

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

# COMMENCEMENT



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## 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 12,500 full- and part-time students with 117 undergraduate programs, 50 master's degree programs, one specialist program and three doctoral degree programs. There are approximately 400 full-time faculty and nearly

650 full-time professional and support staff members in administrative departments and eight colleges across campus.

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 100,000 outstanding alumni members across the nation and around the world.

# PROGRAM

**ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL**..... “Procession of the Nobles” by Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov/arr. Bill Holcombe  
“Pomp & Circumstance” by Edward Elgar/arr. Eberhard Ramm  
Dana Brass Quintet

**WELCOME**..... James P. Tressel  
President

**COLOR GUARD** .....The Youngstown State University Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps

**NATIONAL ANTHEM** ..... arr. Traditional  
Rebecca Enlow  
Graduate Student, Dana School of Music

**STUDENT REFLECTION**..... Molly B. Lukehart  
Graduating Senior, College of Creative Arts and Communication

**PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**..... President Tressel

**INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER** .....Martin A. Abraham  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

**COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION OF  
HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS** ..... Pamela Browner White  
Senior Vice President of Communications, American Board of Internal Medicine and ABIM Foundation

**REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES** ..... Provost Abraham

**CONFERRING OF DEGREES** ..... President Tressel

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES**..... Sal A. Sanders, *Dean of the College of Graduate Studies*  
Betty Jo Licata, *Dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration*  
Phyllis M. Paul, *Dean of the College of Creative Arts and Communication*  
Charles L. Howell, *Dean of the Beeghly College of Education*  
Joseph L. Mosca, *Dean of the Dr. Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health and Human Services*  
Lt. Col. David Simms, *ROTC Commissioning Ceremony for Cadet Tierney LaVonne McCaster*  
Kristine L. Blair, *Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*  
Wim F.A. Steelant, *Dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics*

**CLOSING REMARKS**..... President Tressel

**ALMA MATER**..... Dana Brass Quintet  
From “Symphony No. 1” by Johannes Brahms/arr. Fleming

**RECESSIONAL**..... “Allegro from Royal Fireworks Music” by G.F. Handel/arr. Chuck Seipp

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*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



*Pamela Browner White*

Pamela Browner White was born in Quonset Point, Rhode Island, to James R. Brame, a naval officer and one of the first African American commercial airline pilots in the United States, and his wife, Antoinette, a native of Pensacola, Florida. In 1978, after graduating from Central Bucks East High School in Buckingham, Pennsylvania, White began her college work at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California. She left Pepperdine in 1981 and after a brief career as an international model, she returned to the United States and transferred to Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio. In 1987, she earned her Bachelor's degree in Communications with a minor in Marketing.

After graduation, White began working for WYTV-33, an ABC affiliate in Youngstown as a reporter and noon anchor. Soon thereafter, she became director of public relations for Browning Ferris Industries, a global solid waste company. In 1998, after several promotions within BFI, she joined Philadelphia Newspapers, Inc., which operated the award winning *Philadelphia Inquirer* and the *Daily News*, as vice president of public affairs. In 2001, she accepted a new role in the financial sector with Citizens Bank, a commercial bank operating more than 1,500 branches across a 12-state region. As senior vice president of corporate affairs, White served as the Mid-Atlantic region's key spokesperson, director of the bank's foundation and the lead officer for community reinvestment activities.

In 2009, White was named SVP of public affairs and government relations for the Philadelphia Eagles, becoming the first African American woman senior vice president

in the National Football League. In 2011, she moved into the healthcare sector as the SVP of public affairs at Cancer Treatment Centers of America, a network of five cancer treatment centers throughout the United States. In 2016, White joined the American Board of Internal Medicine, a national nonprofit dedicated to certifying physicians to demonstrate to the public that they are armed with the knowledge, skills and attitude essential for excellent patient care in a continuously changing world.

As a senior communications executive, White's entire career has focused on building strong and positive brand images for prominent corporations across diverse industries. Her expertise in the areas of corporate and crisis communications, public affairs and government relations has enabled her to successfully lead growth-enabling initiatives for each of her past employers.

