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COMMENCEMENT
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, AUGUST SEVENTEENTH
TWO THOUSAND AND TWO
TEN O'CLOCK, BEEGHLY CENTER

Youngstown State University—An Innovative Educational Leader

Founded 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 12,000 full- and part-time students with 100 undergraduate programs, 30 master's degree programs and a doctorate in education. There are more than 360 full-time and part-time faculty and 662 professional and support staff members in seven colleges and schools.

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 94-year 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.

The graduates that we celebrate today who have earned associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees is each a YSU Success Story. They join more than 75,000 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.

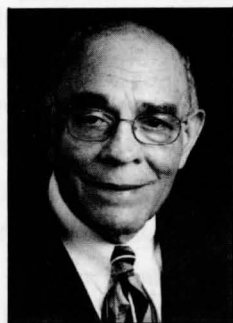
PROGRAM

PRELUDE	“Stars and Stripes Forever March” John Philip Sousa YSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble Mr. Joseph Edwards, <i>Associate Dean, College of Fine and Performing Arts</i>
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL	“Suite #1 in Eb Major” by Gustav Holst “Pomp and Circumstance” from March No. 1 by Edward Elgar “March Processional” by Clare Grundman
WELCOME	David C. Sweet <i>President</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Misook Yun, <i>Assistant Professor, College of Fine and Performing Arts</i>
REFLECTION	David Smith, <i>Graduating Senior, William Rayen College of Engineering and Technology</i>
INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES	President Sweet
GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER; PRESENTATION OF MCCULLOUGH WILLIAMS JR. TO RECEIVE THE DEGREE HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANITIES	Joseph S. Nohra <i>Chairperson of the Board of Trustees</i>
ADDRESS	McCullough Williams Jr. <i>Sterling-McCullough Williams Funeral Home YSU Alumni Society's 2002 Distinguished Citizen Award Recipient</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION	“Stars and Stripes Forever March” by John Philip Sousa
RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES ATTAINING UNIVERSITY HONORS	Tony Atwater <i>Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	President Sweet
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES	Peter J. Kasvinsky, <i>Dean of the School of Graduate Studies</i> Robert Bolla, <i>Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences</i> Betty Jo Licata, <i>Dean of the Warren P. Williamson, Jr. College of Business Administration</i> Philip Ginnetti, <i>Dean of the Beeghly College of Education</i> Cynthia S. Hirtzel, <i>Dean of the William Rayen College of Engineering and Technology</i> George E. McCloud, <i>Dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts</i> John J. Yemma, <i>Dean of the Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health and Human Services</i>
WELCOME FROM YSU ALUMNI SOCIETY	Pat Billett <i>President, YSU Alumni Society</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	President Sweet
ALMA MATER	Professor Yun
RECESSIONAL	“Washington Post March” by John Philip Sousa “The Liberty Bell March” by John Philip Sousa
COLLEGE RECEPTIONS	<i>Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room</i>

Joseph S. Nohra, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, and Provost Atwater will invest Mr. Williams with the hood. The audience is asked to be seated after the singing of the Alma Mater and to remain seated during the recessional.

Photographs requiring the use of flash equipment may not be taken while exercises are in progress.

The Commencement Speaker and Candidate for the Degree Honorary Doctor of Humanities



McCullough Williams Jr.

Today's commencement speaker, **McCullough Williams Jr.**, is the Youngstown State University 2002 Distinguished Citizen. Mr. Williams was honored at a special dinner on August 15.

Throughout his distinguished career as an entrepreneur, Mr. Williams has also been in the forefront of the African

American community at the local and state levels and has dedicated his energy and considerable political skills to improving life for the black citizens of the Youngstown-Warren area. For fifty years a licensed funeral professional and funeral director, Mr. Williams in 1951 opened the McCullough Williams Funeral Service in Youngstown, and in 1976, opened another funeral home in Warren. The business name was changed in 1983 to Sterling-McCullough Williams Funeral Home to reflect the partnership with Mr. Williams's son, Sterling, who joined the business after completing his MBA.

Mr. Williams has dedicated much of his talents to the community over the years. He is currently on the board of directors of the YSU Penguin Club and a trustee of District IX Area Agency on Aging, Inc., and the Butler Institute of American Art. He also serves on the board of trustees of the Juvenile Justice Center and the Youngstown-Mahoning County Convention and Visitors Bureau and is a career partner of The Rayen School.

