



SCHOOL OF  
GRADUATE STUDIES  
AND RESEARCH  
COMMENCEMENT  
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, MAY SIXTEENTH  
TWO THOUSAND AND NINE  
TWO THIRTY O'CLOCK, BEEGHLY CENTER

# THE UNIVERSITY CEREMONIAL MACE



Silver Ceremonial Disk of Trust

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

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

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

Illustrations of the four University Core Values  
Etched in silver-plated copper.  
Each side of the pyramid has different illustrated core-values  
illustrations created by graduate of Art Department.

## THE UNIVERSITY CEREMONIAL MACE

The ceremonial mace has its roots in ancient Rome. During the Middle Ages, the two types of maces—one a scepter and symbol of royal authority, the other a weapon—gradually evolved into a symbol of lawful power and regal authority. Beginning in fourteenth-century Europe, the academic mace became part of the pomp and ceremony of university commencements, denoting the authority of the University to confer academic degrees.

The new Youngstown State University mace being carried today was designed and crafted by a collaborative team that included YSU faculty, students, alumni, and area K-12 art educators under the leadership of YSU professor Greg Moring.

Bronze Flames of Knowledge  
that heat the Forge of Learning  
Forging the learning environments of the future,  
forging learning communities.  
Designed and cast by area K-12 art educator.

Polished Rosewood Upper Grip

Cast Silver Globus  
Represents the President's role as protector of the Core Values  
and leadership of the University community.  
Designed and cast by area K-12 art educator.

Polished Rosewood Lower Grip

Cast Silver Floral Forms  
Represents petals of the scarlet carnation,  
the state flower of Ohio.  
The carnation has the meaning of 'admiration,' 'love,'  
and 'gratitude.'

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



# PROGRAM

PRELUDE.....	“Dance” by Renwick “Military Polonaise, Op. 40, No. 1” by Frederick Chopin/arr. Frackenpol “Salvation is Created” by Tschesnokoff/arr. Olenik “Sonata from Die Bankelsangerlieder” by Anonymous/arr. King YSU Trinity Brass Quintet Dr. Stephen L. Gage, <i>Director of Bands/Professor of Music</i> <i>Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts</i>
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL.....	“My Spirit Be Joyful” by J.S. Bach/arr. Herforth
WELCOME.....	David C. Sweet <i>President</i>
COLOR GUARD.....	The Youngstown State University Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps led by Cadet Battalion Commander Michael Deem
NATIONAL ANTHEM.....	Lauren Hess, Mezzo Soprano <i>Senior, Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts</i>
STUDENT REFLECTION.....	Molly Ceci <i>Graduate Candidate, Beeghly College of Education</i>
PRESIDENT’S REMARKS.....	President Sweet
INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES.....	President Sweet
GREETINGS AND REMARKS.....	Scott R. Schulick <i>Chair of the Board of Trustees</i>
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.....	Ikram Khawaja <i>Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.....	Janet E. Del Bene <i>Professor Emeritus, Physical Chemistry</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION.....	“That’s A Plenty” Lew Pollak/arr. Cooper
REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES.....	Provost and Vice President Khawaja
CONFERRING OF DEGREES.....	President Sweet
PRESENTATION OF JANET E. DEL BENE TO RECEIVE THE HONORARY DEGREE DOCTOR OF SCIENCE.....	President Sweet
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES.....	Peter Kasvinsky <i>Associate Provost for Research and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research</i>
WELCOME FROM YSU ALUMNI SOCIETY.....	Germaine Bennett <i>President, YSU Alumni Society</i>
CLOSING REMARKS.....	President Sweet
ALMA MATER.....	From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. Willis Lauren Hess, Mezzo Soprano
RECESSIONAL.....	“Gloria” from Nelson Mass by F. Joseph Haydn “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy” by Empire Brass Collection
RECEPTION.....	In the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley immediately following the ceremony

*The audience is asked to be seated after the singing of the Alma Mater and to remain seated during the Recessional.*

*During this special ceremony, please be respectful of others and maintain a quiet atmosphere.*

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND RECIPIENT OF THE DEGREE HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

Today's commencement speaker, Dr. Janet E. Del Bene, is professor emeritus of chemistry at Youngstown State University and an internationally recognized theoretical chemist and expert in the field of hydrogen bonding. Since retiring from teaching in 1999, Dr. Del Bene has dramatically increased her research and writing, having recently marked the publication of her 215<sup>th</sup> scientific paper.



