



UNDERGRADUATE  
COMMENCEMENT

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, MAY TWENTIETH  
TWO THOUSAND AND SIX  
TEN 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 12,800 full- and part-time students with 120 undergraduate programs, 40 master's degree programs and a doctorate in education. There are more than 420 full-time faculty and 750 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 98-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.....	“National Emblem March” by E. E. Bagley “Stars and Stripes Forever March” by John Philip Sousa YSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble Dr. Stephen L. Gage, <i>Director of Bands</i> Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL.....	“Suite #1 in Eb Major” by Gustav Holst I. Chaconne III. March “Pomp and Circumstance” from March No. 1 by Edward Elgar “March Processional” by Clare Grundman
WELCOME.....	David C. Sweet <i>President</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM.....	Dr. Misook Yun, <i>Associate Professor of Music</i> Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts
STUDENT REFLECTION.....	Suzanne Olesko <i>Graduating Senior, Bitonte College of Health and Human Services</i>
INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES.....	President Sweet
GREETINGS AND REMARKS.....	H. S. Wang, M.D. <i>Chairperson of the Board of Trustees</i>
INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER.....	Robert K. Herbert <i>Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
ADDRESS.....	J. Douglas Faïres <i>Professor of Mathematics and Statistics</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION.....	Grand Russian Fantasia for Solo Euphonium and Concert Band by Jules Levy Timothy Shade, Euphonium
RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES ATTAINING UNIVERSITY HONORS.....	Provost Herbert
CONFERRING OF DEGREES.....	President Sweet
PRESENTATION OF ISSA M. AL-OWN AND J. DOUGLAS FAIRES TO RECEIVE THE HONORARY DEGREES DOCTOR OF SCIENCE.....	Dr. Wang
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES.....	Joseph Edwards, <i>Dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts</i> John J. Yemma, <i>Dean of the Dr. Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health and Human Services</i> Ikram Khawaja, <i>Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences</i> Betty Jo Licata, <i>Dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration</i> Phillip Ginnetti, <i>Dean of the Beeghly College of Education</i> Cynthia S. Hirtzel, <i>Dean of the William Rayen College of Engineering and Technology</i>
WELCOME FROM YSU ALUMNI SOCIETY.....	Bruce Sherman <i>President, YSU Alumni Society</i>
CLOSING REMARKS.....	President Sweet
ALMA MATER.....	Professor Yun <i>From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. Willis</i>
RECESSIONAL.....	“The Liberty Bell March” by John Philip Sousa
RECEPTIONS.....	College of Arts and Sciences in DeBartolo Hall, Main Floor Lobby College of Business Administration in Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room College of Education in Beeghly Hall, McKay Auditorium College of Engineering and Technology in Moser Hall, Main Lobby College of Fine and Performing Arts in McDonough Museum, Ground Level College of Health and Human Services in Cushwa Hall, Skylight Lobby

Dr. H. S. Wang, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, and Provost Herbert will invest Mr. Al-Own and Dr. Faïres with the hoods.  
The audience is asked to be seated after the singing of the Alma Mater and to remain seated during the remainder of the program and the recessional.

## Recipient of the Degree Honorary Doctor of Science

Issa M. Al-Own is the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Energy, Oil Sector in Kuwait. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Iowa State University in 1976.



*Issa M. Al-Own*

A native of Kuwait, Mr. Al-Own has served in many capacities around the world. He worked for Major Project Group in Yokohama, Japan, and in Los Angeles and Kuwait. He was general superintendent and technical service manager at the Mina Al Ahmadi Refinery. In the late 1990s he worked as vice chairman/managing director and chairman of Gulf Industrial Investment Co. in Bahrain.

Mr. Al-Own has participated in many conferences and seminars related to management, engineering, oil and gas, iron and steel industries, strategic planning, and marketing. He has also participated in the management of the Kuwaiti Oil Sector during the Iraqi invasion and occupation of Kuwait.

