

Christina H. Lesyk



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The 2026 Honors Convocation Celebration is named for Associate Professor Emerita Christina H. Lesyk, LMSW, HS-BCP. Christina retired from SUNY Canton's Applied Psychology program in 2025 and continues to teach as an adjunct for that program.



She is a former Board Secretary for the National Association of Social Workers (New York State Chapter) and was an instrumental team member in the merger of the state and city chapters, which became the largest chapter in the United States.

As a state-level social work representative, Christina has spent many years advocating with legislators in Albany and Washington on policies benefiting clients and the social work field.

At SUNY Canton, Christina served two terms as the Chair of the Academic Standards Committee and an elected SBLA representative on that committee. She also served terms as the Applied Psychology Curriculum, Practicum, and Minor Coordinator; Addiction Training Treatment Program Coordinator; Constitution Week Chair; Scholarly Activities Celebration Chair; and on the Institutional Research Board and the Steering Committee (formerly Faculty Affairs governance committee).

For her exemplary service, Christina was selected to receive the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Faculty Service in 2023 and has also won the SUNY Canton student-nominated Stellar Advisor Award.

Christina holds a Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies from Columbia University/Barnard College and a Master of Social Work from Hunter College of Social Work. As well as being a licensed social worker, she is also a human services-board certified practitioner, a published author, and an emerging artist in California.

PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL* Pomp and Circumstance by Elgar

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

FACULTY MARSHALS Dr. Barat Wolfe
Associate Professor & Applied Psychology Dept. Chair

Darian Cain
Assistant Professor, Funeral Service Administration

Dr. Kalani Rubasinghe
Lecturer, Mathematics

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM*

RECOGNITION:

CHRISTINA H. LESYK..... Dr. Peggy De Cooke
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

RESPONSE Christina H. Lesyk
Associate Professor Emerita

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

Please turn off all pagers and cell phones.

* Participants and guests are requested to stand.

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

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
AND LIBERAL ARTS..... Dr. Kenneth Rhee, *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..... Courtney Bish
Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students

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

RICHARD MILLER AWARD Mr. Michael Newtown, *Dean*

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

SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO THOSE COMPLETING THE
HONORS EDUCATION PROGRAM Dr. Barat Wolfe

PROVOST’S EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
AND CREATIVITY AWARDS Dr. Barat Wolfe

CLOSING REMARKS Dr. Peggy De Cooke

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 2026 by program within an academic school.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS and LIBERAL ARTS

- Accounting Paige R. Jacobs, 2027
Ananda Premo, 2027
- Business Administration, AAS..... Ahlam Ghamdan Mohammed, 2027
Shannon L. Schuler, 2027
Nolan Lane Zotter, 2027
- Business Administration, AS..... William Andrew Forsberg, 2028
Kyle Joseph Murphy, 2026
- Early Childhood Ciera Joe Vanderbogart, 2028
Melissa Lynn Garcia Ramos, 2028
Michelle Speck, 2027
- Liberal Arts: General Studies, AA Jenna Eve Szalay, 2027
- Liberal Arts: General Studies, AS Isabel M. Miller, 2027
Kinsey L. Wurzburg, 2027
- Applied Psychology Chloe Olivia Johnson, 2029
Chloe Marie Smith, 2028
Anamaree D. Irizarry, 2028
Meghan Elizabeth Cumber, 2029
Kelson M. Hooper, 2026
Lane Ruddy, 2026
Emily Lynn Blackburn, 2028
Megan Dolores Mackey, 2029
Ariana Rosaleen Nagurney, 2029
Susan Margarett Turner, 2029
Geenamari Marchese, 2028
Alexis Russo, 2029
Asha Nicole Hanson, 2026
Rana Saad, 2028
Danica Reigh Santillo, 2028
- Digital Communication & Storytelling Edward Richard Gorczyński, 2029
- Early Childhood Care & Management Samantha Torres, 2028
Rumely Vittini, 2029
Aimee Chambers, 2028
Kylie M. Freeman, 2027
Fotini Stathopoulos, 2027

