

*F*ALL  
COMMENCEMENT  
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER TWELFTH  
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR  
TWO O'CLOCK, BEEGHLY CENTER

## Youngstown State University—An Innovative Educational Leader

Founded 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 12,000 full- and part-time students with 120 undergraduate programs, 36 master's degree programs and a doctorate in education. There are more than 410 full-time faculty and 688 professional and support staff members in seven colleges, schools 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 96-year 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 more than 80,000 outstanding alumni members across the nation and around the world.

### 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** ..... "Stars and Stripes Forever March" by John Philip Sousa  
YSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble  
Dr. Stephen L. Gage, *Director of Bands*  
*Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts*
- ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL** ..... "Suite #1 in Eb Major" by Gustav Holst III. March  
"Pomp and Circumstance" from March No. 1 by Edward Elgar  
"March Processional" by Clare Grundman
- WELCOME** ..... David C. Sweet  
*President*
- NATIONAL ANTHEM** ..... Dr. Allan Mosher, *Associate Professor of Music*  
*Dana School of Music*  
*College of Fine and Performing Arts*
- STUDENT REFLECTION** ..... Mollie McGovern, *Graduate Candidate*  
*Williamson College of Business Administration*
- INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES** ..... President Sweet
- GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER;  
PRESENTATION OF MAUREEN McGOVERN TO  
RECEIVE THE DEGREE HONORARY DOCTOR OF MUSIC** ..... Larry E. Esterly  
*Chairperson, Board of Trustees*
- ADDRESS** ..... Maureen McGovern
- MUSICAL SELECTION** ..... "Sleigh Ride" by Leroy Anderson
- RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES ATTAINING UNIVERSITY HONORS** ..... Tony Atwater  
*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*
- CONFERRING OF DEGREES** ..... President Sweet
- PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES** ..... Peter J. Kasvinsky, *Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research*  
Robert Bolla, *Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences*  
Betty Jo Licata, *Dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration*  
Philip Ginnetti, *Dean of the Beeghly College of Education*  
Cynthia S. Hirtzel, *Dean of the William Rayen College of Engineering and Technology*  
George E. McCloud, *Dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts*  
John J. Yemma, *Dean of the Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health and Human Services*
- WELCOME FROM YSU ALUMNI SOCIETY** ..... Lawrence H. Richards  
*President, YSU Alumni Society*
- CLOSING REMARKS** ..... President Sweet
- ALMA MATER** ..... Professor Mosher  
*From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. by Robert E. Fleming*
- RECESSIONAL** ..... "The Liberty Bell March" by John Philip Sousa  
"National Emblem March" by E. E. Bagley
- RECEPTION** ..... Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room

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*Larry E. Esterly, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, and Provost Atwater will invest Ms. McGovern 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.*

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



Maureen McGovern

Maureen McGovern was born in Youngstown, Ohio. Her early music training began at the age of five when her father, the late James McGovern, invited his barbershop quartet to rehearse around their dining room table. She learned her first sense of harmony at that time by singing everyone's part along with them. As a child, she was a reluctant piano student, but taught herself to play the guitar and compose songs. While at Boardman High School, she

sang in a folk duo and later performed in the area's restaurants and hotel chains with a jazz trio and a rock band. At the age of 23, she was discovered by a Cleveland producer, who secured a recording deal with 20<sup>th</sup> Century Records. The first song the label asked her to record was "The Morning After," the theme song from *The Poseidon Adventure*. It was recorded in Cleveland and launched her career.

A two-time Grammy nominee, Ms. McGovern was nominated Best New Artist for her Oscar-winning Gold-record "The Morning After." She received her second Grammy nomination for Best Traditional Pop Vocal for her self-produced CD, "The Pleasure Of His Company" with jazz pianist Mike Renzi. Other hits include the Oscar-winning, Gold-record "We May Never Love Like This Again" from *The Towering Inferno*, "Can You Read My Mind?" from *Superman* and "Different Worlds" from the TV series *Angie*. Her more than 25 recordings include critically acclaimed tributes to George Gershwin, Harold Arlen, and Alan & Marilyn Bergman. To quote *The New York Times*, "Maureen McGovern is a singer who moves comfortably from jazz to soaring movie themes and from classical pop standards to operetta... a coloratura jazz singer at ease in any medium." The *Times* also proclaimed Ms. McGovern's Gershwin CD as "quintessential Gershwin." Her 32-year career spans recordings, concerts, Broadway, theater, film, television and radio.

