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YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, AUGUST NINETEENTH
TWO THOUSAND AND SIX
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 12,800 full- and part-time students with 120 undergraduate programs, 40 master's degree programs and a doctorate in education. There are more than 420 full-time faculty and 750 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 98-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.

Each graduate we celebrate today is a YSU Success Story. They join more than 80,000 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	"National Emblem March" by E. E. Bagley "Stars and Stripes Forever March" by John Philip Sousa YSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble Dr. Stephen L. Gage, <i>Director of Bands</i> Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL	"Suite #1 in Eb Major: March III" 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	Corinne Morini, <i>Instructor of Voice</i> Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts
STUDENT REFLECTION	Michael P. Miladore <i>Graduating Senior, College of Arts & Sciences</i>
INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES	President Sweet
GREETINGS AND REMARKS	Larry DeJane <i>Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees</i>
INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER	Robert K. Herbert <i>Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
ADDRESS	Joseph S. Nohra <i>YSU Alumni Society's 2006 Distinguished Citizen Award Recipient</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION	"76 Trombones" from <i>The Music Man</i> by Meredith Wilsson/arr. Iwai
RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES ATTAINING UNIVERSITY HONORS	Provost Herbert
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	President Sweet
PRESENTATION OF JOSEPH S. NOHRA TO RECEIVE THE HONORARY DEGREE DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS	Mayor DeJane
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES	Joseph Edwards, <i>Dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts</i> John J. Yemma, <i>Dean of The Dr. Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health and Human Services</i> Ikram Khawaja, <i>Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences</i> Betty Jo Licata, <i>Dean of the Williamson 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>
WELCOME FROM YSU ALUMNI SOCIETY	Bruce Sherman <i>President, YSU Alumni Society</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	President Sweet
ALMA MATER	Ms. Morini <i>From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. Willis</i>
RECESSIONAL	"Fairest of the Fair" by John Philip Sousa "Liberty Bell March" by John Philip Sousa
COLLEGE RECEPTIONS	Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room

Mayor Larry DeJane, Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, and Provost Herbert will invest Mr. Nohra with the hood.
The audience is asked to be seated after the singing of the Alma Mater and to remain seated during the remainder of the program and the recessional.

Commencement Speaker and Recipient of the Degree Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters



Joseph S. Nohra

Joseph S. Nohra celebrated forty-four years with the Cafaro Company prior to his retirement in 2000, in which thirty-five of those years were spent as the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Nohra received the Youngstown State University Distinguished Citizen Award for 2006 at a dinner in his honor on August 10.

Mr. Nohra began his relationship with Youngstown State University (at that time referred to as Youngstown University) when he graduated in June of 1957 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majoring in Accounting. Upon his graduation, he was bestowed with the honor of the Youngstown University Pin, an award given only to five students each year for excellence in both academic and extracurricular activities. Throughout the years, Mr. Nohra has remained dedicated to the University and ultimately gave nine years of service by accepting an appointment from Governor Voinovich as a YSU Trustee, beginning in 1995. Other areas of the University have also been touched by his keen sense of business while serving on the Penguin Club board and remaining active with the Office of Alumni Relations.

As a lifelong citizen of Youngstown, Mr. Nohra believes in the area and has successfully helped many non-profit organizations and boards with his expertise and wisdom. He has been a board member of the Hine Memorial Fund, Youngstown Foundation, Antonine Sisters Adult Day Care Center, the St. Elizabeth Hospital Development Foundation, Assumption Nursing Home, Italian Scholarship League, Mill Creek Child Development Center, the Youngstown Diocese Board of Education and the Ohio Higher Education Funding Commission to name a few.

Dedication to St. Maron's Church and Our Lady of Mount Carmel have also been a priority in the life of Mr. Nohra. As a life long member of St. Maron's, he served in various capacities including Parish Council, St. Maron's Education Foundation and the Parish Building Fund Committee. He was ordained Permanent Deacon in 1980 and currently

serves as administrator. In 1988, he also began serving the Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and was subsequently named its permanent deacon.

Mr. Nohra and his wife Betty were married for forty-six years and were blessed with eight children who have all attended Youngstown State University: Mrs. Mary Ann (James) McCann, Mrs. Tabita (Albert) George, Mrs. Jacquelyn (Robert) Duda, Mrs. Rebecca (Joseph) Caruso, Atty. Jude (Becky) Nohra, Mrs. Joanne (Dr. Timothy) Wagner, Mr. Joseph (Ann Marie) Nohra, Jr., and Miss Elizabeth Nohra.



