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COMMENCEMENT
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER SIXTEENTH
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN
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 13,400 full- and part-time students with 126 undergraduate programs, 40 master's degree programs and a doctorate in education. There are more than 430 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 100-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 85,000 outstanding alumni across the nation and around the world.

Alma Mater

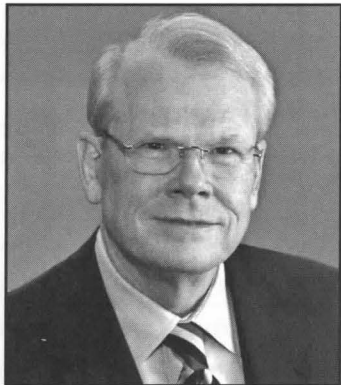
All hail to thee, O Youngstown,
Our Alma Mater fair;
In sunlight and starshine
We see thee in all thy glory.
The Red and the White, thy glorious colors,
Ever we praise and hold them
High to the breeze as the symbol of our
Most loyal allegiance.
This anthem, O Youngstown,
Our pledge of trust shall be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

PROGRAM

PRELUDE.....	“The National Emblem March” by E. E. Bagley “Toboggan Ride” by Stan Applebaum YSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble Dr. Stephen Gage, <i>YSU Director of Bands, College of Fine and Performing Arts</i>
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 <i>President</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM.....	Max Pivik, Baritone <i>Senior, Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts</i>
STUDENT REFLECTION.....	Chad Miller <i>Graduating Senior, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences</i>
INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES.....	President Sweet
GREETINGS AND REMARKS.....	John Pogue <i>Chairperson of the Board of Trustees</i>
INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER.....	Charles R. Singler <i>Acting Interim Provost</i>
ADDRESS.....	Chad Wick <i>President & CEO, KnowledgeWorks Foundation</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION.....	“Sleigh Ride” by Leroy Anderson
REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES.....	Acting Interim Provost Singler
CONFERRING OF DEGREES.....	President Sweet
PRESENTATION OF CHAD WICK TO RECEIVE THE DEGREE HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS.....	President Sweet
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES.....	Peter J. Kasvinsky, <i>Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research</i> 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> Shearle Furnish, <i>Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences</i> Stephen Rodabaugh, <i>Interim Associate Dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics</i> Betty Jo Licata, <i>Dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration</i> Philip Ginnetti, <i>Dean of the Beeghly College of Education</i>
WELCOME FROM YSU ALUMNI SOCIETY.....	Germaine Bennett <i>President, YSU Alumni Society</i>
CLOSING REMARKS.....	President Sweet
ALMA MATER.....	Mr. Pivik <i>From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. by Robert E. Fleming</i>
RECESSIONAL.....	“Stars and Stripes Forever” “The Liberty Bell March” by John Philip Sousa
COLLEGE RECEPTIONS.....	Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room

*Atty. John Pogue, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, and Interim Acting Provost Singler will invest Mr. Wick with the hood.
The audience is asked to be seated after the singing of the Alma Mater and to remain seated during the recessional.*

Commencement Speaker and Recipient of the Degree Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters



Chad P. Wick

Today's commencement speaker, Chad P. Wick, is president and chief executive officer of KnowledgeWorks Foundation. With an endowment of approximately \$200 million, the KnowledgeWorks Foundation is Ohio's largest education philanthropy focused on research-based education reforms dedicated to removing barriers to higher education for all Ohioans.

The Foundation is one of the nation's leading partners with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, collaborating to implement the most comprehensive statewide high school transformation initiative in the country aimed at converting large, urban "factory model" schools into student-centered schools-within-a-school.

At the local level, KnowledgeWorks and the Gates foundations support the Youngstown Early College at Youngstown State University, a high school located on the YSU campus that allows high school students to enroll in and earn credit in university-level classes while attending high school.

Recognized by former U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley as "one of the outstanding education leaders in the country," Mr. Wick serves on the boards of numerous organizations that work in education, the arts, and public health, including the Public Education Network, Operation Respect, and the National College Access Network. In 2006, he chaired the education transition team for Ohio's then Governor-elect, Ted Strickland.

