

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

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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 12,470 full- and part-time students with 116 undergraduate programs, 44 master's degree programs, one specialist program, and three doctoral degree programs.

There are more than 400 full-time faculty and 700 professional and support staff members in seven colleges 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 99,350 outstanding alumni members across the nation and around the world.

PROGRAM

PRELUDE	“Stars and Stripes Forever March” by John Philip Sousa YSU Wind Ensemble Stephen L. Gage, <i>Director of Bands and Orchestra</i> Dana School of Music, College of Creative Arts and Communication
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL	“Suite #1 in E \flat Major: Movement III” by Gustav Holst “Pomp and Circumstance” March No. I by Sir Edward Elgar/arr. Grundman “March Processional” by Clare Grundman
WELCOME	James P. Tressel <i>President</i>
COLOR GUARD	The Youngstown State University Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Victor Cardamone <i>Dana School of Music</i>
STUDENT REFLECTION	Katina Darkadakis <i>Graduating Senior, Bitonte College of Health and Human Services</i>
PRESIDENT’S REMARKS	President Tressel
INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES	President Tressel
GREETINGS AND REMARKS	Carole Weimer <i>Chair of the Board of Trustees</i>
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	Martin Abraham <i>Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Rob Portman <i>U.S. Senator</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION	“Sleigh Ride” by Leroy Anderson
REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES	Provost Abraham
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	President Tressel
PRESENTATION OF SENATOR PORTMAN TO RECEIVE THE HONORARY DOCTOR OF LAW DEGREE	President Tressel
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES	Sal Sanders, <i>Dean of the College of Graduate Studies</i> Betty Jo Licata, <i>Dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration</i> Michael Crist, <i>Interim Dean of the College of Creative Arts and Communication</i> Charles Howell, <i>Dean of the Beeghly College of Education</i> Joseph Mosca, <i>Dean of the Dr. Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health and Human Services</i> Jane Kestner, <i>Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences</i> Gregg Sturuss, <i>Interim Dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	President Tressel
ALMA MATER	From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. Fleming Mr. Cardamone
RECESSIONAL	“Liberty Bell March” by John Philip Sousa “Fairest of the Fair” by John Philip Sousa “National Emblem” 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.*

Sign language interpreters will be positioned in the upper northwest section of the gymnasium.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Rob Portman
U.S. Senator

Rob Portman is a United States Senator from the state of Ohio. He was elected in 2010, running a campaign that focused on commonsense conservative ideas to help create jobs and get the deficit under control. Rob won with a margin of 57 to 39 percent, winning 82 of Ohio's 88 counties.

Rob was born and raised in Cincinnati, where he lives today with his wife Jane, and their three children, Jed, Will and Sally. He grew up in a small business family, where he learned early on the value of hard work, leadership, and fiscal responsibility. When Rob was young, his dad, Bill Portman, borrowed money to start Portman Equipment Company, where Rob and his brother and sister all worked while growing up. His father, and then his brother, built the family business from a small forklift truck dealership with five employees, with Rob's mom as the bookkeeper, to one that employed more than 300 people. Rob became a lawyer and developed his own private practice, representing Portman Equipment Company and other small businesses. In 1993, Rob was a partner in the Cincinnati law firm of Graydon, Head and Ritchey when he was elected to Congress, where he represented the diverse, seven county Second District in southern Ohio. He was proud to serve the Second District for twelve years, and in seven elections, he never received less than seventy percent of the vote.

During his time representing the Second District, Rob earned a reputation as a serious leader who focused on results. Rob was actively involved in crafting and promoting the historic welfare reform efforts as a member of the committee that wrote the legislation, and he was a forceful advocate of the balanced budget that passed in 1997. Rob gained the respect of both Republican and Democratic colleagues through his successful, bipartisan legislative initiatives, including several measures he authored to increase retirement savings, reform the IRS and add over fifty new taxpayer rights, curb unfunded mandates, reduce taxes, and expand drug prevention and land conservation efforts.

