

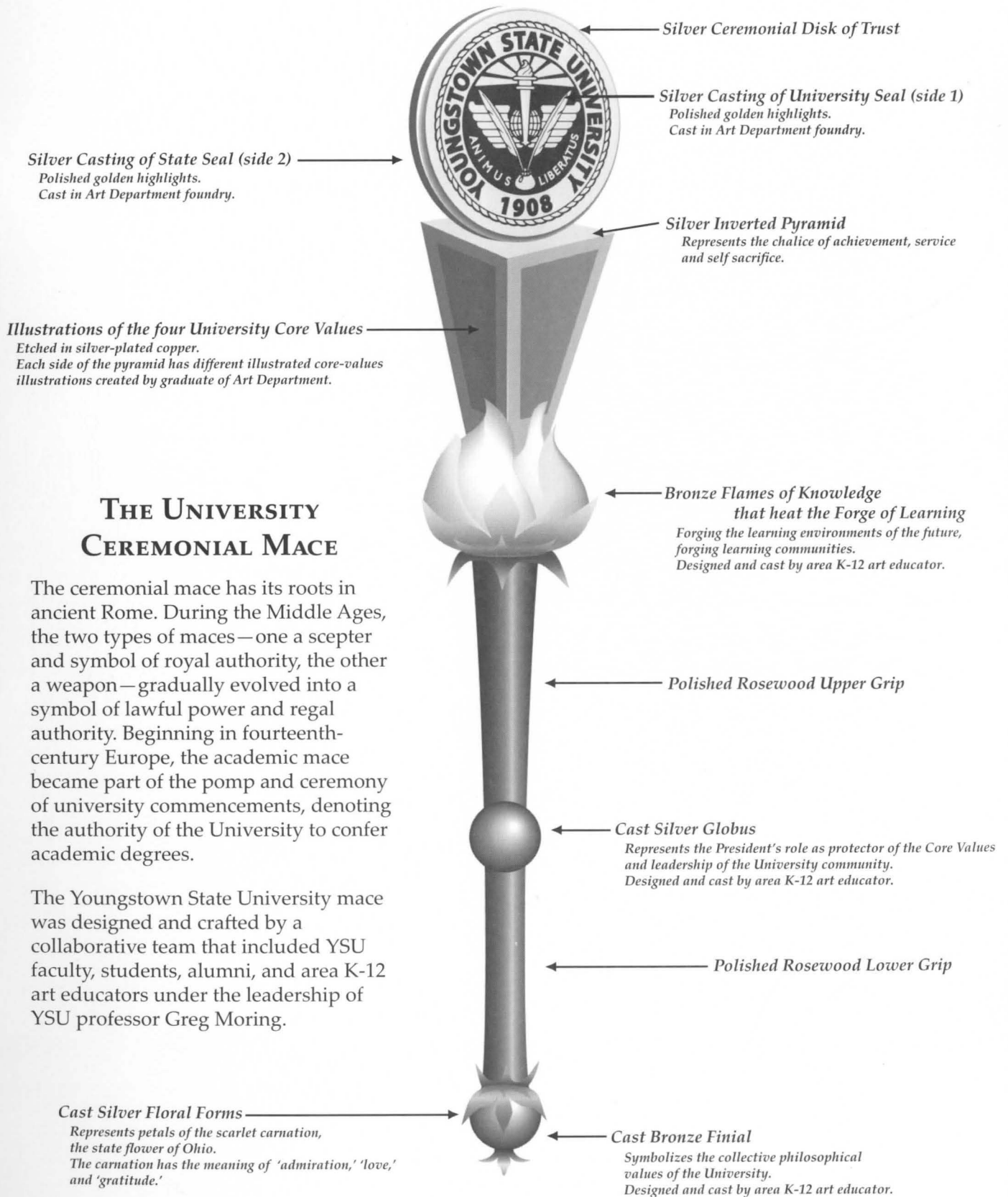


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COMMENCEMENT

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER EIGHTEENTH
TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN
TWO O'CLOCK, BEEGHLY CENTER

