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COMMENCEMENT
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER FOURTEENTH
TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN
TWO O'CLOCK, BEEGHLY CENTER

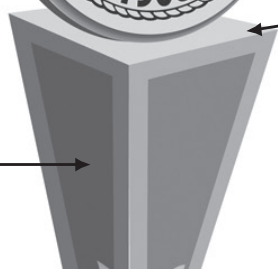
THE UNIVERSITY CEREMONIAL MACE



Silver Ceremonial Disk of Trust

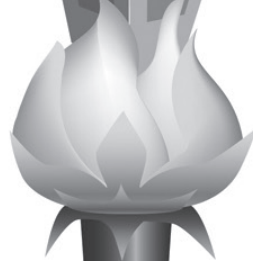
Silver Casting of University Seal (side 1)
Polished golden highlights.
Cast in Art Department foundry.

Silver Casting of State Seal (side 2)
Polished golden highlights.
Cast in Art Department foundry.



Silver Inverted Pyramid
Represents the chalice of achievement, service
and self sacrifice.

Illustrations of the four University Core Values
Etched in silver-plated copper.
Each side of the pyramid has different illustrated core-values
illustrations created by graduate of Art Department.



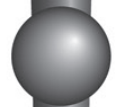
Bronze Flames of Knowledge
that heat the Forge of Learning
Forging the learning environments of the future,
forging learning communities.
Designed and cast by area K-12 art educator.

THE UNIVERSITY CEREMONIAL MACE

The ceremonial mace has its roots in ancient Rome. During the Middle Ages, the two types of maces—one a scepter and symbol of royal authority, the other a weapon—gradually evolved into a symbol of lawful power and regal authority. Beginning in fourteenth-century Europe, the academic mace became part of the pomp and ceremony of university commencements, denoting the authority of the University to confer academic degrees.

The Youngstown State University mace was designed and crafted by a collaborative team that included YSU faculty, students, alumni, and area K-12 art educators under the leadership of YSU professor Greg Moring.

Polished Rosewood Upper Grip



Cast Silver Globus
Represents the President's role as protector of the Core Values
and leadership of the University community.
Designed and cast by area K-12 art educator.

Polished Rosewood Lower Grip

Cast Silver Floral Forms
Represents petals of the scarlet carnation,
the state flower of Ohio.
The carnation has the meaning of 'admiration,' 'love,'
and 'gratitude.'



Cast Bronze Finial
Symbolizes the collective philosophical
values of the University.
Designed and cast by area K-12 art educator.