In 2005, Rob left Congress when he was asked to serve as the United States Trade Representative, the Cabinet-level official responsible for implementing and enforcing U.S. trade policy. In his one year in the job, Rob was successful in reducing barriers to U.S. exports and increasing enforcement of trade laws to help level the playing field for American farmers, workers and service providers. Under his leadership, American exports increased and the U.S. brought successful legal challenges against international trade law violations.

Following his accomplishments as Trade Representative, Rob was asked to serve in another Cabinet post, this time as Director of the Office of Management and Budget. A deficit hawk, Rob made his mark by proposing a balanced budget, fighting irresponsible earmarks, and putting in place new transparency measures for all federal spending.

During his first term in the U.S. Senate, Rob authored the Senate Republican Jobs Plan, a seven-point agenda for creating jobs in Ohio and around the country through commonsense policies including tax reform, regulatory reform, and skills training. He has been a champion for underprivileged children, an advocate for policies that reduce poverty and increase opportunity, and a leader on expanding exports and American energy production. Rob has continued the work he began in the House of Representatives on drug abuse prevention and treatment and, through his efforts as part of the Senate Caucus to End Human Trafficking, he has played an important role in helping abused and exploited people around the world.

Portman is a member of the Finance Committee, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and Committee on the Budget. He is also Chairman of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

COMMENCEMENT STUDENT SPEAKER



Katina Darkadakis

Katina Darkadakis will receive her bachelor's degree in fashion merchandising, with a minor in marketing. Katina has held positions such as treasurer and president of SIFI (Students in Fashion and Interiors), which has aided with events such as PAC (Professional Attire Clothing). Katina has been employed on campus, working as a research assistant under the supervision of Associate Professor of Fashion Merchandising, Dr. Turel. While working as a research assistant, she analyzed sustainable self-heating garments, 3D printed textiles, and more recently the design parameters of police uniforms to improve their functionality without compromising comfort. She presented her research at Quest 2014 and 2015. Furthermore, her internship at the Campbell Police Department led her to design and develop a prototype uniform. During her years at YSU, she was a recipient of the David A. Jewell Memorial Scholarship and the Judge Sidney Rigelhaupt Pre-Law Scholarship. Upon graduating Katina hopes to further her education by obtaining her master's degree and continuing her research into the realm of smart fashion or technological textiles.



CANDIDATES FOR 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

Anthony Gerard Alfano
Joseph Ryan Ashcroft
Josiah Manuel Banks
Porsha Marie Barkay
Claudia Michels Bell
Connor John Bezeredi
Riley Nicole Blockinger
Liam Charles Bouquet
Dalton Anthony Joseph Campana
Gabrielle Chrestay
Pamela Ciapala
Amber Mae Ciriello
Kayla Dawn Coldsnow
Cara Brittani Cupler
Michael R. Dempsey
Sasha Ann Detwiler
Emily Joy Diorio
Angela Elizabeth Drohn
Joseph Will Gantz
Aricka Lynn Gates
Lukas William George
Jenna Governor
Amanda Christine Greene
Andrew Douglas Hampton
Taylor Elise Hause

Katie Lou Hutchison-Stowers
Jonathan Hutnyan
Caitlin Elizabeth Ketterman
James Norbert Lepak
Michael Edward Lewis
Chad Philip Limbruner
Matthew Donald Lubonovic
Amanda Dee MacCartney
Chailse Marie Mangino
Anastasia Lynn Markota
Holly Michelle Massucco
Caitlin Marie McCoy
Colleen Marie McKeag
Abigail R. McLaughlin
Sara Jean McMillen
Heidi Jean Metzler
Michael John Miller
Robert John Miller
Dumitru-Silviu Mistreanu
Brett Michael Modic
Logan Richard Mueller-Jonas
Lee James Murray
Brandy Jean Ogle
Kristen Nicole Osiniak
Eric Anthony Ostrander