THE UNIVERSITY CEREMONIAL MACE



Silver Ceremonial Disk of Trust

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

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

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

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

THE UNIVERSITY CEREMONIAL MACE

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

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

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

Polished Rosewood Upper Grip

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

Polished Rosewood Lower Grip

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

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

PROGRAM

- PRELUDE**....."A Christmas Fanfare" by James A. Beckel, Jr.
YSU Wind Ensemble
Stephen L. Gage, *Director of Bands/Professor of Music*
Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts
- ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL**....."Suite #1 in Eb Major: Movement III." by Gustav Holst
"Pomp and Circumstance" March No. I by Sir Edward Elgar/arr. Grundman
"March Processional" by Clare Grundman
- WELCOME**.....Cynthia E. Anderson
President
- COLOR GUARD**.....The Youngstown State University Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps
- NATIONAL ANTHEM**.....Max Pivik
Baritone, Graduating Senior, Dana School of Music
- STUDENT REFLECTION**.....April Hauser
Graduating Senior, The Dr. Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health and Human Services
- PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**.....President Anderson
- INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES**.....President Anderson
- GREETINGS AND REMARKS**.....Sudershan Garg
Chair of the Board of Trustees
- INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER**.....Ikram Khawaja
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**.....Linda Gooden
Executive Vice President of Lockheed Martin's Information Systems and Global Solutions
- MUSICAL SELECTION**....."Sleigh Ride" by Leroy Anderson
- REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES**.....Provost and Vice President Khawaja
- CONFERRING OF DEGREES**.....President Anderson
- PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES**.....Peter Kasvinsky, *Associate Provost for Research and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research*
Bryan DePoy, *Dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts*
Joseph Mosca, *Dean of the Dr. Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health and Human Services*
Shearle Furnish, *Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*
Martin Abraham, *Dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*
Betty Jo Licata, *Dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration*
Mary Lou DiPillo, *Interim Dean of the Beeghly College of Education*
- WELCOME FROM YSU ALUMNI SOCIETY**.....Shelly LaBerto
President, YSU Alumni Society
- CLOSING REMARKS**.....President Anderson
- ALMA MATER**.....From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. Fleming
Mr. Pivik
- RECESSIONAL**....."Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa
"Fairest of the Fair" by John Philip Sousa
"National Emblem March" by E.E. Bagley

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

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS



Linda Gooden

Today's commencement speaker, Linda Gooden, is executive vice president of Lockheed Martin's Information Systems & Global Solutions (IS&GS) business area and an officer of Lockheed Martin Corporation. Under her leadership, IS&GS includes 30,000 experienced

professionals who provide integrated information technology solutions, systems and services to support worldwide missions for civil, defense, intelligence and other government clients. Headquartered in Gaithersburg, Maryland IS&GS operates in all 50 U.S. states and about 20 countries around the world.

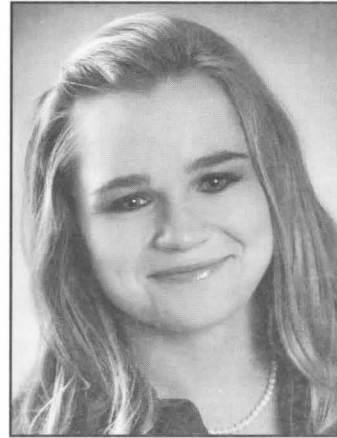
Ms. Gooden received her degree in computer technology from Youngstown State University and completed post-baccalaureate studies at San Diego State University. She also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Master of Business Administration from the University of Maryland, University College.

Ms. Gooden actively supports professional, academic and civic organizations, serving on numerous executive boards including Eisenhower Fellowships Board of Trustees; Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) International; TechAmerica; University Systems of Maryland Board of Regents; and Automatic Data Processing (ADP), Inc. In addition, President Barack Obama appointed Ms. Gooden to the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee in 2010.

In 2011, Ms. Gooden was inducted into the prestigious Career Communications Hall of Fame. In 2010, *Fortune* magazine named her as one of the Top 50 Most Powerful Women in Business. She was featured as one of *Black Enterprise* magazine's 100 Most Powerful Executives in Corporate America for 2009. In 2008, Ms. Gooden was inducted into the Maryland Business Hall of Fame and named to *Corporate Board Member* magazine's Top 50 Women in Technology.