Ms. McGovern returned to the Broadway stage this fall, originating the role of 'Marmee' in the world premiere of *Little Women, The Musical*. She made her Broadway debut as 'Mabel' in *The Pirates of Penzance*, starred as 'Luisa' in *Nine* with Raul Julia, and as 'Polly Peachum' in *The Threepenny Opera* with Sting. Off-Broadway, she originated the role of 'Mary' in *Brownstone*. Critics and audiences alike were delighted with her definitive portrayal of 'Anna' in the Broadway national tour of *The King and I*. Ms. McGovern recently performed in the Los Angeles premiere of William Finn's *Elegies* and starred as 'Countess Aurelia' in the Sundance Institute Theatre's historic revival of Jerry Herman's *Dear World*. She originated the role of 'Eleanor

Bridges' in *Letters from 'Nam* and recently made her dramatic debut as 'Eleanor of Aquitaine' in *The Lion in Winter*. Ms. McGovern's children's musical, *The Bengal Tiger's Ball*, had its East Coast premiere in 1999. She wrote the music, co-created and starred in the production.

Her films include *The Towering Inferno*, *Airplane!*, *Airplane II: The Sequel* and the voice of 'Rachel' in the DreamWorks animated video *Joseph: King of Dreams* with Ben Affleck. Television roles include *One Life to Live*, *The Tracey Ullman Show*, *Pacific Blue*, *Duckman* and *Beyond Belief*.

Ms. McGovern's current release, *Works of Heart*, features songs of hope and a newly recorded version of "The Morning After." She launched the *Maureen McGovern "Works of Heart" Foundation for Music and Healing* to address the emotional and inspirational needs of patients and caregivers. Ms. McGovern is a national board member of the Muscular Dystrophy Association and an artist spokesperson for the American Music Therapy Association.



Today's speakers share a common ancestor, Michael McGovern, who was born in Ireland in 1848, immigrated to the United States, and settled in Youngstown. McGovern worked at the Carnegie Steel Company as a puddler, responsible for converting pig iron into wrought iron by removing impurities. McGovern was also a poet, and after his book, "Labor Lyrics and Other Poems," was published in 1899, McGovern became known as the Puddler Poet. He died on April 2, 1933 in Youngstown. More information about Michael McGovern can be found at the Museum of Labor and Industry in Youngstown.

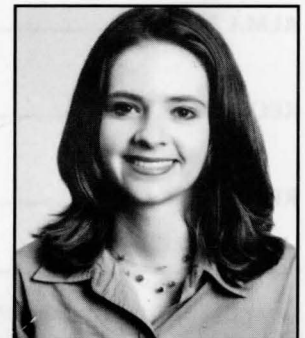
## The Commencement Student Speaker

Mollie McGovern graduates today with her second degree from Youngstown State University, the Master of Business Administration. She earned her baccalaureate degree *summa cum laude* in May 2002 with dual majors in telecommunications and geography. As an undergraduate, Mollie was a Leslie H. Cochran University Scholar and served as a student trustee of the University. Among other honors, she received the Dean's Quest Award in 2002 for outstanding student research.

While an undergraduate, Mollie interned at WFMJ Television, worked part-time producing noon and weekend newscasts, then earned a full-time producing position. She has been the 6 a.m. producer of the *WFMJ Today* morning show throughout her graduate studies.

As part of her MBA program, Mollie participated in a business study tour of Italy in March 2004, visiting Milan and Florence.

A Valley native and 1998 Boardman High School graduate, McGovern is active in the community. A charter member of the Mahoning Valley Professional 20/30 club, she also serves as chair of the marketing committee, which connects young area professionals working in a variety of fields. She volunteers as vice-chair of the United Way's Public Relations Committee and chaired the Day of Caring event this year.