*Janet E. Del Bene, Ph.D.*

Originally from Girard, Ohio, Dr. Del Bene earned a bachelor's degree in education in 1963 and a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1965, both summa cum laude from YSU. She earned a Ph.D. in chemistry in 1968 from the University of Cincinnati. Her first published paper was part of her Ph.D. research and appeared in *The Journal of Chemical Physics* in 1968. She was recognized by UC as a Distinguished Alumni in 1994.

Her 200<sup>th</sup> paper, published in *Magnetic Resonance in Chemistry* in 2007, explains how nuclear magnetic resonance experiments can be used to characterize hydrogen bonds. In addition, this paper also suggests new experiments that could provide new and important insights.

Dr. Del Bene worked on two occasions with Nobel Prize Laureate Dr. John A. Pople at Carnegie Mellon University. Since retiring she has been a visiting professor at the University of Sydney, Australia, held an adjunct professorship at the University of Florida, and was a BBVA Foundation Fellow at the University of Madrid.

In 2003, Dr. Del Bene received YSU's Heritage Award and the Dean's Lifetime Achievement Award for Externally Supported Research.

Iota Sigma Pi honored her with the National Honorary Member Award for an Outstanding Woman Chemist in 2002, and she received a Two-Year Extension for Special Creativity (a Director's Award) for her 2002 National Science Foundation grant. In 2008, Dr. Del Bene received the Morley Medal given by the Cleveland Section of the American Chemical Society. She is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

A 22-year member of the Clinical Research Committee of St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center, Dr. Del Bene has also served as a consultant to the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and the National Institutes of Health and as an external examiner for the U.S. Department of Energy.



## COMMENCEMENT STUDENT SPEAKER

Molly Ceci graduates today with a Master of Science in Education, intervention specialist. Ms. Ceci graduated from Austintown Fitch High School in 1999 as class president and a state champion in speech and debate. While working full-time, she pursued her studies towards a bachelor's degree at YSU and, in 2005, graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Education, early childhood education.



*Molly Ceci*

Her family, especially her sister Mary and mother Mavis, inspired her—beginning at age 10—to volunteer at a camp for children with disabilities. Knowing the unique challenges that families and individuals with disabilities face, she wanted to do more to make a difference in their lives. While teaching kindergarten at Youngstown Academy of Excellence, Ms. Ceci decided to enroll in the intervention

specialist program at YSU. Throughout her graduate education, she continued to teach at Youngstown Academy and earned a promotion to the curriculum implementation specialist and chair of several committees.

Ms. Ceci is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. She served as the Relay for Life College Student Ambassador at Dallas Conference and a unit leader and 12-year volunteer at Orthopedically

Handicapped Day Camp for Handicapped Children. She earned the Leader's Award at MCI, as well as 10 Club MCI awards throughout three years for being the top representative. Ms. Ceci's professional affiliations include membership in the Ohio Education Association (OEA) and the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC).

## 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

Lois Jean Cavucci, B.S.Ed.,  
M.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Educational Leadership  
Thesis: *An Analysis of Barriers  
and Possible Solutions  
in Integrating Computer  
Technology into Middle School  
Curriculum: Findings from a  
Mixed-Method Approach*

#### Doctor of Physical Therapy

Crystal Marie Burns, B.S.  
West Liberty State College  
Physical Therapy

Aby E. Chismar, B.S., M.P.T.  
Kent State University,  
Youngstown State University  
Physical Therapy

Justin T. Dunaway, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Physical Therapy

Julie Ann Ehlers, B.S.  
The California State University,  
Sacramento  
Physical Therapy

David L. Fowler, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Physical Therapy

Nicolle Ann Hendrick, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Physical Therapy

Jamie L. Hornick, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Physical Therapy

Lisa Marie Hutch, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Physical Therapy

