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COMMENCEMENT
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, AUGUST EIGHTEENTH
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN
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 99-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.

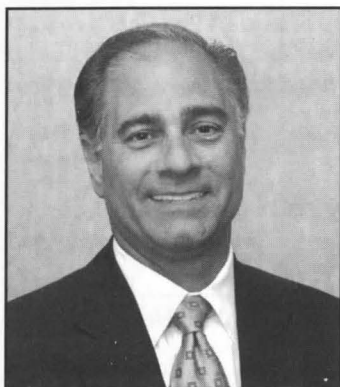
PROGRAM

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: 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.....	Dr. Misook Yun, Soprano <i>Associate Professor of Music, Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts</i>
STUDENT REFLECTION.....	Erin Bishop <i>Graduate Candidate, Bitonte College of Health and Human Services</i>
INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES.....	President Sweet
GREETINGS AND REMARKS.....	John Pogue <i>Chairperson of the Board of Trustees</i>
INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER.....	Bege K. Bowers <i>Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Planning</i>
ADDRESS.....	Thomas J. Cavalier <i>YSU Alumni Society's 2007 Distinguished Citizen Award Recipient</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION.....	"Tribute to Irving Berlin" arr. Barker YSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble
REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES.....	Associate Provost Bowers
CONFERRING OF DEGREES.....	President Sweet
PRESENTATION OF THOMAS J. CAVALIER TO RECEIVE THE HONORARY DEGREE DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS.....	Atty. Pogue
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES.....	Peter J. Kasvinsky, <i>Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research</i> Philip Ginnetti, <i>Dean of the Beeghly College of Education</i> 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> Shearle Furnish, <i>Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences</i> Martin A. Abraham, <i>Dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics</i> Betty Jo Licata, <i>Dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration</i>
WELCOME FROM YSU ALUMNI SOCIETY.....	Bruce Sherman <i>President, YSU Alumni Society</i>
CLOSING REMARKS.....	President Sweet
ALMA MATER.....	Dr. Yun From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. Willis
RECESSIONAL.....	"The Liberty Bell March" by John Philip Sousa "Fairest of the Fair" by John Philip Sousa
COLLEGE RECEPTIONS.....	Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room

Atty. John Pogue, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, and Associate Provost Bowers will invest Mr. Cavalier 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



Thomas J. Cavalier

Today's commencement speaker, Thomas J. Cavalier, is chairman, president and CEO of Butler Wick Corp. and its subsidiary, Butler, Wick & Co., Inc. He also serves on the board of Butler Wick Trust Company, a Butler Wick Corp. subsidiary. On August 9, Mr. Cavalier was named Youngstown State University's Distinguished Citizen for 2007, one of

the highest honors given by the University. For twenty-seven years, the Distinguished Citizen Award has been given to an area leader who has rendered exceptional service to the greater community.

Following graduation from Youngstown State University in 1976, Mr. Cavalier began his career with Butler, Wick & Co., Inc. and has served in his current position since September of 1985. Since Mr. Cavalier assumed leadership of the company, Butler Wick has formed Butler Wick Trust Company, Butler Wick Investment Management Group, Butler Wick Capital Markets Group, and Butler Wick Insurance Group. Butler Wick Corp., through its two subsidiaries, has 200 employees in 19 offices throughout Ohio and Pennsylvania. In August 1999, Butler Wick Corp. became a subsidiary of United Community Financial Corp., a bank holding company. Mr. Cavalier serves on the board of United Community Financial Corp.

In addition to his numerous professional affiliations, Mr. Cavalier has also served the community in many capacities. He is chair of the board of the Youngstown State University Foundation and is a member of the board of University Housing Corp. In 2005, the YSU Board of Trustees nominated Mr. Cavalier as the YSU representative to the board of Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM). He is currently vice chair of that board and chair of the Finance, Fiscal Policy and Investment Committee. He currently serves and is a past president of the board of the Butler Institute of American Art and is a board member of the Tri-County Regional Make-A-Wish Foundation. In 2002, Mr. Cavalier served as the campaign chair of the Youngstown/Mahoning Valley United Way. His previous community involvement includes membership on the boards of the Youngstown-Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Youngstown Symphony Society, Forum

Health, the Poland Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence, and the Youngstown Central Area Community Improvement Corporation.

