

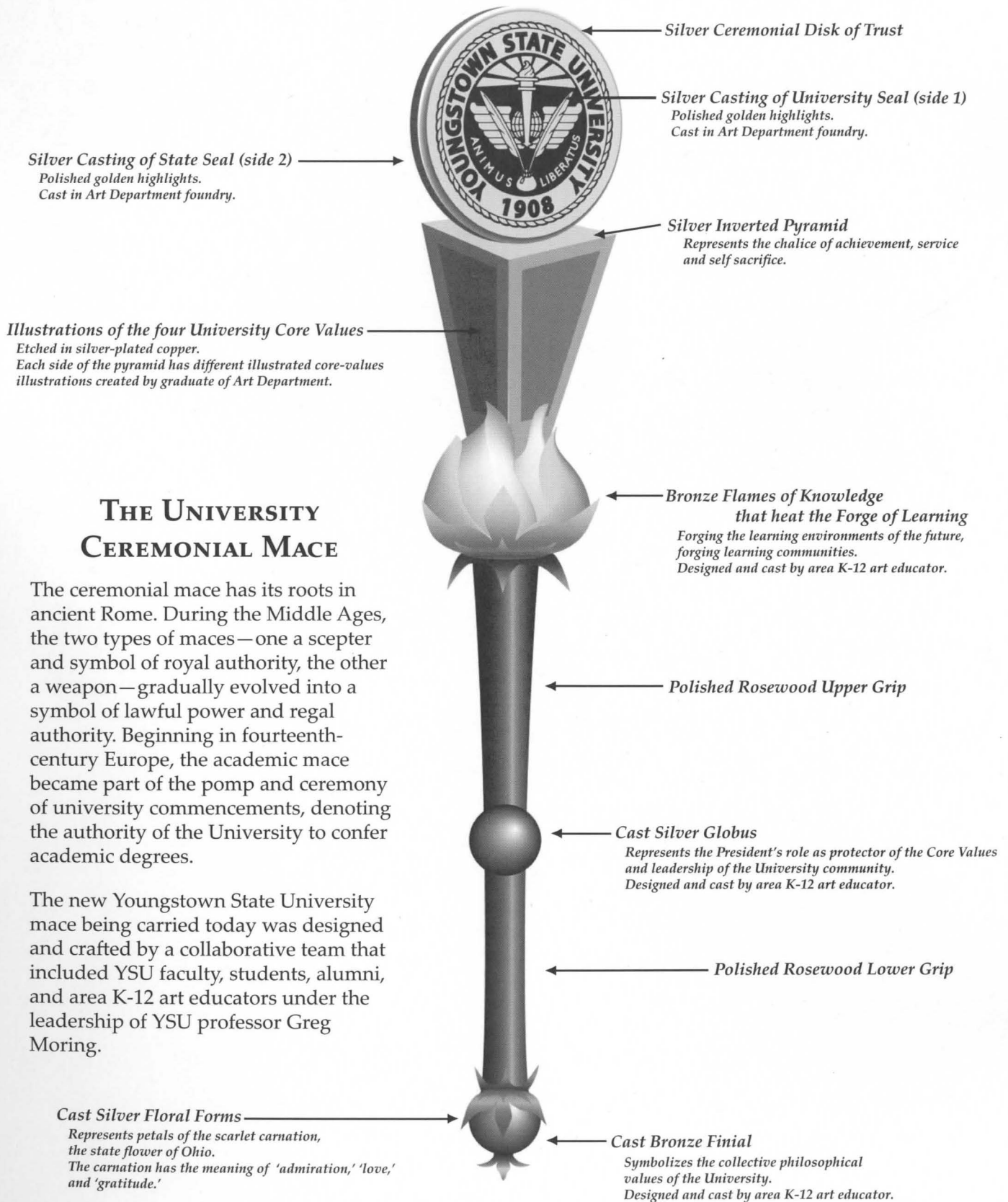


UNDERGRADUATE
COMMENCEMENT

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, MAY TWENTY-FIRST
TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN
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.'

