UMMER Commencement

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY



SUNDAY, AUGUST SEVENTEENTH
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHT
TWO O'CLOCK, BEEGHLY CENTER

THE CENTENNIAL CEREMONIAL MACE

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

-Silver Ceremonial Disk of Trust

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

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

Bronze Flames of Knowledge

forging learning communities.

Designed and cast by area K-12 art educator.

Polished Rosewood Upper Grip

that heat the Forge of Learning Forging the learning environments of the future,

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.

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 under the leadership of YSU professor Greg Moring, was designed and crafted by a collaborative team that included YSU faculty, students, alumni, and area K-12 art educators.

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.

PROGRAM

PRELUDE	"Stars and Stripes Forever March" by John Philip Sousa Dr. Stephen L. Gage, Director of Bands/Professor of Music Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL	"Suite #1 in Eb Major" by Gustav Holst III. March "Pomp and Circumstance" from March No. 1 by Sir Edward Elgar "March Processional"—Clare Grundman
WELCOME	
COLOR GUARD	The Youngstown State University Army Reserve Officers' Training led by Cadet Battalion Commander Michael Deem
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Max Pivik, Baritone Senior, Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts
	President Sweet
INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES	President Sweet
GREETINGS AND REMARKS	
INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER	Ikram Khawaja Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	
MUSICAL SELECTION	"Armed Forces Salute" by Robert Lowden YSU Wind Ensemble
REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF	CANDIDATES FOR DEGREESProvost and Vice President Khawaja
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	President Sweet
PRESENTATION OF CARL NUNZIATO HONORARY DEGREE DOCTOR OF LA	O TO RECEIVE THE W, LLD President Sweet
Martin	sociate Provost for Research and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research Jane Kestner, Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Abraham, Dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Betty Jo Licata, Dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration Philip Ginnetti, Dean of the Beeghly College of Education Darla Funk, Professor, College of Fine and Performing Arts Dean of The Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health and Human Services
	IETYGermaine Bennett
WELCOME FROM 150 ALUMINI SOC	President, YSU Alumni Society
CLOSING REMARKS	President Sweet
ALMA MATER	From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms
RECESSIONAL	
DECERTION	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.

Commencement Speaker and Recipient of the Degree Honorary Degree Doctor of Law, LLD



Carl Nunziato

Today's commencement speaker, Carl Nunziato, is a lawyer, a decorated Vietnam veteran, and a well-known champion for the rights of people with disabilities. A graduate of Youngstown State University, he has served the institution as president of the YSU Alumni Association and a charter member of the University/Community Diversity Council.

A graduate of The Rayen School, Mr. Nunziato received his Bachelor of Arts in English from YSU in 1961, along with the ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate honor. In 1971, he earned a Juris Doctorate from Case Western University School of Law. The ten years intervening between those two degrees, however, were as turbulent for Nunziato as they were for the country as a whole.

In 1966, during his second tour of duty in Vietnam, he was severely injured in a mortar attack, ultimately losing both legs and sustaining injuries to his arms. Following a two-year rehabilitation at Walter Reed Army Hospital, his wife Clara at his side the entire time, Nunziato walked out of Walter Reed on prosthetic legs. He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1968 as a major with numerous honors including the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the Air Medal.

Three years later, Nunziato had earned his Juris Doctorate from Case Western Reserve School of Law. He began a professional career in banking that spanned 28 years at Dollar Savings and Trust Co., Ohio Bancorp, and National City Bank.

Throughout his career, Mr. Nunziato also carried out a deeply held commitment to public service that, though multi-dimensional, focused on improving life for people with disabilities of all kinds. He has served as co-founder of the Governor's Subcommittee for Barrier-Free Architecture. state chair of the Ohio Rehabilitation Services, state chair of the Governor's Council for Disabled Persons, and a trustee of the Easter Seal Society and the Barrier-Free Architecture Committee. In addition, he has served as civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army; as president of the YSU Alumni Association and president of the YSU ROTC Alumni Association; vice chair of the Youngstown Private Industry Council; and a member of the advisory committee of the City of Youngstown Fair Housing Commission. He is currently a commissioner for Mill Creek Metroparks and a trustee and secretary for the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Mr. Nunziato has received many civic awards, including the Ohio Governor's Distinguished Service Award, the

Governor's Council on Disabled Persons Award, Easter Seals Society Distinguished Service Award, the Veterans Administration Honorary Veterans Volunteer Award, Goodwill Industries' Distinguished Service Award, and induction into The Rayen School Hall of Fame.