Prior to assuming her current role, Ms. Gooden was executive vice president of Lockheed Martin's Information Technology & Global Services business

area, and before that she was president of Lockheed Martin Information Technology, a business unit she built over ten years to become a multibillion dollar business. She was vice president of Lockheed Martin's Software Support Services unit from 1994 and earlier held other positions of increasing responsibility.



April Hauser

The student commencement speaker, April Hauser, graduates today with a Bachelor of Science in Applied Science.

Ms. Hauser has lived in Andover, Ohio most of her life. She was homeschooled from kindergarten through fourth grade and attended Victory

Christian School in Liberty, Ohio, for fifth through eighth grades. An early college student at Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio, she graduated from Pymatuning Valley High with 45 college credits and began her academic career as a sophomore at Youngstown State University.

An outstanding student, Ms. Hauser achieved the Dean's List every semester she was enrolled at YSU and was nominated for membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Sigma Alpha Lambda, a national leadership and honors organization; and Golden Key International Honor Society.

In addition to her studies, Ms. Hauser worked as a lifeguard on campus at Beeghly Natatorium and part-time at an assisted living home in her hometown. As one of nine children, Ms. Hauser says that working to help pay for her education was always a necessity.

She credits her YSU experience with many opportunities including learning from inspiring professors, getting involved with different aspects of student life, and most importantly, providing the stepping stone to further her education.

Ms. Hauser volunteers at Youngstown Municipal Court as a member of the Veterans Court Team and after graduation, plans to attend law school. She has been admitted to several schools and is intent on pursuing a career in criminal prosecution.

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 Physical Therapy

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

Weiqing Ge, B.E., M.S.E., Ph.D.
Tianjin University, Xian University,
Peking Union Medical College, China
Physical Therapy

Master of Arts

Myon Dzidedi Adom, B.A.
University of Cape Coast, Ghana
Financial Economics

Andrea Armeni, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English

Katie Jo Black, B.S.
The Pennsylvania State University
Economics
Thesis: *Is Being Satisfied Making
You Wealthy and Wise? A Study
of the Effects of Well-Being at the
City Level*

Randolph Charles Ebert, B.A.
The Pennsylvania State University
History

John Kwame Enyam, B.A.
University of Ghana
Financial Economics

Jennifer Marie Frank, B.S.
Kent State University
American Studies

Jennifer L. Hanuschak, B.A.
Youngstown State University
History

Musah Khalid, B.A.
University of Cape Coast, Ghana
Economics

Jeffrey David Layton, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Economics
Thesis: *Ohio School Facilities:
Investments in the Future?*

Danielle Marie Lopatta-Sabino,
B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
History

Melissa Rose McGowan, B.A.
Youngstown State University
History

Laura Ann Mistovich, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English

Sean Todd Posey, B.F.A.
Academy of Art University
History
Thesis: *Roots of Urban Decay:
Race, Suburbanization and Urban
Renewal in Youngstown, 1950-1977*

Melissa Rochelle Raptis, B.F.A.
University of North Texas
Art Education

Kimberly I. Saunders, B.S.B.A.
Slippery Rock University
English

Robert William Suter, Jr., B.A.
Youngstown State University
English
Thesis: *How Marketing Rhetoric
Affects Student Retention*

Ashley Nicole Tate, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English

Jennifer Jing Zura, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
Financial Economics

Master of Business Administration

Tarik Michael Awad, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Todd Franklin Guarnieri, B.S.
The Pennsylvania State University
Management

Kristin B. Hawkins, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
Management

Lauren Renée LeGoullon, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
Management

Dustin Miles, B.B.A.
Kent State University
General

Brian Andrew Petrus, B.S.
Westminster College
Management

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

Gary Allan Ruggles, Jr., B.S.
The Ohio State University
Management

Frank M. Ruminski, B.E.
Youngstown State University
Management

Ryan Alexander Satterlee, B.S.
Union College
General

Edwin J. Torres, Jr., B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Master of Computing and Information Systems

