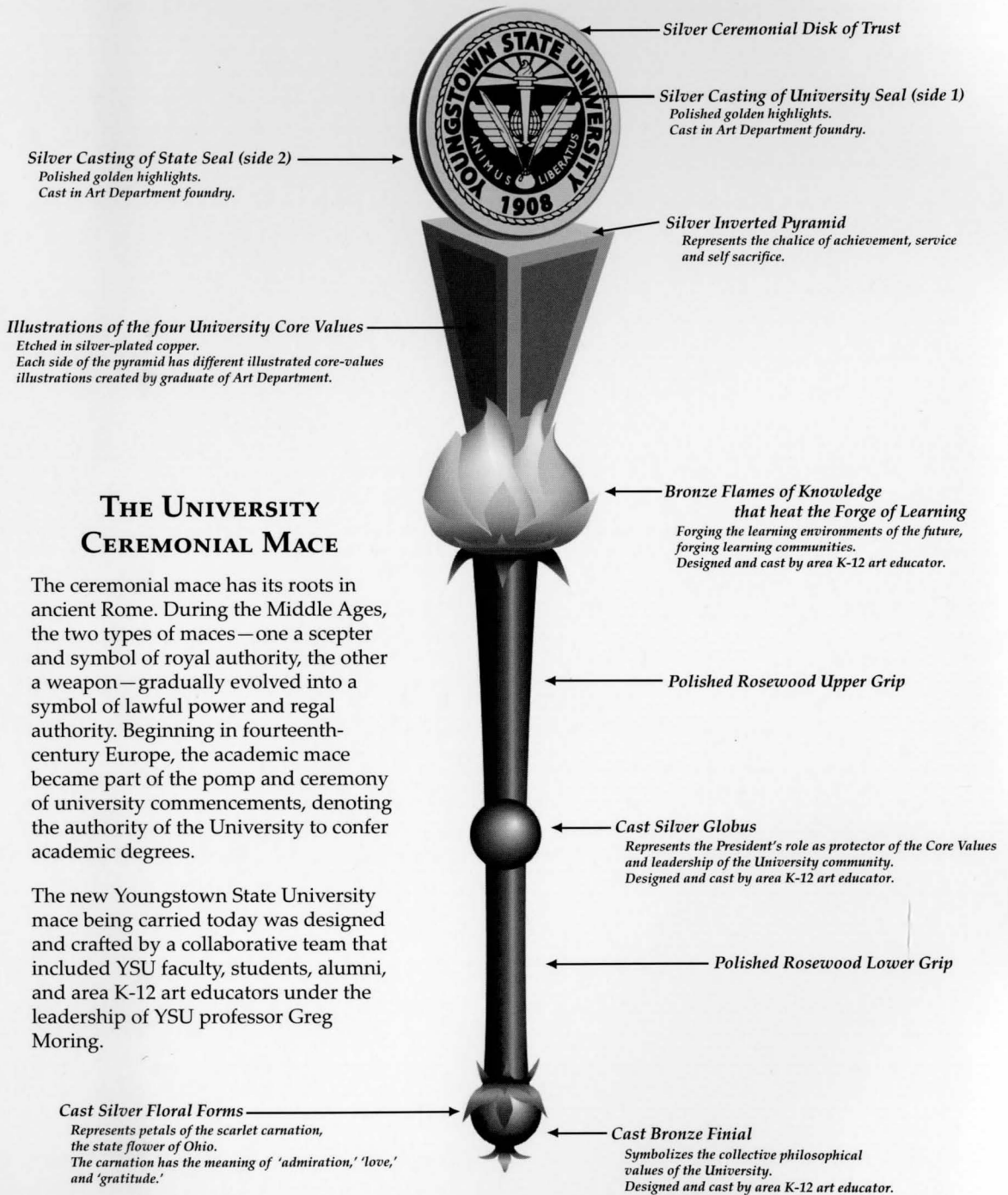




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YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, MAY FIFTEENTH
TWO THOUSAND AND TEN
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.

