

# e·Update

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

*Sept. 2, 2011*

## **New ID card is more efficient and durable**

Nearly 20,000 students and employees are being issued new YSU identification cards under an upgraded system that the university hopes will be more efficient.

The implementation of ID Works, a digital campus photo identification system, means that all students, faculty and staff will need to turn in their current YSU IDs and get new cards in order to utilize various campus services, including the library, rec center and dining services.



**Sofia Accordino gets her photo taken in Meshel Hall for her new YSU ID card.**

“We’ve had great cooperation across campus so far, which has really helped make the transition smooth,” said Jeanne Herman, university registrar.

Students and employees should go to Room 233 on the second floor of Meshel Hall Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to turn in their old cards and get new cards. There is no fee if you have your old card. If you do not have your old card, there will be a \$25 replacement fee.

Herman said she hopes everyone will be re-carded by October.

She said the new card is more durable and features a magnetic strip that allows for easy access to campus services. She said the old system dates to the 1960s, the cards were more difficult to produce and users were required to get stickers to keep the cards updated.

For more information, call 330-941-3178.

*Sept. 2, 2011*

## **PhD gets final approval, starts next fall**

YSU has received final approval to offer a new Ph.D. program in Materials Science and Engineering and is seeking students for the first class that will enroll in fall 2012.

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, YSU's institutional accrediting body, recently approved the new degree. The degree, which previously was approved by the Ohio Board of Regents, is YSU's first Ph.D. program. The university also offers an Ed.D. in Educational Administration and a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

"The Mahoning Valley has a long and storied history in the materials sciences," YSU President Cynthia E. Anderson said. "This new Ph.D. will build upon that history and is yet another step in YSU's evolution into a research institution that has the potential to have significant impact on the economic future of the entire region."

Martin Abraham, dean of the YSU STEM college, said the new degree builds on a series of materials research milestones achieved by the university and STEM in the past few years. "This new program supports the university's ongoing efforts in technology-based economic development and positions the region as a leader in 21<sup>st</sup> century materials technologies," he said.

The Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering provides students with an interdisciplinary, fundamental and applied research-based education suitable for seeking employment in industry or academia, said Hazel Marie, program director and associate professor of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering.

The 90-credit hour program includes significant research and internship components.

"The graduates of the program will have experienced a blend of both science and engineering, gaining an understanding of the structural properties of materials at the atomic level and the common relationship of these properties among all materials," she said. "Graduates will possess the knowledge, skills, experiences and independence expected of a Ph.D. graduate, and the business and entrepreneurial acumen to convert their research outcomes into practical results."

For more information, visit <http://web.ysu.edu/stem/phd> or contact Marie at 330-941-3017 or [hmarie@ysu.edu](mailto:hmarie@ysu.edu).

Sept. 2, 2011

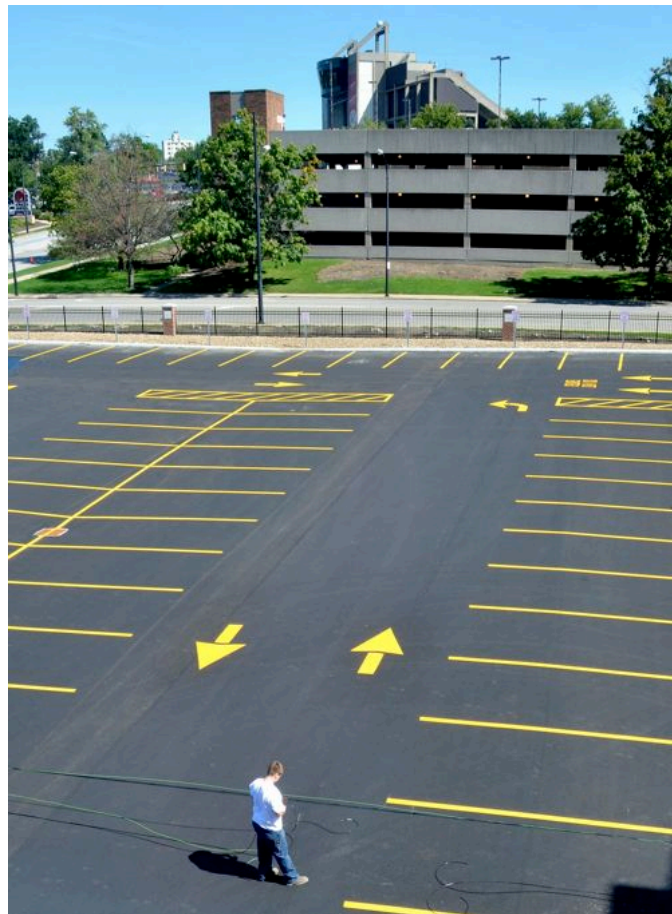
## Lincoln Deck reopens; two new surface lots built

