# Undergraduate Commencement

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, MAY NINETEENTH
TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE
TEN O'CLOCK, BEEGHLY CENTER

## THE UNIVERSITY CEREMONIAL MACE

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

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

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

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 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.

- 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.

### **Commencement Speaker**



Nanette Lepore

Nanette Lepore founded her eponymous brand in New York City's Garment Center in 1992. Known for her signature prints, bold colors and flawless fit, Nanette Lepore has become a premier name in contemporary American fashion.

Born in Youngstown, Ohio, Lepore produced her first couture look at

the tender age of nine, outfitting a neighbor in a floral bedspread, beaded choker, and face paint. The girl posed in the family's front yard behind a hand-lettered sign declaring "Lepore," and thus began Nanette's lifelong love for fashion.

After completing her undergraduate studies at Youngstown University, she packed her bags and headed east to New York City's venerable Fashion Institute of Technology. She earned her degree in design, married painter Robert Savage, and set out to pay her dues in design studios around town. Bolstered by a \$5,000 loan from her father to start her own label, Lepore set out to create a brand that women around the world would come to adore.

Today, Lepore continues to design in her atelier in New York City alongside her husband, who directs the business side of the worldwide brand as its president. Manufacturing the majority of her line in New York City, Lepore is an outspoken advocate for New York City's Garment Center.

Inspired by her worldwide travels and free spirit, Lepore's designs are adored among style-makers, celebrities, and VIPs including Blake Lively, Taylor Swift, Scarlett Johansson, Lauren Conrad, Natalie Morales, Kelly Rutherford and Arianna Huffington.

The brand offers women's apparel, swimwear, handbags, footwear, and fragrance. Nanette also designs oonagh, a playful line of luxe basics.

Nanette Lepore has grown into an international brand with boutiques in the United States, Europe, and Asia. There are currently nine stores in New York, Los Angeles, Bal Harbour, Chicago, Las Vegas, Boston, London, and Tokyo, with further expansion in Asia planned for 2012 and 2013.

### Commencement Student Speaker



Kaitlyn Fabian

Today's student commencement speaker, Kaitlyn Renee Fabian, is Youngstown State University's first graduate in the new Bachelor of Arts in dance management degree program, and does so with the highest honor, summa cum laude. She is also receiving a certificate in entrepreneurship.

During her four years at YSU, Fabian was a Leslie H. Cochran University Scholar and a member of the YSU Honors program. As part of her public service as a University Scholar, she served as the Relay for Life team captain in 2011 and 2012. Among her other awards are membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the Kocinski Award for the outstanding senior dance student, and inclusion in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. At the University's recent honors banquet, she was named a member of the Clarence P. Gould Honor Society.

A dedicated dancer since the age of 10, Fabian was a valedictorian of her class at Boardman High School. She came to YSU as an undeclared major with a dance minor until the dance management major was established in her junior year. She held leadership positions in the YSU Dance Ensemble, served as a student choreographer for the group, and served an internship with the Ballet Western Reserve in fall 2011. Fabian was hired last fall as dance enrichment instructor for the new Visual and Performing Arts program at Chaney High School in Youngstown, a position she hopes to continue after graduation, as well as continuing her teaching at a local dance studio. She plans to establish her own Christian-centered dance studio in the future.

### SPRING 2012 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

Jason Thomas Anderson Julia R. Andrews Lauren Marie Baker Sarah Elizabeth Baker Susan E. Bayus Jessica Lynn Bestic Jill Marie Bica Kelly A. Brothers Mary Katherine Campbell Katherine Denise Carpenter Amanda Marie Carpin Brittany Nicole Chalfant Jennifer Lynn Chandler Julie Marie Connell Justin Raymond Crissman Jeremy Joseph Cummins Rahul Chetan Damania Timothy A. Daniels Christine Marie Darin Jennifer Lynn Demler Crystal Lee Denman Donald Joseph DeSanto II Lindsay Erin DeVecchio Alyssa Marie DiBernardi Alissa Ann Dreier Jonathan Mark Eddy Katie Danielle Engle Jerod Charles Everly Kaitlyn Renee Fabian Lindsey J. Farris Tyler Douglas Fenstermaker Maria A. Fleming Michael Anthony Frasso Allison Rae Fuline Ashley Lynn Fuller Anna B. Garback Brian David Garcar Sean Patrick Geizer