In years past he served on the Ohio Board of Fiscal Management and the Youngstown Parks and Recreation Commission and is a past president of the Youngstown Board of Education, the Youngstown Leadership Council, the Belmont Avenue Redevelopment Association, and the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors of Ohio. In 1957, he was the first African American Democrat elected to the Youngstown City Council, serving the Third Ward.

A firm believer in the idea that political participation is the best avenue for achieving the civil rights of African Americans, Mr. Williams has been instrumental in bringing about a number of "firsts" for blacks in the Youngstown-Warren area, including the hiring of Youngstown's first African American firefighter, the city's first black secondary school teacher, and the

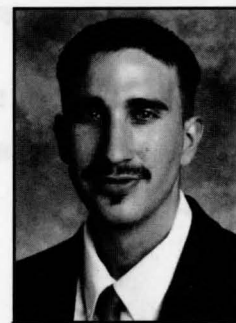
first black Mahoning County welfare director. Mr. Williams introduced the resolution that resulted in open enrollment for public school students within the Youngstown City School system, as well as a resolution to change employment policies in the city parks and recreation department to increase minority employment.

Mr. Williams's service has been recognized by many organizations during his career. He has won the Buckeye Elks Community Service Award (1971); the U.S. Small Business Administration Ohio Minority Advocate of the Year (1988); Ohio Black Expo Businessman of the Year (1990); Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce Youngstown Award for Outstanding Leadership (1992); Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Recognition Award (1993); YWCA Man of the Year (1995); and NAACP-Ebony Man of the Year Award (2000).

A graduate of South High School and Ohio State University, Mr. Williams received his funeral director's training at the Cleveland College of Mortuary Science in 1950. He married Juanita Fleming in 1951, and they are parents of three adult children, two of whom are involved in the family business.

The Commencement Student Speaker

Our student commencement speaker is **David Alan Smith**, who graduates *summa cum laude* today from the Rayen College of Engineering and Technology.



David Alan Smith

David received an honors diploma from Lowellville High School before enrolling at Youngstown State University. He majored in electrical and computer engineering, with a minor in mathematics. Throughout his YSU career, David contributed to the learning of others as a tutor in the Mathematics Assistance Center and in the Center for Student Progress as a supplemental instructor in physics. This past year, as a senior, he was employed as a research assistant in nuclear physics at the University.

In his first year at YSU, David was inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honor Society. He went on to become vice president of the Tau Beta Pi engineering honorary and a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Golden Key national honor societies. He was nominated by his fellow students in electrical engineering at YSU for Engineering Man of the Year.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Doctor of Education

Susan Jennifer Curtin, B.S. in Ed, M.S. in Ed.
Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro University
Educational Leadership
Listening to the Voices of Urban Teachers



Master of Arts

James Michael Bartek, B.A.
Youngstown State University
History
Thesis: *The Grand Bull Pen:
Confederate Captives at
Point Lookout, 1863-1865*

Michael Anthony Beverly, B.A.
Youngstown State University
History
Thesis: *African-American
Experience in Youngstown
1940-1965*

Theresa Burke Billock, B.A.
Notre Dame College
English

Michael Richard Brenner,
B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
English

Joseph Michael DiBlasio, B.A.
Youngstown State University
History

Susan A. Fabian, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English

Christina Maria Hancher, B.M.
Youngstown State University
English
Thesis: *Voice(s) in Writing:
Freedom from the Myth of
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Melinda Marie Hicks, B.S.
Liberty University
History

Monica Lynn Mastran-Czopor, B.A.
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Jacqueline J. Rogers, B.S.
Clark University
Economics

Luminita Strimbu, B.S. in B.A.
Youngstown State University
Economics

Eric J. Uys, B.A.
University of Illinois at Chicago
History

Sophia Demetria West, B.A.
Moravian College
English

Master of Business Administration

Michael C. D'Amico, B.S. in B.A.
Youngstown State University
Accounting & Finance

Liz Renee Grzesk, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Accounting & Finance

Allison Knowles, B.S.
Edinboro University
of Pennsylvania
Management

Liliana Marginean, A.B.
Babes-Bolyai University, Romania
Management

Janet M. Peacock, B.S.W.
Youngstown State University
General

Michael Andrew Perello, B.S.
California Polytechnic State
University
General

Dylan D. Potter, B.S. in B.A.
Youngstown State University
Accounting & Finance

Kevin Victor Ruminski, B.S. in B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Katherine Marie Sanders, B.S. in B.A.
Youngstown State University
Marketing