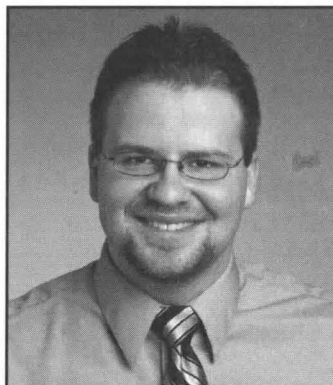
Mr. Wick has been recognized with the Friend of Education Award from the National Association of School Boards of Education, Ohio Education Association, and the Ohio Federation of Teachers. He received the Ohio Philanthropy Award from the Ohio Grantmakers Forum and was honored with the Visionary Award by the Contemporary Arts Center of Cincinnati. Civic Ventures, a think tank and program incubator helping society achieve the greatest return on experience, named him a Purpose Prize Fellow and a national leader in a new age of social innovation. The Purpose Prize is a major new initiative that recognizes Americans over 60 who are inventing new ways to meet society's toughest challenges.

Mr. Wick earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Cincinnati and a master's degree in international management from Thunderbird, the American Graduate School of International Manage-

ment. He is a veteran of the Air Force and in the summer of 2006 attended the Army War College's Strategic Leadership Forum at Columbia University.

Prior to leading KnowledgeWorks, Mr. Wick was president and chief executive officer of Rise Learning Solutions. He has also served as president of Mayerson Company, executive vice president of PNC Bank, and chief executive officer of Southern Ohio Bank.

The Student Commencement Speaker



Chad Miller

A valedictorian of Poland High School class of 2003, Chad J. Miller graduates today summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and psychology. He is the son of YSU alumni John and Beth Miller and has two siblings—Alison, also graduating today, and Jacob.

As a University Scholar, Chad maintained a 4.0 GPA while fulfilling over

60 hours of community service each year. He remains active in the community, serving on the board of directors of the newly formed Young Philanthropist Fund. He has been recognized academically through several awards—the Evangelos Michelakis Meshel Award in Philosophy, the Mary G. Guterba Outstanding Psychology Student Award, the *Vindicator* Award in the Humanities, Scholastic Honors at each class rank, and Dean's List every semester—and through induction into several honor societies, including Phi Kappa Phi, the Clarence P. Gould Society, the Golden Key International Honor Society, Sigma Alpha Lambda, Phi Sigma Tau, and Alpha Lambda Delta.

Active in campus life, Chad served as both president and parliamentarian of the Student Government Association. During his terms in SGA, he worked on several projects, including the WiFi network campus rollout and the food-service bidding process. He also served as vice president of the University Scholar Trustees, president of the YSU Dance Club (for which he still teaches swing dancing), and on the Academic Senate, where he worked to restructure the General Education Intensives system.

Chad's notable research projects include: working to erect an Ohio Historical marker in honor of the late philosopher W.V. Quine, investigating the psychology of jury decision-making, documenting the culture of online computer games, and, most recently, the synthesis of non-toxic, novel pigments for industrial use. He enjoys composing and playing music, swing dancing, art, theater, and reading poetry and scientific books/magazines.

Chad plans to pursue graduate study at YSU and ultimately pursue a career in medicine.

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

B. DaNine Jenkins Fleming, B.S. in Ed., M.S. in Ed.,
M.S. in Ed.

Claflin University, University of Charleston, South
Carolina State University

Educational Leadership

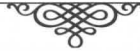
*African-American Students' Perceptions of the Impact
of Retention Programs and Services at Predominantly
White Institutions*

Phillip Darrell Harris, B.S., M.S. in Ed.

University of Pittsburgh, California University of
Pennsylvania

Educational Leadership

*The Influence Mentoring has on a Persistence of
Academically Successful African American Male
Juniors and Seniors at a Predominantly White
Institution*



Master of Arts

Francesca Dzifa Bedzra, B.S.A.
University of Ghana, Ghana
Financial Economics

Ethel Caulley, B.A.
Kwaame Nkrumah University of
Science & Technology, Ghana
Financial Economics

Amanda Rae Dewberry, B.S.
Youngstown State University
English

Barbara J. Lyras, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English

Robert F. McGovern, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Economics
Thesis: *Federal Deficit Spending
and Partisanship: An Economic
Analysis*

Allison Lynn Poole, B.A.
St. Mary's College
English

Lisa Vario, B.A.
Youngstown State University
History
Thesis: *All Power to the People:
The Influence & Legacy of the
Black Panther Party*

Gregory Kent Weimer, B.A.

