Dear Faculty, Staff and Students:

Welcome to the 2014 Honors and Awards Ceremony. At The College at Brockport, State University of New York, our faculty and staff are dedicated first and foremost to student success. They work with our students to conduct research, debate theory, write creatively and help them discover their potential. In short, we help our students Pursue Something Greater.

Our students also are rightfully proud of their considerable accomplishments and the awards that they will receive today. We will be honoring approximately 80 award recipients and are privileged to hear from six of our major award winners. It is always one of the highlights of my year to personally take part in celebrating and recognizing exceptional students who have demonstrated outstanding academic and community-wide achievements. It is truly humbling to see and hear what these young scholars have already accomplished in their lives.

Ultimately, it is the quality of our students—as well as the superb quality of the faculty and staff—that determines the quality of our College. Today we celebrate our students’ accomplishments, and together we will revel in their future successes.

Warmest congratulations to our community of scholars!

John R. Halstead, PhD
President
Honors and Awards Ceremony Program

Processional
Please rise and remain standing

Welcome
Dr. Douglas M. Scheidt
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Presentation of Collegewide Awards
Dr. P. Michael Fox
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

Presentation of School of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Departmental Scholars
Dr. Darwin Prioleau
Dean, School of The Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

School of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Undergraduate Award
Presented by Dr. Darwin Prioleau

Recipient
Mr. Jonathan Allentoff

Presentation of School of Business Administration and Economics Departmental Scholars
Dr. Daniel L. Petree
Dean, School of Business Administration and Economics

School of Business Administration and Economics Undergraduate Award
Presented by Dr. Daniel L. Petree

Recipient
Mr. Nicholas Kinney

Presentation of School of Education and Human Services Departmental Scholars
Dr. Thomas J. Hernández
Interim Dean, School of Education and Human Services

School of Education and Human Services Undergraduate Award
Presented by Dr. Thomas J. Hernández

Recipient
Mr. James Lachman
PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE
DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARS
Dr. Francis X. Short
Dean, School of Health and Human Performance

SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE UNDERGRADUATE AWARD
Presented by Dr. Francis X. Short

RECIPIENT
Ms. Kathryn Oaks

PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS
DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARS
Dr. Jose A. Maliekal
Dean, School of Science and Mathematics

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS UNDERGRADUATE AWARD
Presented by Dr. Jose A. Maliekal

RECIPIENT
Ms. Elizabeth Morgan

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
Dr. James A. Spiller
Dean, The Graduate School

PRESIDENT’S CITATION AWARD
Presented by Dr. John R. Halstead
President

RECIPIENT
Mr. Cullen Wegman

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE COLLEGE AT BROCKPORT FACULTY
Dr. Joseph C. Makarewicz
Distinguished Service Professor, School of Science and Mathematics

CLOSING REMARKS
Dr. Douglas M. Scheidt

RECESSIONAL
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RECEPTION
Students, family, guests, faculty and staff are invited to join us in the Seymour College Union’s Main Lounge.
**Collegewide Awards**

The **Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence** recognizes model students who have integrated academic excellence with other aspects of their lives, and who may have already received recognition from campus, local, state, national or international organizations. It is the highest honor bestowed upon a student by SUNY.

Jonathan Allentoff  
Joseph Jackson  
Mackenzie Meyer  
Elizabeth Morgan  
Cullen Wegman

The **Delta College Commendation Award** recognizes academic excellence, leadership through civic engagement, and seriousness of purpose toward career preparation.

Cara Smith  
Susan Stewart-Craig

The **Delta College Program Scholar Award** recognizes a graduating Delta College student who has earned the highest GPA throughout his/her participation in the program.

Lucia Jutsum  
Tanya Schimek

The **Executive Director’s Award** is presented by the Rochester Educational Opportunity Center to a highly motivated student who has exhibited outstanding academic and vocational performance and who is seeking to continue his/her career.

Shari Hernandez

The **Honors College Outstanding Senior Award** is presented to a graduating Honors senior who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement combined with a significant record of College and/or community leadership.

Noah Reger

The **Honors College Scholar Award** recognizes graduating Honors seniors who have displayed extraordinary academic achievement. One Honors Scholar is selected from each of the five schools.

Nicole Felczak  
Joseph Jackson  
Nicholas Kinney  
Jillian Pawlowski  
Danielle Perry

The **Outstanding Adult Student Awards** are presented to three adult students who have been especially successful at combining college studies with their other responsibilities. The awardees also represent the College at a dinner and ceremony sponsored by the Rochester Area Colleges Continuing Education Committee.