Esports Management.....	Maristella Sarmiento Bacus, 2027 Reanna Blair, 2028 Harry James Browne, 2026 Jack Walter Mahon, 2029 Trevor William Scarperi, 2027 Gabriela Elena Torres, 2028
Finance.....	Leland John Blevins, 2026 Jordan M. Caroccio, 2027 Tarron Colbert, 2028 Isaiah Edison Sochia, 2027 Makenzie E. Courson, 2029 Jerry Villa, 2029
Health Care Management.....	Caleb G. Wilkinson, 2028 Abigail K. Rice, 2027 Tracia S. Lattibeaudiere, 2029 Janelle K. Alvia, 2028 Grace Ann Ledgerwood, 2029 Mykha-Zoe M. Mercado, 2028 Olivia Grace Sharpe, 2028
Legal Studies.....	Dakota King, 2028 Sophia A. Tartaglia, 2029 Lorelei Nicole Mae Sanders, 2028 Carol Alagna, 2026
Management.....	Gillian Fable, 2027 Hanan Awad, 2028 Johnathan Robert Krone, 2027 Thomas Vincent Spero, 2029
Technological Communications.....	Richard Henry Haller, 2026 Tristen Emanuell Zion Bellinger, 2027 Emerson Patrick Moore, 2028
Undeclared - Liberal Arts.....	Archie I. St. John, 2029

CANINO SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Electrical Construction and Maintenance.....	Seth R. Ludlam, 2026
Automotive Technology.....	Xander Louis Gordon, 2027 Brandon Matthew Marchitto, 2026
Civil Engineering Technology.....	Brett O. Miller, 2028 Tracker Russell Sands, 2028

Computer Information Systems.....	Dangelo Mykai Ravizee, 2028 Edram Gbekou, 2026
Construction Technology: Management.....	Joshua William Spilman, 2026 Lucas D. Hager, 2027
Electrical Engineering Technology, AAS.....	Joshua Paul Bailey, 2026 Spencer James Rabideau, 2026
Engineering Science.....	Elizabeth Rose Morse, 2026 Kristian Paul Johnson, 2026
Engineering Science 2+2.....	Gavin Emmanuel Mallette, 2026
General Technology.....	Brian William Geiger, 2027
HVAC Engineering Technology.....	Ian Andrew Chorlton, 2027 Andrew James Ladd, 2028 Debora Bartosova, 2026
HVAC Trades, AOS.....	Grayson Philip Hess, 2028 Joshua Allen Wrobel, 2026
Civil & Environmental Engineering Tech.	Olivia Kathryn Mezzacappa, 2027 Owen James Thompson, 2026 Evan Joseph Hartz, 2029
Electrical Engineering Technology.....	Gordon Nehm, 2028 Yann Floyd Tchouteng, 2028 Winter Morse, 2028 Austin Walter Wood, 2026
Game Design and Development.....	Alyssa Brooke Donnelly, 2028 Curtis E. Gorman, 2027 Jennifer Grace Homrighaus, 2026 Patrick Benjamin Nicholson, 2028 Jeremy Allen Lewis Reustle, 2028 Harley R. Staley, 2028 Isaac Ross McCarthy, 2029
Graphic and Multimedia Design.....	Madison Nicole Hall, 2029 Rachael Elaine Stevenson, 2026 Grant Charles Putman, 2028 Haylee Jean Allen, 2028
Industrial Technology Management.....	Ryan Daniel Willard, 2027 Reilly Jayden McKinnon, 2026 Luke Timothy Freeman, 2029
Information Technology.....	Kyle Martin McCuin, 2028 Timothy Garrick Murphy, 2028 Carson Peter Phillips, 2029 Bronson Lee Sharrow, 2027

Mechanical Engineering Technology	Alex P. Forrester, 2029 Cody Reuss, 2029 David Ryan Sieradski, 2026 Alyssa Townsley, 2028 Mitchell William Timerman, 2027 Colton Alexander, 2027
Mechatronics Technology.....	Brett I Larson, 2027

