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Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts Forty-Second Annual Commencement Ceremony 2022

June 23, 2022 at 12:30 pm



Principal: Ms. Jody Covington

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Arts Academy
450 Masten Ave.
Buffalo, New York 14209

Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts

Grades 5 - 12

Our highly qualified staff prepares our students for both college and career readiness, with excellence in both the Arts and Academics. Arts Academy students have the opportunity to focus on one of the following studies, while being exposed to all of the Arts: Vocal or Instrumental Music, Dance, Theatre, Visual Art, and Media Communications! We offer multiple extracurricular activities and clubs for all our students in various areas such as: the arts, academics, athletics, community outreach and cross curricular events. Advanced Placement courses (college level) are offered in Literature & Composition, Language & Composition, World History, U.S. History, Biology, Spanish, Music Theory, Art History, and Studio in Art. We also have a College Access Program, a dual credit program offered collaboratively by the Arts Academy and Buffalo State College.

The Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts was founded as part of the desegregation plan in 1977. The goal was simple: provide an exciting college preparatory program for students in the Arts and Academics that will attract all races and ethnicities. Since our beginnings at 333 Clinton Street, the school has grown in numbers and in depth. In September 2007 we moved to our new, state of the art facility located at 450 Masten Avenue.

The Arts Academy is extremely proud to have nurtured and molded many very successful alumni, some of whom include: Jessie L. Martin (*Law & Order*, *RENT*), Ani DiFranco (recording artist, founder of "Babeville"), Claudine Ewing (WGRZ-TV), Pete Gullivan (WGRZ-TV), Stefan Mychajliw (Erie County Comptroller), Ramona Thomas-Reynolds (Director of Parent Involvement), Carmen Intorre (professional percussionist/drummer, graduate of Juilliard School of Music), Gabriel Croom (broadway cast of *"Lion King"*), Elizabeth Young (President/Creative Director at Studio (LLC)), Julian Montague (graphic designer, illustrator, photographer, and installation artist). Current Arts Academy alumni on staff include: Jody Covington (Principal), Jay Ingerson (technical theatre), Fragrance Harris Stanfield (long term substitute teacher), Dave Riffel (media communications) Don Jones (teacher aide) & Nicole Jones (dance).

Our current students continue to exceed NYS targets for academic performance, produce award-winning visual art work, participate in All County Music Festival, perform with the Buffalo Philharmonic, and attend the NYS Summer School for the Arts. All students are exposed to multiple guest artists and are challenged with professional level curriculum and training. The school is presently partnered with many outside organizations who support our rigorous curriculum. These partnerships allow our students to be involved within our community. Many of our outside organizations focus on integrating the various arts experiences as well as helping discover and develop their artistic talents. We support and nurture our students continued growth through these programs.

"School is not a place that judges you. It is a place where people help your brain grow new connections"
- Carol S. Dweck

Alumni In Action



Joe Piehler: husband, father, artist, designer, entrepreneur, hobby collector, lover of old things, and fan of weird things. After graduating from the Arts Academy's Visual Art Department in 2006, he spent the first years of college bouncing between majors but finally settled into the Communication Design Department. In 2008, excited and ambitious, he co-founded a t-shirt printing shop called *Positive Approach*. The shop, showing much promise, quickly became Joe's primary focus. The same year, he met the love of his life and adopted his best friend Bear his dog. Today, Joe's primary work consists of illustration and brand design. He has worked on several projects for Buffalo-based brands and companies. He and his wife are currently developing a clothing brand and illustrating a children's book, which is inspired by their daughter. Joe has supported our Arts Academy family with his dedication and creative expertise by providing us with various school apparel designs.



Jason Hall, a 1992 graduate of the Media Communications Department, forged relationships during his time at Arts that are stronger than many of those gained since graduation. There is something to be said for working in a creative environment while coming of age. Taking creative risks with the support of your peers and friends is not something that everyone gets to enjoy. Jay works in an artistic environment every day, and his ability to do so is possible because of what he took away from his time at Arts. Every day nurtured individual talents and strengths but he also learned, most importantly, how to develop creatively as an individual while supporting the talents of fellow classmates. Arts, and everyone involved while there, have always been like family... because we are a family. For many years, Jay has been running a live music venue with his family in Buffalo, NY. Sportsmen's Tavern has become synonymous with live music in this city. He also owns *Black Rock EPS, LLC*, a recording studio and production company for nearly 25 years. Jay is Chairman of Sportsmen's Americana Music Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization that funds music education programs throughout the city. Over the past few years, with a partnership with Sportsmen's Tavern, we have funded the Jonathan Croom Memorial Art Scholarship which has given thousands of dollars to Arts Academy graduates. In the future, we hope the scholarship can grow and become an important part of the Arts legacy and family for generations to come.

Alumni In Action



The Michelle D. Hare scholarship was established out of Michelle's love for BAVPA. She is forever grateful to her alma mater for the unique education she received. This education included the pursuit of excellence in arts, academics, integrity, and personal achievement. The scholarship recipient will also share Michelle's passion and commitment to dance, lifelong learning, and the community. Michelle is a 1993 graduate of the Arts Academy's Dance Department. She played the violin, was a member of the Chamber Orchestra, Vice-President of the Student Senate, and Junior and Senior Class President. Michelle graduated from SUNY at Buffalo with a Bachelor's Degree in Urban and Public Policy Studies. As a Schomburg Fellow, she obtained a Master's Degree in Applied Public Affairs, with a concentration in urban management. Michelle also received a second Bachelor's in Nutrition and Exercise Science from CUNY at Queens College. Currently employed by State Farm, she manages multicultural, life occasion, and National Basketball Association marketing initiatives across the United States. As an entrepreneur, Michelle owns M.A.J.E.S.T.I.C., a wellness company with a mission to promote physical fitness in urban communities.