Mr. Nunziato and his wife Clara (Scarpine) reside in Boardman. Their daughter, Elizabeth A. Lally, practices law in Cleveland.



Graduate Commencement Student Speaker

Today's student speaker, Christine Snipes, graduates with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. Christine graduated from East High School in 1980 and enrolled at Youngstown State University in 1997 as a non-traditional student. With the responsibility of six children and part-time employment she pursued her studies part-time. In 2005 she graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Applied Science, majoring in exercise science with a minor in biology. As a result of caring for her special-needs son and seeing the challenges that families and individuals with disabilities face, she developed a desire to work with special populations. Upon completion of a 200-hour internship at an area physical therapy clinic, she decided to pursue a graduate degree in physical therapy.

In 2003, Ms. Snipes received the Health O-Rama scholarship awarded by the Dr. Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health and Human Services. In 2006 she was awarded the NCAA Ethnic Minority and Women's Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship. In June 2008, she was honored at the American Physical Therapy Association's national conference with the Minority Scholarship Award for Academic Excellence for a Physical Therapy Student. In February 2008, Ms. Snipes won an essay contest sponsored by the Ohio Physical Therapy Association that enabled her to attend the Federal Advocacy Forum in Washington DC. She participated in lobbying senators and representatives from Ohio on health care policies.

Her professional affiliations include membership in the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and the

Ohio Physical Therapy Association since 2005; the Neurology Section of APTA since 2007; the National Honor Society in 2007 and Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society in 2006. Ms. Snipes has served as an ambassador for the prevention of stroke with the American Heart Association, and was nominated and selected to serve as a Presidential Mentor to YSU's President Dr. Sweet in 2006.



Christine Snipes

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

Doctor of Education

Charles W. Jeffords,
B.S., M.S.Ed.
Grove City College
Edinboro University of
Pennsylvania
Educational Leadership
Thesis: Personal and Institutional
Factors Affecting School
Administrators' Career
Advancement Decisions

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Shawn Gregory Aker, B.S.A.S. Youngstown State University Physical Therapy

Michelle Lynn Brunner, B.S.A.S. Youngstown State University Physical Therapy

John Ryan Canale, B.S. Kent State University Physical Therapy Adrianne Beth Danso, B.S.A.S. Youngstown State University Physical Therapy

DeAnna Deardurff, B.S.A.S. Youngstown State University Physical Therapy

David James Denton, B.S. Youngstown State University Physical Therapy

Pamela S. Dietelbach, B.A. Youngstown State University Physical Therapy

Ronald Lee Dougalewicz, B.S.A.S. Youngstown State University Physical Therapy

Michael John Golz, B.S. The University of Akron Physical Therapy

David William Griswold, B.S. Muskingum College Physical Therapy Kristin Elaine Lengel, B.A. Denison University Physical Therapy

Elizabeth Ann McDowell, B.S.A.S. Youngstown State University Physical Therapy

Michael Collin Sabatino, B.S. The University of Akron Physical Therapy

Dennis Shcherbakov, B.S.Ed. The University of Akron Physical Therapy

Christine Snipes, B.S.A.S. Youngstown State University Physical Therapy

Kristin A. Underhill, B.S.A.S. Youngstown State University Physical Therapy

Master of Arts

John W. Beitzel, B.S.Ed. Kent State University English

George Bret Bowers, B.A. Youngstown State University English

Christopher R. Byrne, B.A. Youngstown State Unviersity English

Matthew Ryan Corlew, B.A. Youngstown State University History

Tracy Ann Gallatin, B.A. Miami University English

John P. Guarnieri, B.S.B.A. Youngstown State University English Albert George Morar II, B.A. Youngstown State University Economics