Mohammad Tanveer Alam,
B.Tech.
Uttar Pradesh Technical
University, India
Computing and Information
Systems
Thesis: *Image Classification for
Remote Sensing Using Data—
Mining Techniques*

Sri Satya Dittakavi, B.E.
Anna University, India
Computing and Information
Systems

Shruthi Dondapati, B.Tech.
Kakatiya University, India
Computing and Information
Systems

Aleisa Ann Drivere, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Computing and Information
Systems
Thesis: *Can We Study the
Differences in Internet Topology
Characteristics from the Vantage
Points of Various Content
Providers?*

Roy H. John, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Computing and Information
Systems

Rex A. Kostraba, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Computing and Information
Systems

Antoine Ikechukwu Ogbonna,
B.E., M.S.
Youngstown State University
Computing and Information
Systems
Thesis: *The Psychology of a Web
Search Engine*

Sandhya Rani Vemulapalli,
B.S., M.C.A.
Acharya Nagarjuna University,
India
Computing and Information
Systems

Master of Health and Human Services

Elaine Maro, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Health and Human Services

Sally Jane Mentzer, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Health and Human Services

John Henry Joseph Russell,
B.M., M.B.A.
Youngstown State University
Health and Human Services

Master of Science

Steven Andrew Buffone, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Environmental Studies
Thesis: *In Situ Bioremediation of
Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons
in Mahoning River Bank Aquifers
and Contaminant Migration into the
Mahoning River Valley*

Jennifer Lyn DeChellis-Houser,
B.S., B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Environmental Studies
Thesis: *Wetland Awareness
Through Education: Educating the
Community About the Cranberry
Run Wetland*

James Robert Eynon, B.S.
Wheaton College
Mathematics
Thesis: *Comparison of Logistic
Force of Mortality Models for
Predicting Life Table Probabilities
of Death: A Simulation-Based
Approach*

Bryan Michael Galida, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Criminal Justice

Adriel Cavell Hepburn, B.S.Ed.
College of the Bahamas
Mathematics

Jade Jiang, A.S., M.S.
Sichuan TV & Radio University,
Beijing University of Physical
Education, China
Biology
Thesis: *The Effects of Housing
Conditions on Anxiety-Like
Behavior*

Maryam Kamran, B.S.
Chatham University
Biology
Thesis: *Expression Profile of flbD
During Morphogenesis in the
Dimorphic fungus Penicillium
Marneffeii*

Daniel Edward Kennedy II, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Biology
Thesis: *Differential Expression
of the Asp Gene Family in an
AMT—Generated, Penicillium
Marneffeii Mutant*

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

Feroze Khan, B.S.
Saginaw Valley State University
Chemistry
Thesis: *Effect of Landfill Gas on Ni-YSZ Anode*

Stephanie Marie McCann, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Biology
Thesis: *Domain Specific Over-Expression of a Peptide Encoded by an I-Band Domain of the Human TTN Gene: The Role of Titin Exons 248-250 in C2C12 Myogenesis*

Pradeepthi Ponnada, B.Pharm.
Andhra University, India
Chemistry
Thesis: *Structural Elucidation of Dipeptide Metal Complexes*

Eric Christopher Price, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Biology
Thesis: *Characterization and Analysis of Penicillium Marneffeii Mutants Produced by Agrobacterium—Mediated Mutagenesis*

George A. Reedy, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Environmental Studies
Thesis: *Land Use Effects on Water Quality*

Nabeel A. Shaik, B.Pharm.
Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, India
Chemistry
Thesis: *Quantitative Determination of Selenium Degraded by Entereobacter Sp. YSU and Stenotrophomonas Maltophilia Sp R12*

Stephanie Marie Uber, B.A., B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Criminal Justice
Thesis: *Police Corruption and Misconduct from a Police Officer Perspective: From Identification to Discipline and Prevention*

Ashley Marie Wolf, B.S.
University of Toledo
Chemistry
Thesis: *Investigations of a Novel Manganite Oxy-Fluoride and Other Ceramic Materials*

Sara Elizabeth Wright, B.A.
University of North Carolina
Wilmington
Biology
Thesis: *Spatial Structuring of Benthic Invertebrate Communities Within and Among Wooded Headwater*