Dedicated to giving back to her community and making a difference in the lives of young women and men, White founded a workforce movement called WorkReady Philadelphia. In concert with the dedicated leaders of Philadelphia Youth Network, WorkReady was designed to encourage business leaders across the Philadelphia region to invest in the city's public school students, inviting them into the workplace as interns. Since its inception nearly 160,000 work experiences were provided to Philadelphia public school students.

White has served on a number of corporate and civic boards, including Healthcare Improvement Foundation, African American Museum of Philadelphia, Widener University, Cancer Treatment Centers of America and Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board. Her career accomplishments have earned her a number of prestigious awards, including: Pennsylvania Top 50 Women in Business; *Philadelphia Business Journal* Woman of Distinction; Thurgood Marshall Award of Excellence; The Salvation Army Eliza Shirley Women in Leadership Award; the Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia Strong, Smart and Bold Award; and the NAACP's President's Award-Beverly Hills.

For more than 12 years, White chaired the Marian Anderson Award, honoring the legendary operatic artist Marian Anderson. The award recognizes artist humanitarians who, like Ms. Anderson, used their art to change the world. Honorees included luminaries such as Oprah Winfrey, Richard Gere, Sidney Poitier, Harry Belafonte and Maya Angelou.

White credits her family's stalwart commitment to excellence and hard work to her success. White resides in Philadelphia with her husband, Jeremiah J. White, Jr.

## COMMENCEMENT STUDENT SPEAKER



*Molly B. Lukehart*

Molly B. Lukehart is graduating from Youngstown State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater. She is an active member of Alpha Psi Omega, and student employee of the theater scene shop where she helped build and paint the sets, and assisted in lighting. At YSU, she has acted in several student directed ten minute plays; portrayed Franka Kracha in *Out of this Furnace*; Nikki in the one-act play *Dead Man's Apartment*; and Mrs. Gottlieb in *Dead Man's Cell Phone*. After discovering a passion for puppetry, she has decided to apply to the puppetry graduate program at the University of Connecticut. Lukehart would like to take this time to thank her professors and friends from the theater department for being more like family and always being there for her. A big thank you goes to Todd Dicken for being her supervisor, mentor and friend. Thank you to her parents, Linda and Kenneth Lukehart, for all their love and support and to her son and husband, Ty Lukehart and Rich Carroll, for being by her side as she has made this journey and continues onto the next one.



# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

## COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Vincent Clare Humes  
Dissertation: *The Impact of TPACK SAMR and Teacher Effectiveness on Student Academic Growth in Eighth Grade Language Art and Mathematics*  
Educational Leadership

Kurt Richard Meader  
Dissertation: *A Shortage of Male Elementary School Teachers: Exploring the Perceptions of Male Teachers Using Q Methodology*  
Educational Leadership



#### Master of Arts

Brian Michael Allshouse  
Gerontology

Marian Grace Ansah  
Financial Economics

Brian J. Backur  
English

Alicia Nicole Cowles  
Thesis: *Residential Care Facility Violations in the State of Ohio from 2014-2016: Examining Violations and Regulations Related to Memory Care*  
Gerontology

Jane Michelle Doble  
Financial Economics

Jamie Lyn Durisko  
English

Colleen L. George  
American Studies

Christine Marie Glover  
Economics

Amy Rebecca Gordiejew  
American Studies

Leanna Hartsough  
Professional Communication

Amy Ellen Hines  
Gerontology

Tamara Lynn Johnson  
American Studies

Kelly Ann Johnston  
English

Phylicia Brianne Joy  
Economics

Fiona Leah FitzGerald Kelly  
Thesis: *Waiting for Their Turn to Speak: The Use of Interruption in the Discourse of University Student Organizations*  
English

Mallory Elizabeth Kohut  
Professional Communication

Aimee Elizabeth Little  
English

Sarah Elizabeth Logar  
English

Michael Christopher Marino  
History

Eric R. Marsh  
History

Jacob Andrew Nord  
Financial Economics

Timothy Joseph Nowery  
English

Preston N. Pham  
Financial Economics

Christine L. Ratvasky  
Gerontology

Bradley Mitchell Rosenthal  
History

Randy Albert Ryan  
English

Susan Sahli  
Financial Economics

Richard Alan Schumacher  
English

Allicyn Ruth Tocco  
English

Richelle Elaine Van Sickle  
Professional Communication

Anubhav Vinayak  
Thesis: *Role of Oxidative Stress in Diabetes Mellitus*  
Gerontology