He has been a member of the Kuwait Engineers Society, head of the

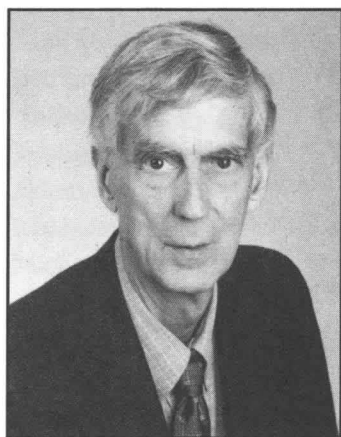
Kuwaiti and Saudi Joint Continues committee, head of the Kuwaiti & Iraqi Higher Technical Committee, and head of the National Energy Committee.

During his career, Mr. Al-Own has achieved many things. He has managed the operations in re-building Kuwait's

refineries and utilities following the liberation and supplying the country with fuel and gas. He planned and managed the execution of the expansion projects for the iron pelletizing plant in Bahrain. He has participated in the establishment of Kuwait Golf Oil Company and in setting the petroleum strategy for the GCC countries. He has also headed many ad hoc committees that had a significant and positive contribution in the development of the oil section in the state of Kuwait.

Issa M. Al-Own is married and has three sons and a daughter. One of his sons, Ahmad, graduates from Youngstown State University today with a Bachelor of Engineering degree.

## Commencement Speaker and Recipient of the Degree Honorary Doctor of Science



J. Douglas Faires, Ph.D.

Today's commencement speaker, J. Douglas Faires, is professor of mathematics and statistics at YSU. He has taught mathematics at the University since 1969.

Professor Faires earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from YSU in 1963, his master's degree from the University of South Carolina in 1965, and

a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of South Carolina in 1970.

He is involved in many professional activities, including the Strategic Planning Committee of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) and the Association's Student Activities Committee. He is past president of Pi Mu Epsilon, the national mathematics honorary, and has been a governing-board member for almost 20 years. He is chair of the American Mathematics Competitions (AMC) 10 and 12, MAA-sponsored contests that involve 450,000 students in North America and Taiwan each year. Professor Faires is the principal investigator for a \$500,000 National Science Foundation grant awarded to the MAA to support regional undergraduate mathematics conferences.

He has earned many awards throughout his career of more than thirty years. This year, YSU awarded him its Distinguished Professor Award for Scholarship, following his 2003 Distinguished Professor Award for Public Service, and a Distinguished Professor for University Service award in 1999. In 1996 Dr. Faires was honored as the Outstanding College-University Teacher of Mathematics by the Ohio Section of the MAA. In the same year, he received the Youngstown State University Distinguished Professor for Teaching award, the YSU Centurions Professor of the Year award, and the University Scholars/Honors Professor of the Year.

In addition to his activities and awards, Dr. Faires has written more than 20 books and over 20 mathematics manuals. *Numerical Analysis*, co-authored with YSU Professor Richard L. Burden, is in its eighth edition. It

is used at over 800 international institutions and has been translated into German, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Portuguese. Other works Faires has authored include a calculus book written with his wife Dr. Barbara Faires and *PreCalculus* with James DeFranza.



## Undergraduate Commencement Student Speaker

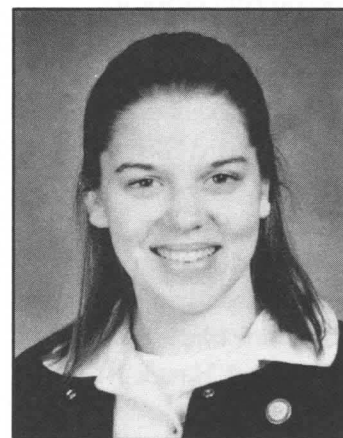
Suzanne Olesko today receives her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN). A graduate of Poland Seminary High School, she attended Mount Union College before transferring to Youngstown State University.

Throughout her undergraduate education, Ms. Olesko has remained active in both university activities and the community. This year, she has served as historian of the Youngstown State University Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa. She was instrumental in implementing a mentorship program for undergraduate nursing majors and has been an active member of the YSU chapter of the National Student Nurse Association.