Buffie Edick  
Marcia Fabinski  
Karen Kuebler
The Outstanding CSTEP Scholar Award recognizes a student in the CSTEP Program who has a 3.5 GPA and shows the most promise of continuing his/her education in graduate or professional school. The student selected must have received offers of funding such as assistantships, fellowships or grants from the graduate or professional schools to which he/she has applied.

Kevin Aiken

The Outstanding McNair Scholar Award recognizes a student in the McNair Program who has a 3.5 GPA and shows the most promise of continuing his/her education in graduate or professional school. The student selected must have received offers of funding such as assistantships, fellowships or grants from the graduate or professional schools to which he/she has applied.

Lucienne Nicholson

The Departmental Scholar Awards that follow are presented in recognition of outstanding achievement within the academic majors. Although award criteria differ among departments, faculty from each academic major nominate and select the Departmental Scholar based on performance in the classroom, scholarly activity outside the classroom and commitment to the discipline and/or profession.
Outstanding Achievement Award Winner

The School of The Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Undergraduate Award is presented to a senior who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, exhibited a strong master of understanding/performance element in his/her discipline and contributed significantly to his/her department or program.

Jonathan Allentoff, an interdisciplinary arts for children major with a minor in music, maintains a 3.94 GPA. Jonathan is the founding music director and president of the Brockport Symphony Orchestra, a college-community orchestra comprised of over 75 students, faculty, staff, community players and professional musicians. Jonathan also created the Brockport Youth String Orchestra, an ensemble of children ages seven to ten, as well as the Brockport String Trio. Just last year, he created and licensed orchestral arrangements of holiday songs and film soundtracks in Los Angeles, California. Jonathan is a member of numerous professional affiliations, including the College Orchestra Directors Association, the American Society of Music Arrangers and Composers, and the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers, just to name a few.
School of Business Administration and Economics

Departmental Scholars

Accounting
Joshua Mcgarvey

Finance
Gregory Zubal

Marketing
Amy Prutsman

Outstanding Achievement Award Winner

The School of Business Administration and Economics Undergraduate Award recognizes the accomplishments of an exemplary undergraduate student in the Department of Business Administration and Economics. To qualify, a student must be a graduating senior and have a GPA of at least 3.75. The recipient also must display a strong willingness to improve his/her community by participating in worthwhile campus and local organizations. Through his/her accomplishments at the College, the individual will show great promise in the business professions. Moreover, his/her involvement in campus activities will predict that he/she will actively represent the ideals of the College and department upon graduation.

Nicholas Kinney, who holds a 3.89 GPA, is completing his bachelor’s degree in business administration and psychology. He is a Presidential Scholarship recipient and a member of the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, Psi Chi Honor Society, Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. A member of the Honors College, Nicholas is the co-editor of the Honors Newsletter and a student representative of the Honors Advisory Council. After graduation, he hopes to work in the legal assisting field for one or two years before attending law school. Nicholas is an Eagle Scout and has completed over 150 hours of community service in Brockport and his hometown of Randolph, NY.
The Department of Criminal Justice Service Award recognizes a criminal justice graduating major who has provided significant service and outstanding leadership activities within the Department of Criminal Justice.

David Booth

The School of Education and Human Services Undergraduate Award recognizes a senior or December graduate who is a matriculated student in a professional, degree granting/certification program, who has earned a minimum GPA of 3.5, has earned a minimum of 42 credits at Brockport and has made significant contributions to service and activities and/or collegewide activities.

James Lachman, an undergraduate student in the social work program, maintains a 3.94 GPA. James is a Vietnam War veteran with a strong motivation to aid other veterans in need. During his time at Brockport, James returned to Vietnam to serve victims of Agent Orange. He volunteers with the Office of International Education at the College, where he recruits students for study abroad opportunities. He is a member of the Tau Sigma Transfer Student Honor Society, Phi Alpha Social Work Student Honor Society, Delta Epsilon Iota Honor Society and Alpha Chi National College Honor Society. James is also an intern at Strong Behavioral Health in Rochester, where he works alongside clinical social workers to serve individuals with a variety of mental health needs. He plans to continue his education and pursue his master’s degree in social work from the University at Buffalo.
The **Clinical Recognition Awards** are given to nursing students who have a minimum GPA of 3.25, have outstanding interpersonal/therapeutic communication skills, demonstrate initiative to improve the care of patients and have shown excellence in the clinical setting.

_Melissa Braun_  
_Elizabeth Lara_  
_Allysa Maderer_

The **Nursing Recognition Awards** are presented to nursing students with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 whose work in the clinical setting is excellent. The students also are active contributors to both departmental and professional activities.