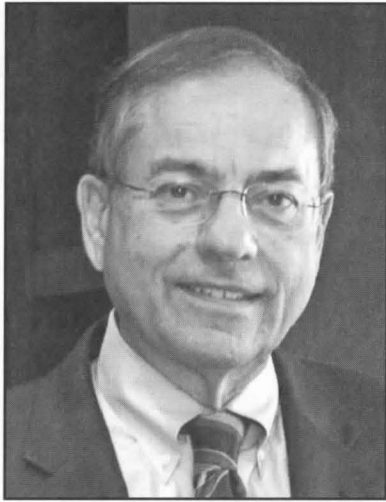
Cast Bronze Finial
Symbolizes the collective philosophical
values of the University.
Designed and cast by area K-12 art educator.

PROGRAM

- PRELUDE**..... "Stars and Stripes Forever March" 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. I 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**..... Max Pivik
Baritone, Senior, Dana School of Music
- STUDENT REFLECTION** Kim A. Taylor
Graduating Senior, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- PRESIDENT'S REMARKS** President Anderson
- INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES** President Anderson
- GREETINGS AND REMARKS** Scott R. Schulich
Chair of the Board of Trustees
- INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER**..... President Anderson
- COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**..... The Honorable Peter C. Economus
United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio
- MUSICAL SELECTION** "Sousa!" arr. Warren Baker
- REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES** Provost and Vice President Khawaja
- CONFERRING OF DEGREES** President Anderson
- PRESENTATION OF THE HONORABLE PETER C. ECONOMUS TO RECEIVE
THE HONORARY DOCTOR OF LAWS DEGREE**..... President Anderson
- PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
FOR DEGREES**..... 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 Dr. Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health and Human Services*
Shearle Furnish, *Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*
Martin Abraham, *Dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*
- WELCOME FROM YSU ALUMNI SOCIETY**..... Dr. Richard Crepage
President, YSU Alumni Society
- CLOSING REMARKS** President Anderson
- ALMA MATER**..... From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. Fleming
Mr. Pivik
- RECESSIONAL** "Fairest of the Fair March" by John Philip Sousa
"National Emblem March" by E.E. Bagley

*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



The Honorable Peter C. Economus

Today's commencement speaker, The Honorable Peter C. Economus, was appointed United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio on July 3, 1995. Prior to being named to the federal bench, Judge Economus served on the Court of Common Pleas of Mahoning County from 1982 to 1995. He assumed senior status on July 3, 2009 and is currently a visiting District Judge in the Southern District of Ohio.

A native of Youngstown, Ohio, Judge Economus received his bachelor's degree from Youngstown State University in 1967 and his *juris doctor* from the University of Akron School of Law in 1970. After law school, he became a staff attorney with the Mahoning County Legal Assistance Association, assisting indigent clients. In 1972, he joined the family law firm of Economus, Economus, and Economus, which specialized in civil and criminal litigation.

While serving on the Common Pleas Court, Judge Economus was selected by the Supreme Court of Ohio to serve as a mentor for new judges and was appointed by the Ohio Attorney General to serve on the Ohio State Victims' Advisory Board. He is also a recipient of the University of Akron Law Alumni Association Outstanding Alumni Award, the Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association's Golden Gavel Award, the Youngstown Hearing and Speech Center's Great Communicator Award for community service, and the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Judge Economus and his wife, Marie, whom he met while they were students at Youngstown State University, have three daughters and three granddaughters.

Commencement Student Speaker



Kim Taylor

Kim Taylor, the student commencement speaker, graduates today with a Bachelor of Arts in Geography. She was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society in 2010 and the Gamma Theta Upsilon, the International Geographical Honor Society, in 2011. During her years as a YSU student, Taylor has been awarded the JoAnn Knapic Academic Achievement award, the Vere Stalker Shaklee & Nina Pierce Shaklee Outstanding Geography Major award, and the Michael Klasovsky Applied Geography award.

Taylor currently works full time as secretary to the Trumbull County Auditor, Adrian S. Biviano.

Born in 1959 to Ronald and Mary Kay Scarnecchia, Taylor graduated in 1977 from Howland High School in Warren, Ohio. She married Dave Taylor in 1982 and is the mother of two boys, Vince and Dominic.