Sarah L. Goodspeed

Jacqueline Nicole Graham

Erin Marie Griehs Cheryl Lynn Guyer Lyndsie Ann Hall Kristin Marie Helle Alexis Lauryn Hribar Ashley Ann Huffman Kevin C. Hulick Kathryn Rose Hyden Samuel George Jacobowitz Ryan Justin James Timothy John Jaykel Ricky Lee Kaiser Marc Allen Kanetsky Kyle Glen Kemats Carol Wardrop Kines Aaron A. Kuntz Nicole Lynn Lariccia Zi-Qi Liew Lindsay Lee Lipp Elise Hunter MacLeod Aaron Thaddeus Margraff Tara Murray McCart Lauren Blazer McComas Courtney Marie McCullough Gregory Michael McCumber Deborah Ann McCurdy Justin Richard McIntyre Patrick Daniel McLaughlin Callie Rochelle Means Kristen Lee Mihalko Desimir Mijatovic Elisabeth Ann Miller Elizabeth Virginia Miller Maryssa Ann Moczan Leah Kathryn Mohl Eric Moore Monica R. Morell Annette Yvonne Moy

Alexandria Marie Ornelas Rachael Ann Paras Amit Anil Parikh Christa Marie Parks Brian Paul Peppel Jamie Lee Petrus Kelli Marie Phillips Matthew J. Piskur Kristen Elise Placer Leesa Vaughn Plaskett Alan Joseph Podolsky Samantha Marie Popovec Tammy Reed Powell Christopher Michael Prater **Boonkit Purt** Danielle Lynn Rudloff Ellie Rose Sanders Ajleeta Sangtani Amy Elizabeth Schmid Marsha Elaine Schott **Evelyn Faith Silvis** Julie Ann Sinkuc Bradley Richard Slabe, Jr. Jenna Marie Smaldino Mario F. Sracic Kavya Parvathi Sreevalsan Michelle Marie Stipetich Lucas Beilby Stokes Spenser Jack Sulzener Breanne Elizabeth Szmaran Rosemary Lee Szparagowski Matthew J. Veneskey Travis James Watson Beth A. White Andrew Scott Wilde Scott Brandon Wilms Randi Michele Yazvac Jennifer Lyn Zdelar Chelsey Anne Zoldan

Jennifer May Moy

Barbara J. Neiswanger

### **PROGRAM**

PRELUDE	"Stars and Stripes Forever March" by John Philip Sousa YSU Wind Ensemble Stephen L. Gage, Director of Bands/Professor of Music Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL	"Pomp and Circumstance" from March No. I by Sir Edward Elgar "March Processional" by Clare Grundman
WELCOME	
COLOR GUARD	The Youngstown State University Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Baritone, Senior, Dana School of Music
STUDENT REFLECTION	
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS	President Anderson
INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES	President Anderson
GREETINGS AND REMARKS	Sudershan Garg Chair of the Board of Trustees
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	President Anderson
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Nanette Lepore Designer
MUSICAL SELECTION	
REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF CAN	DIDATES FOR DEGREESIkram Khawaja  Provost and Vice President For Academic Affairs
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	President Anderson
PRESENTATION OF NANETTE LEPORE TO THE HONORARY DOCTOR OF ARTS DEG	RECEIVE REEPresident Anderson
	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 tham, 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
WELCOME FROM YSU ALUMNI SOCIETY	
CLOSING REMARKS	President Anderson
ALMA MATER	From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. Fleming Mr. Coleman
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.

