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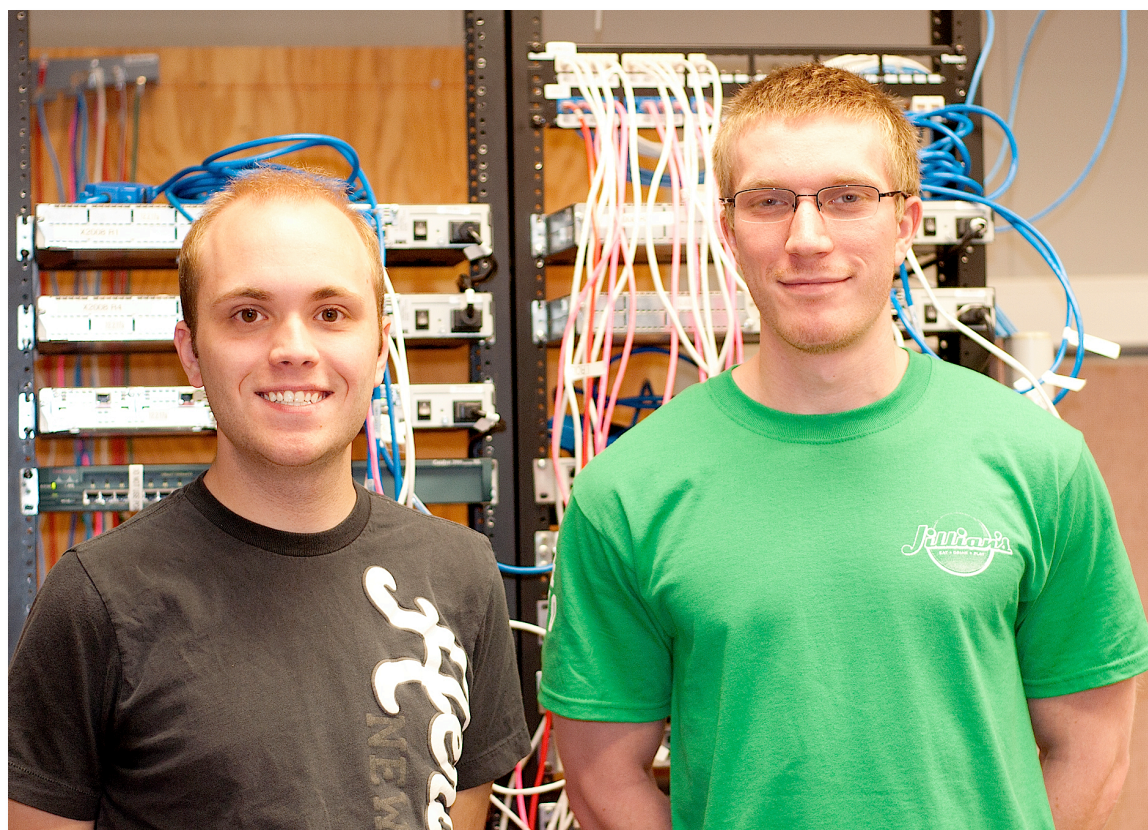
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

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week's YSU News
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- **Students win state networking contest, place 10th nationally**
- **Diversity Leadership nominations due Feb. 1**
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Steve Mesik and Nate Miller, seniors in YSU's computer information systems program, placed first in the state and 10th in the nation in a recent networking competition. See News Brief below.

Calendar

Friday, Dec. 24, and
Monday, Dec. 27.
University closed.

Students win state networking contest, place 10th nationally

Youngstown State University seniors Nate Miller and Steve Mesik placed first in the state of Ohio in the Cisco Networking Academy NetRiders 2010 Skills Competition for the United States and Canada.

Miller of East Palestine and Mesik of Austintown, who are majoring in computer information systems at YSU, then placed 10th out of 45 competing teams from across both countries in the finals of the competition conducted in December.

Virginia Phillips, professor emeritus, is Miller and Mesik's computer networking instructor.

Cisco Networking Academy NetRiders allows students to showcase their information technology/networking skills and to gain visibility among talent recruiters in the growing

networking field. In the competition, teams of two students take a series of online exams and simulation activities.

Mesik is a member of the Beta Gamma chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma and is executive vice president of YSU Student Government.

Diversity Leadership nominations due Feb. 1

Deadline is Feb. 1, 2011, for nominations for Diversity Leadership Awards sponsored by the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at Youngstown State University.

Nominations are being accepted for YSU and Mahoning Valley leaders who have exemplified a commitment to the promotion and engagement of race, ethnicity, religion, culture, gender, disability, language, sexual orientation and organization membership.