Phase I of the new and improved Lincoln Deck is complete, and the 1,300-space parking lot opened as scheduled for the start of the fall semester.

The deck, which closed in the spring, underwent major structural improvements, including new ramps on the east and west sides, concrete repairs, waterproofing and repairs to fire suppression and drainage systems, said Danny O'Connell, director of Support Services. O'Connell said some small sections of the deck will need to be closed later in the semester to finish some of the work.

The deck will be closed again next summer for Phase II, which will include aesthetic enhancements such as lighting, new stairwells, painting and fencing, he said.

Also making its debut this academic year is a new, 120-space faculty and staff parking lot on the corner of Lincoln and Fifth avenues near Beeghly Hall. In addition, the M-26 lot west of Fifth Avenue between Lincoln and Rayen avenues has been extended to include 130 more spaces.



A worker puts the finishing touches on the new 120-space faculty and staff parking lot near Beeghly Hall. In the background is the Lincoln Deck, which underwent major structural improvements over the summer.

# e·Update

---

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

*Sept. 2, 2011*

## **Fall enrollment dips 2.5 percent**

Enrollment is down 2.5 percent this semester.

The university reported that headcount enrollment on the first day of fall semester classes on Aug. 29 was 14,617, a decrease of 372 students from the first day of classes last fall semester.

Official enrollment counts will not be available until Sept. 12.

YSU's enrollment has steadily increased since 2000 and last year reached its highest level in two decades. Jack Fahey, vice president for Student Affairs, said the university was anticipating a slight increase in enrollment this year.

"We have had great success in growing our enrollment over the past several years," he said. "While we projected that that growth would begin to level off, we hoped that the numbers would be higher."

# e·Update

---

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

*Sept. 2, 2011*

## **In Memoriam...Michael J. Walusis**

Michael J. Walusis of Hermitage, retired YSU faculty member, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes Saturday, Aug. 20, in the emergency room of UPMC Horizon Hospital, Farrell, Pa.

He received a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts from the University of Notre Dame, and a Master of Fine Arts Degree from Ohio State University. He worked at YSU for 40 years.



Friends may visit [www.McGonigleFuneralHomeandCrematory.com](http://www.McGonigleFuneralHomeandCrematory.com) to email condolences.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011, at 11 a.m. at the Church of Notre Dame in Hermitage.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made in memory of Michael to the Art Department at Youngstown State University, Youngstown.

Sept. 2, 2011

## Faculty/staff awards, presentations, publications

**Karen Becker**, coordinator of the Reading and Study Skills Center and co-author of the book *Understanding and Engaging Under-Resourced College Students* (Aha! Process Inc., 2009) was a special guest panelist at Louisiana State University's Faculty Enrichment Series, titled "Engaging Under-Resourced Students: Exploring Teaching, Learning and Outreach at the University." Becker was also recognized for her work by Katrice Albert, vice provost in LSU's Office of Equity, Diversity & Community Outreach.