Liz Young has been incredibly pleased to give back to her alma mater. She has embraced the educational and inspirational gatherings with current students who visit NYC each year, and was honored to be the keynote speaker at one of our recent graduation ceremonies. She has stated, *"I wouldn't be where I am today without the strong education, diverse experience, and creative skillset I gained by being part of the Arts family"*. Liz was a Visual Art major, a trumpet student and participated in three varsity sports. The Arts Academy prepared her for acceptance to the University of Hartford. While there, she majored in graphic design and minored in illustration. In 2003, Liz founded Studio LLC, now StudioLabs, a product design and development studio which focuses on creative technology. Through her work at StudioLabs, she has helped create software applications, mobile applications, websites, games, and other digital products for clients such as Estée Lauder and ESPN. Liz is CEO and Creative Director of StudioLabs.

Dear Class of 2022:

What a year it has been, but you've made it! Throughout the hardships that these past couple of years have presented, it has also offered an abundance of memories that will be embedded in your hearts and minds. Memories are a collection of images, emotions, and experiences that shape and guide our very being.

You may have memories of the day you came to audition. You nervously entered the studio of what later became the space where you studied and rehearsed countless hours to develop your craft. Imagine your first days at the Arts Academy, the grand time on the mainstage, the intimacy of a black box performance, the roaring applause from your parents and friends in the audience, the birthday songs in the cafeteria, or celebrations of school pride during our pep rallies. These are the great memories that we hold on to.

There are also memories that have evoked emotions of sadness, fear, or uncertainty. We cannot necessarily erase incidents that have caused pain in our lives; however, we can learn to cope and to "make the most of it." I know it's easier said than done. Take time to pause and reflect on the good times. This will often overshadow the dark times. Those challenging encounters are quickly diminished by memories of laughter with friends, dancing to your favorite songs at the prom, receiving the acceptance letter to your college of choice, the day we were able to take off our masks, or the fondest memory of all.... the delicious smells of lunch.

The best thing about memories is making them. As you advance in your choices in life, know that you are building a collection of everything up to that exact moment. This will lead to making impactful memories. Memories that may last a lifetime. Therefore, continue to dream big and envision the memories that have yet to happen - your future goals!

We will depart with the acknowledgement of Mrs. Sheila Jones a.k.a. Mama Jones' retirement. The Arts Academy will always hold loving memories of her dedication to our school community.

Congratulations Class of 2022! The Arts Academy will forever remember the class that brought us back to a sense of normalcy, and for that we will hold you fondly in our memories!

Artistically yours,

Ms. J. Covington, Principal

Commencement Ceremonies

Processional March	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> , Composed by: Sir Edward Elgar
Pledge of Allegiance	Davin D. Moore
National Anthem - <i>Star Spangled Banner</i>	LizMarie Diaz
<i>Lift Every Voice</i> Welcome	Jamier McBurrows, Dazsha Montgomery, Charlie Smith Terrin Masszy, Class President
Superintendent's Message	Dreana Henry
Presentation of Awards	Arts Academy Administration & Guidance Department
Jonathan Croom Alumni Award	
Presented by; Ms. Maria Hrusinger	Lily Beyer, Lydianis Lopez
Visual Art Purchase Award, Presented by Mr. Herring	Helga Mae Enoc
Excellence in Naturalism Purchase Award	Alyssia Randazzo
Yvonne James Brown A.R.T.S Scholarship	
Presented by Ahmed Brown	Lily Beyer
Dance Dedication	Jaden Stockwell
B.O.E. Education Exemplar	Samantha Schillace
Sherman F. Feyler Award	Madison Gibbs, Jackson Brown-Farrow
Buffalo Teachers Federation Award	Angelina Jo-lee Parker
American Federation of School Administrators	Hailey Herring
Macy Favor Scholarship	Maya LaMacchia-Bezny
Florence Johnson Perseverance Award	Leila Perez
Julie Hage Scholarship c/o 1995	Sati Williams
Excellence in the Arts	Dance - Claire Calteaux Vocal Music - LizMarie Diaz Instrumental Music - Maya LaMacchia-Bezny Theatre - Dreana Henry
Media Communications - Fletcher Gonzalez	Visual Art - Lily Beyer Technical Theatre - Wayne Parker
Principal's Award	Jackson Brown-Farrow, Madison Gibbs
Salutatorian Award	Dreana Henry
Valdictorian Award and Speech	Haniffa Michelle Solier
Musical Dedication	Darcel Blue, Alumna
Keynote Speaker	Ms. Jillian Hangsworth c/o 2010
Granting of Diplomas	Arts Academy Administration, Guidance Department & Class Advisor
Closing Remarks	Ms. Covington, Principal Mrs. Shgila Jones (AKA MAMAJONES)
Recessional March	



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Dr. Tonja M. Williams
Interim Superintendent of Schools

June 16, 2022

Dear Class of 2022, Parents, and Caregivers:

Buffalo Public Schools remains committed to its goals of college preparedness, career readiness, and "on-time" graduation for every student.

The curriculums (IB, AP, Regents, Core, and CLRI) that have been implemented, in tandem with the highly qualified teachers who deliver rigorous instruction are vital components to meeting the goal of successfully graduating from high school.

