



*Barry W. Walch*

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CONVOCATION

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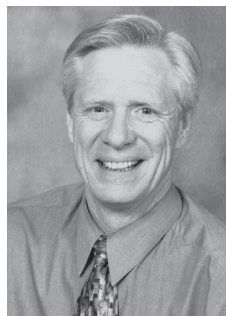


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STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT CANTON  
CANTON, NEW YORK

The 2024 Honors Convocation will honor Professor Emeritus Barry W. Walch. Barry retired from a 32-year career in our Funeral Services Administration program in 2021. He's been recognized as an immensely skilled educator who is passionate about his teaching and has a unique ability to engage and involve students.



Barry played a key role in advancing the Mortuary Science Associate Degree and developing the Bachelor's Degree in Funeral Services Administration. His work to revise and update the four-year program's curriculum resulted in improved student test scores on the National Board Exam. His university service also includes 16 years as chair of the Curriculum Committee.

Following his contributions to the Funeral Service Administration program and the field, Barry was selected to receive the SUNY Canton College Council's Distinguished Faculty Award in 2019. He is the former Board Member of the New York State Funeral Directors Association and a founding director of the Tribute Foundation, the association's philanthropic arm.

Barry holds an Associate of Applied Science in Mortuary Science from the New England Institute of Anatomy, Sanitary Science and Embalming, a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from Colby College, and a Master of Education in Counseling from the University of New Hampshire.

# PROGRAM

**PROCESSIONAL\*** ..... Pomp and Circumstance by Elgar

**MACE BEARER** ..... Dr. Deborah Molnar  
*Professor/Director, Physical Therapist Assistant, 2014*

**FACULTY MARSHALS** ..... Dr. Stacia Smith  
*Assistant Professor, Computer Information Systems*

Dr. Wendy Kuceyeski  
*Assistant Professor & Program Director, Vet Sci. Technology*

Dr. Barat Wolfe  
*Associate Professor & Applied Psychology Dept. Chair*

**PRESIDING** ..... Dr. Peggy De Cooke  
*Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs*

**NATIONAL ANTHEM\*** ..... Dr. D. Anthony Beane  
*Professor Emeritus, Veterinary Science Technology, 2017*

## **RECOGNITION:**

**BARRY W. WALCH**..... Dr. Peggy De Cooke  
*Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs*

**RESPONSE** ..... Barry W. Walch  
*Professor Emeritus*

**COUNCIL CHAIR'S REMARKS** ..... Ronald M. O'Neill '63  
*Chair, College Council, 2000 Distinguished Alumnus*

\* Participants and guests are requested to stand.

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**ACADEMIC AWARDS** .....Dr. Peggy De Cooke,  
*Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs*

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS  
AND LIBERAL ARTS.....Dr. Kenneth Khee, *Dean*

CANINO SCHOOL OF  
ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY ..... Mr. Michael J. Newtown, *Dean*

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE, HEALTH  
AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE ..... Dr. Michele A. Snyder, *Dean*

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

THE DAVID R. MAYNARD STUDENT ACTIVITIES AWARD..... Ms. Priscilla Collins  
*Executive Director of Student Engagement & Leadership*

YEARBOOK DEDICATION.....Lydia Austin, *Paysonian Yearbook Editor*

RICHARD MILLER AWARD ..... Mr. Michael Newtown, *Dean*

DR. EDWARD MAFOUA AWARD ..... Ms. Stephanie Petkovsek  
*Sr. Lecturer, History, & UUP Chapter President*

**CLOSING REMARKS** .....Dr. Peggy De Cooke

**ALMA MATER** .....Dr. D. Anthony Beane  
*Soloist*  
*Professor Emeritus, Veterinary Science Technology*

**MACE BEARER** ..... Dr. Deborah Molnar

**RECESSIONAL\*** .....*Largo* by Handel

A reception follows the ceremony.