SPRING 2011
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

Matthew R. Alexander	Christopher James Farmakis	David Walter Nash
Ryan John Antonucci	Jeni Ann Fast	Erin Elizabeth Neiheisel
Tahir Arif	Adam John Fox	Christine Chidinma Nkemeh
Laura Maged Awadalla	Jaime Lynn Fratilla	Amy Lynn Olszewski
Jessica Lynn Balent	Andrew Marshall Gatto	Caitlin Marissa O'Patchen
Carmela Louise Ballone	Caitlin R. Glenn	Mariah L. Pagath
Nancy Anne Barker	Jaclyn Ann Glista	Jamie Lynn Platton
Elizabeth Sarah Barnett	Sara Elizabeth Gulgas	Rohini Sweta Gondy Rao
Joshua H. Bartlett	Laura Ann Guyer	Joel Daniel Rayl
Ryan Patrick Bauer	Jamie Marie DiLauro Hall	Timothy Andrew Ridzon
Kristine Nicole Beauchamp	Cassandra Dawn Harless	Mindy Ann Ritzler
Benedict L. Belcik II	Ellice Christianna Hayek	David Anthony Roberts
Carissa Katharina Bellflower	Justin Hosseininejad	Zachary Lewis Rodgers
Jared Nathan Bennett	Kathryn Lynn Householder	Kayla Carmella Rolston
David Allen Bertleff	Rachel Anne Hutnyan	Brittany Renee Rush
Heather Deanne Blake	Jeannette Marie Iskander	Vidhya Sabapathy
Marcella Blystone	James Kevin Jarvis	Brittany M. Schrieber
Julie Christine Boyce	Brooke Renee Johnson	Ryan Alan Shields
Sarah Ann Brothers	Eric Gordon Johnson	Meharsi Singh
Adam David Brown	Jill Marie Jonda	Barbara Ann Snow II
Mark Allen Bush	Margaret Eleanor Jones	Daniel Steven Socha
Alyson Ramona Cadman	Adam Clifford Kagarise	Amy Jeanne Sturuss
Alexsandra Leigh Camardo	Michael John Kovach III	Kimberly Ann Taylor
Trisha Rae Cameron	Jennifer Jo LaRocca	Meena Apurva Thatikunta
Amanda Rae Campbell	Emma Grace Lang	Christopher Mark Tofilski
Kelly J. Canfield	Craig Allen Legros	Emmalee Corinne Torisk
Jessica Lynn Cartwright	Rebecca Catherine Lipari	Samantha A. Tortora
Anthony Robert Casacchia	Jennifer Lynn Macklin	John David Trenkelbach
Elizabeth Kristen Church	Michael Anthony Makara	Christopher L. Truitt
Kyle Allan Comeau	Briana Rae Mangan	Megan Ashley Vendemia
Christine Marie Craig	Molly Catherine Mann	Kara Lynn Vitus
Lisa M. Curl	Jessica Lynn Marstellar	Sarah Colleen Walsh
Megan Danielle Deemer	Nancy Louisa McMurdy	Melinda Marie Weaver
Brandon Chase Dessecker	Nicholas Jordan Meditz	Janna Marie Wheeler
Benjamin Alan Detwiler	Joshua Lee Mike	Lynn Ann Williams
Melanie Jean Diorio	Kathryn Lynn Mistovich	Kelcie LaRue Witmer
David Wayne Drevna	Jessica Lynn Moore	Jessica Ann Wittenauer
Derek Zachary Emch	David Nicholas Mosko	Arthur Harold Worst

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Magna Cum Laude

Samantha Jo Adams
Alisha Michelle Anthony
Melissa R. Bour
David Aaron Bruno
Rebecca Diane Campbell
Kristy L. Caracci-Rotuna
Stephanie Ann Caruso
Benjamin Owen Christen
Michael P. Ciccone
Madonna M. Cook
Andrew James Copeland
Daniel DeChellis
Angela R. DeChristofaro
Robyn Nicole DePaul
Erin Ann Dean
Denise Delaquila
Angela Marie Desimone
Bojana Dimitrov
Brittany Louise Dripps
David Joseph Dugan
Shannon Nicole Forgac
Emily Elizabeth Frank
Heather Kay Frazier
Brandon Eugene Gibbs
Adyson Mischel Glavan
Brett Andrew Grabman
Kaely Trinity Hawkins
Adam Mark Hinerman