# SPRING 2012 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS (continued)

### Magna Cum Laude

Syed Taahir Ali Abdulaziz Nasser Almoajil **Jared Scott Ankerman** John Christopher Baniewicz Tyler Joshua Bayless Nicholas Joseph Belcastro Kristopher James Brown Joseph Edward Budny Jared L. Buker Joseph Dominic Carbon Philip Michael Thomas Ciprian Ashley Marie Coler Antonio Joseph Copploe Abby K. Coppock Mark Allen Cornman Audrey Nicole Davidson Jennifer Lynn DeMarco Brandy Nichole Dunbar Ryan Paul Fiscus Todd J. Francis Jessica Michele Fryda Ryan Thomas Gelesky Jonathon James Geramita Kevin Michael Gibson Michelle Nicole Gonos Marcy Elizabeth Gussenhofen Catherine Meredith Henson Nicole Kristen Heywood Greta Hogan

Tarah Althea Holness

Rakin Ahsanul Hoq Melissa Lynn Huffman Cristie Marie Iacobs Audra Elaine Javersak Christopher Paul Iones Tahnee Ann Jones Traci Angela Kalafut Haley Darlene Kapferer Geno Frank Kordic Marc Patrick Kosec Matthew Gregory Kowal Sarah Anne Kramer Meredith Anne Kreiger Rohan S. Kulkarni Erin Olivia Lanney **Emily Jane Lawson** Alyssa Nicole Lockhart Suzanne L. Marsco Christopher Alan Matzye Melissa Marie McClelland Allison Nichole McMillen Kelly Suzanne Mehalco Zachary Prem James Miller Joy Lynne Mistovich Poornima Oruganti Adrian Paulino Shawn Michael Penwell Alexander Michael Petruska Lisa Dianne Pitcairn Eileen Louise Javersak Propri

Rebecca Catherine Pykare Christopher Collin Reed Kristina Leigh Rendle Rachel Noel Ritchey **Jeanette Rivera** Kara Roche Anna Marie Rueberger Lindsey Nicole Russo Iuliana Catherine Seelman Lindsey Nicole Shaffer Navpreet Singh Cami Rae Sowry Shannon Marie Sparks Lisa M. Stafford Kristyn Lynn Stanislav Brandi N. Stillman Kelly Marie Storkel Ashley Marie Teagarden Robin Joy Ten Eyck Melissa Ann Timko Veronica Sofia Torres Oquendo Molly Elizabeth Toth Cassandra Marie Valentini Rohin Vij Megan Rose Vocature Lindsay M. VonSchwarz Amy Marie Warner Elisabeth Julianne Whipkey John Andrew Wilaj, Jr. Kayla Marie Wilson

# SPRING 2012 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS (continued)

#### **Cum Laude**

Michael James Adamson Melissa Lea Airhart Francesca Marie Baldarelli Katie Laurine Ball Alexander Parkhill Barlekamp Joshua Mark Bartek Alexis Morgan Begezda Kelly A. Best Adrienne Lynne Bish Walter A. Bishop III Nicholas Chapman Boniface Alexandra Cardarelli Lauren Nicole Carlozzi Alma G. Ciriello Saundra Lee Clarke Joseph Vincent Copploe II Joyce M. Cutright Katelyn Elizabeth Daniels Progga Das Ashlea Ann DelSignore David James DePanicis **Emily Kay Dickinson** Courtney Dawn Dixon

Michael Christopher Donahue

Katelynn Sue Douglas Tyler James Dubina

Douglas Jack Eisenbraun

Matthew David Folsom Mellissa Lynn Gapsky

Gaile Elizabeth Gaydosh

Michael James Dyer

Jenna Lee Gibbs

Katlin Jean Gonzalez Gary T. Gray Audria Louise Grubbs Nita Kumari Gupta Aaron Hamilton Kimber Andrea Hauge Dawn Marie Helterbran Matthew James Henson Justine Nichole Hinkle Kaitlin R. Infante Cvnthia A. Innocenzi John Michael Jerome Chad Allen Jones Stephanie Anne Kielar William D. Klein Kimberly Lynn Klonowski Briana Koval Matthew L. Kukura Nina Marie Leonelli Albaro Jose Lepe Mary Liakaris Melissa Lynn List Brianna Theresa Lockett Sarah Ann Manuel Julianne Marie Matthews Timothy W. May Dena Marie McCarthy Jeremy Christopher McGhee Taylor Jeffrey McMullin Mihiri Tharanganee Meepegama Rey John Tumanda Mejo Amanda Leigh Mihaly