Mollie McGovern

## CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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

### SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

#### Doctor of Education

Gary Patrick Carlile, B.S. in Ed., M.S. in Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Educational Leadership  
*Bishop Richard Gilmour of Cleveland and the  
Catholic National Readers*

Kenneth Eugene Voss, B.S.B.A., M.A., M.A.  
Duquesne University, University of Rhode Island,  
Villanova University  
Educational Leadership  
*Perceptions of the Correlates of Academic Achievement in  
Selected Union and Non-Union Catholic Secondary Schools  
in Pennsylvania*



#### Master of Arts

Joshua Lennard Foster, A.B., B.F.A.  
Youngstown State University  
History

Lia Gotti, B.A.  
University of Bergamo  
English

Daniel Richard Griesmer, A.B.  
University of Akron  
History

Nekia D.C.L. Hilson, A.B.  
Youngstown State University  
History

Erik Richard Johnson, B.S.B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Economics

Deborah Elaine Lowry, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
English

Bernard Amponsah Oteng, B.S.B.A.  
University of Ghana  
Economics

John Paul Pietkiewicz II, A.B.  
Youngstown State University  
History

Sarah Jane Priester, A.B.  
Westminster College  
English

Erick Carl Redington, A.B.  
Youngstown State University  
History

Heidi Lynn Scott, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
History

Scott James Troy, B.A.  
The Ohio State University  
History

#### Master of Business Administration

Barry L. Andre, B.S.B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Accounting

Ozgur Baykal, B.S.  
Yildiz Technical University  
Management

Robert Manson Brooks, B.S.N.  
Kent State University  
General

Crystal L. Davis, B.E.  
Youngstown State University  
General

Kristen Danielle Galgan, B.S.B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
General

Kami Sue Greene, B.S.B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
General

Chad S. Hamm, B.S.B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Accounting

Mollie Arin McGovern, A.B.  
Youngstown State University  
General

Danielle Marie Novak, B.S.B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
General

Courtney A. Pastore, B.S.B.A.  
Ashland University  
General

James P. Stanton, B.B.A.  
Ohio University  
General

Nazia Syed, B.A., B.S.B.  
Lucknow University, Jaipuria  
Institute of Management, Lucknow  
Management

Jeremy Michael VanNess, B.S.B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Management

Scott Cyril Yakubek, B.S.  
Allegheny College  
General

#### Master of Health & Human Services

Christine Marie Hanysh, B.S.W.  
Youngstown State University  
Health and Human Services

Beth Suzanne Holowecky, B.S.  
Bowling Green State University  
Health and Human Services

Tamye Jo Knight, A.B.  
Bethany College  
Health and Human Services

Alissa Anne Wasser, B.S.  
Penn State University  
Health and Human Services

#### Master of Music

Julie A. M. Freeman, B.M.  
Grove City College  
Performance

David L. Hepler, B.M.  
Clarion University  
Performance

## SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

Dena Lynn Massaro, B.M.  
Youngstown State University  
Performance

### Master of Public Health

Whitney Lynn Werner, B.S.  
Slippery Rock University  
Public Health

Rosemarie Dianne Workman, B.S., M.D.  
Youngstown State University,  
NEOUCOM  
Public Health  
Thesis: *Bioterrorism and Disaster  
Management Curriculum*

### Master of Science

Rakesh Anand Akula, B.S.  
Osmania University  
Chemistry  
Thesis: *Approaches to Pyranose  
Carbohydrides*

Micheil James Boggs, B.S.B.A.  
Ashland University  
Biology

Donald Eugene Brown, B.S.  
Westminster College  
Biology  
Thesis: *Proteomic Profile of  
Wangiella Dermatitidis*

Michelle Karlene Cole, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Biology  
Thesis: *Effects of Lunar Cycle of  
Odontotaenius disjunctus (Passalidae:  
Coleoptera)*

Dennis Onyeka Frank, B.S.  
University of Nigeria  
Mathematics

Jody Lynn Hawkes, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Chemistry  
Thesis: *Proteomic Profiling of Bacillus  
Subtilis with Tylosin*