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# ACADEMIC AWARDS RECIPIENTS

*These awards are based on the highest cumulative average  
as of January 2025 by program within an academic school.*

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS and LIBERAL ARTS

|                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Medical Coding Microcredential .....    | Olivia Grace Sharpe, 2028                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Accounting .....                        | Paige R. Jacobs, 2009                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Business Administration, AAS .....      | Hanan Awad, 2026<br>Chamonix Nicole Jackson, 2026<br>Taryn Leigh Oloriz, 2026<br>Nolan Lane Zotter, 2027                                                                                                                             |
| Business Administration, AS.....        | Julia Sullivan, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Early Childhood.....                    | Kailey Katherine Stella, 2027<br>Jennifer L. Tolbert, 2026                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Liberal Arts: General Studies, AA ..... | Holly L. Benware, 2026<br>David Clayton Heinze, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Liberal Arts: General Studies, AS ..... | Logan Michael Clark, 2027<br>Liz Rose Morse, 2026<br>Elijah Morse, 2027                                                                                                                                                              |
| Agribusiness Management.....            | Preston Maki, 2006                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Applied Psychology.....                 | Aliviah Ieleen Clary, 2024<br>Shelby Currier, 2020<br>Kailey Hernandez, 2020<br>Kelson M. Hooper, 2020<br>Anthony Joseph Liguori, 2016<br>Lane Ruddy, 2023<br>Rana Saad, 2009<br>Juniper Stars, 2011<br>Breahna Hailee Tessier, 2022 |
| Early Childhood Care & Management ..... | Angelina Breen, 2025<br>Kylie M. Freeman, 2027<br>Kaylee Mae Gleason, 2028<br>Savannah D. Moore, 2027<br>Fotini Stathopoulos, 2028                                                                                                   |
| Esports Management.....                 | Kai Sarmiento Bacus, 2027<br>Reanna Blair, 2028<br>Alexis Daniel Paute, 2025<br>Trevor William Scarperi, 2027<br>Gabie Elena Torres, 2028                                                                                            |

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| Finance .....                      | Leland John Blevins, 2026<br>Jordan M. Caroccio, 2027<br>Nicole Chaves, 2027<br>Liliana M. Porter, 2028<br>Isaiah Edison Sochia, 2027                                                                                                  |
| Health Care Management.....        | Manal E. Al-Shareqi, 2028<br>Erica L. Downey, 2027<br>Shoshana M. Horn, 2027<br>Christopher A. Martino, 2027<br>Emma R. Morris, 2027<br>Abigail K. Rice, 2027<br>Chantel Rose Sherman, 2028<br>Kayla L. Tripp, 2025<br>Kate Vega, 2027 |
| Legal Studies.....                 | Carol Alagna, 2026<br>Carlie Elizabeth Belile, 2028<br>Yesika Mariela Carrasquillo, 2026<br>Lacy J. Kuca, 2026<br>Yisroel Pearlman, 2025<br>Renzo Gracie Ramallo, 2027<br>Caitlynn Brianna Woodward, 2027                              |
| Management.....                    | Cailin M. Beauvais, 2028<br>Gillian Fable, 2027<br>Caitlyn Mae French, 2027<br>Mason D. Slade, 2027<br>Bobby Scott Voss, 2027                                                                                                          |
| Technological Communications ..... | Tristen Emanuell Zion Bellinger, 2027<br>Richard Henry Haller, 2026<br>Emerson Patrick Moore, 2028                                                                                                                                     |

## **CANINO SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY**

|                                               |                                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Electrical Construction and Maintenance ..... | Matthew J. Barrick, 2025                                      |
| Automotive Technology .....                   | Brandon Matthew Marchitto, 2027<br>James Bryan Prescott, 2025 |
| Civil Engineering Technology .....            | Mathew T. Bleau, 2026                                         |
| Computer Information Systems .....            | Cory Liu, 2025<br>Yoryie Munoz, 2027                          |
| Construction Technology: Management.....      | Joshua William Spilman, 2026<br>Finnley W. Walker, 2025       |
| Electrical Engineering Technology, AAS.....   | Josh Paul Bailey, 2026<br>Caedmon Jacob Ruehle, 2025          |