This year's graduates have faced more obstacles than most any other cohort of graduates. The effects of the recent tragic mass murderous events at Robbs Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas and at TOPS Supermarket right here in Buffalo, New York coupled with impact of the global COVID-19 health pandemic, on the teaching and learning have been significant and unprecedented!

So, on this momentous occasion we salute and congratulate you, along with our entire Buffalo Public School Board of Education, for showing great strength, courage, and resiliency. You have persevered and we are proud of you and this huge accomplishment! You, alone have the ability to change the world by always understanding and doing what is right! This is the definition of having integrity!

Wishing you the very best that life has to offer! Go out into the world and make a difference. Continue to make your families proud!

Best Regards,

Dr. Tonja M. Williams,
Interim Superintendent of Schools

Louis J. Petrucci,
President Board of Education

"Putting Children and Families First to Ensure High Academic Achievement for All"

Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts Faculty and Staff

Principal

Ms. Jody Covington

Assistant Principal

Mrs. Rebecca Ryan

Assistant Principal

Mr. Jonathan Welka

Arts Coordinator

Mr. Chris George

Dance

Ms. Rebecca Bateson-Brown
Ms. Nicole Jones
Ms. Alexandra Swonder
Mrs. AnnMarie Jenczka-Caldiero

Media Communications

Ms. Mary Elizabeth Murray
Mr. David Riffel

Music

Mr. Timothy Buckley
Ms. Jennie Knight
Mrs. Jaime Pitnell
Ms. Lauriann Stephan
Mr. Jared Tinkham
Ms. Ana Vafai

Theatre

Ms. Kelly Beuth
Mr. Andrew Kottler

Technical Theatre

Mr. Jay Ingerson
Mr. Roman Kulik

Visual Art

Mrs. Heather Guinther
Mr. Marc Herring
Mrs. Elizabeth Larrabee
Ms. Rachel Lyons
Ms. Jenny Pembleton
Mr. Sean Witucki

Career and Tech. Ed.

Mr. John Augustine

Technology

Mr. Sebastian Case

Home & Careers

Mrs. Nicole Warren-Cottman

Elementary Education

Mrs. Yolanda Baez
Mr. Howard Fisher
Mrs. Linda Greenan
Mrs. Jordan Shively

ENL

Ms. Stephanie McClain

Speech Therapist

Mrs. Angela Downing

Guidance & Counseling Department

Mrs. Wendy Loveria
Mrs. Tyshae Moore
Mr. Randall Womack

English Language Arts

Mrs. Lisa Corey
Mr. Ivan Gonzalez
Ms. Stephanie Hollis-Lang
Ms. Elizabeth Lyons-Duke
Ms. Alicia Meacham
Mr. Jason Millard
Mrs. Katrina Taylor

Mathematics

Mr. Robert Brotz
Ms. Cynthia Shumaker
Ms. Clyvette Grayson
Mrs. Shannon Podsadowski
Mr. Richard Skrabucha
Mr. John Smith

Social Studies

Mr. Mark Borgioli
Mr. James Healy
Mr. Robert Houck
Mrs. Jessica Swiech
Mrs. Sarah Wright

Science

Mr. John Bihl
Mrs. Sherri Kochan
Mrs. Jennifer Koscielski
Mr. Thomas Pearse
Mr. Eric Vosburgh
Mrs. Celeste Watson

Physical Education/Health

Mr. Michael Bogdan
Ms. Sarah Galante
Mr. Brian Rosintoski
Mrs. Amanda Saddleson

School Nurse

Ms. Keyes



Student Support Services

Ms. Kim Jones
Mrs. Rubie McKelvey

Library Media Specialist

Ms. Alison Farinacci

Foreign Language/Spanish

Mrs. Julie Brostko
Ms. Noelia Monge

Special Education

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Mr. Kevin Brick
Mrs. Izabela Cunningham
Ms. Theresa DellaVilla
Mrs. Jennifer Eynon
Mrs. Rebecca Felicetta
Mrs. Diane Field
Mrs. Antolene Jenczewski
Mrs. Kelly Hathaway
Ms. Rebecca Krull
Mr. David Majewski
Ms. Margaret Marino
Ms. Joelle Perfetti
Mrs. Abigail Petri
Mr. Ryan Ried
Mrs. Stacie Schirca
Mrs. Carrie Schlau
Mr. Donald Schwagler

Credit Recovery/Grad Point

Mr. Eric Benson
Ms. Jillian Fields
Ms. Nicole George
Mrs. Christine Kaczynski

Teacher Assistants/Aides

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Mrs. Cynthia Andersen
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Mrs. Janice Jones
Mrs. Sheila Jones
Ms. A. Robinson
Ms. Nicole Sanders

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Mrs. Christina White

Jonathan Croom Alumni Award ~ Lily Beyer, Lydianis Lopez

Presented to a visual art major who embodies Jonathan's spirit, the love of arts, and commitment to family, community service, and the well-being of others.

Visual Art Purchase Award ~ Helga Mae Enoc

Excellence in Naturalism Purchase Award ~ Alyssia Randazzo

Yvonne James Brown A.R.T.S Scholarship ~ Lily Beyer

Academics, Resilience, Talent and Spirit (A.R.T.S.). The Yvonne James-Brown A.R.T.S. Scholarship awarded to one student who best embodies the values of intentionality, awareness and purpose, with which Yvonne lived her life.