Matthew Eric Hirschl
Joel Thomas Hodge
Trista Lee Houck
Christina Louise Humble
Taranjot Kaur Janda
Erik Robert Johnson
Melissa Erin Johnson
Kaleb Kaschalk
Kaley Nicole Kastner
Christine Janice Keeling
Elizabeth N. Keffler
Eric Nicholas Kennedy
Carri Ann Killa
Krista Marie Kiraly
Vishal Kudav
Mario Alonso La Luz
Timothy Patrick Lamping
Lisa Renee Lee
Danielle Lyn Long
Giorgia K. Makris
Wassim Osama Malak
Anwarul Alan Masud
Deborah Lynn McDowell
Carrie A. Melia
Joshua Richard Miller
Kristyn Marie Mistovich
Stacey Marie Mulder
Cory Evan Muraco

Jason Victor Parillo
Amy Rose Perdulla
Joseph Duane Perry
Ian Andrew Peshel
Julianne Popovec
Gina Marie Prezioso
Allissa Renee Pullion
Kevin William Ragan
Stacey Ryan Ramey
Sharon Redman-Blom
Annette de Courdes Rodriguez
Carreras
Jillian Dawn Roemer
Breanne Renee Romeo
Clayton Joseph Ruminski
Cassandra Savage
Joseph Michael Scheller
Elizabeth Marie Shoff
Jeff Michael Skebo
Jennifer Marie Smith
Julie Eileen Starr
Ryan Joseph Steeves
John Paul Thomas
Katie Elizabeth Thompson
Richard Stephens Trimbur III
Jerrod E. Waldron
Amanda Lynn Wargo
Sarah Lynn Wineland

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Cum Laude

Amanda Marcella Adams	Anjali Gupta	Rima M. Panchal
Ashley Marie Bayuk	Ashley Rae Hahn	Melissa Lynn Pezzuolo
Ashlee Anne Beaumier	Rachel Lynn Hawkins	Vilmory Placeres
Monica J. Bechtel	Kelly L. Heinemann	Matthew Lee Pollock
William A. Bechtold	Justin B. Hoffman	Tracey Renee Pusateri
Nathan Cole Beers	Kimberly Ann Jenkins	Donald Eugene Redmond
Kathryn Marie Berlon	Brian Michael Jones	Candace K. Reed
Stephen A. Bevan	Yasmin Alisa King	Melissa Catherine Reed
Danielle Nicole Bozek	Victoria Lynn Kocanjer	Jason Rogers
Amanda Josa Brickman	Terra Jamie Koontz	Hanna Marie Ruggles
Joseph Edward Budny	Sarah Elizabeth Lane	Jenna Michelle Ruggles
Kenneth Lee Burnfield	Chelsie Lynn Lesko	Leah Marie Sakacs
Aaron R. Cosma	Vincent Lucia	Intifada Nabil Samad
Progga Das	Eugene Dwayne Albert Mach II	Thomas William Sankey
Sharon Kay Davis	Kristy Lynn Marree	Shelby Sarisky
Yashu Dhamija	Dena M. McCarthy	Jessyca Jordan Shuttleworth
Amitha Lauren Dhingers	Courtney Jeanne McElhaney	Erica Jean Sims
Dana Marie Dickey	Sandra Lynn Milligan	Robert Alan Slepsky, Jr.
Mary Shelley Duffy	Maria Catherine Mooney	John Thomas Snyder
John William Dunfee	Danielle Mordocco	Roger Keith St. Julian III
Lisa Marie Ferrando	Brigitte Marie Morvay	Cory Eugene Stevens
Jess Gregory Finlaw	Angela Marie Moschella	John Charles Terzak
John Robert Fitch	Danielle M. Mutchler	Kelsea Tondo-Kramer
Barry Joseph Franks	Divya Reddy Nallapuram	Theresa Marie Valek
William Alfred Frech	Jonathan Paul Newsom	Evan James Vazquez
Kelly Marie Gainard	Christy Ann Nolan	Bradley Scott Ward
Jessica Marie Giblin	Brooke L. Novak	Amanda Lynn Wheeler
Scott Michael Gintert	Stephanie Lynn Novak	Sierra Nicole Williams
Sean E. Green	Adam Charles O'Brien	Rachel Nicole Wurzel
Jessica Lynn Guerrieri	Jennifer Colleen Ostapiak	Deanna Denise Zamudio

