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Featured in this week's YSU News Briefs:

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Calendar

Friday and Saturday, May 27 and 28. YSU's Ward Beecher Planetarium wraps up its public showings for the academic year. "Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity" will be shown **8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.** "WSKY" will be shown **1 and 2:30 p.m. Saturday.**

YSU, SMARTS earn presidential honor for community service

For the second consecutive year, Youngstown State University has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

This year, YSU was recognized for the SMARTS (Students Motivated by the Arts) program and its impact on the local community. YSU is among only four public universities in Ohio to be named to the Honor Roll. To see the full list of recipients, visit http://www.learnandserve.gov/about/programs/higher_ed_honorroll.asp.

"Congratulations to these schools and their students for their dedication to service and commitment to improving their local communities," said Patrick A. Corvington, chief executive officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service.



Students in the YSU Students Motivated by the Arts program paint a mural on the YSU campus. SMARTS and YSU have been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. Read about it in this edition of YSU News Briefs.

The Honor Roll, launched in 2006, annually recognizes institutions of higher education for their commitment to and achievement in community service. CNCS oversees the Honor Roll in collaboration with the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact, and the American Council on Education.

“The selection of SMARTS for this honor is clearly indicative of how the program impacts the local community and employs faculty, student and community partnerships to engage local K-12 students in arts programming,” said Ron Shaklee, YSU director of University Scholars and Honors Programs and professor of geography.

“SMARTS connects YSU to the community and offers quality arts education programs to K-12 students from throughout the community,” said Becky Keck, SMARTS director. “This connection gives unlimited opportunities to YSU students, faculty and staff for teaching and learning. The result of this win-win model makes SMARTS one of YSU’s premier points for community engagement.”

SMARTS, created in 1997, is an arts education project of the YSU College of Fine and Performing Arts, the Beeghly College of Education and the many vital arts organizations in the region. It is one of YSU’s premier programs for diversity and community engagement. The program gives students in grades kindergarten to 12 free classes in visual arts, music, dance, theater, and creative writing and provides early learning opportunities in a living/learning laboratory for YSU students. SMARTS after-school, Saturdays, and summer programming reaches thousands of students and community members each year.

For more information, visit www.fpa.yosu/smarts.

During the 2009-2010 reporting period, arts programming accounted for 2,431 interactions by 191 K-12 students with SMARTS staff and volunteers. Volunteers included 19 YSU students, two YSU faculty, 11 YSU alumni, and five community artists. SMARTS also partners with Youngstown Boys and Girls Clubs and the Salvation Army to serve their youth constituencies.

Student receives national fellowship award

Emily Herman of Youngstown, a Youngstown State University graduate student in clinical mental health and school counseling, received the 2011-12 Chi Sigma Iota National Fellowship Award at the 2011 American Counseling Association Conference in New Orleans.

CSI is the national honor society for professional counselors. The award recognizes graduate and doctoral students of exceptional merit who have exhibited leadership potential at their universities. Out of the eight national fellowships, seven were awarded to doctoral students; Herman was the only graduate-level student nationally to receive this award.

Herman earned a bachelor's degree in public health from YSU in 2009 and is now a dual-track graduate student in the counseling master's program. She is currently completing her school counseling internship at South Range High School in Canfield and Kirkmere Elementary in Youngstown and her clinical mental health counseling internship at D & E Counseling Services in Youngstown.

Herman is among several students featured on the YSU Student Success Stories webpage at <http://web.yosu.edu/studentsuccessstories>.



Emily Herman

Herman served as the 2010-11 president of Eta Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota at YSU. As a graduate student, she has delivered 11 professional conference presentations and is co-authoring several professional papers. After graduation, expected this December, Herman plans to obtain her license as a school and professional counselor and pursue her doctorate in Counselor Education and Supervision.

Board of Trustees schedules meetings for June

The Youngstown State University Board of Trustees has scheduled the following meetings:

Thursday, June 2: Noon, Luncheon at The Rich Center for Autism; **1 p.m.**, Academic and Student Affairs Committee; **2 p.m.** Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Negotiations and Collective Bargaining; **3 p.m.**, Internal Affairs Committee; **4 p.m.**, External Affairs Committee; **5 p.m.**, Trusteeship Committee.

Tuesday, June 7: Noon, Luncheon in the Manchester Room in Tod Hall; **1 p.m.**, Investment Subcommittee; **2 p.m.**, Audit Subcommittee; **3 p.m.**, Finance and Facilities Committee; **4 p.m.**, Executive Committee.

Friday, June 17, 3 p.m. Regular quarterly meeting of the board.

All meetings (except the luncheons) are in the Board of Trustees Meeting Room on the first floor of Tod Hall on the YSU campus.

YSU Marching Pride seeks new members

The YSU Marching Pride – Youngstown State University’s Marching Band – is seeking new members for the upcoming fall season.

The Marching Pride performs at every YSU home football game and, this year, will also travel to the away game Sept. 2 at Michigan State.

Brandt Payne, director of Athletic Bands, said that Marching Pride members need not be music majors to join the band. New members may already be YSU students or, incoming freshmen. Marching Pride



members receive one semester hour of credit for performing. No audition is required but attendance is required at all performances and rehearsals.

“Many incoming freshman who have a love for music seek performance outlets but do not want to be a music major,” Payne said. “The Marching Pride is a perfect way to stay connected to music performance while making new contacts away from their academic studies.”

Band camp for all incoming freshmen begins on Monday, Aug. 22. The first performance of the 2011 season will be the "Meet the Pride" performance on Saturday, Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. at Stambaugh Stadium.

Students interested in joining should visit www.ysubands.org/marching_pride. Payne is available at bpayne@ysu.edu.