



*F*ALL
COMMENCEMENT
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER SIXTEENTH
TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE
TWO O'CLOCK, BEEGHLY CENTER

THE UNIVERSITY CEREMONIAL MACE



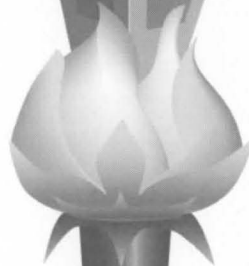
Silver Ceremonial Disk of Trust

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.



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.

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 Youngstown State University mace 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.

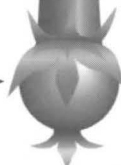
Polished Rosewood Upper Grip

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.



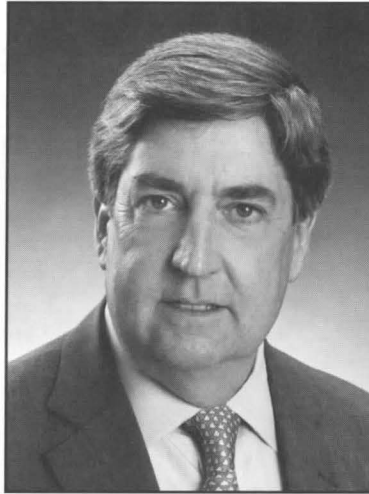
PROGRAM

PRELUDE.....	"Stars and Stripes Forever March" by John Philip Sousa YSU Wind Ensemble Stephen L. Gage, <i>Director of Bands/Professor of Music</i> Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL.....	"Suite #1 in E \flat Major: III. March" by Gustav Holst "Pomp and Circumstance": March No. I by Sir Edward Elgar "March Processional" by Clare Grundman
WELCOME.....	Cynthia E. Anderson <i>President</i>
COLOR GUARD.....	The Youngstown State University Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps
NATIONAL ANTHEM.....	Alysson Pollice <i>Soprano, Dana School of Music</i>
STUDENT REFLECTION.....	Vincent Deem <i>Graduating Senior, College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics</i>
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS	President Anderson
INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES.....	President Anderson
GREETINGS AND REMARKS.....	Sudershan Garg <i>Chair of the Board of Trustees</i>
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.....	Ikram Khawaja <i>Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.....	Michael Garvey <i>President, M7 Technologies</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION.....	"A Christmas Festival" Leroy Anderson
REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES.....	Dr. Khawaja
CONFERRING OF DEGREES.....	President Anderson
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES.....	Peter Kasvinsky, <i>Associate Provost for Research and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research</i> Martin Abraham, <i>Dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics</i> Betty Jo Licata, <i>Dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration</i> Charles Howell, <i>Dean of the Beeghly College of Education</i> Bryan DePoy, <i>Dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts</i> Joseph Mosca, <i>Dean of the Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health and Human Services</i> Shearle Furnish, <i>Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences</i>
WELCOME FROM YSU ALUMNI SOCIETY.....	Shelly LaBerto <i>President, YSU Alumni Society</i>
CLOSING REMARKS.....	President Anderson
NATIONAL ANTHEM.....	"Star Spangled Banner" Traditional
ALMA MATER.....	From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. Fleming Ms. Pollice
RECESSIONAL.....	"Liberty Bell March" by John Philip Sousa "Sabre and Spurs 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.

Sign language interpreters will be positioned in the upper northwest section of the gymnasium.