**SPRING 2011
ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS**

With High Honors

Richard John Duraney
Bernerd John Graves
Daniel Andrew Lumpp

Sara Jean McMillen
Andrew Thomas Peffer
Daysha Mo'Nay Williams

David Lee Yeager
Frank J. Zambrini III

With Honors

Deunte' Tyrell Banks
Emily S. Devon
Jenelle Rae Dunkel
Cody James Hartman
Gregory Jones II
Sarah Elizabeth Kuczynski

Curtis P. Moore
Kaylee Joana Peterson
Brittany Nicole Plants
Adea B. Riley
Jonathan D. Sass

Erika Michelle Smeyres
Esther S. Stamford
Justin Paul Storm
Richard Michael Tomai
Johnny T. Walker

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HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Matthew R. Alexander
Mathematics
Not the Usual Triangle Inequality

Ryan J. Antonucci
History
*Benito Mussolini: Sinister
Imperialist or 20th Century
Nationalist*

Joshua H. Bartlett
Chemistry
*Triazole and Tetrazole Synthesis
With p-ABSA/DBU*

Kristine N. Beauchamp
Fashion Merchandising
*How Internet Shopping is Viewed by
Consumers*

Danielle N. Bozek
Biology
*Survey of the Similarities &
Differences between Doctors of
Osteopathic Medicine and Medical
Doctors and their Corresponding
Schools of Medicine*

Sarah A. Brothers
Chemical Engineering
*Optimization of Ethanol Production
through Fermentation*

Trisha R. Cameron
Middle Childhood Education
*Implementing Literature Circles for
Reading Comprehension*

Amanda R. Campbell
Middle Childhood Education
*The Impact of Inquiry Science
Teaching Strategies on 6th Grade
Science Learning*

Lisa M. Curll
Biology/Mathematics
*Statistical Analysis and Differential
Equation Modeling of Stochastic
Riparian Ecosystems*

Daniel DeChellis
Chemistry
*Characterization of B-glucosidase from
Escherichia coli*

Benjamin A. Detwiler
Electrical Engineering/Accounting
*Real-Time Stress Monitoring of Highway
Bridges with a Secured Wireless Sensor
Network*

Melanie J. Diorio
Integrated Language Arts Education/
Italian
*"Gli eroi del Risorgimento" (Heroes of
the Risorgimento)*

Derek Z. Emch
Music Performance
Recital of Clarinet Music

Christopher J. Farmakis
Biology
*Incorporating Community Service into a
Study Abroad Experience*

Emily E. Frank
Special Education Mild/Moderate
Disabilities
*Using Decoding Skills to Increase
Reading Fluency*

Kristin L. Frank
Chemistry
*The Complete Characterization of a
Novel Organic Compound (2,5-dibenzyl-
1,2,5,6-tetraphenyl-3-hexyne) by Nuclear
Magnetic Resonance*

Caitlin R. Glenn
Exercise Science
*The Effects of Exercise on Stress
Levels*

Sara E. Gulgus
Music History and Literature
*Mozart's Die Zauberflote as an
Opera of the Enlightenment*

Justin Hosseininejad
Electrical Engineering
*The Biomechanics of Turtle Limb's:
An Electrical Engineer's Perspective*

Rachel A. Hutnyan
Nursing
Critical Care Case Study

Jeannette M. Iskander
Psychology
*Examining the Effectiveness of Social
Stories for Children with Autism*

Brooke R. Johnson
Mechanical Engineering
*Nonlinear Finite Element Analysis
of MSC Treated Biological Tissue*

Margaret E. Jones
Music History and Literature/
Music Performance
*Well-Traveled Tunes: The Lives of
Chansons in the Sixteenth Century*

Mikhaila I. Kalouris
Marketing Management
*Integrated Marketing
Communications and Its Effect on
the J.C. Penney Consumer*

Kaley N. Kastner
Nursing
Heart Failure: A Case Study

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Emma G. Lang

Biology

*Screening and Identification of
Multi-Metal Resistant Bacteria*

Michael A. Makara

Biology

*Production of Monoclonal
Antibodies Against VPR Protein of
HIV*

Jessica L. Marsteller

Chemistry

*Cloning and Characterization of yjfC
from E.coli*

Marcella L. Masters

Family and Consumer Studies

*Exploring Preschool Children's
Social Skills While Using the
Computer: What Do Observations
Reveal?*

