

# New York's Cuomo to speak as part of Skeggs Lecture series

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Mario Cuomo, former three-term governor of New York and once one of the Democratic party's most shining stars, will speak Wednesday night in the Chestnut Room.

Cuomo's speech is part of YSU's Skeggs Lecture Series. The speech is free and open to the public, but tickets are required for admission. Tickets, however, are no longer available, News and Information Services Manager Ron Cole said.

In conjunction with

Cuomo's appearance, Cole said the university will announce the appointment of an endowed chair in Italian Studies. The position, Cole said, will be similar to that of Islamic Studies Director Mustansir Mir.

"With him being a prominent Italian, we thought it'd be

an appropriate tie-in," Cole said.

Cuomo was the longest serving Democratic governor of New York in modern history. After leaving office in 1995, he returned to his law practice at the firm of Willkie, Farr & Gallagher.

In 1992, Cuomo flirted

with a run for the presidency. Pollsters considered him a front-runner for the nomination, which Cuomo never sought and Bill Clinton eventually won.

Former Skeggs lecturers include Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher, Colin Powell, Jeane J. Kirkpatrick,

George Will, Barry Goldwater, Margaret Mead, Tom Brokaw and William F. Buckley Jr.

The series began in 1966 in honor of Leonard Skeggs, a city man who helped Youngstown develop its own college.