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|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Engineering Science .....                    | Justin Tyler Phillips, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Engineering Science 2+2.....                 | Logan Robert-Lyle Munn, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| General Technology .....                     | Brian William Geiger, 2027                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| HVAC Engineering Technology.....             | Debora Bartosova, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| HVAC Trades, AOS .....                       | Hayden Patrick McGregor, 2026<br>Sebastian Ramos, 2025                                                                                                                                                            |
| Civil & Environmental Engineering Tech. .... | Patience Victoria Dawson, 2026<br>Olivia Kathryn Mezzacappa, 2027<br>Connor Ray Payne, 2028<br>Owen James Thompson, 2026                                                                                          |
| Electrical Engineering Technology .....      | Katie Blair Marcelline Austin-Small, 2027<br>Liam Brock Taylor Hohertz, 2028<br>Mahala Kacey Victoria McIntosh, 2026<br>Tyler Scott, 2026<br>Griffin Scott Walker, 2027                                           |
| Game Design and Development .....            | Jae Won Byun, 2027<br>Alyssa Brooke Donnelly, 2028<br>Curtis E. Gorman, 2027<br>Jennifer Grace Homrighaus, 2026<br>Patrick Benjamin Nicholson, 2028<br>Harley R. Staley, 2028<br>Jonathan Thomas Zimmermann, 2026 |
| Graphic and Multimedia Design.....           | Haylee Jean Allen, 2028<br>Joshua A. Conte, 2025<br>Rachael Elaine Stevenson, 2027<br>Skyler Thomas Wright, 2027                                                                                                  |
| Industrial Technology Management.....        | Cameron Clark Payne, 2028<br>Ryan Daniel Willard, 2027                                                                                                                                                            |
| Information Technology.....                  | Zach David Ammann, 2026<br>Hazen J. Given, 2027<br>Spencer Lawrence, 2026<br>Kyle Martin McCuin, 2028<br>Hunter Charles Powell, 2028                                                                              |
| Mechanical Engineering Technology .....      | Harlee V. Besio, 2027<br>Izaiah William Conklin, 2028<br>Matthew Robert Magaldi, 2026<br>David Ryan Sieradski, 2026<br>Alyssa Townsley, 2028                                                                      |
| Mechatronics Technology.....                 | Brett I. Larson, 2027<br>Daryll L. Walker, 2026                                                                                                                                                                   |

## **SCHOOL OF SCIENCE, HEALTH and CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

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| Practical Nursing .....            | Sierra A. Patton, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Criminal Justice .....             | Jake Joseph Howard, 2026<br>Damien M. Martin, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Individual Studies .....           | Madison Gaurin, 2027<br>Logan Kelly, 2026<br>Lindsey Rae Prashaw, 2027<br>Maxwell Paul Rose, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Nursing, AAS .....                 | Sammie J. Frank, 2025<br>Nicole Leigh Karabats, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Physical Therapist Assistant.....  | Ally Jane Paige Bickford, 2026<br>Hayden Michael Bullock, 2026<br>Peyton Gail Sheehan, 2026<br>Marinah C. Simons, 2025<br>Grace Elizabeth St Mary, 2027<br>Kat Anicelia McRobbie Taru, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Veterinary Science Technology..... | Alyssa Jacob, 2025<br>Samantha Grace Wilmott, 2027                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Crime Analysis .....               | Megan Elizabeth Cowles, 2026<br>Arthur Malone, 2028<br>Nevaeh Pearson-Lemuel, 2027                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Criminal Investigation .....       | Lexi Marie Duquette, 2028<br>Sarah M. Karoum, 2025<br>Ace Rogers, 2027<br>Gracie Lynn Wheeler, 2027                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Cybersecurity .....                | Maria Arocho, 2027<br>Jack T. Barton, 2027<br>Logan Paul Bradley, 2028<br>Christopher Lawrence Brown, 2027<br>Tim J. Cleary, 2027<br>George D. Condon, 2027<br>Tommy Coulter, 2027<br>Austin Lawrence Crobar, 2027<br>Corbin Raymond Gregory Gardner, 2028<br>Matt Timothy Goolden, 2027<br>Emilia Carl Hayes, 2028<br>Maria Hearn, 2027<br>Evan Jackson, 2027<br>Mohammad R. Jawa, 2026<br>Sarah A. Lange, 2027<br>Kobie Ryan McDuffee, 2026<br>Tamica Mcknie, 2027 |