Nicholas J. Meditz

Finance

*A Strategic Look into the Investment
Banking Profession*

Joshua L. Mike

Mathematics/Chemistry

*Sex and Regional Differences in Rabbit
Right Ventricular L-type Calcium
Levels and Modeling of Arrhythmia
Vulnerability*

Amy L. Olszewski

Chemical Engineering

*Optimization of Ethanol Production
Through Fermentation*

Mindy A. Ritzler

Health Education

*Best Teaching Practices in Physical
Education*

David A. Roberts

History

*The Role of Diplomacy in the Italian
Risorgimento*

Zachary L. Rodgers

Chemistry

*Synthesis & Addition Chemistry
of Furanose-Conjugated α,β
Unsaturated Esters*

Leah M. Sakacs

Anthropology

Religion and Spirituality

John C. Terzak

Mechanical Engineering

*Advanced Simulation of Hydraulic
Transmission Using MatLab*

Lynn A. Williams

Nursing

Critical Care Case Study

Kelcie L. Witmer

Accounting

Ethics in Accounting



SPRING 2011 YSU PIN AWARD RECIPIENTS

The YSU Pin is the University's most prestigious award, presented to graduating seniors. Established in 1948 by then University President, Dr. Howard W. Jones, the Pin recognizes our outstanding, well rounded, graduating seniors. Congratulations to the following seniors who have received this award.

Sarah Brothers

Bryan Chaidez

Sarah Deiger

Krystle Kimes

Nicholas Meditz

Samantha Tortora

WILLIAMSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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

Carlene Ashley Bonzer
Lee Arthur Davis III
Jessica Lynn Hall
Karole Anne Kowalski
Amy Lynn Sobczak

Associate of Technical Studies

Edward H. Kandray

Bachelor of Science in Applied Science

Matthew Earnest Cantanzriti

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Heaven Lee Adkins
Amber Lyn Allen
Mark R. Allison
Shannon N. Arcade
Jessica Lynn Balent
Carmela Louise Ballone
James Colin Beaudis
Kathryn Marie Berlon
Ginette Lyn Berry
Stephen A. Bevan
Andrew John Blackburn
Jamie Jo Blasdel
Rebecca Diane Campbell
Lena Louise Cavucci
Ann Marie Ciavarella
Antonio Cocca
Robert Anthony Colaianni
Michael Anthony Colatarci
Alisha Nicole Collins
Aaron R. Cosma
Elizabeth Ann Costantino
Alysha Lynn Dannemiller
Angela R. DeChristofaro
Melissa Leigh Desimone
Benjamin Alan Detwiler
John George Dohar
David Joseph Dugan

David Christopher Dunbar

Bryin Adam Ehrhardt
Joseph Anthony Fagnano
Megan N. Foster
Jessica Michelle Gause
Courtnee Ann Greshner
Michael Stephen Hallock
Ashley Nicole Hapsic
Jordan T. Hardwick
Gregory Logan Helsel
James Lucas Herriott
Matthew Eric Hirschl
Justin Daniel Hodges
Jaclyn Marie Hodos
Jenny Renee Dorothy Hulick
Kimberly Ann Jenkins
Jaclyn Irene Jimison
Armani Lee Johnson
Jamail Johnson*
Bradley Richard Jones
Mikhaila Irene Kalouris
Michael Paul Kampfer
Elizabeth N. Keffler
Jillian M. Kinnick
Jeffrey D. Kotel, Jr.
Chelsie Lynn Lesko
Danielle Lyn Long
Matthew Joseph Martin
Daniel Warren Martins
David A. Maxwell
Franklin Delano McLeod II
Nicholas Jordan Meditz
Kyle J. Melewski
Richard Brandon Miller
Lindsay Marie Moore
Hannah Morris
Shawn Dennis Mulhall
Vanna Nicole Napolitan
Melanie Val Noble
Stephanie Lynn Novak
Marcus Louis Oakley