Nicholas Edmund Novosel, B.A. Youngstown State University English

Tricia Lee Perry, B.A.
Bowling Green State University
History
Thesis: *The Smaller Picture: Warren*

Thesis: The Smaller Picture: Warren P. Williamson Jr. and the Age of Broadcasting in Youngstown, Ohio, from Wireless Radio to Television

Stephanie Nicole Watson, B.S.Ed. Kent State University English

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

Master of Business Administration

Erin A. Clohessy, B.S. Westminster College Management

Ashley Nicole Cox, B.S.B.A. Youngstown State University Management

Sara R. Demko, B.A. Kent State University Management

Curtis D. Eddie, B.E. Youngstown State University General

Shereen Ziyad Esmail, B.S.B.A. Youngstown State University General

Nicholas Anthony Froslear, B.S.B.A. Bowling Green State University General

Kenneth Allen Grimm, B.S.B.A. Youngstown State University Management

Patrice L. Hight, B.S.B.A. Youngstown State University General

John E. Kovalan, B.S.B.A. Youngstown State University General

John W. Matune, B.S. Westminster College General

Mercedes Adell Miller, B.S.B.A. Youngstown State University General

Nicholas Imbuji Ogada, B.A. Kenyatta University, Kenya Management

Tyler D. Perry, B.A. University of Pittsburgh General

Abby L. Rupert, B.S.B.A. Youngstown State University General

Bonnie K. Sherman, B.S.B.A. Youngstown State University General

Jason Andrew Toot, B.S.A.S. Youngstown State University General

Rebecca Tuttle, B.A., M.A. The Ohio State University, Columbia University General

Master of Computer & Information Systems

Mari Ann Cann, B.S.A.S. Youngstown State University Computing & Information Systems Ruby J. Jones, B.S.A.S. Youngstown State University Computing & Information Systems

Master of Health & Human Services
Ruth G. Palich, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Health & Human Services

Master of Music

Benjamin D. Ammon, B.A. Cleveland Institute of Music Performance

Diana K. Farrell, B.A. Westfield State College Performance

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

Natalie Jean Sahyoun, B.M. Youngstown State University Performance

Master of Science

Reuben Adatorwovor, B.S.E. University of Cape Coast, Ghana Mathematics

Calvin Anthony Austin, B.S.A.S. Youngstown State University Chemistry Thesis: *To dissociate or decompose: a*

Thesis: To dissociate or decompose: a comparison of thermal analysis and mass spectrometry

Maxwell Ayertey Banor, B.S. University of Cape Coast, Ghana Mathematics

Nathaniel Wafula Barasa, B.S. Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Kenya Biology

Thesis: Proteomic Characterization of Selenite Resistance in a strain of Enterobacter cloacae

Lucas Kyle Beagle, B.S. Wright State University Chemistry

Thesis: Synthesis and Confirmation Analysis of Carbohydrate Mimics Ravi K. Boddeti, B. Pharm. Andhra University, India Chemistry Thesis: Laser Spectroscopy Sensors for measurement of gaseous formaldehyde

Gregory Roy Bosiljcic, B.S. Youngstown State University Biology

Thesis: Bioaugmentation using Pleurotus ostreatus to Remediate Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon (PAH) Contaminated River Sediment

Caralisa Breidenbaugh, B.S. California State Polytech University Biology

Thesis: Application of Proteomics in the Investigation of Morphogenesis in Wangiella dermatitidis

Sangeetha Chari, B. Pharm. The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University Chennai, India Chemistry

Thesis: Hydride Generation and Laser Spectroscopy Techniques for Trace Analytical Measurement of Antimony and Selenium

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

Anita Dasu, B.S.
Baldwin Wallace College
Chemistry
Thesis: Nove Mixed-Anion Colossal
Magneto resistive Materials

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

Brian Joseph Dobosh, B.S. Youngstown State University Chemistry Thesis: Alcohol to Azide Conversion Using Sulfonyl Azides

