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COMMENCEMENT

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, AUGUST FOURTEENTH  
TWO THOUSAND AND TEN  
TEN O'CLOCK, BEEGHLY CENTER

# THE UNIVERSITY 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.

## THE UNIVERSITY 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.

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.

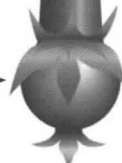
Polished Rosewood Upper Grip

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.



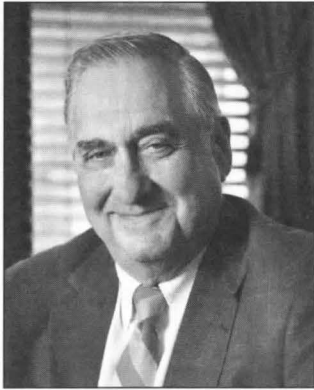
# PROGRAM

- PRELUDE**..... "Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa  
YSU Wind Ensemble  
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 E $\flat$  Major: I. Chaconne III. March" by Gustav Holst  
"Pomp and Circumstance" from March No. 1 by Sir Edward Elgar  
"March Processional" by Clare Grundman
- WELCOME**..... Cynthia E. Anderson  
*President*
- COLOR GUARD**..... The Youngstown State University Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps
- NATIONAL ANTHEM**..... Allan Mosher  
*Professor of Music, Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts*
- STUDENT REFLECTION**..... Tiffany Talarico  
*Graduating Senior, College of Fine and Performing Arts*
- PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**..... President Anderson
- INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES**..... President Anderson
- GREETINGS AND REMARKS**..... Scott R. Schulick  
*Chair of the Board of Trustees*
- INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER**..... President Anderson
- COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**..... C. Reid Schmutz  
*President, Youngstown State University Foundation*
- MUSICAL SELECTION**..... "Tribute to Irving Berlin" arr. Warren Barker
- REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES**..... Ikram Khawaja  
*Provost and Vice President*
- CONFERRING OF DEGREES**..... President Anderson
- PRESENTATION OF C. REID SCHMUTZ TO RECEIVE THE HONORARY DOCTOR OF LAWS DEGREE**..... President Anderson
- PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES**..... Peter Kasvinsky, *Associate Provost for Research and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research*  
Shearle Furnish, *Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*  
Martin Abraham, *Dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*  
Betty Jo Licata, *Dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration*  
Mary Lou DiPillo, *Interim Dean of the Beeghly College of Education*  
Bryan DePoy, *Dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts*  
Joseph Mosca, *Dean of The Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health and Human Services*
- WELCOME FROM YSU ALUMNI SOCIETY**..... Richard Crepage, *President, YSU Alumni Society*
- CLOSING REMARKS**..... President Anderson
- ALMA MATER**..... From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. Willis  
Dr. Mosher
- RECESSIONAL**..... "Fairest of the Fair" by John Philip Sousa  
"National Emblem March" by E. E. Bagley
- RECEPTION**..... In the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley immediately following the ceremony

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*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 Doctor of Laws



*C. Reid Schmutz*

Today's commencement speaker, C. Reid Schmutz, has served since 1989 as president of the Youngstown State University Foundation, the major source of scholarship funding for YSU students. During Mr. Schmutz's tenure, Foundation assets grew from \$50 million to over \$150 million, making it one of the largest endowments for universities of comparable size.

Mr. Schmutz, a lifelong resident of the Mahoning Valley, graduated from The Rayen School, Class of 1960. He earned an AB in economics from Brown University in 1964. During his 25 years with the Standard Slag Company of Youngstown, he worked in various positions, concluding as vice president of operations.

Active in his community, Mr. Schmutz serves as a trustee and past president of the Association of Fundraising Executives, the Mahoning Valley Historical Society, the Youngstown Rotary Club, and YSU Penguin Club. Mr. Schmutz is a trustee of the Mahoning/Shenango Planned Giving Council, The Rayen School Foundation, and the Youngstown Hearing and Speech Center. He is a member of the 1985 inaugural class of Leadership Mahoning Valley.

Past community board service includes Junior Achievement, Mahoning Valley Sports Charities, St. Elizabeth Development Foundation, and the Park Vista Retirement Community Philanthropy committee.

## Commencement Student Speaker



*Tiffany Talarico*

Tiffany Talarico graduates today with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication studies and a minor in advertising and public relations.

Ms. Talarico is a 2006 graduate of Austintown Fitch High School, where she was active in many different student organizations. She is the advisor for a youth traffic school called Carteens that teaches teens about the importance of safe driving. At YSU, Ms. Talarico conducted communication research focused on such diverse topics as communication about cancer, how employers use social media during the hiring and firing process, and people's motives for using games on social networking sites such as Facebook. At the 2009 Ohio Communication Conference, she presented research on charitable giving habits among college students.

