

# Summer Commencement Youngstown State University

Saturday Morning, August Eighteenth Two Thousand and One Ten O'Clock Beeghly Center

# 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
	"Stars and Stripes Forever March" John Philip Sousa
	YSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble Dr. Stephen L. Gage, Conductor
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL	
aroutes with horses.	"Pomp and Circumstance" from March No. 1 by Edward Elgar "March Processional" by Clare Grundman
WELCOME	David C. Sweet President
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Dr. Allan R. Mosher, Associate Professor of Music
	Dana School of Music College of Fine and Performing Arts
REFLECTION	
INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES	
GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE SP PRESENTATION OF F. W. "BILL" KNECHT III T RECEIVE THE DEGREE HONORARY DOCTOR (	0
HUMANE LETTERS	Chairperson, Board of Trustees
ADDRESS	F. W. "Bill" Knecht III Chairman and CEO, Wendell August Forge YSU Alumni Society's 2001 Distinguished Citizen Award Recipient
MUSICAL SELECTION	"Stars and Stripes Forever March" by John Philip Sousa
RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES ATTAINING	UNIVERSITY HONORS
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES	
Betty Jo Li Charles	Peter J. Kasvinsky, Dean of the School of Graduate Studies Ikram Khawaja, Interim Dean of the College of College of Arts and Sciences icata, Dean of the Warren P. Williamson, Jr. College of Business Administration Joseph Edwards, Interim Dean of the Beeghly College of Education A. Stevens, Dean of the William Rayen College of Engineering and Technology George McCloud, Dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts of the Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health and Human Services
	Roxy Gurlea President, YSU Alumni Society
CLOSING REMARKS	
ALMA MATER	Professor Mosher
RECESSIONAL	"Washington Post March" by John Philip Sousa "Liberty Bell March" by John Philip Sousa
COLLEGE RECEPTIONS	
The Black Alumni Chapter of the YSU Alumni Society and the Y House from noon until 2:00 p.m. today.	YSU Black Faculty and Staff Association will hold a reception for graduates in the Alumni
Eugenia C. Atkinson, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, and	Provost Atwater will invest Mr. Knecht with the hood.
The audience is asked to be seated after the singing of the Alma l	Mater and to remain seated during the recessional.
Photographs requiring the use of flash equipment may not be tak	en while exercises are in progress.

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# UNIVERSITY HONORS SUMMER 2001

Because the 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.

# BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS

#### Summa Cum Laude

John C. Altman Aaron Christopher Cain Maggie B. Corfield Julie Annette Cork Kathleen M. Hall Brandy Leigh Kelly Samantha Lynn McCombs

Ronald Eugene Coulter Kathryn Serena Elgin Julie Anne Gay Katina Marie Gilbert Christine M. Hoover Brian Scott Huff Michael James Kapics

Jenny Marie Bacak Donna Renee Bernhard Erica Lynn Chamberlin Deborah Alisha Cheatham Angela DeNeal Daniels Ellen Rae DeCarlo Lee William Gemma Kevin Christopher Herrholtz Theodore Andrew Mahon Corinne E. Morini Seema J. Patel Julia M. Patrone Joyce M. Restaino Tracy Lynn Roberts Charlotte Rodabaugh Jennifer Lee Schneider Andrew Kane Shipka Cara Marie Toot Deborah A. Williams Philip Allen Wilson Lisa Zelinka

#### Magna Cum Laude

Kami Jo Kosmo Heather Lynn Marscio Tara Marie Michaels Timothy Ray Mott Justin Patrick Parrock Elizabeth Anne Pash Carrie Ann Price

#### Cum Laude

Allison Marie Mallow Elizabeth Ann Matune Pamela Lynn Otterson Pamela Lynn Pannozzo Jason K. Parker Richard Charles Pieren Rachel Lucie Rodabaugh Katie Sabel Eric William Scott Kevin V. Ruminski Sarah Suzanne Seaman Carrie Elizabeth Smolko Ginamarie Clara Thomas Donald Paul Turjan Amy Lynn Vestal Danielle Sherree Wallace

Lynne Marie Sinchak Renee Christine Stanko Tasha Marie Stanton Tsugihiko Tanaka Rebekah Sue Tanner Joseph Toth Nicole Catherine Watson Terra Eve Weston Isaac Philip Young

# ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS

#### With Honors

Tracey Lynn Moore Kathy L. Ritzler Rochelle Katherine Rivera Melissa Ann Savage

# The Commencement Speaker and Candidate for the Degree Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

Today's commencement speaker, F. W. "Bill" Knecht III, is chairman and chief executive officer of Wendell August Forge in Grove City, Pennsylvania and Berlin, Ohio. Mr. Knecht, long an active leader in University, alumni, and community affairs, was honored on August 9 as the University's 2001 Distinguished Citizen.