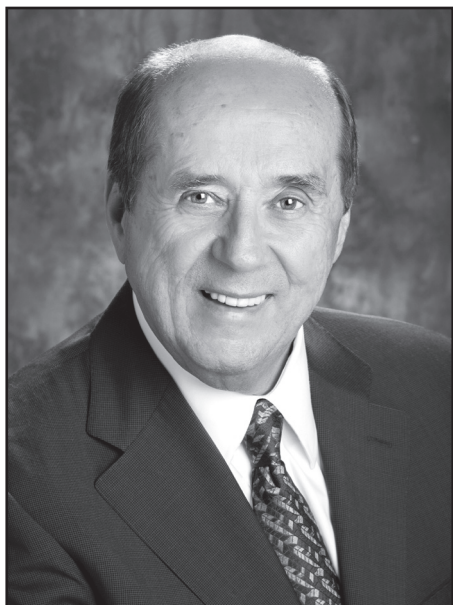
PROGRAM

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| PRELUDE | “Stars and Stripes Forever March” by John Philip Sousa YSU Wind Ensemble Stephen L. Gage, <i>Conductor and Director of Bands and Orchestra/Professor of Music</i> <i>Dana School of Music, College of Creative Arts and Communication</i> |
| ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL | “Suite #1 in E♭ Major: III. March” by Gustav Holst “Pomp and Circumstance” March No. I by Sir Edward Elgar “March Processional” by Clare Grundman |
| WELCOME | James P. Tressel <i>President</i> |
| COLOR GUARD | The Youngstown State University Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps |
| NATIONAL ANTHEM | Allyson Pollice <i>Soprano, Senior, Dana School of Music</i> |
| STUDENT REFLECTION | Richard Wetzel <i>Graduating Senior, Williamson College of Business Administration</i> |
| PRESIDENT’S REMARKS | President Tressel |
| INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES | President Tressel |
| GREETINGS AND REMARKS | Carole Weimer <i>Chair of the Board of Trustees</i> |
| INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER | Martin Abraham <i>Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</i> |
| COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS | Thomas Humphries <i>President/CEO of the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber</i> |
| MUSICAL SELECTION | “Sleigh Ride” Leroy Anderson |
| REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES | Martin Abraham |
| CONFERRING OF DEGREES | President Tressel |
| PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES | Sal Sanders, <i>Associate Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research</i> Gregg Sturru, <i>Interim Dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics</i> Betty Jo Licata, <i>Dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration</i> Bryan DePoy, <i>Dean of the College of Creative Arts and Communication</i> Charles Howell, <i>Dean of the Beeghly College of Education</i> Joseph Mosca, <i>Dean of the Dr. Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health and Human Services</i> Jane Kestner, <i>Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences</i> |
| ROTC COMMISSIONING CEREMONY | Stephanie Crawford <i>Captain</i> |
| CLOSING REMARKS | President Tressel |
| ALMA MATER | From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. Fleming Ms. Pollice |
| RECESSIONAL | “Liberty Bell March” by John Philip Sousa “Fairest of the Fair” by John Philip Sousa “National Emblem” by E.E. Bagley |

The audience is asked to be seated after the singing of the Alma Mater and to remain seated during the Recessional.
During this special ceremony, please be respectful of others and maintain a quiet atmosphere.

Sign language interpreters will be positioned in the upper northwest section of the gymnasium.

Commencement Speaker



*Tom Humphries
President/CEO
Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber*

Tom Humphries is president and chief executive officer of the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber and has led the business organization since April 1997. During his 17-year tenure, the Chamber has enjoyed unprecedented growth in number of members and services provided. Humphries was the driving force behind the creation and implementation of the Chamber's From Steel To Scholars program, which has encouraged the region's 45 public school districts to achieve Excellent and Effective ratings on Ohio's Report Card. He was also instrumental in securing funds for the Eastern Ohio P-16 Partnership For Education, which works to foster post-secondary success and career readiness.

Before joining the Chamber, Humphries was general manager of Ohio for Sprint Corp. He continues as a principal of Data Voice Systems Review, Inc., which implements telecommunications and associate services for companies across North America.

Humphries is a member of the Ohio Board of Regents, chair of the Ohio Local Government Innovation Fund Council, a founding member and board member of Team NEO, and a member and past chair of the Metro Chambers of Ohio.

A past president of the Manufacturers Association of Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, he has served as: a board and executive committee member of the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges; board member for the Student Access & Success Coordinating Council; governor's appointee to the Board of Partnership for Continued Learning; past board and executive committee member for Humility of Mary Health Partners; chair of the Mahoning, Trumbull and Ashtabula Junior Achievement Board; vice chair of the Development Committee for the Trumbull County United Way; vice chair of the Trumbull County American Red Cross; executive committee member of the Center for Learning; executive committee member of the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley; and board and executive committee member of First Place Bank of Warren.

Humphries has also served on the boards of JumpStart, Inc., The Youngstown Foundation and Youngstown Business Incubator.

A Youngstown State University graduate, he also earned a certificate in Executive Management from Duke University and is a veteran of the United States Air Force. He lives in Girard, Ohio, with his wife of 47 years, Cathy. They are the proud parents of two sons, Kenneth (Jennifer, PhD) and David (Karine, DDS), both of whom hold PhDs, and are doting grandparents to Liam and Daniel.

Commencement Student Speaker



Richard Wetzel

Richard Wetzel of Poland, Ohio, is receiving a bachelor's degree in International Business and Entrepreneurship from the Williamson College of Business at Youngstown State University.

Wetzel's accomplished career as a YSU student included study abroad in Dublin, Ireland, where he collaborated with entrepreneurs and gained valuable international business experience. In May, he won first place in the 2014 OH-PENN Business Plan Competition with a business concept he developed that uses selective laser sintering and 3D scanning technology to produce custom prosthetic leg covers. He also completed a paid internship in Brooklyn, NY, last summer with MakerBot, a leading manufacturer of desktop 3D printers.

