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YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

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Athletes from 10 teams converge on the YSU campus as the WATTS hosts the men's and women's Horizon League Indoor Track and Field Championships Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 25 and 26. Pictured is YSU freshman Leanna Hartsough. For more information, visit www.ysusports.com.

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m. Shawn Williams lectures on "Blogging While Black" in the Gallery of Kilcawley center. The lecture is part of YSU's celebration of African American History Month.

Thursday, Feb. 23. The YSU Board of Trustees meets in Tod Hall on the following schedule: **Noon**, Board Luncheon; **1 p.m.**, Collective Bargaining and Negotiations Subcommittee; **2 p.m.**, Intercollegiate Athletics Subcommittee; **2:30 p.m.**, University Affairs Committee; **3:30 p.m.**, Institutional Engagement Committee; **4 p.m.**, Trusteeship Committee.

Thursday, Feb. 23, 6 p.m. YSU's annual College of STEM Awards Dinner is set on campus. See News Brief below.

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This Week

Monday, Feb. 20, 5:45 p.m. YSU's Williamson College of Business Administration hosts a Master of Business Administration Information Session in Room 3418 of Williamson Hall. Contact Monique Bradford at 330-941-3069 or mrbradford@ysu.edu.

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m. Eric Hipple, former quarterback with the Detroit Lions and one of the nation's foremost authorities on depression and suicide, brings his "You Can Make It!" program to YSU's Kilcawley Center. See News Brief below.



Shawn Williams

Thursday, Feb. 23, 7:05 p.m. The YSU men's basketball team heads down the final stretch of the Horizon League regular season against Wright State in Beeghly Center. The team follows that with a game **2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25** vs. Detroit.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23, 24, 25 and 26. University Theater presents the main stage performance of the Euripides tragedy *Medea* in Ford Theater. Performances also on **March 2, 3 and 4**. Thursday through Saturday shows begin at **7:30 p.m.**, while the Sunday matinees are at **3 p.m.**

Friday, Feb. 24. The Dana School of Music and the YSU Wind Ensemble host the 6th annual YSU Wind and Percussion Invitational at Stambaugh Auditorium. See News Brief below.

Saturday, Feb. 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free income tax preparation assistance through the VITA program at Williamson Hall. For more information, call 330-941-3084.

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 25 and 26. YSU hosts the men's and women's Horizon League Indoor Track & Field Championships in WATTS on campus. Admission is \$10 a day. Seating is limited. Teams from 10 Horizon League schools will compete. For more information, visit <http://www.ysusports.com/sports/mtrack/meet-info/hl-championships-2012>.

Sunday, Feb. 26, 3 p.m. Pianist Roman Rudnytsky, a retired faculty member in YSU's Dana School of Music, performs in Bliss Recital Hall. See News Brief below.

Sunday, Feb. 26, 6 p.m. An Evening of Gospel Jazz in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. Free. Part of YSU's celebration of African American History Month.

STEM dinner honors alumni and others

Youngstown State University honors seven individuals at the annual College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Awards Dinner 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23 on campus.

Reservations for the event are no longer being accepted.

At the event, STEM Dean Martin Abraham will announce the following award winners: Harry Bircher, Outstanding Alumnus/Service; Peyman Givi, Outstanding Alumnus; Mary Pat Salomone, Outstanding Alumna; Matt Ragan, Outstanding Young Alumnus; Connie Hathorn, Outstanding Education Leader; Roger and Gloria Jones, Outstanding Community Partners.

Harry Bircher earned a bachelor's degree in geology from YSU in 1988. He also has a master's in geology from Wright State University and a master's in engineering from YSU. Bircher is a registered Professional Engineer in Ohio and has been a co-owner of Buckeye Civil Design LLC in North Lima for seven years. He has taught various geology and environmental studies classes at YSU on a part time basis for more than 10 years. He resides in Columbiana, Ohio, with his wife Lisa, who is also a YSU alumna.

Peyman Givi earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from YSU and a Ph.D. from Carnegie Mellon University. He is internationally recognized for his research in the fields of computational fluid dynamics, turbulence, combustion and propulsion. He has authored more than 200 publications and has presented more than 200 public seminars all over the world.

Currently, Givi is the James T. MacLeod Professor of Mechanical Engineering and also Professor of Petroleum Engineering at the University of Pittsburgh. Previously he held the position of University of Buffalo Distinguished Professor.