Andrea Lynn Mihin David Michael Minnie, Ir. Jennifer Marie Mitchell Joseph Calvin Myers Megan Elizabeth Nackino German Antony Natal Richard Paul Okello **Joshua Andrew Pastor** Giovanna Pinto Jessica Lynn Pollis Robert James Ragan, Jr. Patrick Alan Reed Stacy Nicole Reeder **Julie Catherine Rice** Brandy Lee Rider Rachel Rose Ringer Jeannie M. Robinson Natalie Anne Scott Brittany Gene Seman Courtney Tara Skiba Summyre-Starr Buchanan Sloan Sarah Cailin Smith Scott Jeffrey Stoddart John Wesley Swisher Lezlie I. Thorndike Michelle Lynn Treharne Jonathon M. Veigh Stacey L. Vickers Kathryn Marie Wolf Melissa Marie Workoff Robert Allen Young

### SPRING 2012 ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS

### With High Honors

Larry D. Ashburn
Benjamin Lee Burnette
Elizabeth Faith Burnette
Candace M. Campana
Brent Allen Cole
Kristen Danielle Harroff

Brandi Nicole Hess Lucas Scott Kuhar Zachary Howard Miles Michael Roy Mott Abigayle Lee Rice Bradley Root Samantha Renae Rough Melissa A. Seidel Andre Anthony Silvers, Jr. Paul Edward Wilson

#### With Honors

Jenna Kimberly Bertolone Linda S. DiCarlo Jamielynn Elizabeth Doyle Ashia Renae Evans Adam William Gibson Charles D. Halverstadt Victoria Kay Hatton Pepper Dylan Long Scott Andrew Martin Richard Dennis Murphy Lisa Michelle Necastro Amanda Jean Rudzik Samantha Lynn Russell Nicholas Edward Shaulis Devin K. Smith William Robert Smith, Jr. Brittany Ruth Tomaiko Tracey A. Willmitch Thomas Lloyd Yeager Tosha L. Zinn

### SPRING 2012 HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Michael J. Adamson Chemical Engineering Purity Tests for the Conversion of Vegetable Oil to Biodiesel Based on Waste Product Production

Jason Anderson Chemistry Secondary Metabolites of Stereocaulon Alpinum

Julia R. Andrews
Integrated Language Arts
Education
Considering the Female Lead in
War Literature: The Examples
of Catherine Barkley and Scarlett
O'Hara

Lauren M. Baker Nursing Caring Theory in the Art of Nursing

Mary K. Campbell Political Science A Modest Paper: Political Satire From Jonathan Swift to Stephen Colbert

Katherine D. Carpenter
Political Science
Unifying Europe: Integrating Post
Communist States into the European
Union

Brittany N. Chalfant Chemical Engineering Aerogels for Next Generation NASA Space Suits

Timothy A. Daniels Music Education Trumpet Performance Practice: Ornamentation and Improvisation from 1630-1975 Crystal L. Denman
Accounting
Reconciliation of the United State's
Navy Fund Balance with Treasury: The
Keystone for Statement of Budgetary
Resources Audit Assertion

Jonathan M. Eddy
Computer Information Systems
Supporting the Future: A Pragmatic
Approach to Technology and TechnologyBased Learning at Youngstown State
University

Kaitlyn R. Fabian
Dance Management
Divine Dancing: Movement with a
Higher Calling

Anna B. Garback Geography Symbolism and Landscape in Public Structures: A Political Analysis of Washington, D.C., London, and Paris, 1770-1900

Brian D. Garcar Integrated Math Education Implementation of the Mathematics Common Core Standards in Geometry

Sean P. Geizer Music Theory Ironic Dualism in Schubert's "Der Lindenbaum"

Erin M. Griehs
Accounting
Comparative Fraudulent PracticesInternational Differences Between the
United States and the European Union

Audria L. Grubbs Electrical Engineering *Hybrid Exterior Site Pole*  Tarah A. Holness
Political Science
The Politics Behind the Black Beauty
Standard

Ricky L. Kaiser
Chemistry
Galleria mellonella as a virulence
model for the dimorphic fungus,
Penicillium marneffei

Marc A. Kanetsky Biology Escherichia coli in Restaurant drinking water

Kyle G. Kemats Chemistry Removal of Protecting Groups from Synthesized 1, 2, 3 Triazoles

Lindsay L. Lipp Chemical Engineering Proteomics of butanol fermentation from cellulosic sources by Clostridium beijerinckii