Master of Health & Human Services

Jennifer Marie Lesko, B.S. in Ed.
University of Akron
Health & Human Services

Master of Music

Frances Yoon-Young Chang, B.M.
Queen's University
Performance

Master of Public Health

Jennifer Ann Keagy, B. S. in A.S.,
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Youngstown State University
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Health & Human Services

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Queen's University
Performance

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B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Public Health

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES (continued)

Master of Science

Christina Lynn Bilunka, B.A.
Thiel College
Political Science
Thesis: *Evaluation of the Planning and Early Implementation of the Mahoning County Juvenile Court Day-Treatment Program*

Elena Bocola-Mavar, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Biological Sciences
Thesis: *Purification and Characterization of Staphylococcus aureus Serotype 8 Capsular Polysaccharide. Production of Monoclonal Antibodies Specific for Type 8 Capsular Polysaccharide.*

Eric Allen Cline, B.S. in A.S.
Youngstown State University
Criminal Justice
Thesis: *A Comparative Analysis of Solved and Unsolved Cases of Serial Killings and How They Relate to Solvability Factors*

Matthew Paul Grote, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Chemistry
Thesis: *Synthesis and use of dienyphosphates in the Suzuki Coupling*

Barry Charles Husowitz, B.S.
Bloomsburg University
Chemistry
Thesis: *An Ab Initio Study of Complexes with N-H-N Hydrogen Bonds*

Robert Joseph Kovach, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Chemistry
Thesis: *Synthesis of Bis (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) Phosphonoalkynes*

Andrew H. Lariviere, B.S.
The Pennsylvania State University
Biological Sciences
Thesis: *Dexamethasone Increases Differentiation Capacity in C2C12 Cells and its Effects on Cdk1 and ERK1 Expression*

Wendy Lee Lewis, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Chemistry
Thesis: *An electrochemical study of the kinetic and thermodynamic properties of 6-(diferrocenylhexanylethynyl)-pentanethiol self-assembled monolayers*

Minfeng Li, B.S.
Southwest Teachers Univ, China
Chemistry
Thesis: *Grafting of Phosphonate Groups on the Silica Surface and Characterization with Spectroscopic Methods*

Kimberly S. Ludt, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Biological Sciences
Thesis: *The relationship between organochlorines, eggshell thickness, and reproductive success of Hooded Mergansers, Lophodytes cucullatus*

Chisaroka Wobiareri Onunwor, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Chemistry

Irene Panagopoulos, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Biological Sciences

Howard A. Shacklock, Jr., B.S.
Saint Francis College
Criminal Justice
Thesis: *An Evaluation of Academic Performance in an Alternative High School Program*

Rapunzel Melisa Stephens,
B.S. in A.S.
Youngstown State University
Criminal Justice

Bojana Stevic, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Biological Sciences
Thesis: *Replication Analysis of Mitochondrial DNA in Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

Jason Christopher White, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Biological Sciences
Thesis: *Site-directed Mutagenesis of the -144 Activator-Binding Site of qa-1f in Neurospora crassa*

David Gordon Workley, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Criminal Justice

Lisa Marie Zelinka, B.S. in A.S.
Youngstown State University
Biological Sciences
Thesis: *The Immunofluorescent Localization Of Antigens Associated With Autoimmune Rippling Muscles*

Master of Science in Education

Douglas Shawn Blakeny,
B.S. in Ed.
Central State University
Elementary Education

Kathryn M. Bocker, B.S. in Ed.
Ohio State University
Master Teacher- Spec Education
Gifted & Talented Education
Specialist

David Stephen Bronson,
B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Kimberly Sue Callihan, B.S. in Ed.
Edinboro University of
Pennsylvania
Master Teacher-Elementary,
Early Childhood Education

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES (continued)