An active member of Lambda Pi Eta, the honor society for communication majors, she helped raise money for the new student-run radio station Rookery Radio. She has appeared regularly on the Dean's List. Ms. Talarico has worked for Austintown Financial Center for the last seven years as a secretary, and after graduation she will be promoted to office administrator.

## 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

#### Master of Arts

Mary Anne Forgac Anderson,  
B.A., B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
English

James Bradley Becker,  
B.A., B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Economics  
Thesis: *The Effect of Energy  
Prices on Food Prices*

Andrea Marie Folsom, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
English

Kathleen Ann Hyatt Richter,  
B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
History  
Thesis: *The Mill Creek Riding  
Club, 1927-1935*

Robert A. Jolliff, B.G.S.  
Youngstown State University  
English

April Marie King, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
English

Mary Jane Morris, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Art Education

Rebecca S. Nieminen Sloan, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
English

Allyson Marie Russell, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
English

Jennifer Lynn Welshhans, B.F.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Art Education

Holly Anne Zelonish B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Art Education  
Thesis: *The Effects of Assessment and  
Grading on Students' Attitudes and  
Participation Towards the Visual  
Arts*

#### Master of Business Administration

Mark David Brady, B.E.  
Youngstown State University  
General

Preston Durand Gibbs, B.S.B.A.  
Slippery Rock University  
General

Rebecca Lee Markulin, B.S.B.A.  
Kent State University  
Management

Brian S. Mellott, B.S.B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
General

Paul Christopher Whorten, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Management

Bernadeta Teresa Wilkins, B.S.B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Accounting

Jason R. Wise, B.A.  
Mount Union College  
General

Robert Irwin Zedaker III, B.A.  
University of Dayton  
Management

#### Master of Computing and Information Systems

Agli-Esso Nouridine Bawa, B.S.  
St. Cloud State University  
Computing and Information  
Systems

Nathaniel Bart Caldwell, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Computing and Information  
Systems

William James Croop, B.S.  
University of Central Texas  
Computing and Information  
Systems

Priyanka Reddy Gangam, B. Tech  
Jawaharlal Nehru Technology  
University, India  
Computing and Information  
Systems  
Thesis: *Recognizing Face Sketches  
by Human Volunteers*

Harish Chowdary Kukatla, B.T.  
Jawaharlal Nehru Tech, India  
Computing and Information  
Systems  
Thesis: *A Study of Strain  
Elastography Under a Normal  
Tensile Testing Condition*

Craig Alan Richards, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Computing and Information  
Systems  
Thesis: *Development of Cyber-  
Technology Infrastructure for  
Remotely Accessing Chemistry  
Instrumentation*

## SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

### Master of Fine Arts

Karen June Frank Kotrba, B.S.Ed.,  
M.A.

Kent State University,  
Cleveland State University  
Creative Writing

Thesis: *Catching Babies: Poems of  
The Frontier Nursing Service*

### Master of Music

Andrew Stephen Barnes, B.M.  
Duquesne University  
Performance

Darci Lynne Kuhlber, B.M.  
Westminster College

Music Theory and  
Composition

Thesis: *Morten Lauridsen's  
Nocturnes: The Musical Unity of  
The Choral Cycle*

Jessica Lynn Sabeh, B.A.  
Edinboro College  
Performance

Tetsuya Takeno, B.M.  
Youngstown State University  
Performance

James Braden Vasconi, B.M.  
Baldwin-Wallace College  
Performance

### Master of Public Health

Thomas John Albani, B.S.  
John Carroll University  
Public Health

### Master of Science

Francis Kwabena Adjei, B.S.Ed.  
University of Cape Coast, Ghana  
Mathematics

Steve Boateng Ampah, B.S.  
Kwame Nkrumah University of  
Science and Technology, Ghana  
Mathematics

Frank Anthony Ballone, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Mathematics

Thesis: *On Volterra Spaces*

Janet Ann Beraduce, B.A.  
The Ohio State University  
Criminal Justice

Thesis: *Crime and the Economy:  
Economic Effects on the Crime  
Rates of Youngstown, Ohio*

Andrew Steven Brown, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Biology

Laura Ann Canale, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Criminal Justice

Thesis: *Prosecuting Children As  
Adults: How Do Juvenile Court  
Judges Decide Who Should Face  
That Fate?*

Richard George Catterlin, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Biology

Thesis: *Composition of Canyon-  
Slope Woodlands in Zoar Valley, As  
Associated With Slope Orientation and  
Elevation*