← 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 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.

← 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	"Rondeau-Mouret, Quintet No. 1" by Ewald Trinity Brass Quintet Dr. Stephen L. Gage, <i>Director of Bands/Professor of Music</i> Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL	"Second Suite in F" by Gustav Holst
WELCOME.....	David C. Sweet <i>President</i>
COLOR GUARD.....	The Youngstown State University Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps
NATIONAL ANTHEM.....	Ms. Carrie Minenok, Soprano <i>Senior, Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts</i>
STUDENT REFLECTION	Way Jeng <i>Graduate Candidate, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences</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	Connie Schultz
MUSICAL SELECTION	"West Side Story Suite" by Bernstein
REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES	Provost and Vice President Khawaja
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	President Sweet
PRESENTATION OF CONNIE SCHULTZ TO RECEIVE THE HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS	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	Dr. Richard Crepage <i>President, YSU Alumni Society</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	President Sweet
ALMA MATER	From Symphony No. 1 by Johannes Brahms/arr. Fleming Ms. Minenok, Soprano
RECESSIONAL.....	"My Spirit Be Joyful" by Johann Sebastian Bach "Die Bankelsangerlieder" Anonymous "Scherzo" by John Cheetham
RECEPTION	Ohio Room, Kilcawley

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.

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 Physical Therapy

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Physical Therapy

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Youngstown State University
Physical Therapy

Patricia Jeanne Calko, B.S.A.S.
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Physical Therapy

Lindsey Ann DeChristofaro,
B.S.
Youngstown State University
Physical Therapy

Nicole Elizabeth DelQuadri,
B.S.
Youngstown State University
Physical Therapy

Brian Michael Denton, B.S.
Youngstown State University
Physical Therapy

Trudy Lu Keyse, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Physical Therapy

Kara Eileen Kostoff, B.S.B.
Bowling Green State
University
Physical Therapy

Laura Megan Little, B.S.A.
Youngstown State University
Physical Therapy

Coletta Sue Mace, B.A.
Youngstown State University
Physical Therapy

Mathew James Marshall, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Physical Therapy

Allison Maria Miller, B.A.
Franciscan University of
Steubenville
Physical Therapy

Ryan Joseph Monti, B.S.
John Carroll University
Physical Therapy

Vincent Kyle Ragozine, B.S.,
M.S.
The Ohio State University
Youngstown State University
Physical Therapy

Jason Philip Shadle, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Physical Therapy

Theodore James Smith, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Physical Therapy

Kristina Marie Tomlan, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Physical Therapy

Chad William Yano, B.S.
The Ohio State University
Physical Therapy

Master of Arts

Robert A. Beohm, B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
English

Courtney Marie DiGiorgi,
B.A.
Youngstown State University
English

Jamie C. Gunn, B.A.
University of West Georgia
English

Krystle Hively, B.A.
Youngstown State University
American Studies

Shannon R. Hodge, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English

Way Albert Jeng, B.A.
University of Illinois
English
Thesis: *An Examination of
Instructor Feedback Styles*

Robert A. Jolliff, B.G.S.
Youngstown State University
English

Jeffrey Duane Keeling, B.A.
Thiel College
English

Katherine Elizabeth Kenyhercz,
B.A.
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English

Heather Elizabeth Lowry, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English

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English

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English

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English

Jeffrey Scott Piper, B.A.
Kent State University
Art Education

Lauren Irene Poirrier, B.A.
Kent State University
History
Thesis: *Comparative Study of
the Women's Rights National
Historical Park and the
National First Ladies' Library*

Monica Lynn Purich, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English
Thesis: *Writing, Translating, and
Dismembering: Fallon,
Winterson, and Wittig's
Representations of the Lesbian
Body.*