Wetzel has been working as an entrepreneur intern at the Youngstown Business Incubator, which was recently named the world's best university-affiliated business incubator. After graduation, he will begin a full time position at the YBI as an additive manufacturing strategic business planner.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Because the list of candidates had to be prepared in advance, it is tentative. The diploma, together with a certified transcript, is the proof of graduation.

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

Doctor of Education

Marva Kay Jones
Dissertation: *The Impact of Mentoring on First Year Principals*
Educational Leadership

Doctor of Education

Kathleen Ann Kwolek
Dissertation: *Impact of Teacher Evaluation Protocols on Classroom Instructional Practices*
Educational Leadership



Master of Arts

George Amaning Akoto
Economics

Samuel Kwaku Amos
Financial Economics

Jeffrey A. Basile
Thesis: *A Modern Aesthetic Reevaluation of Literacy*
English

Sarah Preziosa Chill
Thesis: *Communication Accommodation and Female Political Leaders: The Case of Elizabeth Warren*
Interdisciplinary Communication

John F. Colla
Financial Economics

Christopher William Copploe
Financial Economics

Brian David Dudek
American Studies

Lisa Marie Garofali
History

Elyse Christine Gessler
Interdisciplinary Communication

Kaely Trinity Hawkins
Interdisciplinary Communication

Zachary James Humphries
Thesis: *Racial Bias in Professional Sports: From a Media and Fan Perspective*
Interdisciplinary Communication

Mohammad Khairul Islam
Thesis: *The Effects of Macroeconomic Variables on Stock Market*
Financial Economics

Troy Douglas Magrini, Jr.
History

Christina Ann Miadich
Interdisciplinary Communication

Martha Frances Offerdahl
American Studies

Nathan Robert Offerdahl
American Studies

Josephine Ofori Adofo
Economics

Justin Tyler Powell
Financial Economics

Tyler Scot Powell
Economics

Nicole Lynn Rimbey
Art Education

Master of Business Administration

Jessica D. Kline
Finance

Alexander Chang
General Business

Olivia Leah Conner
General Business

Richard Michael Costello
General Business

Gary Anthony DiTullio
General Business

Chelsea Justina Hall
General Business

Timothy Peter Morrow
Management

Kocak Ozcan
General Business

Kera A. Thompson
General Business

Griffin Kaley Todd
General Business

Jakub Waksmundzki
Management

Amy Elizabeth Wells
General Business

Elizabeth Mamie Yazbek
General Business

Master of Computing and Information Systems

Vamshi Chakravarthy
Amerishetty
Computing and Information Systems

Andrew Steven Bush
Computing and Information Systems

Prudhvidher Reddy Dubbaka
Computing and Information Systems

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

Abdul-Basit Kasim
Computing and Information
Systems

Siva Krishna Vemulapalli
Computing and Information
Systems

Srinivas Yalamanchili
Computing and Information
Systems

Leela Krishna Yenigalla
Thesis: *How Novices Read Source
Code*
Computing and Information
Systems

**Master of Health and Human
Services**

Sophia Iqbal
Health and Human Services

Catherine Mary Maltonic
Health and Human Services

JoAnn Marie Stock
Health and Human Services

Alyssa Michelle Swartwood
Health and Human Services

Master of Music

Benjamin Richard Dague
Music Performance

Heather Ann Johnson
Music Performance

Jonathan A. Priano
Music Performance

Master of Public Health

Lauren N. Carlozzi
Public Health

John C. Lisko
Public Health

Master of Science

Samuel Kaku Arthur
Mathematics

Olivia Abena Atutey
Mathematics

Ebony Shinae Burnside
Thesis: *Dynamics of Case Flow
Management: A Study of County and
Municipal Courts in the State of Ohio*
Criminal Justice

Rex W. Edmonds
Thesis: *Friendly and Unfriendly
k-Partitions*
Mathematics

Katie Anne Keene
Thesis: *The Duel Between Co-Occurring
Disorders and the Criminal Justice
System*
Criminal Justice

Terry Apraku Kyereh
Dissertation: *The Impact of Model
Specification on Exotic Option Prices*
Mathematics

Alissa Lee Mason
Thesis: *How Female Correctional
Officers Affect the Security of an
Institution*
Criminal Justice

Joseph Michael Miles
Thesis: *Public Policy, Private Prison
and Profit: A Probe into Legislation
that Populates Private Prisons with
Immigrants*
Criminal Justice

