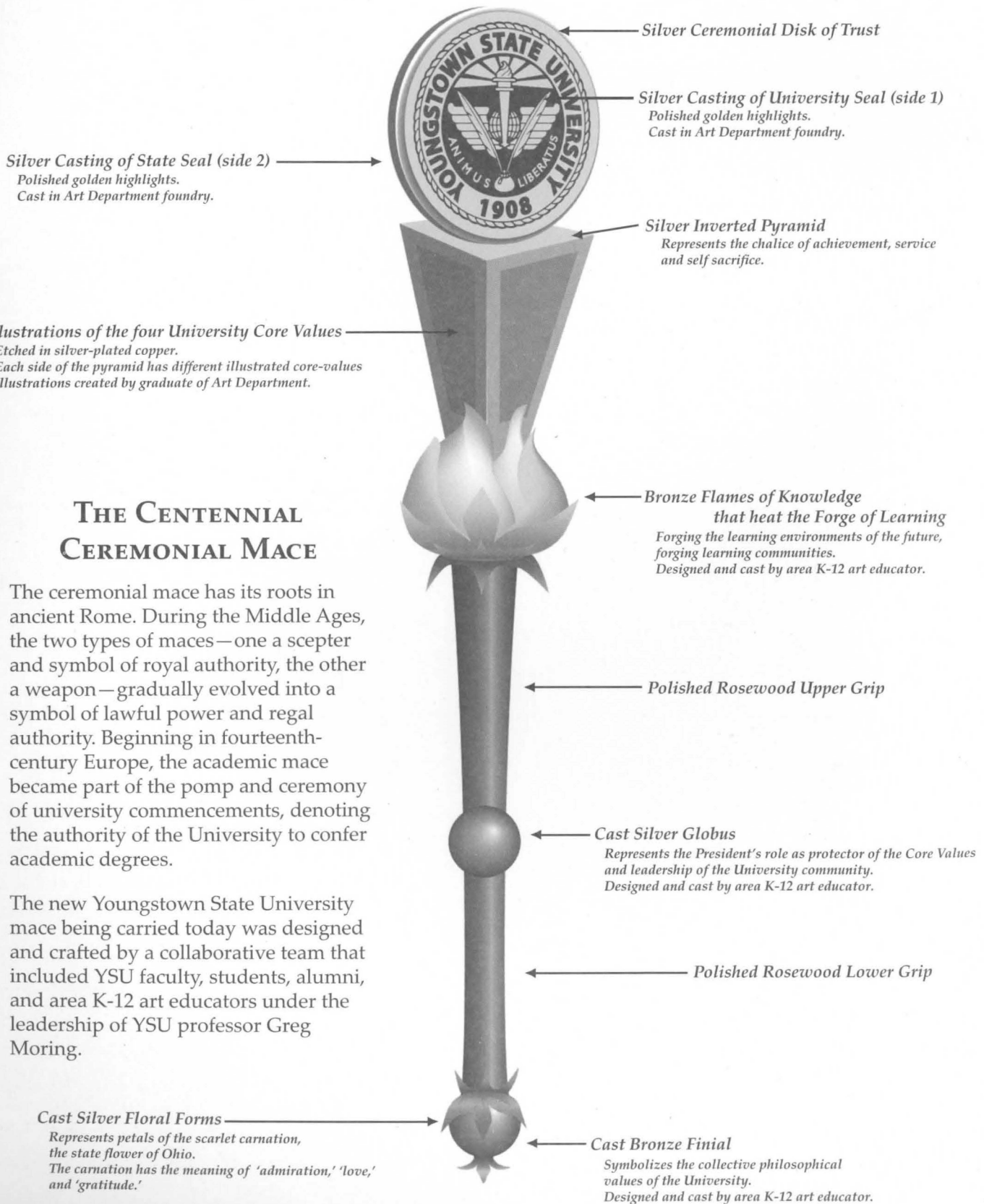


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COMMENCEMENT
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY



SUNDAY, DECEMBER FOURTEENTH
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHT
TWO O'CLOCK, BEEGHLY CENTER

THE CENTENNIAL CEREMONIAL MACE



Silver Ceremonial Disk of Trust

Silver Casting of University Seal (side 1)
Polished golden highlights.
Cast in Art Department foundry.