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE, HEALTH and CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Practical Nursing	Kailee Elizabeth LaBier, 2026
Criminal Justice.....	Conner A. Clifford, 2027 Jake Joseph Howard, 2026
Individual Studies	Jocelyn Rose Daniels, 2028 Sophia Elizabeth Fratello, 2027
Nursing, AAS.....	Kyle Stanton Summers, 2028 Meghan Claire Martinez, 2026
Physical Therapist Assistant.....	Halie Grace Tomlinson, 2027 Allison Jane Paige Bickford, 2027 Kathleen Anicelia McRobbie Taru, 2026
Veterinary Science Technology	Cooper Jean Hoselton, 2028 Samantha Grace Wilmott, 2027
Crime Analysis	Nathaniel Baine Sorci, 2029 Taya Delane Sousa, 2028 Ahmed Khalil Kanash, 2028
Criminal and Forensic Investigation	Alivia R. Gilson, 2029 Natalie Beth Hale, 2029 Calandra Anne Lilly Irish, 2029 Grace A. Villnave, 2029 Lexi-Ann Marie Duquette, 2028 Jacquelyn Hope Rainville, 2028 Avery Lynn Stahl, 2028 Emma Mae Brooks, 2026 Brandyn Thomas Higgins, 2027
Cybersecurity.....	Ryan William Barr, 2029 David Davis, 2029 Caiden Nicholas La Londe, 2029 Tyler Robert Reed, 2029 Nathan Lynch Warter, 2028 Elizabeth Nicole DeWolf, 2028

	James M. Jackson, 2029
	John Looby, 2028
	Jack Taylor, 2029
	Joshua T. Tyo, 2028
	Matthew Timothy Goolden, 2027
	Edward Phillip Kwok, 2028
	Cory Liu, 2026
	Nico Santos, 2027
	Daniel Austin Richard Steding, 2028
Data Science and Analytics.....	Kathryn Mary Rogers, 2029
	Andrew Jacob Finan, 2029
Emergency Management.....	Dorwin William Lyboubt, 2029
	Erik Dimitri Hanson, 2028
	Cindy Loubriel, 2027
	Aidan William Carrozza, 2028
	Mark Ryan, 2028
Forensic Criminology.....	Tionna Edghill, 2029
	Taylor Savannah Jones, 2029
	Amanda Porter, 2029
	Maddison C. Relation, 2029
	Logan Michael Clark, 2028
	Zachary Alexander Wells, 2027
	Natalie Cross, 2028
	Kristel H. Leonard, 2026
Funeral Services Administration.....	Lanise Lela Chiles, 2029
	Samara Kate Elizabeth Dowe, 2029
	Levi Erik Olin Neal, 2028
	Kacy Lee Tripido, 2028
	Rhiannon Elizabeth Cleary, 2028
	Anthony C. D'Angelo, 2028
Health and Fitness Promotion	Omari Kevin Willis, 2029
	Morgan E. Cole, 2028
	Connor Alan Flack, 2028
	Sadey Nicole Sprabary, 2027
Homeland Security.....	Ivy Rene Ostrander, 2029
	McKenna Pelech, 2028
	Bryon Daniel Streb, 2027
	Nathaniel Lewis Steelman, 2028
Law Enforcement Leadership.....	Aydan Patrick Sheitz, 2029
	Victoria Francesca Engle, 2028
	Wyatt Maureen Newman, 2028
	Olivia Rose Colgan, 2028

Nursing, BS.....	McKenzie Ray Powell, 2026 Marley J. Sharkey, 2026 Sara Beth Aldous, 2029 Haley Elizabeth Perrin, 2029 Amaya F. Salvador, 2029 Brielle D. Smith, 2029 Anilee D. Akin, 2028 Lindsey Rae Prashaw, 2028 Megan Elizabeth Reed, 2028 Teresa Marie Hooper, 2028 Emma Sue Rupert, 2026
Sports Management.....	Molly Brae Dowson, 2029 Raine David Rumble, 2029 Gregory Robert Vescovi, 2029 Peyton Scott Palmer, 2029 Abigail Seaman, 2028 Kyra OKeefe, 2026
Undeclared - Sports Management.....	Matthew Alexander Papierno, 2029
Veterinary Service Administration	Joshua Kenneth Jarvis, 2026
Veterinary Technology	Campbell Casagrain, 2029 Abigail Kathryn Mehaffy, 2029 Madison LaPointe, 2028 Marissa Leigh Roberts, 2028 Kailey Elizabeth Zimmerman, 2026