Edwin Opata
Mathematics

Vilmary Placeres
Thesis: *An Analysis of Compound
Stimuli and Stimulus Equivalence in
the Acquisition of Russian Vocabulary*
Applied Behavior Analysis

Praneeth Samalla
Thesis: *Transformation of Pichia
Pastoris with N103H Mutant Hen
Egg White Lyozyme Gene*
Chemistry

Hannah M. Stull
Thesis: *Influence of Tile Drains on
Sediment Connectivity between
Shallow Agricultural Terrain and
Snyder, Aôs Ditch, Orwell, Ohio:
Baseline Assessment*
Environmental Studies

Master of Science in Education

Allyse Rae Adams
Counseling

Laurie Marie Anderson
Counseling

Ann Renee Bair
Counseling

Kristen Marie Campana
Counseling

Jessie Marie Cochran-Dodson
Counseling

Bethany Suzanne Crouch
Counseling

Courtney Lynn Cruz
Teacher Education, Early
Childhood

Amanda Marie Davis
Counseling

Nicole Marie Day
Teacher Education, Curriculum
and Instruction

Kiler Dillon
Counseling

Tonya Marie Eckelberger
Teacher Education, Early
Childhood

Stephanie Loeta Geer
Counseling

Barbara Lynn Harsh
Counseling

Mary Therese Hernon
Teacher Education, Literacy

Rachel Lynn Kenny
Teacher Education, Curriculum
and Instruction

Karen M. Klem
Educational Administration,
Principal Track

Abbey Lynn Kuszmaul
Teacher Education, Literacy

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

Sarah M. Lenhart
Counseling

Carie Lynn Watson
Teacher Education, Literacy

Christina Vasiliki Georgiades
Nurse Anesthetist

Eugene Dwayne-Albert Mach II
Educational Administration

Master of Science in Engineering
Ali Abdulhasan Khalaf
Civil and Environmental

Dustin Eugene Harvey
Nurse Anesthetist

Jeigh Michelle Maynard
Counseling

Matthew M. Schiedel
Civil and Environmental

Patricia Ann Kostelnak
Nurse Anesthetist

Grace Ann Naji
Teacher Education, Early
Childhood

Aashish Shrestha
Thesis: *Modelling Impact of Climate
Change and Hydraulic Fracturing on
Stream Low Flows: A Case Study of
Muskingum Watershed*
Civil and Environmental

Amanda Christine Packo
Nurse Anesthetist

Jennifer Lynn Pint
Educational Administration,
Principal Track

Dana Ann Polombi
Nurse Anesthetist

Megan Marie Samonas
Nurse Anesthetist

Julie Marie Plesich
Counseling

John Wesley Swisher
Electrical

Kristinn Marie Sergi
Nurse Anesthetist

Margaret O'Shea Maxwell
Counseling

Bhargavi Tanneru
Electrical

Master of Social Work
George Carlson
Social Work

Jessica D. Ramsey
Teacher Education, Literacy

Master of Science in Nursing
Robert Anthony Erickson
Nurse Anesthetist

Richard William Sutak
Special Education Intervention
Specialist, Mild Mod

FALL 2014
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS

Because the list of candidates for graduation honors had to be prepared in advance, it is tentative. The diploma, together with a certified transcript, is the proof of graduation with honors.

Summa Cum Laude

Keith Steven Baker
Nicholas Ross Baran
Denise Ann Barber
Carlie Jo Bosel
Andrew Ryan Boyle
Rebecca Ruth Brown
Kelli Elizabeth Bryan
Jessica Marie Burkey
Kenneth Ryan Burton
Bradley Christopher Chill
Monica Lynn Ciarniello
Erin May Crist
Janette Leigh Cross
Camille Marie Cvengros
Trenton George Daily
Nicole Marie Davis
Lauren Marie DeLaurentis
Amber Lyn Durkin
Farrah Ann Eichler

Taylor Renee Garland
Laurissa Ashley Garrett
McKenna Paros Goske
Tessa Regina Graham
Philip Leonard Hall
Linsey Marie Harris
Christy Marie Hartman
Matthew Henry Hayes
Amanda Jo Hernandez
John Jay Jakubek
Iesha Jasmyne Jones
Rebecca Shelby List
Travis Allen Lynch
Michael Ryan Macinga
Katherine Marie Mangapora
Shannon Marie McBride
Sarah Marie McCree
Brittany Lynne Mihaly
Corin M. Miller