Daniel Steven Hoffman, B.S.  
Mount Union College  
Biology

Allison Marie Jakubec, B.S.  
Westminster College  
Biology

Eric Karl Keylor, B.A.  
Yale University  
Mathematics  
Thesis: *Boulez: An Intelligent Tutoring  
System for Twentieth-Century Music*

Isaiah Doe Kwao, B.S.  
University of Ghana  
Mathematics  
Thesis: *Expenditure Analysis in Wildlife  
Watching using Tobit-Analysis*

Jeremy James Mashburn, B.S.  
Milligan College  
Biology  
Thesis: *Production of Monoclonal  
Antibodies Against the Capsular  
Polysaccharide of Staphylococcus Aureus*

Pam Massullo, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Biology  
Thesis: *Purification of Staphylococcus  
aureus Capsular Polysaccharide Serotype 5*

Sarah Anne Matthews, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Criminal Justice  
Thesis: *The Disturbing Correlation Between  
Youth Violence and Animal Cruelty*

John Leonard Payton, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Chemistry  
Thesis: *Computational and Spectroscopic  
Studies of Model Nanomaterials and  
Organometallic Complexes*

Margaret Moreland Person, A.B.  
Hampton University  
Biology  
Thesis: *Determination of Effective  
Measurement of Myocardial Collagen  
Content in the Borderline Hypertensive  
Rat*

Rebecca Sue Riblet, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Biology  
Thesis: *The Effect of the antiepileptic  
drug retigabine on the M-current*

Rebecca Rae Rupert, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Biology

Ward James Shaffer, B.S.  
Penn State University  
Mathematics  
Thesis: *The Cyclic Reduction of  
Tridiagonal Systems*

Nicole Renee Toth, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Biology  
Thesis: *Bone Marrow Reconstitution  
of an Immunodeficient Mouse Model*

Heather Renee Trenary, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Chemistry

Mark D. Tronzo, B.S.M.E., B.S., M.S.E.  
Geneva College, Youngstown State  
University  
Mathematics  
Thesis: *Estimating the Spectrum of  
Linear Operators*

Sarah Beth Wilson, B.S.  
Mount Union College  
Biology

Thomas Ray Zackasee, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Criminal Justice

### Master of Science in Education

Patricia Lynn Anderson, B.S. in Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Educational Administration

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Slippery Rock University  
Counseling

Lisa Marie Andrejack, B.S. in Ed.  
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania  
Master Teacher - Elementary,  
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

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Master Teacher - Secondary,  
Mathematics

Anna C. Badurik, B.S. in Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Master Teacher - Secondary,  
Curriculum

Brian Michael Ballentine, A.B.  
John Carroll University  
Master Teacher - Elementary,  
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

## SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

Donovan K. Beidelschies, A.B.  
Heidelberg College  
Counseling

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Counseling

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Grove City College  
Educational Administration

Sandra Lynn Childs, B.S. in Ed.  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Master Teacher - Elementary,  
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

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Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Tina M. DeAngelis, B.A.  
Lake Erie College  
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Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

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Educational Administration

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Jacqueline Elaine Glaros, A.B.  
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Counseling

Gabriel Patrick Juist, B.S. in Ed.  
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Educational Administration

Azra Karajic, A.B.  
Youngstown State University  
Counseling

Karen Lynn Kehoe, B.S.B.A.  
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Educational Administration

Robin Kay Leach, B.S. in Ed.  
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Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

John Dennis Lewis, B.S.B.A.  
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Counseling

Melanie Ann Mascola, B.S. in Ed.  
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Master Teacher - Elementary,  
Curriculum

George Spiro Mastrovaselis, B.A.  
Ohio State University  
Counseling

Kimberly Jo Mayer, A.B.  
Mount Union College  
Master Teacher - Special  
Education, Gifted & Talented  
Education Specialist

Kelly Lynn McCormick, B.S. in Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Master Teacher - Elementary,  
Curriculum

Patricia Lynn Moore, B.M.  
Youngstown State University  
Master Teacher - Elementary, Early  
Childhood Education