Buffalo Teachers Federation Award ~ Angelina Jo-lee Parker

B.O.E. Education Exemplar ~ Samantha Schillace

Presented to a student who has contributed substantially to fostering an atmosphere of mutual understanding, respect, and acceptance in his or her school community.

Sherman F. Feyler Award ~ Madison Gibbs and Jackson Brown-Farrow

Presented to outstanding students on the basis of the candidates' scholastic excellence, leadership qualities, activities in civic affairs, personality, and attitude toward country and neighbor.

Buffalo Teachers Federation Award ~ Angelina Jo-lee Parker

American Federation of School Administrators ~ Hailey Herring

This leadership award is presented on behalf of school administrators to recognize outstanding student leadership in our school and wider community by a graduating senior. The winner receives a certificate and a monetary gift.

Macy Favor Scholarship ~ Maya LaMacechia-Bezny

The late Hugh Macy Favor, local Jazz musician was inducted into the Buffalo Music Hall of Fame in 2002. He was an integral contributor of the Buffalo Colored Musicians Club. The club fostered an environment where people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds could come together over a mutual love of the American phenomenon called jazz. In his honor a scholarship has been established from an endowment bequeathed to the Arts Academy as a gift from his will. It will be awarded to a student who has shown growth and maturity in the face of adversity and will continue on a path pursuing music as a lifelong journey.

Florence Johnson Perseverance Award ~ Leila Perez

Awarded to a student who has overcome insurmountable obstacles to arrive at graduation. The recipient should have demonstrated the commitment to do better, have good attendance, and be economically disadvantaged.

Julie Hage Scholarship c/o 1995 ~ Sati Williams

The recipient demonstrates ambition, hard work and commitment to personal success. Appreciates and embodies the spirit of dance and participated to the fullest extent of their Arts Academy Experience.

Excellence in the Arts ~ Dance - Claire Caltzoux; Vocal Music - LizMarie Diaz;

Instrumental Music - Maya LaMacechia-Bezny; Theatre - Dreana Henry; Media Communications - Fletcher Gonzalez; Visual Art - Lily Beyer; Technical Theatre - Wayne Parker Jr.

Presented to seniors who best exemplify excellence in both the arts and academics.

Principal's Award ~ Jackson Brown-Farrow, Madison Gibbs

When selecting the recipients for the principal's award, the students that are considered, are ones who are most deserving of special recognition for exemplary achievement for overcoming possibly challenging obstacles and having made a significant contribution to the quality of life in our school in the arts, academics, and in their overall respect and character.

Class of 2022

Xyairza Adams

Sizra Albino

Anabel Anthony

Arzjon L. Betton

Lily Beyer

Jackson Brown-Farrow

Ja'Kai Calhoun

Clairz Otilia Caltzoux

Abiangs Cirino Calderon

Danasia Clark

Greg Coley

Aliyah Daniels

LizMarie Diaz

Zackina Dickson

Rachel Dillard

Iyana Dixon

JarNae Edgerton

Helga Mae Enoc

Na'ima Flores

Alyssa Giambelluca

Madison Gibbs

Autumn Rain Giordano

Fletcher Gonzalez

Taniya A. Grant

Autumn Green

Ibn-Abdul Halim

Liana Harris

Sky Heitman

Drzana Renee Henry

Hailzy Herring

Makell Hunley

Dexter James

Mikayla James

D'Myah Jefferson

Avery Alexander Jones

Elijah Jones-Pouncey

Nailah Kent

Yailzen Kren-Colon

Catherine Krug-O'Connor

Maya LaMacchia-Bermy

Lydianis Lopez

Zion Lucas

David Maldonado

Terin Massey

Dance



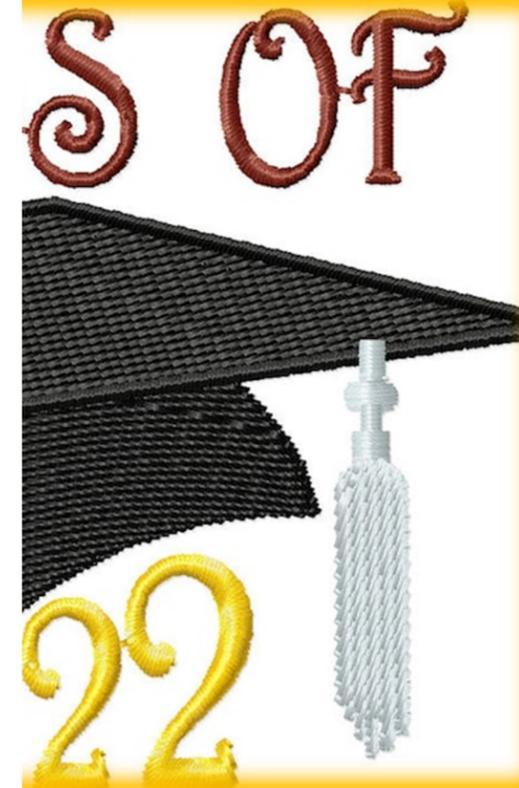
Media Communication



Technical Theatre



Vocal Music



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Instrumental Music



Theatre



Visual Art



Class Officers



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Class of 2022

Jamier McBurrows

Raijon McQuiller

Savanna Mingo

Dazsha Montgomery

Davin D. Moore

Rivy Mosegi

Jaden Nandalall

Bugale Esther Nankumba

Irena Northington

Ariana Athena Palmer

Leo Jon Parker

Angelina Jo-lee Parker

Wayne Parker Jr.