Commencement Speaker



Michael Garvey

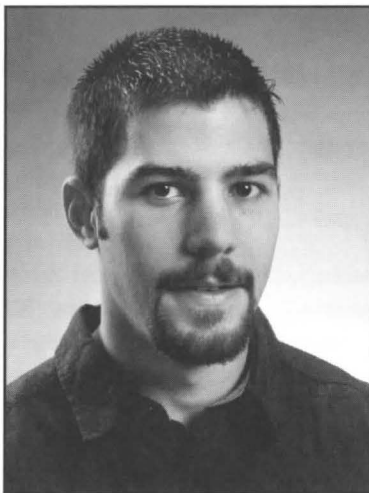
Today's commencement speaker, Michael Garvey, is president and CEO of M-7 Technologies, an engineering, manufacturing, and research organization located in Youngstown, Ohio. Born and raised in Warren, Ohio, and a 1970 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School, Mr. Garvey went on to study at Michigan State University, majoring in finance, with minors in economics and accounting. He received his undergraduate degree from Michigan State University in 1983 and immediately joined the Wall Street firm of Wagner, Stott and Co. trading equities on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. In 1985 he left his Wall Street firm and returned to Ohio to help his father rebuild the family's manufacturing business.

Since his return to Ohio, Mr. Garvey has worked in the defense, transportation, energy, and industrial markets of the United States, with technology partners around the globe. For the last 15 years, he and his company have focused a tremendous amount of effort on helping to transform the Youngstown-area

manufacturing workforce to 21st century capabilities. As part of those efforts, M-7 Technologies is presently collaborating with Youngstown State University to develop digital-based, multi-sensor component characterization systems for the US Department of Defense. M-7 Technologies is a founding member of ASTM International Standards Development Committee E-57 Three Dimensional Imaging Systems, and holds a Governing Board Member seat on the National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Institute.

Mr. Garvey is a former examiner for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, a member of the local Workforce Investment Board, and former member of the Governor's State Workforce Policy Board. He is a former board member of the Northeastern Ohio Technology Council and a current executive board member of the Youngstown Business Incubator. In 2010, M-7 Technologies was recognized by the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services as the Ohio Employer of The Year.

Commencement Student Speaker



Vincent Deem

Today's student commencement speaker, Vincent Richard Deem, graduates summa cum laude with a B.S. in environmental studies and a minor in biology. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, was a member of the Youngstown Environmental Sustainability Society while at YSU and is a certified Environmental Professional Intern from Institute of Professional Environmental Practice. During spring of this year he conducted environmental research on the island of San Salvador, Bahamas, which he presented at Quest, YSU's yearly undergraduate research conference.

As well as being an outstanding scholar, Vincent is also an avid athlete. While in high school, not only was he valedictorian, but he also ran track and was a two-year team captain of his wrestling team. Now he competes in dirt bike races, cross country mountain

biking, running events, and is currently training for a triathlon. The majority of his competitions are benefit races with race proceeds going to help support local charity organizations. His most recent competition was the 38th annual Youngstown Peace Race 10k run in October.

Currently Vincent works at OH WOW! The Roger and Gloria Jones Children's Center for Science and Technology, where he is responsible for the development and management of the center's recycling program, facilities management and maintenance, and where he contributes to new exhibit design and construction.

After graduation Vincent plans to attend graduate school and earn his master's degree in a related environmental field. He hopes to pursue a career in resource management and conservation.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

Michele Lee Dowell, B.S.Ed.
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Educational Leadership
Thesis: *Gender Differences in the Compensation, Promotion Track and Performance Evaluations for School Superintendents*

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

Jennifer Nicole Kohart, B.A., M.Ed., M.S.Ed.
University of Pittsburgh;
Youngstown State University
Educational Leadership
Thesis: *Structured Read-Aloud in Middle School: The Initial Impact on Reading Assessment Scores*

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

Frank Matthew McClard, B.S.Ed., M.S.Ed.
Duquesne University
Educational Leadership
Thesis: *The Spirituality of Educational Leaders and the Impact on Their Perceptions on Student Success in Pennsylvania Public Schools*

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

Melissa Diane Watson, B.S.Ed., M.S.Ed.
Bowling Green State University;
Cleveland State University
Educational Leadership
Thesis: *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Perceptions of Schools and Implications for Best Practices*



