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COMMENCEMENT
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, AUGUST FOURTEENTH
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR
TEN O'CLOCK, BEEGLY 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.

The graduates that we celebrate today who have earned associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees is each a YSU Success Story. They join more than 75,000 outstanding alumni members across the nation and around the world.

Alma Mater

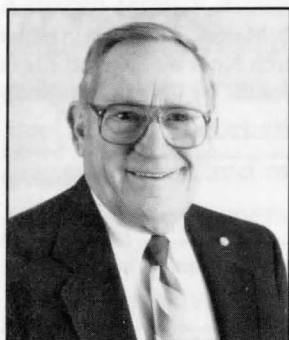
All hail to thee, O Youngstown,
Our Alma Mater fair;
In sunlight and starshine
We see thee in all thy glory.
The Red and the White, thy glorious colors,
Ever we praise and hold them
High to the breeze as the symbol of our
Most loyal allegiance.
This anthem, O Youngstown,
Our pledge of trust shall be
That thy sons and daughters
Shall keep faith with thee forever.

PROGRAM

- PRELUDE** "Stars and Stripes Forever March" John Philip Sousa
YSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Dr. Stephen Gage, *YSU Director of Bands,*
College of Fine and Performing Arts
- ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL** "Suite #1 in Eb Major" by Gustav Holst
"Pomp and Circumstance" from March No. 1 by Edward Elgar
"March Processional" by Clare Grundman
- WELCOME** David C. Sweet
President
- NATIONAL ANTHEM** Misook Yun
Associate Professor, Dana School of Music
- STUDENT REFLECTION** Danielle Jack
Graduate Candidate, College of Arts and Sciences
- INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES** President Sweet
- GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER;
PRESENTATION OF CLARENCE R. SMITH, JR. TO RECEIVE
THE DEGREE HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS** Larry E. Esterly
Chairperson, Board of Trustees
- ADDRESS** Clarence R. Smith, Jr.
YSU Alumni Society's 2004 Distinguished Citizen Award Recipient
- MUSICAL SELECTION** "Tribute to Irving Berlin" arr. by Warren Barker
- 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 Dr. 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 Yun
From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. By Robert E. Fleming
- RECESSIONAL** "The Liberty Bell March" by John Philip Sousa
"The National Emblem March" by E. E. Bagley
- COLLEGE RECEPTIONS** Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room

*Mr. Larry E. Esterly, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, and Provost Atwater will invest Mr. Smith 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 Humane Letters



Clarence R. Smith, Jr.

Today's commencement speaker is Clarence R. Smith, Jr. Mr. Smith is chairman of Diamond Steel Construction Company and Compc Industries and its affiliates. He is also an active community leader, serving the boards of a wide range of organizations. He

recently received the 2004 Distinguished Citizen Award, among the most prominent ways Youngstown State University recognizes outstanding accomplishment.

A longtime supporter of Youngstown State, Smith was a major contributor to the building of Stambaugh Stadium in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Smith and his company contributed generously to the stadium renovations that were concluded prior to the 1997 season, which included construction of the East stands. In 2001, he donated much of his outstanding rock and gemstone collection to the YSU Geology Department. Smith is also an active member of the Penguin Club and has played a key role in University athletics; an athletic scholarship was established in his name by the employees of his company, Compc Industries. Throughout his life, Smith has kept his ties close to home. He was born and raised in Boardman, graduated from Boardman High School, and attended Kenyon College and Youngstown State University.

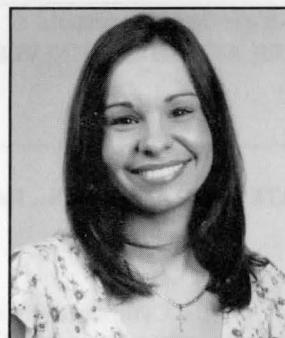
Among his many civic involvements, Smith chairs the Mahoning Valley Republican Party and serves on the board of directors of the Home Savings and Loan Company. He is an advisor to Goodwill Industries and a board member of the Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, the Boy Scouts of America's Camp Stambaugh, the Western Reserve Port Authority, and the 32° Masonic Children's Learning Center.