Mr. Cavalier and his wife Cristine reside in Canfield and have five children: Dr. Christina Cavalier, Mr. Brian Cavalier, Mr. Christopher (Shirley) Thomas, Mr. Michael Thomas, and Mr. Joseph (Megan) Thomas. They have one grandson, Christopher Thomas.

The Student Commencement Speaker



Erin Bishop

Erin Bishop is a graduate of Youngstown State University's Community Health BSAS degree program. Today, she receives her Master of Public Health. Ms. Bishop has been a valued part-time faculty member in the Department of Health Professions for the last six years.

Ms. Bishop has been active as a volunteer for many years with numerous YSU and community organizations. She served for two years as the president of Eta Sigma Gamma, the national health sciences honorary society. She is a member of several community organizations including the Mahoning County Continuum of Care, the Homeless Coalition of Mahoning County, the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio, and ACTION, and serves on several ministries with St. Christine's Parish of Youngstown. She also volunteers at the Mahoning Valley Rescue Mission and the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Nationally recognized for her work in diabetes prevention, Ms. Bishop has presented at seven professional national conferences as a Team Leader of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Bureau of Primary Health Care National Health Disparities Collaborative. She is a Certified Health Education Specialist.

Ms. Bishop has co-authored several successful grant proposals that have been funded to improve the quality of life in the Youngstown area. Funders have included the Ohio Commission on Minority Health, the Bureau of Primary Health Care, and the City of Youngstown Community Development Agency. She worked with the Mahoning County Continuum of Care to develop the *Blueprint for a 10-year plan to end homelessness in Mahoning County*, her final project for her master's degree program.

Ms. Bishop lives in Youngstown with her husband, Jason, and sons Jack, age three, and Ethan, age one. She is a graduate of Ursuline High School.

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

Master of Arts

Michael Joseph Craig, B.A.
Mount Union College
History

Michael R. Harvey, B.A.
Washington and Jefferson College
English

Karissa May Hunkus, B.A.
Baldwin-Wallace College
English

Jonathan Ashley Kinser, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
History
Thesis: *The Racketeer and the Reformer: How James Munsene Used Clarence Darrow to Become the Bootleg King of Warren, Ohio*

Barbara J. Lyras, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English

Samantha Anne Maziarz, B.A.
State University of New York
—Buffalo
English
Thesis: *Sentiment & Squalor: Picking Through the Wreckage to Find Meaning in Carolyn Chute's Egypt, Maine Novels*

Rachel Caroline Moses, B.A.
Marshall University
History
Thesis: *'Til Woman Cometh Unto Her Own: A Comparative Analysis of American Woman Suffragist Ideology to Marxism, 1848-1920*

Thomas William Pittman, A.B.
Youngstown State University
English
Thesis: *Marginal Comments in Negligible Ink*

Allison Lynn Poole, A.B.
St. Mary's College
English

Shannon Renae Skiles, B.A.
Marshall University
History
Thesis: *Domesticating Sexuality: Contextualizing the Contradictory Imagery of Female Consumerism, 1955-1959*

Meredith Therese Day Slane, B.A.
Kent State University
English

Master of Business Administration

Gregory P. Bedenis, B.S.
Ferris State University
General

Gabriel John Illes, B.S.B.
Youngstown State University
General

Meredith Michelle Mylott, B.S.B.
Youngstown State University
General

Chad Louis Phillips, B.S.
Westminster College
General

Todd Robert Sardich, B.S.B.A.
John Carroll University
General

Adam T. Sofran, B.A.
Colgate University
General

Master of Computing & Information Systems

Salem A. Al Emaishat, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Computing & Information Systems

Samuel Richard Snyder, B.A.
Thiel College
Computing & Information Systems

Danielle Marie Wojnarski, B.S.
Kent State University
Computing & Information Systems

Master of Fine Arts

Mindi A. Kirchner, A.B.
Penn State University
Creative Writing

Master of Music

Pamela Wyn Bellanca, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Music Education

Paul Edward Faatz II, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Music Education

Master of Physical Therapy

Amy Lynne Boes, B.S.
University of Toledo
Physical Therapy

Aby E. Chismar, B.S.
Kent State University
Physical Therapy

Maggie Elizabeth Donatelli, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Physical Therapy