Ryan D. Jayne, B.A.  
The College of Wooster  
Physical Therapy

Devin Marie Kassi, B.S.A.S., M.P.T.  
Youngstown State University  
Physical Therapy

Michelle Lynn Klettlinger, B.S.  
University of Tampa  
Physical Therapy

Amy Lynn Lewis, B.S.  
The University of Toledo  
Physical Therapy

Brian Quintos Magat, B.S., M.S.  
University of Illinois at Chicago;  
University of Nevada,  
Las Vegas  
Physical Therapy

Edwin John Morales, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Physical Therapy

Edward Joseph Novosel,  
B.S.A.S., M.P.T.  
Youngstown State University  
Physical Therapy

Donald Edward Powell, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Physical Therapy

Shannon Joy Starr, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Physical Therapy

Michael J. Sturgiss, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Physical Therapy

Shingo Tanaka, B. Law, M.P.T.  
Kobe Gakuin University, Japan;  
Youngstown State University  
Physical Therapy

#### Master of Arts

Kimya Susan Bagheri, B.A.  
The Ohio State University  
History  
Thesis: *The Effects of United  
States Policy on Iranian Kurds  
During the Islamic Revolution*

Jolene Barbara Baldado, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
English

Susan Kathleen Bishop, B.A.  
Kent State University  
English

Jeffery L. Butts, Jr., B.A.  
Kent State University  
English

Sharon L. Cline, B.S.  
Geneva College  
English

Alysia Leigh D'Amico, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Economics  
Thesis: *Determinants of War: Can  
Political and Economic Freedom  
Determine Military Effectiveness?*

James Andrew Dudash, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
English

Tanya Sue Frampton, B.A.  
Mount Union College  
History

John Patrick Hazen, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
English  
Thesis: *Cyberspeak: An Emerging  
Language Study*

Martina T. Holliday, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
English  
Thesis: *Milton's Satan*

Petra C. Knapp, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
History  
Thesis: *The Architecture of  
Education: Public Schools in  
Akron, 1890-1920*

## SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

Nichole Marie Lucas, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
English

Albert George Morar II, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Economics

Janice Elaine Rahe, B.S.Ed.,  
M.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University,  
Kent State University  
English

Pamela Marie Rhodes, B.A.  
The University of Akron  
English

Jessica Lynn Rohrdanz, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
American Studies

Michelle Nichole Sassler, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
English

Katie R. Sechler, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
American Studies

Vincent D. A. Shivers, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
History

Donald Lee Wolford, B.A.,  
M.Div; M.P.A.  
Notre Dame, University of  
Texas  
English  
Thesis: *Calvin Cohn: Confidence-  
Man-Melville's Influence on  
Malamud's God's Grace*

Pamela S. Zembower, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
American Studies

Amber M. Ziegler, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
English  
Thesis: *Unconventional Women  
in a Conventional Age: Strong  
Women in Three Victorian  
Novels*

**Master of Business Administration**  
Kathleen Louise Coleman, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
General

Joshua Thomas Dikun, B.S.A.  
Youngstown State University  
General

Sarah Elizabeth Ellis, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
General

Douglas Raymond Foster, B.S.  
John Carroll University  
General

Robert P. Granny, B.S.B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
General

Aamir Iqbal, B.S.B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Management

Scott Alan Miranda, B.S.B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
General

David A. Polis, B.S.B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
General

Joseph M. Propri, B.S.B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
General

Lorilyn Shandor, B.S.B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
General

Marsha Lynn Tsangaris, B.S.B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
General

**Master of Computing and  
Information Systems**

Ming-li Bien, B.S.  
Brigham Young University  
Computing and Information  
Systems  
Thesis: *Information Technology  
Merger and Acquisition*

Fares Antoine Bouchededid, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Computing and Information  
Systems

Radwan M. Musleh, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Computing and Information  
Systems

Gregory Todd Pauley, B.S.  
Excelsior College  
Computing and Information  
Systems

Janet Marie Strohmeier, B.A.,  
B.S.N.  
Youngstown State University,  
The Ohio State University  
Computing and Information  
Systems

Trevor Ulysses Watkins,  
B.S.A.S., B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Computing and Information  
Systems