Guilbert Ebune Ebune, B.S.
University of Buea, Cameroon
Environmental Studies
Thesis: Capture of carbon dioxide from

flue gas using impregnated carbon powder with potassium carbonate

Joseph Kwame Essilfie, B.S., M.S. Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

Technische Universitat Kaiserslautern, Germany Mathematics

Benjamin Lee Fulton, B.S. Youngstown State University Biology

Thesis: 2-D Page Comparison of Myocardial Collagen in Male and Female Spontaneously Hypertensive Rats

Miles J. Harris IV, B.S.
California State University
Mathematics
Thesis: Assessing the Impact of
Developmental Mathematics on
College Students

Sadaf Humayun, B. Tech Aligarh Muslim University, India Mathematics

Venkataramana Konda, B. Pharm. Shadam College of Pharmacy, India Chemistry

Thesis: Identification of metal resistant genes in a strain of entobactes using Transposom Mutagenesis

Peter Koranchie-Boah, B.S. Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

Environmental Studies
Thesis: Efficiency Analysis of Biofiltration Units on YSU campus

Sandeep Ruddy Kunati, B. Pharm. Kakatiya University, India Chemistry

Thesis: Trace measurements of Tellurium, Tin and other metals by Atomic and Laser spectroscopy techniques

Jordan Oswald Lerach, B.S. Duquesne University Chemistry

Thesis: Investigations into gas phase ligand exchange reactions of some metal B-diketonate Complexes

Ashley Marie Malich, B.S. Youngstown State University Chemistry

Thesis: Decomposition of Novel Diazosugars: Effects of Regioselectivity

David Clark McCutcheon, B.S. Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Chemistry

Thesis: Towards Mimetics of Uridine diphospho-N-Acetyl-L-Fucosamine

Rena Marie Meadows, B.S. Youngstown State University Biology

Thesis: Substance P Receptor Activation and Desensitization as Monitored By M Current Inhibition

Raju Niraula, B.S., M.S. Magadh University, India University of Madras, India Mathematics

Sowmya Pabba, B. Pharm. Osmania University, India Chemistry

Thesis: Effects of Cyclodextrin on Extraction & Fungal Remediation of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarboncontaminated Mahoning River Sediment

Jennie L. Patton, B.S. Youngstown State University Chemistry

Thesis: Carbenoid Insertion Chemistry on Furanose Platforms as a Route to Natural Products Frameworks Katherine Irene Pavlidakey, B.S. Youngstown State University Chemistry

Thesis: Effects of glycomimetic compounds on the capsular polyscharide of Type 5 staphyloccus oureus and characterization of the capsular polysacharide via NMR

Mathew Thomas Smith, B.S.A.S. Youngstown State University Criminal Justice

Thesis: What Role Do Parents Play in the Media Habits and Possible Problematic Behavior of Their Children

Stacey Marie Stein, B.S.A.S. Youngstown State University Criminal Justice

Thesis: An Evaluator's Perspective on Youngstown's Northside Weed and Seed Strategy, Year One

Paul Twum-Barima, B.S., M.S. University of Cape Coast, Ghana Technische Univeritat Kaiserslautern, Germany Mathematics

Kevin Michael White, B.S.
The Ohio State University
Chemistry
Thesis: Synthesis and Utilization of
Bis(2,2,2 trifluoretnyl) B-Keto Phosphonates

Master of Science in Education
Stacy B. Adduci, B.S.E., M.S.
University of Pittsburgh
Kettering University
Master Teacher—Secondary,
Mathematics

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Kristy Lynn Erb, B.S.Ed. Malone College Educational Administration

Timothy D. Fairfield, B.S.Ed., B.A. Youngstown State University, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Educational Administration

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Emilie G. Lape, B.A. Youngstown State University Counseling

Julie M. Lenyk, B.A. Youngstown State University Counseling

Rebecca Lynn Lewis, B.S.A.S. Youngstown State University Special Education—Early Childhood

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Kerri K. Lochmueller, B.S. Kent State University Master Teacher—Secondary, Adolescent Licensure

Monica M. Mastropietro, B.S.Ed. Youngstown State University Master Teacher—Elementary, Reading Specialist