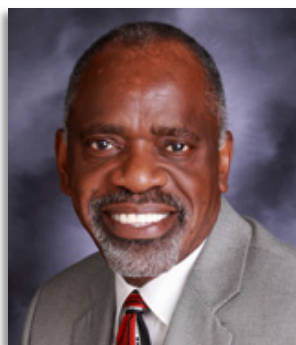
Connie Hathorn is superintendent of the Youngstown City School District. Prior to coming to Youngstown, Hathorn was executive director of Student Support for the Akron City School District. He earned a Ph.D. from Iowa State University. Hathorn said at a community forum prior to becoming superintendent that the Youngstown district made history by being the first in Ohio to fall under state control and that he wants to make history by helping it get out.



Harry Bircher



Peyman Givi



Connie Hathorn

Roger and Gloria Jones are the founders of Fireline Inc. Roger earned a degree in ceramic engineering from Alfred University. After serving in the Korean War as a lieutenant, he performed research at Refractory Insulation Corp., Electro Refractories and finally came to the Youngstown area to head research and development for Dixon Crucible. Gloria Jones holds a bachelor's degree from Elmira College in biology and chemistry, a master's in Physiological Chemistry from the University of Buffalo and an master's in English from YSU. She did medical research at Eaton Laboratories and at Roswell Park Memorial Institute, and she taught at University of Buffalo Medical School. She also taught at YSU and at University of Nis in Serbia on a Fulbright Scholarship. She joined Fireline as bookkeeper and became vice president in 1995. The Jones are major contributors to the *Roger & Gloria Jones Children's Center for Science and Technology* in downtown Youngstown.



Matt Ragan

Matt Ragan is Senior Controls Engineer at Lockheed Martin in Akron. A 2000 graduate of Liberty High School, Ragan attended YSU while working as a research assistant in the Laser/Optics Lab in the Physics department. He graduated from YSU in 2005, earning a bachelor's degree in electrical and computer engineering and a bachelor's degree in Physics with a minor in Mathematics. At Lockheed he is the Engineer Lead/Integrated Product Team Lead for two major Defense Department projects and has one patent application in process.



Mary Pat Salomone

Mary Pat Salomone is Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at The Babcock & Wilcox Co., responsible for the company's government and commercial contracts, health and safety, process improvement and day-to-day operations. Her oversight includes approximately 12,700 employees and 10,400 joint venture employees worldwide, and more than \$2.5 billion in fiscal responsibility. Salomone graduated from YSU in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. She earned a master's degree in business administration from Baldwin Wallace College. She has served in various engineering, project management and leadership positions within all levels of B&W since joining the company in 1982.

The STEM Awards Dinner is sponsored by Advanced Methods in Innovation, Babcock and Wilcox Company, Cedarwood Development, CMI Industry Americas Inc, Drake Manufacturing Services Co., Fireline Inc., Johnson Controls, NanoSynopsis, Oh WOW! The Roger and Gloria

Jones Children's Center for Science and Technology, RTI International Metals Inc., Taylor-Winfield Technologies and V&M Star.

Diversity event announces honorees

Ten individuals and one organization will be honored at Youngstown State University's Diversity Leadership Recognition Celebration Thursday, March 29, at Mr. Anthony's in Boardman.

The event, which begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails and 6:30 p.m. with dinner, honors the efforts and continuous achievements of community and YSU campus leaders in the area of diversity and inclusion. This year's honorees are:

Campus Leadership: Ana M. Bobby, Sherri R. Lovelace-Cameron and Jacqueline Robertson.

Leaders of Tomorrow: Rebecca Banks, Cary W. Dabney, Anita Gomez, Ohio Lady Advocates (co-founders Sarah J. Lowry and Molly E. Toth).

Community Leadership: Tom Anderson, Bob "Doby" Dean, Carole McWilson and Penny Wells.

The guest speaker is Zahid Bukhari, president of the Islamic Circle of North America and executive director of the Center for Islam and Public Policy.

The cost is \$35 per person or \$280 for a table of eight. Sponsorships are available at the following levels: Trendsetter in Diversity, \$5,000; Centennial Leaders, \$2,500; Legacy Leaders, \$1,500; and Diversity Circle of Friends, up to \$500.

