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## **President Anderson attends Harvard Seminar**

Cynthia E. Anderson, president of Youngstown State University, is one of about 40 new college presidents accepted into and attending the Harvard Seminar for New Presidents at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

The seminar, designed to provide a practical and conceptual orientation for new college and university presidents, is hosted by the Harvard Graduate School of Education and runs July 16 to 21.

Anderson, formerly vice president for Student Affairs, became YSU's seventh president on July 1.



Cynthia E. Anderson

"It is an honor for President Anderson to be accepted into this highly selective workshop," said Scott Schulick, chair of the YSU Board of Trustees. "It is our investment in the university's future."

The highly regarded seminar is led by a faculty that include the presidents of Harvard University, Tufts University, Bates College, University of Memphis, Bridgewater State College, Guilford College and University of Maryland. Chair of the seminar is Judith Block McLaughlin, a senior lecturer on education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and director of the Higher Education master's degree and doctoral concentration programs at Harvard.

Sessions focus on leadership, governance, fundraising, financial management, building an administrative team, strategic planning and the life of the president.

## **YSU students participate in NEOUCOM practicum**

Forty-one Youngstown State University students are among those participating in the seven-week Community Health Practicum at the Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy this summer.

The course, which began June 14, concludes Friday, July 23, with a mock legislative hearing at NEOUCOM's campus in Rootstown, Ohio, featuring current and former local state lawmakers.

The course brings together second-year students from YSU, Kent State University and the University of Akron who are enrolled in NEOUCOM's accelerated B.S. /M.D. degree program. The students go to NEOUCOM once a week to study a range of topics, including childhood obesity, vaccine practices for the elderly, incarceration of persons with mental illness, bicycle injuries and binge drinking in college-age students. The practicum gives students the opportunity to study literature and develop a research paper outlining a specific topic, including factors affecting the problem and a proposed solution.

The practicum concludes with student groups presenting solutions for the community health problems in the form of proposals to a panel of state legislators for mock funding. This year's panel includes State Sens. Capri Cafaro, Shirley Smith, Tom Sawyer and Joseph Schiavoni; State Reps. Stephen Dyer and Mike Moran; former State Sens. Harry Meshel and Grace Drake; and former State Rep. Kathleen Chandler.

Faculty from the partner universities and NEOUCOM, including YSU nursing faculty Nancy Mosca and Nancy Wagner, work with students throughout the duration of the course, developing a paper that describes the epidemiology of the problem, a review of the literature and a proposed solution.

NEOUCOM has the oldest accelerated, combined degree program in the state of Ohio, and one of only 18 accelerated programs in the nation. Students apply to the program during their senior year of high school, and, upon admission, enjoy the benefits of having a reserved seat in medical school when they begin their college program. They earn a combined bachelor of science and doctor of medicine (B.S. /M.D.) degree in only six or seven years.

Not to reporters: If you plan to attend, please contact Cristine Boyd at 330-325-6673.

## **Public invited to share recipes, family stories**

Steel Valley Voices, the nationally-renowned cultural preservation project sponsored by the Center for Working-Class Studies at Youngstown State University, and Grow Youngstown, a local non-profit organization that is leading efforts to promote sustainable food growth and urban agriculture in the Mahoning Valley, will hold a recipe sharing and storytelling session on Saturday, July 24.

The event will be 10 a.m. to noon at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1105 Elm Street in Youngstown, coinciding with the Northside Farmer's Market.

Sherry Linkon, co-director of the CWCS, said the public is invited and encouraged to share both recipes and stories during the gatherings or to simply listen.

"Food has always played an integral and important role in the cultural life of the Mahoning Valley," she said. "What we eat, how we grow it, and how we preserve it helps to define our area's diverse cultures. These gatherings will give people from every racial or ethnic group in the community the

opportunity to share their treasured traditions and learn about others. It's great way to gather information and to bring people together."

The July 24 gathering will focus on home-grown food, building on the tradition of gardens tended in the shadows of smoke-belching steel mills in thousands of Valley backyards. "It was backyard gardens that led to the creation of such Youngstown specialties as Brier Hill pizza," Linkon said.

Linkon and members of the Steel Valley Voices Community Advisory Board will lead the sessions.

Steel Valley Voices collects and preserves the stories and experiences of the people of the Mahoning Valley with a special emphasis on cultural diversity. The project features an extensive website containing stories, documents, photographs, and multi-media presentations chronicling the experiences of more than 15 racial and ethnic groups who live in the community. Anyone wishing to view the archives or to contribute materials to the project is encouraged to log on at <http://steelvalleyvoices.yzu.edu/> or to contact the Center for Working-Class Studies at 330-941-2978.

Grow Youngstown is a Mahoning Valley-based non-profit organization dedicated to creating a healthy, socially just, economically viable, and inter-dependent food system in the community. The organization sponsors the Community Supported Agriculture program that makes it easy for Youngstown area residents to purchase produce from local farms and encourages the development of community gardens and small-scale farms within the city. Grow Youngstown also serves as an educational and informational resource that fosters discussion of issues related to food and nutrition and promotes the sustainable growth of food, forest, forage, and fuel. To learn more about Grow Youngstown's projects, visit the organization's Website: [www.growyoungstown.org](http://www.growyoungstown.org)

For more information about the recipe and storytelling sessions, contact Linkon at 330-941-2977.

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