Silver Casting of State Seal (side 2)
Polished golden highlights.
Cast in Art Department foundry.

Silver Inverted Pyramid
Represents the chalice of achievement, service
and self sacrifice.

Illustrations of the four University Core Values
Etched in silver-plated copper.
Each side of the pyramid has different illustrated core-values
illustrations created by graduate of Art Department.

Bronze Flames of Knowledge
that heat the Forge of Learning
Forging the learning environments of the future,
forging learning communities.
Designed and cast by area K-12 art educator.

Polished Rosewood Upper Grip

Cast Silver Globus
Represents the President's role as protector of the Core Values
and leadership of the University community.
Designed and cast by area K-12 art educator.

Polished Rosewood Lower Grip

Cast Silver Floral Forms
Represents petals of the scarlet carnation,
the state flower of Ohio.
The carnation has the meaning of 'admiration,' 'love,'
and 'gratitude.'

Cast Bronze Finial
Symbolizes the collective philosophical
values of the University.
Designed and cast by area K-12 art educator.

THE CENTENNIAL CEREMONIAL MACE

The ceremonial mace has its roots in ancient Rome. During the Middle Ages, the two types of maces—one a scepter and symbol of royal authority, the other a weapon—gradually evolved into a symbol of lawful power and regal authority. Beginning in fourteenth-century Europe, the academic mace became part of the pomp and ceremony of university commencements, denoting the authority of the University to confer academic degrees.

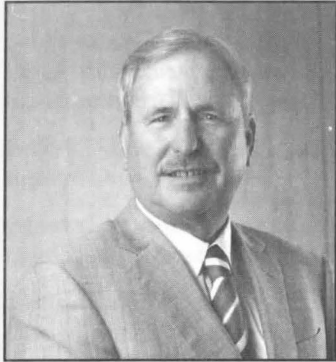
The new Youngstown State University mace being carried today was designed and crafted by a collaborative team that included YSU faculty, students, alumni, and area K-12 art educators under the leadership of YSU professor Greg Moring.

PROGRAM

PRELUDE.....	“Fairest of the Fair” by John Philip Sousa “Stars and Stripes Forever March” by John Philip Sousa Dr. Stephen L. Gage, <i>Director of Bands/Professor of Music</i> <i>Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts</i>
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL	“Suite #1 in Eb Major: III March” by Gustav Holst “Pomp and Circumstance” from March No. 1 by Sir Edward Elgar “March Processional” by Clare Grundman
WELCOME.....	David C. Sweet <i>President</i>
COLOR GUARD	The Youngstown State University Army Reserve Officers’ Training led by Cadet Battalion Commander Michael Deem
NATIONAL ANTHEM.....	Misook Yun, Soprano <i>Associate Professor of Music, Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts</i>
STUDENT REFLECTION.....	Nicole Caravella <i>Graduating Senior, Williamson College of Business Administration</i>
PRESIDENT’S REMARKS.....	President Sweet
INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES.....	President Sweet
GREETINGS AND REMARKS	Scott Schulich <i>Chair of the Board of Trustees</i>
INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER.....	Ikram Khawaja <i>Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.....	John A. Scott
MUSICAL SELECTION	“Sleigh Ride” by Leroy Anderson
REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES	Provost and Vice President Khawaja
CONFERRING OF DEGREES.....	President Sweet
PRESENTATION OF JOHN A. SCOTT TO RECEIVE THE HONORARY DEGREE DOCTOR OF SCIENCE	President Sweet
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES	Peter Kasvinsky, <i>Associate Provost for Research and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research</i> Martin Abraham, <i>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> Joseph Edwards, <i>Interim Dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts</i> Janice Elias, <i>Interim Dean of The 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>
WELCOME FROM YSU ALUMNI SOCIETY	Germaine Bennett <i>President, YSU Alumni Society</i>
CLOSING REMARKS.....	President Sweet
ALMA MATER	Misook Yun, Soprano From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms
RECESSIONAL	“The Liberty Bell March” by John Philip Sousa “National Emblem March” by E. E. Bagley
RECEPTION.....	In the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley immediately following the ceremony