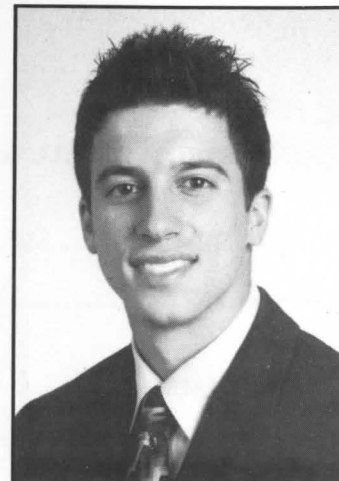
Student Speaker

A valedictorian of Canfield High School Class of 2004, Michael P. Miladore enrolled at Youngstown State University in June of 2004 as a member of the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine Class of 2010. He graduates summa cum laude today with a Bachelor of Science degree in combined science. He has been on the Dean's List each semester and has maintained a 3.95 grade point average.

Miladore has been inducted into several honor societies during his two years at YSU, including the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the Clarence P. Gould Society, and the Golden Key International Honor Society. He was awarded Class Honors each year while at YSU and was recognized as being among the top one percent of his class in the College of Arts and Sciences. While attending YSU, he was an employee of the Development Office.

A resident of YSU's Cafaro House, Miladore was involved in many intramural sports activities such as volleyball, flag football, and dodgeball and spent many hours at the new Andrew's Recreation and Wellness Center.

Miladore will begin his first year of medical school this fall at the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine in Rootstown, Ohio. His parents are Drs. Michael J. and Dianne Bitonte Miladore, both YSU and NEOUCOM graduates. He has two brothers: Nicholas, presently attending YSU and a member of the NEOUCOM class of 2012; and Joseph, a sophomore at Canfield High School.



Michael P. Miladore

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

Maureen Elizabeth Donofrio, B.S. in Ed., M.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University, Westminster College
Educational Leadership
Traditional and Non-Traditional Seating in American Classrooms

Benjamin L. McGee, B.A., M.S. in Ed.
The Ohio State University,
Youngstown State University
Educational Leadership
*Ethnic/Gender Definition and the
Achievement Gap between Black Males and Females*

Jacqueline Marie Respress,
B.S. in Ed., M.S. in Ed.
Slippery Rock University,
Youngstown State University
Educational Leadership
*An Analysis and Discussion of the
influence of Spirituality on African-American
Female Educators*



Master of Arts

Patrick Michael Carbon, B.A.
Youngstown State University
History

Brad Lawrence Cook, B.A.
Kent State University
Economics

Patricia Ann Gillespie, B.S.
Widener University
History
Thesis: *The History of Wick
Avenue 1940-1960*

Brett Aaron Hudspeth, B.A., B.S.
Youngstown State University
Economics
Thesis: *A Multi-Modality
Approach to the Regional
Economic Impact of Plant
Closure in the Mahoning Valley:
the General Motors Assembly of
Lordstown, Ohio*

Erik Richard Johnson, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
Economics

Diana Lynne Jones, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
English

Erin Elizabeth McGee, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English

Tara Lynn Stitle, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English

Susan Maxine Tietz, B.A.
Youngstown State University
History
Thesis: *Youngstown Sheet & Tube and
Labor Relations During World War I*

Christine M. Unger, B.A.
Youngstown State University
History

Jennifer L. Zoblisien, B.A.
University of California-Davis
English

Master of Business Administration

Dana Marie Abramski, B.S.B.
Kent State University
General

Tod E. Allen, B.E.
Youngstown State University
General

Tamera N. Anglin, B.A.
Muskingum College
General

Stacey Marie Burgess, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Abigail Victoria Cook, B.A.
College of Wooster
General

Jennifer Lynn Fisher, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Daniel P. Flanigan, B.A.
Case Western Reserve University
General

Eric M. Foley, B.B.A.
University of Toledo
General

Mary Jane Gerrish, B.A.
Thiel College
General

Monte DaShawn Hadley, B.S.
Tennessee State University
General

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

Jessie Christine Kinsley, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Marjorie J. Kountz, B.S.
Franciscan University
General

Tara Lynn Mady, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Gary Vincent Mariano, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Alison Cara Mauter, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Master of Health & Human Services