Enoch Agbertey Yeboah  
Financial Economics

Mohammad Yusuf  
Financial Economics

#### Master of Accountancy

Mahmoud Ahmed Hassan  
Accountancy

Brandon Kyle Pluchinsky  
Accountancy

Kyle Anthony Reinke  
Accountancy

#### Master of Business Administration

Jessica Lynn Balent  
General Business

Kathryn Bland  
General Business

Marissa Kelly Bland  
General Business

John Oliver Bordell  
General Business



## COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES (CONTINUED)

Brad Eugene Brocker  
General Business

Jeffrey Mitchell Davidson  
General Business

Samuel James DeLuca  
General Business

Christopher A. DeDonato  
General Business

Thomas Bradley Farris  
General Business

Anthony John Florig  
General Business

Ryan Bruce Geilhard  
General Business

Amanda L. Grilli  
General Business

Mahmoud Ahmed Hassan  
General Business

Mohamad Khankan  
General Business

Amrit Khooblall  
General Business

Nathan Paul King  
General Business

Robert S. Kukura  
General Business

Robert Martin  
General Business

Daniel S. Massaro  
General Business

Brittany Lynn Mayette  
General Business

Kent Andrew Mesnard  
General Business

Jeffrey Joseph Michael  
General Business

Beth Ann Michel  
General Business

Dumitru-Silviu Mistreanu  
General Business

Serein Ahmad Mohamad  
General Business

Linda S. Moore  
General Business

Tarah Nicole Ortiz  
General Business

Emily Marie Palumbo  
General Business

Ana M. Rivera-Wilson  
General Business

Matthew C. Rollins  
General Business

Robert P. Sava  
General Business

Jessica Leah Schwelling  
General Business

Chirag Nileshkumar Shah  
General Business

Richard James Smith  
General Business

Benjamin Nicholas Tadla  
General Business

Nicholas William Volinchak  
General Business

Erin Michelle Whitehouse  
General Business

Matthew Ronald Yourstowsky  
General Business

### **Master of Computing and Information Systems**

Joseph B. Korchnak, Jr.  
Thesis: *Implementation of Probabilistic Smart Terrain in Unity*  
Computing and Information Systems

Pradeep Kumar Makkena  
Thesis: *Predicting Closed Questions Tags on Stack Overflow Using Apache Spark*  
Computing and Information Systems

Daood Mustaqim  
Computing and Information Systems

Apuroop Naidu Sadhanala  
Computing and Information Systems

### **Master of Education**

Daniel Scott Bogue  
Intervention Services

Julie Ann Sinkuc  
Intervention Services

Tyler Marie Syms  
Intervention Services

### **Master of Fine Arts**

Alex James Puncekar  
Thesis: *The Bright Garden*  
Creative Writing

### **Master of Health and Human Services**

Diane C. Klemann  
Health and Human Services

Brea McClendon  
Health and Human Services

Susannah Veronika Salinas  
Health and Human Services

Amy Jo Whittaker  
Health and Human Services

### **Master of Music**

Brady Stephen Amerson  
Music Performance

Ian Alexander LeRoy  
Music Performance

### **Master of Public Health**

Naseem Amirmokhtari  
Public Health

Emily M. Mattern  
Public Health

Aditha Ponaka Reddy  
Public Health

### **Master of Respiratory Care**

Brian John Clouse  
Respiratory Care

Bonnie Marie Powell  
Respiratory Care

## COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES (CONTINUED)

Rochelle Eileen Winkle  
Respiratory Care

### Master of Science

Shadrack Ampomah  
Environmental Science

Breanna Christine Beaver  
Thesis: *Analysis of Habitat  
Fragmentation and Ecosystem  
Connectivity within the Castle  
Parks, Alberta, Canada*  
Environmental Science

Laurie Anne Bridge  
Thesis: *Contributing Factors of  
Substance Abuse: Mental Illness,  
Mental Illness Treatment, and  
Health Insurance*  
Criminal Justice

Ludmila Diaz-Starokozheva  
Thesis: *Effects of Foliar  
Microorganisms in Native and  
Exotic Plant Species in Old-Field  
Communities*  
Biological Sciences