Thesis: *Is Microsoft a Threat to  
National Security? Policy,  
Products, Penetrations, and  
Honeypots*

Christopher T. Wisniewski, B.S.  
DeVry Institute of Technology  
Computing and Information  
Systems

**Master of Fine Arts**

Mona Bozick, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Creative Writing  
Thesis: *The Textuality of Flesh*

**Master of Health and Human  
Services**

Thomas Leon Burkes, B.S.W.  
Youngstown State University  
Health and Human Services

Michael E. Cluse, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Health and Human Services

Tracy Sue Penzerro, B.S.  
The Pennsylvania State  
University  
Health and Human Services

Tommy Lee Perry, B.S.  
Kent State University  
Health and Human Services

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Nancy Reali, B.S.  
Kent State University  
Health and Human Services

Christine Mary Reda, B.S.  
The Pennsylvania State  
University  
Health and Human Services

Susan Lynn Strom, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Health and Human Services

### Master of Music

Brendan R. Considine, B.M.  
Youngstown State University  
Performance

Sara Elizabeth Kimbell, B.M.  
Westminster College  
Music History and Literature  
Thesis: *Samuel Barber: A Study  
of Two Song Cycles*

Alison Marie Morris, B.A.  
Baldwin Wallace College  
Performance

Seth Adam Rogers, B.A.  
Denison University  
Jazz Studies  
Thesis: *Rhythmic Displacement of  
Tony Williams*

Amy J. Shields, B.M.  
Youngstown State University  
Performance

Dong-Hyun Son, B.M.  
Pusan National University,  
Republic of Korea  
Performance

Timothy John Webb, B.M.  
The Ohio State University  
Music Theory and Composition  
Thesis: *The Provocative Prokofiev*

### Master of Physical Therapy

Sarah Melissa Tidswell, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Master Physical Therapy

### Master of Science

Christopher A. Barber, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Mathematics

Naresh K. Boddu, B.Pharm.  
Nagarjuna University, India  
Chemistry  
Thesis: *Trace Analysis of Biological  
Samples by Surface Enhanced  
Raman Spectroscopy*

Michael D. Bolan, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Environmental Studies  
Thesis: *European Union vs. the  
United States: Recycling Policies  
and Management*

Ginger Renee Cartright, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Environmental Studies  
Thesis: *Study of the Coastal  
Impacts of a Hurricane: Effects  
of Hurricane Frances on San  
Salvador, Bahamas*

Marcus Stanton Cosper, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Biology  
Thesis: *Proteins Expressed in the  
Resting/Normal State of the  
Corpus Cavernosus*

Dawn Ann Cox, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Criminal Justice  
Thesis: *Factors for Success in  
Community-Based Corrections*

Justin Nicholas Crowl, B.A.  
Walsh University  
Criminal Justice  
Thesis: *Artistic Expression Versus  
the Promotion of Violence and  
Hate: An analysis of music type  
and its influence on adult lifestyle  
choices and behavior tendencies*

Rachel Ellen Detec, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Criminal Justice

LaTisha Denise Foster, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Biology  
Thesis: *The Effects of a  
High Sodium Diet on the  
Ultrastructure of the Ventricles  
of Male and Female Borderline  
Hypertensive Rats*

Michael T. Hamilton, B.A.  
University of Pittsburgh  
Environmental Studies  
Thesis: *Determining the  
Reproductive Potential and  
Spawning Occurrence of the  
Shenango River Lake Walleye  
Population*

Ronald Lee Houser, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Environmental Studies  
Thesis: *Cranberry Run:  
Establishing Water Quality  
Parameters of a Palustrine  
Wetland*

Srinivasa Babu Manam, B.E.  
Nagarjuna University, India  
Mathematics

Kelly Marie Melvin, B.S.  
Hiram College  
Criminal Justice  
Thesis: *Attention-Deficit  
Hyperactivity Disorder and  
Juvenile Delinquency*

Purushottam Panta, B.S.  
Tribhuvan University, Nepal  
Mathematics  
Thesis: *Web Design Development  
and Security*

Corey James Rich, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Criminal Justice