Christopher James Nutter
Erin Elizabeth O'Donnell
Tracie A. Odom
Susan D. Payton
Tracey Ann Penwell
Sherry L. Rodriguez
Jordan Nicole Royer
Christopher David Schiebel
Reed Cramer Shields
Amanda Lynn Slattery
Naomi Louise Sponsler
Madison Marissa Sudon
Kathleen Anne Suzelis
Hakki Soner Ungan
Bryce Steven Wakefield
Chelsea Lynn Willison
Peter Paul Zelinka

Magna Cum Laude

Erika Marie Aulizia
Karen Sue Bell
James Lloyd Billock
Dominique Marie Bishop
Laurie Anne Bower
Maxwell Aldin Bumgardner
Elizabeth Faith Burnette
Nicholas Michael Burns
Christina Marie Burrows
Adam Thomas Cain
Anna Judith Rose Carpenter
James Robert Cline
Amanda Marie Cyprowski
Kristin N. Ferrick
Rebecca Leanne Forney
Melanie Ann Frasso
Donald John Gerner
Heidi Jo Hall

Chelsey M. Haney
David Joseph Hendrick
Jeffrey Michael Hogan
Chelsea Elizabeth Kernan
Damiano Knapp
Kevin Ryan Linger
Sean Michael Lynch
David Joseph Macek
Dean Michael Macklen*
William Floyd May
Bryant Dwayne Mitchell, Sr.
Sarah Marie Moehrman
Mario Anthony Motha
Alexa Venne Nackino
Ashley Elizabeth Neumeister
Alysa Nicole Nuzzi
Frank Armand Pape

Alexandra Maria Pasula
Natisha Angel Phifer
Celeste Marie Polakovic
Brielle Marie Pritchard
Abigayle Lee Rice
Christina A. Saelzer
John Scott Seaver
Jill Eileen Sherwood
Derek Gene Smith
Halley Christian Snow
Norman Camp Spangler
Crystal Michelle Thomas
Amanda Treharn
James B. Vennetti
Richard Michael Wetzel
Joshua James White
Grant Walker Williams

*Awarded posthumously

FALL 2014
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS

Cum Laude

Courtney Ellen Angelo
Angela Michelle Bacak
Ethan Christopher Blatch
Danica Lee Burrows
Christopher Anthony Bzinak
Heather E. Campbell
Domenic Robert Cannistra
Rawchell J. Carter
Rubin Francis Chappell
Lisa Marie Chesnak
Courtney Nicole Christie
Deborah Alice Cielto
Erin Jean Colella
Billy Jack Colón
Brett A. Comeau
Christian Robert Conzett
Brieanne Janine Cool
Rachael Ann Cooper
Melena Anita Dascoulias
Morgan Delores Davidson
Paula A. DeJulia
Sarah Elizabeth DelliQuadri
Gabriella Marie DeLorenzo

Melissa Nicole DelSignore
James Edward Deuley
Michael David Fleming
Amy Lynn Fontanarosa
Alysia Sandra Formati
Jacqueline Nicole Gennaro
Joshua Dwayne Grafton
Courtney Marie Gratz
Sarella Ann Gustovich
Alyssa Marie Henderson
Calla Marie Hierro
Joshua Richard Hill
Samantha Jane Hogan
Stephanie Nicole Hovis
Kaylee Marie Jackintell
Nichele Elizabeth Johnson
Amrit R. Khooblall
Kristy Lynn Larkin
Stephen J. Lowry
Stacey Lynn March
Samantha Marie Marscio
Dana Marie Mathews
Kevin John McLane

Nicolino Thomas Minniti
Joseph Michael Moran
Stephanie Nicole Pierko
Sharla Marie Popadak
Alexandra Rae Roth
Stephanie Marie Rutushin
Eric William Sargent
Jacob March Schaefer
Kyle Michael Seaver
Jessica Lee Sexton
January Carol Shoaf
Sara Anne Shoemaker
Julia Rae Smiley
Samantha Brooke Snodgrass
Liza Suich
Brandi Alexandra Takas
Suncica Tatic
Robert Franklin Telego
Jasmine Marie Thompson-Francisco
Cassandra Suzanne Twoey
Marcell Nickolas Vitello
Nick Payton Wolf
Samantha Rae Yannucci