Ryan Carl James Sardella,
B.S.Ed.
Youngstown State University
History

Christine Gay Shelton, B.F.A.
Youngstown State University
English

Jolene Anne Stieb, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English

Melissa S. Sullivan, B.A.
Ursuline College
English

Jessica Elizabeth Troy, B.A.
Youngstown State University
English
Thesis: *Gender Roles in Beowulf:
an Investigation of Male-male
and Male-female Interactions*

Gregory D. Waller, B.A.
Youngstown State University
History

Stephanie Ann Wuebbles, B.A.
Kent State University
History

Master of Business Administration

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Master of Computing and Information Systems

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Systems

Anthony James Zone, B.S.A.S.
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Computing and Information
Systems
Thesis: *Face Composite
Recognition: Multiple Artist,
Human Performance,
Multivariate Analysis*

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Computing and Information
Systems

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Health and Human Services

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Thesis: *Establishing A Basis for a
Taxonomy of Mechanical
Ventilation*

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Ariel Lynn Foster, B.S.A.S.
Youngstown State University
Health and Human Services

Mary Ann Hall, B.S.N.
The University of Akron
Health and Human Services

Kristen Lee Hawthorne, B.A.
Miami University
Health and Human Services
Thesis: *Parasomnia: Describing
What Goes Bump in the
Night and More Than Something
to Lose Sleep Over*

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Performance

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Performance

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Music History and Literature
Thesis: *The Hermit Songs
and Despite and Still: Neo-
Romanticism and the Question
of Modernism in Two Cycles
by Samuel Barber*

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Youngstown State University
Music Education

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Jazz Studies
Thesis: *Rhythmic Displacement of
Tony Williams*

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Performance

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Performance

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Music Theory and
Composition
Thesis: *The Samsonsuite for
Chamber Orchestra; The
Provocative Prokofiev*

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Jazz Studies
Thesis: *Partido Alto: A Rhythmic
Foundation*

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Thesis: *An Evaluation of a
Mediation Program at a Juvenile
Court*

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Thesis: *Quantification of 3-alkyl-
2-Methoxyprazines in Wine
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Thesis: *The Ability of Mesenchymal
Stromal Cells to Attach to Mesh
Materials Used in Hernia Repair*

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Impact Delinquency*

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Thesis: *Wireless Sensor Network
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Thesis: *Numerically Modeling the
Flow and Friction in a
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MACEBEARER

Joseph Edwards, M.M.

Dean Emeritus of the College of Fine & Performing Arts

Joseph Edwards, dean emeritus of the College of Fine & Performing Arts at Youngstown State University, joined the faculty of the Dana School of Music in 1969. During his 21-year tenure on the faculty, he founded the saxophone degree program, taught clarinet, and conducted the symphonic, concert, and marching bands. In 1990, Professor Edwards moved to administration, serving as director of the Dana School from 1990-2000 and as interim dean of the Beeghly College of Education from 2000-2002. He served as dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts from 2005 until 2009.

Professor Edwards received a Bachelor of Music in Education degree from YSU, a Master of Music Performance from Michigan State University, and pursued studies at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music in the Doctor of Musical Arts program. Further clarinet studies included work with Robert Marcellus and Richard Waller.

Mr. Edwards is a member of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and the National Leadership Honor Society of Omicron Delta Kappa. He was awarded the Distinguished Professor of Music Award from YSU in 1988 and granted the prestigious Watson Award from YSU in 1996. In 2000, Professor Edwards was honored with a chairperson's leadership award and was the first recipient of the College of Fine & Performing Arts Alumni Award.

READER

Gary Sexton, M.M.

Director of WYSU-FM

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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 shoul-

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

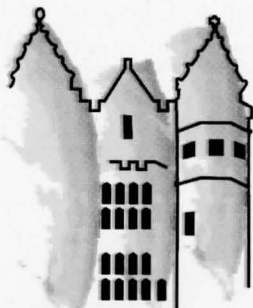
The Presidential Medallion

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*.



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 14,600 full- and part-time students with 120 undergraduate programs, 40 master's degree programs and two doctoral degree programs.

There are more than 440 full-time faculty and 775 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 89,000 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.