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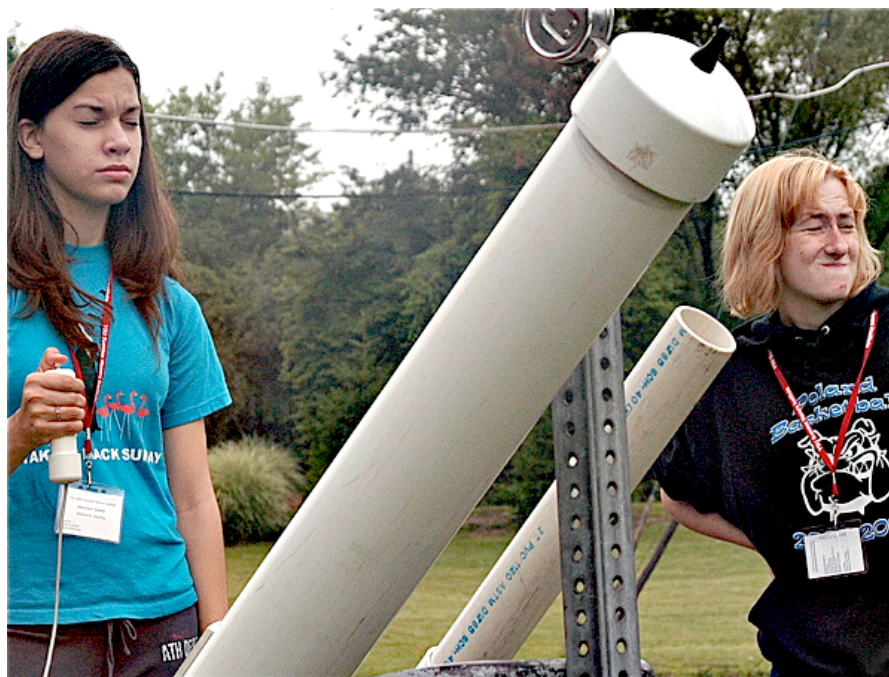
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Students in the Summer Honors Institute close their eyes in anticipation of a launch of the Potato Cannon. The Institute for gifted and talented high school students takes place this week on the YSU campus.

## Calendar

**Monday, June 21 through**

**Friday, June 25.** The Summer Honors Institute, a program designed to provide gifted and talented high school students hands-on learning experiences with university faculty, is on the YSU campus this week. Students attend classes taught by YSU faculty on a variety of topics, including Entrepreneurship, Rapid Prototyping, Crime Scene Analysis, Potato Cannon, Healthcare, Robotics, Astronomy and Documentary Filmmaking. New courses this year include International Business, Geocaching, Model United Nations, Visual Art, Creative Writing and Rowling with the Bagshot, for all of those Harry Potter fans. For more information, visit [www.ysu.edu/honors/summer](http://www.ysu.edu/honors/summer).

**Monday, June 21 through Saturday, June 26.** More than 70 high school students from across Ohio are participating in Ohio Business Week this week at YSU. See News Brief below.

**Monday, June 21, 10 a.m.** News conference to celebrate YSU's award-winning campus trees and landscape, including the announcement that the university has been designated a Tree Campus USA University. The event will be on campus between the Ward Beecher Planetarium and Maag Library, just north of Lincoln Avenue.

## **Institute focuses on low incidence disabilities**

More than 125 people are expected to attend the Youngstown State University Low Incidence Summer Institute 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, featuring a keynote address by William Heward, professor emeritus from the College of Education and Human Ecology at Ohio State University.

The Institute, titled “Using Evidence Based Practices to Evaluate and Enhance Treatment Outcomes for Students Diagnosed with Low Incidence Disabilities,” will be in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center and is conducted by the YSU Department of Counseling and Special Education and the YSU School Psychology Program Planning Team.

The Institute is designed to provide cutting edge “low incidence” training. Low Incidence Disabilities include autism, deaf/blindness, multiple disabilities, severe/profound cognitive disabilities, and traumatic brain injuries. The target audience for the event includes school psychologists, school psychology faculty members, counselors, low incidence educators, related service providers and graduate students.

YSU President Designate Cynthia E. Anderson, Youngstown Mayor Jay Williams and State Rep. Joe Schiavoni are scheduled to speak at the opening session at 8:45 a.m.

Heward will give two keynote addresses: “Applied Behavior Analysis: Using Science to Improve the Education of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders” and “Ten Faulty Notions about Teaching and Learning that Hinder the Effectiveness of Special Education.” Heward has served as a Senior Fulbright Scholar in Portugal, a Visiting Scholar at the National Institute of Education in Singapore, a Visiting Professor of Psychology at Keio University in Tokyo, and given lectures and workshops in 14 other countries. His publications include more than 100 journal articles and book chapters and nine books. He is a recipient of OSU’s highest honor for teaching excellence, the Alumni Association’s Distinguished Teaching Award.

Additional breakout sessions will be offered covering assessment procedures and consultation methods designed to assist children diagnosed with low incidence disabilities.

The final breakout session will include information about YSU’s proposed school psychology program. The program is designed to help meet the demands for school psychologists in the region and in Ohio by providing contemporary and comprehensive training in school psychology. The proposed Education Specialist (ED.S.) curriculum aims to have a practical focus and also to involve YSU graduate students in research activities.

The Institute is sponsored by YSU, YSU Beeghly College of Education, YSU Department of Counseling and Special Education, YSU School Psychology Program Development, The Rich Center for Autism, School Study Council of Ohio, and the Ohio Department of Education, Office for Exceptional Children.