He is a member of the Mahoning Valley Council of Churches, the Organization for Protestant Men, Boardman Rotary, the Youngstown Club, Tippecanoe Country Club, and Masonic Fraternity.

Smith has been widely recognized for his contributions to the life of the community. He has been named Honorary Member of the Buckeye Elks Lodge No. 7, Man of the Year by the Boardman Civic Association and 2002 Penguin of the Year. In 2003 he was inducted into the Northeast Ohio Business Hall of Fame and has received the 2004 Regional Chamber William G. Lyden, Jr. Spirit of the Valley Award as well as the Private Sector Business Award from the Better Business Bureau.



The Commencement Student Speaker



Danielle Rae Jack

Danielle Rae Jack, today's student speaker, is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in chemistry and a minor in mathematics.

Having transferred from Kent State University in 2002, Ms. Jack has been on the Dean's List during her entire college career.

She received a Transfer Student Scholarship and academic honors that include the Scudder Physical Chemistry Award, for her outstanding academic performance in physical chemistry, and the Hypercube Scholars Award, for her chemistry research and enrollment in graduate school. Ms. Jack was also awarded membership in Pi Mu Epsilon National Honorary Mathematics Society for her achievement in the field of mathematics.

Ms. Jack plans to continue her education at Youngstown State University. Beginning this fall, she will be a graduate assistant pursuing a Master of Science in inorganic chemistry.

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

Alan Craig Andreani, B.S. in Ed., M.S. in Ed.
Kent State University
Educational Leadership
*Risk Communication; The Threat of Meningococemia:
A Case Study of Educational Leadership*



Master of Arts

Tracey E. Direnzo, B.A.
Mount Vernon Nazarene University
History
Thesis: *Psychological Warfare: The
German Defeat in the East by 1943*

James Andrew Dudash, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English

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

Therese Lynn Gondel, A.B.
Youngstown State University
English

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

Teresa M. Hughes, B.S.
Youngstown State University
English

Marla Sue Lard-Minger, A.B.
Kent State University
English

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

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

Charlotte I. Rodabaugh, A.B.
Youngstown State University
History

Tracey Ann Ryser, B.S.
United States Military Academy
English
Thesis: *"A White Man's Inadequate
Portrait of a Slave": Minstrels
Shows and Huckleberry Finn*

Ayesha Z. Shaikh, A.B.
University of Toronto
English

Margaret Ann Silver, A.B.
Kenyon College
English

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

Marcie J. Zorn, B.A.
Seton Hill College
English

Master of Business Administration

Todd F. Bryarly, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Jennifer Lynn Callen, A.B.
University of Toledo
General

Robert Foster III, B.S.B.A.
Kent State University
General

Gretchan P. Francis, B.S.B.A.
Mount Union College
General

Laura Marie Gardner, B.A.
Muskingum College
General

Marjorie J. Kountz, B.S.
Franciscan University
General

Courtenay Nicole Raeburn, B.S.
Bowling Green State University
General

Gordon Benjamin Reeder, B.S.B.A.
Kent State University
Finance

Amanda Mary Seyler, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Joann Marie Stock, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Jessica Ann Tait, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
General

Nicole Marie Whitsel, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Master of Music

Allen Earl Cordingley, B.M.
Lawrence University
Music Education

Gregory A. Kinat, B.M.
Baldwin-Wallace College
Performance

Joel Benjamin Klamer, B.M.
Grove City College
Music Theory and Composition
Thesis: *The Compositional Style of
Jim Mc Neely*

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

Master of Public Health

Joan M. Humphrey, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Public Health

Christine M. Kotapish, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Public Health

Dianna R. Mason, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Public Health

Master of Science

Robert Kofi Adagbedu, B.S.
University of Ghana
Mathematics
Thesis: *Cross-Strait Exchanges and National Security: A Survey of Public Opinions in Taiwan*

Donald Eugene Brown, B.S.
Westminster College
Biology

Peggy L. Callen, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Criminal Justice

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

Tom V. D'Elia, B.S.
Mount Union College
Biology
Thesis: *Source Tracking of Escherichia coli by Sequence Analysis of the 16S-23S Intergenic Spacer Regions of Ribosomal Operons*

Tamara Rae Diglaw, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Biology
Thesis: *Degradation of PAHs by Indigenous Microbes in Contaminated River Sediment*

