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YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, MAY TWENTIETH
TWO THOUSAND AND SIX
TWO THIRTY O'CLOCK, STAMBAUGH AUDITORIUM

Youngstown State University—An Innovative Educational Leader

Founded 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 12,800 full- and part-time students with 120 undergraduate programs, 40 master's degree programs and a doctorate in education. There are more than 420 full-time faculty and 750 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 98-year 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 80,000 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.

PROGRAM

PRELUDE	"Menuet" by Joseph Haydn "Overture to "The Magic Flute"" by W. A. Mozart/arr. David M. Carp "Rondo" from Divertimento 1 in B-flat by Joseph Haydn "Passacaille" by A. Barthe "Presto" by Joseph Haydn Quintet Fantastique Dr. Stephen L. Gage, <i>Director of Bands</i> <i>College of Fine and Performing Arts</i>
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL	"German Dance" by Wolfgang A. Mozart "Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar
WELCOME	David C. Sweet <i>President</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Dr. Misook Yun, <i>Associate Professor</i> <i>Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts</i>
STUDENT REFLECTION	William T. Aley <i>Graduate Candidate, Bitonte College of Health and Human Services</i>
INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES	President Sweet
GREETINGS AND REMARKS	H. S. Wang, M.D. <i>Chairperson of the Board of Trustees</i>
INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER	Robert K. Herbert <i>Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
ADDRESS	James Hall <i>Superintendent, Springfield Local School District</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION	"Bouree" by B. M. Colomer
RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES	Provost Herbert
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	President Sweet
PRESENTATION OF ELEANOR BEECHER FLAD TO RECEIVE THE HONORARY DEGREE DOCTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY AND JAMES HALL TO RECEIVE THE HONORARY DEGREE DOCTOR OF HUMANITIES	President Sweet
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES	Peter J. Kasvinsky <i>Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	President Sweet
ALMA MATER	Professor Yun <i>From Symphony No. 1 by Johannes Brahms/arr. Willis</i>
RECESSIONAL	"Sailors' Hornpipe" Traditional, arr. Thackray "Minuet" by B. M. Colmer
RECEPTION	Ballroom, Stambaugh Auditorium

Dr. H. S. Wang, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, and Provost Herbert will invest Mrs. Flad and Mr. Hall with the hoods.

The audience is asked to be seated after the singing of the Alma Mater and to remain seated during the remainder of the program and the recessional.

RECIPIENT OF THE DEGREE
HONORARY DOCTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY



Eleanor Beecher Flad

Eleanor Beecher Flad is a lifelong resident of the Mahoning Valley and active participant in the area's civic life. A descendent of pioneer families, she is the daughter of Ward and Florence Beecher and granddaughter of Walter Beecher. The grandfather owned a number of businesses in the area, was one of the founders of Commercial Shearing, and was President of Mahoning National Bank during the 1929 stock market crash. Her great-grandfather, German Lanterman, built what is now known as the "Old Mill" in Mill Creek Park.

As a young girl, Mrs. Flad attended Yale School, a private school on Youngstown's north side. She graduated from Chaney High School, attended Smith College, and received her degree from the University of Georgia. During her summer breaks, she completed coursework at Youngstown College. During World War II, she worked for the American Red Cross and later at

Youngstown's Woodside Receiving Hospital as a psychiatric social worker.

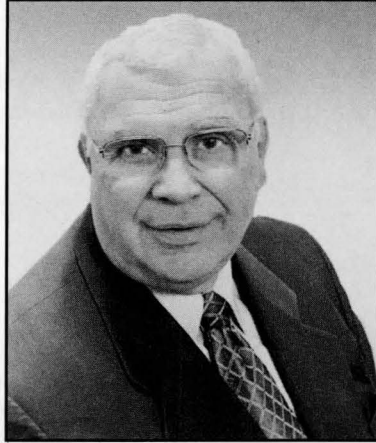
Mrs. Flad was a member of the Junior League of Youngstown and served on the boards of the Child Guidance Center, Fresh Air Camp, Mahoning

County 648 Mental Health Board, Friends of American Art, Mahoning Valley Historical Society, and the Mill Creek Children's Center. She has also served as a director of Mahoning National Bank.