Paul Rees Robinette, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Environmental Studies  
Thesis: *A Base-line Assessment  
of the Shenango River following  
the Westinghouse Superfund  
Clean Up*

Stephen Russell Steh, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Criminal Justice  
Thesis: *Public Perceptions of  
Computer Crime*



## SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

### **Master of Science in Education**

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| <p>Christopher Devin Artz, B.S.Ed.<br/>Youngstown State University<br/>Special Education</p>                                       | <p>Edward G. Emch II, B.S.Ed.<br/>Youngstown State University<br/>Teacher Education, Curriculum<br/>and Instruction</p>              | <p>Adele Marie Keul, B.S.Ed.<br/>Geneva College<br/>Teacher Education, Curriculum<br/>and Instruction</p>                |
| <p>Kelly Cogar Bearer, B.A.<br/>Lake Erie College<br/>Educational Administration</p>   | <p>Marta Kay Evans, B.S.Ed.<br/>Youngstown State University<br/>Special Education, Licensure</p>                                     | <p>Jeffrey A. Komorek, B.S.<br/>Youngstown State University<br/>Teacher Education, Curriculum<br/>and Instruction</p>    |
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| <p>Jaime L. Brown, B.S.Ed.<br/>Youngstown State University<br/>Master Teacher, Secondary,<br/>Educational Technology</p>           | <p>Amy Lynn Gerhardstein, B.S.Ed.<br/>Youngstown State University<br/>Special Education, Gifted and<br/>Talented</p>                 | <p>Brad Christopher Lambert, B.A.<br/>The University of Akron<br/>Educational Administration</p>                         |
| <p>Traci LaVerne Cain-Tiggs, B.A.,<br/>B.S.Ed.<br/>Youngstown State University<br/>Educational Administration</p>                  | <p>Krista Marie Gray, B.S.Ed.<br/>Youngstown State University<br/>Teacher Education, Curriculum<br/>and Instruction</p>              | <p>Kathleen A. Libert, B.S.Ed.<br/>Youngstown State University<br/>Teacher Education, Curriculum<br/>and Instruction</p> |
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| <p>Molly Ann Ceci, B.S.Ed.<br/>Youngstown State University<br/>Special Education, Licensure</p>                                    | <p>Andrew John Herman, B.S.<br/>Youngstown State University<br/>Teacher Education, Curriculum<br/>and Instruction</p>                | <p>Jill Lyn Martin, B.A., B.S.Ed.<br/>Youngstown State University<br/>Educational Administration</p>                     |
| <p>Laura Lynn Delaquila, B.S.Ed.<br/>Youngstown State University<br/>Teacher Education, Curriculum<br/>and Instruction</p>         | <p>Jennifer Rose Hudak, B.S.Ed.<br/>Youngstown State University<br/>Teacher Education, Literacy</p>                                  | <p>Mary Patricia Matthews, B.S.Ed.<br/>Youngstown State University<br/>Special Education</p>                             |
| <p>Stephanie Leigh Dewberry,<br/>B.S.Ed.<br/>Youngstown State University<br/>Teacher Education, Curriculum<br/>and Instruction</p> | <p>Jeannine M. Hunter, A.B.<br/>Youngstown State University<br/>Counseling</p>   | <p>Victoria Lyn Mauer, B.S.Ed.<br/>Youngstown State University<br/>Special Education, Licensure</p>                      |
| <p>Amy Lynn Domino, B.A.<br/>Mount Union College<br/>Special Education, Gifted and<br/>Talented</p>                                | <p>Jack C. Hutchison, B.A.<br/>Youngstown State University<br/>Teacher Education, Human<br/>Performance and Exercise<br/>Science</p> | <p>Laurie Ann May, B.S.Ed.<br/>Bowling Green State University<br/>Teacher Education, Curriculum<br/>and Instruction</p>  |
| <p>Rachel Marie Donner, B.S.<br/>Westminster College<br/>Teacher Education, Curriculum<br/>and Instruction</p>                     | <p>Moris A. Jadue, B.A., B.S.Ed.<br/>Youngstown State University<br/>Teacher Education, Curriculum<br/>and Instruction</p>           | <p>Phyllis Dawn Mc Cann, B.S.Ed.<br/>Youngstown State University<br/>Special Education, Early<br/>Childhood</p>          |
|  | <p>Barbara Ann Jamis, B.S.Ed.<br/>Youngstown State University<br/>Educational Administration</p>                                     | <p>Lauren Leigh McConahy, B.S.Ed.<br/>Duquesne University<br/>Teacher Education, Curriculum<br/>and Instruction</p>      |