JoAnn O'Connor, B.A., B.S. in Ed.  
Kent State University  
Master Teacher - Elementary,  
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Jodie Lynn Parise, B.S. in Ed., M.S. in Ed.  
Bowling Green State University  
Master Teacher - Elementary,  
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Michelle Ann Perez, A.B.  
Marshall University  
Master Teacher - Elementary,  
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Janis Michele Pridemore, B.S. in Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Master Teacher - Special Education,  
Gifted & Talented Education  
Specialist

Janice Prince, B.F.A.  
Kent State University  
Master Teacher - Secondary, Art

Christina L. Ray, B.S.  
Kent State University  
Educational Administration

Camberlyn Renee Rich, A.B.  
Mount Union College  
Educational Administration

Kami Jo Sell, B.A.  
Thiel College  
Master Teacher - Elementary, Early  
Childhood Education

Mary Ann Snyder, B.S.  
Kent State University  
Counseling

Christina Lynn Stambaugh, B.S. in Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Master Teacher - Elementary,  
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Patricia Ann Stevens, B.S. in Ed.  
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Master Teacher - Secondary,  
Educational Technology

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M.S. in Ed.  
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State University  
Educational Administration

Sonya Michele Thompkins, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Counseling

Joyce M. Wiechelman, B.S. in Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Educational Administration

Joey Lynn Williams, B.S. in Ed.  
Bowling Green State University  
Educational Administration

### **Master of Science in Engineering**

Jay Lawrence Adams, B.E.  
Grove City College  
Electrical & Computer Engineering  
Thesis: *Control of a DC Motor:  
Comparing Classical and Adaptive  
Techniques*

### **Master of Science in Nursing**

Estell Wujick Liming, B.S.N.  
The Ohio State University  
Nursing

## FALL 2004

### 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

Melinda Rae Aeppli  
Carolyn L. Anderson  
Toni Armaline  
Jodie Marie Bailey  
Cynthia Marie Berend  
Joseph Warren Bettura  
Jody Lynn Boninsegna  
Carol Dawn Bowdler  
Heather Marie Burkett  
Erin E. Chapman  
John Andrew Crosby  
Candi Raquel Dorman

Amy Kathryn Evans  
Brian Lawrence Fulkerson  
Gina Marie Goontz  
Megan M. Graff  
Suzanne Bort Gray  
Samantha Leigh Grbinick  
James A. Holt  
Shannon Marie Horvath  
Saima Khalid  
Kathleen Ann Kocan  
Christyne Marie Kotel  
Jessica Lei Logan

Stephanie Marie Ludwig  
Kristina Marie Meehan  
Renee Marie Mistovich  
Michael J. Paulus  
Jesse Bernard Sanders III  
Tammy Lynn Shaulis  
Laura Jill Spatholt  
Melissa Kay Thomas  
David J. Turchen  
Christy Marie Williams  
Terry Lynn Wittenauer

#### Magna Cum Laude

Jennifer M. Birchler  
Ashley Marie Bloor  
Linda C. Brooks  
Jennifer Lynn Brophy  
Steven Lee Daubenspeck  
Nicholas Joseph DiPanfilo  
Samantha Louise Duffy  
Tana Pauline Emelo  
Susan Corrine Gear  
Sarah Alice Gigax  
Lisa M. Glozer  
David Matthew Guy  
Amanda Elizabeth Harvey  
Christopher M. Hine  
Dannielle Marie Hinkle  
Daniel James Hugli

Jamie Lynn Johnson  
Natasha Kristine Kelly  
Cynthia L. Kelson-Golar  
Felicia Ann Kibler  
Kurt Christoph Kotheimer  
Sandra Crystal Laird  
Ryan T. Martino  
Holly Michelle Matyi  
Michael R. Muntean  
Tracey Leah Myers  
Kristin Lynn Namish  
Jessica Lyn Newton  
Alicia Marie Nogle  
Matthew W. Nolan  
Christopher Michael Novicky  
John Victor Onufrak