For more information or to make reservations, call Cheryl Levy at 330-941-3370 or clevy@ysu.edu.



From the left are YSU students Daniel Paul Temelkoff, Connor Bezeredi and Courtney Auman in a scene from *Medea*.

Medea opens in Ford Theater

University Theater presents the main stage performance of the Euripides tragedy *Medea* opening Thursday, Feb. 23.

Performances in Youngstown State University's Ford Theater are Feb. 23, 24, 25 and 26 and March 2, 3 and 4. Thursday through Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m., while the Sunday matinee is at 3 p.m. All seats are reserved. Patrons are encouraged to purchase their tickets early by calling 330-941-3105. Ticket prices are free for YSU students with ID; \$10 for adults; \$5 for senior citizens, YSU faculty and staff and high school and college students from other universities, Penguin Club members and YSU alumni. Parking is available in the Wick Avenue parking deck for a nominal fee.

There are many myths that tell the story of Medea. The history is that she saved her future husband while destroying her own family. Now, married to Jason, she finds that he has betrayed her love and abandoned their children. In a desperate and powerful act, she kills her own sons, justifying her barbaric acts with tragic poetry.

Director W. Rick Schilling said that *Medea* played to New York audiences in the late 1940s and became popular with 20th century audiences because Robinson Jeffers, by which this version is translated and adapted, abandoned the stylistic conventions of the repetitious episodic plot structure in favor of the contemporary two-act form. Furthermore, he created characters that speak dialogue rather than lengthy monologues

and the Greek chorus, typically 12 or more actors chanting in unison, was banished in favor of three Corinthian women who are presented in a more humanistic fashion.

Schilling, associate designer in the YSU Department of Theater and Dance, has created a concept that includes life-size wooden puppets, shadow puppets, iconic characters from pop culture, projections, computer imagery and a Rock and Roll sound score. The staging borrows concepts from the Japanese theatrical traditions of Bunraku and Kabuki. Schilling is assisted by associate professor and costume designer Jane Shanabarger; senior theater major and costume designer Masako Hayashi; Professor John Murphy, scenic and lighting designer; and freshman sound designer Britty Segal. The additional production expenses for the costumes and masks were funded in part by Roy A. Dray and Delores Sutula Dray of East Liverpool, long time donors to University Theater.

An Opening Night Dinner Buffet is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, in the University Theater Box Office Lobby in Bliss Hall. A package price of \$20 includes dinner and a ticket for the performance. The dinner price for season ticket holders is \$15. Reservations and payment must be made with credit card via the University Theater Box Office, 330-941-3105. Only paid reservations will be accepted; no walk-ins can be accommodated. Reservations are limited to 80.

Alpha Psi Omega, the honorary dramatics fraternity, will sponsor its annual High School Drama Day Thursday, March 1 in Bliss Hall. Students will participate in a variety of workshops, culminating in a matinee performance of "Medea." The cost is \$7 per student and includes the workshops, the matinee and lunch. High school drama directors are encouraged to call 330-941-3810 or email Jenny Young at jlyoung03@ysu.edu for more information.



Suicide/depression presentation this week

Eric Hipple, former quarterback with the Detroit Lions and one of the nation's foremost authorities on depression and suicide, will bring his "You Can Make It!" program to Youngstown State University at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center.

The YSU Department of Campus Recreation & Student Programming, Department of Athletics, Center for Human Services Development, Housing & Residence Life, Office of Student Diversity, and the Student Government Association sponsor the program. The program is also co-sponsored by YSU's Greek Campus Life organizations.

Hipple's message of awareness of signs and symptoms of depression, steps to recovery, and resilience, has helped individuals, families, schools and employers

Eric Hipple

as they care for families, students and employees. Hipple has been a professional motivational speaker on topics of depressive disorder awareness and treatment after the death of his 15-year-old son by suicide. He has devoted his life to building awareness and breaking down the stigma surrounding depressive illnesses.

For further information, contact the YSU Campus Recreation & Student Programming Office at 330-941-3575.

Internship info session March 1

Employers interested in learning about the Williamson College of Business Administration's internship program are invited to an information session Thursday, March 1. Breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m. with the program from 8 to 9 a.m.

The information session will feature an overview of Youngstown State University WCBA's internship program, the steps involved in establishing an internship opportunity through the college, the benefits of internships, tips to effectively recruit students, and the expectations of host employers.

