



*F*ALL
COMMENCEMENT
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER FIFTEENTH
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN
TWO O'CLOCK, BEEGHLY CENTER

THE UNIVERSITY CEREMONIAL MACE



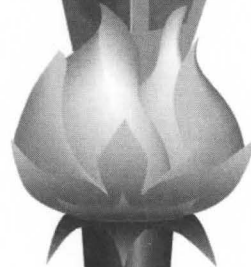
Silver Ceremonial Disk of Trust

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.

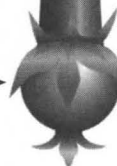
Polished Rosewood Upper Grip

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 Brandt Payne, <i>Director of Athletic Bands and Assistant Professor of Music</i> Dana School of Music, College of Creative Arts and Communication
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL.....	"Suite #1 in Eb Major: III. March" by Gustav Holst "Pomp and Circumstance": March No. I by Sir Edward Elgar/arr. Grundman "March Processional" by Clare Grundman
WELCOME.....	Randy J. Dunn <i>President</i>
COLOR GUARD.....	The Youngstown State University Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps
NATIONAL ANTHEM.....	Sierra McCorvey, <i>Senior</i> Dana School of Music
STUDENT REFLECTION	Rose Bonilla <i>Graduating Senior, College of Creative Arts and Communication</i>
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS.....	President Dunn
INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES.....	President Dunn
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.....	Simeon Booker <i>Award-winning journalist</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION	"Sleigh Ride" Leroy Anderson
REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES.....	Provost and Vice President Khawaja
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	President Dunn
PRESENTATION OF SIMEON BOOKER TO RECEIVE THE HONORARY DOCTOR OF LETTERS	President Dunn
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES.....	Salvatore Sanders, <i>Associate Dean of Graduate Studies</i> Charles Howell, <i>Dean of the Beeghly College of Education</i> Joseph Mosca, <i>Dean of the Dr. 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> 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> Bryan DePoy, <i>Dean of the College of Creative Arts and Communication</i>
WELCOME FROM YSU ALUMNI SOCIETY	Noreen Moderalli <i>President, YSU Alumni Society</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	President Dunn
NATIONAL ANTHEM.....	Star Spangled Banner, Traditional
ALMA MATER.....	From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. Fleming Sierra McCorvey
RECESSIONAL	"Liberty Bell March" by John Philip Sousa "Fairest of the Fair" by John Philip Sousa "National Emblem" 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



Simeon Booker
Award-winning journalist

news African-Americans would read nowhere else and the names they needed to know.

Long considered the “dean” of black journalists, Simeon Booker’s stock-in-trade were consistency, fierce loyalty to the cause of civil rights and a missionary impulse to help people.

Born in Baltimore in 1918, Booker was raised from the age of seven in Youngstown, Ohio, where his father, S.S. Booker, was Secretary of the black branch of the YMCA and later pastor of Third Baptist Church. As a youth he submitted articles to the Youngstown *Vindicator* and covered sports for the *Buckeye Review*. After high school, he enrolled in Youngstown College, but he refused to continue there after learning that black students at the YMCA-sponsored school were not allowed activity cards. He told his father he would not return unless that unwritten policy changed. His father encouraged him to transfer to his own alma mater, Virginia Union University in Richmond, from which Booker graduated in 1942.

Booker’s first job was in the city room of the Baltimore Afro-American newspaper. Two years later he joined the Cleveland *Call and Post*, where he won a Newspaper Guild award for a series on exploitation of slum housing and a Willkie award for his reporting on racial inequality in Cleveland public schools. After three tries, he won the award that Booker calls the turning point in his career, the coveted Nieman Fellowship in journalism at Harvard University for the 1950 to 1951 academic year. After his Nieman year, he joined *The Washington Post*, becoming its first black staff reporter at a time when Washington was still a very segregated city. After two years as a general beat reporter, Booker decided that he could make his greatest contribution to the cause of civil rights by joining the pocket-size weekly that would soon become the “bible” for news about the Black community – *Jet* magazine.