Lacey M. Hammond  
Criminal Justice

Taryn Elizabeth Hanna  
Thesis: *Evaluation of Watershed  
Land Use and Water Quality in  
Mill Creek, Youngstown, Ohio*  
Environmental Science

Oscar Kipruto Keino  
Thesis: *Investigation of Mixed-Anion  
Analogues of Manganite Perovskites  
and Bimetallic Group II Nitride  
Fluorides*  
Chemistry

Michael Chester Kelly  
Thesis: *Using Phage Display to  
Determine Mesenchymal Stem Cell  
Contribution to Collagen Synthesis*  
Biological Sciences

Zachary Anthony Marinelli  
Thesis: *Identification of a putative  
metK selenite resistance gene in  
Stenotrophomonas maltophilia  
OR02*  
Biological Sciences

Constance Louise Massey-Hight  
Thesis: *Characteristics of Domestic  
Violence: The Controversy Over  
Age*  
Criminal Justice

John Paul McIntyre  
Thesis: *Law Enforcement Agencies  
and Their Influential Relationship  
on Education Standards Training  
and Social Media Use*  
Criminal Justice

Opoku Minta-Afari  
Mathematics

Jennifer Marie Moore  
Thesis: *Tuning the Substrate  
Specificity of the Glutathione  
Transferase GstB from Escherichia  
coli via Site-directed Mutagenesis*  
Chemistry

Samuel Michael Rakocy  
Mathematics

Tanna Marie Sebrell  
Biological Sciences

Lawrenzo Ngenuy Yengwia  
Thesis: *GIS Analysis and Recycling  
Habits in Mahoning County*  
Environmental Science

### Master of Science in Education

Cheyenne Taylor Bohrer  
Counseling

Amanda Jean Booth  
Teacher Education, Mathematics

Maureen Ann Bucko  
Teacher Education, Science

Erika Rose Clemente  
Educational Administration

Christine Casey Coleman  
Teacher Education, Literacy

Samantha Joann Coleman  
Teacher Education, Literacy

Katie Denise Cretella  
Counseling

Mary Kay E. Domitrovich  
Teacher Education, Physical  
Education

Candace Ann Fabry  
Teacher Education, Literacy

Ashley Lyn Gerez  
Teacher Education, Science

Diane Herdman  
Teacher Education, English

Kaitlyn Nicole Humphrey  
Counseling

Jennifer Rose Hutton  
Educational Administration

Kiriakos Jacob Kakavros  
Educational Administration

Tricia Lynne Lipinsky  
Counseling

Nicole Lynn Lockard  
Counseling

Karly Michelle MacAleese  
Teacher Education, Literacy

Kendal Ciara Malsch  
Teacher Education, Curriculum and  
Instruction

Melissa Ilene Milhouse  
Counseling

Amanda Jean Moliterno  
Counseling

Rumbidzai Mupinga  
Special Education, Autism and  
Related Disabilities

Olivia M. Ondecker  
Counseling

Karen Flor Palmer  
Counseling

Kara Michelle Pavkovich  
Educational Administration

David Daniel Perillo, Jr.  
Counseling

Jerica Daniele Perrine  
Teacher Education, Literacy

Terry Allen Pryor  
Counseling

Shaunté Monique Rogers  
Counseling



## COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES (CONTINUED)

Danielle Maria Ronghi  
Educational Administration

Anna A. Scirocco  
Educational Administration

Nick Mario Sferra  
Teacher Education, Curriculum and  
Instruction

Nicole Ann Simons  
Counseling

Lyndsie Marie Smith  
Counseling

Kristen Marie Snyder  
Teacher Education, Literacy

Stacey Marie Snyder  
Teacher Education, Mathematics

Suzanne Justina Stoddart  
Special Education Intervention  
Specialist Mild/Moderate

Matthew Alan Walker  
Counseling

Esther Caroline Weil  
Teacher Education, Mathematics

### **Master of Science in Engineering**

Sreeharsha Vardhan Reddy Akkisan  
Electrical

Amanda Nicole Campbell  
Engineering Management

Nicolas Anthony Carbone  
Electrical

Venkatesh Ede  
Industrial and Systems

Janah Salama Emeeshat  
Thesis: *Isolated Word Speech  
Recognition System for Children  
with Down Syndrome*  
Electrical