**Victoria Kress**, professor, Counseling and Special Education, received the Outstanding Counselor Educator Award at the Ohio Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference in Columbus. The award honors an individual who has demonstrated excellence as a counselor educator in Ohio. Also at the conference, **Matthew Paylo**, assistant professor, and **Jake Protivnak**, associate professor, co-presented "Counselor Educators' Role in Developing Professionals for Student Affairs Functional Areas," and Protivnak co-presented "Professional Counselor Preparation: Theory into Practice."

**Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez**, director, Dr. James Dale Ethics Center and professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, presented the lecture "Confidentiality, HIV, and the Duty to Protect" to the Department of Surgery at ValleyCare Health System's Northside Medical Center. He also served as moderator for a program titled "Democratic Movements in North Africa and the Middle East" at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown.

**Javed Alam**, professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, co-authored two publications with Malinka Ivanova at the Technical University of Sofia in Sofia, Bulgaria. "Google Wave Platform: Exploring the Settings for Personalized Learning" was presented at the Third Workshop on Mash-up Personal Learning Environments, held at the Fifth European Conference on Technology Enhanced Learning in Barcelona, Spain, last fall; and "Wave for Personal Learning Network Forming and for Collaborative Knowledge Transfer," was published in the *Annual Journal of Electronics*.

**Virgil C. Solomon**, assistant professor, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, and his graduate student **Anthony Yurcho** of Chemical Engineering, presented a paper titled "Microstructural Analysis of Ceramic-Metallic Interpenetrating Phase Composites" at the 2011 American Society for Engineering Education North Central & Illinois-Indiana Section Conference at Central Michigan University. Co-authors include **Timothy R. Wagner**, professor, and **Matthias Zeller**, senior research scientist, both of Chemistry, and Klaus-Markus Peters and Brian P. Hetzel, both from Fireline TCON Inc. in Youngstown.

**John Feldmeier**, assistant professor, Physics and Astronomy, authored a paper to be published in the *Astronomical Journal* entitled “The Burrell-Optical-Kepler-Survey (BOKS) I: Survey Description and Initial Results.” There were 13 other co-authors, including **Rebecca Kutsko**, an undergraduate student at YSU.

**Karla Krodel**, director of Metro Credit Outreach Education, co-authored a book that received several awards in the 2011 Association of Educational Publishers Awards. The book, titled *Investigations into Economic Class in America* and co-authored by Philip DeVol of Marengo, Ohio, was a Distinguished Achievement Winner in the Curriculum (Adult) category, a Distinguished Achievement Finalist in the Golden Lamp Category and one of 10 finalists chosen for the AEP Innovation Award. Golden Lamp Awards are the educational resource industry’s top honor, recognizing the best overall tools for teaching and learning in four entry categories. The Innovation Award is new, recognizing products that solve education problems in a groundbreaking manner. *Investigations* is available at [www.ahaprocess.com/store](http://www.ahaprocess.com/store).

**Zbigniew Piotrowski**, professor, Mathematics and Statistics, gave a talk titled “An Extension of Michael-Namioka Theorem on PCP and Weakly Developable Spaces” during his research stay at the Institute of Mathematics, Slovak Academy of Sciences, in Bratislava, Slovakia. Piotrowski also made a presentation titled “On Volterra Spaces” during his research stay at M. Bela University in Banska Bystrica, Slovakia.

**Jacob W. Breland**, assistant professor, Management, co-authored an article titled “When Performance on the Job is Not Enough: The Role of Political Skill in the Longitudinal Performance-Power Relationship,” that was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Management*. His co-authors are faculty members at four other universities.

**Ronald P. Volpe**, professor, Lariccia School of Accounting and Finance, co-authored an article titled “An Analysis of Personal Financial Literacy Among College Students” and published in *Financial Services Review*, which is the academic journal’s second most cited article, according to an analysis by Professor of Consumer Sciences Sherman D. Hanna, et.al., at Ohio State University. Volpe’s article, co-authored with former YSU colleague **Haiyang Chen** in 1998, has been cited 90 times in education, consumer sciences, policy and finance journals. Volpe and Chen also co-authored two other articles in the journal, which together were cited 143 times, making them *Financial Services Review*’s most cited authors, according to a Google Scholar Research study and the Sherman D. Hanna, et.al. analysis.