In the community, Ms. Olesko has worked with the Mahoning Chapter of the American Red Cross, where she was voted as the 2005 Volunteer of the Year. In 2005, she organized a joint volunteer project between the YSU Department of Nursing with the local Red Cross chapter. She has also been involved in coaching youth fast-pitch softball since 2002.

In the summer of 2005, Ms. Olesko was selected to participate as a nurse extern in the operating room at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, rated the number one children's hospital in the country. She was one of 49 externs selected out of nearly 300 applicants from universities across the country.

Ms. Olesko will be employed as a registered nurse in the emergency department at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She plans to attend graduate school in the future to become a pediatric nurse practitioner.



Suzanne Olesko

**SPRING 2006**  
**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**

Kylee D. Ambuske	Kathryn Nicole Hanuscak	Lorena S. Portzer
Amanda Marie Ashton	Ned Thomas Heffner	Kristi Marie Reidy
Diana Lin Awad	Nathan Andrew Heflick	Jason Michael Reinert
Mark Maruf Awad	Anna Marian Hennon	Nicholas Todd Runkle
Melissa Renae Bayus	Lindsay Nicole Hitesman	Ashlee Nicole Russo
William Brian Beam	Joshua R. Hiznay	Lydia Marie Salomone
Alaina Louise Booth	Benjamin Holowach	Deanna Marie Santore
Matthew Galen Brouse	Bijan Hosseininejad	Laura Marie Schnegg
Katie Lynn Butcher	Amber Marie Hromyak	Timothy Michael Shade
Thomas Michael Calko	Teresa Marie Huzyak	Andrea Shaughnessy
Rachel Lynne Canatsey	Gabriel John Illes	Karen Lynn Sigmon
Maria L. Carbon	Sheila Marie Jesko	David Anthony Slanina
Joseph Ryan Carey	Allison Breanne Kacmar	Molly Marie Smith
Jessica Ann Carney	Brian Scott Katz	Peggy Lee Smith
Abigail Colucci	Elena N. Kazimirko	Angela Lauren Speece
Mikki Lee Coupland	Nina M. Kibler	Greg L. Speece
Douglas Howard Covert	Catherine Amelia Krupko	Lynsey A. Stine
Carly Paige Cunningham	Angela Marie Kwallek	Heather Marie Stirling
Nicole Ann Cunningham	Angela Rose LaLumia	Stephanie Ann Studzinski
Jordan Lawrence Dananay	Emilie Grace Lape	Erica Marie Tafini
Carly Anne Davis	Diana Lynn LaVaglio	Joshua Charles Taylor
Heidi E. Davis	Becky L. Lough	Janice Ann Thomas
Christine M. DeRienzo	Lori Anne MacDonald	Adam Richard Timblin
Stacy Jynx DeStefano	Nicholas E. Maillis	Laura A. Tisher
Lisa Marie Taormina Dingman	Devinbir Singh Malik	Justin R. Truitt
Tracy Lynn Donnelly	Hayley Elece McEwing	Frank L. Tuscano III
Jordan Leigh Dunn	Ryan Edward McGehee	Matthew Bryan Valnes
Brigid Ann Edwards	Robert F. McGovern	John A. Vogel
Vincent Fond III	Amanda Rae Mielke	Sarah Elizabeth Wakefield
Jeffrey Isaac Ford	Sharon Ann Monigold	Miranda Nicole Walker
Susan Hockenberry Francis	Emily Jane Montgomery	Sarah Frances Whitten
John Richard Glenn III	Theresa Ruth Mottle	Homer O. Wiland IV
Lindy R. Goist	Andrew George Naples	Kristy Lyn Wilkerson
Matthew Goyder	Suzanne N. Olesko	Kristin Britt Wilms
Lori Marie Griffin	Sonal Ramesh Patel	Joshua D. Wilson
Joshua Jonathan Haggerty	Patrick Henry Pisciuoneri	Amanda E. Yazbek
Christine Marie Hames	Jessica Ann Plutt	Joshua Jon Zarlenga
Timothy J. Hanek		