Awards will be given in the following categories:

- Leaders of Tomorrow – an upper division YSU student (i.e. graduate student, senior or junior).
- Campus Leadership – YSU administrator, staff or faculty.
- Community Leadership – individual, business, group, agency, organization or community initiative (must be in existence for at least 3 years).

Nominations can be completed online or obtained at http://www.ysu.edu/div_ysu/.

Award recipients will be recognized at the Diversity Leadership Recognition Celebration 6 p.m. Thursday, March 31, 2011, at Mr. Anthony's. The cost is \$35 per person or a table of eight for \$280. The keynote speaker will be Cynthia E. Anderson, the first woman, the first Mahoning Valley native, and the first YSU graduate to serve as YSU president.

For more information or to make reservations, contact the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at 330-941-3370. Proceeds from the event will fund student scholarships through an endowment that has been established with the YSU Foundation. To obtain information or to apply for the Diversity Leadership Recognition Scholarship visit <http://www.ysu.edu/ysufoundation/welcome.shtml>. The scholarship application deadline is Feb. 15, 2011, for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Faculty/staff awards, presentations, publications

William Greenway, professor in English, published the poem, "Second Mortgage" in *Passager*.

Helen Guohong Han, assistant professor of Management, co-authored a paper titled, "Bracketing Team Boundary Spanning: An Examination of Task-based, Team-level, and Contextual Antecedents," which has been nominated for the Best Paper award in the *Journal of Organizational Behavior*. In addition, her co-authored project proposal "Secure Attachment and Leader Effectiveness: A Process Model" has been awarded \$3,500 by the University Research Council. Han has also published "The Mediating Role of Job Satisfaction Between Leader-Member Exchange and Turnover Intentions," co-authored with Marc Jekel, University of Bonn, Germany, in *Journal of Nursing Management*. She has also published "Trust and Career Satisfaction: The Mediating Role of LMX" in *Career Development International*.

Christine Adams, assistant reference librarian, business and economics, presented a poster at the Special Libraries Association 2010 Annual Conference & INFO-EXPO in New Orleans titled, “Off to a Good Start! Librarian and Faculty Collaboration on Financial Literacy.”

Shelly Xiaoli Zhu, electronic services librarian, presented “Is Content Management System Right for You?” at the Library Technology Conference at Macalester College. She also presented “Redefining the Resource Page: Replacing Static Subject Guides with Dynamic Blogs” at the Academic Library Association of Ohio Conference in Wilmington.

Rebecca Roberts, manager of Information Literacy and Assessment Planning, presented “Redefining the Resource Page: Replacing Static Subject Guides with Dynamic Blogs” at the Academic Library Association of Ohio Conference in Wilmington. In addition, she presented “One Shot Wonder: Using Web 2.0 and TurningPoint to Engage Students in One-Shot Library Sessions” at the spring TurningPoint User Conference at Northwestern University.

Several YSU faculty and staff made presentations at the Low Incidence Summer Institute presented by the Beeghly College of Education and the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. **Richard Van Voorhis**, assistant professor, Counseling and Education, and lead coordinator of the Institute, **Audrey Ellenwood**, associate professor, Counseling and Special Education, and coordinator of YSU’s proposed school psychology program, and **Kenneth Miller**, professor, Counseling and Special Education, co-presented “Building Bridges Between Training and Practice, School Psychology Program Development at YSU.” **Leah Gongola**, assistant professor, Counseling and Special Education, and **Rocio Rosales**, assistant professor, Psychology, presented “A Collaborative Process: Enhancing Treatment Outcomes for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders.” And, **Renee McConnell**, associate director of programs, and **Lindsay Morgart**, behavior analyst and programs coordinator, both of the Rich Center for Autism, presented on “Best Practice” approaches to working with students with autism.

Karen Graves, assistant director, Center for Student Progress First-Year Student Services, facilitated the development and submission of five CSP senior peer mentors’ presentations to the 2010 Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis Regional Mentoring Symposium. **Justin Haught** and **Kevin Hulick** presented “Commuting to Success: A Forum on the Perils that Commuter Students Face.” **Nancy Barber** gave a presentation titled, “It’s Never Too Late to be Who You Might Have Been.” **Diane Platton** and **Kelly Brothers** presented “We’re All in this Together.”

Cynthia Harrison, assistant reference librarian, science and engineering, was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Society, YSU Circle and became faculty secretary of the Circle. She also served as a Lake-to-River Regional Science Fair judge.

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.