

PROGRAM

PRELUDE	“Theme from Superman” Andrew Balent “Promenade” Bill Holcombe, Jr. “The Legend of Zelda” Brandon Staley Redondo Brass Quintet <i>Stephen L. Gage, Commencement Music Coordinator</i> <i>Stacie Mickens, Assistant Professor of Horn</i> <i>Dana School of Music, College of Creative Arts and Communication</i>
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL	“Pomp and Circumstance” Edward Elgar/Arr. Eric Bable “Quintet No. 1, 3 rd Movement” Victor Ewald
WELCOME	Ikram Khawaja <i>Interim President</i>
COLOR GUARD	The Youngstown State University Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Allyson Pollice <i>Soprano, Senior, Dana School of Music</i>
STUDENT REFLECTION	Kathryn Hyden <i>Graduate Candidate</i> <i>College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics</i>
INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES	Interim President Khawaja
GREETINGS AND REMARKS	Sudershan Garg <i>Chair of the Board of Trustees</i>
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	Teri Riley <i>Interim Provost</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Robert Shroder <i>President and Chief Executive Officer of Humility of Mary Health Partners</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION	“Malaguena” Ernest Lecouna Leonard Bernstein/arr. Jack Gale
REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES	Interim Provost Riley
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Interim President Khawaja
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES	Salvatore Sanders <i>Associate Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research</i>
WELCOME FROM YSU ALUMNI SOCIETY	Noreen Moderalli <i>President, YSU Alumni Society</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	Interim President Khawaja
ALMA MATER	From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. Fleming Allyson Pollice
RECESSIONAL	“My Spirit Be Joyful” Johann Sebastian Bach” “Run to You” Pentatonix “Rondeau” J.J. Moret

*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



*Robert W. Shroder
President and Chief Executive Officer
of Humility of Mary Health Partners*

Bob Shroder's background includes service as Assistant Administrator of Harper Hospital in Detroit and as Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer of Barberton Citizens Hospital. Bob came to this area 15 years ago to be Chief Operating Officer of St. Joseph Health Center in Warren. He was later promoted to Executive Vice President of Operations for Humility of Mary Health Partners and became the President and Chief Executive Officer of Humility of Mary Health Partners in 2002. Bob is very proud of the accomplishments at HMHP.

His community activities include having served on the Boards of the

Barberton Chamber of Commerce and United Way, the Mental Health Associates of Summit County, the Warren Chamber Orchestra, Past President of the Kent State University Trumbull Campus Advisory Board, a member of the Miami (Ohio) University Board of Trustees, Past Chairperson of the Mahoning Valley United Way Campaign, co-chairperson of the American Heart Association's Heart Walk, is an alumni of Leadership Mahoning Valley and was Chairperson of the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber. He also served on the Ohio Hospital Association Board and is currently the Ohio delegate to the American Hospital Association.

Bob holds a bachelor's degree in public administration from Miami University and a master's degree in hospital and health administration from Xavier University and is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Bob and his wife of over 30 years, Katy, reside in Howland. They are the proud parents of three children. Brian is a graduate of Miami University and Harvard University, Laura is a graduate of Purdue University and Roosevelt University and Matthew is a graduate of Miami University.

COMMENCEMENT STUDENT SPEAKER



Kathryn Hyden

Katie graduated as valedictorian of the Girard High School class of 2008 and enrolled at Youngstown State in the fall. In spring 2012, she graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Engineering in mechanical engineering. After being awarded the prestigious Cushwa/Commercial Shearing Graduate Fellowship, she returned to pursue a Master of Science in mechanical engineering.

While at Youngstown State she was active in various societies and organizations including National

Society of Collegiate Scholars, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society and Phi Kappa Phi honor society. She was awarded the Ohio Space Grant Scholarship, culminating in the presentation of her research at the Ohio Aerospace Institute, and twice competed in NASA's Great Moonbuggy Race at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. She has served a three-year internship with Parker Hannifin and will work as a design engineer at The Babcock & Wilcox Company upon graduation.