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**Magna Cum Laude**

Gina Marie Abruzzino	Matthew John Gnacinski	Meghan Maureen O'Brien
Laura Elizabeth Amero	David Christopher Gohlke	Mandi Ina Joyce Oliver
Andrew John Ball	Leslie Adkins Granger	Lynda K. Ott
Jessica Lynn Begovich	Joshua Aaron Grosshandler	Kathy L. Paden
Adam Ray Brink	Rebecca Irene Grove	Stephanie Dawn Paxton
Kimberly Marie Brzezowski	Ashley Lynn Hall	Christopher Alyn Presnar
Michelle Lee Bush	Mohammad Naushad Hassan	Christina Lee Quaranta
Nicole Renee Campbell	Shari Lynn Hays	Jennifer M. Reynolds
Laura Ann Canale	Dustin A. Hromyak	Tony Richard Rich
Kristen Marie Cappellino	Erica Lee Hubble	Cindy L. Richards
Katrina Marie Carlson	Ashley Marie Jenkins	Roberto Mario Risi
Lyndsey Jean Cervone	Julie Elizabeth Johnston	William D. Rodgers
Rachel Marie Clear	Yirae Kang	Stephanie Claire Rogenski
Sarah Beth Coble	Gretchen G. Kellermier	Abby Lane Rupert
Joshua Adam Colla	Jaclyn Suzanne Kusluch	Danyel Jannie Ryan
Tamara Joan Deeley	Hannah Aileen Lawther	Marsha Lynn Joy Schultz
Jason Joseph Delisio	James Gregory Leonard	Alexander Thomas Shaffo
Julie Donn Dermotta	Rachael Lynn Lewis	Jessica Margaret Stauffer
James William Dombroski	Linda Marie Lockiec	Emily Christine Tillery
David A.S. Drabison	Chrissy M. Lucivjansky	Heidi Lynn Tonus
Marco Steven Duca	Kristin Kelly Lukanec	Lisa M. Trinkaus
Susan K. Eardley	Lyn D. Marsh	Mark S. Turic
Corinne Marie Ferranti	Suzanne Kimberley Mickler	Susan Christine Vagas
Janel Raeshawn Finch	Jamie Leigh Migliore	Katie Marie Vesely
Sarah Elizabeth Gagliano	Leanne Marie Miller	Erin Elizabeth Wajda
Gregory Alan Gahriss	Lois L. Miller	Renee Marlene Walls
Erin Elizabeth Gallagher	Danielle Catherine Mistovich	Candice Marie Williams
Lisette Garcia	Beth Ann Moury	Ryan Thomas Wilson
Tina Marie George	Jessica Lynn Mularchik	Maureen B. Wingard
Charlene Danielle Gillingham	Courtney Marie Nock	Robert W. Wludyga

**SPRING 2006**  
**BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS** *(continued)*

**Cum Laude**

Netham Fayez Abdllrasul  
Jennifer Y. Abron  
Arlene Patricia Adams  
Ahmad Issa Al-Own  
Colleen Ann Aurand  
Shawn Patrick Barber  
Susan Lynne Bell  
Christine M. Benner  
Nicholas Anthony Bruno  
Theresa Anne Calko  
Catherine C. Carroll  
Anthony R. Cesario  
Shawn Alan Chernushin  
Justin Todd Chisholm  
Lynn Oak Choi  
Jessica Anne Ciolli  
Meredith C. Clark  
Gail Diana Conricote  
Steven William Cox  
Michelle Marie Crook  
Justin Ronald Crunkleton  
John A. Damis  
Jessica Anne Davidson  
Amanda D. Deal  
Jessica Lynn Derenburger  
Angela Lynn Dlwgosh  
Gina Nicole Donchess  
Blake Elliot Drennen  
Nora Elizabeth Dulovich  
Jill Taylor Ebersbach  
Margaret Mary Ebie  
Holly Jean Famularo  
Karen Lin Flickinger  
David L. Fowler  
Allan James Frost II  
Bryan D. Gall

