# SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH COMMENCEMENT YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, MAY TWENTY-FIRST TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE TWO 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 12,000 full- and part-time students with 120 undergraduate programs, 40 master's degree programs and a doctorate in education. There are more than 410 full-time faculty and 688 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 97-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	This Old Man" March by Robert Nagel. "That's A Plenty" by Lew Pollack/arr. Cooper."
	"Dance" by Wilke Renwick
	YSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Dr. Stephen L. Gage,	Director of Bands, College of Fine and Performing Arts
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL	
	by Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov/arr. Holcombe
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NATIONAL ANTHEM Shawn	College of Fine and Performing Arts
STUDENT REFLECTION	Graduate Candidate, Beeghly College of Education
INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES	President Sweet
GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE	SPEAKER;
PRESENTATION OF BRUCE R. BEEGHLY TO I	RECEIVE THE
	H. S. Wang
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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.

# Commencement Speaker and Recipient of the Degree Honorary Doctor of Science



Bruce R. Beeghly

Bruce R. Beeghly, a former member of the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees, serves as secretary of the Ohio Board of Regents. He is president of Altronic, Inc., a designer and

manufacturer of electronic products sold worldwide. Altronic is the leading producer of ignition systems for stationary industrial engines in the world. Other manufacturing businesses in the corporate family operate in Texas and California.

Mr. Beeghly was elected to two terms on the Liberty Local Board of Education and served nine years on the YSU Board of Trustees, acting as chair in 1998-2000. He is a past trustee of the Youngstown State University Foundation and also served as a member of the Ohio Board of Regents Higher Education Funding Commission.

Active in the Youngstown/Mahoning Valley United Way, Mr. Beeghly currently serves as chair of that board. He is a member of the board of directors of the Youngstown Business Incubator and was honored as the 2002 Business Professional of the Year by the Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber. He also served on the board of directors of National City Bank and Metropolitan Savings Bank.

Mr. Beeghly received his Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, California.

He was appointed to the Ohio Board of Regents in 2002.

## Commencement Student Speaker



Rachel Hoffman

Rachel Hoffman, of Poland, Ohio, is graduating with her second degree from YSU, a Master of Science in Education in child and adolescent counseling. Her May 2002 undergraduate degree is in

psychology. Hoffman has worked as a graduate assistant for Dr. Mary Lou DiPillo, associate dean of the Beeghly College of Education, since January 2003. As a graduate assistant, her duties focused primarily on helping prepare the College for NCATE accreditation.

During her time as a graduate student, Hoffman was active in numerous extracurricular activities. She served as the president of the ETA chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, an international honor society in the field of counseling. In January 2005, she was chosen as Chi Sigma Iota Fellow for her service to the ETA chapter. For the part two years, she has served as co-chair of the Dean's Dozen. a student advisory committee to the dean of the College of Education. Additionally, Hoffman was the 2004-2005 YSU representative for the East Ohio Counseling Association. She presented results of research at both the 2004 All-Ohio Counselor's Conference as well as the 2005 American Counseling Association conference.

In August 2005, Hoffman will begin work on her Ph.D. in the Department of Counseling and Human Development Services at Kent State University. In addition, she will continue to work as part-time counselor/ case coordinator at Youth Services Unit, a child and adolescent inpatient facility located in Tod Children's Hospital.