It was as a reporter for *Jet* magazine that Booker ventured for the first time into the Deep South. He

Award-winning journalist Simeon Booker retired in 2007 at the age of 88, after more than half a century as Washington Bureau Chief and White House correspondent for *Jet* and *Ebony* magazines. In doing so, he also signed off on an institution in Black America – a weekly column, “Ticker Tape USA,” that, for over 50 years, was like a latter-day wireless, telegraphing across the country the

covered the Mississippi kidnapping and murder of 14-year-old Emmett Till so thoroughly that his reporting is credited with galvanizing the growing civil rights movement. Murders, marches, sit-ins and freedom rides – he covered it all. And as the American scene changed, he twice followed black troops to Vietnam to report on the heroism of soldiers whose rights were still unsecured in their own hometowns.

In the 1970s, Booker also reached a nationwide audience as a commentator for Westinghouse radio and seized the opportunity to promote not only fair play for blacks, but human rights for all of America’s minorities.

Booker’s eyewitness account of an astonishing half century – including his coverage of ten U.S. presidents – was published this year by University Press of Mississippi, an irony not lost on any reader. *Shocking the Conscience* has been widely acclaimed as “unforgettable,” “fascinating” and a “bright new thread running through accepted civil rights history.” His collaborator on the book was his wife of forty years, retired attorney and former journalist, Carol Booker.

This past January, Booker was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the National Association of Black Journalists.

Commencement Student Speaker



Rose Bonilla

Rose Bonilla graduated Poland Seminary High School in 2009 with honors. She is a double major in communications (media track) and journalism and a double minor in telecommunications and psychology. Rose studied abroad in Istanbul, Turkey for a semester in 2011 and has also interned at The Talent Group in Cleveland and at 21 WFMJ News.

Rose has earned a spot on the dean’s list each semester and has also received multiple awards including: Dr. Kathleen Kougl Scholarship in Communication Studies (2013), the Cleveland Association of Broadcasters Scholarship (2012), and the 2008-2009 Resch Student Leadership Award.

Throughout her time at Youngstown State, she was involved with Lambda Pi Eta, the YSU Latino Organization, Homework Express, Co-ed soccer, *The News Outlet* and *The Jambar*. After graduating, Rose will complete the hiring and training process with American Airlines to be a flight attendant before pursuing her goal of becoming a broadcast news reporter later on in her life. Rose loves to tutor others in Spanish and math, sing, dance, travel and run.

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

Sandra Campbell Myers
Dissertation: *Comprehensive Sex
Education in a Rural School District*
Educational Leadership



Master of Arts

Angelina O'Brien Ampomah
Financial Economics

Jennifer Jan Arnold
English

Laura Lynn Cole-Knapp
English

John George Dohar
Financial Economics

Louis Patrick Gallo
American Studies

Nicholas Robert Libeg
Thesis: *Thus Spoke Billy Pilgrim:
Kurt Vonnegut's Nietzschean
Thought*
English

Michael Akoful Mensah
Financial Economics

Reginald Nii Sowah Odoi
Financial Economics

Martha Frances Offerdahl
Thesis: *Tracing the Past: Reading
American History Through the
Lens of an American Family*
American Studies

Craig Michael Rader
Thesis: *The Waters of March:
Environmental, Social, and
Commercial Reactions to the
Mahoning Valley Flood of 1913*
American Studies

Suzanne Amanda Starheim
Thesis: *Effective Commentary on
Student Writing: Pairing Praise
with Suggestion*
English

Ashley Shannon Vogel
English

Master of Business Administration

Shelley Marie Struthers Carfolo
Management

Randolph Charles Cutshall
Management

Jason Kyle Debelyak
Management

Andrew Joseph Flugher
Management

Mary Grace Hall
General Business

Nadeem Husain
Finance

Stacy Danielle Rhoads
General Business

Douglas Eugene Rice
General Business

Rachel Ann Sweany
Management

Master of Computing and Information Systems

Sruthi Bandarupalli
Computing and Information
Systems

Sravan Kumar Banka
Computing and Information
Systems

Amruth Bommara
Computing and Information
Systems

Grace Havila Jetty
Thesis: *An Empirical Study
Assessing the Impact of SeeIT
3D on Comprehension*
Computing and Information
Systems

Gengkon Lum
Thesis: *Design and
Implementation of a Web-
Accessible Plant Secretome
Knowledge-Base*
Computing and Information
Systems

