

## Summer Commencement Youngstown State University

Beeghly Center Saturday Morning, August Twenty-Sixth Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine Ten O'Clock

#### **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.

#### **PROGRAM**

#### **PRELUDE**

Concert Selections YSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble Les Hicken, Conductor

#### ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance . . . . Edward Elgar March Processional . . . . Clare Grundman

#### **INVOCATION**

The Reverend Richard D. Speicher Former Executive Director Mahoning Valley Association of Churches

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE TRUSTEES

Neil D. Humphrey
President of the University

## GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Emily P. Mackall
Chair of the Board of Trustees

#### **ADDRESS**

Paul J. Thomas

#### MUSICAL SELECTION

Gershwin! . . . . Arranged by Warren Barker

#### PRESENTATION OF PAUL J. THOMAS TO RECEIVE THE HONORARY DEGREE DOCTOR OF LAWS

Bernard J. Yozwiak

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

## RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES ATTAINING UNIVERSITY HONORS

Sally M. Hotchkiss Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies

### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Victor A. Richley Dean of the College of Applied Science and Technology

James Cicarelli Dean of the Warren P. Williamson, Jr. School of Business

David P. Ruggles Dean of the School of Education

David Sweetkind Dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts

Bernard J. Yozwiak

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

George E. Sutton Dean of the William Rayen School of Engineering

Sally M. Hotchkiss Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies

#### **CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

Dr. Humphrey

#### BENEDICTION

Rev. Speicher

#### **ALMA MATER**

Mark Spondike Graduate Student, College of Fine and Performing Arts

#### **RECESSIONAL**

Centennial . . . . . . . . . . . . Alfred Reed

Emily P. Mackall, Chair of the Board of Trustees, will help invest Mr. Thomas with the hood.

The audience is asked to be seated after the singing of the Alma Mater and to remain seated during the recessional.

Photographs requiring the use of flash equipment may not be taken while exercises are in progress.

#### **UNIVERSITY HONORS**

Because this list of candidates for graduation honors had to be prepared ahead of time, it is tentative. The diploma, together with a certified transcript, is the proof of graduation with honors.

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS WITH HIGH HONORS

Mary Ann T. Green

#### **WITH HONORS**

Sarah Marie Anderson

Ronda Lyn Ealy

Eugene S. Young

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David Richard Brine Cheryl L. Buoni Nicholas E. DeLucia Tessa Lee Edeburn

Anthony R. Igou David Nicholas Lallo James A. O'Leary, Jr. Eunice E. Santos Marianne Schuster Christine Ann Strichek Robert M. Walls

#### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Ingrid Andrea Baumgaertel Brenda Sue Thurman Boser Karen J. Cessna Larry Eugene Dix

Linda Ann Lazar Loraine Pavalko Joanna E. Rowe Alan Tatalovich Anthony F. Vitullo Jill L. Vukovich Marla Kay Weber

#### **CUM LAUDE**

Mary Jane Bequeath Christine M. Bettura Thomas Martin Conroy Kristine Ann Cunningham Kenneth Jude Emch Lucille C. Flyak Danny Neil Garrison DeAnna Nicole Hardwick Allison Anne Hutira Arnold Lees Thomas J. Leone Judy Todd Minto William A. Myers Richard Lowry Nelson Lyn Alison Niswander Wendy L. Park Jeff M. Ross Stephen G. Smyczynski William Vincent Utterback

# THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER and CANDIDATE FOR THE HONORARY DEGREE DOCTOR OF LAWS

PAUL J. THOMAS, though officially retired, continues to play an active and influential role in the Mahoning Valley business community, as he has done for over fifty years.

A Niles native, he attended first Niles City Schools, then the Lawrenceville School in New Jersey, graduating as valedictorian in 1932. In 1936, he received a Bachelor of Science with Distinction from Yale University and was elected to the scientific honorary society, Sigma Xi.

In 1937, he and Marguerite Kauffman of Girard were married, a partnership that has lasted 52 years. They have two daughters, Gwen and Janet.

In 1938, Mr. Thomas became Ohio State University's first graduate student in accounting, at the same time instructing elementary accounting classes at the university. A year later, he began a long association with the accounting firm of Mateer, Burgeson and Packer, now Packer, Thomas & Company of Youngstown and Warren.

During World War II, Mr. Thomas went on active duty in the Naval Reserve, serving in both the Atlantic and Pacific theatres and attaining the rank of lieutenant.

Upon his return to the Youngstown area, Mr. Thomas, in association with Sam Henry, became involved in the aluminum extrusion, fabricating and finishing business. By the time Mr. Thomas retired in 1977, the original four plants had grown to eleven and had become Easco Aluminum of Niles. He also served for

many years in an executive capacity with Superior Industries and its associated companies.