Brian P. Gaucher  
Paul John Gerhardstein  
Nereida Maria Gonzalez  
Lisa Marie Goterba  
Melissa Jean Grecko  
Paul Joseph Gromen  
Molly Roberts Hartman  
Nicolle Ann Hendrick  
Kristen Marie Hershey  
Larissa Ann Heywood  
Cortney Leigh Hoch  
January Kay Hogue  
Donald Nicholas Hope  
Charles Ivan Jacobs  
Devanshi S. Jadhav  
Stephen Javens  
Michael Vincent Jones  
Lyndsay Elizabeth Kalas  
Elizabeth Nicole Kall  
Kevin Lee Kresowaty  
Dustin Vincent Kudler  
Stacey Marie Lewis  
Brandon D. Liddy  
Kristen Elizabeth Longnecker  
Gregory Mason Lowe  
Amy M. Mahon  
Laura Maloney  
Pamela Ann Martin  
Dale Richard McCaughtry  
James Christopher McCoy  
Rena Marie Meadows  
Kristina Lynn Merola  
Scott Anthony Merola  
Linda F. Millik  
Gregory Scott Morgan  
Kelly Ann Murphy

Jodi Murray  
Alison Marie Pahon  
Noreen Ann Pannunzio-Yazvac  
Larissa A. Papach  
Shaylee Ann Peckens  
Jennifer Rae Perugini  
Holly AnnMarie Phibbs  
Rebecca A. Pilak  
Jason M. Rebraca  
Kristine Ann Reimold  
Michael Paul Robertson  
Catherine Anne Roscoe  
Christie Lynn Ruffner  
Patrick Michael Ryan  
Ryan Carl James Sardella  
Michael Joseph Schidell  
Debra J. Sees  
Joseph T. Sherick III  
Kevin Marshall Shifflet  
Nicholas James Smith  
John George Stanko  
Melissa Diane Stigliano  
Manikandan Sugumaran  
Melissa L. Tarrant  
Martin Thiemar  
Elizabeth Marie Thorndike  
Michelle Lynn Trolio  
Laura Jean Wagner  
Todd Jay Walters  
Trevor Ulysses Watkins  
John Clark Weaver  
Mary Elizabeth White  
Joseph A. Wilhelm  
Tali Michele Williams  
Susan Elizabeth Wonderly



**SPRING 2006**  
**ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS**

**With High Honors**

Lisa Louise Angelo  
Daniel M. Boss

Aryn Rebecca Harding  
Shawn Dennis McNorton

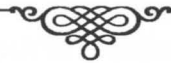
Michael Charles Sheffield  
Michael Charles Walsh

**With Honors**

Lauren Marie Alfreno  
Cornelia Ann Bryan  
Emily Rose Coulter  
Bathsheba C. Daniel

Erin Kay Earl  
Jeffrey Alan Higgins  
Donna Lee Moreno  
Rose Ann Neel

Michael John Phillips  
Michelle Lynn Prox  
Sara Marie Rapp  
Stephen James Rowe



**YSU PIN AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Established in 1948 by President Howard Jones, the YSU Pin Award has been a distinguished part of Youngstown State University's rich tradition. The award recognizes up to five graduating seniors annually who have achieved academic success and demonstrated outstanding leadership, motivation, and creativity in university and community activities. Following are the 2005-06 YSU Pin Awardees and their academic majors:

Angela Kwallek  
*Political Science and Spanish*

Devin Malik  
*Biology*

Bob McGovern  
*Political Science*

Jennifer Perugini  
*Physical Education*

Angela Lauren Speece  
*Art Education and Fine Arts*

**SPRING 2006**  
**HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES**

Diana Awad  
English/Psychology  
*And She Lived Sadly Ever After:  
An Evaluation of the Psychology  
of Victoria Glendinning's Rebecca  
West: A Life*

Tom Calko  
Mechanical Engineering  
*Numerical Model for Fluid Flow  
and Dynamics of a Knurled Bearing/  
Damper*

Abigail Colucci  
English  
*Walt Whitman & Abraham Lincoln:  
The Paradox of the Individual and  
the Union*

Nicole Cunningham  
Mathematics  
*The Fundamental Theorems of  
Riemann-Stieltjes Integrals*

Angela Dlwgosh  
Exercise Science  
*Quick Guide to Pregnancy: The  
Benefits and Risks of Exercise  
During Pregnancy*