The audience is asked to be seated after the singing of the Alma Mater and to remain seated during the Recessional.
During this special ceremony, please be respectful of others and maintain a quiet atmosphere.

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



John A. Scott

Today's commencement speaker, John A. Scott, '71 B.E., is president and chief operating officer of Parsons, one of the world's largest engineering and construction companies. Mr. Scott is responsible for all aspects of operations of the company's 12,000 employees and \$4 billion in annual revenues.

Parsons executes infrastructure and defense projects worldwide.

Mr. Scott is a recognized expert in the technologies and processes for destruction of the world's stockpile of chemical and biological agents and weapons. He was responsible for development of the technologies for both incineration and neutralization of these hazardous materials. In addition, he has played a key role in the design, construction, and operation of every major chemical agent demilitarization facility in the world. He holds multiple patents on the processes to dispose of these agents, explosives, and their containers and has provided expert testimony to numerous congressional committees, the National Research Council, federal and local regulatory agencies, and citizen involvement groups. He has recently been a key advisor to the government of Japan for treatment and disposal options of more than 2 million Japanese chemical weapons buried and abandoned in China. He also led the team for the design and construction of the facilities in Russia to dispose of the Russian stockpile of chemical nerve agents.

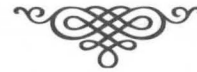
Within Parsons, Mr. Scott has led the development of technologies, processes, and facilities for: disposal of stockpiled U.S. and Soviet nuclear weapons; disposal of radioactive wastes, including demonstration of a process for separation of cesium from high level radioactive wastes; non-incineration technologies for treatment of hazardous materials, including a patent-pending process using super-critical hydrogen peroxide; and technologies for handling of radioactive and hazardous materials.

Mr. Scott has been a leader in promoting collaboration between industry and academia. Through his initiatives, Parsons funds scholarships at numerous universities, including the Jack and Rose Scott Scholarship in Engineering at YSU, established in honor of Mr. Scott's parents. In addition, Parsons has co-funded a laboratory at Miami University of Ohio; developed a distance-learning master's degree program at Texas A&M

University; sponsors more than 80 internships for college students in science and engineering; and supports faculty research-leave opportunities.

Mr. Scott is actively engaged in his community in Arcadia, California, and, in addition, has generously served Youngstown State University as a member of the President's Council and the Centennial Campaign Committee. He has been awarded the Captains of Industry Award by the Institute of Industrial Engineers, the U.S. Army's Toxic Hazardous Materials Agency Outstanding Service Award, and the Dwight Look College of Engineering Outstanding Alumni Award at Texas A&M.

Mr. Scott earned his Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering from YSU in 1971 and his Master of Engineering in Industrial Engineering from Texas A&M in 1973.



Commencement Student Speaker



Nicole Caravella

Our student commencement speaker, Nicole Caravella, graduates today with a double major in advertising and public relations and marketing management. During her time at YSU, Nicole was president of Alpha Delta Sigma and a member of the American Marketing Association, Beta

Gamma Sigma, Golden Key International Honor Society and Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society. A student in the Honors Program, Ms. Caravella has been on the Dean's List every semester of her college career.