Doran M. Duke, A.B.
Youngstown State University
Biology

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

Muhannad Kassawat, M.D.
University of Havana
Biology

Eric Karl Keylor, B.A.
Yale University
Mathematics

Sandeep Ramchandra Kolwalkar, B.E.
University of Mumbai
Mathematics

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

Sarah Anne Matthews, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Criminal Justice

Penny Leila Miner, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Chemistry
Thesis: *Synthesis of Diverse Compounds using Nannofuranose as a Chiral Scaffold*

Deanna Marie Oles, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Mathematics

Cynthia L. Perrine, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Chemistry
Thesis: *0th and 1st Generation Organometallic Nanostars from Ferrocenylamine and Ferrocenylamine*

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*

Robin Joy Salisbury, B.S.
Westminster College
Chemistry
Thesis: *Characterization of Calix(n)arenes as Stationary and Mobile Phase Modifiers for RP-HPLC*

Michael J. Schlais, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Biology

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

James A. Shevchuk, B.S.
Westminster College
Biology
Thesis: *Comparative Sequence Analysis of the qa-2 Gene of Neurospora Crassa and Neurospora Africana*

Rapunzel Melisa Stephens, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Criminal Justice
Thesis: *A Descriptive Study of Religion in a Federal Correctional Institution in Virginia*

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

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*

James Benjamin Updegraff III, B.S.
Valparaiso University
Chemistry
Thesis: *The Synthesis of Organometallic Nanorods from Molybdenum and Tungsten Diisonitrile Complexes and a New Method to Synthesize Air-Stable Sodiumcyclopentadienide (NaCp)*

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

James D. Willock, Jr., B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Criminal Justice

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

Master of Science in Education

Debra Kay Armbasick, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Secondary,
Curriculum

John Evan Ashbaugh, B. A.
University of Findlay
Educational Administration

Maria Ann Boyarko, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Curriculum

Kristen Suzanne Calhoun
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Secondary,
Educational Technology

Vincent Joseph Carnevale, Jr., B.A.
Baldwin-Wallace College
Master Teacher - Secondary,
Curriculum

Julia Anne Colarich, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Curriculum

Cheryl Ann Corey, B.S. in Ed.,
M.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Marian M. Dangerfield, M.S. in Ed.,
B.A.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Charlene Dedo, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary, Early
Childhood Education

Michele Elizabeth DeProfio, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Secondary,
Educational Technology

Amy Ricci Ellis, B.S. in Ed.
Ohio University
Educational Administration

Katie Barbara Etheredge, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Middle Grades

Vanessa Marie Frengel, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Erica Lee Glass, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

RaeAnn Gorby, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Curriculum

Kimberly Dawn Hardesty, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary, Early
Childhood Education

Leslie Ann Hess, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Nicholas Basil Hewko
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Terri Lynn Hrina-Treharn, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Calvin Louis Jones, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Michael S. Juncker, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Early Childhood Education

Kathleen Canning Kirk, B.S. in Ed.
Kent State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Jennifer Nicole Kohart, A.B., M.S. in Ed.
University of Pittsburgh
Educational Administration

Christina J. Long, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Special
Education, Early Childhood
Special Education

Eric N. Lowe, B.S. in Ed.
Kent State University
Educational Administration

Jean B. Maxwell, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Jessica Stuart McNair, B.S. in Ed.
Kent State University
Educational Administration

Van E. McWreath, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Christine Ann Mosca, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Special Education,
Early Childhood Special
Education

Melissa M. Orfin, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Secondary,
Curriculum

Jennifer A. Palumbo, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Amanda Jean Paulchel, B.S. in Ed.
Otterbein College
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Lisa Marie Rek, B.A.
University of Maryland
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

William Lewis Ryser, B.A.
Gannon University
Educational Administration

Robert J. Schmalzried, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Secondary,
Curriculum

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

Sarah Rebecca Severino, B.S. in Ed.
Edinboro State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Monique Octavia Smith, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Matt L. Snipes, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Stephanie Melissa Sosnowski,
B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Lori Elaine Szoke, B.F.A.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Secondary, Art