_Kimberly Fusilli_  
_Amanda Wing_

The **Research Recognition Awards** are awarded to nursing students who have attained a minimum GPA of 3.25, have excelled in the clinical setting and have demonstrated active participation in the research process.

_Connie Beck_  
_Erika Grattidge_  
_Karen Kuebler_  
_Michael Michalski_  
_Kimberley Oropeza_  
_Keisha-Lee Whyte_  
_Thomas Williams_
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER

The School of Health and Human Performance Undergraduate Award is presented to a senior who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, exhibited a strong applied/performance element in his/her accomplishments, and contributed significantly to his/her department or program.

Kathryn Oaks, who holds a 3.82 GPA, is a double major in physical education and health science. Kathryn serves as president of the Future Professionals section of New York State Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (NYS-AHPERD). Kathryn also has been president of the Phi Epsilon Kappa Honor Society and a member of the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, the Leadership Development Program, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the Health Science Club. She also served as a Student Health Advocate for Prevention and Outreach Services here on campus. Kathryn has gained experience teaching physical education at both Victor Intermediate School and Pittsford Mendon High School and is currently student teaching in the Pittsford Central School District.
Departmental Scholars

Biology
Sarah Periard

Chemistry
Kathryn Yaeger

Computer Information Systems
Joseph Jackson

Computer Science
Matthew Andre

Earth Sciences
Kimberly Engels

Environmental Science and Biology
Catherine Jirovec

Mathematics
Nicole Cannavino
Stephanie Lash

Physics
Robert Chancia

Psychology
Brigitte Pace

Department of Chemistry

The American Institute of Chemists Award is sponsored by the American Institute of Chemists, a national professional organization of chemists, and awarded to a graduating senior whose overall work in chemistry places him/her in the top 20 percent of the class.

Nathaniel Burleigh

The Analytical Chemistry Award is sponsored by the Analytical Chemistry Division of the American Chemical Society and awarded to the student who in the previous academic year achieved the best performance in courses in analytical chemistry.

Nathaniel Burleigh

The Chemistry Achievement Award is sponsored by the Rochester Section of the American Chemical Society, a national professional organization of chemists, and awarded to a graduating senior whose overall work in chemistry places him/her at the top of the class.

Eric Sylvester

The Departmental Research Fellowship recognizes a student who spends eight weeks in the summer working with faculty on a current research program.

Leanna Hengst
The **Freshman Chemistry Award** is sponsored by the CRC Publishing Co. and awarded to the student who this year achieved the highest average in CHM 205 and 206.

*Michelle Whittum*

The **Inorganic Chemistry Award** is awarded to a student who has demonstrated excellence in inorganic chemistry and has future plans that include a career in chemistry. This award is sponsored by the American Chemical Society Division of Inorganic Chemistry.

*Joshua Randolph*

The **Organic Chemistry Award** is sponsored by the Polymer Chemistry Division of the American Chemical Society and is awarded to the student who in the previous year achieved the best performance in organic chemistry.

*Shane Colvin*

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER**

The **School of Science and Mathematics Undergraduate Award** recognizes a senior or December graduate who has resided at the College for at least three semesters, has completed a School of Science and Mathematics major or will have done so by graduation, has earned a GPA of at least 3.75 and has made a significant contribution to either the College or the department.

*Elizabeth Morgan* is currently studying for her bachelor’s degree in psychology while holding a 3.99 GPA. She is a member of the Delta College Program as well as the Psi Chi Honor Society, Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, Golden Eagle Senior Council and Psychology Club. Elizabeth has completed several internships, one of which was abroad in Ireland, where she coordinated with mental health professionals and worked alongside individuals suffering from mental illnesses. She was a finalist for the Departmental Scholar Award for psychology and received the Delta College Program Scholar Award last year for having the highest GPA in the program.
The *School of The Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate Award* is presented to a graduate student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and has made a significant contribution to his/her chosen field through the academic discipline or applied profession.

**Angie Muzzy**, who holds a 3.87 GPA, is an MFA candidate in the Department of Dance. She earned a bachelor’s degree in Theater and Dance from Keene State College in 2008, graduating cum laude. Angie received a Graduate Teaching Assistantship at Brockport and is currently on the faculty at Alfred University. She has served as coordinator for the New Dancers Showcase and Alumni Showcase and secretary for the National Dance Education Organization. She also was the coordinating assistant of the American College Dance Festival Association’s 2014 Northeast Regional Conference hosted on campus in March 2014. Awards including the Distinguished Professor Award for Graduate Research, Payton Choreographic Award, Monserrat Dance Award, and Friends of Dance Scholarship have allowed Angie to showcase her choreography at Visual Studies Workshop, the Southern Vermont Dance Festival, CultivatedanceNH and ACDFA.