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| <p>Jane Virginia Cebula, B.A.
Westminster College
Counseling</p> | <p>Nicole Lynn Herman, B.S.
Bowling Green State University
Master Teacher-Secondary</p> | <p>Michele Ann Nespeca, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Teacher Education</p> |
| <p>Lee Christman, B. S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher-Elementary,
Curriculum</p> | <p>Mary Ann Herschel, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration</p> | <p>Shelley L. Nicholas, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Teacher Education</p> |
| <p>Geraldine Ann Coates, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher-Elementary,
Reading Specialist</p> | <p>Cynthia M. Johnson, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher-Elementary,
Reading Specialist</p> | <p>William Robert Nye, Jr., B.S.
West Virginia University
Educational Administration</p> |
| <p>Christina Marie Commisso,
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Youngstown State University
Master Teacher-Elementary,
Reading Specialist</p> | <p>Daniel D. Kemats, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration</p> | <p>John Oleksa, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Teacher Education</p> |
| <p>Michael Frederick Cook, B.A.
Hiram College
Educational Administration</p> | <p>Aaron Andrew Keteles, B.S.
Messiah College
Educational Administration</p> | <p>Nicholas James Orlando,
B.S.B.A.
Gannon University
Educational Administration</p> |
| <p>Paula E. Crooms, B. S. in A.S.
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Master Teacher-Elementary,
Early Childhood Education</p> | <p>Sean Patrick Kirkland, B.A.
Kent State University
Educational Administration</p> | <p>Sherry Kaye O'Rourke, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Teacher Education</p> |
| <p>Gary D. Evans, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration</p> | <p>Craig Alan Klotzbach, B.A.
Cedarville University
Educational Administration</p> | <p>Marlene Kay Palo, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Teacher Education</p> |
| <p>Julie Im Felix, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Counseling</p> | <p>Lisa Kaye Kozsey, B.S. in Ed.
Edinboro University
of Pennsylvania
Teacher Education</p> | <p>Caroline Cecile Perjessy, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Counseling</p> |
| <p>Karen Julie Fornadel, B.A.
University of Pittsburgh
Master Teacher-Elementary,
Reading Specialist</p> | <p>Sarah Jane Mahon, B.S. in Ed.
Kent State University
Teacher Education</p> | <p>Eugenia Pontikos, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Teacher Education</p> |
| <p>George Harold Forster, B.S.
Allegheny College
Educational Administration</p> | <p>Cynthia Marie Martz (Fernback), B.A.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration</p> | <p>Jami Lyn Reader, B.S. in Ed.
Kent State University
Teacher Education</p> |
| <p>Steven Craig Garton,
B.M., B.S. in Ed.
Eastern Illinois, Slippery Rock
Master Teacher-Secondary,
Education Technology</p> | <p>Mary Elizabeth Massey, B.S. in Ed.
Kentucky Christian College
Teacher Education</p> | <p>Desiree Ann Reo, B.A.
University of Notre Dame
Teacher Education</p> |
| <p>Brice Cameron Harris, Jr., B.S.
Furman University
Educational Administration</p> | <p>Laraine J. Matisi, B.S. in Ed. (2)
Youngstown State University
Teacher Education</p> | <p>Debra J. Repasky, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Teacher Education</p> |
| | <p>Melanie Mirich, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Teacher Education</p> | <p>Lynn Marie Robinson,
M.S. in Ed., B.S.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration</p> |

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Connie Lynette Rothwell, B.A.
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Lisa Marie Scavnicky-Mamula, B.A.
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Teacher Education

Rachelle Elizabeth Severn,
B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Teacher Education

Suzanne Marie Sisk, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Lori Renee Smith, B.S.
Kent State University
Educational Administration

Amy Lynn Smith, B.S. in Ed.
The Ohio State University
Teacher Education

Linda Stanar, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Teacher Education

William Ronald Thomas, B.A.
Mount Vernon Nazarene
University
Educational Administration

Kristen Ann Timms, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Kimberly Sue Triskett, B.S. in Ed.
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Jennifer Lyn Valiski, B.S. in Ed.
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Rose Ann Van Valien, B.S. in Ed.
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Melissa J. Vrabel, B.S. in Ed.
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Lisa D. Wade, B.S. in Ed.
Kent State University
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Susan E. Walsh, B.F.A.
Youngstown State University
Teacher Education

Alison Eyre Ward, B.S. in Ed.
Slippery Rock University
of Pennsylvania
Educational Administration

Deborah K. Weibush, B.S. in Ed.
Kent State University
Teacher Education

Angela Marie Wilson, B.S. in Ed.
University of Akron
Teacher Education

James E. Wright, B.S.
Kent State University
Educational Administration

David Joseph Zupsic, B.S.
Penn State
Educational Administration

Master of Science in Engineering

Kendra Alicia Paul, B.A.
Rockford College
Educational Administration

Mark Thomas Rogenski, B.E.
Youngstown State University
Electrical & Computer Engineering
Thesis: *An Implementation of an
Adaptive State Variable
Feedback Motor Control System*