Alexis Delphi Elias, B.S.
Kent State University
Physical Therapy

Eva Miles Evans, A.B.
Baldwin Wallace College
Physical Therapy

Lindsay Nicole Frontz, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Physical Therapy

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

Karen Elizabeth Hartman, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Physical Therapy

Alaina-Marie Hershman, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Physical Therapy

Jeffrey Alan Koontz, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Physical Therapy

Devin Marie Novak, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Physical Therapy

Edward Joseph Novosel, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Physical Therapy

Shingo Tanaka, B. Law
Kobe Gakuin University, Japan
Physical Therapy

Master of Public Health

Erin Maureen Bishop, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Public Health

Ida R. Fusillo, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Public Health

Misty L. Koletich, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Public Health

Master of Science

George Annor Abu, B.Sc.
University of Cape Coast, Ghana
Mathematics

Ryan Patrick Conway, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Chemistry
Thesis: *Studies Towards a Scalable
Synthesis of N-Acetyl-
L-Fucosamine*

Glen Adam Cox, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Chemistry
Thesis: *Synthesis of N-acetyl-2-
amino-2-deoxy-D-mawhopyranose
uronic acid (D-ManNAcA)
Derivatives*

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

Stephanie Suzanne Hughes, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Criminal Justice
Thesis: *Juvenile Boot Camps versus
Detention Centers and Probation: A
Comparison of Effectiveness from the
Personnel's Perspective*

Danielle Rae Jack, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Chemistry
Thesis: *Synthesis & Characterization
of the TiNxOyFz System Using
XRD, SEM/EDS & Other Analytical
Techniques*

Thomas Christopher Jordan, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Criminal Justice

Ramnath Kallamadi, B. Pharm.
Osmania University, India
Chemistry
Thesis: *Synthesis and Reactions of
BIS (2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl)
Phosphonoalkynes*

Joseph Francis Kolenick, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Mathematics
Thesis: *E-Perfect Numbers Not
Divisible by 3 and 5*

Rachel Lynn Kusnic, B.S.
University of Pittsburgh
Chemistry
Thesis: *Solid-State Analytical
Chemistry: Surface and Bulk
Characterization by
Complementary Analytical
Methods*

Daryl G. Mains, Jr., B.S.
Penn State University
Chemistry
Thesis: *Mixed-Metal Reactions of
Metal Acetylacetonate*

Anitha Muttavarapu, B. Pharm.
Jawaharlal Nehru Technological
University, India
Chemistry
Thesis: *Intracellular Expression of
the H15S Hen Egg White Lysozyme
Mutant and the Generation of
the Extracellular H15S Mutant and
Transformation into Pichia pastoris*

Joseph J. Ponzio, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Mathematics

Michael S. Strozewski, B.S.
Hiram College
Chemistry
Thesis: *Crystal Chemistries of
Mixed-Anion Perovskite-type
Ca₂Mn₂N₂O₂F and Rocksalt-type
Ca₂N_xO_{2-2x}F_x*

Nancy Lynn Tipple, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Criminal Justice

Robert E. Wardle III, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Chemistry
Thesis: *Optimization of a Method for
Detection and Quantization of the
Chemical Indicators of Atypical
Aging in Wine*

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*

Cheryl Lynn Yeager, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Criminal Justice

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

Master of Science in Education

Carolyn Leigh Anderson, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Pamela Lee Angelilli, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Christine M. Anzevino, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Secondary,
Curriculum

Carole E. Arendas, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Special Education,
Early Childhood Special
Education

Jennifer L. Benson, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Ashley Marie Bloor, B.S. in Ed.
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Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Heather Anne Bowser, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Justine René Burkey, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Secondary,
Educational Technology

Samuel Joseph Caputo, M.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

James A. Carbone, B.S.B.A.
Geneva College
Educational Administration

Nicole Marie Carrabbia, B.S.E.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Sunshine Lynn Craven, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Donna J. Czeck, B.S. in Ed., M.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Roger Alan Day, Jr., B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Paula LeAnn DeCapua, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Elementary, Reading
Specialist (PreK-12)