Samuel Louis Papa

Jason Victor Parillo
Graham McGrail Parr
Jarrett Anthony Partridge
Erica Danielle Patrick
Kevin Robert Pawlos
Amy Rose Perdulla
Matthew Lee Pollock
Anthony D. Porter
Nicole Lee Potts
Natalie D. Ramsey
Eric Ronald Rodemoyer
Breanne Renee Romeo
Intifada Nabil Samad
Brittany M. Schrieber
Dalene Marie Scott
Kimberly Ann Shaffer
Monica Dawn Shirley
Jessyca Jordan Shuttleworth
Ashley Patrice Slavens
John R. Slipski, Jr.
Mark Richard Snyder
Melanie Marie Sparks
Lucas Richard Stanovcak
Paula R. Sterling
Tristan James Suchora
Danielle Marie Suhar
Russell Johnson Sutherin
Jacob Lincoln Thomas
John Paul Thomas
Jessica A. Tomko
Sheena Marie Turnbull
Richard Stephens Trimbur III
Megan Ashley Vendemia
James Garfield Vetterly IV
Craig Wesley Ward
Jennifer Lynn Warmoth
Gary Randall Watkins
Sierra Nicole Williams
Kelcie LaRue Witmer
Jessica Ann Wittenauer

BEEGHLY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Education

Linda S. Amodio
Michael J. Barlak
Ashley Marie Bayuk

Heather Deanne Blake
Nichole Lynn Blaze
Matthew James Brumit
Mark Allen Bush

Cheryl Ann Cale
Trisha Rae Cameron
Amanda Rae Campbell
Kelly J. Canfield

**degree awarded posthumously*

BEEGHLY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION *(continued)*

Kristy L. Caracci-Rotuna	Trista Lee Houck	Christopher Ronald Paloski
Mark D. Casey	Christina Louise Humble	Jamie Nicole Parker
Samuel Paul Cassano	Eric Gordon Johnson	Joseph Duane Perry
Anita Marie Cialella	Melissa Erin Johnson	Melissa Lynn Pezzuolo
Robert W. Coffey, Jr.	Brian Michael Jones	Monique Dawn Porter
Ryan Adam Cole	Jessie Siobhan Jones-Canter	Gina Marie Prezioso
Nicole Ann Cordy	Sarantis Samuel Karousis	Thomas Andrew Pugh
Corey Michael Creamer	Ashley Lois Kermec	Jennifer Lynne Ragusa
Katharine Mary Critell	Jennifer Jo LaRocca	Christen M. Ripoli
Dominic John Cutrone	Sarah Elizabeth Lane	Mindy Ann Ritzler
Tiffany Marie DeAugustine	Alisha Ann Lathan	Jason Rogers
Denise Delaquila	Melissa Ann Laufman	David Alan Rood
Ian James Deraway	Lisa Renee Lee	Cassandra Savage
Melanie Jean Diorio	Justine Marie Lownsbury	Thomas Julian Senich
Danielle Elizabeth Dobozi	Vincent Lucia	Lauren Ashley Shaffer
Benjamin Jay Dooley	Eugene Dwayne Albert Mach II	Jessica Cheryl Shinosky
Caitlin Theresa Dorbish	Jennifer Lynn Macklin	Erica Jean Sims
Tyler Roman Figueroa	Emily Jean Marshall	Gordon August Slanina
Emily Elizabeth Frank	Kayla Ann McCann	Kimberly Ann Smaldino
Heather Kay Frazier	Dena M. McCarthy	Jennifer Marie Smith
William Alfred Frech	Suzanne Therese McCartney	Steven Michael Stahura
Darin Joseph Gagliano	Courtney Jeanne McElhaney	Julie Eileen Starr
Dominique Nicole Galletta	Cody Alan McMillan	Cory Eugene Stevens
Jaclyn Ann Glista	Nicholas Anthony Mediate	Sarah Colleen Walsh
Garret M. Gorsuch	Angela Marie Moschella	Andrea Kristine Walters
Jessica Lynn Guerrieri	Stacey Marie Mulder	Amanda Lynn Wargo
Ashley Rae Hahn	Erin Elizabeth Neiheisel	Alicia Marie Watson
Alexis Zaide Hall	Ryan Alan Neuman	Kathryn Anne Wengerd
Rachel Lynn Hawkins	Jarrod Virgil Niederhiser	Amanda Lynn Wheeler
Daniel Frank Horacek	Caitlin Marissa O'Patchen	Ruth Beatrice Wilson