Master of Science in Education

Victoria Nicole Aikens, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Jennifer R. Bracken, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Adolescent/Young Adult
Integrated Social Studies

Madeleine Maroun Clendenin, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Curriculum and Instruction

Amy Kristen Crawford, B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Curriculum and Instruction

Anthony Michael Gerchak, B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Technology

Lindsey Kathleen Golubic, B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Literacy

Charlotte Dorteia Gorby, B.B.A., B.S.
Kent State University
Educational Administration

Emily R. Herman, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Erin Elaine Hricik, B.S., B.S.Ed.
Slippery Rock University,
Youngstown State University
Curriculum and Instruction

Jeneane Marie Hugus, B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Curriculum and Instruction

Stephanie Marie Jarvis, B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Technology

Jamie Lee Johnson, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Teresa A. Kawecki, B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Curriculum and Instruction

Gregory L. Kibler, B.S.Ed.
Ohio University
Teacher Education, Curriculum
and Instruction

Stephanie Ann Kinch, B.A.
Lock Haven University
Counseling

Jessica Lynn Kosek, B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Curriculum and Instruction

Dana Anne Lariccia, B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Literacy

Mary Beth Loto, B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH (continued)

Marlayne Marie Macko-Tabor,
B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
English Language Arts Content
Area

Jenna Rae Pagano, B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Laura C. Pfahler, B.S.A.S., B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Technology

Teri Lynn Rauch, B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Nancy Reali, B.S., M.H.H.S.
Kent State University,
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Frank Anthony Scrocco, Jr.,
B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Emily Ann Stanley, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Jeanne Louise Stenglein, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Special Education

Kelli Maureen Sylvester, B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Amy Jo Taggart, B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
English Language Arts Content
Area

Hannah Noel Vinsel, B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Literacy

Lindsey Marie Wolfe, B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Technology

Sandra Jean Zeman, B.A.
Lake Erie College
Educational Administration

Master of Science in Engineering

Kulvir Khalsa, B.Tech.
Kurukshetra University, India
Industrial and Systems

A.B.M. Mostafizur Rahman, B.E.
Bangladesh University of
Engineering and Technology
Civil and Environmental
Thesis: *Assessment of Bridge
Service Life Using Wireless Sensor
Network*

Bijayandra Shakya, B.E.
Tribhuvan University, Nepal
Electrical
Thesis: *Magneto-Optical Properties
of One-Dimensional Photonic
Crystals*

Joshua D. Thomas, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Civil and Environmental

Sruthi Chowdary Vemuri, B.Tech.
Acharya Nagarjuna University,
India
Civil and Environmental
Thesis: *Nutrient Removal in a
Constructed Wetland, and Impact
on Water Quality in a Downstream
Pond*

Zhaoxin Wang, B.E.
Kunming University of Science
and Technology, China
Mechanical

Master of Science in Nursing

Terrienne Marjorie Basch, B.S.N.
Chamberlain College of Nursing
Nurse Anesthetist

Frances Ann Clark, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nursing

Sarah Ann Connolly, B.S.N.
Kent State University
Nurse Anesthetist

Colleen Renee Connor, B.S.N.
Kent State University
Nurse Anesthetist

Bridget Colleen Dill, B.S.N.
Malone College
Nurse Anesthetist

Brenda Sue Ginder, B.S.N.
Gannon University
Nursing

Christy Michelle Hamilton,
A.D.N., B.S.N.
Fairmont State University
Nurse Anesthetist

Nicholas M. Hartman, B.S.N.
Walsh University
Nurse Anesthetist

Jan Elaine Haycox, B.S.N.
Kent State University
School Nurse

Bethany E. Irish, B.S., B.S.N.
Nazareth College,
Kent State University
Nurse Anesthetist

Kimberly Joyce Lucas, B.S.N.
South University
Nurse Anesthetist

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

Mark Alan Maroni, B.S.N.
Kent State University
Nurse Anesthetist

Douglas Edward Shaffer, B.S.N.
Chamberlain College of Nursing
Nurse Anesthetist

Wendy M. Thomas, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nursing

Sarah Elizabeth Phillips, B.S.N.
Eastern Kentucky University
Nurse Anesthetist

Seth M. Sharp, B.S.N.
Malone College
Nurse Anesthetist

Charlene Sylvia White-Lowery,
B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nurse Anesthetist

