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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - "The more you know, the more you know how much more you have to know."

That's the belief of Mary Place Thomas of Boardman, veteran Youngstown State University educator who just received her Master's degree in Theology from Duquesne University.

Mrs. Thomas, who is Inservice/Recruitment Activities Coordinator for YSU's Education Department and has taught education at the University for 14 years, has also been active in the role of women in today's society and in the Catholic Church.

Why pursue a Master's in Theology?

"I wanted to know more about theology to be more credible when I speak out about women's concerns in the church and society."

"I'm not a marcher. I just hope, through education, to raise the consciousness level of people," she said.

Mrs. Thomas is active at her church, St. Christine's. She recently served on the Bishop's Task Force for Women, a committee set up to raise the consciousness level of all people involved.

The task force, and others like it across the country, gathered input about women's issues in the church. "All the responses from across the country were gathered and a pastoral letter about women's concerns will be written. Women in the church feel patronized," she reported.

"At least women's issues are coming to the forefront," she added.

"Theology in the Catholic church has gone through a great period of growth in the last 20 years since the second Vatican Conference," she said. "I think it's been a change for the better."

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Mrs. Thomas said she feels her numerous theology courses will help her speak intelligently about issues. But this new knowledge did not come without a lot of hard work. "The work I did at Duquesne was very hard, very scholarly. It involve a lot of research," she said. "My husband Raymond was very supportive through this," she said.

It also involved a lot of time. She spent many Saturdays, summers and "a lot of days without pay" to complete her Master's.

Mrs. Thomas explained that Duquesne has a special arrangement with the Youngstown Catholic Diocese that offers two courses a year to be taught at the Ursuline Motherhouse. "I was able to take four courses in Youngstown through this program," she said.

Although Mrs. Thomas is currently teaching a religious studies course at YSU, she doesn't plan on devoting her entire teaching career to religion. "I would need a doctorate to do that and right now I don't plan on getting one," she said.

She does plan on continuing her work in the Education Department.

She has helped coordinate various educational programs in the YSU campus such as the "Summer of Growth" program and "Day on Campus." She is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Ohio Association for Teacher Educators and the Ohio Association of Elementary School Principals, among others.

Mrs. Thomas has also been the treasurer for the Youngstown ^{Area} CROP Walk, on the Board of Advisors of youth Ministry for the Youngstown Catholic Diocese, a member of the Women's Ordination Conference and on the Panel of American Women.

Mrs. Thomas attended Villa Maria (Pa.) High School, received her Bachelor of Secondary Education in Elementary Education at St. John College, Cleveland, and her Master of Education in Administration/Supervision from Kent State University. She also received her superintendent's certificate from YSU after completing 50 hours in 1978.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - A total of \$36,000 has been awarded to 24 high school graduating seniors in recognition of academic achievement as a part of Youngstown State University's new Dean's Scholarships.

This total is part of \$144,000 being awarded to 96 students, four on each class level of YSU's six undergraduate colleges and schools, for use during the 1986-87 school year.

The schools and colleges include: the College of Applied Science and Technology, College of Arts and Sciences, Warren P. Williamson, Jr., School of Business Administration, School of Education, William Rayen School of Engineering, and the College of Fine and Performing Arts.

The Dean's Scholarships are renewable for up to three years providing recipients continue to meet the criteria established by their particular college or school.

Because the individual colleges and schools decide which students will receive the scholarships, each college has its own set of requirements that the students had to meet.

The following is a list of the 1986-87 Dean's Scholarship freshmen recipients of \$1,500 each. A complete list of the remaining Dean's Scholarship recipients will be announced shortly.

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES RECIPIENTS:

Priti Nigam	Canfield, Ohio	Villa Maria H.S.
Brigitte Ramos	Canfield, Ohio	Canfield H.S.
Ivy Rechak	Canfield, Ohio	Canfield H.S.
Mariana Toplek	Girard, Ohio	Liberty H.S.

WILLIAMSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION RECIPIENTS:

Curtis C. Culver	Cortland, Ohio	Maplewood H.S.
Douglas Lynn Herbert	Warren, Ohio	Lordstown H.S.
Jerry Kimble	Columbiana, Ohio	Columbiana H.S.
Kim Crawford	Liberty, Ohio	Liberty, H.S.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION RECIPIENTS:

Lisa Anthony	Youngstown, Ohio	Canfield H.S.
Linda J. Hughes	Youngstown, Ohio	Chaney H.S.
Jenelle Black	New Springfield, Ohio	Springfield H.S.
Kelly Van Nostran	Youngstown, Ohio	Chaney H.S.