Master of Arts

Jeffrey A. Basile, Jr., B.A.
Youngstown State University
English
Thesis: *What Literature Was, Is and Could Mean for the Modern Reader*

Jessica Renee Dawson, B.A.
Washington State University
American Studies
Thesis: *Contextualizing Women's Transition to the Public Sphere through their Abolitionist Activity*

Daniel Patrick Denehy, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English

Mabel Abane Ebune, B.S.
University of Buea, Cameroon
Financial Economics

Paul Maynard Farwell III, B.A.
University of Mount Union
Economics

Matthew Moore Feehley, B.A.
Kent State University
English
Thesis: *The Footprints of Ballroom Dancing*

Jennifer Marie Houston, B.A.,
B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Art Education

Tyler Beard Kelley, B.S.
Westminster College
Economics

Lindsay Ann Muha, B.A.
West Virginia University
American Studies

Sarah L. Sepanek, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English

Master of Business Administration

Ketuan Lamont Baldwin, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
General

Brett Joseph Bartholomew, B.A.
Bethany College
General

Janelle Marie Fumerola, B.A.
Hiram College
Management

Michelle Lee Hamilton, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
Management

Jason Ryan Heyman, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Keith Richard Jackson, B.A.
Thiel College
General

Lori Jayne Jenkins, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Richard Wilson Oliver, Jr.,
B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH (continued)

Christina Alexandria Perry,
B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Laura Ann Sefcik, B.A.
University of Mount Union
General

Master of Computing and Information Systems

Anthony William Allen,
B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
Computing and Information
Systems
Thesis: *Young Adult Perception
and Acceptance of Biometrics
Technology*

Benjamin John King, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Computing and Information
Systems
Thesis: *DisCNet: A Program
for the Analysis of Power
Consumption Heuristics in
Distributed Networks*

Gengkon Lum, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Computing and Information
Systems
Thesis: *Design and
Implementation of a Web-
Accessible Plant Secretome
Knowledge-Base*

Venugopal Moparthy, B.Tech.
Acharya Nagarjuna University,
India
Computing and Information
Systems

Ross L. Morrone, B.S.
Art Institute of Pittsburgh
Computing and Information
Systems
Thesis: *Public Perception of the
use of Biometrics Post 9/11*

Master of Music

Andrea Kathleen Dreier, B.M.
Youngstown State University
Music Performance

Jian Yuan, B.A.
Shandong University, China
Music Education

Master of Science

Saif Ahmad, B.Tech., M.S.E.
Aligarh Muslim University, India;
Youngstown State University
Mathematics

Diana Marie Alexander, B.G.S.
Youngstown State University
Environmental Studies
Thesis: *Analysis of Groundwater
Surveillance of Residential Wells
in the Vicinity of Carbon Limestone
Landfill, Poland Township,
Mahoning County, Ohio*

Steven Andrew Buffone, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Environmental Studies
Thesis: *Viability of Bioremediation
of PAH'Contamination through
Characterization of the Banks of the
Mahoning River*

Aaron James Esbenshade, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Biology
Thesis: *Differential Protein Expression
and Butanol Production Using
Clostridium beigerinckii*

Molly Lynn Galizia, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Criminal Justice

Ramesh Gondi, B. Pharm.
Jawaharlal Nehru Technological
University, India
Chemistry
Thesis: *Development and Application
of Hydride Generation Laser Induced
Fluorescence Method for Analysis of
Bismuth and Germanium*

Brandon Elliot Grant, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Biology
Thesis: *The Role of MHR1p in
the Formation and Resolution of
Mitochondrial DNA Replication
Structures in the Yeast
Saccharomyces Cerevisiae*

Anne Marie Horodyski, B.S.E.
Youngstown State University
Environmental Studies
Thesis: *Correlation Between
Heart Disease and the Hardness
of Drinking Water*

Jonathan A. Jamison, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Environmental Studies