James Russell Papa
Lisa Marie Pardick
Ann Louise Phillips
Melissa Rose Pintar
Jacqueline Marie Podolsky
Matthew Joseph Ragozine
Chad Philip Regano
Melissa Ann Richards
Adam D. Robb
Stephanie Marie Ruozzo
Dayna Christine Sammartino
Teresa Marie Sanchez
Madalyn Louise Schaefer
Janelle Marie Schultz
Eric Anthony Shehadi
Benjamin Ryan Smith
Gregory B. Smith, Jr.
Deann A. Sovak
Joshua Tedesco
Danielle Ashley Tropea
Melanie Elizabeth Waltman
Mark Walter Warchol
Lauren May Wenick
Jeffrey T. Wormley

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Danielle Marie Aeschbacher
Joshua Bennett Allen
Felicia Amidon
Kim Eleanore Anderson
Allison Nicole Arisman
Peter Ballester
Jenna Lynmarie Berry
Kurt Evan Blackburn
Margaret Kay Bresnahan
Cassie Ann Bullen
Marta Burak
Joann Burkey
Marra Lynn Cercone
George Washington Chepke
Amanda Sue Clark
Bryan Glen Clute
Emily Jane Corsale
Jaquelyn Alexis Cruz
Zaakiyah Amatullah Cua
Spencer M. Curcillo
Allie Rae DeLuco

Deana M. DiGennaro
Michael Anthony DiTosto
Amanda Jane Durig
Taylor Nicole Erdel
Rebecca Jane Fink
Dalton Storm Fowler
Nicholas John Gilanyi
Trista Leigh Goss
Emily Catherine Groubert
Jonathan Wayne Henson
Kevin Tyler Hix
Hari S. Iyer
Sarah Lynn Jilg
Kayla Lynn Kaye
Jena Elizabeth Kosinski
Tanya Lazarevic
Breann Elizabeth Machingo
Carly Michelle Magnuson
Thomas Alexander Marnejon
Hanna Elisabeth Martin
Carmen Asencion Mascarella Estevez

Justin May
Ryan McMullen
Shawonna Marie Moore
Carly Elizabeth Ondash
Anthony Robert Paldino
Taylor Ann Phillips
Zachary Francis Politsky
Sara Marie Pompeo
Jacob Powell
Chelsea Lyn Quinones
Andrea Lynn Reihard
Robert D. Ritchey
Kevin Edward Ruse
Kelsey Santangelo
Shelby Lynn Santullo
Morgan Elaine Scaife
Alex James Sisler
Jenna Anne Sliwinski
Brianna Quinn Smrek
Cara Nola Snyder
Delaney Son

CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS

MAGNA CUM LAUDE (CONTINUED)

Rachel Lynne Soroka
Hailey Sturtz
Carmen Paul Tarantino
Samuel James Trimm

Amanda Marie Van Fossan
Jessica Janee Williams
Shannon Marie Witte

Michelle Zdelar
Kabira Zerdaoui
Katherine Ann Zetts

CUM LAUDE

Abigail Ama Ansah-Zame
Ian Winston Beauchamp
Megan D. Bennett
Kymberly Ann Bowlen
Rachel Taylor Briceland
Jennalee Veranica Dawn Butch
Emily Elizabeth Campbell
Nicole Marie Casalini
Charles Martin Chavara
Samuel David Claybourne
Jeffrey Mitchell Davidson
Nicole Ann DeCenso
Heidi L. DiBacco
Mayson Carrie Dickinson
Danny McKinley Duvall
Angie J. Eckenrode
Jacob Ian Ecklund
Sara Jo Ford
Carolyn Elizabeth George
Maria Granchie
Andrew James Grubbs
Anthony Stuart Hall
Heidi Jo Hall
Eric James Haughey

Jarrod Lee Haught
Christen Callie Higgins
Gerrod Steven Hrusovsky
Courtney Christine Hunter
Ryan Anthony Kaufman
Suzanne Leigh Kepple
Patrick Gino Kiraly
Jenna Marie Kohut
Anna Mary Kolar
Katelyn Ruth Kurilla
Adam Matthew Lindsey
Patrick Joseph Lyell
Joseph Edward Mahoney
Nukeisha Ann Martin
Wendy Lynn Maxim
Kaitlyn McClimans
Elizabeth McKnight
Nicole Marie Melia
Lauren Catherine Minenok
Seth Andrew Morrow
Shawn Dean Neff
Brittney Leigh Newton
Christopher Andrew Nicolaou
Rosalie Angelina Nolfi