Siddarth Hara Shylander  
Electrical

Sanjit Khanal  
Thesis: *Artificial Intelligence in Power  
System*  
Electrical

Gerald John Lesnak II  
Industrial and Systems

Kelsey Rae Lyda  
Thesis: *An Experimental Study of  
Moisture Content for a Feed Mill  
Wet Bin*  
Mechanical

Jacob Thomas Miller  
Thesis: *Sulfuric Acid Corrosion to  
Simulate Microbial Influenced  
Corrosion on Stainless Steel 316L*  
Chemical

Noah James O'Brien  
Engineering Management

Praneeth Babu Palley  
Electrical

Angelo Pelini  
Thesis: *Influence of Strain Rate  
Sensitivity (SRS) of Additive  
Manufactured Ti6Al4V on  
Nanoscale Wear Resistance*  
Mechanical

Bhishan Poudel  
Thesis: *Causes of Corrosion in the  
Bottom Reinforcement of Pier Caps  
Supporting a Pedestrian Bridge at  
YSU and Possible Solutions*  
Civil and Environmental

Manush Ravi Prame  
Thesis: *Fracture Properties of  
Thermoplastic Composites  
Manufactured Using Additive  
Manufacturing*  
Chemical

Matthew Aaron Rotar  
Industrial and Systems

Abhijit Sharma Subedi  
Thesis: *Quantification of the Effect  
of Bridge Pier Encasement on  
Headwater Elevation Using HEC-  
RAS*  
Civil and Environmental

Kyle Michael Skiba  
Electrical

Janga Bahadur Thapa  
Thesis: *Trenchless Technology Survey  
Questionnaire Data Analysis for  
North American Municipalities*  
Civil and Environmental

Rafaela Soares Vannutelli  
Thesis: *Mechanical Behavior of  
3D Printed Lattice-Structured  
Materials*  
Mechanical

### **Master of Science in Nursing**

Rebecca Margaret Botch  
Nurse Anesthetist

Julie Anne Butcher-Miller  
Nurse Anesthetist

Kathleen G. Colesi  
School Nurse

Julie Patricia Crossley  
School Nurse

Destin Lynn DiFrischia  
Nurse Anesthetist

Ava Clara DiRienzo  
Nurse Anesthetist

Michael Christian Hando  
Nurse Anesthetist

Christa Israel  
Nurse Anesthetist

Kathryn Jerek  
Nurse Anesthetist

Michael Jonathan Kalman  
Nurse Anesthetist

Natalie Kerr  
Nurse Anesthetist

Janna Pearson  
Nurse Anesthetist

Kayla Marie Puntel  
Nurse Anesthetist

Jessica Joanne Smith  
Nurse Anesthetist

Ashleigh Renee Tondo  
Nurse Anesthetist

Shanlee Jane Woodward  
Nurse Anesthetist

Melissa Marie Younkings  
Nurse Anesthetist

## CANDIDATES FOR 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

James Nicholas Augustine  
Samantha Rae Birtles  
Marlon M. Boatner  
Anna Katherine Brewer  
Zakary Brockman  
Brielle Burton  
Hope Elizabeth Callen  
Christina Campbell  
Angelo Vincent Catullo  
Rachel Elizabeth Cline  
Gianna Marie Colucci  
Amanda Catherine Cutlip  
Kaitlyn Marie Daff  
Dylan Scott Dean  
Madeline Paige Emery  
Regina Erb  
William H. Fain  
Leilani Figueroa-Rivera  
Taylor Sierra Fletcher

Kelsey Lynn Forrester  
Alexandra Fountaine  
Mark Arlan Freeman  
Sarah Jean Garvin  
Joseph Bernard Gill  
Alexis Marie Girgus  
Annette Page Gottuso  
Madeline Kate Grimes  
Melissa Marie Gruber  
Kyle Matthew Gumble  
Jolie Marie Hanlon  
Rachel Shane Held  
Shanice Aires Latoya Hodge  
Ian Patrick Hughes  
Seth Michael Hughes  
Georgia Athanasios Kasamias  
Scott Alexander Kekel  
Tori Ann Kolesar

