



UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER  
DEPARTMENT OF  
BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

GRADUATION CEREMONY

MAY 2026



# **BME GRADUATION CEREMONY**

Interfaith Chapel  
May 16, 2026  
1:00 PM

## **PROCESSIONAL**

Trumpet Voluntary, Jeremiah Clarke

## **WELCOME FROM THE BME DEPARTMENT CHAIR**

Professor Stephen McAleavey

## **CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE DEAN**

Alvin Lomibao  
Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Studies  
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## **VIDEO ADDRESS**

Edmund A. Hajim  
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## **BME GRADUATE STUDIES**

Professor Edmund Lalor

## **PRESENTATION OF THE MASTER'S CANDIDATES**

Professor Diane Dalecki

## **CENTER FOR MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION (CMTI)**

Professor Greg Gdowski

## **PRESENTATION OF THE CMTI MASTER'S CANDIDATES**

Professor Amy Lerner

## **BME UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES**

Professor Edward Brown

## **PRESENTATION OF THE BACHELOR'S CANDIDATES**

Professor Scott Seidman

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

Professor Stephen McAleavey

## **RECESSIONAL**

Second Suite in F – Gustav Holst  
English Folk Song Suite – Ralph Vaughn Williams

*After the ceremony, students and their guests, along with faculty and staff are invited to the Interfaith Chapel River Level Room for refreshments.*

Livestream:  
[tinyurl.com/  
urbme-grad](https://tinyurl.com/urbme-grad)



## DEPARTMENT OF BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING 2026 DEGREE CANDIDATES

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### MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS)

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**2026 BME  
UNDERGRADUATE  
AWARDS**



**G. HAROLD HOOK PRIZE**

Annika Jocelynn Deans

**DONALD M. BARNARD PRIZE**

Kai Hua Liu, Weronika Kierzenka,  
Brayden Hirotsu, Charlotte Anna Cook

**TAU BETA PI PRIZE**

Kyra Lindsay McCracken

**NSF GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**

Annika Jocelynn Deans

**FULBRIGHT STUDY AND RESEARCH TO FINLAND**

Kathryn Elizabeth Lambright

**BME FACULTY AWARD FOR UNDERGRADUATE SERVICE**

Annika Jocelynn Deans

**BME FACULTY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH**

Nidhi Rajesh Patel, Kade Wil Kaufmann

**BME FACULTY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE AS A TEACHING ASSISTANT**

Christina Irene Kyriacou

**BME OUTSTANDING SENIORS**

Kade Wil Kaufmann, Kyra Lindsay McCracken

**BME OUTSTANDING JUNIORS**

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