Kathleen Michele Blosser, B.A.
Kent State University
Health & Human Services

Mariann C. Pacak, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Health & Human Services

Master of Music

Jennifer A. Mollenkopf, B.M.
Otterbein College
Performance

Jenniene Eimers Scarem, A.A., B.M.
Jamestown Community College,
SUNY Fredonia
Performance

Brenton J. Viertel, B.M.
Duquesne University
Performance

Master of Physical Therapy

Christina E. Renforth, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Physical Therapy

Kenneth L. Shearer, Jr., B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Physical Therapy

Master of Public Health

Ruth Ann Madden, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Public Health

Linda Stillerman Silvestri, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Public Health

Melanie Sue Thirion, B.S.
Ohio University
Public Health

Master of Science

Abdul-Basit Alhassan, BPharm
Ankara University
Chemistry
Thesis: *Formation of N-Acetyl
L-Fucosamine and Analogs
as Potential Inhibitors of
Staphylococcus Aureus*

Deanna Lee Butler, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Criminal Justice

Timothy Michael Chase, B.A.
Plymouth State University
Mathematics

Sara Jean Duncan, B.S.
Mount Union College
Chemistry
Thesis: *Towards glycomimetic
derivatives of N-Acetyl-D-
Furosamine: A component of S.
Sereus Type 5 and 8 capsular
polycaccharides*

Oliver Neal Fisher, B.A.
Adrian College
Environmental Studies

Sarah Lynn Kiepper, B.A.
Kent State University
Criminal Justice
Thesis: *From Binge Drinking to
Suicide: Creating An Awareness
about the Effects of Alcohol*

Barbara L. Palermo, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Criminal Justice

Iulia Alisa Sacui, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Chemistry
Thesis: *Synthesis and
decomposition of novel
diazosugars*

Sabina Mainali Sigdel, B.S.
University of Pittsburgh
Biology
Thesis: *Study of inheritance
of mitochondrial DNA in
similar sized rho in the
absence of the nuclear gene,
MGTI (mitochondrial genome
transmission)*

Samuel Lee Staples, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Criminal Justice

Aamir Suhail, B.S.
Jamia Hamdard University
Mathematics

Uma Thatipally, BPharm
Kakatiya University
Chemistry
Thesis: *Investigation of Site-
Specific Metal Catalyzed
Oxidation of the Lysozyme
Double Mutant (H15S + N77H)*

Jazerie J. L. Williams, B.S.
Central State University
Chemistry
Thesis: *Evaluation of Apparent
Formation Constant of Host-
Guest Inclusion Complexes of
Solutes with Soluble Calixarenes
Using High Performance Liquid
Chromatography*

Master of Science in Education

Jennifer L. Alvim, B.S.
Eastern Nazarene College
Counseling

Tracey Lynn Baker, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

Eric Ronald Bilas, B.A.
John Carroll University
Educational Administration

Caryn Marie Bodnar, B.A.
West Liberty State College
Master Teacher - Special
Education, Early Childhood
Special Education

Sean M. Butler, B.F.A.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Secondary, Art

Teresa Leigh Cecelic, B.S. in Ed.
Bowling Green State University
Educational Administration

Denise Marie Claussell, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Irene A. Consiglio, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Ellen Marie Cornwell, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

John Lester Cullen, B.S. in Ed.
Kent State University
Educational Administration

Theresa E. Cummings, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Allison M. Dorbish, B.S. in Ed.
University of Toledo
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Daniel John Dota, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Secondary,
Physical Education

Jessica Lynn Eaton, B.A.
Kent State University
Counseling

Michelle Kimberly Efantis, B.A.
Kent State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Devon Marie Etling, B.S. in Ed.
Ohio University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Maura Rebecca Evans, B.S.
John Carroll University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Catherine A. Frederick, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Secondary,
Educational Technology

Stuart Allen Gibbs, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Middle Grades

Marcella Greenfield, B.S. in Ed.
Ohio University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Nicole Marie Hagerty, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Special Education

Amy Lynn Havaich, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Robert James Hilbun, B.S. in Ed.
Gannon University
Special Education

Susan Kay Holub, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Secondary, Art

Kevin James Hoopes, B.A. in Ed.,
B.S.E.
University of Akron
Master Teacher - Secondary, Art