Adam William Nord
Katelyn Polchosky
Michael Robert Rapovy
Taylor Christian Rapovy
Megan Noelle Reinhart
Bianca Noelle Robinson
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Francis Jerome Rydarowicz
Drew Alexander Saluga
Sophia Jean Santisi
Daniel Edwin Smith
Ahmed J. Sutton
Lauren N. Tadla
Megan Elizabeth Tirabassi
Annaliese Sybil Torella
Linsay Elaine Totin
Chelsea L. Trontel
Tabatha Lee Turney
Jina Marie Vitullo
Tyrell Deshawn Warren
Ja'Niece Tiara Whitehead
Jessica Leanne Whitely
Kevin Charles Wilhide
Corey Edward Zallow



ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS

WITH HIGH HONORS

Michelle Campbell Golladay
Sherry Rigel
Stacy Denise Runkle
Mark Simpson
Joseph A. Sperduto

WITH HONORS

Mazin Ghazi A Alenazi
Ryan William Ifft
Brittney Leigh Newton

HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Rebecca J. Fink
Exercise Science
*Relationships Between Player
Characteristics and Performance in
College and High School Soccer and
Football Players*

Anna M. Kolar
Information Technology B
*An Honors Student Experience
Navigating the Internship Process and
Achieving Success*

Jude A. Koury
Political Science
*The History of Antitrust Law and
Professional Sports*

Hanna E. Martin
Exercise Science
*Effects of Obesity on Pregnancy: A
Literature Review and Framework
Design for Ongoing Research*

Sophia J. Santisi
Biology
*The Antimicrobial Effects of Natural
Agents on Propionibacterium acnes and
Staphylococcus epidermidis*



CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Douglas Twing Hiscox

Dissertation: *An Examination of the Impact of Intra-District School Choice Programming on Student Achievement*

Educational Leadership

Kelly Ann Moran

Dissertation: *Teacher Empowerment: School Administrators Leading Teachers to Lead*

Educational Leadership

Timothy Allen Neal

Dissertation: *Perceptions of Students' Absences in an Urban Public School*

Educational Leadership

Constance Mae Youngblood

Dissertation: *A Study of Change: Exploring the Impact of a Professional Learning Community on the Implementation of a Federal Art Demonstration Grant in Three Northwestern Pennsylvania Rural Elementary Schools*

Educational Leadership

David Joseph Zupsic

Dissertation: *We Don't Need No Education: Students' Viewpoints*

Educational Leadership



DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Sarah Mostov Kay
Physical Therapy



EDUCATIONAL SPECIALISTS

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School Psychology

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School Psychology

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School Psychology

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COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES (CONTINUED)

Master of Arts

Patrick Albert Bascom
Thesis: *Political Discussions and the Media*
Interdisciplinary Communication

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American Studies

Andrew Hamilton Carroll
English

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Economics

Rebecca Radovich Clinton
Art Education

Jolisa Shanay Collier-Lee
History

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Financial Economics

Sierra Janelle Dean
English

Eric Emerick
Thesis: *Change in BMI and Cognition in Middle-Aged and Older Adults: The Seattle Longitudinal Study*
Gerontology

Jason Daniel Frank
English

Margaret Eileen Gratz-Reynolds
Thesis: *Finding a Solution to Recidivism: The Social Identity of Returning Citizens*
Interdisciplinary Communication

Bonnie Louise Hazen
English

Dana Marie Hendricks
Art Education

Melissa L. Janis
Art Education

Krysta Anne Kluge
Thesis: *Freedom of Speech issues regarding policies governing social media*
Interdisciplinary Communication