Khristine M. Krcelic Mashburn,
B.S.E.
Youngstown State University
Mathematics
Thesis: *Chaos and Dynamical
Systems*

Patrick Timothy Maple, B.S.
Franciscan University of
Steubenville
Environmental Studies
Thesis: *Analysis of Storm Water
in an Urban Environment*

Emmanuel Ofori-Dadzie, B.S.
University of Cape Coast,
Ghana
Mathematics

Stacey Catherine Pavlik, B.S.
Waynesburg University
Biology
Thesis: *Estimating the Impact
of House Sparrows on Eastern
Bluebird Reproductive Success
Across an Urban Gradient*

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

Roger Lee Raby, Jr., B.S.

Wilkes University

Chemistry

Thesis: *Cloning and Overexpression of Yeast Cystathionine γ -Lyase*

Suzie Haile Rezenom, B.S.

University of Asmara, Africa

Biology

Thesis: *Secreted Protein Expression in *Penicillium Marneffe**

Lee Ann Rizzo, B.S.

Kent State University

Chemistry

Thesis: *Synthesis of Bis(2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl)-(Z)-Vinylphosphonates*

William Frederick Romeo, B.S.

Westminster College

Environmental Studies

Thesis: *Evaluation of Algae CO₂ Sequestration in a PVC Substrate Packed Bioreactor Using Simulated Power Station Flue Gas*

Sean Robert Satterlee, B.S., B.A.

Youngstown State University

Biology

Thesis: *The Role of Native Diversity and Successional Processes on Community Invasibility in Riparian Primary Forest*

Samuel Agyei Sefah, B.S.

University of Cape Coast,
Ghana

Mathematics

Veneta Euphema Thompson,
B.S.

Youngstown State University
Biology

Stephanie Marie Uber, B.A.,

B.S.A.S.

Youngstown State University

Criminal Justice

Thesis: *Police Corruption and Misconduct from a Police Officer Perspective: From Identification to Discipline and Prevention*

Shambhavi Velishala, B. Pharm.

Kakatiya University, India

Chemistry

Thesis: *Computational Evaluation of Mechanistic Pathways of Action of Superoxide Dismutase*

Master of Science in Education

Melissa Megan Bach, B.A.

Youngstown State University
Counseling

Rachael Nicole Calhoun, B.A.

Kent State University

Special Education, Autism and
Related Disabilities

Jessica Elizabeth Conlin, B.S.

Slippery Rock University
Counseling

Gina Christine Cucitrone, B.M.,

B.S.E.

The State University of New York;

Youngstown State University
Teacher Education, Literacy

Danielle Jennifer Daltorio, B.S.Ed.

University of Akron

Counseling

Daniel A. Dawson, B.A.

Youngstown State University
Counseling

Jeanette Marie Di Rubba, B.S.Ed.

Youngstown State University
Educational Technology

Eric Charles Ensley, B.S.Ed.

Youngstown State University
Educational Technology

Dena Jalal Esmail, B.S.Ed.

Youngstown State University

Teacher Education, Curriculum
and Instruction

Stephanie Ann Fellenger, B.A.,

M.A.

The Ohio State University;
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Andrew Michael Garber, B.S.Ed.

Geneva College
Educational Administration

Jeffrey T. Geiss, B.A.

University of Mount Union
Educational Technology

Daniela Maria Ghizzoni,

B.S.A.S.

Youngstown State University
Counseling

Christine Diane Gialousis,
B.S.A.S.

Youngstown State University
Educational Technology

Jennifer M. Gonda, B.A.

New York University
Special Education, Autism and
Related Disabilities

Mary Kay Gordon, B.S.Ed.

Youngstown State University
Educational Technology

Lisa Marie Halko, B.A.

University of Central Florida
Counseling

Charles C. Little, B.A., M.A.

Youngstown State University
Educational Administration

Amy E. Lowry, B.S.Ed.