Evan Pawlicki

Alexandria C. Peña

Layla Perez

Shanya Lanissa Prince

Bushra Rahman

Alyssia Randazzo

Jasiah Rembert

Alfonso Rodriguez Escalera

Shamar Roseboro

Keyonna Ross

La'Kiya Imani Saulters

Taliah Savage

Samantha Schillace

Zhozy L. Scott

Cinniz Sims

Michala Small

Charliz Smith

Haniffa Michelle Solier

Bitonya Thelwell

Aey'oni Thomas

Ezilegna Tirado

Karyn Torres

Rae Amina Traylor

Jermaine Virgil

Joshua Waters

Damian Watherspoon

Ja'Mya Williams

Sati Williams

Alicia Rene Woods

Ambiance Wright

Lexington Zeigler

Dance



Claire Ottilia Calteaux
SUNY New Paltz, BA in Business
Advanced Regents Diploma
† National Honor Society Member
Arts Academy Diploma in Dance



La'Kiya Imani Saulters
University of Pittsburg at Bradford, Pre-Medicine
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Dance



Na'ima Flores
Columbia College Chicago, Dance and Creative Writing
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Dance



Zhoey L. Scott
SUNY Buffalo State College, Dance
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Dance



Taniya A. Grant
Undecided
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Dance



Rae Amina Traylor
Medaille College, Nursing
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Dance



Liana Harris
SUNY Buffalo State College, Computer Science
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Dance



Sati Williams
Undecided
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Dance



Keyonna Ross
Erie 1 Boces, Cosmetology
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Dance

Awards Previously Presented Continued

Departmental Awards Media Communications

Rising Star Award, Volunteer Award, Producer of the Year - Fletcher Gonzalez,
Excellence in Storytelling - Jarnae Edgerton, **Excellence in Editing** - Ja'Mya Williams,
Pen & Pad Award - Makell Hunley & Joshua Waters, **Media Team ACE Award** - Samantha Schillace
Jamshid Vafai Photography Award & Authentic Human Awesomeness Award - Ambiance Wright

Dance

Dance Historian Award - La'kiya Saulters, **Superior Growth in both modern technique and classical ballet** - Sati Williams,
Has shown most overall growth ~ Taniya Grant, Most Dedicated to her craft ~ Na'ima Flores
Stay the Course Award ~ Keyonna Ross, Abianys Cirino Cladron, Most Versatile Dancer ~ Claire Calteaux
Dedication and Service to the Dance Department Award (non majors) -
 Lily Beyer, Ibn Abdul Halim, Charlie Smith, Maya LaMaechia-Bezny, Alexandria Peña, Hailey Herring

Theatre

Most Delightful Performer - Angelina Parker, **Overall Excellence in Theatre Arts** - Drzana Henry,
Most Significant Growth in Theatre - Ariana Palmer, **Positivity and Perseverance** - Arzjon Betton

Instrumental Music

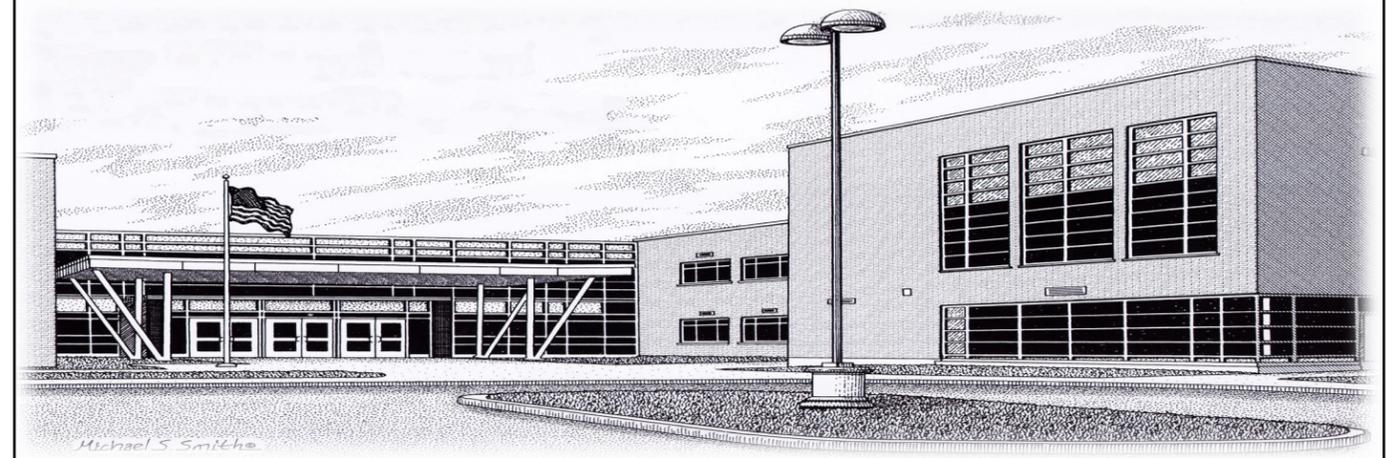
Renaissance Person - Hailey Herring, **Flirt Feet Award** - Kevin Burris, **Louis Armstrong Award** - Lexington Zeigler,
I am Vengeance Award ~ Cinnie Sims, **That's My President Award** - Ibn Abdul Halim, **Bass Claf Chef** - Angel Howie,
Trumpeter on Board - Terin Massey, **Best Smile** - LizMarie Diaz, **Most Talented** - Dagsha Montgomery,
Best Groove - Hanifa Michelle Solier, **Prolific Composer** - Maya LaMaechia-Bezny,
Silent but Deadly - Taliah Savage, **Master Composer** - Jackson Brown-Farrow,
World Class Musician - Madison Gibbs, **Harmony Expert** - Yailcen Kren-Colon, **Shred God** - Leo Parker