**Susanne Miller**, pre-nursing advisor, **Cheryl Bosley**, associate professor of Nursing, and **Amy Novak**, student nurse, made a presentation at a conference sponsored collaboratively by the Kent Academic Support and Advising Association and the Academic Advisors at the University of Akron. The presentation, titled “Many Hats, Many Roles: The Joys and Challenges of Advising Pre-Nursing Students,” discussed perspectives on advising pre-nursing and nursing majors.

**Zara C. Rowlands**, associate professor, Food and Nutrition Programs, **Louise S. Pavia**, professor, Prekindergarten Program, and **Janice M. Chebra**, adjunct faculty, Family and Consumer Studies, collaborated for a 90-minute presentation at the American Association of University Professors Conference in Washington D.C. in June. Their presentation was titled “Sustainability Issues in Teaching Undergraduate Research for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and Beyond.” All three presenters teach in the Department of Human Ecology.

# e·Update

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

Sept. 2, 2011

## Campus to remember 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11

YSU will host and sponsor a series of events in commemoration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, including the reading of the names of individuals who died in the terrorist attacks.



Included in the scheduled events:

### Tuesday, Sept. 6

**Noon.** A Salute to America at the 9/11 Memorial and Flag Pole on the YSU campus core. The event will include the singing of the national anthem and God Bless America; an honor guard; and remarks by YSU President Cynthia E. Anderson, YSU Student Government President Elyse Gessier and Martha Pallante, chair of the YSU Department of History.

**2 p.m.** A Salute to America, Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor, 151 W. Wood St.

### Wednesday, Sept. 7

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** A Day of Reflection & Remembrance Teach In and Workshops in Rooms 2067 and 2069 in Kilcawley Center.

**7 to 9 p.m.** Ecumenical Service and Worship, Union Baptist Church on Lincoln Avenue.

### Thursday, Sept. 8

**7 to 10 p.m.** Open Mic Night – Liberty and Lyrics, in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center.

### Friday, Sept. 9

**6:30 p.m.** 9/11 Commemoration Dinner in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. Beer and wine reception to start, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and program at 8 p.m. Guest speakers include YSU President Cynthia E. Anderson and Major Dennis Sleva among others. The YSU ROTC and the Air Force ROTC Color Guards will also participate. Tickets are \$20. Call 330-941-2136 or email [jmlevisaur@ysu.edu](mailto:jmlevisaur@ysu.edu) for more information.

### Sunday, Sept. 11

**9 to 10 p.m.** Candlelight Vigil – Let Freedom Ring, on the campus core.

### Monday, Sept. 12

**Noon to 2 p.m.** Liberty, Justice and Freedom Commemoration—“Lest We Forget,” in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center, honoring current and former police, public safety workers and firefighters. The names of those who died in the Sept. 11 attacks will be read.



# e·Update

---

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

*Sept. 2, 2011*



## **High as a kite**

Ralph Morrone, YSU facilities engineer, and Shaun Toth, YSU's new electrician, replace and repair lights 110feet above the east side stands of Stambaugh Stadium. The Penguins open the 2011 home season 4 p.m. Sept. 10 against Valparaiso. In all, YSU has six home games this year - Sept. 10 and 17, Oct. 8, 22 and 29, and Nov. 19. Visit [www.ysusports.com](http://www.ysusports.com) for more details.

# e·Update

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

Sept. 2, 2011

## ***Reasons to be Pretty* launches theater season**

University Theater's Blackbox Productions stage Neil LaBute's comedy/drama *Reasons to be Pretty* on Sept. 8 through 11 in Bliss Hall's Spotlight Arena Theater. Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances start at 7:30 p.m. The Sunday matinee performance is at 3 p.m. All seats are general admission, and patrons are encouraged to make reservations early.



*Cast members pictured left to right are: Victoria Lubonovich, Daniel Temelkoff, Eric Lewis and Kaleigh Locketti*

Victoria Lubonovich (Youngstown, Ohio) and Daniel Temelkoff (Boardman, Ohio).