In 1950, he became a director of the McKinley Savings and Loan and was elected director of the Dollar Savings and Trust Company three years later. When Ohio Bancorp was organized in 1982, he became a director and vice chair of the corporation. Mr. Thomas also holds directorships in several closely-owned companies in the area.

Mr. Thomas has always demonstrated a commitment to civic affairs. He was elected to a four-year term on the Austintown School Board, was a member of the Mahoning County Public Library Board and a trustee of the Butler Institute of American Art. The Western Reserve Care System recently granted him emeritus status as a member of the board following 20 years' service, including 14 years as chair of the finance committee. He is also currently a trustee of the Mahoning Valley Economic Development Corporation and member of the executive committee.

Strong believers in the free enterprise system, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas in 1980 established the Paul J. and Marguerite K. Thomas Colloquium at Youngstown State University. Its purpose is to bring outstanding speakers to campus to address students, faculty and the public on the benefits of the free enterprise system and a free-market economy. In past years, well-known lecturers have addressed such issues as business ethics, women in executive roles, and religious values and capitalism.

#### CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Because the list of candidates had to be prepared ahead of time, it is tentative. The diploma, together with a certified transcript, is the proof of graduation.

Candidates for the degree Bachelor of Arts whose names are followed by the symbol (†) will receive their degrees from the College of Fine and Performing Arts. All other A.B. candidates will receive their degrees from the College of Arts and Sciences.

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Thesis: Frances Wright: A Contextual Interpretation of a Leader in Early 19th Century America

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James Charles Haun, B.A. Case Western Reserve University Biology

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Ashland College
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Thesis: Modulation of Mature
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Colony-Stimulating Factors

Jaw-Wu Liou, B.E. Tamkang University (Taiwan) Mathematics

Eric A. Munsell, B.S. Youngstown State University Criminal Justice Karen Marie Stroh, B.S. Youngstown State University Biology Thesis: Evidence for a Mating Inducer Molecule Necessary for Cell Fusion and Zygote Formation in Didymium iridis

Richard Clair Williams, B.S. Youngstown State University Chemistry Thesis: Microwave Oven Digestions

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#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

Mohammad-Reza F. Azmoudeh, B.E. Youngstown State University Materials Science Thesis: *Transformations in Y, Ca, Cu, O Superconductors* 

Reza Faryani, B.E. Youngstown State University Electrical Engineering

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#### ACADEMIC REGALIA AND CEREMONY

The gowns, hoods, and caps worn in academic ceremonies today are relics of clothing worn in medieval times by students and professors. In the early universities -Bologna, Paris, Oxford - the undergraduate students had no prescribed academic dress but wore their usual clerical or ecclesiastical habits. The professors wore more colorful academic regalia than their modern-day descendants. Probably the gowns and hoods were worn for warmth in the unheated halls where the lectures were delivered. From the sixteenth century on, there is a change to somber black and it is only in the hoods worn in academic processions today that the warmth and color of medieval academic pageantry is retained.

The hoods representing 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; drab 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. It is possible, also, to determine from the length of the hoods the type of degree held by the wearer—quite long for the doctor's degree, medium for the master's, short for the bachelor's.

Since 1895, in the United States, the colors and types of caps and gowns have been largely standardized; in 1932 the code was revised to some extent, and in 1960 it was revised once more. A few American universities have adopted gowns other than black in color, and in European universities there is more diversity in cut and in the cap than prevails in the United States. Trustees and administrators of American colleges and

Universities, too, may wear regalia which is different from that commonly worn. The trustees of Youngstown State University wear a specially designed cardinal gown.

The bachelor's gown is worn closed; the masters gown is worn open or closed, depending partly on its tailoring; and the wearer of the doctor's gown has the privilege of wearing it open or closed. The sleeves of the three types of gowns are of different lengths and cuts, and in addition the sleeves of the doctor's gown have three horizontal velvet stripes. The doctor's gown also has vertical facing of velvet in front. The stripes and facing may be either black or in the color representing the field in which the wearer has received the doctorate.

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. The tassels worn on the caps may or may not be of the same types. In some institutions all masters' and bachelors' tassels are black; in others the tassels, which are the same as the colors of the facings of the hoods, reflect the degree received. The tassels worn by doctors may be black or gold thread.

There is something of the same adherence to tradition in commencement processions that exists in academic garb, although each institution has the right to adapt the ceremony to its own requirements. The chief marshals lead the line of march, followed by the president, the speaker, trustees, and other members of the party to be seated on the platform. Then follow the faculty and the candidates for degrees. The procession at the end of the ceremony follows the same order.

Recipients of University Honors will receive special insignia, consisting of golden honor cords placed around the shoulders.