Jake Andrew Charles Kucek
Interdisciplinary Communication

Troy Douglas Magrini, Jr.
History

Ryan Edward Mooney
Thesis: *Guiding "Big Science": Competing Agency of Scientists and Funding Organizations in American Cold War Research*
History

Amy J. Plant
Thesis: *Associations Between Kyphosis and Scores on the Safe Functional Motion Test: A Retrospective Analysis on Quality of Life*
Gerontology

Ayesha Qazi
Economics

Salvatore Mario Salvino
Economics

Garrett Winston Snyder
Financial Economics

Angeline Marie Theis
English

Shelly Sue Van Meter-Lineberry
History

Joseph Allen Voytek
Thesis: *Burden Among Military Caregivers in a Veteran-Directed Home and Community-Based Service Program*
Gerontology

Valerie Kathryn Waksmundski
Thesis: *Yielding to the Worthy: The Chinese Abdication Myth as Discourse on Hereditary Versus Merit-Based Leadership*
History

Master of Business Administration

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General Business

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Master of Computing and Information Systems

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Computing and Information Systems

Uday Kumar Chinta
Computing and Information Systems

Ravi Kumar Chunchu
Computing and Information Systems

Anudeep Kumar Gadam
Computing and Information Systems

Ahraz Husain
Thesis: *Understanding How Developers Work on Change Tasks Using Interaction History and Eye Gaze Data*

Computing and Information Systems

Kishore Kalavakuri
Computing and Information Systems

Ravi Babu Lavu
Computing and Information Systems

Nawal Nabil Moatassem
Thesis: *A Study of Migrating Biological Data from Relational Databases to NoSQL Databases*

Computing and Information Systems

Srikanth Reddy Sheshaiahgari
Computing and Information Systems

Anusha Yalavarthi
Computing and Information Systems

Master of Education

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Computing and Information Systems

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Intervention Services

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Intervention Services

Heather Nichol Frank
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Laura Marie Revetti
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Lindsay Ann Robinson
Intervention Services

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Intervention Services

Ashleigh Marie Young
Intervention Services

Master of Health and Human Services

Amanda Marie Angles
Health and Human Services

Reanna Lee Covell
Health and Human Services

Krystle Siobhan Finley
Thesis: *Evaluating Breast Health Education and Awareness in the College Environment Using the Health Belief Model*

Health and Human Services

Macey Edem Nortey
Health and Human Services

Master of Music

Macey Edem Nortey
Health and Human Services

Meredith Katheryn Anderson
Thesis: *Exploring Excellence: Competitive Sight Singing in Four Ohio High School Choral Programs*

Music Theory and Composition

Karen Ann Considine
Thesis: *Interpreting the Style and Context of Heinrich Ignaz Franz Biber's 'Harmonia Artificioso-Ariosa'*

Music History and Literature

COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES (CONTINUED)

Nathanael Charles Welch
Thesis: *All That Noise, and All That Sound: Tonal Ambiguity and Melodic-Harmonic Disconnect in the Music of Coldplay*
Music Theory and Composition

Adam Joseph Zagotti
Music Performance

Master of Public Health

Lucine Saleh
Public Health

Master of Science

Collins Aboagye
Thesis: *Purification and Biochemical Studies of Glutathione Transferase YliJ from Escherichia coli*
Chemistry

Elizabeth Colleen Abraham
Thesis: *Analysis of Temporal Range Change in Neotropical Passerine Migrants Using Stable Hydrogen Isotope Techniques*
Environmental Science

Nana Yaa Acheampong
Thesis: *Correlation Between Heart Disease Mortality and Magnesium Concentrations in Ohio Drinking Water*
Environmental Science

Obeng Appiagyei Addai
Thesis: *Regulated Feedback Networks with Degradation*
Mathematics

Christopher John Adkins
Thesis: *Examining the X and Y Generations' Motivation for Choosing Law Enforcement: My How Things Have Changed?*
Criminal Justice

Cephas Ofoe Dodzi Afeke
Thesis: *Chemistry of Acyl Nitrenes in the Synthesis of Carbamates and Complex Heterocycles*
Chemistry