FALL 2014
ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS

With High Honors

Tyler William Brown
Jeffrey Scott Deep
Melissa Marie Gruber
Garrett Lee Mathias
Frank Vincent Pezzano
Bradley William Sere day
Charlette Jean Walsh
Karen Ann Woodlock

With Honors

David Michael Burich
Bernice Cintron
Kenneth Gibson Harry
Jason Robert Voytilla



FALL 2014
HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Carlie J. Bosel

My Journey into the World of Education
(An essay on personal growth, classroom experience,
and making a difference in the lives of children)

Integrated Language Arts

Andrew R. Boyle

Comparison of U.S. and Asia: Executive Compensation Practices

Accounting and International Business

Brittany L. Mihaly

Assessment of Physician Assistant Impacts on a
Physician's Private Practice

Biology



COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS

Because the list of candidates had to be prepared in advance, it is tentative. The diploma, together with a certified transcript, is the proof of graduation.

Associate of Applied Science

Samuel Clair Bowser
Amanda Lea Brown
Tyler William Brown
Vito Santino Buonavolonta
David Michael Burich
Tammy Rae Chasser
Ryan Combs
Jeffrey Scott Deep
James Clarke Gromada
Kenneth Gibson Harry
Jason Robert Huey
Brian Daniel Klingensmith
Stephanis Alexander Koukis
Anthony Joseph Kowalik
Jordan Kyle Mackey
Daniel Lynn Matheny, Jr.
Garrett Lee Mathias
Travis John May
Jose' Esteban Miranda
Steven Christopher Opperman
Jamie Therese Palazzo
Joshua Lee Pampena
Ryan Howard Perkins
Frank Vincent Pezzano
Jordan Wayne Razo
Jeffrey Rice
Brian Christopher Rothbauer
Christopher Lawrence Russell
Bradley William Sereday
Ryan Nathaniel Shetter
Eric Louis Stout
Jason Robert Voytilla
Mathew Paul Welker

Bachelor of Arts

Megan Denise Bauer
Ronald Jason Forte
Aamber Rae Hopson
Tracey Lynn Malich
Elisabeth Marie Matus

Bachelor of Engineering

Abdullahi Mohamed Abukar
David William Berry
Kenneth Ryan Burton
Brett A. Comeau
Janette Leigh Cross
Zachary Michael DiVencenzo
Benjamin James Habuda
Sean Michael Lynch
Travis Allen Lynch
David Joseph Macek
Natalie Sue Namisnyk
Robert David Richardson
Reed Cramer Shields
Richard L. Smith
James Richard Stiger
Kathleen Anne Suzelis
Samantha Lee Tharp
Marcell Nickolas Vitello

Bachelor of Science

Nicole Marie Bakos
Kelly Lynn Bees
Gary David Cervone
Heidi Jo Hall
Amrit R. Khooblall
Joseph Martin Kochemba
Brittany J. Kountz
Wayne Jason Cooper Lowe
Michael Ryan Macinga
Troy Alan Mazur
Anthony Michael Mazzocco
Cody Scott McCullough
Kevin John McLane
Brittany Lynne Mihaly
Joseph Michael Moran
David Elie Neal
Michael Shane Norton
Stephen Lee Page
Cory B. Powell
Kelsey Rae Price
Jordan Nicole Royer
Kyle Michael Seaver
Marissa Ann Sheehn
Joseph Glenn Townsend

Bachelor of Science in Applied Science

Keith Steven Baker
Nicholas Austin Boyer
Jonathan James Braessler
Domenic Robert Cannistra
Kaylin Elisabeth Celedonia
Christian Robert Conzett
Stuart William Duchek
Anja Elizabeth Esbenshade
Timothy George Furey
Derek John Garland
Richard Dean Girt III
David Joseph Hendrick
Arthur Leon Holmes III
Stephanie Nicole Hovis
Jacek Jagusztyn
Scott Jeffrey Kreefer
Jack E. Little, Jr.
Jody Marie Mancini
David J. Manna
Nicolas P. Melia
Nicolino Thomas Minniti
Dylan James Morgan
Ashley Elizabeth Neumeister
Daniel J. O'Hara
David Allen Olekshuk
Joshua William Pike
Keith Andrew Joseph Povec
Matthew E. Sayers
Christopher David Schiebel
Carson Lee Sharbaugh
George J. Shay IV
Mitchell Joseph Shopinsky IV
Michael Andrew Shriver
Norman Camp Spangler
Robert Franklin Telego
Victor Earl Trimmer
Hakki Soner Ungan
James B. Vennetti
Matthew Eric Wagner
David Alan Whitt, Jr.
Christopher David Williams
Peter Paul Zelinka

WILLIAMSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Associate of Arts

Latraiel Renee Alexander
Jessica Ann Dzurilla
Kristen Lee Hollander
Mehmet Kusuni
Dillon A. Light
Carli Ann Wojciak
Renee Marie Woods

Associate of Technical Study

Jeffrey Richard Gardner

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Mohammed Adnan Alawami
Anthony C. Anderson
Stephen Edward Bada III
Denise Ann Barber
Jeffrey Lynn Barton
Anthony Joseph Belica
Michael A. Bernard
Andrew Ryan Boyle
Christina Marie Burrows
Allen C. Byers
Christopher Anthony Bzinak
Adam Thomas Cain
Rodrigo Borges Brant Campos
David John Ciavarella
Jamaine Antonio Cook
John Edward Cowher, Jr.
Andrew Edward Cronin

Joseph Anthony Czekaj
Melena Anita Dascoulias
Nicole Marie Davis
James Edward Deuley
Angela Rachelle Diorio
Nicholas Joseph Fajack
Stephanie Elizabeth Fazio
Kristin N. Ferrick
Michael David Fleming
Rebecca Leanne Forney
Taylor Renee Garland
McKenna Paros Goske
Joshua Dwayne Grafton
Philip Leonard Hall
Robert Roy Hoover
Kory T. Hopkinson
David Italiano
Kaylee Marie Jackintell
John Jay Jakubek
Jordan Dakota Karzmer
Benjamin Richard Kline
Adrian Patrick Labra
Kristy Lynn Larkin
Zachary T. Larson
Christina Irene Lautzenheiser
Stephen J. Lowry
Petrine Michal Lucarell
Jillian Ann Marstellar
Kacy Ann McCormick
Daniel J. O'Hara
Anthony J. Perrico

Stephanie Nicole Pierko
Lee Powell
Katherine Lee Pysher
Amy Elizabeth Richardson
Amanda Joy Rinko
Michael Francis Roberts
Theresa Cheyene Robin
Joseph Romito
James Cavin Rounds
Stephanie Marie Rutushin
Christina A. Saelzer
Joseph Conrad Sander
Eric William Sargent
Jacob March Schaefer
Paul Anton Semancik
Amanda Lynn Slattery
Roberta M. Strohmeier
Edward Jacob Thomas
John Paul Tobin
Nikitas N. Tsikouris
Stephanie Ann Valentine
Michael Ryan Vanoverbeke
Anne E. Vitullo
Richard Michael Wetzel
Joshua James White
Aiden Austin Wilkin
Clarence A. Williams
Chelsea Lynn Willison
Mark David Woodlock
Richard John Yaslik

COLLEGE OF CREATIVE ARTS AND COMMUNICATION

Bachelor of Arts

Shelnik Lournay Boyd
Nicholas Isaac Coggins
Anne Elizabeth Duffy
Alysia Sandra Formati
Bryan Emery Grazier
Jeffrey Michael Hogan
Kevin Ryan Linger
Erin Elizabeth O'Donnell
Brandon Park
Erica Marie Pitts
Hayley Elizabeth Platt
Matthew Robert Roth
Taylor M. Sebring
Tyler Rebecca Williams

Bachelor of Fine Arts

David Solomon Abrams
Zehra Unissa Alikhan

Chad Michael Campagna
Tina Marie Cascarelli
Sarah Elizabeth DelliQuadri
Brittany Amber Dowd
Elizabeth Dawn Gibbs
Christy Marie Hartman
Calla Marie Hierro
Henry Holden III
Rebecca Shelby List
Corin M. Miller
David Joseph Palmer, Jr.
Alexandra Maria Pasula
Rebecca Francis Porter
Jacob Paul Snyder
Douglas James Starr
Brandi Alexandra Takas
Nick Payton Wolf