Alfred Solis
Computing and Information
Systems

Brandi N. Stillman
Thesis: *Implementation of
Artificial Intelligence to Improve
Novice Drivers' Hazard
Perception Skills*
Computing and Information
Systems

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

Novi Trisjanjar Computing and Information Systems	Michael J. Glonek Criminal Justice	Abbey Lynn Yannerella Biology
Master of Health and Human Services Anna Marie Fiest Health and Human Services	Jazerie J.L. Groom Thesis: <i>Evaluation of Apparent Formation Constant of Host-Guest Inclusion Complexes of Solutes with Soluble Calixarenes Using High Performance Liquid Chromatography</i> Chemistry	Elizabeth Theresa Zell Thesis: <i>A Novel Synthesis and Characterization of Copper Chloride Nanocrystals in a Sodium Chloride Matrix</i> Chemistry
Master of Music Stephen Geoffrey Cline Music Performance	Sreevani Kalapala Thesis: <i>Removal of Hydrogen Sulfide from Landfill Gas Using a Solar Regenerable Adsorbent</i> Chemistry	Master of Science in Education Monique Terelle Baker-Brown Counseling
Ryan Eugene Ham Music Performance	Kaitlyn Dianna Lucas Thesis: <i>Magnesium Sulfonyldibenzoates: Synthesis, Structure, and Microscopic Studies</i> Chemistry	Crystal Lynn Biddle Teacher Education, Early Childhood
Yanda Zhu Thesis: <i>Christmas Impressions for String Orchestra/An Analysis of George Gershwin's Piano Solo Version of Rhapsody in Blue</i> Music Theory and Composition	Gideon Mensah Mathematics	Kevin John Bosley Educational Administration
Master of Respiratory Care Kelly L. Colwell Respiratory Care	Alethea Cecelia Mymo Thesis: <i>Investigation of Novel Precursor Routes for Incorporation of Spinel-Type Phases into Ceramic- Metallic Composites Formed via the TCON Process</i> Chemistry	Teresa Lynn Burk Counseling
Master of Science Linus Addae Mathematics	Julie Marie Orto Thesis: <i>From Steel City to Steal City: Is Rusty Risky for High Crime?</i> Criminal Justice	Ronald Joseph Delesky, Jr. Counseling
Samuel Addai Mathematics	Frank Rutherford Criminal Justice	Wilma June DePiere Counseling
Jonah Kwesi Amponsah Mathematics	Tausif Siddiqui Thesis: <i>Studies on the Synthesis and Structural Characterization of Magnesium Carboxylates with Flexible and Rigid Organic AcidLinkers</i> Chemistry	Jessica Joan Gardner Teacher Education, Content Area Concentration: English Language Arts
Praveen Kumar Bandrupalli Thesis: <i>Thermal Analysis of Decomposition Reactions of Aspartic and Glutamic Acids in KCl Matrix</i> Chemistry	Terrence Lee Swadener, Jr. Thesis: <i>Short Term Impact of Alternative Response Approach in Child Welfare Cases</i> Criminal Justice	Kelly S. Gorman Counseling
Michael Kwaku Boateng Thesis: <i>The Dynamic Behavior of Macrophages in Wound Healing</i> Mathematics		Sarah Beth Hill Special Education, Autism and Related Disabilities
Joshua James Denmeade Thesis: <i>Investigation of Novel Precursor Routes for Incorporation of Oxynitride Spinel Phases into Ceramic-Metallic Composites Formed via the TCON Process</i> Chemistry		Alyssia Leigh Kappas Educational Administration
		Adrian Derrick Komora Educational Administration
		Raymond Thomas Marks II Teacher Education, Curriculum and Instruction
		Margaret Jean Matune Educational Administration

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

Brandon David Miller
Counseling

Robin Lynn Miller
Counseling

Danielle M. Mrofchak
Teacher Education, Early
Childhood

Suzanne N. Olesko
Counseling

Katherine Michelle Palagano
Counseling

Beth Ann Santimauro
Teacher Education, Early
Childhood

Carolanne Elisabeth Semancik
Counseling

Sean E. Sich
Teacher Education, Content
Area Concentration: Social
Studies

Katie Rosemarie Stack
Special Education, Autism and
Related Disabilities

Jennifer Rose Tomerlin
Counseling

Thomas Anthony Zimmerman
Counseling

**Master of Science in
Engineering**

Gelan Badr
Thesis: *Modeling First-Year
Engineering Retention Rate
and Success in STEM at
Youngstown State University*
Industrial and Systems