At the present time Mrs. Flad serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the YSU Foundation, and is a trustee of The Butler Institute of American Art, Mill Creek Park Foundation, and Youngstown Symphony Board.

Mrs. Flad has two sons, Ward and Erle, and five grandchildren, all living in California.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



James Hall

Today's commencement speaker, James Hall, is the superintendent of South Range Local School District, a position he has held since 1986. Currently he is also serving as a member of the steering committee of the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding.

Prior to his service as superintendent for the South Range Local School District, Mr. Hall served as superintendent for the Lordstown Local School District and the Lowellville Local School District. Mr. Hall also directed instruction and community relations in the Canfield Local School District. He began his teaching career at John F. Kennedy High School.

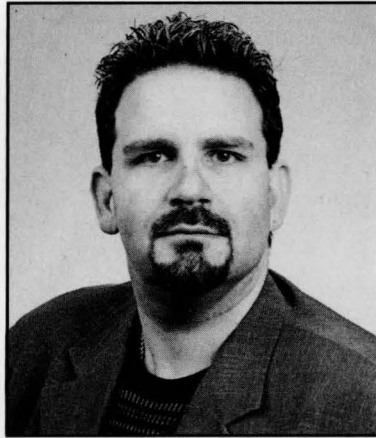
Mr. Hall received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Youngstown University in 1965 and his Master of Arts degree from Kent State University in 1974. He has also studied at Loras College, Aquinas Institute, Geneva College, Walsh University, and Catholic University of America.

Mr. Hall served as the chair of the board of the ACCESS Council of Governments during the period when it developed a fiber optic network which links all of the school buildings in the member districts in Mahoning and Columbiana counties to the Internet.

He was honored in 2004 by the Buckeye Association of School Administrators with the Administrative Technology Leadership Award and by the Ohio Senate with an exemplary achievement resolution. Each year, for the past three years, he has received the Steel to Scholars Award of Excellence from the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce in recognition of the rating of "Excellent" given to the South Range Local School District by the Ohio Department of Education.

In April of 2006 he was given a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Beeghly College of Education at Youngstown State University. Mr. Hall is a member of the Buckeye Association of School Administrators, the Ohio School Boards Association, St. Michael Church, and the Greenford Ruritan.

COMMENCEMENT STUDENT SPEAKER



William T. Aley

William T. Aley is today receiving the Master of Social Work (MSW) degree from Youngstown State University. He is the residential supervisor at Meridian Services, Inc., where he supervises the operations of eight housing programs consisting of 145 units that serve the homeless.

During his tenure at Meridian Services, Mr. Aley has also served as grant writer and assistant director of community services. He has served as the newsletter editor for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Association of Ohio (ADAPAO) and was the recipient of ADAPAO's Excellence in Planning and Evaluation Award in 1999. Additionally, Mr. Aley is the

past president of the National Association of Teen Institutes, which promotes teen leadership and substance-abuse prevention. Mr. Aley has also been the "Volunteer in Prevention" for Mahoning County

through the Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth.

In his program at YSU, Mr. Aley has completed two semesters of fieldwork at Tod Children's Hospital's Center for Behavioral Medicine—Youth Services. Currently, he is completing a two-semester assignment at the Rich Center for Autism, where he facilitates support groups for parents of autistic children and conducts research.

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.