Ohio University

History

Thesis: *Forced Labor in the Land of
Liberty: Naval Impressment, the
Atlantic Slave Trade, and the British
Empire in the Eighteenth Century*

Master of Business Administration

Scott D. Domes, B.S. in B.A.
Youngstown State University
Management

Joel Mark Evans, B.S. in B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Janel Raeshawn Finch, B.S. in B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Andrew J. Frum, B.S.
Ohio University
Management

Lisa Marie Metzinger, B.S. in B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Robert Ghorban Nims, B.S.
University of Connecticut
General

Michael A. Perry, B.A.

Mount Vernon Nazarene
University

Management

Randall Austin Westfall, B.S. in B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Master of Computing & Information Systems

Jarrod Oliver Davis, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Computing & Information
Systems

Sherif M. El Seuofi, B.S.
Modern Academy Maadi, Egypt
Computing & Information
Systems

Thesis: *Performance Evaluation of
Face Recognition Using Frames of
Ten Pose Angles*

Michael Pieter Kozak, B.E.
Youngstown State University
Computing & Information
Systems

Thesis: *Biometrically protected
Smart Card based personal health
care record and insurance
provider card*

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

Master of Health & Human Services

John A. Bender, B.S.
Cincinnati College of Mortuary
Science
Health & Human Services

Cynthia L. Colon, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Health & Human Services

Janet E. LeClair, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Health & Human Services
Thesis: *The effects of a smoking
cessation program administered to
student dental hygienists*

Christopher Scott Prekup, B.S.
Muskingum College
Health & Human Services

Deborah J. Yauman, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Health & Human Services

Master of Music

Dena Elaine Veneskey, B.M.
University of Akron
Music Education

Master of Science

Theophilus S. Boye, B.S.
University of Ghana, Ghana
Mathematics

Lemuel Robert Carlisle II, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Chemistry
Thesis: *Modern Synthesis of bis (2,2,2)
trifluoroethoxy phosphinylesters*

LaTisha Denise Foster, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Biology
Thesis: *The Effect of a High Sodium
Diet on the Ultrastructure of
the Ventricle of Male and Female
Borderline Hypertensive Rats*

Thomas Christopher Jordan, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Criminal Justice

Susmita Kapavarapu, B.Pharm
Nagarjuna University, India
Chemistry
Thesis: *Extracellular Expression,
Oxidation and Purification of Hen's
Egg Lysozyme double mutant (HI5S,
N77H)*

Robert P. King, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Mathematics

Joseph Francis Kolenick, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Mathematics
Thesis: *On Exponentially Perfect
Numbers Relatively Prime to 15*

Carrie A. Kolly-Zapka, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Chemistry
Thesis: *Development of a Rapid
Fluorescence-Based Adenovirus
Inactivation Assay*

Mary Catherine Madeline, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Biology

Jacqueline Anne Martin, B.A.
Kent State University
Criminal Justice

Theresa L. Moore, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Mathematics
Thesis: *Seasonal time series model for
nonstationary passenger flight data*

Vincent Kyle Ragozine, B.S.
The Ohio State University
Biology
Thesis: *Phylogenetic history of black
walnut in Zoar Valley and
Phyllosphere Fungus assay using
ribosomal DNA ITS region*

Master of Science in Education

Nicole Marie Best, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Special Education,
Early Childhood Special Education

Nancy A. Bleggi, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Arlo Brook Brookhart, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Linda Rae Congemi, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Special Education, Autism &
Related Disabilities

DeAnna Lynn Cope, B.A.
University of Toledo
Master Teacher—Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Keri Lorraine Donley, B.S. in Ed.
Kent State University
Master Teacher—Special Education,
Gifted & Talented Education
Specialist

Michele Lyn Freer, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Kimberly Grace Gilbert, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Lori A. Goist, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Secondary,
Spanish