Summer Lyn Wasko, B.A.
Westminster College
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Kelly Ann Weeks, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

James David Whetstone, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Curriculum

Kristen Lee Wilk, B.A.
University of Michigan
Master Teacher - Secondary,
Curriculum

William Robert Young, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Secondary, Art

Christine M. Yukech, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Secondary, Science

Janine Kay Zampini, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher - Elementary,
Curriculum

Dennis Lee Zinz, Jr., B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown 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*

Nassib S. Aouad, B.E.
Notre Dame University - Louaize
Mechanical Engineering
Thesis: *Virtual Prototyping and
Hydraulic Analysis of Piston Pumps*

Daniel DiNardo, B.S.
Penn State University
Industrial & Systems Engineering

Daniel E. Lowry II, B.E.
Youngstown State University
Electrical & Computer Engineering

Yogendra Murti Panta, B.S.
Tribhuvan University
Mechanical Engineering
Thesis: *Flow Analysis (Velocity and
Pressure Contours) of Gear Pump
Using Fluent (CFD)*

Ankur R. Patel, B.E.
Sarvajanic College
Civil/Environmental & Chemical
Engineering
Thesis: *Optimization of Bimolecular
Reaction in a Fluidized Bed Reactor*

Baba Musah Yahaya, B.S.
Middle East Technical University
Civil/Environmental & Chemical
Engineering
Thesis: *Survey of Nonpoint Source
Pollution in the Mosquito Creek
Watershed*

Master of Science in Nursing

Marina Alper, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nursing

Cynthia Anne Bourne, B.S.N.
Penn State University
Nursing
Thesis: *Noise in the OR: A
Comparison between Awareness,
Pain Medication and Discharge on
Orthopedic Patients*

James Edward Fowler, B.S.N.
University of Michigan
Nursing

Kathy Ann Knez, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Nursing

Cassandra Ann Lewis, B.S.N.
Penn State University
Nursing

James Peter Litwin, Jr., B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nursing

Debra Lynne Skerlec-Caylor, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nursing

Christopher Todd Thompson, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nursing

Nathan Collin Wright, B.S.N.
University of Tennessee
Nursing

Rebekah Israel Wynn, B.S.N.
Florida Southern College
Nursing

Amy Zackasee, B.S.N.
University of Akron
Nursing

SUMMER 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

Denise Jeanette Baker
Paula Lynn Begovich
Teresa Jean Burgei
Cynthia Jean Carter
April Marie Caruso
Christina Carolyn Cernik
Lisa Marie Colantone
Mary Beth Cook

Lori A. Eusanio
Matthew C. Fry
Isa Marie Furey
John M. Gardner
Kathryn Marie Geskey
Donna Jean Haworth
Rachel Marie Hiles

Benjamin Johnson
Stacie Ann Lemke
Joan M. Losiewicz
Amy Marie Royer
Sarah Linn Selby
Deborah J. Yauman
Lori J. Yerkey

Magna Cum Laude

Alisa Ann Balestra
Jason Michael Barnot
Simon J. Bugno
Deanna Lee Butler
Eric Frederick Green
Danielle Rae Jack

Kristin Anne Joachim
Ashley Rae King
Arlene Bourlier Lanz
Eduardo Jose Mandujano Aguila
Erika Merklein
Kristy Lynn Moody

Lindsey Marie Pallo
Larrie Drew Puraty
Roxanne B. Ramps
Catherine Ann Ruthrauff
Kevin William Sturdevant
Tiffany Lynn Wishak

Cum Laude

Rae Marie Bonamase
Ryan Richard Cene
Cherrie Ann Cruz
Christopher Gregory Daniel
Jeannine Joy Donatelli
Renea Marie Dutton
Kristen Jayne Ewing
Antonia Teia Forbes

Patrick Dennis Gainard II
Amy Rose Gerry
John Cherian Koshy
Chrystalla Kountouri
Venu Kudithipudi
Paul Michael Litman
Matthew Thomas Miller
Melissa Marie Moats

Kevin John Pavlik
Inga Randall-Streb
Renee JoAnna Rogers
Stephanie Rebecca Scarpaci
Luke M. Watts
Matthew Ryan Werner
Shannon Lynn Woods

ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS

With High Honors

Jeffrey Isaac Ford

With Honors

Amanda Burke
Susan M. Sweeney
Robert A. Wells



SUMMER 2004
HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Alisa Balestra
English/Religious Studies
*Romantic Literature and The Rime
of the Ancient Mariner*

Matthew Fry
Geology
*Investigation in Clay Mineralogy of
Weak Sedimentary Rocks*

John Gardner
Accounting
*Overview of Williamson College of
Business*

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.