The *School of Business Administration and Economics Graduate Award* recognizes the accomplishments of an exemplary student in the graduate accounting programs. To qualify, a student must be completing his/her Master of Science in Accounting or Forensic Accounting in the year he/she receives the award. Besides proving to be an outstanding student, the individual will have displayed the technical and ethical standards of the field and will demonstrate future dedication to the accounting profession.

**Jennifer Vitullo** holds a 3.83 GPA while completing her third degree. She received a bachelor’s degree in applied arts and sciences from RIT in 2004 and a master’s degree from St. John Fisher in math/science/technology education in 2009, and she will now receive her master’s degree in forensic accounting from Brockport. Jennifer is a member of the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society and the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society. Her work experiences include interning as a software engineer at Xerox and a hardware engineer at Intel, teaching high school math in Rochester and bookkeeping at English Road Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine.
The **School of Education and Human Services Graduate Award** is presented to an outstanding graduate student who is matriculated in a program leading to a master’s degree or certificate of advanced study. The recipient must have a minimum GPA of 3.75 and have made significant contributions to the profession and/or to the community in the field of graduate discipline (e.g. scholarly publication, leadership in the field or outstanding clinical performance).

**Eric Goodwin**, who holds a 3.91 GPA, is a graduate student in the counselor education program with a concentration in mental health counseling. Eric earned his bachelor’s degree in psychology with a minor in sociology from The College at Brockport in 2011, graduating summa cum laude. He is a student intern for Unity Behavioral Health at Greece Pinewild Outpatient Clinic, where he provides mental health counseling to diverse populations, creates treatment plans and provides referrals for community resources. Eric served as a volunteer counselor for the Tunnel of Oppression and the Clothesline Project on campus, as well as the Monroe County Anti-Bullying Rally in Rochester. In addition, Eric is a member of the American Counseling Association and the New York Mental Health Counselors Association.

The **School of Health and Human Performance Graduate Award** is presented to a graduate student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and has made a significant contribution to his/her chosen field through the academic discipline or applied profession.

**Erin Asquith** earned a bachelor’s degree in physical education and health science from The College at Brockport in December 2012 and will earn a master’s in education with a concentration in athletic administration this May. She holds a 4.0 GPA and is on the Dean’s List with Honors. Erin served as vice president and then president of the Phi Epsilon Kappa Honor Society while also participating in the PE Majors Club and the women’s soccer team. She has been named the Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year as well as Major of the Year for the National Association for Sport and Physical Education. Upon graduation, Erin hopes to teach physical or health education and coach at a New York State high school, as she one day aspires to become an athletic director at the high-school level.
The **School of Science and Mathematics Graduate Award** is presented to an outstanding graduate student who has completed or is completing a program of study within the School of Science and Mathematics in the academic year of nomination. The nominee must have a minimum GPA of 3.85 and significant scholarly activity in his/her field of study.

**John Bateman**, who holds a 3.92 GPA, is studying for his master’s degree in environmental science and biology with a concentration in terrestrial ecology. His thesis is about the effects of stormwater ponds on anuran community structure and function. John volunteers at his local elementary school, leading students on walks, observing the ecosystem and organizing classroom discussion relating to environmental science. He has received both the Sigma Xi Award for Undergraduate Research and the Distinguished Professors Award for Graduate Research. John also is a research assistant for the Research Foundation for the State University of New York, where he is creating bathymetric and topographic maps for Braddock Bay Fish and Wildlife Management Area. He will begin his PhD work in environmental and forest biology at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry this fall.
The President’s Citation is The College at Brockport’s highest award for a graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding scholastic merit (a GPA of at least 3.75), a strong record of cocurricular activities, significant contributions to the College and community and evidence of professional promise.

Cullen Wegman, who holds a 3.86 GPA, is studying for his bachelor’s degree in fine arts. He is a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship and has made the President’s List and the Dean’s List with Honors throughout his undergraduate career. He is a member of the Women’s Center Advisory Board, serves as president of the Art Student Association and participated in the Leadership Development Program. Along with his campus involvement, Cullen found time to train to become a firefighter for the Brockport Volunteer Fire Department. Cullen also excels as an artist: He has received numerous awards for his artwork in juried exhibitions and has painted wall murals for two organizations in South Africa. He recently applied for the Samuel Huntington Public Service Award, which would allow him to begin a project to collect refuse from Lake Ontario and make it into artwork to be auctioned off as a fundraiser for conservation efforts.
College Administration