## 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**

Andrew John Pushchak, B.S. in Ed., M.S. in Ed. Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Educational Leadership Teacher Beliefs and Instructional Practice of Differentiated Instruction



#### Master of Arts

Sara Ann Accettura, A.B. Youngstown State University English

Thesis: When Mystics Have Prophets for Dinner: A Critical Biographical Analysis of William Blake's Visions Using Abraham Maslow's Theories of Self-Actualization and Peak-Experiences

Ann Nicole Amicucci, B.A. Kent State University English

Thesis: To Patagonia in Leakproof Shoes: A Critical Interpretation of "The Old Patagonian Express"

Elizabeth Margaret Crowll, B.S. in Ed., M.FA. Youngstown State University, Catholic University of America English

Lisa Eaton, B.S. in Ed. Youngstown State University English Joshua Lennard Foster, A.B., B.F.A. Youngstown State University History

Kate Ann Gigliotti-Gordon, B.A. Youngstown State University History

Lizbeth Ann Heath, B.S. in Ed.
Indiana University of
Pennsylvania
English
Thesis: Politeness in American
English and Peninsular Spanish:
A Comparison

Dayna Lynne Hendricks, B.S. in Ed. Youngstown State University English

Nekia D.C.L. Hilson, A.B. Youngstown State University History

Pierre Aref Maroun, B.A. Kent State University History Thesis: *The Fox and the Hope*  Erick Carl Redington, A.B. Youngstown State University History

Elisa Sileoni, B.A.
Lake Erie College
English
Thesis: Effect of Humor on
Motivation in Foreign
Language Learning

James William Vallos, A.B. Allegheny College Economics

Amanda Lee Yovick, B.S. in Ed. Youngstown State University English Thesis: *Gender and Politeness* 

## Master of Business Administration

Ryan Phillip Boso, B.S.B.A. Youngstown State University Management

Dara Elaine Britton, B.S. Fairmont State University General

Tracey N. Brown, B.A. The Ohio State University Management	Harry Joseph Nickl, B.E., M.S.E.E. University of Pittsburgh General	Georgianna Saunders, B.S.A.S. Youngstown State University Health & Human Services
Jennifer L. Cramer, B.S.B.A. Youngstown State University General	Jennifer Rose Pociask, B.S.B.A. Saint Mary's College Marketing	Master of Music Jessie Rose Berne, B.M. Miami University Performance
Jason Thomas Elias, A.B. Baldwin-Wallace College Marketing	Francesco Terra, B.S.B.A. Youngstown State University Marketing	Jason William Clark, B.M. Youngstown State University Music Theory and
Kimberly Ann Gonda, B.A. Youngstown State University General	Amanda Jay Updegraff, B.S.B.A. Youngstown State University Accounting	Composition Thesis: Pitch Organization & Structure in Sergei Prokofiev's Quintet Op 39, First Movement
Janice C. Hardman, B.S. Bowling Green State University General	Richard A. Villani Jr., B.S.B.A. Slippery Rock University General	Jamie Allen Gardner, B.M. Grove City College Music Education
Nicholas M. Harvey II, B.S.B.A. Youngstown State University General	Christopher Lapham Wills, A.B. Westminster College Management	Craig Stephen Hill, B.M. Youngstown State University Performance
Donna Elizabeth James, B.S.B.A. Fontbonne College General	Charles F. Yeager, B.S.B.A. Tiffin University Management	Matthew Robert Newman, B.M. Westminster College Music Education
Timothy Ray James, B.S. Kent State University Management	Master of Health & Human Services Trudy Simica Bertram, B.S.B.A. Kent State University	Virginia Mae Roedig, A.B., M.A Michigan State, University of
Marjorie J. Kountz, B.S. Franciscan University General	Health & Human Services  Linda L. Evans, B.S.A.S.	North Carolina Performance
Tracy Marie Lucarell-Huber, B.S.B.A.	Youngstown State University Health & Human Services	Shawn David Vondran, B.M. The Ohio State University Performance
Youngstown State University General	Erin Marie Hoffman, A.B. Allegheny College Health & Human Services	Emily Anne Voye, B.M. Youngstown State University Performance
Dominic A. Mastropietro III, B.S.B.A. Youngstown State University General	Amy Lynn Meyer, B.S. Penn State University Health & Human Services	Justin D. Watt, B.M. Kent State University Performance

Master of Physical Therapy Michelle J. Kaydo, B.S. Youngstown State University Physical Therapy

