



## **2019 Community Leader Education Award**



**John F. Siskar, Ph.D.**

John is an Emeritus Professor of Education at Buffalo State College. He invested in the well-being of the community and its children, and has focused his life and career on expanding educational opportunities to underserved students. John has established and coordinated many programs to provide supports, incentives, outreach, and care to students, making sure that, they have the tools and access needed to learn, grow, and succeed.

Throughout the years, John has built a multi-tiered recruitment and engagement program that focuses on social and economic justice, with education at the center of its goals. John helped create the Community Academic Center at Buff State, which offers direct services to students and families seven days per week. He served as Director of the Center for Excellence in Urban and Rural Education, which help prepare teachers with the skills to teach and lead in low performing urban and rural schools. He helped found Promise Neighborhood network on the West Side, and is an author, a speaker, a teacher, and a mentor. His work will benefit generations of students yet to come.

For his many efforts to provide academic opportunities and success to all students of all backgrounds, the NFJC of WNY proudly presents John Siskar, Ph.D. with the 2019 Community Leader Education Award.



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