WYSU appoints new development officer

Michele Grant of Boardman has been appointed development officer of Youngstown State University's public radio station, WYSU-FM. Grant was formerly the university's annual fund coordinator.

"This position is a natural fit for me," said Grant, a McDonald High School graduate who has a professional background in arts administration, with a master's degree from Philadelphia's Drexel University in the same field.

"It's great to be back in an arts environment. In fact, I grew up with the arts. My father was a musician and an

artist. Because of him, I developed a love for music and visual arts."

As development officer, Grant's fund-raising responsibilities include WYSU's annual fall and spring fund drives and the annual "Mad About the Arts." Additionally, Grant is responsible for organizing WYSU "members-only" events and coordinating special summer events, such as bus trips to Blossom Music Center.

Grant, who earned a bachelor's of arts degree in art history and studio art from Oberlin College in 1978, lived in Philadelphia for more than 20 years before moving home to the Mahoning Valley in 2002.