To make a reservation, contact Leigh Ann Waring, director of undergraduate student services at the WCBA at 330-941-1884 or lawaring@ysu.edu by Feb. 28.

Pianist featured in Bliss Hall recital

Pianist Roman Rudnytsky, a retired faculty member in Youngstown State University's Dana School of Music, performs in Bliss Recital Hall 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Dana School of Music at 330-941-3636.

Rudnytsky will play selections from Beethoven, Debussy and Chopin, as well as a piece written by his late father, Antin Rudnytsky.

Born in New York City into a prominent Ukrainian musical family, Rudnytsky began the study of piano at age four and played his first recital at age seven. He is a graduate of the Juilliard School in New York, and has to date played concerts in 95 countries and conducted master classes in almost 40 countries. Rudnytsky is a prize-winner in 10 national and international piano competitions.

Between 1990 and 1993, he gave the British, Latin American, and Australian premiere performances of the then-newly-discovered Liszt *Concerto No.3 in E Flat*.

Rudnytsky served on the faculty of the Dana School of Music from 1972 until his retirement in spring 2011, when he was awarded the title of Professor Emeritus. He received a Distinguished Professor Award in 1990. He previously served on the piano faculty of the Indiana University School of Music in Bloomington and was Artist-in-Residence for a year at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory.



Roman Rudnytsky

Dana Symphony Orchestra performs winter concert

The Dana Symphony Orchestra under the direction of John Wilcox presents a winter concert at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27 in the Ford Family Recital Hall.

Featured on the program are the three Dana Young Artist Competition winners. The competition is held annually to select up to three student soloists to perform with the Dana Symphony Orchestra. A panel of three independent judges chooses the winners. This year's winners are Stephen Cline of Salem, Ohio; Brian Newell of Youngstown; and Kevin Snyder of McDonald, Pa.

The concert begins with the Richard Strauss Concerto for Horn and Orchestra No. 1 in E Flat with Cline as soloist, followed by the Karel Husa Elegie and Rondo for Saxophone with Newell. The Henri Tomasi Concerto for Saxophone with Snyder will be followed by Blue Danube Waltz. The second half of the program features the Dana Symphony Orchestra in a performance of the Symphony No. 2 in D Major by Johannes Brahms.

Tickets are \$5, \$4, and free for anyone showing a valid YSU ID, and are available at the DeYor Box Office, 330-744-0264.

Wind and Percussion Invitational on Friday

The Dana School of Music and the Youngstown State University Wind Ensemble host the 6th annual YSU Wind and Percussion Invitational at Stambaugh Auditorium on Friday, Feb. 24.

Faculty members will work with visiting high school musicians in master classes during the afternoon, culminating with a joint concert at 7 p.m.

Concert tickets are available at the door - \$5 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Free admission with YSU ID.

The first guest group is the Champion High School Symphonic Band, considered one of the area's finest comprehensive high school band programs. The second guest group is the Bay High School Symphonic Band. The YSU Wind Ensemble will open its portion of the program with Dvorak's classic "Carnival Overture," followed by Gorb's "Awayday," and Biebl's "Ave Maria." Other selections will include John Mackey's "Aurora Awakes," Karl King's "Melody Shop March," and Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."

The YSU Wind Ensemble is one of the nation's outstanding university concert bands owing to performances with distinguished performers and Pulitzer prize-winning composers, numerous state and national convention and conference performances, and critically acclaimed CD recordings. The Wind Ensemble's "Old Wine in New Bottles" is scheduled for international release this summer.

Grassroots forum set for Feb. 23

"Impact of Grassroots Movements: Labor, Civil Rights, The Middle Class" is the title of a presentation 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, in the auditorium of DeBartolo Hall on the campus of Youngstown State University.

The event is part of the YSU Black Faculty and Staff Association's Race and Politics Forum.

The meeting will be moderated by Hasheen Wilson, BFSA president, and will include panelists John Russo, co-director of the YSU Center for Working Class Studies; William Binning, chair emeritus of the YSU Department of Political Science; Staughton Lynd, peace/civil rights activist and author; and Christopher McKee of the Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative.

For more information contact Wilson at 330-941-2734 or visit www.ysubfsa.org.

The event is co-sponsored by YSU Association of Classified Employees.