Last spring, Ms. Caravella and her classmates won fourth place for their AOL advertising campaign at the District 5 National Student Advertising Competition. She has also participated in the Advertising Women of New York career conference for two years. She has had academic internships with McConnell Marketing, the Lawrence County Government Center and, most recently, the Pipitone Group, where she has worked with clients such as PPG Industrial Coatings and AIG American General. She also teaches dance in her free time and is a former Lady Steelhound. Ms. Caravella hopes to earn a public relations position with an advertising agency in the Pittsburgh area. She is the daughter of Ken and Pam Caravella of West Pittsburg, PA.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Because the list of candidates had to be prepared in advance, it is tentative. All information is current as of November 20, 2008. The diploma, together with a certified transcript, is the proof of graduation.

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

Doctor of Education

John A. Wyllie, Jr., B.S., M.Ed.
Gannon University,
Edinboro University of
Pennsylvania
Thesis: *The Impact on Student
Achievement of the Pennsylvania
System of School Assessment Prep
Program*

Master of Arts

Francis Bill Baffoe, B.A.
University of Cape Coast,
Ghana
Financial Economics

Wayne A. Bartholomew, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English
Thesis: *The Bronze Dame*

Paul C. Brenner, B.A., M.S.
Youngstown State University
History

Terri L. Daniluk, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English

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

Doreen Grace Duganne,
B.S.Ed.; M.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
English

Jacquelyn M. LeViseur, B.A.
University of Cincinnati
English

Betsy G. Murphy, B.A.
Youngstown State University
History

Brittney Faye Murphy, B.A.
Capital University
American Studies

John B. O'Donnell, B.A.
Youngstown State University
History

Sarah Rebekah Plant, B.A.
Thiel College
English

Pamela Marie Rhodes, B.A.
The University of Akron
English
Thesis: *Religion, Carnival & Women
in John Fletcher's "The Tamer
Tamed"*

Jack Michael White, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
Economics

Pamela S. Zembower, B.A.
Youngstown State University
American Studies

Master of Business Administration

Joshua D. Aikens, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Shawn Patrick Barber, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Megan Lee Bartholomew, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Ashley Marie Basile, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
Marketing

Thomas Harvey Freed, B.S.
Westminster College
General

Robert John Greaf, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
Management

Amber Marie Hunsberger,
B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Judith L. Jones, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
Management

Derek Donald Knepper, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Nicholas Ray Odille, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
Accounting

Kenya A. Roberts, B.S., M.S.Ed.
University of Cincinnati,
Westminster College
General

Laura Jo Taylor, B.S.
Mount Union College
General

Roberta Jean Valenti, B.S.B.
University of Phoenix
Management

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH (continued)

Master of Computing & Information Systems

Ming-li Bien, B.S.
Brigham Young University
Computing & Information Systems
Thesis: *Information Technology Merger and Acquisition*

Ryan T. Davis, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Computing & Information Systems

Mary Jo'Ann Ford-Holden, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Computing & Information Systems

Robert Anthony Gilliland, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Computing & Information Systems

Thomas P. Jarvela, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Computing & Information Systems

Joshua Levi Johnson, B.S.
DeVry University
Computing & Information Systems

Ambrose Krapacs, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Computing & Information Systems

Hasheen A. Wilson, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Computing & Information Systems

Master of Health & Human Services

Michael Eric Cluse, A.A.S., B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Health and Human Services

Tommy Lee Perry, B.S.
Kent State University
Health and Human Services

Christine Mary Reda, B.S.
The Pennsylvania State University
Health and Human Services

Master of Music

Jason Wesley Evick, B.M.
Youngstown State University
Music Theory and Composition
Thesis: *Symmetrical and Structural features in Sonata No.2 (Violin & Piano) by Bela Bartok/Chamber Symphony No.1*

