academic Achievement

Jacqueline Bouchane, Lancaster, N.Y.
Candace H. Krueger, Niagara Fallst, Ontario
Alaine M. Morrison, St. Catharines, Ontario

NASW-BSW Leadership Award
Sara Smyth, Grand Island, N.Y.

Sociology

Dr. Kenneth Culton, Chair

Best Sociology Student

Jacob Foote, Canandaigua, N.Y.

The Sociological Imagination Award
Christine Turturro, Croton on Hudson, N.Y.

Theatre and Fine Arts

Dr. Sharon Watkinson, Chair

Outstanding Theatre Student Award

Briegette L. Bullock, Webster, N.Y.
Krista A. Cantrell, Syracuse, N.Y.
Sarah Emmerling, Orchard Park, N.Y.
Kalee E. George, Pittsburg, Pa.
Katharyn R. Gould, New Castle, Pa.
Jordan L. Grimble, Albion, N.Y.

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for a Transfer Student
Joseph O. Potalivo, Newfane, N.Y.

Clara Kroetsch Award
Jessica R. Pritchard, Cattaraugus, N.Y.

English

Dr. Paula Kot, Chair

Devine Award for Academic Excellence in English
Joseph J. Roscetti Jr., Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Gould-Pollard Award for Service to the Department
Tyler S. Bingham, Walpole, Mass.
Madison E. Boehler, Tonawanda, N.Y.

Gerontology

Dr. Susan Mason, Director

Gerontology Achievement Award for Scholarship
Tanya Velma, North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Gerontology Achievement Award for Service
Grace Stewart, Canisteo, N.Y.

History

Dr. Stefanie Wichhart, Chair

Magavero Award

Evan G. Brady, Pittsford, N.Y.

Peters Award

Heather R. Stefan, East Bethany, N.Y.

Danilowicz Award

Mary M. McCormick, Avon, N.Y.

McGourty Award

Douglas Riccobono, Lockport, N.Y.

Liberal Arts

Dr. Thomas Chambers, Director

Excellence in Liberal Arts

Brian M. Robinson, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Faculty Award for Excellence in Scholarship

Presented by Dr. Robyn Goacher
Chemistry, BioChemistry and Physics

Mathematics

Dr. Maritza Branker, Chair

Dr. George B. Banks Memorial Award for Excellence in Mathematics

Jonathan J. Borek, Perry, N.Y.

Excellence in Mathematics

Zachary E. Dorobiala, East Amherst, N.Y.

Richard P. Luczak, Lancaster, N.Y.

Brianna J. Zeitz, Youngstown, N.Y.

Modern and Classical Languages

Dr. James McCutcheon, Chair

Father O'Keefe Medal for Excellence in French

Sofia Castro, El Segundo, Calif.

Father O'Keefe Medal for Excellence in Spanish

Kevin R. Ambrosetti, Webster, N.Y.

Pro Lingua Award in the Study of Spanish

Erin E. Clark, Cuba, N.Y.

Excellence in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies

Angelina R. Wronski, Lockport, N.Y.

School of Nursing

Dr. Frances Crosby, Director

Outstanding Leadership in Healthcare Award

John R. LaForge, Hamburg N.Y.

Colleen A. Sawyer, Amherst, N.Y.

Katelyn M. Baran, Hilliard, Ohio

Outstanding Clinical Scholarship Award

Tammy Pesaresi, Youngstown, N.Y.

Kaitlyn Chapman, Wilson, N.Y.

Abigail C. O'Brien, East Amherst, N.Y.

Practice Excellence Award

Cathleen M. Geist, Orchard Park, N.Y.

Aaron Masters, Ransomville, N.Y.

Kiana Kearney, Livonia, N.Y.

Professionalism in Nursing Award

Nicole D. Watson, Sanborn, N.Y.

Justin L. Ragusa, Westbury, N.Y.

Anna O. Eckhardt, Crofton, Md.

Philosophy

Dr. Alexander Bertland, Chair

The Bernard Sylvester Award for Academic Excellence in Philosophy

Eva M. Bachmann, Switzerland

The James Fleckenstein Award for Promoting the Philosophical Life

Christine V. Burke, Churchville, N.Y.

Political Science and International Studies

Dr. David Reilly, Chair

Outstanding Student in International Studies

Allan T. Smith, Dunkirk, N.Y.

John J. LaFalce Award for Civic Engagement

Ivette G. Leon, New York, N.Y.

Outstanding Student in Political Science

Michael T. Buck, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Matthew J. Tobolski, Lancaster, N.Y.

Outstanding Thesis in Political Science

Kelsey S. Bezon, Elba, N.Y.

Sertoma Award

Emily G. Leffler, Lockport, N.Y.

Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, Part-Time

Presented by David Schoen

Director of Libraries

Psychology

Dr. W.B. Thompson, Chair

Highest Honors in Psychology

Eva M. Bachmann, Switzerland

Jessica R. Pritchard, Cattaraugus, N.Y.

Sarah J. Ribble, Walworth, N.Y.

Honors in Psychology

Megan H. Breier, North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Abbie N. Hibsich, Spencerport, N.Y.

Lilly Lupinetti, Rochester, N.Y.

Maria C. Pedini, Williamsville, N.Y.

Olivia Rizzacasa, Getzville, N.Y.

Hannah L. Sullivan, Hamburg, N.Y.

Kaylyn M. Townsend, Weedsport, N.Y.

Shannon Wilk, East Amherst, N.Y.