Vocal Music

Rising Star Award - Avery Alexander Jones, **Heart of the Chorus** - Jamier McBurrows,
Cornerstone Award - Bugale Esther Nankumba

Visual Art

Excellence in Sculpture - Lily Beyer & Ezilegna Tirado, **Excellence in Printmaking** - Helga Mae Enoc,
Excellence in Art History - Alyssia Randazzo, **Art Class Clown** - Dexter James, **Most Helpful** - Alyssia Randazzo
Art Legacy Award for Work on the School Mural - Helga Mae Enoc, Jasiah Rembert, Dexter James & Irena Northington,
Most Curious - Bushra Rahman, **Biggest Brain** - Helga Mae Enoc, **Art Rebel** - Jermaine Virgil,
Biggest Heart - Sierra Albino, **Art History Buff** - Rivy Mosegi, **Portrait Master Artist** - Jasiah Rembert,
Strongest Technical skills - Ezilegna Tirado, **Computer Wiz** - Lily Beyer, **Wildest Imagination** - Rachel Dillard,
Triple Threat ... Athletic, Academic & Artistic Skills - Lydianis Lopez, **Kindness Award** - Irena Northington



Michael S. Smith

Awards Previously Presented

President's Academic Effort Award -

Greg Coley, Tania A. Grant, Lydianis Lopez, Wayne Parker, Charlie Smith, and Haniffa Michelle Solier
Awarded to students who show outstanding educational growth, improvement, commitment or intellectual development in their academic subjects. This award is meant to recognize students who work hard and give their best effort in school.

President's Academic Excellence Award -

Madison Gibbs, Dreana Renee Henry, Catherine Krug-O'Connor, Maya Lamacchia-Bezny, Terin Massey, Karyn Torres
This award recognizes students' academic success of earning a high school average of at least 90% and excelling in state or national examinations.

Outstanding Service Awards -

Lily Beyer, Madison Gibbs, Ibn Abdul Halim, Maya Lamacchia-Bezny, Terin Massey, Samantha Schillace, Charlie Smith, and Haniffa Michelle Solier
Presented to students who have volunteered service to the Arts Academy.

Triple "C" Award - Bugale Esther Nankumba

Presented to a student who has exhibited outstanding "Character, Courage and Commitment" to learning, their community and their fellow classmates.

New York State Comptroller's Achievement Award - Hailey Herring

This award is presented to a graduating senior who has demonstrated leadership potential and a commitment to public service, including devoting a significant amount of time to helping the school and community.

NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence - Haniffa Michelle Solier, Dreana Henry, Madison Gibbs, and Terin Massey

Based on scholastic achievement, the above students have been awarded annual scholarships of either \$1500 or \$500 from the New York State Board of Regents.

Wegmans Scholarship Program - Irena Northington

This scholarship, given by Wegmans Food Market, honors and recognizes the high standards and pursuit of higher education.

Business First Community All-Star Award - Samantha Schillace

This award is presented to a senior who leads and inspires others in the community.

Recognition of National Honors Society Members

Lily Beyer, Jackson Brown-Farrow, Claire Ottilia Calteaux, Madison Gibbs, Dreana Renee Henry, Yailzen Kren-Colon, Catherine Krug-O'Connor, Maya Lamacchia-Bezny, Lydianis Lopez, Terin Massey, Dazsha Montgomery, Bugale Ester Nankumba, Layla Perez, Alyssia Randazzo, Samantha Schillace, Haniffa Michelle Solier, and Karyn Torres

Top 10 Seniors

Valedictorian ~ Haniffa Solier

Salutatorian ~ Dreana Henry

3rd ~ Madison Gibbs 4th ~ Terin Massey 5th ~ Maya Lamacchia-Bezny 6th ~ Yailzen Kren-Colon
7th ~ Catherine Krug-O'Connor 8th ~ Lily Beyer 9th ~ Layla Perez 10th ~ Bugale Ester Nankumba

Highest Academic Averages

Dance - Claire Ottilia Calteaux
Visual Art - Alyssia Randazzo
Science - Lily Beyer
English - Catherine Krug-O'Connor
Mathematics - Jackson Brown-Farrow

Instrumental Music - Haniffa Michelle Solier
Technical Theatre - Sky Heitman
Social Studies - Maya Lamacchia-Bezny

Media Communications - Samantha Schillace
Physical Education, Vocal Music - Bugale Esther Nankumba
Spanish - Terin Massey

2022 Senior Class Officers

President - Terin Massey
Secretary - Sati Williams
Treasurer - Samantha Schillace

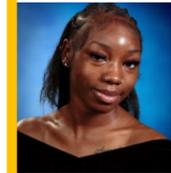
Vice President - Davin D. Moore
Sergeant at Arms - Dreana Renee Henry

Class Advisor - Mrs. Shzila Jones & Ms. Nicole Jones

Media Communication



Greg Coley
Villa Maria College, Media Communication
Regents Diploma
Career and Technical Education
CDOS Credential