RECIPIENTS OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The David R. Maynard Student Activities Award.....	Lydia J. Austin
Richard W. Miller Excellence Award	Joshua Paul Bailey
Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.....	Natalie Baxter Richard Haller
Outstanding Baccalaureate Graduate Award Recipient	Sydney Valiquette
Outstanding Associate Graduate Award Recipient	Allison Bickford
Dr. Edouard Mafoua Scholarship	Asha Hanson
Honors Education Program Completion	Asha Hanson, <i>Applied Psychology</i> Joao Pozzi Arcaro, <i>Funeral Services Administration</i> Sydney Valiquette, <i>Forensic Criminology</i>

ALPHA PHI SIGMA

*National Honor Society for Students in
Criminal Justice Majors.*

Siti Abu bakar	Hannah Phillips ♦
Alex Austin-Small	Amy Quezada
Emma Brooks ♦	Jacquelyn Rainville
Kyla Callaghan	Yzsabella Raville ♦
Michelle Candiotti	Mark Rennie
Abigail Cary ♦	Victoria Rickert ♦
Bree Davis	Amalia (Ace) Rogers
Kathryn Grainger	Olivia Rotundo ♦
Gage Halavin	Nevaeh Seabron ♦
Hailey Hassos	Cole Sears
Julie Herron ♦	Nathaniel Steelman ♦
Kristel Leonard	Jordyn Tarbox
Jennifer Marrero ♦	Morgan Waite
Mackenzie McCabe	
Brandon O'Shea ♦	

CHI ALPHA EPSILON

*National Honor Society for Students in an
Academic Opportunity Program.*

Kristina Acree	Gloria Manthos
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Janelle Alvia ♦	Marchese ♦
Christopher Boone ♦	Stephanie Martinez
Aimee Chambers	Tamica McKnie
Chante Crawford ♦	Josafat Moreira
Jordan Duprey ♦	Celina Nollez-Brown
Gillian Fable	Trinity Novak
Jesa Freese ♦	Madison Parker ♦
Yudelka Gonzalez	Emily Pedersen ♦
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Stacie Harrison ♦	Liliana Porter ♦
Jervonne James ♦	Daniel Richards
Jenibeth Kalka ♦	Victoria Rickert ♦
Hayley Kaufman ♦	Melly Salce ♦
Tina Kantorowicz ♦	Lindsay Sanders ♦
Bryana Kenton ♦	Le'Sheeka Sims♦
Anthony Liguori ♦	Heather Trask
Sharne Lindsey ♦	Margaret Wagstaff
Jeyscha Lopez ♦	Sarah Wilson ♦

GOLDEN KEY

*International Honor Society for Students
in a Baccalaureate Program.*

Siti Aishah Abu Bakar	Edward Morgan Jr. ♦
Kristina Acree	Diana Ng
Clarissa Akers	Jacob Nobile
Muhammad Ans ♦	Taiwo Ogunsola ♦
Michael Bartkowiak	Edwin Ramirez
Sarah Bowen	James Rice
Emma Brooks ♦	Olivia Rotundo ♦
Skye Cameron	Rana Saad ♦
Amber Carter	Danni-Ann St. Mary ♦
Alissa Clark ♦	Nico Santos ♦
Renee Demorest ♦	Ryan Sessman
Joseph Guimond ♦	Taylor Seymour ♦
Rachael Henderson	Sharmeen Shafqat ♦
Teresa Hooper ♦	Jay Symonds ♦
Javier Jimenez ♦	Ian Szymanek
Michael Juliano ♦	Ravin Tamaldeo ♦
Svetlana Lagos	Connor Wallace ♦
Robert Marshall ♦	

HONORS PROGRAM

*Students who have taken one
or more Honors courses*

Jaedyn Awan	Asha Hanson
Ryan Barr	Jamie Hodge
Nix Beard	Isaac Lane
Theya Beard	Kristel Leonard
Stephanie Biondi	Logan Munn
Riley Bond	Joao Pozzi
Gillian Fable	Esta Tovstiadi
Cassandra Forrest	Sydney Valiquette
Kathryn Grainger	Maverick Wolfe
Natalie Hale	