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Doctor of Education

Gary Patrick Carlile, B.S. in Ed., M.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Leadership
*Bishop Richard Gilmour of Cleveland
and the Catholic National Readers*

Stacy Leigh DeCarbo, B.S., Ed.D.
Grove City College
Westminster College
Educational Leadership
*An Investigation into the Relationship between
Body Mass Index, Propensity for Physical Activities,
Academic Achievement, Dietary Self-efficacy and
their Manifestation between Gender and Ethnic
Groups at the Middle School Level*

Robert L. Marino, Jr., B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
Educational Leadership
*An exploration of viewpoints of middle school
general education teachers regarding selected
affective classrooms features, employed in new
construction utilizing the Ohio School Facilities
Commission Design Manual*



Master of Arts

Alisa Ann Balestra, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English
Thesis: *"The Variety in Which
They Come": The Presence
and Function of African
Traditional Religions in Toni
Morrison's "The Bluest Eye,"
"Sula", "Song of Solomon,"
and "Beloved."*

Kathryn Marie Baringer, B.A.
Youngstown State University
History

Jennifer Rose Beck, B.S. in Ed.
Youngstown State University
English

Diana Cornelia Carter, B.A.
Cleveland State University
English

Larissa D'Angelo, B.A.
University of Bergamo
English

Charles Davis, B.S.
The University of Akron
History
Thesis: *Malicious Rhetoric,
Religious Propaganda, and the
Development of Nativism in
Ohio, 1830-1856*

Samuel DiRocco II, B.A.
Ashland University
History
Thesis: *Youngstown Jewry's
Response to Nazism and the
Refugee Crisis*

Rachel Dawn Doddato, B.A.
Youngstown State University
History

Alyson Grace Eggleston, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English
Thesis: *Bloggng in the Call-
driven ESL Classroom*

Patricia Ann Gillespie, B.S.
Widener University
History
Thesis: *The History of Wick
Avenue 1940-1960*

Lauren Girdler, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English

Matthew Aaron Liller, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English
Thesis: *Twice Removed: The
Creation of the Female Captiv-
ity Discourse from Mary
Rowlandson to Jessica Lynch*

Joshua Aaron Mays, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English

Jeffrey Bronson McClelland,
B.A.
Waynesburg College
English

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English

Michael Gene Samek, B.A.
Robert Morris University
History

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English

Bethany Katherine Shaffer,
B.A.
Mercyhurst College
English

Lorelei Smith-Lockett, B.A.
Youngstown State University
History

Sherry Ann Tolley, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English

Christopher Wesley Tota, B.A.
Bethany College
English

Ana-Maria Wetzl, B.A.
University of Pitesti
English
Thesis: *The Implementation
of the Communicative
Approach in Romanian
Schools*

Albert I. Zakharenko, B.A.
Kishinev State University
History
Thesis: *Witte in Portsmouth:
Reinterpretation*

Holly L. Ambrose, B.S.B.A.
Youngstown State University
General

Master of Business Administration

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Social Work

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Master of Music

Paula Lynn Begovich, B.M.
Youngstown State University
Music Education

Jason William Clark, B.M.
Youngstown State University
Music Theory and
Composition
Thesis: *Pitch Organization &
Structure in Sergei Proko-
fiev's Quintet Op 39, First
Movement*