Iddrissu Mohammed Alhassan
Mathematics

Amy Suzanne Brown
Thesis: *Rehabilitation in Prison: An Examination of Prison Animal Programs*
Criminal Justice

Joseph Edward Budny
Biology

Steven Andrew Buffone
Thesis: *Characterization and Bioremediation Viability of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon Contamination in the Banks of the Mahoning River*
Environmental Science

Timothy Eric Cargal
Thesis: *Genomics of Biobutanol from Clostridium beijerinckii*
Biology

Aaron Maureese Carmichael
Thesis: *The War Amongst Our Homes: Societies Attitude Towards the Excessive Militarization of American Policing*
Criminal Justice

Bradley Jay Craig
Mathematics

Christine Ann Curtis
Thesis: *Development of a Recombineering System in Enterobacter sp. YSU*
Biology

Michael Dominic Delost
Thesis: *The Synthesis of Amine Derivatives after a One-Pot Synthesis of Biphenyl-4-methyl azide*
Chemistry

Stephen Edward Dempsey
Thesis: *How Do Inmates Perceive Correctional Treatment Programs?*
Criminal Justice

Shannon Joele Doherty
Thesis: *Spatio-temporal Patterns in Beaver Pond Complexes as Habitat for Eastern Spotted Newts (Notophthalmus viridescens) in a Hemlock-Northern-Hardwood Zone in Western New York State*
Environmental Studies

Sarah Louise Eisnagle
Thesis: *Expression of Glucan Synthesis During Cell-Wall Stress in the Wild-type and yakA Mutant Strains of Penicillium marneffeii*
Biology

Joshua Andrew Engle
Thesis: *Expression of Chitin Synthesis During Cell-Wall Stress in the Wild-type and yakA Mutant Strains of Penicillium marneffeii*
Biology

Robert Christian Granchie
Thesis: *The Vertical Distribution of Lead at an Inactive Gun Range in Ohio*
Environmental Studies

Lawrence Heymann
Thesis: *Distribution Fitting to Claims Data*
Mathematics

Stefanie Adeline Hudzik
Thesis: *A Case Study of the Spatial Relationship Between Bat Pass Frequency and Artificial Light Pollution along a Bike Trail in Portage County, Ohio*
Environmental Studies

Tram Thi Bao Le
Mathematics

Daniel Joseph Lisko
Thesis: *The Effect of Probiotics on Human Gastrointestinal Microbial Communities*
Biology

COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES (CONTINUED)

Zachary James Morse
 Thesis: *Dose Response Analysis of Bone Marrow-Derived Mesenchymal Stem Cells for Treatment in Fascial Wound Repair*
 Biology

Danielle Marie Mutchler
 Thesis: *White-tailed Deer (Odocoileus Virginianus) Herbivory in Northeastern Ohio Riparian Zones: A Preference Study*
 Biology

Philemon Owuor Ngoje
 Thesis: *Synthons of N-acetyl-L-Fucosamine as potential inhibitors of staphylococcus aureus capsular polysaccharide biosynthesis*
 Chemistry

Daniel O. Oder
 Thesis: *Generation of Human Aldose Reductase Mutants of Cys298*
 Chemistry

Olumide Babatope Ogunwumi
 Thesis: *The Development of Monoclonal Antibodies Against Human Immunodeficiency virus-1 viral Protein R Using Hybridoma Technology*
 Biology

Susan Rashid
 Thesis: *Protein Profile and Directed Gene Expression of Developing C2C12 Cells*
 Biology

Amanda Christine Sacco
 Thesis: *An Extensive Study of Soft Materials Containing Carboxylic Acid Moieties to Determine Hydrogen Bond Energies Using Analytical and Theoretical Methods*
 Chemistry

Chantal Wase Sakwe
 Thesis: *Analysis of Suspended Sediment Loads in Streams and Rivers Using Linear Regression and Pearson Correlation*
 Environmental Studies

