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Advancing to the American Collegiate Moot Court Association's National Tournament in New Orleans are YSU students, from the left, Kevin Hulick, James Toliver, Travis Watson and Mark Cornman. Read more in this week's YSU News Briefs.

Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 6, 7:05 p.m. YSU women's basketball team plays Wisconsin-Green Bay in Beeghly Center. The Penguins also play **1:05 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8,** also in Beeghly Center, against Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

YSU Moot Court teams advance to national tourney

Two teams of Youngstown State University students will compete in the American Collegiate Moot Court Association's National Tournament Jan. 14 and 15 in New Orleans.

The teams, consisting of students Travis Watson of Austintown and Kevin Hulick of Austintown, and James Toliver of Youngstown and Mark Cornman of Austintown, qualified for the national competition by finishing in the top four of the ACMA Midwest Regional Tournament at the College of Wooster in November. Teams from Denison University and Saginaw Valley State University also qualified for the national competition, which will be at Tulane University School of Law Jan. 14 and 15.

This is the second consecutive year that Watson and Hulick have qualified for the national competition. Last year, the duo advanced to the nationals at Florida International University College of Law in Miami.

The competition requires students to read, analyze, understand and argue constitutional law issues and answer questions as if they were appearing before the U.S. Supreme Court. Students had to master and be prepared to answer questions about the application of 21 actual federal and state court decisions. This year's court issues included the constitutionality of the Affordable Health Care Act and whether state statutes prohibiting same-sex marriage or refusing to recognize same-sex marriages recognized in another state are constitutional.

Also at the Midwest tournament, Toliver placed first in the individual oratory category, besting 72 competitors from throughout the region. Watson placed sixth in the individual category, and Hulick came in seventh.

The YSU Moot Court team is instructed and coached by Atty. Ron Slipski, a part-time instructor in the Political Science and History departments and a senior partner in the Youngstown law firm of Green Haines Sgambati Co. LPA. The team is sponsored by the Rigelhaupt Pre-Law center in the YSU Political Science Department under the direction of department Chair Paul Sracic.

Assisting the YSU team to prepare for the competition were: Seventh District Court of Appeals Judges Gene Donofrio, Mary DeGenaro and Cheryl Waite; Ohio Disciplinary Counsel Jonathan Coughlan, J. Dean Carro, Director of Appellate Advocacy at the University of Akron's School of Law; Attorney Michelle Manzoian; Fitch High School Speech and Debate Coach Alysia Damico; and Youngstown attorneys Shawn Scharf, Megan Graff, George Millich and Matt Vansuch.

YSU's College in High School starts video contest

A record 240 students from 27 Mahoning Valley School districts have enrolled in Youngstown State University's College in High School dual enrollment program for the spring semester, which starts in January.

That is double the number enrolled in the program last year, according to Marla Carano, CHS program coordinator.

"We are thrilled to have so many students enrolled for the spring, but there are still many more students and school districts out there who are eligible and don't know about the program," Carano said.

To spread the word, the program has launched the "Two by One" contest. The name of the contest is derived from the fact that students in the program are essentially doing two things at once – attending high school and earning college credit, Carano said.

The contest calls for students to create an original video showcasing what two things they can do at once. Between Jan. 4 and 25, students will upload their videos to Facebook, and the public will cast votes for the best video. The grand prize is an Apple iPad. The winner will be announced March 1. Contest rules are at www.yсу.edu/metro_credit. Students do not have to be part of the CHS program to compete.

YSU's College in High School program, run by YSU Metro Credit, is now in its fifth year and is in place in school districts throughout Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties. The program allows students to earn college credit in classes taught in their home high schools. In the spring, students will be enrolled in college-credit classes in calculus, chemistry, physics, biology and English.

Under the program high school teachers who teach advanced-level classes are certified by YSU to teach college-level courses. High school students take the courses during the regular school day, so they do not have to rearrange schedules, find transportation, or limit participation in school activities. A four-hour CHS math or science class only costs \$196, hundreds of dollars less than if a student was taking the class on the YSU campus.