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Music Education
- Eduardo Jose Mandujano-Aguilar, B.M.
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Performance
- Daniel George Murphy, B.M.
The University of Akron
Jazz Studies
- Brenton J. Viertel, B.M.
Duquesne University
Performance Extended Program Notes
- Bradley David Wagner, B.M.
University of Cincinnati,
Conservatory of Music
Jazz Studies
- Master of Physical Therapy**
Cristine Agresta, B.S.
University of Michigan
Physical Therapy
- Christopher L. Kopcak,
B.S.A.H.
Marietta College
Physical Therapy
- Kyle F. Lybarger, B.S.
Tri State University
Physical Therapy
- Rose Quaintance, B.S.
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Physical Therapy
- Kenneth L. Shearer, Jr.,
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Physical Therapy
- Jessica M. Slaughter, B.A.
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- Timothy Michael Chase, B.A.
Plymouth State University
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- Holly S. DeBernardo, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Chemistry
Thesis: *How Does the Quality of Learning Science Affect Teachers' Perceptions of their Abilities?*
- Neelima Dobbala, B. Pharm.
Kakatiya University
Chemistry
Thesis: *Proteomic Profiling of Bacillus Subtilis with Clavulanic acid*
- Oliver Neal Fisher, B.A.
Adrian College
Environmental Studies
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Mathematics
- Mikhenan M. Horvath, B.S.
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Biology
Thesis: *The effects of aging on relaxation in aortic smooth muscle: Role of myosin phosphatase and rho kinase*
- Ragini Kankanala, B. Pharm.
Nagarjuna University
Chemistry
Thesis: *Iso-ornithine Decarboxylase: Screening of the gene from Rhodotorula glutinis, properties from synthetic gene*
- Eric Karl Keylor, B.A.
Yale University
Mathematics
Thesis: *Boulez: An Intelligent Tutoring System for Twentieth-Century Music*
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Osmania University
Chemistry
Thesis: *OMP Decarboxylase: Active Site Labeling Using a Combination of Site-directed Mutagenesis and Chemical Modification*
- Steven Jude Robbins, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Biology
Thesis: *mTor and cdc 2+ Expression During Myogenesis 9.5MGTI (mitochondrial genome transmission)*
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Chemistry
Thesis: *Investigation into Two
Mechanisms of Unusual
Decarboxylases: a-Amino-B-
Carboxymuconate E-Semi-
aldehyde Decarboxylase and
Orotidine 5'-Monophosphate
Decarboxylase*

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Criminal Justice
Thesis: *The Supreme Court
Investigative Detention and
How They Effect Racial
Profiling*

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Vidya Tangudu, B.E.
Jawaharlal Nehru
Technological University
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Uma Thatipally, B. Pharm.
Kakatiya University
Chemistry
Thesis: *Investigation of Site-
Specific Metal Catalyzed Oxi-
dation of the Lysozyme Double
Mutant (H15S + N77H)*

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Thesis: *A Review of Pre-Trial
Bias in the Decision Making
Process of Jurors*

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Chemistry
Thesis: *Purification of E. Coli
ODCase NMRA Chrystallo-
graphic Studies with UMP-
thiocarbonimide*

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University of Texas -
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Dong-A University
Industrial & Systems
Engineering

Burke M. Davis, B.S.E.
Youngstown State University
Mechanical Engineering
Thesis: *Intake Manifold Op-
timization for an Internal
Combustion Engine*

Mehmet Ergezer, B.E.
Youngstown State University
Electrical & Computer
Engineering
Thesis: *On the Implementation
of Structure Function in the
Digital Signal Processor*

James William Jones, Jr., B.S.
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Chemical Engineering

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Civil/Environmental &
Chemical Engineering

Amulya Poudel, B.E.
Tribhuvan University
Civil/Environmental &
Chemical Engineering
Thesis: *Physical and Chemical
Characteristics of Deposits in
Meander Creek Reservoir*

Praveen Libna Prattipati, B.E.
Berhampur University
Civil/Environmental &
Chemical Engineering
Thesis: *The effect of processing
conditions on the morphology
in injection molded
polystyrene*

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Youngstown State University
Mechanical Engineering

Master of Science in Nursing

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Carlow College
Nursing

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Nursing

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To ensure the dignity of the occasion, individuals wishing to take photographs of their graduate crossing the stage are asked to use the designated photo area at the right of the auditorium. To avoid congestion, please wait until your graduate proceeds to the stage and use the outside aisle to access the photo area. Please return to your seat once you have taken your photo.



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 institu-



tion 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 shoul-

ders. University Scholars wear a specially minted medallion on a red ribbon to denote their academic achievement.

The Presidential Medallion

President Sweet 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 five past presidents and Dr. Sweet.

The presidential medallion was designed and created out of sterling and bronze by Wendell August Forge of Grove City, Pennsylvania. Dr. Sweet is the first president to wear this medallion.

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*.

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