FALL 2011
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

Sean R. Baran
Stephanie M. Boyer
Karen L. Cooper
Justine Cullen
Alyssa K. D'Angelo
Joseph R. DiVieste
Amanda M. Fraser
Robert M. Frazzini
Kayla M. Gerke
Kevin A. Gilmore
Sarah J. Goehring
Sarah E. Gregory
Jenna M. Hallapy

Laura E. Hanley
Sepideh Khavari
Alexa M. Marino
Nicole R. Marino
Alicia R. Martinko
Kayla E. Matey
Danielle M. McEvey
Gregory D. McGlynn
Neil R. Meloro
Alexander W. Merdich
Arielle J. Mincher
Natalie R. Modarelli
Jill M. Monroe

Cassie A. Mosure
Katie L. Mraz
Gina Oakes
Katie L. Olenick
Jason M. Orlando
Diane D. Platton
Kelly E. Russ
William J. Rusu
John B. Shelby
Jessica R. Sirakis
Ryan Sklenicka
Brittany N. Snyder
Andrew L. Zunic

Magna Cum Laude

Patrick T. Andrews
Bethany M. Barnett
Jay Beane
Kayla R. Belden
Frank J. Bindas
Andrew S. Bobalik
Christen M. Branca
Erika M. Cline
Brianna R. Cohen
Sara E. Dager
Kevin P. Day
Justin D. Dunsing
Marissa L. Elicson
Carrie E. Fiol
William R. Gains
Brittany M. Gania

Cassie M. Garland
Matthew L. Green
Christopher L. Grope
April R. Hauser
Lindsey M. Hesson
Peter V. Kadilak
Aisha M. Kelson
Michael J. LaRocca
Sarah K. Louk
Jacob B. McFall
Grace H. Murphy
Ashley E. Nard
Christina A. Niemeyer
Meghan M. O'Neill
Adrian M. Paulino

Natasha R. Reid
Adam J. Remias
Stacey M. Robins
Joseph C. Rolla
Emily R. Russo
Matthew J. Schneider
Jessie E. Shanks
Melissa E. Sidley
Lynzie T. Smith
Chelsea E. Spangler
Megan L. Sponcil
Katherine D. Walker
Christie R. Walton
Meghan A. Watson
Thomas J. Yuricek

FALL 2011
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS *(continued)*

Cum Laude

Cynthia M. Akpadock
James D. Beck
Danielle C. Brant
Daniel R. Brown
Lacey D. Camp
Danielle C. Chase
Saundra L. Clarke
Kimberlee M. Delco
Melissa A. Dobstaff
Kevin S. Duncan
Kristin M. Edwards
Karen L. Fisher
Brigitte M. Flick
Colleen George
Holly M. Hahn

Kelly L. Heinemann
Kristy L. Hertz
Samantha R. Holisky
Brandi J. Kail
Karissa Litten
Tyler J. Matacic
Ross J. Mazzupappa
Chelsea E. Miller
Megan E. Millich
Sara A. Morgan
Randall G. Moy
Mark E. Novotny
Justin R. Oaks
John P. Pallini
Ashley B. Saadey

Andrew A. Samuels
Joseph A. Sanetrick
Amy B. Sanor
Brady A. Seitz
Jacob Short
Franklin L. Stout
Angela M. Urban
Gian B. Vacca
David M. Walker
Charles A. Wells
Jaime A. Wilkes
Tracey A. Wyatt
Sarah L. Wysenski
Rachel A. Zuzga

FALL 2011
ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS

With High Honors

Cheryl L. Babcock
Mohamed S. Khodari
Thomas A. Kuhns
Kefah O. Salem

With Honors

Zachary J. Barkley
Daniel DeMarco
David C. Iannetti
Melissa A. Pregi
Murry A. Sheard

FALL 2011
HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Cassie M. Garland