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF LEADERSHIP AND SUCCESS

*National Honor Society for Students
Who Have Accomplished Specific
Leadership Training.*

Kendyl Allen	Kristen Karkoski ♦
Sandra Amankwah ♦	Trinity Kemp ♦
Lydia Austin ♦	Rafeh Khan ♦
Jaedyn Awan	Wynter Langlois ♦
Emma Axtell ♦	Chelsy Locke ♦
Erin Barney ♦	John Mabb ♦
Ryan Bender	Mark McGrath ♦
Holly Benware	Diamond McPartling ♦
Christopher Boone ♦	Isabella Messina
Emma Brooks ♦	Trinity Novak
Skye Cameron	Shaydi Oakes ♦
Amber Carter-Gooden	Emilie O'Donnell ♦
Abigail Cary ♦	Kristen Pietras ♦
Kelly Cleaveland	Madison Plonka
Christopher Conklin ♦	Joao Pozzi Arcaro ♦
Nicholas Cortese ♦	Mackenzie Premo ♦
Jesse Daniels ♦	Olivia Rastley ♦
Bradley Davis ♦	Jeanette Richetti
Brianna Derby ♦	Victoria Rickert ♦
Joselynne Duell ♦	Rana Saleh
Lexi Duquette	Ariana Sanders
Kaela Erwin ♦	Nico Santos ♦
Gillian Fable	Taylor Saunders
Emily Fanning	Sean Skidmore ♦
Kylie Freeman	Claudia Slocum ♦
Colby French	Isaiah Sochia
Reese Fuller ♦	Christopher Sowinski ♦
Rachel Garcia	Juniper Stars
Kyla Garrison	Amanda Tarbania ♦
Curtis Gorman	Michelyne Tarbell ♦
Sydney Graham ♦	Jordyn Tarbox
Christopher Graniello ♦	Megan Trombley
Zarif Hanif ♦	Joshua Tyo
Brooke Hite ♦	Morgan Waite
Cassidy Huber	Emily Weih ♦
Jilliana Hunter ♦	Ryan Willard
Ashley Hyde ♦	Sarah Wilson ♦
Sarah Irwin ♦	Dylan Wood ♦

PI SIGMA ETA

*National Fraternity/Honor Society
for Morticians and Students in
Funeral Service Majors.*

Clarissa Akers	Levi Neal
Emma Anderson	Logan Nurse
Cameron Bartlett	Stephen Parker
Alexandria Barton	Freddy Patterson
Kathleen Bay ♦	Madison Plonka
Rhiannon Cleary	Alexis Ploutz
Kiana Johnson Dillard	Joao Pozzi Arcaro ♦
Sophia Dolinsky	Kiera Ryan-Gadway
Jenna Fretthold ♦	Jehu Saunders
Isabella Haydt	Micaela Shay
Alexa Hufnagel ♦	Julian Smith ♦
Sara Knapp	Kacy Tripido
Claudia Kruger	Kate Van Wie
Marianna Morgan ♦	

TAU ALPHA PI

*National Honor Society for Students in
Engineering Technology Majors.*

Debora Bartosova ♦	Addison Lavoy ♦
Keaton Brabaw ♦	Logan Kinney ♦
Brent Chevrier	Mahala McIntosh ♦
Brodey Hughes	Gordon Nehm
Austin Latimer	David Sieradski

TAU PHI ZETA

*National Honor Society for Students in
Veterinary Technology Majors.*

Erin Barney ♦	Marijke Kroon ♦
Riley Bond ♦	Miah Metott ♦
Colette Burger ♦	Mikayla Nicol ♦
Brianna Derby ♦	Leah Rowlee ♦
Wolf Dingman ♦	Max Sprouse ♦
Sydney Dunn ♦	Emily Weih ♦
Brooke Hite ♦	Samantha Wilmott ♦
Jilliana Hunter ♦	Kailey Zimmerman ♦

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

*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*

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Amanda Rowley	University Police
Morgan Showers	



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