Youngstown State University
Special Education, Autism and
Related Disabilities

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

Lori Ann Marshall, B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Jena Marie Martin, B.S.
Mount Union College
Educational Technology

Amy Rebecca McCormick, B.S.,
M.S.Ed.
Waynesburg University;
Pennsylvania State
University
Educational Technology

Gina Marie Ogle, B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Teacher Education, Curriculum
and Instruction

S. Rebecca Scarpaci, B.F.A.
Youngstown State University
Counseling

Mary-Hope Virginia Thomas,
B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Teacher Education, Curriculum
and Instruction

Nicole Lynn Vlajkovich, B.S.
Bethany College
Educational Administration

Dana Rae Vlock, B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Teacher Education, Curriculum
and Instruction

Jodi Marie West, B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
Teacher Education, Curriculum
and Instruction

Master of Science in Engineering

Naveen Kumar Chintha,
B.Tech.
Jawaharlal Nehru
Technological University,
India
Electrical

Janardhan Reddy Dumpa,
B.Tech.
Jawaharlal Nehru Technological
University, India
Electrical

Claudiu Paul Enascut, B.E., M.S.E.
University of Transylvania,
Romania
Electrical

Yousef Abdel-Itakim Ilayan, B.E.
Youngstown State University
Electrical

Avinash Chowdary Lavu, B.Tech.
Jawaharlal Nehru Technological
University, India
Electrical

Ibrahim Rakad Nusair, B.E.
Yarmouk University, Jordan
Electrical

*Thesis: Comparison Between PWM
and SVPWM Three Phase Inverters
in Industrial Applications*

Naresh Kumar Punnam, B. Tech.
Jawaharlal Nehru Technological
University, India
Electrical

Master of Science in Nursing

Lauren Marie Baluch, B.S., B.S.N.
Youngstown State University;
Cleveland State University
Nurse Anesthetist

Robert Joseph Daniluk, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nurse Anesthetist

Nafees Fazal, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nurse Anesthetist

Angela Wilson Fletcher, B.S.N.
George Mason University
Nurse Anesthetist

Mary C. Herendeen, B.S.N.
Case Western Reserve
University
Nurse Anesthetist

Nicole H. Hertzog, B.S.N.
University of Akron
Nurse Anesthetist

Desiree Monique McKay, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nurse Anesthetist

Alyssa Marie Mrosko, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nurse Anesthetist

Ann Marie Schoen, B.A., B.S.N.
University of Illinois;
Minot State University
Nurse Anesthetist

Anne Marie Stewart, B.S.N.
Kent State University
Nurse Anesthetist

Ryan Charles Turk, B.S.N.
Youngstown State University
Nurse Anesthetist

Kimberly Joy Williams, B.S.,
B.S.N.
Spelman College; Georgia State
University
Nurse Anesthetist

Adam Abdul Alim Wilson,
B.S.N.
University of North Alabama
Nurse Anesthetist

FALL 2012
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS

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 with honors.

Summa Cum Laude

Alexandria Eileen Airhart
Nadine June Anderson
Lacey Rae Arnold
William Bradley Baker
Kevin Michael Bell
Sara Ann Bell
Aaron E. Bishop
Mark Samuel Boda
Emily Carol Bowling
Alaina M. D'Altorio
Vincent Richard Deem
Toni Marie DelDuchetto
Audrey Marie Dodgson
Debra J. Dolasinski
Nannieta L. Drugatz
Michael Louis Dukes
Kyle Garrett Ecklund

Shawna Jean Gallagher
LaKisha Diann Gary
Katelyn M. Gould
Patricia Ann Haff
David Michael Hansen, Jr.
Brandi Nicole Hess
Darcy K. Hilton
Kiriakos Jacob Kakavros
Heidi Michele Keener
Kelsey Gwenn Kempton
Alyssa M. Krohn
Jennifer Susan Lacey
Lindsay Nicole Liddle
Daniel Andrew Lumppp
Patrick Sean Mahon
Joseph Marino IV
Ronald Allen Markowitz, Jr.