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|                                       | Bill Silas Nelson, 2028           |
|                                       | Elena M. Nye, 2026                |
|                                       | Evan Sovie Pendergraft, 2027      |
|                                       | Evgeniy Poizhan, 2027             |
|                                       | Joham Prepetit, 2027              |
|                                       | Nico Santos, 2027                 |
|                                       | Ryan Gregory Simcic, 2027         |
|                                       | Nate Lynch Warter, 2028           |
| Emergency Management .....            | Erik Dimitri Hanson, 2028         |
|                                       | Cindy Loubriel, 2027              |
|                                       | Theo Hayley Reade, 2027           |
|                                       | Jay E. Symonds, 2027              |
|                                       | Matthew Robert Woods, 2028        |
| Forensic Criminology.....             | Myles Julian Collins-Howard, 2028 |
|                                       | Mya Harvey, 2028                  |
|                                       | Kristel H. Leonard, 2026          |
|                                       | Julia Elizabeth Rose Palmer, 2026 |
|                                       | Jacquelyn Hope Rainville, 2028    |
|                                       | Lawrence Anthony Walker, 2028     |
|                                       | Caydence Vale Zalwsky, 2026       |
| Funeral Services Administration ..... | Olivia Marion Crane, 2028         |
|                                       | Grace E. Landis, 2026             |
|                                       | Marianna C. Morgan, 2026          |
|                                       | Levi Erik Olin Neal, 2028         |
|                                       | Kayleigh Marie Porkarski, 2027    |
|                                       | Mia Rivera-Varlack, 2028          |
| Health and Fitness Promotion .....    | Sarah P. Balcom, 2025             |
|                                       | Trey Stephen Miller, 2027         |
|                                       | Sadey Nicole Sprabary, 2027       |
|                                       | Chelsie J. Tyler, 2028            |
| Homeland Security .....               | Gwendolyn Glennon, 2026           |
|                                       | Alyssa Lee Pitcherale, 2025       |
|                                       | Bryon Daniel Streb, 2027          |
|                                       | Morgan Waite, 2028                |
|                                       | Griffin J. Wert, 2027             |
| Law Enforcement Leadership.....       | Victoria Francesca Engle, 2028    |
| Nursing, BS .....                     | Danika Lalonde, 2025              |
|                                       | Kaylee Marie Clark, 2026          |
|                                       | Keris Duboise, 2028               |
|                                       | Kristin Elishia Phillips, 2027    |
|                                       | Megan Elizabeth Reed, 2028        |
|                                       | Emma Sue Rupert, 2026             |
| Sports Management.....                | Kamryn Barnes, 2026               |
|                                       | Olivia Grace McCormick, 2028      |
|                                       | Kyra O'Keefe, 2026                |

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|                                         | Matthew Allen Richards, 2028  |
| Veterinary Service Administration ..... | Paula Lynette Newbanks, 2027  |
| Veterinary Technology.....              | Colette Marie Burger, 2027    |
|                                         | Cassandra Alice Garrett, 2025 |
|                                         | Kaitlin Sprouse, 2027         |
|                                         | Natalie Joy Strzepek, 2028    |

### **RECIPIENTS OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

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|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| The David R. Maynard Student Activities Award ..... | Cassidy Asiamah           |
| Richard W. Miller Excellence Award .....            | Liam B. Hohertz           |
| Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence .....     | Sarah Balcom              |
|                                                     | Sonia Wilson              |
| Dr. Edouard Mafoua Scholarship .....                | Yossa Kegwe Bryan Wilfred |