Aaron T. Margraff Integrated Math Education Groups Admitting a Fixed Point Free Automorphism of Order 4

Tara M. McCart Mathematics/History Statistical Analysis of the History of Ethnicity and Labor in Youngstown 1910-2010

Lauren B. McComas Integrated Language Arts Education Crash Course Pedagogy: A Survival Guide for Preservice Teachers

### SPRING 2012 HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Gregory M. McCumber Chemical Engineering CO2 Absorption using Na2 CO3 Samples

Justin R. McIntyre
Political Science
Arriving at Justice: A Comparative
Study of the Treaty of Versailles and
the Nuremberg Trials

Joy L. Mistovich English Translation of "Uqbar" by Jorge Luis Borges From Castellano (Spanish) into English

Christa M. Parks Nursing An Evaluation of International Volunteer Health Care Opportunities

Lisa D. Pitcairn
Nursing
An Evaluation of International
Volunteer Health Care
Opportunities

Robert J. Ragan Electrical Engineering Smart Badge

Evelyn F. Silvis Music Education Flute Performance Presenting Works from the 16th-20th Centuries

Jenna M. Smaldino Nursing Caring Theory in the Art of Nursing

Mario F. Sracic Mathematics Finding Aut (G), Inn (G), and Out (G) for Various Groups G

Michelle M. Stipetich Civil Engineering Integrated Design Project-Transportation

Breanne E. Szmara Accounting Sustainability - The Challenge for Accountants Jennifer L. Terek Chemical Engineering Biodiesel Process and Production

Travis J. Watson
Political Science
A Constitutional Case for the Affordable
Health Care Act

Scott B. Wilms
Finance
Studying Abroad: A Guide for YSU
Students

Randi M. Yazvac Integrated Mathematics Model of Chitin Synthase Gene Expressions in Penicillium marneffei

Chelsey A. Zoldan Psychology The Effect of Perspective Taking on Emotions



### SPRING 2012 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.

Deborah McCurdy

Jeremy McGhee

Justin McIntyre

Richard Okello

Lesley Anne Roddy

### BITONTE COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Associate of Applied Science

Larry D. Ashburn

Waleed Hassan Awaji

Darrick Cordale Ball, Jr.

Bobbie Jo Bayus

Jenna Kimberly Bertolone

Jeanne Marie Borbely

Markandeya Haridas Bradley

Jocelyn A. Braun

Noel Lynn Brennan

Rhonda G. Brocious

Saad Abdulwahab Buhalim

Teresa Anne Buckner

Felicia Nichole Chirico

Linda S. DiCarlo

Kori Elizabeth Dorko

Jacqueline D. Ferguson

Laine Elizabeth Glass

Rabia Al Rahman Harris

Victoria Kay Hatton

Michael Shane Heldreth

Brandi Nicole Hess

Sarah Renee Holbrook

Travis Daniel Hostetter

Allan Michael Irizarry-Graves

Jasmine Denise Jones

Erin Melissa Karp

McKenzie Nicole Kordes

Melanie Laughlin

Adrian Lynn McLaughlin

Toni L. McWilson-Mitchell

Anita L. Means

George Henry Myers

Lisa Michelle Necastro

Sara Ann Neff

Emily Elizabeth Paris

Ericka La'Shawn Peake

Abigayle Lee Rice

Jamie Leigh Rollo

Samantha Renae Rough

Amanda Jean Rudzik

Samantha Lynn Russell

Katrena Aleen Schlueter

Amy C. Scott

Melissa A. Seidel

Shaun Michael Serich

Leah Marie Simpson

Devin K. Smith

Patricia Sheree Stewart

Brittany Ruth Tomaiko

Melanie Renee Vance

Shannon Denise Wellington

Sirithia Louise Williams

Tracey A. Willmitch

David Justin Yohman

Kelli Nicole Young Emily Elisabeth Zehall

Amanda M. Zlenka

Bachelor of Science in Applied Science

Zachary Robert Baker

Hannah C. Banks

Chad Mathew Bari

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Tyler Joshua Bayless

Maggie Mae Bogdan

Michael Whitman Bollas

Sarah Ann Bursley

Eean Gabriel Clark

Rachael Ann Conway

Stephen Barrett Cook

Mark Allen Cornman

Anita Melissa Craig

Joyce M. Cutright

Jennifer Suzanne Daly

Courtney Dawn Dixon

Errin R. Donahue

Steven W. Donahue

Tyran Darnell Eargle

Amy Joy Eckhart

Amanda Rose Farmer

Ryan Joseph Fink

Angelo Jon Fornataro

Derrick Deoantra Forrest, Jr.