Ashley L. Martin
Keith Alan McVey
Michael Joseph Metzinger
Heather Adrienne Mook
Genna Damiano Notareschi
Kirsten Elizabeth Pesa
Stephanie Marie Ruozzo
Michael Robert Senchak
Robert Shaner
Hilary Page Sisler
Ann Elizabeth Skufca
Shannon Marie Smrek
Jocelyn Amanda Tabus
Katherine Marie Toth
Jessica Bonnie Winters

Magna Cum Laude

Mayssa Moussa Bittar
Chelsea M. Chaney
Elizabeth Helen Crisp
James Michael Davis
Frankilyn Marie Demos
Alyssa Elizabeth DiCesare
Rocco John DiGennaro
Lauren Ashley Fraser
Makala Marie Gasparek
Zachary James Humphries
Matthew Howard Kalbfell
Phillipp William Klein
Eric Leroy Lillie

Daniel Scott MacMurchy
Charles Edward Mankey
Dustin Christopher May
Casey Marie Merritt
Kyle Allen Metzger
Joshua Gordon Morris
Jomara Lorena Murillo Segura
Amanda Nicole Nacarato
Pamela J. Pesa
Elise Marie Petras
Valerie Lynn Pridemore
Erin Jessica Rivello
Ralph Josiah Rivera

Stephanie Michelle Sanetrick
Matthew Joseph Sauer
Gary V. Sciortino, Jr.
Kortnie Rae Stanovcak
Brittany Michelle Stout
Stacey Marie Suihkonen
Kristin Rae Szabo
Kristine Marie Totten
Dominic James Valerio
Jessica Lorraine Valsi
Maggie A. Wansack

FALL 2012
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS

Cum Laude

Lindsay Christine Bailey
Natalie Marie Bolino
Ashley Dawn Bonk
Aaron Maureese Carmichael
Jessica Lynn Castick
Sarah Preziosa Chill
Danilo E. Comichista
Marnie N. Cram
Alessandro Benjamin Cutrona
Bradley Alan Dawson
James Michael Fedoruk
Roberta L. Freitag
Anthony Joseph Fry
Katie L. Gettman
Meggan Sue Goehring
Alisha Kaye Goldner
Arnita Louise Hampton
David T. Hartman

William Joseph Heid
Matthew James Henson
Jeffrey William Hinrichs
Grace Elizabeth Holupka
John J. Klem
Sarah Elizabeth Kluska
John Christopher Kocjancic
Daniel E. Kubala
Amanda Lou Laird
Chelsea Lynn LaRoche
Victoria M. Lesniak
Douglas Harvey Livingston
Margo C. Martinez
John Paul McIntyre
Brittany Anne McNeal
Michaela Marie Miller
Melissa Leigh Moran
Kaitlin M. Morse

Shanta S. Nelson-Oliver
Valerie Renee Nichols
Alyssa Marie Paidas
Jessica Lyn Pignatelli
Shawn Robert Rouan
Nicole Margaret Rymer
Adam Sanson
Lamia Leby Sassya
Amy Jo Sebest
Mark Andrew Shannon
Kylee Marie Sharisky
Nicole Renee Smith
Corey James Sotirovich
Christine Marie Thomas
Megan Marie Whitehill
Katherine Louise Whitely
Katherine Marie Wilson
Caleb Alan Wycoff

ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS

With High Honors

Joanie Michelle Cleckner
Taylor Shea Gantz
Trina Sue Miller

With Honors

Jonathan McCartney Clark
Christian Robert Konzett
William Ludwig Droste III
Susan Skrzynski

FALL 2012
HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Elizabeth H. Crisp
Integrated Language Arts Education
Incorporating Science Fiction into Literary Instruction

Brandi N. Hess
Geography
*A Comparative Anecdotal Analysis on Short term
versus Long term International Studies*