Christine Renee Diamandis, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Elementary, Middle
Grades

James Warren Dittrich, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Secondary,
Curriculum

Judith A. Dulberger, A.B.
Plattsburgh State University
Counseling

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Northern Illinois University;
Loyola University
Educational Administration

Joan Carole Fahey, B.S.
Dickinson College
Master Teacher—Elementary,
Early Childhood Education

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

Lisa Marie Fullerton, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Special Education

Julia Garda, B.S.
Slippery Rock University
Counseling

Lana P. Giourgalis, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Melissa Ann Hall, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Secondary,
English

Michael E. Hamm, B.S.E.
Bowling Green State University
Educational Administration

Amy Beth Hays, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Emily Catherine Hoovler, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Erin Theresa Kampf, A.B.
Baldwin-Wallace College
Counseling

Natasha Kristine Kelly, B.S. in Ed.
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Master Teacher—Elementary,
Early Childhood Education

Melissa Sue Kmetz, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Kerri Anne Kornbau, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Elementary,
Curriculum

Leslie Rachel Krafft, B.S.
University of Pittsburgh
Counseling

Scott John Lakus, B.A.
Cleveland State University
Educational Administration

Lisa Michelle Lincoln, B.S. in Ed.
Kent State University
Master Teacher—Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

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Curriculum

Beth Anne McIntyre, B.S. in Ed.
Kent State University
Master Teacher—Elementary,
Early Childhood Education

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

Prudence Michelle Morris, A.B.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Jennifer Ann Myers, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Elementary,
Middle Grades

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

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

Jamie Lynn Pillar, B.A.
John Carroll University
Educational Administration

Patricia A. Prosenjak, B.S. in Ed.
Kent State University
Master Teacher—Secondary,
Curriculum

Mary Jane E. Quaranta, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Carrie Lee Repasky, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Jeffrey Alan Rudnik, B.A.
Thiel College
Counseling

Nancy J. Sauline, A.B.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Gretchen Paige Smith, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Kory M. Snyder, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Secondary,
Curriculum

Shannon Lynn Superak, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Leslie Anne Thomas, B.S.W.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Master of Science in Engineering
Pamela Gay Bowers, B.E.
Youngstown State University
Electrical & Computer
Engineering

Justin M. Fain, B.S.E.
Youngstown State University
Mechanical Engineering

Arjun Reddy Kallam, B.E.
Acharya Nagarjuna University, India
Civil/Environmental & Chemical
Engineering
Thesis: *Runoff and Flow
Assessment of Yellow Creek and
Its Sub-basin Watersheds Above
Route 170 Bridge*

Ryan Michael Paul, B.E.
Youngstown State University
Mechanical Engineering
Thesis: *Micro structural and
Chemical Characterization of
Interpenetrating Phase
Composites as Unique Refractory
Materials Produced via Reactive
Metal Penetration*

Benjamin J. Shaw, B.S.E.
Geneva College
Electrical & Computer
Engineering
Thesis: *FlexARM1: An ARM
Based IP Core for the UP3
Education Kit*

Master of Science in Nursing
Brenda S. Andexler, B.S.N.
Walsh University
Nursing

Candace Marie Barak, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nursing

Terri K. Becks, B.S.N.
University of Akron
Nursing

Sheila Marie Blank, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nursing

Michael P. Bruderly, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nursing

Stefanie Ann Butcher, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nursing

Juanita M. Combs, B.S.N.
College of Mount Saint Joseph
Nursing

Alina Eliza-Feier Coyne, B.S.N.
University of Akron
Nursing

Jeffery Erin Ferguson, B.S.N.
University of Cincinnati
Nursing

Jarmila Hudspath, B.S.N.
Penn State University
Nursing

Kathleen Miller, B.S.N.
Carlow College
Nursing

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

April Lynn Moran, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nursing

Daniel John Pomponio, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nursing

Hortense Evelina Wood, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nursing

Joseph Paul Petrozzi, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nursing

SUMMER 2007
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

Trina Marie Arnold
Shirley A. Benish
Jeffrey David Breneman II
Patricia Jeanne Calko
Michael George Chichak
Hasan M. Ghayur

Joseph W. Granchie
Christine Habuda
Amanda Rae Holt
Kendal Kover
Coletta Sue Mace
Laura Lynne Paden