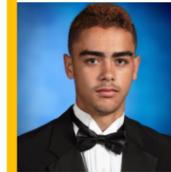
Iyana Dixon
SUNY Erie, Nursing
Regents Diploma
Career and Technical Education
CDOS Credential
Arts Academy Diploma in Media Communication



JarNae Edgerton
D'Youville College, Nursing
Regents Diploma
Career and Technical Education
CDOS Credential
Arts Academy Diploma in Media Communication



Alyssa Giambelluca
SUNY Buffalo State College, English/Journalism
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Media Communication



Fletcher Gonzalez
SUNY Fredonia, Communications & Video Production
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Media Communication



Autumn Green
Niagara Community College, Environmental Science
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Media Communication



Makell Hunley
SUNY Erie, Northland Workforce Training Center
Mechatronics Certification
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Media Communication



Raijon McQuiller
Undecided
Regents Diploma



Jaden Nandalall
SUNY Buffalo State College, Theatre
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Media Communication



Samantha Schillace
Medaille College, Early Childhood Education
Regents Diploma
National Honor Society Member
Arts Academy Diploma in Media Communication



Evan Pawlicki
Undecided
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Media Communication



Joshua Waters
Canisius College, Environmental Science
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Media Communication



Ja'Mya Williams
SUNY University at Buffalo, Criminal Justice
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Media Communication



Ambiance Wright
SUNY Buffalo State College, Interior Design
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Media Communication

Instrumental Music



Jackson Brown-Farrow
SUNY Buffalo State College, Business Administration
 Advanced Regents Diploma
 † National Honor Society Member
 Arts Academy Diploma in Instrumental Music



Terin Massey
SUNY Buffalo State College, Chemistry
 Advanced Regents Diploma
 † National Honor Society Member
 Arts Academy Diploma in Instrumental Music



Madison Gibbs
SUNY Buffalo State College, Music Performance
 Advanced Regents Diploma
 † National Honor Society Member
 Arts Academy Diploma in Instrumental Music
 SUNY Buffalo State College Merit Scholarship \$4,000
 SUNY Buffalo State College Music Dept. \$4,000



Leo Jon Parker
SUNY Erie, Northland Workforce Training Center
 Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Instrumental Music



Ibn-Abdul Halim
SUNY Buffalo State College, Undecided
 Regents Diploma



Taliah Savage
Canisius College, Health & Wellness
 Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Instrumental Music



Hailey Herring
Allegany College, Pre-Veterinary
 Advanced Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Instrumental Music
 Trustee Scholarship \$116,000



Cinnie Sims
SUNY Buffalo State College, Business Administration
 Regents Diploma



Nailah Kent
Villa Maria College, Community Health
 Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Instrumental Music
 Villa Maria College Merit Scholarship \$32,000



Haniffa Michelle Solier
Hilbert College, Business Administration
 Advanced Regents Diploma
 † National Honor Society Member
 Arts Academy Diploma in Instrumental Music
 Hilbert College Honors Program \$3,000 annually,
 Women's Teacher Association \$750, Buffalo Urban League, Retired
 Teachers Association \$15,000, NYS Academic Excellence \$6,000



Yaileen Kren-Colon
SUNY Buffalo State College, Music Education
 Advanced Regents Diploma
 † National Honor Society Member
 Arts Academy Diploma in Instrumental Music



Damian Weatherspoon
SUNY Erie, Northland Workforce Training Center
 Advanced Regents Diploma
 Arts Academy Diploma in Instrumental Music



Maya LaMacchia-Beeny
SUNY Buffalo State College, Music Education
 Advanced Regents Diploma
 † National Honor Society Member
 Arts Academy Diploma in Instrumental Music
 SUNY Buffalo State College Music Scholarship \$6,000



Lexington Zeigler
SUNY Erie, Liberal Arts
 Regents Diploma

Visual Art Purchase Awards

Award History

The Visual Art's Purchase Award was created by the Visual Art faculty in 1991. At that time, the faculty believed that a student's artwork should be purchased and displayed in the Arts Academy building for everyone to admire. Since 1991 and each year thereafter, a visual art piece has been purchased and added to the school's permanent collection. As part of the curriculum, each senior participates in a portfolio review where the faculty reviews and critiques work with the artist. The faculty wants to see a variety of work, hear about their motivation behind it, and be able to talk about it in an artistic way. The Visual Art faculty collectively chooses one or two pieces of artwork that shows college level skills.

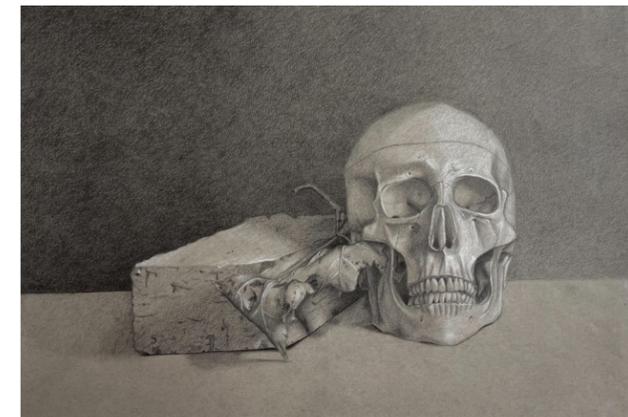
You can view this collection as you enter or exit the building from the Ferry St. entrance.