COLLEGE OF FINE/PERFORMING ARTS:

Julie Ann Perkins	Youngstown, Ohio	Chaney H.S.
Anne-Marie Jasecko	Boardman, Ohio	Boardman H.S.
Thomas M. Conroy	Boardman, Ohio	Boardman H.S.
Tamara Bahr	Columbus, Ohio	Mathews H.S.

COLLEGE OF APPLIED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RECIPIENTS:

John Allese	Toronto, Ohio	Stanton H.S.
Carla Smith	Niles, Ohio	Mineral Ridge H.S.
Mark Evans	Columbiana, Ohio	Crestview H.S.
Nancy Massucci	Poland, Ohio	Boardman H.S.

WILLIAM RAYEN SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING:

Trevor L. Lang	Warren, Ohio	Warren G. Harding
Fred Wilson	North Jackson, Ohio	Jackson Milton H.S.
Michael S. Archibald	East Palestine, Ohio	East Palestine H.S.
William Roy Coler	Columbiana, Ohio	South Range H.S.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Youngstown State University's Office of Continuing Education will offer a four-session course for individuals wanting to increase their word processing knowledge and skills.

"Multimate and Displaywrite III: Advanced Applications" will be held from 5:40-9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 27-June 5.

Participants will learn advanced applications on a microcomputer, choosing from a Multimate or Displaywrite III.

Topics to be discussed include merging, spell check, document compression, format changes, combining documents, scored paragraphs, footnotes, headers and footers, outlines, drawing, interpreting prompt lines, and setting up directories.

Virginia K. Phillips of Edinburg, Pa., associate professor in YSU's Business Education and Technology Department, will be instructor. The fee for the course is \$150.

For additional information, or to register, call the YSU Office of Continuing Education, at (216) 742-3358.

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"Distinguished Professors" honored at YSU's recent Honors Convocation included, from left: Dr. Pietro J. Pascale, Pulaski, Pa., professor of Foundations of Education; Dr. John J. Buoni, Boardman, Mathematical and Computer Science; Dr. Daniel H. Suchora, Boardman, Mechanical Engineering; and Dr. Frederick J. Blue, Austintown, History. Not shown is Dr. Saul S. Friedman, Austintown, History. They were among 10 selected for excellence in teaching, research and scholarship.

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Dr. Pietro J. Pascale of Pulaski, left, YSU professor of Foundations of Education, was among 10 University faculty members designated as "Distinguished Professors" at the University's recent Honors Convocation. Others are, from left: Dr. John J. Buoni, Boardman, Mathematical and Computer Science; Dr. Daniel H. Suchora, Boardman, Mechanical Engineering; and Dr. Frederick J. Blue, Austintown, History.

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YSU President Neil D. Humphrey, left, and his wife, Mary, right, recognized the winners of the President's Scholarships at the University's recent Honors Convocation. Kathy L. Prosser of Austintown and James Repasky of Poland, both juniors, were selected for their academic excellence and participation in extracurricular activities.

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Recipients of Vindicator Awards are, from left, Randall Kyte of Youngstown, scholarship in English; Susan M. Turek, Poland, "best all-round senior"; and Joseph Leone, Liberty, scholarship in humanities. Michael Vallas of Youngstown, not shown, won an award for scholarship in Social Science.

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Dr. John J. Yemma of Struthers, chairman of YSU's Allied Health Department, and Dr. Barbara Brothers, Youngstown, chairwoman of the English Department, received Watson Merit Awards at the University's recent Honors Convocation. The awards are based on excellence in teaching, research and scholarship.

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Two Canfield residents, Dr. Duane F. Rost, second from left, and Dr. Lee R. Slivinski, right, were among 10 YSU faculty members designated as "Distinguished Professors" at the University's recent Honors Convocation. Rost is professor of Electrical Engineering and Slivinski is assistant professor of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work. Others, from left, are Dr. Randy L. Hoover, Lake Milton, assistant professor of Administration and Secondary Education; Walter S. Mayhall, Youngstown, associate professor of Music; Dr. Brian J. Murray, Youngstown, assistant professor of English.

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