*Reasons to be Pretty* is a love story about the impossibility of love. Greg truly adores his girlfriend, Steph, but also thinks she has a few physical imperfections. When he casually mentions them, all hell breaks loose.

The production is directed by Jessica Schmidt, a junior Theater major from Salem, Ohio. Cast members include Eric Lewis (Warren, Ohio), Kaleigh Locketti (Austintown, Ohio),

Tickets may be reserved by calling the University Theater Box Office at 330-941-3105. Ticket price for the general public is \$5 with \$3 discount tickets available for all students (including YSU students), senior citizens and Penguin Club members. Season Ticket coupons will be honored. Parking is available in the Wick Avenue parking deck Thursday through Saturday for a nominal fee, and on Sunday parking will be available at no charge in the parking lot next to the former Wick Pollock Inn.

Sept. 2, 2011

## MathFest students continue winning streak



YSU students who made presentations at MathFest in Lexington, Ky., are, from the left, Tara Sansom, Sarah Ritchey, Sepideh Khavari, Dan Catello (kneeling), Michael Coates, Bradley Slabe, Mario Sracic, Matt Alexander and Jason Cooke. Sracic and Khavari won awards for their presentations.

YSU students continued their winning ways again this year at the Annual Summer Meeting of the Mathematical Association of America and Pi Mu Epsilon, also known as MathFest.

In all, nine undergraduate students in the YSU Department of Mathematics and Statistics gave presentations at the event in Lexington, Ky. Over the past 10 years, YSU students have won, on average, more than three awards annually at

MathFest, more than any other university or college. The students are featured on the YSU Success Stories page at <http://web.yzu.edu/studentstories>.

This year, student Mario Sracic's presentation on Cryptology and Quantum Computing won an award for excellence in exposition and research sponsored by the American Mathematical Society and the American Statistical Association. Sepideh Khavari's presentation titled "Time-to-Peak Response in Biological Systems" won the Janet L. Anderson Award for outstanding exposition and research in mathematical and computational biology sponsored by the MAA Special Interest Group in Mathematical Biology.

Also making presentations were Michael Coates of Niles, Jason Cooke of Youngstown, Daniel Catello of Youngstown, Tara Sansom of Sandy Lake, Pa., Bradley Slabe of Youngstown, Sarah Ritchey of Sharon, Pa., and Matthew Alexander of Espyville, Pa.

Faculty attending the MathFest event included George Yates, Doug Faires, Nathan Ritchey, Angela Spalsbury and Tom Wakefield. Faculty who advised students on their projects include Ritchey, Yates, Tom Smotzer, Eric Wingler and David Pollack.

Sept. 2, 2011

## Jewish Film Festival features five movies

The 2011 Youngstown Area Jewish Film Festival, sponsored in part by Youngstown State University's Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies Committee, runs Thursday, Sept. 15 through Sunday, Sept. 17, along with a free bonus showing on Oct. 11.

The films will be shown at USA Cinema in the Niles Great East Plaza, the Butler Institute on Wick Avenue in Youngstown and Kilcawley Center on the YSU campus.

Myra Benedikt and Pamela Palumbo, festival co-chairs and organizers, have headed the event for several years. Along with securing a selection committee, films, venues, sponsors and publicity each year, they also have helped attract hundreds of people to the Mahoning Valley with the continuously growing event that's now a staple to the Youngstown community.

The five films featured in this year's festival include:

### ***La Rafle (The Round Up)***

Thursday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m., USA Cinema.

Winner of 10 Film Festival Audience Awards, *La Rafle* takes place in France's Montmartre and recreates the Nazi regime's imprisonment of 13,000 Parisian Jews during 1942, as shown from the perspective of three Jewish children and their parents.



*La Rafle* is one of the movies featured in this year's Jewish Film Festival.

### ***A Matter of Size (Sipur Gadol)***

Sunday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m., USA Cinema.