Kyle Beca
Industrial and Systems

Salim Bux
Mechanical

Hiwa Fakhraddin Hamid
Thesis: *Bridge Condition Assessment
Using Dynamic Response Collected
Through Wireless Sensor Network*
Civil and Environmental

Amer Shamil Jaroo
Thesis: *Bridge Load Rating Using
Dynamic Response Collected
Through Wireless Sensor Networks*
Civil and Environmental

Munindra Khadka
Mechanical

Prashant Vijayrao Mane
Thesis: *Computational Study of
Poppet Valve on Flow Fields*
Mechanical

Francis Owusu-Dompreh
Thesis: *Application of Rapid
Manufacturing Technologies to
Integrated Product Development
in Clinics and Manufacturing
Industries*
Industrial and Systems

Adam Mendes Palumbo
Thesis: *Design and Analysis of
Cooling Methods for Solar Panels*
Mechanical

Juren Gartner Raske
Electrical

John Charles Terzak
Thesis: *Modeling of Microvascular
Shape Memory Composite*
Mechanical

Master of Science in Nursing
Amanda Danielle Angus
Nurse Anesthetist

Darla Marie Anselmi
Nurse Anesthetist

Jonathan Scott Grist
Nurse Anesthetist

Geenu Tressy James
Nurse Anesthetist

Matthew Gregory Knowlson
Nurse Anesthetist

Adam Paul Kopacz
Nurse Anesthetist

Francis Mariga Mwangi
Nurse Anesthetist

Tyler Ernest Neff
Nurse Anesthetist

Nicole Marie Pugh
Nurse Anesthetist

Michael A. Rice
Nurse Anesthetist

Heather M. Sonntag
Nurse Anesthetist

Bradly John Turnbull
Nurse Anesthetist

FALL 2013
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

Emily Alcorn
Autumn Shelby Arnold
Brittany Lee Bailey
Robert Joseph Barns
Jillian Lorraine Billeck
Michael T. Brand
Amy Danielle Burkard
Rhondia Faye-Hope Burt
Chelsea Marie Carbonell
Michael Adam Cerni
Thomas Anthony Chill
Alex Daniel Dager
Kim Duy Do
Morgan Courtney Fagnano

Kristen Michelle Gismondi
Thomas Graham Goldthwait
Megan M. Harwell
Melissa Marie Haug
Sabrina Ann Hawkins
Natalie Lynn Haynam
Alyssa Marie Italiano
Rizuana Jahan
Lillian Elizabeth Justice
Kelli Nicole Kampfner
Melissa Ann Kayla
David Joseph Makara
Anthony Louis Massaro

Morgan Dawn Meyer
Charlene Louise Milano
Zachary Howard Miles
Kenneth Gene Miller
Laura Ann Mistovich
Beth Carol Myers
Rachel Anne Olson
Matthew Carter Pierson
Victoria Ann Rumph
Mark David Sember
Meghan Elaine Shively
Crystal Dawn Stanton
Vanessa Marie Tortora

Magna Cum Laude

Nathan Colin Adams
Chelsea Elizabeth Baker
Zachary John Barkley
Bronson Bartolone
Elizabeth Marie Baytos
Marilyn Dian Bills
Rose Marie Bonilla
Scott Jason Brand
Jennifer Bruno
Chelsea Marie Buskirk
Ronald Lawrence Carik
Jonathan Michael Conrad
Lauren Kimberly Corcoran
Amber Rae Cross
Lauren Ashley Erdel
Frances Marque Fuller
Lisa Louise Gasperoni
Brian David Gigliotti

Corey James Griffith
Megan Ann Hawkins
Nicholas Lawrence Jeswald
Jennifer Marie Kopanic
Mitchell Travis Lauer
Robin Lynn Lester
Alexa Nicole Lovas
Melissa Marie Ludban
Robert Jay Marlin
Alanna Leigh McBride
Kathleen Rebekah McCoy
Kathryn Mills
Kenneth Harold Minter
Kimberly Ann Myers
Stephanie Michelle Norton
Tricia Lynn Oskorip
Nicholas Anthony Palladino