Erin Earl  
Dental Hygiene  
*Regional Licensing Issues in Dental  
Hygiene*

Susan Francis  
Religious Studies/Women's  
Studies  
*He loves me, he loves me not David  
and Jonathan—Lovers, friends, or  
politics as usual*

David Gohlke  
Math/Physics  
*Markov Processes and Isomeric Decay*

Matthew Goyder  
Computer Science  
*Wedding Pages—A Complete  
E-Commerce Solution Geared for the  
Modern Internet*

Lori Griffin  
Accounting  
*Case Study & Analysis of Coach, Inc.*

Rebecca Grove  
Mechanical Engineering/  
Mathematics  
*Vibrational Analysis of an Automated  
Induction Brazier*

Timothy Hanek  
Mathematics/Economics  
*The Crude Oil Futures Market & The  
Relationship Between Trading Volume &  
Price Volatility*

Ned Heffner  
Industrial & Systems Engineering  
*RFID in the Steel Industry*

Lindsay Hitesman  
Psychology  
*"Tough Love" in the College Classroom:  
Replicating the Factor Structure of  
Teaching Style*

Joshua Hiznay  
Political Science  
*Social Security: The Past, Present, &  
Future*

Cortney Hoch  
Chemistry  
*Novel Coupling Reactions Involving  
Ferrocene Acid Fluoride*

Amber Hromyak  
Forensic Anthropology (ICP)  
*Gendered Offices: Women and Their  
Decision to Run for Higher Public  
Office*

Teresa Huzyak  
Sociology  
*Attitudes Toward End-Of-Life  
Decisions: An Exploration of  
Hospice Workers' and Volunteers'  
Views*

Allison Kacmar  
Social Work  
*The Effect of Childbearing on  
Adolescent Mothers' Educational  
Aspirations versus their Educational  
Attainments*

Catherine Krupko  
Early Childhood Education  
*Howard Gardner's Theory of  
Multiple Intelligences*

Nicolle Kuharich  
Psychology  
*The Influence of Induction  
on Kindergarten Children's  
Performance on the Dimensional  
Card Sort Task*

Jaelyn Kusluch  
Physics & Astronomy  
*Searching for Ultraviolet Sources in  
M81's Tidal Tails*

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**HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES** *(continued)*

Angela Kwallek  
 Political Science/Spanish  
*Voices of Steel: Retired Workers  
 Reflect on Their Lives and the Future*

Emilie Lape  
 Psychology  
*The Effects of Stimulus Complexity  
 and Presentation Method on Face  
 Discrimination*

Lori MacDonald  
 Biology  
*The Effect of IL-12 Therapy on  
 Cytokine Gene Expression in  
 Mycobacterium Tuberculosis-  
 Infected Mice*

Hayley McEwing  
 Sociology  
*Writing My First Children's Book*

Robert McGovern  
 Political Science  
*American Fiscal Policy: From  
 Reagan to Bush*

Amanda Mielke  
 Advertising/Public Relations  
*Marketing Plan for the Youngstown  
 State University Honors Program*

Theresa Mottle  
 Integrated Language Arts/  
 Secondary Education  
*Violence as a Means of Social  
 Control Towards Women in the  
 Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries*

Patrick Pisciueneri  
 Mechanical Engineering  
*Optimal Design of Runners inside the  
 Plenum of an Intake Manifold*

Jessica Plutt  
 Fashion and Interior Merchandising  
*Explorations in Fashion*

Kristi Reidy  
 Early Childhood Education  
*The 100<sup>th</sup> Day of Kindergarten*

Jason Reinert  
 Electrical Engineering  
*Left Handed Metamaterials and  
 Amphoteric Crystals to Produce Negative  
 Refraction*

William Rodgers  
 Journalism  
*Salary Study of YSU Employees*

David Slanina  
 Finance  
*Social Security Reform and Its Potential  
 Affect on a Financially Illiterate America*

Molly Smith  
 Anthropology/Philosophy  
*Gendered Offices: Women and Their  
 Decision to Run for Higher Public Office*