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

Richard Marshall Dowell

Dissertation: *School*

Administrator Impact Upon

Physical Restraints in Public

Schools

Educational Leadership

Ronald John Iarussi

Dissertation: *The Effectiveness of*

the Teacher-Leader Professional

Development Model for

Common Core State Standards

Implementation

Educational Leadership

Brittany Hians

Physical Therapy

Gabriel John Illes

Physical Therapy

Krista Michelle Johnson

Physical Therapy

Jill Marie Jonda

Physical Therapy

Adam Clifford Kagarise

Physical Therapy

Alisha Michelle Kagarise

Physical Therapy

Carri Killa

Physical Therapy

Matthew Scott Leathers

Physical Therapy

Michael Edward Maurer

Physical Therapy

Joshua Richard Miller

Physical Therapy

Maria Catherine Mooney

Physical Therapy

Ashley R. Neal

Physical Therapy

Lauren Elizabeth Perisa

Physical Therapy

Kyle M. Rockwell

Physical Therapy

Jillian Dawn Roemer

Physical Therapy

Hallie Ann Seiser

Physical Therapy

Alison Marie Sfara

Physical Therapy

Hannah Alaine Walski

Physical Therapy

Jacob Allen Wright

Physical Therapy

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Crystal Marie Alexander

Physical Therapy

Kyle Joseph Banna

Physical Therapy

Alyson Ramona Ellis

Physical Therapy

Caitlin Glenn

Physical Therapy

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

Master of Arts

Merriell Lee Brown
English

Walonda Rachelle Burney
Thesis: *The Art of Preservation:
A Look at the History of African
American Funeral Homes and
Rituals in Youngstown*
American Studies

Kathleen Curran Carver
Thesis: *Bridges to the Future*
History

Kayla Lynne Corbett
English

Joseph Narh Dicker
Financial Economics

Harry Matthew Evans
English

Natalia Lee Fenton
Thesis: *We Want You: A Rhetorical
Analysis of Propaganda From
Government Posters to Political
Memes*
English

Wesley Goodman
History

Brianne Howard
English

Sharif Timurovich Karimov
Economics

John Kevin Liana
American Studies

Nicole R. Marino
History

Joy Lynne Mistovich
Thesis: *An In-Depth Exploration
of The Faerie Queene*
English

Grimilda Ocasio
American Studies

Elizabeth Marie Phillip
Thesis: *See It, Want It, Have It:
A Visual Diary of the Suburban
Housewife 1946-1958*
American Studies

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

Donald Stephen Rudolph II
History

Richard Alan Schumacher
American Studies

Rebecca Nicole Steh
English

Aaron Michael Swickard
History

John Joseph Tell
History

Susan Marie Verbosky-Coleman
American Studies

Master of Business Administration

Stephen Michael Bosela
Management

Gregory Dudash
Management

Jonathan E. Dunn
Management

Justin Robert Fehl
Management

William Charles Helbley
Management

Brian Michael Hritz
Management

Brooke Ann Joseph
Management

Charles Michael Jurenovich
Management

Genna Damiano Notareschi
General Business

Stephen Robert Poulton
Finance

Trevor Aaron Totten
Management

Master of Computing and Information Systems

Samuel Addai
Computing and Information
Systems

Akhilesh Rao Meesala
Computing and Information
Systems

John Francis Meinken
Computing and Information
Systems

Wilfred C. Mutale
Computing and Information
Systems

Master of Health and Human Services

Daniel F. Cesene
Thesis: *The Completeness of the
Electronic Medical Record with
the Implementation of Speech
Recognition*
Health and Human Services

Lauren Melissa Kocher
Thesis: *Predicting Healthy
Lifestyle Success in the College
Environment Using the
Transtheoretical Model*
Health and Human Services

Matthew Steven Ozanich
Thesis: *Socioeconomic and
Job-Related Determinants of
Emergency Department Use*
Health and Human Services

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

Master of Music

Sean Ryan Baran
Music Performance

Dennis Alan Hawkins, Jr.
Music Performance

Rebecca Lynn Little
Music Performance

Nathan Ross Sensabaugh
Music Performance

Bryan Patrick Teeters
Music Performance

Christopher Ross Williams
Music Performance

Master of Public Health

Karyssa Ann Bobosky
Public Health

Lesley Anne Roddy
Public Health

Andrea Michelle Ryan
Public Health

Master of Science

Michael Kwaku Boateng
Thesis: *The Dynamic Behavior of Macrophages in Wound Healing*
Mathematics

Kristopher James Brown
Thesis: *A Comparison of Match to Sample and Respondent Training of the Blocking Effect in Equivalence Classes*
Applied Behavior Analysis