Raja Ram Sambandham, B.E.
Youngstown State University
Mechanical & Industrial Systems
Engineering
Thesis: *Mechanical Event Simula-
tion for Transverse Impact
Problems*

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS

SUMMER 2002

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

Summa Cum Laude

Colleen Patricia Carney
Rita Lyn Cole
Kellie Ann Denmeade
Richelle Duris
Maribeth Eckenrode
Susan Lynn Gans
Katherine Cecilia Giancola
Edward John Glodde

Jelayne Michelle Goodman
Jennifer L. Gurnak
Monica J. Heath
Carrie Marie Hugli
Jonathon Christopher Kelm
Yury Kruty
Lisa Marie Lintner
Angela Marie Lordi

Brian Joseph Reinhard
Ralph Michael Rivera
Lisa Marie Sicafuse
David Alan Smith
Lisa Michelle Squibbs
Laaren Whitcombe
James David White

Magna Cum Laude

Edward Hugh Barefield
Cheryl Ann Blasko
Tricia Lynne Borovitchy
Anthony Samuel Colaneri
Justin Nicolaus DeGuire
Stacy Deetrun Harris
James Wilbur Horvath

Stefanie M. Hudson
Michelle J. Kaydo
Kurt Christoph Kotheimer
Dafney Lubin
Melissa Dianne Lyczkowski
Louise M. McCombs
Elizabeth Kristen Mook

Nicholas R. Mulch
Alicia Joy Natale
Laura Ann Penn
Cynthia L. Perrine
Amanda Lynn Stevens
Lindsey Ann Warino

Cum Laude

Jennifer Lynn Albaugh
Joshua Zee Betts
Gina Marie Brophrey
Jacqueline Rochelle Dillon
Paul William Duncan, Jr.
Jacquelyn Lee Feaster
Jeremiah William Felton
Raquel N. Granados

Patrick Paul Hartwig
Marsha L. Jackson
Krista Dawn Keller
Katherine Ann Kopper
Chris Todd Meta
Jennifer Lee Mingle
Ereka R. Modzelewski
Jeanine Therese Mullen

Stacy Nicole Nard
Stephanie Michelle Patalon
Donna J. Rosensteel
Sunee E. Schaff
Nicole Ranea Sickelsmith
Daniel Huston Thompkins, Jr.
Michael Anthony Wilson

ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS

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With Honors

Colleen Ann Aurand
Frederick N. Barnett

James Matthew Martin
Justin C. Soroka

SUMMER 2002
HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES



Jon Kelm
Computer Science
Machine Translation

Cynthia Perrine
Chemistry
Organometallic Nano Materials

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

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Associate in Applied Science

William Mark Brammer
Ross J. Rodino
Roula Antoine Saab

Associate in Arts

Renee A. Geras
Renee E. Kleinknecht
John Daniel Prestash

Bachelor of Arts

Thomas Jeffrey Antonishak
Joshua Zee Betts
Tricia Lynne Borovitcky
Andre Ian Brady
Adrian Roland Brown
Colleen Patricia Carney
Michele Kristen Carosella
Adrienne Frances Cavaliere
Sahar Angela Chasebi
Anthony Samuel Colaneri
Christopher Francis Colella
JoAnn Talissa Collier
Sarah Knox Cunningham
Jacqueline Rochelle Dillon
Meghan Janice Fortner
Jennifer L. Froomkin
Kristin Carol Greenwood
Kimberly Danielle Harmon
Stacy Deetrun Harris
Patrick Paul Hartwig
David Lavelle Hawkes
Nekia Delphina Christina
LaVeetta Hilson
Vickie Clara Jones
Richard David Jordan
Michelle J. Kaydo

Mandisa Nkosazana L'Bert
Anwaa Toussaint Martin
Sophia Irene Moskovites
Nicholas R. Mulch
Jennifer Lynn Nagle
Alicia Joy Natale
Dipika K. Patel
Erick Carl Redington
Jessica Nicole Rich
Nicholas Sennyk, III
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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 chief marshals lead the line of march, followed by the president, the speaker, trustees, and other members of the party to be seated on the platform. Then follow the faculty and the candidates for degrees.

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.

The Presidential Medallion

President Sweet wears 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 five past presidents and Dr. Sweet.

The presidential medallion was designed and created out of sterling and bronze by Wendell August Forge of Grove City, Pennsylvania. Dr. Sweet is the first president to wear this medallion.

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*.