A funny and tender story that takes one 340-pound chef and his three equally plump buddies from diet drama to body bliss when they decide to become sumo wrestlers. Set in Ramle, Israel, Herzl

finds a way to celebrate his life and learns, far beyond the ring, how to come into his own.

***Le Concert (The Concert)***

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m., USA Cinema.

When one Russian conductor prodigy during the Communist regime refuses to dismiss Jewish musicians from the Bolshoi Orchestra, he gets ousted, taking on a new role as janitor for the Bolshoi instead. Thirty years later, he wants to get even. Reuniting with his rag-tag and scattered old musician friends, he pretends to be the Bolshoi and sneaks a performance at a prestigious Paris concert. *Le Concert* won Best Score at the 2010 Cesar Awards.



*Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story*

***Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story***

Sunday, Sept. 25, 1 p.m., Butler Institute.

This documentary explores the connection between baseball and Jewish Americans, along with the hardships and heroisms that come with it.

***Defiance***

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 5 p.m., Kilcawley Center.

Free to the public, this bonus film features three brothers and their journey of resistance to the Nazis by fleeing to the Belarussian forests, building a makeshift village with 1,000 other runaways and fighting for

their survival. The film will be followed by a special presentation from Zvi Bielski, son of one of the three brothers in the film.

Single tickets or festival passes can be purchased. The prices for single tickets are as follows: \$8 adult, \$7 senior, \$5 student. Festival pass prices include: \$24 adult, \$21 senior, \$15 student. Tickets can be purchased at the Jewish Community Center Bursar's Office on Gypsy Lane in Youngstown.

# e·Update

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

*Sept. 2, 2011*

## **WCBA hosts executive MBA students from Brazil**

The Williamson College of Business Administration welcomes MBA students and faculty from the University of São Paulo, Brazil, for their 12th annual business-study tour, taking place Sunday, Sept. 4 through Friday, Sept. 9.

The USP MBA students, who are also retail executives, will be attending business lectures and touring local retail establishments during their stay. Participating businesses include Best Buy, Home Depot, Grove City Outlet Center, WalMart Distribution Center, Sam's Club, IKEA in Pittsburgh, and Krogers and Cabelas in W.V.

In addition, seminars on business-to-business marketing, emerging trends in marketing communication, tools for strategic decision-making, and national/international business perspectives will be presented by YSU faculty and representatives from the Regional Chamber during the Brazilian MBA students' visit.

"We are very excited about our partnership with the University of São Paulo and are looking forward to other joint ventures," said Betty Jo Licata, WCBA dean.

The initiative is part of YSU's Center of Excellence in International Business. The mission of the Center is to create a global learning environment that prepares students to be successful business leaders. It provides training, consulting and research opportunities that advance knowledge and practice in international business while also working to support the economic development of Ohio.

*Sept. 2, 2011*

## **Trustees schedule September meetings**

The YSU Board of Trustees meets in September on the following schedule:

- Thursday, Sept. 8, Tod Hall, Board Meeting Room: 11:30 a.m., Luncheon (President's Conference Room, Second Floor, Tod Hall); Noon, Academic Quality and Student Success Committee; 12:30 p.m.\*, Institutional Engagement Committee; 1 p.m.\*, Intercollegiate Athletics Subcommittee; 2 p.m.\*, Collective Bargaining and Negotiation Subcommittee; 3 p.m.\*, University Affairs Committee.
- Tuesday, Sept. 13, Tod Hall, Board Meeting Room: Noon, Luncheon (President's Conference Room, Second Floor, Tod Hall); 1 p.m., Investment Subcommittee; 1:30 p.m.\*, Audit Subcommittee; 2:30 p.m.\*, Finance and Facilities Committee; 3:30 p.m., Trusteeship Committee; 4:30 p.m.\*, Executive Committee.
- Tuesday, Sept. 27, Tod Hall, Board Meeting Room: 3 p.m., regular quarterly board meeting.

\*Approximate time for start of the meeting; the meeting will start immediately following preceding committee meeting.