Abbey Kay Lane  
Jeremy James Leishman  
Kaitlyn Marie Leonelli  
Lisa J. Mudryk  
Krista R. Murray  
Jacob Cameron Myers  
Luke Edward Nappi  
Janeetsa Marie Ortiz  
Jacob Matthew Ozanich  
Alexis Ann Patchen  
Jessica Ray Pietrasz  
Ashley Nicole Ruman  
Sara Nicole Salmen  
Haley N. Smith  
Leander Carson Turner, Jr.  
Elizabeth Dianne Urig  
Zachary Logan Weber  
Joe Alexander Wilaj

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Adam Z. Aras  
Laura Elizabeth Ault  
Kayla Marie Axiotis  
Alex Jay Bark  
Jasmine Renee Beacham  
Roselynn Macala Betras  
Stephen Bialik  
Katie Bible  
Tammy J. Bigley  
Jordan Tyler Bleggi  
Benjamin Maxwell Bogen  
Sarah Elizabeth Bowers  
Jeremy Ryan Case  
Thomas Jay Clark  
Megan Carolyn Cowling  
Ryan L. Cox  
Edwin Robert Cruickshank  
Shawn Ira Cummins  
Laura Rose Davis  
Jean Marie DeAngelo  
Ashley Reneé DiPietro  
Melissa Ann Emery

Levi Brooks Flesher  
Christina Marie Fortini  
Karen Elizabeth Gallagher  
Jeffrey Joseph Gran  
Sydney Nicole Greenwood  
Richard Duane Henneman  
Megan Marie Horner  
Macy Alexandra Horvath  
Amy Lynn Jefferis  
Ryan Nicholas Kaleel  
Katie Jeanette Kimmel  
Thomas Richard Kupec, Jr.  
Kaleigh Lynn Loomis  
Susan M. Lowery  
Nicole Elizabeth Luklan  
Emanuel Savas Magiassos  
Rachael Louise Malizia  
Giana Marie Malvasi  
Erica Reneé Mitchell  
Megan M. Morris  
Johnny J. Naples II  
Kenneth John Nepple

Mary Katherine O'Donnell  
Marina Lee Ohlin  
Ashley Elizabeth Olekshuk  
Nicholas Michael Parish  
Marissa Rochelle Pence  
Arielle Regina Pilolli  
Mary Jane E. Quaranta  
Christopher Stephen Riwniak  
Alexis Nicole Roach  
Jeremiah Joseph Roscoe  
Roula A. Saab  
Courtney Malyn Shutt  
Stephanie Michelle Stanavich  
Kelly Meribeth Thompson-Cappadocio  
Blake William Walker  
Crawford David Warrick  
Lydia Marie White  
Alexandra Ann Wildes  
Matthew Bryan Wright  
Emily Rachel Young  
Anthony Michael Zocolo

## CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS

### CUM LAUDE

Carmen James Acierno III  
Andrew Joseph Albrecht  
Shawn M. Beamer  
Clyde William Beaver IV  
Joshua Isaiah Blake  
Kristen Leigh Boyle  
Scott James Brindiar  
Lea Rain Brown  
Alan Andrew Burns  
Nicholas Andrew Bush  
Joseph David Byrdy  
Joelle J. Chahine  
Nicholas Craig Chismark  
Savannah Lynn Conner  
Amelia Lynn Cornell  
Mary Elizabeth Crytzer  
Jacqueline Marie DeLaurentis  
Dante Vito DelSignore  
Ashley Virginia Dillon  
Daniel Scott Dodge  
Chelsea Renee Ellington  
Richard George Fitch  
Christina Freed

Katherine Hackos  
Kelsey Marie Hammercheck  
Anthony Ronald Hartwig  
William Charles Heath  
Kari Marie Huddleston  
Taylor Ann Jones  
Erin Renee Konitsney  
Amanda Christine Lacusky  
Ross Patrick Latimer  
Thomas S. Lepo  
Lea Ashley Long  
Molly Beth Lukehart  
Alyssa Marie Mamone  
Heidi Ann Marciniak  
Shannon Marie Martrich  
Tierney LaVonne McCaster  
Tyler David McLellan  
Gage Tanner Michael  
Tara B. Morrison  
Ryan Howard Perkins  
Shannon Elizabeth Pilolli  
Jayme Nicole Rarick