Carissa Kaye Goodlet, B.S. in Ed.
Cedarville University
Educational Administration

Sarah Kathleen Herron, B.A.
Wright State University
Counseling

Carrie Ann Hess-Greene, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Dawna Horn, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Special Education,
Gifted & Talented Education
Specialist

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

Michele Renée Horvath, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Elementary,
Reading Specialist (PreK-12)

Daniel Jackson, B.S. in Ed.
Hiram College
Educational Administration

Joan M. Jones, B.S. in Ed.;
M.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Jodi Lyn Kelly, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Special Education, Autism &
Related Disabilities

Melissa Ann Kistler, B.S. in Ed.
Mount Union College
Master Teacher—Special Education,
Gifted & Talented Education
Specialist

John Paul Kuzma, B.A.
University of Toledo
Master Teacher—Special Education,
Gifted & Talented Education
Specialist

Lauren Marie Lalama, B.A.
Westminster College
Counseling

Jennifer Ann Maust, B.A.
Mount Union
Master Teacher—Elementary,
Curriculum

Renee Marie McConnell, B.S.E.
Youngstown State University
Special Education, Autism &
Related Disabilities

John T. McMahan, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Jennifer M. Melfi, B.S. in Ed.
Hiram College
Educational Administration

Anthony M. Nick, B.S.
Ohio University
Counseling

Victoria Jean Norris, B.S.
Ohio University
Counseling

Maria Pasqualetti, B.S.
Saint Bonaventure University
Counseling

Trina Lynn Pullman, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Special Education,
Gifted & Talented Education
Specialist

Shaun Nicole Renato, B.F.A.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Kathryn Ann Sanko, M.F.A.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Toni Gayle Schultz, B.A.
Kent State University
Master Teacher—Elementary, Reading
Specialist (PreK-12)

Derinda Lynn Seitz, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Special Education, Autism & Related
Disabilities

Julie A. Sharrow, B.S. in B.A.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Antonio Silvestri, B.M.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher—Secondary,
Educational Technology

Delores Ann Sullivan, B.S.E.
Youngstown State University
Special Education

Celina Marie Wolfe, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Special Education

Dina H. Yacoub, B.A.
State University of New York
at Buffalo
Master Teacher—Elementary, Early
Childhood Education

Master of Science in Engineering

Mark Donald Barlow, B.S.
DeVry University
Electrical & Computer
Engineering
Thesis: *Experimental Metal-
Semiconductor Contact Terminals
to Improve Power Electronics
Devices*

Edward Earl Moss, B.A.
Anderson University
Industrial & Systems Engineering

Leonard Nyamusevya, B.S.
DeVry University
Electrical & Computer
Engineering

Shawn D. Petiya, B.S.
Ohio Northern University
Mechanical Engineering

Debroop Sarkar, B.S.E.
Rajiv Gandhi University of
Technology, India
Industrial & Systems Engineering

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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

Dagmar Rita Amrhein
Emily Elizabeth Barlow
Ryan Thomas Barrett
Seth Christian Bixler
Dana Elise Breunig
Laura Ann Brown
Marcus A. Cavucci*
Leanna C. Cluff
Allyson Justine Davis
Louis J. DeJulia
Orsolya R. Dunai
Jane Lynn Enyeart
Travis James Fusselman
Jenny Lynn Geilhard
Maria C. Gerner
Christian Mae Hardgrove
Dennis Alan Hawkins, Jr.

Sarah Kathryn Hennessey
Sara A. Hosni
Josellen A. Hrusovsky
Christine M. Hukari
Erica Lynn Jenkins
Stacey Ann Ladisa
Jennifer Lynn Latshaw
Timothy Patrick Maloney
Alexis Elizabeth Markovsky
Elizabeth M. Matesich
Melissa Marie McGouldrick
Bryan Albert McLaren
Chad Jonathan Miller
Lindsey Ann Mizicko
Ashley Nicole Moore
Lucas Mark Moore

Jenifer Ann Moorhead
Jamie Lynn Pascarella
Matthew Teddy Pascarella
Michael C. Ranttila
Carrienne Lee Ricker
Amy Lynn Rigby
Stephanie Lynn Scarnecchia
Bernard Richard Schmalzried
Lisa Marie Sipes
Homer Lucas Skinner IV
Joshua Philip Terlecki
Tia Crystal Thompson
Massahoro Adja Traore
Jonathan N. Wagner
Rachel Lynn Williams
Brian Matthew Wilson