Taylor Nicole Pallo
Danica Lee Rice
Dominic Anthony Rich
Molly Catherine Rogers
Pamela Michele Sajnovsky
Brant Markus Sloan
Andrea Jean Smith
Kristen Michelle Spatak
Jessica Nicole Stacy
Sarah Mae Stepp
Alexandria Diane Szakacs
James Jacob Tetlow
Kathryn Brianna Vrabell
Courtney Marie Waskin
Amy Lynn Williamson
Shee Wai Wong
Jessica Marie Yuricek

FALL 2013
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS *(continued)*

Cum Laude

Lauren Elisabeth Adair
Alex William Aebischer
Stacy Ann Barthlemess
Mark Joseph Baynes
Daniel Patrick Blount
Philip Borovitcky
Nicole Anne Burdette
Erica Kathleen Burkey
Mark Burley
Ryan G. Cannell
Miranda Nicole Carkido
April Lynn Chestnut
Michael Edward Chuey
Megan Lynn Clark
Genevieve Ann Connors
Cara Marie Diana

Amanda Christine DiIanni
Lauren Ashley Dodge
Dorothy Jean Eldridge
Robert Waldon Flint
Trina Joyalle Gabriel
Adam Eugene Geister
Alecia Marie Hetrick
Dale Ray Hinzman
Kaylee Marie Kalman
Megan Ann Keleman
Charles Derek Kish
Kristin Renee Kulp
Hayley Marie Lombardo
Christopher Martin Lozano
Adreanna Shonelle Mendenhall
Tiffany Marguerite Ortega

Jeffery Alexander Othman
Meredith Percich
James Earl Pisano
Kelly Rochelle Pitts
Stephanie Marie Presutti
Brian A. Remias
Kyle Robert Rhodes
Ashley Lauren Takash
Andrea L. Terrago
Monica Nicole TouVelle
Chelsea Lynne Tritschler
Nicholas William Volinchak
Bryan Jeffrey Weingart
Bridget Anne Yurcisin
Laina Marie Zack

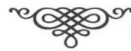
FALL 2013
ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS

With High Honors

Christopher Michael Fitzgibbon
Mary Margaret Wheeler

With Honors

Nicole Faychak
Shaun Gregory Garcia
Mark A. Harris
Michael Joseph Squibbs



HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Emily Alcorn
Music Education Vocal
The Planning and Preparation of Voice Recitals

Jillian L. Billeck
Biology
*Applying Principles of Anatomy and Physiology
to Dance and Dance Instruction*

Kim D. Do
Mathematics
*Introduction to Combinatorial Game
and What Lies Underneath*

Nicholas A. Palladino
Civil Engineering
Geotechnical Design and Cost Estimation

BEEGHLY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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Bachelor of Science in Education

Jensen Isaac Acierno
Donna Lynn Alflen
Brittany Lee Bailey
Jonathan Paul Bain
Stacy Ann Barthlemess
Amy Danielle Burkard
Rhondia Faye-Hope Burt
Chelsea Marie Buskirk
Chelsea Marie Carbonell
Kayla Marie Cardenas
Steven Harold Cheney
George Clarke
Amber Rae Cross
Joshua Tyler Dankovich
Cara Marie Diana
Lauren Ashley Dodge
Jared Scott Ebie
Robert J. Eggleston
Barbara A. Enoch
Lauren Ashley Erdel
Morgan Courtney Fagnano
Robert Waldon Flint
Maria Gabrielle Garbarz

Michael Benjamin Geffert
Megan M. Harwell
Melissa Marie Haug
Sabrina Ann Hawkins
Ryan James Holmes
Lillian Elizabeth Justice
Kaylee Marie Kalman
Kelli Nicole Kampfer
Kelly Drew Kensinger
Charles Derek Kish
Jennifer Marie Kopanic
Jamie Lynn Kuzmicki
Christine Ann Lapikas
Holly Lynn Lesko
Amanda Lester
Robin Lynn Lester
Richard Kenneth Love
Richard Louis Macklen
David Joseph Makara
Nicholas John Mamrich
Andrea Christine Marcy
Morgan Dawn Meyer
Laura Ann Mistovich