COLLEGE OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Bachelor of Arts

Nancy Anne Barker
Nathan Gerald Beagle
Robyn Nicole DePaul
Dana Concetta Donatelli
Adyson Mischel Glavan
Sara Elizabeth Gulgas
Kaely Trinity Hawkins
Caitlin Elizabeth Hjerpe
Joshua Leonard Hopkins
John P. Janacone
Margaret Eleanor Jones
Steven Lamar Lemley
Victoria Rose Magyar
Bethany Lynn McGehee
Padraic Thomas McGuire
Kelsy Nicole Mikesell

Lea Marie Nesbitt
Jennifer Colleen Ostapiak
Alicia Marie Pattillo
Jon Michael Raidel
Jared L. Reichard
Angela R. Shuntich
Katie Elizabeth Thompson
Kathleen Marie Torba

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Monica J. Bechtel
Justin David Carolyne
Kelly Marie Gainard
Cassandra Dawn Harless
Christina Louise Humble
Kimberly Lynelle Jordan
Zeke Eugene Luman
Michael Leo Marvin

Nicole Marie Papalas
Kaitlan Marie Quinn
Shelby Sarisky
Deanna Lynn Scott
Katie Elizabeth Thompson
Janna Marie Wheeler
Deanna Denise Zamudio
Jonathan A. Zelezniak

Bachelor of Music

Adam David Brown
Ryan K. Coffey
Derek Zachary Emch
Margaret Eleanor Jones
Deborah Lynn McDowell
Joseph Michael Scheller
Alexander Lynn Snyder

BITONTE COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Associate of Applied Science

Laura A. Altobelli
 Joseph Michael Amabeli
 Christina Marie Bettura
 Stacey Lynette Brady
 Nicona Marie Bruni
 Cheryl D. Burney
 Marissa Rose Cercone
 Erica Rae Chick
 Amber Christine Davis
 Nicole Elizabeth Davis
 Emily S. Devon
 Jenelle Rae Dunkel
 Kellie D. George
 Tessa Dawn Glista
 Lisa Marie Granitto
 Sarah Christine Greene
 Amanda Sue Heilman
 James A. Herrera
 Ashley Kristen Hutton
 Meghan Colleen Huzicka
 David Anthony Janci
 Angel Aliyah Johnson Reynolds
 Sheila M. Johnston
 Matthew P. Jonesco
 Tabitha L. Kennedy
 Samantha Marie Kiriazis
 Mary Grace Knopp
 Sara H. Kohuth
 Karla Marie Kopnisky
 Sarah Elizabeth Kuczynski
 Chanda Amora Lewis
 Amanda Elizabeth Louk
 Jordan Michael McHenry
 Sara Jean McMillen
 Nathaniel Curtiss Miller
 Heather Marie Milligan
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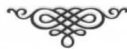
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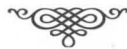
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Teresa Riley earned a B.A. in Political Science and Economics from Wittenberg University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from Syracuse University. She started teaching economics at Youngstown State University in 1984. One of her major interests is K-12 economic education. She has worked with the Ohio Council on Economic Education to offer workshops for local teachers focusing on how to integrate basic economic and financial literacy concepts into their teaching. She was the primary content author for eleven different computerized instructional programs for introductory economics and statistics, one of which was recognized with an EDUCOM/NCRIPTAL award in 1990. She was part of a five-person team of YSU faculty that received a National Science Foundation grant to develop and test the effectiveness of a simulated economy in which students take on the role of producers and consumers. Her work has been published in the *Journal of Economic Education* and she serves as a manuscript reviewer for that journal. She is a member of the American Economic Association, Omicron Delta Epsilon, and Phi Kappa Phi. She served two one-year terms as Acting Chair of the Department of Economics. Currently she is a Professor of Economics and Director of Faculty Relations.

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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.

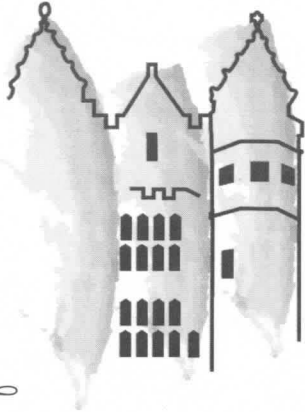
The Presidential Medallion

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 15,100 full- and part-time students with 120 undergraduate programs, 40 master's degree programs and two doctoral degree programs.

There are more than 450 full-time faculty and 800 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.