Amanda L. Gittings

Sarah Nicolle Grape

Alex Brandon Greskovich

Gerald Stephen Guerriero

Kayla M. Hanuschak

Ronald Eugene Haun II

Elyse Michelle Hawout

Kristin Marie Helle

Justine Nichole Hinkle

Erin Kate Hirschbeck

Greta Hogan

John C. Houser

Eric Michael Hughes

Cristin J. Hyland

Mathew Todd Jamison

Christine Marie Jenkins

Tiphanie Brigitte Kalista

Stephanie Anne Kielar

Alison Lynn Kinkela

Amanda Marie Kochmit

Justin Edward Koper

Andrew George Kory Shannon Leigh Kushnereit

Christopher Michael LaCivita

Jacob Robert Lape

LaTasha Chantay Lee

Jennifer Lynn Lehman

Anjalia Necole Lyons

Julianna Marie Malleske

Larry Anthony Manaro

Joseph T. Marando

Erika Leigh Marshall

Patti L. Massery

Christopher Alan Matzye

Melissa Marie McClelland

Tiffany Rose McElroy

John Phillip McHenry

Mihiri Tharanganee Meepegama

Kelly Suzanne Mehalco

Jaclyn Nicole Mehalic

Mark Mehley

Robert Preston Miles

Carol-Ann Elizabeth Miller

Shelyse Nekolle Morgan

Russell John Moser II

Samantha Jean Murphy

Laura Anne Napier Amy Lee Naypaver-Hanuscak

Kelly Ann Nichols

Ashley Marie Nunnari

Conner Terrance O'Halloran

Stephanie Carmella O'Leary

Candiss Nicole Owens

Samantha Page

Samanula Lage

Brian Paul Peppel

Michael Joseph Philibin

Shirley Ann Pisano

Leesa Vaughn Plaskett

Miranda Elaine Ransom Heather Lynn Reichard

William Harris Rogner

Anna Marie Rueberger

Cassandra H. Ruffin Lindsey Nicole Russo

Janelle E. Saldana

Mary M. Schmalzried

Monica Scherl-Enterline

Amy C. Scott

Scott Paul Sentner

Justin Michael Sicilian LaWanna LaTrese Sims

### BITONTE COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (continued)

Melanie Anne Spencer Brittney Elizabeth Sposito Travis J. Spurlock Philip Michael Stackhouse Kristyn Lynn Stanislav Ryan Patrick Stan Alexander Lee Story Erin Anne Straniak Lauren Marie Straniak Geneva Martina Strelka Roman P. Swerdan Katie Denise Tolone Joseph Daniel Tucker Iryna Ustyanovska Jason Damian Vicens Megan Rose Vocature Beth A. White Celeste Jewel White Amy Jo Whittaker James Jay Carlisle Wiezbiski Melinda Nichole Williams Ralph Adam Wilson Lynn Renee Yocum Derick A. Young Joel M. Younkins

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Erica Patricia Alzate Lauren Marie Baker Joshua Mark Bartek Carla Marie Blinsky Sheniqua Shawntiel Brown Ciara Nichole Ciccolelli Andrew Corey Colegrove Ashley Marie Coler Julie Marie Connell Johnny Joe Copley, Jr. Jacqueline Croteau Ashlea Ann DelSignore Ava Clara DiRienzo Rachel Marie Donavich Pethtel Katelynn Sue Douglas Iill Arvn Fabry Danielle Marie Fill Michelle Lynn Fill Maria A. Fleming Allison Rae Fuline Ashley Noel Gentile Jenna Lee Gibbs Sarah L. Goodspeed