Beth Carol Myers
Kimberly Ann Myers
Anthony Leonard Napolitano
Tiffany Marguerite Ortega
Tricia Lynn Oskorip
Amber Dawn Palo
James Richard Parker
Molly Catherine Rogers
Stephanie Jo Rumberger
Kevin Dwayne Rush II
Tara Lynn Sandford
Meghan Elaine Shively
Brant Markus Sloan
Andrea Jean Smith
Jessica Nicole Stacy
Crystal Dawn Stanton
Benjamin James Steiner
Vanessa Marie Tortora
Chelsea Lynne Tritschler
Bryan Jeffrey Weingart
Courtney Lynn Williams
Laina Marie Zack
Jill Marie Zinger

BITONTE COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Associate of Applied Science

Dawn Marie Davanzo
Christopher Alan Everts
Crystal D. Gorby
Danielle Marie Hassay
Jennifer Monique Hudson
Ta'Neil DeVonne Jackson
Danielle Marie Jones
Lorrie Lynne Lucas
Amanda Mae Meyers
Jennifer Lynn Meyers
Sarah Marie Mohn
Ryan Glenn-Leo Morgan
Ashjan R. Ottallah
Rachael Elisabeth Palladino
Taslim Rahanna Patterson
Francis Paul Retort
James Michael Ritter
Kevin Warren Steele
Cody William Tolonie
Danielle Dawn Whitt
Erin Elizabeth Young
Clayton Briar Zimmerman

Bachelor of Science in Applied Science

Cori Lynn Alexander
Blake Thomas Aquadro
Autumn Shelby Arnold
Brett Michael Balog
Joelle Battista
David Kenneth Belmont
Jelani Aswad Berassa
Daniel Patrick Blount
Jennifer Bruno
Kendra Jan Burgermyer
Lea Page Byers
Elizabeth Mary Cabot
Anthony Michael Cambarare
Melissa Marie Cardon
Lisette Milagro Cartagena
Meredith Renee Clement
Kerry Marie Cullen
Deanna Lynn Dailey
Joseph William Danko, Jr.
John Eric Disch
Craig Lee Dudek
William Christopher Eddy
Lorneeshia Jamille Elliott

Brandon William Ericsson
Gina Danielle Fairbanks
Joshua Deon Fenderson
Joseph Charles Fusillo
Alycia Marie Gatta
Courtney Marie Gobel
Jamalynne Kay Hawkins
Natalie Lynn Haynam
Lyndsay Carol Heaton
Darrel Fred Herdman
Travis Daniel Hostetter
Dawnise J. Hromyak
Fallon Jean-Marie Hunt
Addaleigh Amelia Huzyak
Samantha Jo Ickes
Intisar Sahar Ismaeli
Kristopher J. Johnson
Melissa Ann Kayla
Malissa Ann King
Ashley Emma Kruse
Brittany Anna Kruse
Kristin Renee Kulp
Melissa Marie Ludban
Britnie Nicole Lutz

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

Jessica Ann McCarty
Carol-Ann Elizabeth Miller
Kathryn Elizabeth Miller
Elaine L. Morrison
James Joseph Mszanski
Timothy Andrew Myers
John Michael Nagle
Dana Marie O'Neill
Elizabeth Marie Perry
James Earl Pisano
Amanda Daisy Pishotti
Kyle Robert Pitts
Terry Duane Pitts
Jodi Marie Richards
Brian David Rutt
Michele Marie Sajnovsky
Mark David Sember
Jonathan Mathew Silverman

Kyle M. Sirl
Cheryl Leigh Small
Ryan Patrick Stan
Connie Lynn Stewart
Erin Nicole Stowe
Ashley Lauren Takash
Kelly Nicole Tammaro
Andrea L. Terrago
Natalie Janel Tomcsak
Geraldyn Stephanie Tondo-Steele
Terrance Tyrrell Turner
Alyssa Lynn Uhl
Benito Velazquez, Jr.
Kathryn Brianna Vrabel
Heather Marie Weber
Jessica Lynn Woodley

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Michael J. Billock

Bachelor of Social Work
Nicole Ann Marie Agani
Marilyn Dian Bills
Erica Kathleen Burkey
Laquita Marchell Clark
Kathleen Crump
Luke Elliot Evancho
Samantha Joel Fishel
Trina Joyalle Gabriel
Suzanne Teresa Locke
Kathleen Rebekah McCoy
Adreanna Shonelle Mendenhall
Kristie Leanne Perricellia
Pamela J. Shaner
Brian Michael Williams