Julie Seitz
 Mathematics

Dylan Robert Thomas
 Thesis: *Ontogeny of myosin expression in the semi-prehensile tail of the grey short-tailed opossum (Mondelphis domestica): protein regulation is associated with nest construction*
 Biology

Emeka James Udeigwe
 Thesis: *Generation of Recombinant Mutants of the C298 Residue of Human Aldose Reductase*
 Chemistry

Master of Science in Education

Katalin Rae Bacha
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 Counseling

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 Educational Administration,
 Principal Track

Denise Delaquila
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John Andrew DeSantis
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Beverly Michelle Grant
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Breanna Rose Herock
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Nicole Elyse Horvath
 Counseling

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Audra Ann Jones
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Catherine Alice Jugenheimer
 Educational Administration

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 Counseling

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Jacquelyn Marie Kutchel
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Counseling

Joshua Dale Lisko
Counseling

Ronald Allen Markowitz, Jr.
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Rebecca McMenamin
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Jessica Leanne Munoz
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Christina Marie Neeley
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Joanne Marie Ogurchak
Educational Administration,
Principal Track

Felicity Osei-Mensah Darkwa
Educational Administration

Karen Lee Pavlansky
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Mild Mod

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Teacher Education, Literacy

Michael Joseph Poljak
Counseling

Daniel Brian Rasor
Counseling

David Todd Reel
Teacher Education, Curriculum and
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Tim Wagner received his BS in Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin at River Falls in 1981 and went on to earn his PhD in Chemistry from Arizona State University in 1986, where he utilized Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM) methods to study structural details of inorganic oxides. Prior to joining the faculty of the Department of Chemistry at YSU in 1992, he worked as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Northwestern University and as an Assistant Visiting Professor of Chemistry at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Since joining YSU's chemistry department, Dr. Wagner has focused much effort on establishing a campus infrastructure for solid state structural analysis. He played a lead role in establishing the chemistry department's X-ray diffraction facility as the Principal Investigator (PI) of a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant that provided major funding for the facility. He later served as PI and co-PI on NSF grants that funded the acquisition of X-ray powder and CCD single crystal diffractometer systems, respectively. He also set up the department's original transmission electron microscopy laboratory by locating two donor instruments and combining them into one functional instrument. More recently, he served as the PI/PD on a grant awarded through the Ohio Third Frontier Wright Project Program that funded a new state-of-the-art TEM facility, which includes a combined focused ion beam/scanning electron microscope for TEM sample preparation and other applications.

Dr. Wagner strongly supports his department's policy regarding hands on access to research-grade instrumentation by any student engaged in research and/or laboratory course experiments with the desire to learn. He has successfully incorporated a materials research module into the general chemistry laboratory curriculum and served as PI on an NSF grant award that funded a dedicated bench-top X-ray diffractometer and UV-Vis spectrometer for hands on access by general chemistry students. He also periodically co-teaches a dedicated course on solid state structural methods, emphasizing hands-on training in X-ray structural analysis and related techniques.

Professor Wagner has received over four million dollars in external funding for grants on which he served as Principal Investigator. He was also the principal author of the proposal establishing Materials Science and Engineering as a Center of Excellence at YSU, and has served as Director of the Center since its inception in 2009. He is a past Director of the PhD program in Materials Science and Engineering, which enrolled its first class in fall 2012. Currently, he serves as Chemistry Department Chairperson. He was recognized as a Distinguished Professor of Scholarship in 2004 and received the Graduate Dean's Award for *Superior Success in Obtaining External Funding* in 2009. He has over 30 peer reviewed publications and has directed thesis projects of 15 Master of Science students.

He is married to Attorney Patricia Wagner (Chairperson of the Department of Criminal Justice and Forensic Science at YSU), and they have two children.



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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.

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.

Graduating students who serve or have served in the Armed Forces are invited to wear red, white and blue Patriot cords in recognition of their service to our country.

THE UNIVERSITY CEREMONIAL MACE

The ceremonial mace has its roots in ancient Rome. During the Middle Ages, the 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.

THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

This is 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 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*.



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.



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