Jade Jiang Clayton, Associate in  
EET; M.S. in Physiology  
Sichuan TV & Radio University,  
Chengdu, China; Beijing  
University of Physical Education,  
Beijing, China  
Biology

Traci Marie Clymer, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Chemistry

Thesis: *Preliminary Studies on  
the Effects of Glycosyl Triazoles  
on C2C12 Stem Cells*

Melinda Jeanne Daisher, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Biology

Thesis: *Chitin Synthase Gene  
Expression in Penicillium  
Marneffeii*

Ashley N. DePizzo, B.S.  
University of Pittsburgh  
Chemistry

Thesis: *Synthesis of bis (2,2,2-  
trifluoroethyl)  $\beta$ -ketophosphonates  
from bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) 1-  
alkynylphosphonates via enamine  
vinyl phosphonates*

Cassandra Marie Doinoff, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Biology

Thesis: *Sex and Regional  
Differences in L-type Calcium  
Current Distribution in Adult  
Rabbit Right Ventricle: Influence  
Action Potential Duration  
and the Propensity for Cardiac  
Arrhythmia*

Latisha Denise Foster, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Biology

Thesis: *The Effect of a High Sodium  
Diet on the Ultrastructure of the  
Ventricles of Male and Female  
Borderline Hypertensive Rats*

Jeremy Martin Hamilton, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Mathematics

Thesis: *An Exploration of the  
Erdős-Mordell Inequality*

Emmanuel Harris, B.S., M.S.  
Kwame Nkrumah University of  
Science and Technology, Ghana;  
Kaiserslautern, Germany  
Mathematics

Scott Michael Hunter, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Mathematics

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH (continued)

Elizabeth A. MacDonald, B.S.  
The Pennsylvania State University  
Criminal Justice  
Thesis: *Child Maltreatment: Is There a Correlation Between Child Maltreatment and Delinquency?*

Srinivasa Babu Manam, B.E.  
Acharya Nagarjuna University,  
India  
Mathematics

Chad Jonathan Miller, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Chemistry  
Thesis: *Spectroscopic and Theoretical Characterization of a Novel Class of Aldose Reductase Inhibitors*

Antony Akura Okumu, B.S.  
Jomo Kenyatta University of  
Agriculture and Technology,  
Kenya  
Chemistry  
Thesis: *Development of a Safe and Efficient Alkyl Azide Synthesis Using Arylsulfonyl Azide*

Lordlin Dwomoh Owusu, B.S.  
University of Cape Coast, Ghana  
Mathematics

Lisa Marie Paris, B.A., B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Mathematics

Erin Kathleen Pfeil-McCullough,  
B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Biology  
Thesis: *Spatial and Temporal Dependent Shifts in Grassland Invasibility*

Kristy Lee Protain, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Criminal Justice

Thomas Joseph Rudnicki, B.S.  
John Carroll University  
Chemistry  
Thesis: *Purification and Characterization of Type 5 Staphylococcus Aureus*

Daemon Thomas Schmitzer, B.S.  
Kent State University  
Environmental Studies  
Thesis: *Fish Diversity in the Shenango River*

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

Julie Ann Smith, B.A.  
Edinboro University of  
Pennsylvania  
Criminal Justice  
Thesis: *A Comparative Analysis of Community Supervision Between Ohio, Pennsylvania, and the Federal Systems*

Nitin Sood, B.P.T.  
Rajiv Gandhi University of  
Health Sciences, India  
Biology

Lisa Marie Stredni, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Criminal Justice  
Thesis: *Causes of Juvenile Delinquency*

Lisa Marie Tofil, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Biology  
Thesis: *Quantitation of Ventricular Collagen in Male and Female Spontaneously Hypertensive Rats using Hydroxyproline Analysis*

Rathna Jyothi Veeramachaneni,  
B. Pharm.  
Osmania University, India  
Chemistry  
Thesis: *Studies On Qa Gene Cluster Of Neurospora Crassa*

Edward James Villone, B.G.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Criminal Justice  
Thesis: *Officers Armed With Degrees: Does Higher Education Shield Officers*

Joelle Marie Wells, B.S.  
Westminster College  
Chemistry  
Thesis: *Analysis of Isolated and Purified Staphylococcus aureus Type 5 Capsular Polysaccharide via Monoclonal Antibodies and NMR*

M. Kurt Welsh, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Criminal Justice  
Thesis: *Biology and Criminal Behavior: Hard Wired for Violence*

Latresa Juanita Williamson, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Chemistry  
Thesis: *Trace Elemental Analysis of Selenium, Antimony Using Hydride Generation Coupled to Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy*