Nicole Marie Kropiwnicki, B.S. John Carroll University Physical Therapy

Renee Lynn Lisac, B.S. University of Pittsburgh Physical Therapy

Tracie Mauch, B.A. Wittenberg University Physical Therapy

Stacy Nicole Nard, B.S.B.A. Youngstown State University Physical Therapy

Eric Joseph Pichiotino, B.S.A.S. Youngstown State University Physical Therapy

Rebecca Marie Pompeii, B.S.A.S. Youngstown State University Physical Therapy

William Paul Sarisky III, B.S. Youngstown State University Physical Therapy

Amanda Lynn Stevens, B.S.A.S. Youngstown State University Physical Therapy

Jamie Lee Torres, B.S. Youngstown State University Physical Therapy

# Master of Public Health

Neelam D. Ghiya, B.S. Youngstown State University Public Health Vanessa J. Martin, B.A. Youngstown State University Public Health

#### Master of Science

Sampson Nii Armah Addo, B.E., M.S.E. Moscow Power Engineering Institute Mathematics

Armend Axhemi, B.S.
Saint Vincent College
Chemistry
Thesis: 1) Isolation and characterization of Thymine-7-hydroxylase from Rhodotorula Glutinis 2)
Mechanistic studies of Iso-orotate Decarboxylase

Gloria Patricia Basto Salgado, B.E.
La Molina National Agrarian
University
Environmental Studies
Thesis: Assessment of Water
Quality, Benthic Community
Structure and Microbial Indicators
in Cattaraugus Creek, Zoar Valley

Shawn U. Blohm, B.S. Youngstown State University Biology Thesis: Environmental Impacts of

Dams on Avian Communities within Disturbed Riparian Habitat

Julie M. Chandler, B.S. Youngstown State University Biology Thesis: Differential Proteomics of Penicillium marneffei: A dimorphic fungal pathogen

Christian Cofie, B.S.
University of Ghana
Mathematics
Thesis: Causality between Exports
and Economic Growth in South
Africa: A Cointegration Approach

Bala Krishna Ereventi, B.S. Osmania University Chemistry

Samuel Aboagye Essah, B.S. University of Ghana Mathematics

Daniel Steven Hoffman, B.S. Mount Union College Biology

Kiran Keniya, B.S. Osmania University Chemistry

Eric Karl Keylor, B.A.
Yale University
Mathematics
Thesis: Boulez: An Intelligent
Tutoring System for TwentiethCentury Music

Jane D. Nanor, B.S.
University of Ghana
Mathematics
Thesis: Analysis of Overweight in
the Adolescent, Youth Risk
Behavior Survey

Raghavan S. Parthasarathy, B.E. Shanmugha College of Engineering Environmental Studies
Thesis: Experimental Verification of the Partial Mixing Model

Richard L. Porter, B.S.
Penn State University
Chemistry
Thesis: Synthesis and Electrochemical Characterization of
1,12 DiferrocenyldodecaneTagged Self-Assembled Monolayers

Candace Nicole Rivera, B.A. Youngstown State University Criminal Justice

Rebecca Rae Rupert, B.S. Youngstown State University Biology

Amy Lynn Schuler, B.S. Youngstown State University Biology Thesis: An ecological study of Filipendula rubra (Hill) B.L. Robinson (Rosaceae)

Sandra Gail Slusher, B.S. Youngstown State University Biology Thesis: *Type 5 Staphylococcus* 

Avery C. Sterling, B.S. Central State University Mathematics

Mark D. Tronzo, B.S.M.E., B.S., M.S.E. Geneva College, Youngstown State University Mathematics Thesis: Spectral Inclusion Sets for Matrices

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Chemical Engineering

Jonathan Christopher Kelm, B.S., B.E. Youngstown State University Electrical & Computer Engineering Thesis: Control Systems for a Robot Gripper

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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.



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 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-

#### 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*.