# HONORS PROGRAM

*Students who have taken one  
or more Honors courses*

Natalie Bartle  
Shelby Carrier  
Scarlet Ditoro  
Asha Hanson

Justin Phillips  
Sydney Valiquette  
Caydence Zalwsky

## TAU ALPHA PI

*National Honor Society for Students  
in Engineering Technologies*

Debora Bartosova  
Caedmon J. Ruehle

Daryll L. Walker

## TAU PHI ZETA

*First National Honor Society for  
Students in Veterinary Science*

Taylor A. Alward  
Daniel K. Benham  
Alisa H. Booth  
Sierra G. Brown  
Liz M. Carrera  
Brianna N. Debry  
Cassandra A. Garrett  
Brooke Goddard  
Alyssa Jacobs  
Marijke Kroon

Laura E. Martino  
Karyssa L. Maynard  
Taylor E. Nichols  
Christian R. Ramsumair  
Madison A. Ruby  
Mandy M. Salotti  
Madi Seguin  
Emily A. Weih  
Anna Woodruff

# GOLDEN KEY

*International Honour Society for Students  
Enrolled in a Baccalaureate Program*

Siti Aishah Abu Bakar  
Kristina J. Acree  
Clarissa Akers  
Muhammad Ans  
Timothy A. Baley  
Michael S. Bartkowiak  
Sarah Bowen  
Emma M. Brooks  
Paulette A. Brown  
Nichalos A. Burke  
Kathleen Burns  
Skye E. Cameron  
Yesika M. Carrasquillo  
Jessica L. Carson  
Alissa E. Clark  
Jolie Cutwa  
Renee L. Demorest  
Daris A. Dixon-Clark  
Macy M. Drake  
Garrett R. Dunsmore  
Debbie Flack  
Daniel M. Folk  
Calista J. Fraser  
Dimitri Gallard  
Joseph Guimond  
Tobias N. Hall  
Christopher S. Hall  
Katherine A. Havican  
Maria Hearn  
Kailley Hernandez  
Teresa M. Hooper  
Morgan L. Huyck  
Jaelynn Jessmer  
Javier Jimenez  
Isabella J. Joy  
Michael J. Juliano  
Ashley M. Kelsey  
Allison Kornbluth  
Caprice M. LaDue  
Svetlana Lagos  
Allison P. Lashway  
Lisa A. Long  
Eleanor J. Manuel-Parrish  
Robert Marshall

John Martin  
Lizeth Martinez  
Kelley S. McDougal  
Bradley M. Mills  
Georgina L. Mitchell  
Samantha A. Munchbach  
Christopher Myers  
Diana Ng  
Jacob J. Nobile  
Taiwo A. Ogunsola  
Christy R. Patnode  
Granit Perzhita  
Emma Plumley  
Joao Pozzi Arcaro  
Edwin Ramirez  
Violet O. Reyes  
James Rice  
Elyse A. Robinson Lurie  
Christina M. Rogers  
Crystal Rolston  
Olivia G. Rotundo  
Megan D. Royce  
Rana Saad  
Nicolette P. Saladino  
Nico Santos  
Amanda L. Schumacher  
Ryan T. Sessman  
Taylor M. Seymour  
Sharmeen Shafqat  
Danni-Ann H. St. Mary  
Jeremiah Sullivan  
Jay E. Symonds  
Ian D. Szymanek  
Ravin Tamaldeo  
Calli J. Thomas  
Alexander D. Tober  
Gabrielle D. Vann  
Ginger Veitinger  
Guada T. Vestil  
Daryll L. Walker  
Connor S. Wallace  
Sonia Wilson  
Mackenzie L. Woodward  
Caydence V. Zalwsky

## Alma Mater

*SUNY Canton, all praise to thee  
We will ever sing thy dear name.  
And though we go out from thy care  
We'll be loyal and spread thy fame.*

### CHORUS

*SUNY Canton, honor is thine  
We'll always revere thy spirit so fine.  
SUNY Canton, ever we'll sing  
'Til the world with our echoes ring*

*Like the gleam from a beacon light,  
Shining forth thru the darkest night,  
Thy colors of "blue and gold"  
Set the standards of truth and right.*

### CHORUS

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SUNY Canton, ever we'll sing  
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Morgan Showers  
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Sharon Tavernier  
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Michaela J. Young, '11  
College Association  
Information Systems  
Maintenance &  
Operations  
University Police