Kenneth Kofiga Zame, B.S.  
Kwame Nkrumah University of  
Science and Technology, Ghana  
Environmental Studies  
Thesis: *Carbon Dioxide Capture Using the Microalgae Chlorella Vulgaris in a Packed Bubble Column Photobioreactor*

## SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

### **Master of Science in Education**

Erin Lorene Adame, B.A.  
Malone College  
Teacher Education, Curriculum &  
Instruction

Tina Michelle Ashiolas, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Educational Administration

Jennifer Rae Breedlove, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Teacher Education, Literacy

Christopher Joseph Canann,  
B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Educational Administration

Lori L. DeHoff, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Teacher Education, Literacy

Daljeet K. Dhillon, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Counseling

Nancy Elizabeth Ensley, B.S.Ed.  
Kent State University  
Special Education, Licensure

Paul C. Farr, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Special Education Licensure

Jamie Catherine Fiest, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Teacher Education, Curriculum  
and Instruction

John David Foster, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Educational Administration

Kristin Marie Fox, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Educational Administration

Jenny Marie Frease, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Counseling

Ashlee D. Graham, B.S.  
Brigham Young University  
Counseling

Nicolette Marie Hall, B.A.  
Kent State University  
Counseling

Jared Thomas Hirtz, B.A.  
Thiel College  
Counseling

Selina N. Hughes-Cotton, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Curriculum and Instruction

Kimberly Sue Hunter, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Educational Administration

John Andrew Ihnat, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Educational Administration

Mark Theophilus Jackson, B.M.  
Youngstown State University  
Educational Administration

Lisa Jolene Matas, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Counseling

Noelle Marie Matiste, B.S.B.A.,  
B.S.Ed.  
Clarion University  
Youngstown State University  
Educational Administration

Nicole Marie Miller, B.S.Ed.  
Baldwin-Wallace College  
Teacher Education, Literacy

Susan Marie Moffo, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Teacher Education, Literacy

Anthony James Muscatello,  
B.S.B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Counseling

Margaret T. Nardy, B.A., M.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Teacher Education, Curriculum  
and Instruction

Antonio Marcel Quarterman, B.A.  
Thiel College  
Counseling

Kristin Diana Radonski,  
B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Special Education Licensure

Leslie A. Reedy, B.A.  
Mount Union College  
Teacher Education, Literacy

Melinda Gervelis Rulli, B.A.  
University of Montana  
Counseling

Janis Lynn Sanfrey, B.A., M.S.Ed.  
Bethany College  
Youngstown State University  
Educational Administration

Bonnie Rae Sansenbaugher,  
B.S.Ed.  
Troy State University  
Educational Administration

Rebecca Lynn Sobinovskiy, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Teacher Education, Curriculum  
and Instruction

Angela Ann Sotlar, B.S.Ed.  
Kent State University  
Educational Administration

Kelli Maureen Sylvester, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Educational Administration

Rebecca Lee Wilson, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Teacher Education, Literacy



SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH (continued)

**Master of Science in  
Engineering**

Michael Joseph Lyda, B.E.  
Youngstown State University  
Civil and Environmental

Steven Frank Mangin, B.E.  
Youngstown State University  
Civil and Environmental

Thesis: *Research into the Variability  
of Manning's Roughness  
Coefficient  $n$  and Depth Prediction  
in a Circular Culvert.*

Santosh Raj Pant, B.E.  
Tribhuvan University, Nepal  
Civil and Environmental  
Thesis: *Geomorphic Characterization  
of Restored Streams*

Trixie Lynn Rife, B.S.Ed., M.S.  
Duquesne University,  
Utah State University  
Civil and Environmental  
Thesis: *Cost of Development  
When Environmental Services  
Are Included*

**Master of Science in Nursing**

Patricia Ann Murcavitch Ariss,  
B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Nursing, School Nurse

Rebecca Mae Bucco, B.S.N.  
Kent State University  
Nursing, School Nurse

Rhonda Leigh Knoske, B.S.N.  
Harding University  
Nursing, School Nurse

Catherine A. Shoop, B.S.N.  
Bowling Green State University  
Nursing, School Nurse

**Master of Social Work**

Paulette S. Brown, B.S.W.  
Youngstown State University  
Social Work

Michael Joseph Cuhran, B.S.W.  
Slippery Rock University  
Social Work

Nicole R. Everhart, B.S.  
The Pennsylvania State University  
Social Work

Samantha LuAnn-Repine Gibson,  
B.S.W.  
Saint Francis University  
Social Work

Rachel Lynn Grant, B.S.W.  
Youngstown State University  
Social Work

Michelle R. McFarland, B.S.  
Slippery Rock University  
Social Work

Courtney Elizabeth Thompson,  
B.S.W.  
University of Akron  
Social Work

**SUMMER 2010**  
**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**

Christina Ann Burrows  
Michael Allan Cramer  
Maria Noelle Deem  
Katherine Wellman Garrett  
Mallory A. Holko  
Casey Paul Holland