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Charlene Ann McGuire, B.S.B.A. Bowling Green State University Master Teacher—Secondary, Adolescent Licensure

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Gina Marie Pannunzio, B.S.Ed. Youngstown State University Master Teacher—Elementary, Curriculum

Billie Jo Parker, B.A. Ashland University Educational Administration

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Tammy Lee Jeanne Pohto, B.S. Lake Erie College Master Teacher—Elementary, Reading Specialist

Elizabeth A. Reel, B.S.Ed. Youngstown State University Master Teacher—Secondary, Education Technology

Ashley Renee Riggleman, B.A. Bowling Green State University Counseling Lisa Marie Sainato, B.S.Ed. Grove City College Special Education—Gifted & Talented

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Nicolette Simkins, B.A. Youngstown State University Counseling

Shelby Lynne Spence, B.A. Thiel College Counseling

Amy Caroline Stamp, B.A. Houghton College Master Teacher—Secondary, Curriculum

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Becky Lynn Varian, B.A. Kent State University Counseling

Vanessa Vince, B.A. Youngstown State University Counseling

Ashley Marie Wallace, B.S.Ed. Youngstown State University Master Teacher—Secondary, Educational Technology

Kelley J. Warga, B.S. University of Findlay Counseling

Michelle Lynn Werth, B.A. University of Hawaii Counseling

Ronald W. Witman, B.S.B.A. Youngstown State University Educational Administration

Master of Science in Engineering Russell C. Bishop, B.E. Youngstown State University Electrical Engineering Thesis: *A Method for Generating*

Robot Control Systems

Altaf Ahmad Syed, B.E. Youngstown State University Electrical Engineering Thesis: Applied Fuzzy Logic Controls for Improving Dynamic Response of Induction Machines

Master of Science in Nursing

Terri L. Coffee, B.S.N. Youngstown State University Nursing

Renee Sferra, B.S.N. Youngstown State University Nursing

Master of Social Work

Trina Marie Arnold, B.S.W. Youngstown State University Social Work

Shirley Anne Benish, B.S.W. Youngstown State University Social Work Kristen Dianne Rupert, B.S.W. Youngstown State University Social Work

Renne M. Walls, B.S.W. Youngstown State University Social Work

SUMMER 2008 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. Those who graduate this summer commencement will receive their diplomas in the mail.

Summa Cum Laude

Ankit Bansal Alaina M. Brelin Jenna Lee Cole Kelly J. Combs Lindsey Marie Davis Joseph Charles Detrow Todd Allen DiMascio Brian William Dubiel

Nicolette Mary Dutken Rachael Marie Ellis Timothy M. Hampton Robert Anthony Karshner Nicholas Anthony Miladore Molly Grace Oder Carter W. Peck Sarah Rebecca Peterson Michelle E. Ross Nicholas Alan Sanders Carly Marie Susor Sarah Jane White Darla M. Wilson Andrew Joseph Zizzo

Magna Cum Laude

Christina E. Armatas Kevin J. Barnett Shawn Thomas Bouck Leanna C. Cluff Brett Michael Davis Daniel A. Dawson Mathew Ryan Frederick Michelle Lee Fuleky Tyler Everette Furrie

Rebecca Jean Hibner
Justin Charles Hite
Francis Warren Houy, Jr.
Elliot Michael Kay
Kristin Marie Kmetz
Tricia A. Kren
Richard Michael Kukura, Jr.
John Louis Maro

Brian Paul McCon Shannon Audrey McFadden Sherman James Miles Megan Elizabeth Morris Thomas Frederick Peachman Eric Michael Senedak Nathanael Charles Welch

Cum Laude

Michael Francis Stephen Baranski Renee Nicole Black Emily Patricia Bonilla James William Carney Richard Joseph Colton Philip F. X. Cooper Rosie Antoinette Deslandes Taylor Mae Dicken

Luke Davis Eliser Colleen L. Fitzgerald Rachel Selina Grimm Sara Marie Hendel-McCormick Thomas J. Huber Daniel John Mizicko Michael Angelo Perri Laura E. Racz Brian Jeffrey Reed Cynthia S. Sebulsky Brittany Nicole Senn Kelly Lynn Singleton Gregory T. Stansbury Christmas Renee Wishart

ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS

With High Honors

Antje G. Mosley

Tarina Lynn Yaratch

With Honors

Joshua Lee Davis Caitlin S. Hindman Melissa May Kihm Nicole Marie Pringle Theresa N. Ramirez

Edward J. Villone Corie Lee Zakaria

SUMMER 2008 HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Leanna C. Cluff Mathematics Sylow's Theorem Mathew R. Frederick Exercise Science Professional Group Exercise Instruction Improvement Timothy Matthew Hampton Music Performance John Cage Percussion: The Man, The Music, The Experience

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Associate in Arts

Deborah L. Drummond Leslie Dawn Gardner Douglas R. Seifert Tanya D. Shade

Bachelor of Arts

James B. Becker
Ronald Scott Bell
John Theodore Blue
Philip F. X. Cooper
Jenaa Christine Curtis
Daniel A. Dawson
Lori Marie Flowers
Christopher James Gould
Rachel Selina Grimm
Stephen M. Halas
Justin Charles Hite
Robert Huggins
Joseph Ryan Ifft

Shantel DuPree Jackson

Ashley LeCarol King Kristin Marie Kmetz Francesca Marie Kostek Kristen Rae Kurth Brian Paul McCon Lindsey Elizabeth Mickel Sherman James Miles Wendy Joy Rabosky Jessica Fay Robinson Rebecca Anne Scott Anisha Skariah Lisa Marie Stredni Joseph M. Thomas

Bachelor of General Studies
Stephanie R. Birmingham
Alyssa C. Calder
Kevin Michael Campbell
Allyson Dawn Carman
Zara Cerni
Connie Lynn Nani Anela Cholensky

Janis Lynn Collins George Cotal III Byron Jarell Davis Debra A. Debozy Kristy Lynn Dunn RaTasha Amber Gunn Sara Marie Hendel-McCormick Timothy F. McGlynn Heather Lynn Karner Harry S. Kopelos Jason Martin Ludban Edgar M. Mosco Aundria Rogers Zipporah M. Scott Harry L. Spencer Melinda Joan Toy Tye R. Tyson Edward James Villone Christi Marie Williams Frank John Zetts

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, & MATHEMATICS

Associate in Applied Science
Precious Lynn Andujar
Brian P. Daugherty
Christen Michael McIntosh
Daniel J. Novotny
Andrae Michael Reed
Richard Levon Robinson
Terrence Stephen Tubbs

Associate in Technical Studies
Joshua Lee Davis
Zachary John Mason
Eric Richard Padgett
Paul T. Schuler
Matthew Earl Sell
Adam E. Swallie

Bachelor of Arts
Leanna C. Cluff

Bachelor of Engineering
Thomas Adam Bair
William Charles Haug
Christopher Michael Melnik
Thomas D. Reid

Bachelor of Science Asra S. Arif Christina E. Armatas **Ankit Bansal** James B. Becker Emily Patricia Bonilla Alaina M. Brelin Andrew Steven Brown Michael Q. Dinh William Daniel Emery Meghan Marie Fassett Vincenzo Jude Florio Elliot Michael Kay Daniel Edward Kennedy II Amanda Elyse Kotheimer Richard Michael Kukura, Jr. Nicholas Anthony Miladore Thomas Frederick Peachman Carter W. Peck Michelle E. Ross Rusmieah N. Samad Sara Margaret Schaefer Erin Elizabeth Schuler

Bachelor of Science in Applied Science
Kevin J. Barnett
Richard Black, Jr.
Nicholas J. Bodak
Kevin Raymond Clark
Richard Joseph Colton
Donald M. Durkin
Randall L. McConnell
Paul Lawrence McKendry
Brandon Michael Moore
Brandon Michael Robinson
Thomas Andrew Shushok
Eric Reid Wilson

WILLIAMSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Associate in Arts
Stephanie Jane Haschenburger
Jignesh Patel
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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

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 fulltime 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 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 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.