Sarah Renee Pilarcik  
Amanda Jean Ross  
Andre Y. Sahyoun  
Susan Lynn Scheckelhoff  
Erica Renee Schenk  
Anthony James Scrocco  
Michael John Sledd  
Charlie Elizabeth Sohayda  
Jared Wesley Souder  
Aaron Brent Stamp  
Alicia Lynn Stoner  
Sarah Louise Weber  
Kaymoura Mei Werner  
Jodi Stephanie Wilson  
Sheila M. Wistar

#### Cum Laude

Matthew John Beard  
Heather Elizabeth Brewer  
Antoinette Marie Brucker  
Leslie Alan Buchanan  
Annie Michelle Buschur  
Angela Louise Calcagni  
Alanna M. Card  
Rebekah Margaret Chaffee  
Justin Wesley Conrad  
Nolan Timothy Cubellis  
Christina Dawn Cusick  
Alicia Joann Delvaux  
Thomas Christopher Doland  
Daniel John Dubelko  
Brian Joseph Duchnak  
Megan Rachel Dunleavy  
Holly Ann Franceschelli

Lisa Marie Josephine Frangiamore  
Amanda Lynn Gorski  
Garrett Hamilton Hassay  
Joshua Clifford Hawkins  
Lori Ann Haynie  
Regina Marie Helmick  
Angie Michelle Henthorne  
Susan M. Hukari  
Jamie Marie Hunter  
Pamela Lynn Hunter  
Robert Charles Iwaskey  
Angela Ann Logue  
Bonnie Kay Lohr  
Janet A. Marsteller  
Sheena Lynn McDowell  
Georgianna L. McGuire  
Mohammad Mothfer

Lauren Marie Naberezny  
Amjid M. Nawaz  
Damon Luis Nieves  
Devin Marie Novak  
Sean Edward O'Malley  
Thomas Edward Patterson  
Amy Elizabeth Restle  
Michael Jarrett Rodrick  
Susan Elizabeth Anna Rollin  
Clinton Michael Sickles  
James Alan Stanyard  
Kelly A. Thomas  
Rachael Lynn Ulrich  
Melissa Nicole Waskin  
Thomas Elliot Weidele  
Karen E. Werblan  
Christopher Malcolm Young

### ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS

#### With Honors

Jason Robert Collins

Thomas Robert Perica

Melissa Marie Turney



## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

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

### *Associate in Applied Science*

Danielle Nicole Anderson  
Kevin David Garchar  
Kimberlyn Simone Hines  
Brent J. Miller  
Thomas Robert Perica  
James Andrew Rudley  
Jennifer Renee Yazvac

### *Associate in Arts*

Marlana M. Bachtel

### *Bachelor of Arts*

Josh J. Arundel  
Marlene Amadita Bassil  
Mandie Marie Begeot  
Molly Jane Blair  
Barrett Andrew Booth  
Leslie Alan Buchanan  
Ryan Anthony Burke  
Amanda Marie Burnett  
Natalie Ann Cappuzzello  
Ginger Renee Cartright  
Christina Marie Cavalier  
Bonnie Jo Chetwynd  
Jeremy Todd Chetwynd  
Chad D. Christy  
Todd Lawrence Chrobak  
Heather Kay Coryea  
Joseph A. Curiale  
Shawn Michael Datchuk  
Alicia Joann Delvaux  
Shawn Alan Dermer  
Rachel Dawn Doddato  
Jessica L. Dolan  
James Richard Dutton  
Tana Pauline Emelo  
Jennifer Marie Fleiner  
Jamie Lynn Fonner  
Heather Lee Fulks  
Jason R. Gartland  
James C. Gaston, Jr.  
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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.

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 faculty leads the line of march followed by the candidates for degrees. Then follow the chief marshals, the president, speaker, trustees, deans, and other members of the party to be seated on the platform.

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.

### **The Presidential Medallion**

President Sweet wears 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 five past presidents and Dr. Sweet.

The presidential medallion was designed and created out of sterling and bronze by Wendell August Forge of Grove City, Pennsylvania. Dr. Sweet is the first president to wear this medallion.

### **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*.