Jason Philip Shadle
Tetsuya Takeno
Kristina Marie Tomlan
Jennifer Carolyn Turner
Belinda A. Vavlas

Magna Cum Laude

Mary Kathleen Archambault
Brian Gregory Boone
Heather Allison Crawford
Brian Michael Denton
Tyne F. Esarey
Christine M. Fanfer
Milan Jacob Glavies
Tyler J. Guy
Donald Harland Hall
Dawn M. Hartzell

Jane Victoria Hill
James R. Jackson
Gregory David Jacobs
Megan Y. Kamath
Harleen Kaur
Vincent Michael Krpacak
Brent Robert Lang
Rebecca Elizabeth Madden
Mathew James Marshall

Crispin Benjamin Moran
Julie Elizabeth Moser
Nathan Lee Pavalko
Monique Danielle Peace
Courtney Allyn Polenick
Julia Elizabeth Rodabaugh
Kristen Dianne Rupert
Michael D. Schrock
Michelina Ivana Vitello

Cum Laude

Thomas Robert Adams
Shannon Michelle Baker
Amanda Burke
Patricia A. Cahalin
Bobbie Ann Dunn
Nicole Lynn Geffert
Eric D. Gennaro

Mark Steven Hamilton, Jr.
Daniel Eugene Jones
Mary Elizabeth Kanos
Christina Aria Lisotto
Joel S. Masters
Angela Marie Pasquinelli

Elizabeth A. Paun
Thomas Rocco Peters
Christopher Eugene Suszczynski
Edward Brooks Sutphin
Erin E. Thompson
Kimberly Anne Walker

ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS

With High Honors

Anthony Pietro Amabile

Donna Marie D'Agostino

Michael J. Schesler

With Honors

Amy Marie Crisp
Timothy J. Fryfogle

John Christopher Kocjancic
Jennifer Lynn McMullen

Barbara Ann Zets-Guzell

SUMMER 2007
HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Jeffrey D. Breneman
History
*How Carnegie and Frick Changed
America*

Danielle Maria DeChant
Biology
*Transposon Mutagenesis of the
Multi-metal Resistant Bacterium S.
maltophilia ORO2*

Tyne F. Esarey
Nursing Home Administration
Long Term Care Administration

James Robert Jackson
Electrical Engineering
*An Updated Automated System for the
Hargreaves Method*

Harleen Kaur
Biology
*The Anti-Epileptic Drug Retigabine
& It's Effects on Neurons*

Monique Danielle Peace
History
*Wanted: Brave, Devoted, Strong and
Proud Women*

BEEGHLY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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.

Bachelor of Science in Education

Jeremy Paul Albani
Shannon Michelle Baker
Crystal Lynn Biddle
Molly Dobozy

Donald Harland Hall
Jane Victoria Hill
James Vincent Lambert
Kinsey Marie Ludt
Rachael Ann Madden

Joseph J. Raber
Daniel Matthew Rose
Charles L. Rylander
Melissa V. Seckler
Erin E. Thompson

COLLEGE OF FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

Bachelor of Arts

Derek J. Baker
Thomas Edmund Froelich III
Thomas Christopher Kusiowski, Jr.
Courtney Allyn Polenick
Daniel M. Pushcar

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Patricia A. Cahalin
Jennifer Lynn Cann
Matthew Scott Harbison
Peter F. Lueders
Jennifer Carolyn Turner

Bachelor of Music

Tetsuya Takeno

BITONTE COLLEGE OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Associate in Applied Science

Amanda Ann Beadnell
Julie Ann Brown
Eileen Theresa Carlson
Amy Marie Crisp
Donna Marie D'Agostino
Kristin Renee Dobay
Jennifer M. Gilmore
Toni Kristen Johnson
Marilyn S. McKinley
Carla Gene McLaughlin
Jennifer Lynn McMullen
Christy Jeréll Morgan
Tamra M. Pegues-Brooks
Sparkle Annissa Sanders
Susan J. Tabak
Robin Gennece Williams
Barbara Ann Zets-Guzell

Suzanne M. DiTommaso
Tyne F. Esarey
Roslyn F. Fabian
Dina Nicole Federico
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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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