\*Awarded posthumously

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Elizabeth Ann McCracken,  
B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Master Teacher, Elementary  
Curriculum

Robert Joseph Messina, B.S.B.A.  
Slippery Rock University  
Educational Administration

Julie Ann Meyer, B.S.Ed.,  
M.S.Ed.  
The Ohio State University,  
Youngstown State University  
Educational Administration

Skyeler B. Moenich, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Educational Administration

Judy Ann Mudd, B.S.N.  
Bowling Green State University  
Teacher Education, Curriculum  
and Instruction

Melvin L. North, B.A.  
Kent State University  
Counseling

Michael Scott Patton, B.S.  
Wright State University  
Teacher Education, Curriculum  
and Instruction

Nicole Marie Pauloski, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Teacher Education, Curriculum  
and Instruction

Heather N. Ramsey, B.A.  
Kent State University  
Teacher Education, Curriculum  
and Instruction

Richard Dennis Rohrer, Jr.,  
B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Teacher Education, Curriculum  
and Instruction

Vanessa E. Sabo, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Special Education, Autism and  
Related Disabilities

Matthew Joseph Saborse, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Teacher Education, Curriculum  
and Instruction

Alisa Dianne Santee, B.F.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Teacher Education, Curriculum  
and Instruction

David John Soldo, B.A., M.A.  
Youngstown State University;  
Wichita State University  
Counseling

Kelli Maureen Sylvester, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Educational Administration

Annette R. Toke, B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Special Education

Jennifer Lynn Ulicney, B.A., B.S.Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Special Education

Brian Patrick Wells, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Counseling

Heather L. Whyel, B.A.  
Flagler College  
Counseling

### **Master of Science in Engineering**

Snezana Aleksic, B.E.  
University of Belgrade, Serbia  
Chemical Engineering  
Thesis: *Fermentation of Biomass to  
Butanol*

Naveen Gente, B. Tech.  
Jawaharlal Nehru University,  
India  
Industrial and Systems  
Engineering

### **Master of Science in Nursing**

Linda L. Garea, A.A.S., B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Nursing

Gina Marie Ianazone, B.S.N.  
Youngstown State University  
Nursing

Lori A. Marietta, B.S.N.  
Malone College  
Nursing

Melissa A. Novits, B.S.N.  
Youngstown State University  
Nursing

### **Master of Social Work**

Charles Eric Baldwin, B.S.A.S.,  
M.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Social Work

Melissa Joy Carney, B.S.W.  
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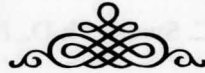
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Robert J. Beebe received his bachelor's degree in government from Harvard University and his master's degree in instructional supervision, Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study, and Doctor of Education degree from the College of William and Mary. He is a professor and founding chair of the Department of Educational Foundations, Research, Technology, and Leadership at YSU.

Dr. Beebe developed and inaugurated the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) program in educational leadership, the first doctoral program at the University, and has directed 12 completed YSU doctoral dissertations. Dr. Beebe's scholarly activities include 20 national refereed articles or book chapters, 10 national refereed presentations, one international refereed presentation, and three major grants from the Ohio Department of Education totaling \$691,500. He has been honored with two Watson Merit Awards from YSU for performance as department chair in 1993 and 2004 and the YSU's Chairpersons' Leadership Award in 1996. In 1993, Dr. Beebe received the Mahoning County Association of Elementary School Principals Educator of the Year Award and was the featured speaker at the University Honors Convocation.







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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 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 shoulders.

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*.



## 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 13,700 full- and part-time students with 120 undergraduate programs, 40 master's degree programs and two doctoral degree programs.

There are more than 420 full-time faculty and 770 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 100-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 87,000 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.