John R. Halstead, President
Douglas M. Scheidt, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
James “Beau” Willis, Vice President for Administration and Finance
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James A. Spiller, Assistant Provost for Research and Scholarship, and Dean, The Graduate School
Darwin Prioleau, Dean, School of The Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Daniel L. Petree, Dean, School of Business Administration and Economics
Thomas J. Hernández, Interim Dean, School of Education and Human Services
Francis X. Short, Dean, School of Health and Human Performance
Jose A. Maliekal, Dean, School of Science and Mathematics

Alumni Association Board

Warren R. Kozireski ’82/’95, President

Brockport Foundation

Diane McCue ’77, Chair

College Council

Scott M. Turner, Chair
GOWN
The long, black gown worn by faculty and staff at Commencement is symbolic of the earliest universities in Europe and their connection with the church. Although most universities and colleges are no longer closely associated with organized religion, the gown remains a symbol of formality.

Generally, the more elaborate the gown, the higher the degree. The bachelor's gown is the most simple, with no hood and long sleeves. The master's gown features a small hood and longer sleeves, sometimes with slits in the sides for the hands. The doctoral robe is the most ornate, with velvet panels down the front and around the upper back, long bell-shaped sleeves and a larger hood worn on the back.

HOOD
The trim color of the hood indicates the nature of the degree. Most frequently seen on the College faculty and staff is the blue-trimmed hood of the doctorate of philosophy. Also present are white (arts), light blue (education), lemon (library and information science), orange (nursing), teal (public administration), gold (science) and citron (social work). The inside of the hood often shows the colors of the wearer's university, with one or more brightly colored chevrons against a dark background. The colors blue and gold can be found on the inside of hoods worn by State University of New York graduates.

CAP
The origin of the square mortarboard is unclear. One authority claims that originally the headpieces were round and soft, but later were stiffened at the four corners to prevent them from falling into the face. Versions of the original “pancake” hat, a kind of oversized beret, are worn by holders of doctorates from English universities and the University of Chicago. Most American doctorates favor the mortarboard with a gold tassel sewn firmly in place.

KENTE
The kente is an Asante ceremonial hand-woven cloth made in various colors, sizes and designs. Although its roots can be traced to 11th-century West African weaving traditions, the modern kente has achieved international recognition and evolved into a symbol of Pan-African camaraderie. The kente has a symbolic significance: every cloth pattern and motif has a name and a meaning. Originally, it was reserved for royalty and limited to special social and sacred functions. Today, it is worn during very important social and religious occasions, including commencement ceremonies.

MACE
The mace symbolizes the authority of the President of the College and is carried by the grand marshal who leads the academic processions. The College at Brockport mace was created in 1982 by renowned artist and former Brockport faculty member Albert Paley. It is made of steel, bronze and delrin (a synthetic metal) and weighs approximately 25 pounds.

MEDALLIONS
The College medallion, worn on a chain by the President, was also created by Albert Paley. It is made primarily of bronze with a copper accent and bears an impression of the College seal.

The gold medallion is worn by Chancellor's Award recipients.
In Greek mythology, Prometheus is depicted as the patron of human civilization, having brought the “flame of wisdom” to man.

As the myth indicates, Zeus asked Prometheus to create human beings and make them almost god-like in their faculties of speech, reason and understanding. However, Zeus made one exception—human beings were not to have fire. Knowing what an intelligent being could do with fire, Zeus was afraid that humanity might use it to overthrow the gods.

Prometheus was so taken with his creation that he decided to disobey Zeus. He stole fire from heaven and gave it to humanity. This of course gave them the mastery of the world that Zeus had feared, and gods were indeed overthrown in the most radical sense possible—we stopped believing that they even exist.

Prometheus is the subject of many literary works, of which the most famous are Aeschylus’ *Prometheus Bound* and Shelley’s *Prometheus Unbound*. In *Prometheus Bound*, Prometheus is the powerful center of the play, one of the most awesome figures in the history of drama. He is a titan, of the race of old gods overthrown by Zeus. He is wise, creative, ingenious and blessed with the gift of prophecy. He also is a compassionate being, taking sides with helpless mankind against the cruelty of Zeus and the Olympians. He functions on several levels: a literal god, champion of mankind, and metaphorically the source of mankind’s adaptability and genius. He is the great sufferer, and the visionary against a world less moral, intelligent and beautiful than himself.

It was through Prometheus that humanity obtained the power not only to understand but also to transform the world. In the words of Aeschylus, “Hear the sum of the whole matter in the compass of one brief word—every art possessed by man comes from Prometheus.”

As a representation of forethought and understanding, Prometheus is a fitting symbol of the Honors and Awards Ceremony.