Darren E. Jacobs, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Curtis Wayne Kester, B.S. in Ed.
Slippery Rock University
Educational Administration

Brian A. Kimmel, B.S.
The Ohio State University
Educational Administration

Bertha Lee Kirksey, B.S. in Ed.
Kent State University
Educational Administration

Kimberly J. Kolidakis, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Curriculum

Stacy L. Krueger, B.A.
University of Wisconsin at
Green Bay
Counseling

Tami S. LaPaze, B.A.
North Park University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Katie Sue Laugen, B.S. in Ed.
Kent State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Jamye C. Loper, B.A.
Bowling Green State University
Counseling

Laura Anne Loychik, B.A.
Hiram College
Counseling

Jamie Elizabeth Malish,
B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Elaine Grace Morgan, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Secondary,
Curriculum

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Westminster College
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Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Jana Marie Neczeporenko,
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Penn State University
Master Teacher - Special
Education, Gifted &
Talented Education Specialist

Christopher S. Neifer, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Jannette Marie Nieminen,
B.S. in Ed.
Edinboro University of
Pennsylvania
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Erika Mary Ohl, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Special Education

Robert Alan Pavalko II, B.M.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Jason Ryan Peer, B.A.
Thiel College
Counseling

Aaron James Petuch, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Rebecca Lynn Prussia, B.S.E.
Ashland University
Educational Administration

Scott Pryor, B.S.
SUNY - Regents College
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Curriculum

Krystal Lee Quinn, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Timothy Adam Ranck, B.S. in Ed.
Edinboro University of
Pennsylvania
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Kristin Renee Reeder, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Julie Ellen Rinehart, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Secondary,
English

Melinda S. Sandine, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Special
Education, Early Childhood
Special Education

Lisa Marie Schmalzried, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Special
Education, Gifted & Talented
Education Specialist

Dawn Marie Schrock, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Amy Rose Simmons, B.S. in Ed.
Edinboro University of
Pennsylvania
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Angela Dee Smith, B.S. in Ed.
West Liberty State College
Master Teacher - Special
Education, Early Childhood
Special Education

Jenna Ann Smith, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Amber Lyn Stiles-Bodnar,
B.S.A.S., B.A.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Valerie Ann Sullivan, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Courtney Renee Switalski,
B.S. in Ed.
Bowling Green State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Annette I. Tovarnak, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Curriculum

Anna M. Vouvalis, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Linda J. Welch, B.S. in Ed.
Kent State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Douglas Lee Wetherholt,
B.S. in Ed.
Kent State University
Educational Administration

Lisa Marie Wheeler, B.A.
Mercyhurst College
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Jonathan Lamont Wilkins, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Coryn M. Wilson, B.S. in Ed.
Kent State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Jason Michael Witman, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Tracy Lyn Wyatt, B.S.
Mount Union College
Master Teacher - Secondary,
Social Studies

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

Tracie L. Yurko, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Master of Science in Engineering

Hemanth Roopendra Jala, B.E.
Andhra University
Electrical & Computer
Engineering
Thesis: *Hybrid Network
Communication*

Jason Edward Jantson, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Industrial & Systems Engineering

Greg Mazurek, B.E.
Youngstown State University
Mechanical Engineering
Thesis: *Computational Fluid
Analysis of a Pneumatic Cylinder*

Eric Michael Stauffer, B.E.
Youngstown State University
Electrical & Computer
Engineering
Thesis: *Implementation of a Fuzzy
Logic Controller via Cyclone II
FPGA and Nios II Processor*

Master of Science in Nursing

Amy Lucille Aton, B.S.N.
University of Toledo
Nursing

Philip Andrew Baker, B.S.N.
Waynesburg College
Nursing

Elizabeth Jayne Booth, B.S.N.
The Ohio State University
Nursing
Thesis: *Comparison of Two Spinal
Needles and the Incidence of Spinal
Headaches for C-section Delivery*

Patricia Marie Coyne, B.S.N.
Florida Atlantic University
Nursing

Tracy Lynn Dobos, B.S.N.
The University of Akron
Nursing

Cynthia Faye Flick, B.S.N.
Kent State University
Nursing

Robin Lee Franklin, B.S.N.
The University of Akron
Nursing

Vincent B. Garcia, Jr., B.S.N.
University of Phoenix
Nursing

Gregory James Gast, B.S.N.
University of Cincinnati
Nursing

Patricia Louise Maroni, B.S.N.
Kent State University
Nursing

Shivani Patel, B.S.N.
Case Western Reserve University
Nursing

Ian Jeffrey Vasey, B.S.N.
Wright State University
Nursing

Karen Sue Wilds, B.S.N.
Wheeling Jesuit College
Nursing

BITONTE COLLEGE OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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 in Applied Science