Faculty/staff awards, publications, presentations

Rangamohan V. Eunni, associate professor of Management, published an article, "Determinants of FDI in Emerging Markets: Evidence from Brazil," in *International Journal of Commerce and Management*. The work was co-authored with Claudio Felisoni DeAngelo and Nuno Manoel Martin Dias Fouto, colleagues from the YSU Williamson College of Business Administration's partner school, the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Stephen Chalmers, assistant professor of photography and digital imaging, curated an exhibition from Sept. 16 to 26 in China at the Pingyao International Photography Festival. His exhibition, entitled "-est," included the work of Chris Jordan, Susana Raab and Brian Ulrich. Chalmers also delivered a paper on contemporary American photography at the same festival.

Eleanor A. Congdon, associate professor of Medieval and Renaissance History, delivered papers on her research about 15th century Venetian merchants at the Renaissance Society of America conference in Venice, Italy, in April; the Mediterranean Maritime History Networks conference in Izmir, Turkey, in May; the International Medieval Congress in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in May and the International Congress of Medieval Studies at Leeds University in England in July. She also co-edited the book, *In My Spirit and Thought, I Remained a European of Hungarian Origin*, published in July.

Jeffrey Trimble, system librarian and general editor of the DSpace documentation manual for release 1.6.2, has been appointed general editor of the release 1.7 manual set for distribution in December 2010.

Mark Vopat, assistant professor, Philosophy and Religious Studies, presented "Justice and the Distribution of Educational Resources" at the Society for Applied Philosophy at St. Anne's College in Oxford, UK. He has also published the following articles: "School Uniforms and Freedom of Expression" in *Forthcoming: Ethics and Education*, "Magnet Schools, Innate Talent and Social Justice" in *Forthcoming: Theory and Research in Education* and "Child Abuse and Neglect" in *Forthcoming: Encyclopedia of Ethics*.

Jim Kapoun, associate director of Information Services, Maag Library, recently published an article titled, "Library Instruction, Intervention and Immersion: A Five-Year Study of Religion and the Arts" in *Journal of Religious & Theological Information*.

Yogen Panta, assistant professor of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, published a book entitled *Action of Magnetohydrodynamics on the Detection of Mercury*. The work focuses on the detection of mercury (II) ions in aqueous solutions under the effects of electromagnetic fields, and his research develops an ultrasensitive mercury sensor for these ions.

Sylvia J. Imler, associate professor, Counseling and Special Education, published a manuscript from her research entitled, "Becoming Culturally Responsive: A Need for Preservice Candidates," in *Teacher Education and Practice*, the journal of the Texas Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Virgil C. Solomon, assistant professor, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, and **Timothy R. Wagner**, professor of Chemistry, along with Klaus-Markus Peters and Brian P. Hetzel from Fireline Inc., presented "Characterization of structure evolution in aged Al₂O₃/SiC composite refractories by electron microscopy" at the Microscopy & Microanalysis 2010 Conference in Portland, Ore. An extended abstract of the presentation was published in a 2010 issue of *Microscopy and Microanalysis*.

Christine Dennison, instructor, Marketing, and **Leigh Ann Waring**, coordinator of Career and Counseling Services, presented "Blending Academia and Experiential Learning: Developing a Career Intervention for the Millennial Generation" at the JAME Fall Educators Conference in Indianapolis.

Birsen Karpak and **Anne McMahon**, professors of Management, presented "Success Factors of a Manufacturing SME in Ohio: Women Perspective" at the EURO 2010 Conference in Lisbon, Portugal.

Kin P. Moy, associate professor, Electrical Engineering Technology, served as the chair of the U.S. delegation to the International Standards Organization electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) test standards development working group meeting in Seattle, Wash. He was also recently appointed by the president of the Automotive Research and Testing Center in Taiwan to serve on the committee to design and develop a new automotive EMC test facility.

Peter Norris, professor, Chemistry, presented the seminar "Synthesis and Chemistry of Diazo- and Azidodeoxysugars" in the chemistry department's of Wright State University and Penn State University in October.

Bob Hogue, associate professor, Computer Science and Information Systems, presented a paper this fall, entitled "Work in Progress: Examining a Finished Product as a Means for Reinforcing Concepts," at the 2010 Frontiers in Education Conference in Arlington, Va.

Rebecca Barnhouse, professor, English, has authored a new young adult novel, *The Coming of the Dragon*, published by Random House and inspired by the Anglo-Saxon epic poem, *Beowulf*.