Magna Cum Laude

Ross William Aiosa
John Joseph Armeni
Jacquelyn Mae Bader
Jessica Lynn Bair
Amy Jo Barnes
Vincent Patrick Basile
Robert Alexander Beachy
Robert Beohm
Daniel Michael Boss
Lindsay Marie Brace
Lindsey A. DeChristofaro
Nicole Elizabeth DelQuadri
Stephanie Wold Detwiler
Kristen Lyn DiIullo
Megan Lynn Douglass

Aimee Lynn Fauvie
John Robert Frech, Jr.
Beverly Michelle Grant
Julie Ann Grasso
Cortney Marie Harless
Kelly Rae James
Ryan Thomas Kelley
Jaime Renee Kudary
Joseph James Maiorana
Kathleen Elizabeth Mazur
Jennifer Lynne McPheron
Allison Beth Miller
Mililani Leilani Perry
Erin K. Pfeil

Stefanie Nicole Platton
Benjamin D. Revitsky
Robert Richardson
Julia Elizabeth Rodabaugh
Aaron Lee Schott
Gina Nicole Sciortino
John Raymond Simon, Jr.
Amy Michelle Skvarka
Craig Strahler
Michael Ray Tkach
Matthew Joseph Tomerlin
Katie Lyn Tripodi
Shellie I. Warino
Vanessa Cecile Weikart

Cum Laude

Mark David Adair
Abby Lynn Aebischer
Christopher A. Barber
Jessica Lee Benton
Coby Lynn Brown
Laura S. Castin
Emily A. Congo
Tiffany Renee Davis

Joseph C. Esposito
Shannon Eileen Filimon
Danielle M. Frabutt
Megan I. Garcia
Troy Evan Goldberg
Courtney Rene Goodlin
Robert J. Greaf
Rachel Selina Grimm

Allison Catherine Hank
Lindsey Linnea Hill
Brandon J. Hillman
Jesse Matthew Homa
Janine Nicole Horvat
Dominique R. Huston
Mary Alyce Kratochvil
Jeffrey David Lanam

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BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS *(continued)*

Cum Laude

Kelly Nicole Long
Delilah Lee Lucas
Megan Michelle Lyons
Matthew Martin Macali
Gaylene Rae McConnell
Jill Marie Micaletti
Mandy Lynn Miller
Charles Carmen Mooney
Jeffrey Adam Murphy
Erin Nicole Naome

Joseph E. Neiheisel
Sherri Lynn Orr
Kimberly Ann Osborn
Tiffany N. Paparodis-Tokar
Danielle Marie Pash
Laureen Rachelle Pozega
Lauren Reinhardt
Carolyn H. Rosipko
Rachel Ann Rossi
Rebecca Lynn Sobinovsky

Jennifer Sue Stacy
Reyna M. Thomae
Alycia E. Varga
Nicole M. Webb
Joseph C. White
Bryant A. Wilson
Meghan Elizabeth Wood
Jason Paul Yemma
Robert Mark Ziccardi

ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS

With High Honors

Candice Lee Clark

Donna M. D'Agostino

With Honors

Tracy Ellen Brumbaugh
David H. Deets
Rose M. Esposito

Joe Nicholas LaVaglio
Jennifer Lynn McMullen
Shane Jared Morlan

Daisy Lynn Ocasio
Judith Lynn Shearer



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HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Ryan Thomas Barrett
Early Childhood Education
Reflections of Student Teaching

Vincent P. Basile
Music Theory
*Lighting design for the Alpha Psi
Omega (Eta Phi Cast) Blackbox
production of William Gibson's The
Miracle Worker*

Leanna C. Cluff
Mathematics
Sylow's Theorem

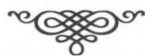
Sithari P. Edirisooriya
Biology
*DNA Analysis of Stenotrophomonas
maltophilia, a Bacterial Strain from Oak
Ridge*

