

## **Student Oath of Matriculation**

Provided for students in the *Undergraduate Catalog*.

As a new student to Buffalo State College, being now admitted to the rite of matriculation in baccalaureate studies, I do pledge to be an exemplary learner, to place the highest value on my intellectual, personal, and professional growth, and to respect learning and knowledge.

My priority is to be an educated person, to make significant progress in my program of study, and to graduate. As a student at Buffalo State College, I will conduct myself with dignity, honesty, and civility, respecting the views and diverse backgrounds of my teachers and peers, enhancing the quality of life of my community, and promoting the welfare and esteemed reputation of Buffalo State College. This I pledge to myself.

## **HISTORY**

Buffalo State opened its doors in 1871 as the Buffalo Normal School and has always focused on making quality education accessible to students while addressing the needs of the Western New York community. The college began by educating teachers, and later added undergraduate and graduate professional and liberal arts programs. Buffalo State joined the State University of New York (SUNY) in 1948.

Today Buffalo State is the largest of the four-year liberal arts colleges within the 64-campus SUNY system, with more than 130 undergraduate academic programs in the arts, sciences, education, and professional programs, and more than 40 graduate programs.

## **ACADEMICS**

Several programs, including adult education, applied economics, art conservation, fashion and textile technology, industrial technology, engineering technology, forensic chemistry, creative studies, and student personnel administration, are not available at any other SUNY institution. There are many flexible minor, interdisciplinary, and special programs, including African and African American studies, “three-two” physics-engineering (in cooperation with SUNY’s Binghamton University and the University at Buffalo as well as Clarkson University) and women’s studies, as well as pre-professional advisement for law, medicine, sports medicine, and veterinary science.

The Graduate School offers 39 graduate programs, two certificate of advanced study (C.A.S.) programs, four graduate certificate programs, and 17 post-baccalaureate teacher certification programs in content areas. While teacher education programs remain very popular, graduate programs in adult education, applied economics, art conservation, creativity, industrial technology, and student personnel administration are unique to SUNY. The C.A.S. programs are educational leadership and art conservation. The four graduate certificate programs are adult education; museum studies; creativity, change, and leadership; and human resource development.