A Warren, Ohio, native, Mr. Knecht received his Bachelor of Arts degree in foreign languages from Youngstown State University. He began his career in educational sales for IBM, where, in 1974, he was named one of the top 100 sales representatives in the country.

Mr. Knecht left IBM in 1978 to start a new career as owner and operator of Wendell August Forge, the oldest and largest operating hand forge in the country. With his good business sense and marketing savvy, he has built the Forge into a stop for thousands of tourists looking for the hand-crafted gifts and collectibles that are its specialty.

A well-known and highly respected community leader, Mr. Knecht has lent his considerable talent and energy to a wide range of organizations and institutions. He was appointed by Gov. Robert Taft to the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees in 1999. He has been president of The Youngstown Club, the YSU Penguin Club, the Boardman Civic Association, and the Boardman Board of Education. He served a board member of the American Cancer Society, Mahoning County Unit, and as a member of the educational advisory board of both the Mahoning County Joint Vocational School and the Choffin Career Center. He serves as a trustee of Grove City College and is on the boards of the Penn Northwest Development Corporation, the Mercer County Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Mahoning Valley Historical Society, the Youngstown Club, and the Rockwell Springs Trout Club.

Mr. Knecht was named Man of the Year by the Mahoning County Chapter of the American Cancer Society in 1992 and Distinguished Citizen by the Boy Scouts of America French Creek Council in 1995. In 1996, he received the Thiel College Distinguished Service Award and the Youngstown Hearing and Speech Center Great Communicator Award. In 1999, he was inducted into the Youngstown State University Athletic Hall of Fame as a contributor, and, in 2000, the American Cancer Society honored him with their Courage Award.

Mr. Knecht and his wife Connie have two grown children, Mrs. Jonathan Fetter of Canfield, Ohio, and Mr. Will Knecht of Boardman, Ohio.

# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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# SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

#### Master of Arts

Terry Diana Benton, B.S. in Ed. Youngstown State University English

Eric M. Boldan, A.B. Youngstown State University English

Cathleen Ann Ceremuga, B.S., A.B. Youngstown State University English

Kevin J. Coy, A.B. Youngstown State University History

Crystal Denice Danley, A.B. Youngstown State University English

Toni Michelle Harnar, B.S. in Ed. Youngstown State University English

Barbara Johns Harris, A.B. Youngstown State University English

Paul Robert Henderson, B.S. in E Kent State University English

Joan Marie Kassan, B.A. Kent State University English

Timothy J. Kinkead, A.B. Youngstown State University History

Charles C. Little, A.B. Youngstown State University English

JoAnne Kara McCliment, A.B. Youngstown State University English

Sharon A. Mika, B.S., A.B. Youngstown State University English Carol Dascenzo O'Leary, B.S. in Ed. Youngstown State University English

Tammy L. Reeher, B.A. Indiana University of Pennsylvania English Thesis: Raymond Carver: Poetry and Therapy

Steven D. Shandor, A.B. Youngstown State University History

Holly M. Wells, A.B. Youngstown State University English Thesis: Effects of Computer Word Processing on the Creative Writing of College Composition Students

Master of Business Administration Scott Alan Brewer, B.E. Youngstown State University General Business

> Robert Bane Dunn, B.S.N. Pennsylvania State University General Business

Matthew Douglas Folk, B.S. in B.A. Youngstown State University General Business

Sarah Suzanne Gross, B.S. Youngstown State University Management

Frances LynneHortin, A.B., M.Lhr. Brigham Young University, The Ohio State University Executive

Michelle I. Kalman, B.S. in A.S. Youngstown State University General Business

Adam Jason Madgar, B.E. Youngstown State University General Business Gregory David Null, B.S. in B.A. Kent State University Management

Rochelle C. Robinson, B.S. in B.A. Youngstown State University General Business

Samuel L. Rotunna, B.S. in Pharmacy The Ohio State University Management

Kathryn Ann Sherman, B.S. in A.S. Youngstown State University Executive

Master of Health and Human Services Jennifer Ann Moore, B.S. The Ohio State University Health and Human Services

Master of Music Rachel Ann May, B.M. Baldwin-Wallace College Performance

> Aaron James Smith, B.S.M. Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania Performance

Master of Science John Paul Allsopp, B.S. in A.S. Youngstown State University Criminal Justice