Bachelor of Music

Marissa Nicole Benson
Daniel William Danch
Matthew Henry Hayes
Samantha Jane Hogan
Shannon Marie McBride
Sarah Marie Moehrman
Christopher James Nutter
Celeste Marie Polakovic
Allyson Marie Pollice
Shanyse Nicole Strickland

BEEGHLY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Education

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Academic Regalia and Ceremony

The gowns, hoods, and caps worn in academic ceremonies today are relics of those worn in medieval times by students and professors. Probably the gowns and hoods were worn for warmth in the unheated halls where lectures were delivered. From the sixteenth century on, somber black garb became the norm, and it is primarily in the hoods worn in academic processions today that the medieval academic pageantry is retained.

The hoods representing graduate degrees granted by various colleges and universities have linings (turned to exhibit their hues to the fullest advantage) in the colors of the granting institutions. In addition, the facing of the hood represents by its color the discipline in which the degree has been granted: white for arts, letters or humanities; golden yellow for science; purple for law; green for medicine; lemon yellow for library science; orange for engineering; olive for commerce or business; light blue for education; pink for music; brown for fine arts; apricot for nursing; dark blue for philosophy; scarlet for theology; citron for social work; sage green for physical education.

There are different opinions about the origin of the caps worn in academic ceremonies. One view is that the "mortar board" is in actuality adapted from the wooden square used by masons. Another is that it stems from the ecclesiastical or clerical head covering of the medieval period.

There is something of the same adherence to tradition in commencement processions that exists in academic garb, although each institution has the right to adapt the ceremony to its own



requirement. The faculty leads the line of march followed by the candidates for degrees. Then follow the chief marshals, the president, speaker, trustees, deans, and other members of the party to be seated on the platform.

Recipients of University Honors receive golden honor cords placed around the shoulders. University Scholars wear a specially minted medallion on a red ribbon to denote their academic achievement.

Graduating students who serve or have served in the Armed Forces are invited to wear red, white and blue Patriot cords in recognition of their service to our country.

The Presidential Medallion

This is a one-of-a-kind medallion that bears an embossment of the Youngstown State University seal on each of the small elements and on the large central piece. On the back of the central medallion are engraved the names of the University's past presidents.

The presidential medallion was designed and created out of sterling and bronze by Wendell August Forge of Grove City, Pennsylvania.

The Youngstown State University Seal

The University's official seal was adopted in 1936. Designed by a student, the seal includes a torch, quills, wings, a globe, and the Latin words *animus liberatus*. In simple terms, those words summarize the transformation—or liberation—that occurs on this campus countless times each day. In English, they are translated *The Mind Freed*, or *The Spirit Freed*.



Youngstown State University— An Innovative Educational Leader

*F*ounded in 1908, Youngstown State University originally served 160 students with about a dozen faculty members and provided expanded educational opportunity for all people—store clerks and factory managers, steel industry workers, newly arrived immigrants, women and men, and both part-time and full-time learners.


This progressive spirit guided the development of the institution as it evolved from a YMCA technical institute, later as Youngstown College (1928), then as Youngstown University (1955) and, in 1967, as Youngstown State University, a member of the Ohio public higher education system.

Today, Youngstown State University is a leading comprehensive university, serving more than 13,380 full- and part-time students with 117 undergraduate programs, 44 master's degree programs, one specialist program, and three

doctoral degree programs. There are more than 420 full-time faculty and 700 professional and support staff members in seven colleges, schools and administrative departments.

In partnership with schools and the corporate and non-profit communities, Youngstown State University promotes diversity and excellence in teaching, research, and service to increase the educational attainment and economic and environmental vitality of the region.

Throughout its history, Youngstown State University has been cited as an innovative educational leader. It has also been recognized through numerous awards—both in academics and athletics—as one of the best urban, public, comprehensive universities in the United States.

Each graduate we celebrate today is a YSU Success Story. They join more than 96,000 outstanding alumni members across the nation and around the world. 

Alma Mater

All hail to thee, O Youngstown,
Our Alma Mater fair;
In sunlight and starshine
We see thee in all thy glory.
The Red and the White, thy glorious colors,
Ever we praise and hold them
High to the breeze as the symbol of our
Most loyal allegiance.
This anthem, O Youngstown,
Our pledge of trust shall be
That thy sons and daughters
Shall keep faith with thee forever.