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Associate of Arts

Ashlyn Symone Baker
Tanisha Monique Blocker-Perry
Rachel Lynn Brainard
Nicole Faychak
Timeka Destinee Gayles
Sieyribeth Eloisa Gomez
Christina Marie Morales
Abby Rose Patterson
Jennifer Ann Prezioso
De'Ondre Maurice Stringer
Angela Marie Tankovich

Bachelor of Arts

Sara Yousef Abusaleh
Lauren Elisabeth Adair
Angelica Chantell Avery
Brittany Elizabeth Baum
Joseph Patrick Bellotta
Lucas Richard Benson
Emile Toni Boulos
Craig Joseph Caputo
Ronald Lawrence Carik
John Albert Cerni
Thomas Anthony Chill
Jonathan Michael Conrad
Brec William Conti
Michael Tod D'Amico
Bryan Alan Darko
April Janelle Decker
Gregory George Diamantis
Melissa Jacqueline Dubaj

Michael Louis Dukes
Andrew Jeremy Durig
Cynthia Niccole Ferry
Thomas Graham Goldthwait
Seth Garrett Grubaugh
Alecia Marie Hetrick
Alyssa Marie Italiano
Paige Renee Jackson
Gregory Nicholas Julian
Sean Patrick Keenan
Alexa Nicole Lovas
Alanna Leigh McBride
Charlene Louise Milano
Levant Alaister Miller
Lori Renee Miller
Kathryn Mills
Stephen Anthony Mitchell
Maria Elaina Moldovan
Michael Piesto
Kelly Rochelle Pitts
Danica Lee Rice
Stephanie Michelle Norton
Charlotte May Rogers
Prencella Shaunte' Taylor
Vincent A. Trolio
Lauren Nicole Verzilli
Kelsey Nichole Wagy
Michael Warner
Amy Lynn Williamson
Shee Wai Wong
Melissa Ann Yalcin

Bachelor of General Studies

Wesley Ryan Adkins
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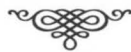
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Friedrich W. Koknat began his career at Youngstown State University in 1969 as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry after doing postdoctoral research at Iowa State University. He received his Masters degree (Diplom-Chemiker) and his Doctor of Natural Sciences (Dr rer nat) degree from Justus Liebig University in Giessen, Germany.

He is an inorganic chemist whose early work involved directing student research for the university's newly established Masters Program and teaching inorganic graduate and upper level undergraduate courses, as well as large freshman-level General Chemistry classes. He presented papers on his research at national and international meetings and also published his research in a number of articles. When the need arose, he moved on to teaching Quantitative Analysis, and, finally, for more than a decade, to coordinating lectures, recitations, and laboratories of his department's large General Chemistry sequence. Upon his official retirement, he was granted the title Professor Emeritus of Chemistry.

During his career, Professor Koknat represented his department on a number of college and university-wide committees and on the Academic Senate. For a span of ten years, he worked as the university's representative on a Board of Regents Faculty Committee evaluating General Studies courses statewide.

He served his profession as a two-time chair of the Penn-Ohio Border Section of the American Chemical Society and his local faculty union for two 2-year terms as a treasurer. As the chair of his union's elections committee, he supervised a total of seven annual elections of College Promotion Committees university-wide.

In 1982 he assisted pre-medical students in organizing the Youngstown State University Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the pre-medical honor society. Subsequently, he served as their faculty advisor for more than 30 years, preparing them to make their way to medical school.

His major contribution to the university and its community, however, has been teaching large General Chemistry classes and helping thousands of students to understand the principles of chemistry, enabling them to lead productive and fulfilling lives as chemists, engineers, teachers or medical professionals.



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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.

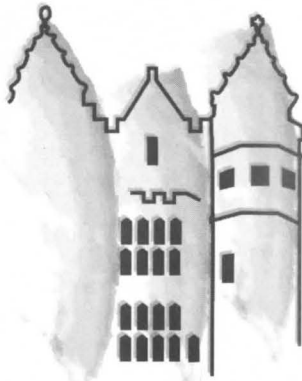
The Presidential Medallion

President Dunn 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 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 12,900 full- and part-time students with 118 undergraduate programs, 44 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.