Alison Marie Morris, B.A.
Baldwin Wallace College
Performance

April Antell Tarantine, B.M.
Youngstown State University
Performance

Dana E. Veneskey, B.M.
The University of Akron
Music Education

Master of Science

Saif Ahmad, B.Tech.
Aligarh Muslim University, India
Civil Engineering

Naresh K. Boddu, B.Pharm.
Nagarjuna University, India
Chemistry
Thesis: *Trace Analysis of Biological Samples by Surface Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy*

Ginger Renee Cartright, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Environmental Studies
Thesis: *Study of the Coastal Impacts of a Hurricane: Effects of Hurricane Frances on San Salvador, Bahamas*

Dawn Ann Cox, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Criminal Justice

Rachel Ellen Detec, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Criminal Justice

Ebenezer Emos, B.S.
Kwame University of Science, Ghana
Mathematics

LaTisha Denise Foster, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Biology
Thesis: *"The Effects of a High Sodium Diet on the Ultra structure of the Ventricle of Male & Female Borderline Hypertensive Rats"*

Heidi B. Hallas, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Criminal Justice

Charles Alan Hartranft, B.S.
University of South Carolina
Chemistry
Thesis: *"One Pot" Synthesis of Organic Azides from Alcohols & Protected Sugars*

Steven E. Knapp, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Chemistry
Thesis: *Synthesis and Structural Analysis of Novel Bis(triazole) UDP Analogs as Potential Transferase Inhibitors*

Anand Matta, B.Pharm.
Nargajuna University, India
Chemistry
Thesis: *Laser spectroscopy sensor for measurements of trace gaseous pollutants (So2)*

Eric John Merkel, B.A.
Kent State University
Criminal Justice

John Adam Milo, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Chemistry
Thesis: *Quantitation of Halogenated Anisoles in Wine via SPME-GC/MS*

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

Meghan Maureen O'Brien, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Biology
Thesis: *"A Pilot Proteomic Analysis: The Study of P19 Cells in Cardiac Differentiation"*

William Eric Ondrasik, B.S.
Messiah College
Environmental Studies
Thesis: *Assessment of Ohio Native Grasses Ability to Uptake Metals Zn and Pb*

Maurice T. Royal, B.S.
The University of Akron
Biology
Thesis: *"The Effect of MV-II-065 Carbohydrate Mimetic on Phagocytosis of Staphylococcus aureus"*

Mohammad Danish Shakeel,
B.S., M.S.
Aligarh Muslim University,
India
Mathematics
Thesis: *Land Cover classification Using Linear Support Vector Machines*

Debbie A. Smith, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
Chemistry
Thesis: *Analytical Methods for Toxic Metals and Proteins and Synthesis of Perovskites*

Mathew Thomas Smith,
B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Criminal Justice
Thesis: *What Role Do Parents Play in the Media Habits and the Possible Problematic Behavior of Their Children*

Karen E. Stangl, B.S.
Wells College
Biology
Thesis: *"Comparative Proteomic Analysis of a Phase-Switch Study in the Dimorphic Fungus, Penicillium marenffeii"*

Pratima Vabbilisetty, B.Pharm.
Nagarjuna University, India
Chemistry
Thesis: *Fabrication and Characterization of Substrate Materials for Trace Analytical measurements by Surface Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy Techniques*

Master of Science in Education

Cynthia Ann Audia, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Kelly N. Bako, B.A.
Kent State University
Counseling

Sharon Patricia Beebe, B.S.Ed.
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Master Teacher, Elementary
Reading Specialist

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Counseling

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Eileen Marie Bowler, B.S.Ed.
Kent State University
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Reading Specialist

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Kent State University
Special Education Intervention
Specialist Licensure

Mollie Ann Burns, B.A.
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Julie Renee Cochran, B.A.
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Master Teacher, Elementary
Reading Specialist

Shelley A. Cochran, B.A.
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Master Teacher, Literacy

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Youngstown State University
Master Teacher, Secondary
Mathematics

Darla J. Cortez, B.S.W.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Fateama Lynnice Cosper, A.A.S.,
B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Corey Lynn Cotton, B.A.
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Counseling