Kara Nicole Johnson  
Jennifer Megan Johnstone  
Sarah Kathleen Lewis  
David A. Patrick  
Michael Jeremy Reed

Ramona Skriiko  
Rebekah Michelle Sturgiss  
Lora Irene Werkmeister  
Titi Yang  
Jennifer Jing Zura

**Magna Cum Laude**

Kaila Anne Buckley  
Justin James Callow  
Erin Lindsey Dicken  
Amanda Pauline Furey  
Dawn Marie Goodwin  
Lauren Melissa Kocher

Vishal Kudav  
Ashley Marie Lopez  
Daniel Robert Miller  
Shane Jared Morlan  
Thomas Matthew Parks  
Bethany L. Quetot

Jodi Melissa Royer  
Karishma Anil Samtani  
Amanda Rae Scelsi  
Ryan R. Schuchler  
Tami Sue Young

**Cum Laude**

Elisha Adrian Chance  
Saundra Lee Clarke  
Harry Frank Asbury Day III  
Evin Nicole Drake  
Heather Lynn Dugan  
Eleni N. Fantidis  
Amy Joy Fosters  
Donna L. Hardick

Dina Marie Harris  
Nathan Brett Hudzik  
Justin David Knapp  
Lynn Marie Koporc  
Amanda Lynn Mahon  
Sandra L. Martin  
Marie Rose Meeks  
Anthony Michael Olive

Amber Dawn Rodino  
Alana Joy Sahli  
Marybeth Christina Signoriello  
Krupa Kartan Solanki  
Lawrence D. Trott  
Sierra Michelle Whitman  
Laura Amanda Zwick

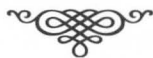
## ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS

### With High Honors

Jessica Ann Lemmo

### With Honors

Kenneth Arthur Corbett, Jr.



## SUMMER 2010 HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATE

Lora Werkmeister  
Food and Nutrition  
*Evaluating the Effectiveness of an Education  
Brochure Designed to Promote Awareness of YSU's  
Newly Declared Community Wellness Emphasis  
for its Coordinated Program in Dietetics Modern  
Systems Analysis: A Real-World Case*

## COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Because the list of candidates had to be prepared in advance, it is tentative. The diploma, together with a certified transcript, is the proof of graduation.

### *Associate of Arts*

Jennifer Noel Amon  
Sybil K. Vore-Lesko

### *Bachelor of Arts*

Leonard Glenn Crist  
Amy Joy Foster  
Michael Steven Geer II  
Jasmine Yvonne Howard  
Michael Anthony Kachelries  
Ashley LeCarol King  
Lynn Marie Koporc  
Trillion Nora McCarty  
James J. Nail  
Jessica Marie Petrinjak  
Bethany L. Quetot  
Lindsey Anamiko Ramdin  
Ramona Skriiko  
Alicia L. Stanley

Shanelle Nicole Toney  
Lawrence D. Trott  
Tami Sue Young  
Bryce Thomas Zimmermann

### *Bachelor of General Studies*

Ronald F. Allen  
Everett Kenneth Barney  
Andrew John Billet II  
Roehelle Marie Boone  
Charles Raymond Bower III  
Jesse Allana Brabant-Horvath  
Jillian Kathryn Brady  
Scott James Bright  
Ashley Rose Brothers  
Robert Dylan Caldwell  
Mary A. Courman  
Reneé Maxine Donaldson  
Christopher Roy Doult

Sarah Beth Hall  
Casey Paul Holland  
Eric Paul Hymel  
Jason T. Janis  
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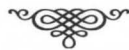
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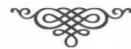
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Dr. Mir's main academic interest is the Islamic Scripture, the Qur'an, which he studies from a literary standpoint. He is also interested in the life and work of the modern South Asian poet-thinker, Muhammad Iqbal (d. 1938). He has published books and papers, and presented papers at conferences, in his areas of interest.

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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 Anderson 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 six past presidents.

The presidential medallion was designed and created out of sterling and bronze by Wendell August Forge of Grove City, Pennsylvania.

### 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 14,600 full- and part-time students with 120 undergraduate programs, 40 master's degree programs and two doctoral degree programs.

There are more than 440 full-time faculty and 775 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 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 92,000 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.