† Denotes degree awarded posthumously

Associate in Applied Science

Glenda Faye House
Robert William Yonata

Associate in Arts

Justin Ryan Aleshire
Marlana M. Bachtel
Jeremy M. Baytosh
Holly Ann Comsia
Mamie Ruth Jackson
Sondra Lee Smith
Susan M. Sweeney
Stacey M. Yankowski

Bachelor of Arts

Hally Ann Abruzzi
Alexandra Ellen Anastis
Jessica E. Bacon
Michael J. Balale
Alisa Ann Balestra
Tia Nate' Barrett
Belinda L. Bayer
Terri L. Bright
April Marie Caruso
Christopher J. Cerni
Lisa Marie Colantone
Sarah Ann Cook
Christopher W. Crilley
Heather Cuizon Davis-Nevels
Thomas James Demetri
John Paul DeSimone
Rachel Dawn Doddato
Jeannine Joy Donatelli
Daniel C. Doyle
Edwin William Dull
Renea Marie Dutton
Heather Lee Fulks
Michelle Susan Fullerman
Patrick Dennis Gainard II

Jason R. Gartland
Amy Rose Gerry
Annie May Gerry
Kathryn Marie Geskey
Lauren Girdler
Bryan James Hawthorne
Amy Lynn Hiestand
Rachel Marie Hiles
James M. Jablonski, Jr.
Karen Jean Jackson
Benjamin L. Janston
Candace D. Jones
Ramona Ann Kolacz
Barbara J. Lyras
Danielle Elizabeth Miller
Kristy Lynn Moody
Monica Missik Moran
Lindsey Marie Pallo
Kristen Michelle Petrock
Ruth Mary Petty
Adam Joseph Pope
Jamel Porter
Tiffany Fawn Quinones
Renee Elizabeth Reagan
Brian Paul Repko
Carrie Ann Rogers
Devin Daniel Romanio
Amy Marie Royer
Samantha Jo Salmon
Katherine Marie Sebourn
David Everett Sponsler
Natalie Ann Stas
Mark Ronald Stevens
Kevin William Sturdevant
Nichole Laine Urey
Curtis Howard Walters
Frank B.A. Wanat
Shannon Lynn Woods
Alisa Sevil Yelkin

Bachelor of Science

Teresa Jean Burgei
Timothy Daniel Burns
Christina Carolyn Cernik
Karen L. Crawford
Cherrie Ann Cruz
Christopher Gregory Daniel
Thomas Paul Davis
Silena Christine Dukes
Matthew C. Fry
Danielle Rae Jack
John Cherian Koshy
Venu Kudithipudi
Paul Michael Litman
Alicia Bridget Perry
Marcia Renee Prezioso
Larrie Drew Puraty
Christopher Alan Raymond
Tanna Marie Sebrell
Shreyas Chandrakant Shah
Jeremy Paul Ways

Bachelor of Science in Applied Science

Holly Lynn Baker
Heather Marie Clevinger
Justin Scott Gladysz
Michael Paul Hecker
Joan M. Losiewicz
Matthew Thomas Miller
Domenic Philip Nigro
Brian Edward Peebles
Adam Joseph Pope
Millie Anne Sinkovich
Eugene F. Soltis
Timothy Mark Taylor†
Deborah Michelle Vulcan
Monica Wibuana

WILLIAMSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Associate in Arts

Stacey Lynn Kilbourne
Obiora Nwosu
Bobbi Jean Palumbo
Olympia C. Scott-Feagins
Christopher Scott Walker
Robert A. Wells

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Jon Paul Arnold
Maurice Lamont Austin
Lettie B. Beacham
April Renee Beck
Gayle E. Bolash

Craig Steven Bondor
Matthew L. Border
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James William Butcher
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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 requirements. 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*.