## **Call for Hispanic Student Achievement Award nominations**

Nomination deadline is July 16 for the Youngstown State University Hispanic Heritage Celebration’s sixth annual Student Achievement Awards.

The awards are open to all Hispanic/Latino students who demonstrate academic excellence, civic commitment, successful leadership qualities, or have made a significant transformation in their lives. Nominations will be accepted



The flag ceremony is a traditional part of the YSU Hispanic Heritage Celebration, which this year is Friday, Sept. 24.

only from professors, teachers, guidance counselors or academic counselors, community leaders, ministers, or employers. Students wishing to be considered for recognition should forward the nomination form to one of the above.

Nomination forms are available on the YSU Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity website at [http://www.ysu.edu/div\\_ysu/](http://www.ysu.edu/div_ysu/). Click on “Hispanic Student Achievement Nomination” in the middle of the page. The form may be printed, completed and submitted via fax to 330-941-3674. The form may also be mailed to: Hispanic Heritage Committee, C/O Magdalia McClendon, Assistant Director, Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Youngstown State University, One University Plaza, Youngstown, OH 44555.

Selected students will be notified by Aug. 31. For more information, contact McClendon at 330-941-3243 or [mmcclendon@ysu.edu](mailto:mmcclendon@ysu.edu).

Awards will be presented at the sixth annual YSU Hispanic Heritage Celebration Friday, Sept. 24, in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center on the YSU campus. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Ivania del Pozo, YSU professor of foreign languages and literatures.

The event – “Listen to Our Hispanic Voices” – begins at 5:30 p.m. with light refreshments featuring Hispanic foods. Informational booths hosted by area businesses and organizations will be on display throughout the evening. Also included will be a ceremony featuring flags from 22 Hispanic countries, folkloric dance performances, musical entertainment, art exhibits, and more.

The event, free and open to the public, is coordinated by the Hispanic Heritage Planning Committee through YSU’s Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity with support from campus organizations and local sponsors. It is being held in conjunction with the national observance of Hispanic Heritage Month, which is traditionally observed Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

## **Smoky Hollow run and walk set for July 10**

The seventh annual Smoky Hollow 5K Run and 1 Mile Family Fun Walk will be Saturday, July 10.

The event, which celebrates the history of the Smoky Hollow neighborhood just east of the Youngstown State University campus, commences from Harrison Field on Walnut Street behind YSU’s Bliss Hall. The 5K run starts at 9 a.m., followed by the family fun walk at 9:10 a.m. Race day registration starts at 7:45 a.m. at Harrison Field.



Awards will be presented in several categories and age groups. Entry fee is \$13 before July 5, and \$16 after July 5 and on race day. The fee is \$7 for children 12 and under. The first 300 registrants will receive a t-shirt. An awards ceremony and post-race party, including free brunch for all participants and volunteers, will be held at Cassese’s MVR in Smoky Hollow beginning at 9:45 a.m.

To register, visit [www.gopherarun.com](http://www.gopherarun.com).

The event is sponsored by the Raymond J. Wean Foundation, Wick Neighbors Inc., YSU, WYSU 88.5 FM, Cassese's MVR, YSU Summer Festival of the Arts and YSU Department of Physical Therapy.

## **MBA Information Sessions scheduled for June 28**

The Williamson College of Business Administration at Youngstown State University will host three MBA (Master of Business Administration) Information Sessions on June 28.

The sessions will be 4:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m., and 6 p.m. in the Cafaro Suite of Williamson Hall on the YSU campus.

YSU's Flexible MBA enables students to pursue their degree either part-time or full-time. Classes are offered one night per week and on Saturdays. Some MBA courses are offered in eight-week blocks. Students may start any term – fall, spring or summer. The MBA program is accredited by AACSB International, which represents the highest standard of achievement for business schools worldwide.

For application information, contact Monique Bradford at 330-941-3069 or [mrbradford@ysu.edu](mailto:mrbradford@ysu.edu).

## **Ohio Business Week is this week on campus**

More than 70 high school students from across Ohio are participating in Ohio Business Week this week at Youngstown State University.

“YSU plays a crucial role in helping the Foundation prepare Ohio's youth for future leadership roles in the business community,” said Gayle D. Troy, executive director of the Ohio Business Week Foundation. “After attending OBW at YSU, students will emerge from the program with the skills necessary for success in higher education and the work force.”

The program started Sunday, June 20, and concludes this Saturday, June 26. Nineteen of the students attending the program are from the tri-county area.

The program brings high school sophomores, juniors and seniors from diverse backgrounds together to form companies and learn business skills, concepts and theories from local and regional business leaders. Students compete in activities that promote leadership and integrity and learn about entrepreneurship by developing a business plan, a marketing plan and a financial plan for a start-up business. Advisors and guest speakers represent large and small businesses from around the state.

“The Williamson College of Business Administration strongly believes in preparing Ohio's youth for success in the American free enterprise system,” said Betty Jo Licata, dean of YSU's Williamson College of Business Administration. “Each summer, Ohio Business Week participants leave our campus with a better understanding of entrepreneurship, business success and ethical business practices.”

Participants are assigned to a “company” with 10 to 12 other students and a loaned executive called a company advisor. The students develop an idea for a new business venture; complete business, financial and marketing plans; construct a trade show display; develop an advertisement or web page; and create a TV or radio commercial. At the end of the week, the companies compete in the Emerging Entrepreneur Project Competition.

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