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Kent State University
Educational Administration

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Technology

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Childhood

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Counseling

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Master Teacher, Elementary
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Jill Nicole Holod-Dunbar, B.F.A.
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Education Technology

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Educational Administration

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Special Education

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Master Teacher, Secondary
Education Technology

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Elizabeth A. McCracken, B.S.Ed.
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Master Teacher, Elementary
Curriculum

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Valley Forge Christian College
Counseling

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Reading Specialist

Kristin Lynn Newbrough, B.S.Ed.,
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Studies

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Special Education Early
Childhood

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Jessica L. Silvestri, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Kelly Ann Snowden, B.A.
University of North Carolina
Counseling

Robert Joseph Thompson, B.A.
Westminster College
Educational Administration

Sarah Lynn Tringhese, B.S.Ed.
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Special Education Early
Childhood

Kyle W. Wagner, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Holly Kristen Weimer-Watts,
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Youngstown State University
Master Teacher, Elementary Early
Childhood Education

Holly Lynn Welch, B.S.
Geneva College
Educational Administration

Lori Ellen Williams, B.S.W., B.S.E.D.
Youngstown State University
Special Education Autism and
Related Disabilities

Staci J. Wills, B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Master Teacher, Elementary
Curriculum

Amy Lynn Wood, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Maria Alana Wright, B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Master of Science in Engineering

Christopher W. Allen, B.E.
Youngstown State University
Mechanical Engineering

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

Naveen Gente, B.Tech.
Jawaharlal Nehru Technical
University
Industrial and Systems
Engineering

William Stuart Stadler, B.S.
Kent State University
Industrial and Systems
Engineering

Master of Science in Nursing

Steven R. Ball, B.S.N.
Walsh University
Nurse Anesthetist

David Daniel Cella, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nurse Anesthetist

Thaddeus Cwynar, B.S.N.,
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The University of Akron
Nurse Anesthetist

Luz Danelly Gotham, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nurse Anesthetist

Christina Morgan Irwin, B.S.N.
University of Phoenix
Nurse Anesthetist

Heather Marie Orenic, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nurse Anesthetist

Carla Ann Pallotta, B.S.N.
The Pennsylvania State University
Nurse Anesthetist

Margaret Mary Potts, B.S., B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nurse Anesthetist

Roland Schmidt, B.S.N.
Walsh University
Nurse Anesthetist

Michelle M. Spano, B.S.N.
Kent State University
Nurse Anesthetist

Gregory Szmaj, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nurse Anesthetist

Kristin Kay Tracy, B.S.N.
Mount Carmel College of Nursing
Nurse Anesthetist

Jason Allan Whitman, B.S.N.
Capital University
Nurse Anesthetist

FALL 2008
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS

Because the list of candidates for graduation honors had to be prepared in advance, it is tentative. All information is current as of November 20, 2008. The diploma, together with a certified transcript, is the proof of graduation with honors.

Summa Cum Laude

James Bryan Alden
Jennifer Ann Beam
Emily A. Betts
Alaina Kristen Brekoski
Paulette S. Brown
David Bradley Bryan
Whitney Alice Bunyoff
Nicole Elizabeth Caravella
Rachael A. Carlson
Stephanie Ann Chiarella
Anthony J. Cycyk
Zachary Jay Davis
Jeanette Marie DiRubba
Jeri L. Hamilton

Damon F. Haught
Evan Theodore Hertrick
Carol Lynn Holmes
Jessaca Lynn Humphrey
Jessica Lynn Izzo
Courtney Jean Jones
Alana Lynn Kady
Rebekah A. Kalas
Donald Kent Kerr
Gregory Mark Kokosko
Thomas Albert Krupko
Erin Marie Laughlin
Nicha Rae Mackey
Kari Lynn Milliron