Joseph Vincent Copploe II
Thesis: *In Vivo Strains in the Femur of the Nine-banded Armadillo (*Dasypus Novemcinctus*)*
Biology

Theresanne DeMartino
Biology

Katie Lynn DiCola
Thesis: *Using Arbitrary Stimuli to Teach Say-Do Correspondence*
Applied Behavior Analysis

Anne Elizabeth Dubovec
Mathematics

Samantha Jo Evans
Thesis: *The Effects of Increasing the Ratio of Approvals to Disapprovals on Destructive, Disruptive, and Aggressive Behaviors in a Classroom*
Applied Behavior Analysis

EmmaLeigh Kaleb Given
Thesis: *Evaluating Long-term Effects of Destructive Flooding on In-stream Riparian Characteristics and Macroinvertebrate Abundance in Low Order Streams*
Biology

Jenna Marie Hallapy
Mathematics

Kristin Marie Helle
Thesis: *A Gender Based Crime Study: Urban Suburban and Rural Crime in Ohio*
Criminal Justice

Sreevani Kalapala
Thesis: *Removal of Hydrogen Sulfide From Landfill Gas Using a SolarRegenerable Adsorbent*
Chemistry

Abdul-Basit Kasim
Mathematics

Tara Murray McCart
Thesis: *A Statistical Analysis of Witchcraft Hysteria in Colonial America: A Time Series Count Data Analysis*
Mathematics

Jacob Adam Rose
Thesis: *Hindlimb Morphology in Eastern Cottontail Rabbits (*Sylvilagus floridanus*): Correlation of Muscle Architecture and Fiber Type with Ontogeny*
Biology

James John Scollione
Thesis: *Are We Sheep? An Examination of Victims Fighting and Fleeing in Mass Shootings*
Criminal Justice

Mario Francis Sracic
Thesis: *A Self-Contained Review of Thompson's Fixed-Point-Free Automorphism Theorem*
Mathematics

Derick Allen Young
Thesis: *Exploratory Study of Participants in Veterans Court*
Criminal Justice

Master of Science in Education

Stephen Edward Bero
Educational Administration

Kathleen Louise Ciolli
Educational Technology

Amanda Sue Clementi
Teacher Education, Early Childhood

Heather Nicole Collier
Teacher Education, Curriculum and Instruction

Clark Stephen Cretella
Counseling

Angel Diane Dewolfec
Special Education, Autism and Related Disabilities

Alyssa Marie DiBernardi
Educational Administration

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Teacher Education, Literacy

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English Language Arts

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Teacher Education, Curriculum
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Counseling

Nicholas Anthony Spanos
Educational Administration

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Tiffany Nicole Varney
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

Venkata Shesha Vamsi Borra
Thesis: *Design and Modeling of
High Performance LED
Dimming Driver with Reduced
Current Spikes Using Turn-On
Snubber Across Power MOSFET*
Electrical

Michael William Diehl
Thesis: *Prevention of Incisional
Hernias Using Mesenchymal
Stromal Cells and Platelet-Rich
Plasma Treated with Collagen
Matrix Tape*
Mechanical

Mevan Chathuranga Dissanayake
Thesis: *Evaluation of IMET
Technology for Enhancement of
Wastewater Sludge Digestion*
Civil and Environmental

Ravi Kant Gupta
Civil and Environmental

Brandon D. Hart
Thesis: *Microstructural
Characterization of Aluminum
Cables and Ultrasonically
Welded Terminals for Electric/
Hybrid Electric Vehicles*
Mechanical

Kathryn Rose Hyden
Thesis: *Controlling Condensate
Outlet Temperature on an Air
Cooled Condenser*
Mechanical

Anthony Christopher Nuzzi
Electrical

Joshua Michael Ratell
Industrial and Systems

Sentel Jamar Rodgers
Civil and Environmental

Michael R. Valiski
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Master of Science in Nursing

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Dr. Bosela is a Professor of Electrical Engineering Technology in the School of Engineering Technology. He has a PhD in Electrical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh, a MS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Akron and a BE in Electrical Engineering from Youngstown State University. His technical interests include electrical machinery and power systems, smart grid applications of power system protective relaying, and efficient use and control of electrical energy. He has published two textbooks with Prentice Hall Publishing: *Introduction to Electrical Power System Technology* and *Electrical System Design*.

Prior to joining YSU in 1989, he was employed as an electrical engineer by Pennsylvania Power Company. He is a licensed professional engineer in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

READER

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