> Joseph Michael Barak, B.S. John Carroll University Biology Thesis: The Role of Plasma Membrane Calcium Pumps in Regulating Relaxation of Rat Corpus Cavernosum Smooth Muscle in vitro

Daniel Frank Berndt, B.S. Youngstown State University Chemistry Thesis: Synthesis and Chemistry of New Sugar Derived Diazoesters and Acyl Azides

# SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES (continued)

Debra Burns, B.S. Youngstown State University Biology Thesis: Measuring Murine Natural Killer Cell Cytotoxicity using a Lactate Dehydrogenase Assay

Sara Marie Dean, B.S. in Ed. Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Mathematics

Phil R. Dyer, B.A. Texas Tech University Criminal Justice Thesis: Adult Therapeutic Communities in Correctional Institutions

Thomas Francis Gatto, B.S. in A.S. Youngstown State University Criminal Justice Thesis: An Examination of the Effectiveness of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Mechanisms on the Convenience Store Industry in the Youngstown Area

James Douglas Knight, B.A. Baldwin-Wallace College Criminal Justice Thesis: Reclaim Ohio in Jefferson County: A Comparative Analysis

Jason Lee McCartney, B.S. Youngstown State University Chemistry Thesis: Nucleophilic Addition of Sugar-Derived Dithiane Nucleophiles to Lactones: A New Approach to C-Disaccharides

Christopher Lee Myers, B.S. The University of Akron Chemistry Thesis: Comparison of Volatile Component Formation Arising in Spontaneous and Inoculated Fermentation of Ohio Chardonnay by SPME/GC/MS

Sumithran Rasathurai, B.S. University of Jaffna (Sri-Lanka) Mathematics Edward Richard Wajda, A.B. Youngstown State University Mathematics

Matthew August Williams, B.A. Mount Union College Criminal Justice Thesis: A Study of Police Officer Responses in Elyria, Ohio, to Gang Activity in the Jurisdiction

Master of Science in Education Renee Victoria Armpriester, B.A. State University College at Potsdam, New York Master Teacher-Secondary, English

> Jodi Elizabeth Boots, B.S. in Ed. Geneva College Master Teacher-Elementary, Reading Specialist

Jerry L. Brewster, B.A. Kent State University Counseling

Melissa A. Carsone, B.S. in Ed. Youngstown State University Master Teacher-Special Education, Gifted & Talented Education Specialist

Daniel Robert Castagna, B.S. in Ed. Clarion University of Pennsylvania Educational Administration

Kristen Lynn Castagna, B.S. in Ed. Youngstown State University Special Education

Robert Maurice DiPofi, Jr., B.A. Hiram College Educational Administration

Candace Marie Dixon, A.B. Youngstown State University Master Teacher-Secondary, Curriculum

Jill Marie Dumanski, B.S. in Ed. Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Master Teacher-Special Education, Early Childhood

Gail Lynne Foreman, B.S. in Ed. Youngstown State University Special Education Patrick Joseph Gaia Jr., A.B. Youngstown State University Master Teacher-Secondary, Computer Education and Technology

Christopher Michael Gault, A.B. Youngstown State University Counseling

Andrea Glassford, B.S. The Ohio State University Counseling

Maureen A. Hagan, B.S. in Ed. Youngstown State University Master Teacher-Elementary, Middle Grades

Julie Hiltz, B.S. in Ed. Clarion University of Pennsylvania Master Teacher-Secondary, Curriculum

Lisa P. Hogan, B.S. in Ed. Youngstown State University Educational Administration

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Christine M. Killa, A.B. Youngstown State University Counseling

Michael A. Leone, B.S. Youngstown State University Educational Administration

Jason H. Martin, B.S. in Ed. Youngstown State University Master Teacher-Secondary, Curriculum

Karen Joy Motichko, A.A., B.S. in Ed. Youngstown State University Counseling

Lori Ann Orr, B.S. in Ed. The University of Toledo Master Teacher-Elementary, Middle Grades

# SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES (continued)

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Master of Science in Engineering Patricia Ann Bowser, B.S. University of Findlay Civil Engineering

> Jason Robert Schnabl, B.S. Grove City College Industrial and Systems Engineering

Donald Eugene Walsh II, B.E. Youngstown State University Electrical Engineering

# HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Brandy Kelly Psychology The Effect of Stereotypes: Memory for Gender-Related and Weight-Related Traits and Characteristics Maggie Corfield Music Education From Beethoven to Barber Cara Toot Computer Science Educational Software Development & Design

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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.

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 master's 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 a 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 requirement. 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 recessional 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.