Helga Mae Enoc — "Selfie"

Excellence in Naturalism Purchase Award

This award of Excellence in Naturalism is based on the student's ability to represent aesthetic sensibility and the skill based practices of drawing, grounded in the accurate representation of the truth and beauty found in nature. The artwork will be purchased by the school, adjudicated and awarded by Mr. Witucki. It will remain in the permanent collection of the Buffalo Academy of Visual and Performing Arts. The drawing will be framed and displayed with the student's name and graduating year. As a community, we are proud to be training our students to be the next great generation of artists.



Alyssia Randazzo — Untitled

Visual Art



Sierra Albino
Undecided
Regents Diploma



Lily Beyer
Daemen University, Animation
Advanced Regents Diploma
† National Honor Society Member
Arts Academy Diploma in Visual Art
DU Founder's Scholarship \$11,000 yearly, DU Academic Scholarship \$2,000 yearly, All-High Art Scholarship \$2,000



Danasia Clark
SUNY Erie, Liberal Arts
Advanced Regents Diploma



Rachel Dillard
United States Navy
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Visual Art



Helga Mae Enoc
Daemen University, ROTC
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Visual Art



Dexter James
Undecided
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Visual Art



Lydianis Lopez
Niagara University, Psychology
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Visual Art
NU Presidents Scholarship \$80,000



Rivy Mosegi
Canisius College, Pre-Law
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Visual Art
Canisius College Benefactors Scholarship \$34,000



Irena Northington
Hilbert College, Psychology
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Visual Art



Bushra Rahman
SUNY Buffalo State College, Graphic Design
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Visual Art



Alyssia Randazzo
Daemen University, Illustration
Advanced Regents Diploma
† National Honor Society Member
Arts Academy Diploma in Visual Art
Daemen College Deans Scholarship \$40,000, Academic Achievement Scholarship \$8,000



Jasiah Rembert
Daemen University, Animation
Regents Diploma



Ezilegna Tirado
Niagara University, Criminology
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Visual Art



Jermaine Virgil
SUNY Buffalo State College, Business Administration
Regents Diploma

Vocal Music



Anabel Anthony
American Musical & Dramatic Academy, Theatre
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music



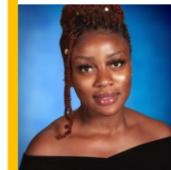
Ja'Kai Calhoun
Undecided
Regents Diploma



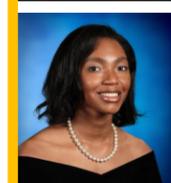
Aaliyah Daniels
3+1 SUNY Buffalo State, FIT - Fashion
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music
Black Achievers Inc. Youth Academy Scholarship \$500



LizMarie Diaz
SUNY Erie, Dental
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music



Zackina Dickson
Iowa State, Nursing
Regents Diploma



Mikayla James
SUNY Buffalo State College, Computer Information Sciences
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music



Avery Alexander Jones
Long Island University, RocNation School of Music,
Sports, and Entertainment
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music



Jamier McBurrows
Undecided
Regents Diploma



Daesha Montgomery
Morgan State University, Psychology
Advanced Regents Diploma
† National Honor Society Member
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music



Bugale Esther Nankumba
SUNY Brockport, Exercise Science
Advanced Regents Diploma
† National Honor Society Member
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music
SUNY Brockport Eagles Scholarship \$1,000, SUNY Brockport Honors College \$6,000



Alexandria C. Peña
SUNY Buffalo State College, Business Administration
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music



Layla Perez
SUNY University at Buffalo, Psychology
Regents Diploma
† National Honor Society Member
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music



Michala Small
Bryant and Stratton College, Interior Design
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music



Charlie Smith
SUNY Potsdam, Psychology with a minor in Theatre/Music
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Vocal Music



Litonya Thelwell
SUNY University at Buffalo, Biomedical Science
Regents Diploma

Technical Theatre



Xyaira Adams
Salon Professional Academy
CDOS Credential
Regents Diploma



Savanna Mingo
Undecided
Regents Diploma



Sky Heitman
Undecided
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Technical Theatre



Wayne Parker Jr.
Workforce
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Technical Theatre



D'Myah Jefferson
Canisius College, Undecided
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Technical Theatre
Canisius College Benefactors Scholarship \$34,000



Alfonso Rodriguez Escalera
Undecided
Local Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Technical Theatre



Elijah Jones-Pouncey
Undecided
Regents Diploma



Shamar Roseboro
Workforce
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Technical Theatre



David Maldonado
Undecided
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Technical Theatre

Theatre



Arzjon L. Betton
SUNY Buffalo State College, Psychology
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre



Ariana Athena Palmer
SUNY Oswego, Theatre
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre



Autumn Rain Giordano
Undecided
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre



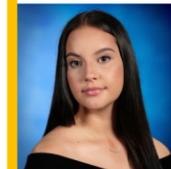
Angelina Jo-lee Parker
Villa Maria College, Theatre
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre



Dreana Renee Henry
Pace University, Writing for Diversity and Equity in
Theatre and Media
Advanced Regents Diploma
† National Honor Society Member
Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre
Trustee Recognition Award \$104,000



Shanya Lanissa Prince
SUNY Buffalo State College, Psychology
Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre



Catherine Krug-O'Connor
Pace University, Arts and Entertainment Management
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre



Karyn Torres
SUNY University at Buffalo, Criminology
Advanced Regents Diploma
† National Honor Society Member
Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre



Zion Lucas
Medaille University, Nursing
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre



Alicia Rene Woods
SUNY Buffalo State College, Psychology
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre



Davin D. Moore
SUNY Albany, Criminal Justice
Advanced Regents Diploma
Arts Academy Diploma in Theatre