Kimberly Eleanor Granchie

Ashley Ann Huffman Melissa Lynn Huffman Karlie Jean Jackson Matilda Evette Jackson John Michael Jerome Kari A. Jewell Paulette Lynn Johnson Jamie Lynn Jordan John Joseph Kajtar, Jr. Haley Darlene Kapferer Meredith Anne Kreiger Jason Roy Lasher **Emily Jane Lawson** Mary Liakaris Leigh Ann Logan Jillian Marie Malandro Brittany Lynn Mancini Suzanne L. Marsco Kathryn Colleen Massacci Courtney Marie McCullough Renee Lynn McGraw Yuvonka Alexis McKinney Amanda Leigh Mihaly Andrea Lynn Mihin Jennifer Marie Mitchell Christine May Morales Monica R. Morell Amanda Marie Morris Joseph E. Myers Megan Elizabeth Nackino Eileen Michelle Newland Leah Nicole Noel Megan Leigh Oaks Tasha Darcel Oliver Cory John Ott Christa Marie Parks Christine W. Pavlick Shannon Lynne Pease Lisa Dianne Pitcairn Samantha Marie Popovec Tammy Reed Powell Christopher Michael Prater James Jeffrey Ramson Stacy Nicole Reeder Brandy Lee Rider Tara Kay Rowley Stephan A. Sammartino Navpreet Singh Jenna Marie Smaldino Jordynne Elizabeth Snyder

Lecia Ruthann Spates Spenser Jack Sulzener Tiffany Ann Taylor Nichole Ann Thomas Melissa Ann Timko Michelle Lynn Treharne Corey Connelly Velk Krista Joy Veres Aliesha Rae Webber

Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care
Katie Laurine Ball
Holly Ann Bauder
Stephanie Racheal Cole
Kristine Marie Cruz
Samantha Michelle Gigax
Joseph William Flood
Kimber Andrea Haug
Jeanette Rivera
Tiffani Arianne Romeo
Nicole Lyn Smith
Andrew Robert Wiesen

Bachelor of Social Work Kristin Lee Acton Monique E. Arocho Adriana Lauren Bier Carolyn A. Bishop Melissa Kathryn Brown Kristie Lynn Caldwell Thelma L. Cruz Stephanie R. Custer Theresa A. Guju-Hursh Emily J. Hale Krystal L. Kinley Mayra Enith Laboy-Perez Patricia Ann Latimer Kenya Allean Middlebrooks Melinda Katherine Miller November M. Palmer Kyle James Pearson Matthew J. Piskur Tiffany L. Pribula Rachel Noel Ritchey Marsha Elaine Schott LaWanna LaTrese Sims Lawrence Joseph Syrowski Cassandra Marie Valentini Emma Garmah Welwolie Samantha Jo Wetzl

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Associate of Arts

D'Treal Alexandra Bennett Candace M. Campana Cheyenne Nicole Cato Jamielynn Elizabeth Doyle Ashia Renae Evans Jason Mar-Keith Gilmore Janeen Nicole Hargrove Daniel Adam Kalitich Efrain Jose Maldonado, Jr. Jennifer E. Marlowe Tina Marie Mculty Megan Star Peace Jasmine Marie Radney Leon Earl Robinson, Jr. Tai Jaune MyKeil Robinson Andrew James Sarich Jasmine Ciera Smith Nadiya M. Young

Bachelor of Arts

Erica Patricia Alzate Richard F. Begalla Jessica Lynn Bestic Zachary Kyle Bierdeman Adrienne Lynne Bish Walter A. Bishop III Daniel Scott Bogue Mariana Catherine Bonish Brandie Evette Brown Kristopher James Brown Joseph Edward Budny Jared L. Buker Walonda Rachelle Burney Mary Katherine Campbell Katherine Denise Carpenter Alex James Chick Adam Russell Chudnofsky Alma G. Ciriello Darla Camille Conti Justin Raymond Crissman Brian Cubellis Christine Marie Darin Gary Davenport Jeanna Marie Denson Lindsay Erin DeVecchio Rachel A. Dicken Travis Andrew Duncan Aimee Nicole Dunn Michael James Dyer