Jeannine Reneé Baker
Sara A. Felix
Jason C. Geffert
Katrina Denise Larkin
Michael John Lechner
Mary Ann Lewis
Ann Marie McKee
Dana Rae Mercado
Angela Marie Mirone
Christina P. Munholland
Terri S. Phelps
Jana M. Rednour
Agnes M. Root
Sara Nicole Sculli
Jessica Stas
Nicole Marie Valley
Nhung Thi Vo
Erin N. Weischedel
Amy Jo Whittaker
Keith D. Williams
Frederick Arthur Yungbluth, Jr.

Bachelor of Science in Applied Science

Kristin Lynn Amadio
Calvin Anthony Austin
Amanda H. Barrish
Susan D. Belanger
Sarah Christine Bernardi
Nicholas J. Buzek
Mandi Marie Campana
Kerri K. Capone
Yolanda Evette Chaney
Emily A. Cicero
Alvin Edward Crawford III
Kari Lynn Crawford
Brandy Corice Crum

Lori Nicole Daniels
Theresa Lynn Desmond-Lyden
Rachel Ellen Detec
Brian Michael Downing
Dana Allison Drissen
Justin Thomas Dunaway
Ayyoub Ziad El-Khoury
Donald S. Ferko III
Larry S. Frangos, Jr.
James J. Gannon
Brooke Nichole Gfell
Denise Giroux
Lindy Rae Goist
Jamie K. Gunyula
David W. Hendershot
Jada Nicole Hines
Lisa Marie Hutch
Laura Louise Italiano
Douglas Ryan Jones
Charlene Victoria Joseph
Joseph Michael Kamensky
Steffanie L. Kolovich
Christine Renee Korchnak
Charlene A. Kudlock
Gino Michael LaRocca
Anthony George Limongi
William J. Mallernee
Chelsea Rose Mays
Tarra Ann Morgan
Sarah Andrea Morvay
Krista Marie Musolino
Entesar J. Niser
Julie Marie Orto
Samantha Marie Puhak
Corey James Rich
Kun At Sam
Tara Lynn Savon

Kara Lee Sevi
Nathan Lee Smith
Phillip Alan Smith
David Jerome Spencer
Paul Joseph Stanko
Odessa La'Dawn Stanley
Michael John Sturgiss
Kim Marie Summers
Amanda Christine Sybelnik
Lynda Elizabeth Toth
Mollie Anne Violette
Annalee Elizabeth Wasson
Joshua Allen Wells
Lisa Ann Wolf
Sabrina A. Zahniser

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Marsha Lynn Blair
Suzanne Elizabeth Hritz

Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care

Jennifer N. Bryan
Regina Nicole Donchess

Bachelor of Social Work

Tiffany Denise Anderson
Jameekia Rosetta Latrice Barnett
Thomas Leon Burkes
Gerald M. Daniels
Lindsay Ann Dyer
Jasmine Nicole Hunt
Ashlee Marie Iannucci
Rochell U. Jarmon
Michaelyn Jamillie Patrice Robinson
Kenneth L. Willis

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Associate in Applied Science

Diane Day
Joseph Michael Valley

Associate in Arts

Tanika Arlene Dickens
Mary-Ellen Lemasters
Jannette E. Wright

Bachelor of Arts

Christopher Negovan Bartell
Daniel Richard-Tyson Bieltz
Rusty Lee Blosser
Audra Davina Carlson
Heather Kay Caryea
Jessie Marie Cochran
Paul Francis Crabtree
Ian Cunningham
James L. Davis III
Nicole Marie DeNiro

Bachelor of Science

Gerald C. Dowe, Jr.
Ziad El-Feghali
Erin Ann Fullerman
Jessica Nicole Gadd
Lindsay Alayne Gibson
Samuel Anthony Gugliotti
Nicholas Scott Halcomb
Brad Christopher Hall
Derrick Jamison Harris
Bethany Lisette Hinton
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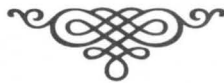
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Academic Regalia and Ceremony

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.

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*.

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