Allison Beth Miller
Exercise Science
A Student's Reflection

Chad Jonathan Miller
Philosophy/Psychology
*We the Jury: The Effects of Minimal
Nullification Instructions on Mock
Jurors*

Tia Crystal Thompson
Psychology/Sociology
*Student Attitudes Toward
Gerontology*

Massahoro A. Traore
Computer Information Systems
*Design & Implementation of an
Information System for a Retail Food
Store*



COLLEGE OF FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

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Bachelor of Arts

Amy Jo Barnes
Vincent Patrick Basile
Ernie I. Calderon
Ryan James Clausen
Stephanie Wold Detwiler
James Patrick Glancy
Brooklyn Ashiya Goins
Randi Alicia Hoy
Ann Michelle McMaster
Stacie Lu Rubicky
Joshua Phillip Terlecki

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Dagmar Rita Amrhein
Chadd Ryan Anderson

Jennifer Lynn Cann
Mary Kathryn Farragher
Elizabeth L. Farrow
Troy Evan Goldberg
Jacob Douglas Hostetler
Mary Alyce Kratochvil
Gaylene Rae McConnell
Melissa Desiree Perry
Matthew Steven Pettitt
Rosemary Connelly Prample
Carolyn H. Rosipko
Rachel Ann Rossi
Bernard Richard Schmalzried
Amy Michelle Skvarka
Heesun K. Sung
Amanda Charis Thompson

Brian Matthew Wilson

Bachelor of Music

Emily Elizabeth Barlow
Aaron Dean Bunfill
Danielle M. Frabutt
Theodore Scott Guthrie
Dennis Alan Hawkins, Jr.
Sarah Kathryn Hennessey
Brianna Cathleen Kochunas
Jennifer Lynn Latshaw
Trevor Matthew Lenhart
Elizabeth M. Matesich
Lisa Marie Sipes
Jeanne Lee Wilson
David M. Yee

BITONTE COLLEGE OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Associate in Applied Science

Tracy Ellen Brumbaugh
Damon Lamont Bryant
James R. Campana II
Ashley Ann Corso
Donna Marie D'Agostino
Rashaan Roland Dykes
Rose M. Esposito
Julie A. Fisher
Nicole Marie Frazier
Brenda Lee Gray
Ronita LaShawn Johnson
Joe Nicholas LaVaglio
Jennifer Lynn McMullen
Eric Briceson Miller
Shane Jared Morlan
Shealla Yvette Myers
Katina Yvette Quarles
Judith Lynn Shearer
Erin Elizabeth Smith
April L. Walla
Thomas Leonard Williams

Associate in Arts

Kelly S. Gorman

Bachelor of Arts

Robert John Bundy
Monica Joy Collier
Tanisha Sparkle Franklin
Jason Scott Kelly

Jason T. Kuglics

Bachelor of Science in Applied Science

Christopher Versoza Albert
Nicole L. Ankeny
Hailey Joan Arroyo
Benjamin K. Atkins
Jeannine Renée Baker
John P. Bartos
Marisa Ann Blackson
Brandon Allen Brown
Jason Bradley Carron
Laura S. Castin
Ryan Michael Catlin
Anna Marie Centifanti
Yolanda E. Chaney
Rachel A. Chapman
Andrea Maria Clark
Casey L. Clark
Kenneth H. Collins
Frank A. Daloise, Jr.
Phillip Thomas Davis
Thomas Justin DeChant, Jr.
Lindsey A. DeChristofaro
Bernard Charles Doran III
Mark Aaron Ecker
Eric Robert Eliseo
Linda Nada Erent
Roslyn F. Fabian
Christopher B. Fankhauser
James Edward Ferrante

Travis James Fusselman
Alisha Elizabeth Gallagher
Brooke Nichole Gfell
Marielle Diane Glanz
Courtney Rene Goodlin
Nicole Kimberly Gordon
Allison Rae Goterba
Erin Suzanne Hall
Mathew D. Hartman
Cheryl Diane Henderson
Gerald Daniel Hicks, Jr.
Craig S. Hileman
Miquita C. Hosey
Gerald O. Hunter, Jr.
Dominique R. Huston
Demetrius R. Ison
Samantha Jean Jones
Nahim Joseph Kaim
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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*.