Katie Danielle Engle

Jennifer Maureen Enyeart Jerod Charles Everly Caitlin Louise Fitch Anna B. Garback Kelley D. Geiser Ryan Thomas Gelesky Samantha M. Gilmore Brian Thomas Glenn Katlin Jean Gonzalez Cheryl Lynn Guyer Ryan Hunter Hamilton **Justine Nichole Hinkle** Tarah Althea Holness Danielle Patryce Hosey Kevin C. Hulick Anastasia Marie Ishac Audra Elaine Javersak Kayla Kristen Jeswald Andrew Johnson IV Couri Ann Johnson Stephanie Nicole Iones Traci Angela Kalafut Alyssa J. Keegan Angela Linn Klingensmith Patricia Ann Latimer Steven L. Learn Ruth Ann Madden Daphne Markakis Ryan G. McAllister Tara Murray McCart Jeremy Christopher McGhee Justin Richard McIntyre Willie G. McKinney III Paige Ashleen McWhorter Amanda Nicole Miller Joy Lynne Mistovich Kelsey Brianne Mitten **Brittany Nicole Montgomery** Kathryn Laura Sunshine Moran Alex Kenneth Neville Michael David Pilch Kristen Elise Placer **Julie Marie Plesich** Eileen Louise Javersak Propri Michelle L. Protopapa Ieannie M. Robinson Brena Faustine Ross Danielle Lynn Rudloff Natalie Anne Scott Lindsey Nicole Shaffer

Amanda Diane Sigler Kasenya Janee Smith Melissa Mary Smith Rebecca Nicole Steh Joshua David Stipanovich Chrisanthi Tataris Matthew Michael Tobin Christine Denise Toporcer Molly Elizabeth Toth Kari Lynn Tridle Cassandra Marie Valentini Travis James Watson Sara Elizabeth Weigel Adam Joseph Zola Chelsey Anne Zoldan Julie Ann Zuckla

Bachelor of General Studies Milagrito Isabelle Aponte Dawn Baran **Brandy Lynne Bates** Susan E. Bayus Joshua Robert Boggs Nicole Anne Burrelli Melodie Ann Campana Gregory A. Dissinger Kevin Steve Elswick Mark Daniel Fiest Radad Nasir Hamayel Jonathan Russell Hillman Suzanne Khoury Ishac James Jay Johnston III Christy Helen Nicole Kalna Kellie Kristen Kearney Joshua Ryan Langenheim Luis David Leon Gwendolyn Joyce Lumpkin-Stubbs Laura Lynn McIntyre Sarah Ann Monroe Dennis H. Pixley III Maria L. Rivera **Justin Michael Silvestri** Julie Ann Sinkuc Kristan Lynn Taiclet Christopher J. Tamasovich Caitlin Brie Todd Antonette Marie Vasquez Adrienne Zane Viano Rashana White-Bey

# COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS

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Dr. Bosley, associate professor in the Department of Nursing, has served YSU in a number of capacities in the past 24 years. Beginning in 1988, her career path at YSU has taken her from positions as an instructor, assistant professor, and coordinator in the Nursing Department to assistant dean and associate dean in the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services. In January 2008, Dr. Bosley was appointed by the provost to serve as YSU's first coordinator of academic advising at Youngstown State. In the fall of 2011, she returned to teaching full time and was recently awarded a sabbatical to investigate factors affecting minority student success in baccalaureate nursing programs. She has been the past recipient of YSU's Distinguished Professorship Award for Scholarship and the Excellence in Research Award of the XiXi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. She also received recognition for 2011 Exemplary Practice in Assessment through the Office of the Provost and Office of Assessment. Dr. Bosley is a registered nurse with many years of experience as a critical care nurse and cardiovascular clinical nurse specialist. She received her MSN and PhD in nursing from Kent State University and recently received the distinguished designation of Certified Nurse Educator through the National League for Nursing.

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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

ounded in 1908, Youngstown State
University originally served 160 students with
about a dozen faculty members and provided
expanded educational opportunity for all
people—store clerks and factory managers, steel
industry workers, newly arrived immigrants,
women and men, and both part-time and fulltime learners.

This progressive spirit guided the development of the institution as it evolved from a YMCA technical institute, later as Youngstown College (1928), then as Youngstown University (1955) and, in 1967, as Youngstown State University, a member of the Ohio public higher education system.

Today, Youngstown State University is a leading comprehensive university, serving more than 14,500 full- and part-time students with 117 undergraduate programs, 41 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 93,000 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.