Chandli Nicole Jones Robertson  
Taylor Nicole Romain  
Michael Anthony Rose  
Jennifer Lynn Scacchetti  
Sarah Kathryn Schafer  
Zoe Ella Siefert  
Amber Lee Smith  
Carey Margaret Smith  
Jillian Nicole Smith  
Ryan Daniel Smith  
Zachary Tyler Smith  
Michael Francis-Sullivan Sobnosky  
Jared Sprague  
Cassie Marie Stiger  
Kimberly Marie Stucky  
Logan C. Swartz  
Mirna Tatic  
Chelsee Dannielle Venters  
Christine M. Vinion  
Bennett Thomas Ware  
Megan Louise White  
Alliyah JaMese Williams

## CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS

### WITH HIGH HONORS

Anita Lynn Gallo  
Kayla Lorraine Kreller  
Alexandra Montaz  
Nicholas Anthony Moskal

### WITH HONORS

Megan Arlene Sankey  
Marisa Leigh Silvestri

## HONORS COLLEGE GRADUATES

James Nicholas Augustine  
Accounting  
*"Modernizing America's Tax Code: A Path to Bipartisan Tax Reform"*

Joshua Eugene Durig  
Chemical Engineering  
*"The Design and Analysis of a Processing Facility with Experimentation on Bone Stem Cell Growth Rate and Three-Dimensional Bioprinting"*

Taylor Sierra Fletcher  
Accounting  
Individual Curriculum Program  
*"Accounting Across Borders"*

Alexandra Fountaine  
Psychology  
*"Modulation of Mu Suppression in an Autistic Population Through Empathy Increasing Intervention: A Mirror Neuron Hypothesis"*

Madeline Kate Grimes  
Individual Curriculum Program  
Marketing Management  
*"Validation of Symphony Orchestras in the Twenty-First Century: A Tri-City Evaluation Through Financial, Socioeconomic, and Marketing Technique Analysis"*

Elizabeth Dianne Urig  
Mathematics  
Mechanical Engineering  
*"Optimized Spring Mesh Tire Rim"*

Joe Alexander Wilaj  
Integrated Math Education  
*"The Mathematics of Google's Page Rank Algorithm Applied to a Multistatistical Model for Ranking NFL Teams"*



# WILLIAMSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

*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 Arts**

Katelyn Elizabeth DiGiacomo  
Anita Lynn Gallo  
Thomas Emmanuil Klimis  
Timothy James Snyder

## **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration**

Joseph James Agnone  
Anas O. Alghanmi  
Sulaiman Yaqop Althowaikh  
Adam Z. Aras  
James Nicholas Augustine  
Brian James Beck, Jr.  
Rita Jean Beish  
Carl James Bertovich  
Stephen Bialik  
Jordan Tyler Bleggi  
Sarah Elizabeth Bowers  
Zakary Brockman  
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Dr. Daniel O'Neill received his PhD in Communication from Michigan State University and is celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> year of teaching at Youngstown State University in the Department of Communication Studies. In addition to his teaching service, O'Neill served as Chairman of the Department of Communication Studies on two separate occasions for a total of 14 years. His list of accomplishments include multiple textbooks and academic articles with a focus on speech-making and argumentation. He has served as the YSU-OEA President and Academic Senate Parliamentarian and Director of Forensics. Honors include the Student Government award as Outstanding Faculty Member, the Watson Award for Outstanding Administration and the YSU Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching. O'Neill was awarded Teacher of the Year by the Ohio Communication Association and currently serves on the Board of the Ohio Communication Association. He served on the General Education Curriculum Revision Committee which mandated Communication as a General Education requirement for all students. He also initiated the first steps toward creating an interdisciplinary MA degree in Communication. O'Neill has led a rich and productive academic life changing and growing with the ever-changing times.



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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. International degrees do not always follow this protocol.

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.

Recipients of University Honors receive golden honor cords placed around the shoulders. Honors College graduates wear a specially minted medallion on a white 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 UNIVERSITY CEREMONIAL MACE

The ceremonial mace has its roots in ancient Rome. During the Middle Ages, the 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 universities 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.

## 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*.



## *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.



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