Gregory Speece  
 Accounting  
*HBK Internship*

Stephanie Studzinski  
 English  
*Adventures in Children's Literature*

Joshua Taylor  
 Philosophy  
*Why Robert Nozick Should Have  
 Played More Video Games*

Adam Timblin  
 Accounting  
*A Case Study in Corporate Fraud*

Justin Truitt  
 Accounting  
*Analysis of the Regional Chamber of  
 Commerce*

Frank Tuscano  
 Business Economics  
*Firm Location Decision: Real Life  
 Application of a Theoretical Model*

Matthew Valnes  
 Music Theory  
*When Endings Are Unending:  
 Issues of Closure in the Second  
 Movement of Ravel's Piano Concerto  
 in G Major*

John Vogel  
 Journalism  
*Explorations in New Media*

Sarah Wakefield  
 Economics/Sociology  
*The Social Costs of Unemployment*

Joshua Wilson  
 Electrical Engineering  
*An Experimental and Investigative  
 Study on Climate Control*

## COLLEGE OF FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

*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.*

### *Bachelor of Arts*

Emily Anne Andres  
Laura Alexandria Barba  
Kevin Shawn Bradway  
Matthew Wesley Buehler  
Ross Norman Buttle  
Melissa Katie Campana  
Douglas L. Cressman  
Jason Lamont Frost  
Matthew John Gnacinski  
Jessica L. Kane  
Keith L. Logan, Jr.  
Ryan Edward McGehee  
Beth Ann Moury  
Sara Ann Palowitz  
Noreen Ann Pannunzio-Yazvac  
Joseph Richard Rafidi  
Kenny Reyes  
Trevor Alan Richards  
Sean Paul Ryan  
Dallas Aaron Shreve  
Matthew Bryan Valnes  
Christian Joy Wagner  
Kiisha DeVawn Warfield  
Graham Michael Winn

### *Bachelor of Fine Arts*

Kylee D. Ambuske  
Robert Adam Basic  
Arrilous Beachman III  
Justin Todd Chisholm  
Shawn Elaine Cowen  
Tammie Marie Cullumbine  
Derrick Lavar Davis  
Louis J. DeMarinis  
Ronald Ross Fankhauser  
Derek James Kasper  
Stephanie Marie Kunovich  
Earl J. Lee III  
Rachael Lynn Lewis  
Jennifer Michelle McCombs  
Lindsay Bryan Morgan  
Jessica Lyn Murdock  
Joseph Motasem Nahhas  
Angela Michelle Pandolph  
Adam Richard Patsko  
Rebecca A. Pilak  
Adam Martin Post  
Cindy L. Richards  
Alexander Thomas Shaffo  
Angela Lauren Speece  
John George Stanko

Derek Nicholas Stulpin  
Melissa Ann Wiese

### *Bachelor of Music*

Mark Maruf Awad  
Joseph Lawrence Badaczewski  
Jessica Lynn Begovich  
Fred Andrew Burazer  
Joseph Ryan Carey  
Catherine C. Carroll  
Michael John Costello  
Heidi E. Davis  
Erika Ann Durham  
Laura Nicole Fedina  
Angela Marie Galioto  
Joshua Jonathan Haggerty  
Christopher David Houser  
Julie Elizabeth Johnston  
Chrissy M. Lucivjansky  
Natalie Jean Sahyoun  
Timothy Michael Shade  
John Gavin Shanks  
Anthony James Spicer  
Jessica Margaret Stauffer  
Miranda Nicole Walker  
Michael R. Zupcsan

## BITONTE COLLEGE OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

### *Associate in Applied Science*

Ashley Elizabeth Abbott  
Lauren Marie Alfreno  
April Ann Anerino  
Lisa Louise Angelo  
Deborah Joyce Barna  
Cecilia Mary Bayuk  
Samantha Marae Bell  
Amy Bensinger  
Greg Mathew Boyer  
Cornelia Ann Bryan  
Angelina Calderon  
Vonetta Marie Clark  
Thomas Lee Cogswell  
Emily Rose Coulter  
Bathsheba C. Daniel  
Mary Ann Elizabeth Davis  
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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*.

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