Matthew H. Kalbfell
Integrated Language Arts Education
*Incorporating Mitch Albom's Have A Little Faith Into
A Contemporary Literature Program*

Patrick S. Mahon
Accounting
*Social Network Theory Applied: An Analysis of the
Relationships among Accounting Professionals*

Stephanie M. Ruozzo
Music Education Instrumental
*A Couple o' Fools Swappin' Noises: Freud's Id,
Ego, and Superego in Rodgers and Hammerstein's
Oklahoma!*

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS

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Associate of Applied Science

Brent Michael Bionci
Jonathan McCartney Clark
Joanie Michelle Cleckner
Christian Robert Conzett
Brandon L. Cope
Eric Paul Curry
Anthony Lamar McCray
William A. Rankin II

Bachelor of Arts

Austin Jeremy Dunlap
Seon Young Ka
Zachary James Morse

Bachelor of Engineering

William Bryan Bakos
Aaron E. Bishop
Matthew Adam Coppage
Abbie Marie DeLuco
Keith Daniel Karas
Kaitlin Elizabeth Kelley
Chad Edward Kobylanski
Duane Alan Myers
Kyle Vincent Prindle
Vincent Gabriel Rafaiani
Paul Matthew Rauschenberg
Cory Harwood Vesey
Steven Mark Wheeler
Stephen Gavran Zubyk II

Bachelor of Science

Emily Carol Bowling
Jason D. Cooke
Sarah Angela Crowley
Vincent Richard Deem
Anthony J. DeFelice III
Audrey Marie Dodgson
Heather Tiree Hynek
Daniel E. Kubala
Courtney Marie Landgraff
Victoria M. Lesniak
Zachary James Morse
Ayesha Qazi
Lamia Leby Sassya
Kevin Michael Summerville
Sarah Ann Thomas
Raymond J. Vaio
Gabriella Marie Vaturi
Solita Marie Wilson

Bachelor of Science in Applied Science

Imani Sadé Alexander
Matthew J. Amatore
Daniel A. Bandzak
James Robert Burns
Travis Michael Bussard
Eric Paul Curry
Daniel J. David
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Matthew Jason Farren

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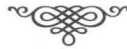
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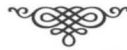
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Professor Walker is in his thirty-first year teaching at Youngstown State University. He also serves as the chair of the Department of Human Performance and Exercise Science, an administrative position he has occupied for the past 17 years. He received his B.S. Ed. and M.A. Ed. degrees from East Carolina University in North Carolina.

Professor Walker has received several grants from state and national organizations. He served as principle investigator for a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, which paired students from the Youngstown City Schools and Springfield Local Schools in outdoor activities designed to promote cooperation and understanding between students from diverse backgrounds. The results of this program were presented at a national conference of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance as a model for other universities hoping to receive a similar grant. He was also principle investigator for a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to train teachers from a variety of local school systems in ways to promote attention enhancement for their students.

Professor Walker has served on numerous university committees while at YSU. Notably, he contributed to the success of the YSU Kresge Challenge Grant Committee in obtaining a substantial financial grant to assist the university in construction of the Andrews Recreation and Wellness Center and also served on the architect selection committee for this project. He is a recipient of the Watson Award which is given to department chairs for outstanding service to the University.

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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.

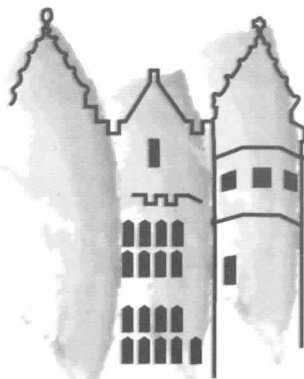
The Presidential Medallion

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 nearly 14,000 full- and part-time students with 117 undergraduate programs, 35 master's degree programs, one specialist program, and three

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 94,000 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.