Biology

*A Student's Perspective of a Cardiac
Dynamics Laboratory: The study
and treatment of cardiac arrhythmias
in Long QT Syndrome Type 2*

Katie L. Mraz

Early Childhood Education

A Deeper Look into Inclusion

Gina Oakes

General Administration

A Dedication to Safety



COLLEGE OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

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Bachelor of Arts

Patrick T. Andrews
William R. Burney
Natasha N. Clark
Kimberlee M. Delco
Ryan Joyce
John D. Matthews
Jonathan R. McKelvey
Anthony M. Melone
Emily R. Russo
William J. Rusu
Buddy M. Sauceman
Jessica R. Sirakis
Tia T. Stanford

Candice M. Thomas

Christie R. Walton

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Danielle C. Brant
Rachel L. Campoli
Richard R. Courtney
Karen L. Fisher
Colleen George
Brandi J. Kail
Lauren M. Lenio
Michele M. Manna
Ross J. Mazzupappa

Molly P. McKay

Alexander W. Merdich

Jessie E. Shanks

Bachelor of Music

Sean R. Baran
Alaina E. Felgar
Neil R. Meloro
Natalie R. Modarelli
Max J. Pivik
Julianna L. Sabo
Franklin L. Stout
Robert C. Thorndike

BITONTE COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Associate of Applied Science

Crystal F. Allen
Cheryl L. Babcock
Todd L. Burch
Jeffrey P. Cornelius
Kathryn N. Gentile
Kathleen L. Hubbard
Sean R. Kail
Lori A. Knaggs
Johnathan S. Leyshon
Tina L. May
Angela S. Piecuch
Kyle R. Pitts
Melissa A. Pregi
Jennie R. Rainey
Mary M. Ritchey
Kefah O. Salem
Murry A. Sheard
Anjuli Z. Terry
Sirithia L. Williams
Nicole L. Yereb

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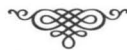
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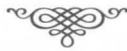
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Dr. Nancy W. Mosca, a professor in nursing and recipient of four YSU Distinguished Professor awards over her career, is in her thirtieth year teaching nursing at YSU. Dr. Mosca earned a Ph.D. in nursing from Case Western Reserve University, her baccalaureate and master's degrees in nursing from University of Illinois, Chicago, and a diploma in nursing from St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing in Youngstown. She holds two ANCC advanced practice national certifications—pediatric nurse practitioner and public health clinical specialist—along with national certification and Ohio Department of Education licensure as a school nurse.

Dr. Mosca was selected as a SHARE Fellow with the Division of School Health at the University of Colorado (1999-2001). She was instrumental in developing YSU's school nurse licensure program, approved by the Ohio Department of Education, as well as a school nurse option in the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) programming. She serves on the board of the Ohio Association of School Nursing, chairing the research committee. In 2009, Dr. Mosca was appointed by Ohio's Chancellor and served as chairperson to the Ohio School Health Services Advisory Council, charged with recommending best practices for the use of school nurses and school nurse wellness coordinators in Ohio's K-12 schools.

Dr. Mosca has received several grants from state and regional sources, including Ohio Workforce Development, Ohio Learning Network, and Ohio Preparedness Leadership Institute. Her publications are in the area of school nursing, child health, and public health.

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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.

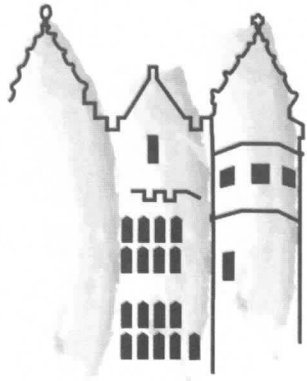
The Presidential Medallion

President Anderson 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 six past presidents.

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

The Youngstown State University Seal

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



Youngstown State University— An Innovative Educational Leader

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


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

Today, Youngstown State University is a leading comprehensive university, serving more than 14,500 full- and part-time students with 117 undergraduate programs, 41 master's degree programs, one specialist program, and three doctoral degree programs. There are more than

450 full-time faculty and 800 professional and support staff members in seven colleges, schools and administrative departments.

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

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

Each graduate we celebrate today is a YSU Success Story. They join more than 92,000 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.