Laura Ann Mistovich
Nicole Marie Mraz
Amanda Marie Nims
Elizabeth A. Oaks
Sean Andrew Petiya
Tracy M. Pinter
Joyce Ruggeri
Thomas Dean Sandy
Mia Dolores Schindell
Stacey Sutera
Jonathan Michael Szallai
Catherine Reneé Trenn
Jordan B. Winters
Linnea Marie Elizabeth Woolley

Magna Cum Laude

Julie Ann Anderson
Lauren May Antonucci
Patrick A. Bartone
Sarah M. Bednarik
Thomas W. Buckler
Brenna Leigh Burke
Joseph Michael Castor, Jr.
Leanna C. Cluff
Christina Lynn Costello
Ciara T. D'Altorio
Julia Kay Darling

Daniel A. Dawson
Alice Frances DeBonis
Bella Orama Delgros
Mark R. Delisio
Tammy Marie Donnadio
Betany Marie Edenfield
Danielle Marie Guerrieri
Nicole Irene Harris
Jorden Marie Morris
Amy Maria Myers

Amanda L. Pavlicko
Randy M. Petrusovich
Lynn M. Ramos
Brian J. Schaal
Ryan R. Schuchler
Melissa L. Shipley
Emily A. Stump
Lauren Nicole Susany
Charles Daniel Thayer
Kara Lynn Wilson

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BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS *(continued)*

Cum Laude

Elizabeth Amanda Allison
Jennifer Jan Arnold
Devon Lyn Aurilio
Linda Jean Balogh
Kathy S. Bevec
JoAnna Matija Bosnjak
Courtney Lynn Burgess
Christine L. Campf
Christopher Michael Carr
Alyssa L. Connelly
Megan Elizabeth Cuning
Jessica Marie Daley
Tami Lynn Davis
Laura Marie Davison
Sherry Lynn Dohar
Julie Marie Endicott
Christina M. Fagnano

Bill Sherman Flowers
Sanela Fulurija
Brandy Leanne Gerbasi
Tatia Terriann Hollobaugh
Dominique Nicole Hunt
Tyler W. Husosky
David Michael Kitt
Melisa Lynn Klemann
Cari Ann Leslie
Aimeé Noele Loomis
Shannon Marie Manseau
Twana R. Martin
Amanda Ellen Michaud
Melissa Lyn Mistovich
Daniel John Mizicko
Ashley E. Moritz
Christopher William Nadaud

Michael Angelo Perri
Salvatore Joseph Ponzio
Andrew Michael Popovich
Anthony Joseph Precurato
Auburn Joseph Restino
Jacob Andrew Robinson
Joseph L. Rossi
Alexander Charles Schafer IV
Kathleen Cecelia Schneider
Tracey Lynn Schultz
Jessica Dawn Simmons
Clive R. Sims
Dannielle Victoria Slaven
Jessica Nicole Smith
Steven Anthony Tucci
Allison M. Zdelar

ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS

With High Honors

William H. Baxter
Marcella L. Blystone
Christina Ann Delaney
Brandon David Miller

With Honors

Kenny Lee Burnfield
Gregory James Fennell
Chris L. Jones
Peter J. Rozzi III

FALL 2008
HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Marcella L. Blystone
Prekindergarten Associate
*Paper Dragon Tattoos:
Understanding Children's Literacy
Development and the Implications
for Preschool Teaching Practices*

Nicole E. Caravella
Advertising/PR & Marketing
Management
Reflections of "What's Your AIM?"

Rachael A. Carlson
Middle Childhood Education
*Teaching Inquiry Science Online: Reality
or Myth*

Laura M. Davison
Chemistry
*Functionalization of BADGE Using
Click Chemistry*

Thomas A. Krupko
Biology
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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*.



Youngstown State University— An Innovative Educational Leader

*F*ounded 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 13,700 full- and part-time students with 120 undergraduate programs, 40 master's degree programs and two doctoral degree programs.

There are more than 420 full-time faculty and 770 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 87,000 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.