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Calendar

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, May 25,
26 and 28, 11 a.m.** YSU Metro Campus in
Boardman hosts free seminars in recognition
of Small Business Week. For more
information and reservations, call 330-941-
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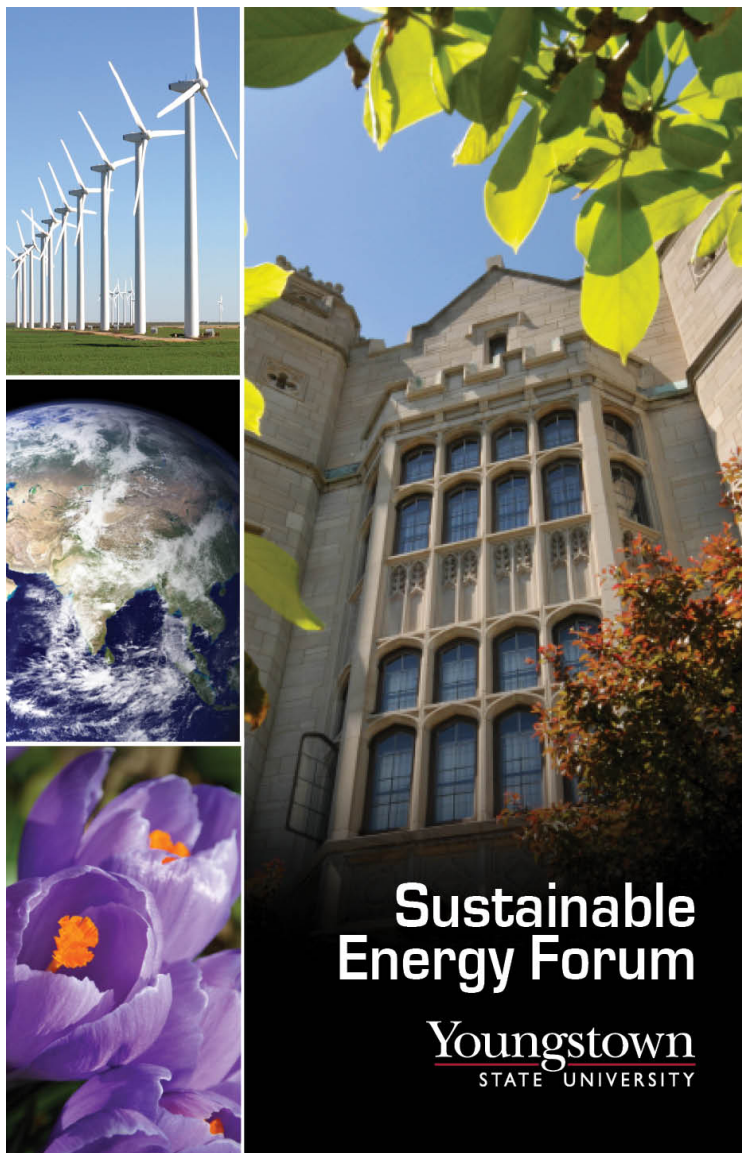
Tuesday, May 25, 5:30 p.m. YSU Students
Motivated by the Arts presents the SMARTS
Annual All Music Recital in the Ford Family
Recital Hall in downtown Youngstown. Free.

Wednesday, May 26, 9 a.m. Phil Hirsch, a
retired long-time administrator at YSU, will
have a three-minute shopping spree at the Save
A Lot store in Boardman. Hirsch won the
shopping spree as a donor of the record-setting
YSU United Way campaign. He will donate
the goods to Second Harvest Food Bank. For
more information, call 330-746-8494.

Sustainable Energy Forum features documentary, workshops

Youngstown State University's second annual Sustainable Energy Forum, an international conference featuring presentations and discussions on topics ranging from wind and solar energy to biofuels and carbon capture, will be Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, June 6, 7 and 8 on the YSU campus.

"Sustainable energy is a key area of focus for YSU's STEM College, the TechBelt Region, the state of Ohio, the nation, and the world," said Martin Abraham, dean of the YSU College of Science,



YSU hosts the second annual Sustainable Energy Forum June 6, 7 and 8, featuring presenters and participants from around the world. See News Brief below for more information.

**Sustainable
Energy Forum**

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Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. “Government officials, industry leaders and academic researchers will all be in attendance to discuss the challenges and the solutions.”

More than 100 people are expected to attend, including contingents from China and Israel.

The forum kicks off 5 p.m. Sunday, June 6, in the Schwebel Auditorium in Moser Hall on the YSU campus with the screening of the documentary film “11th Hour.” The 2007 film, created, produced and narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio, documents the problems facing the planet's life systems, including global warming, deforestation, mass species extinction and depletion of the oceans' habitats. The screening is free and open to the public.

The forum continues on June 7 and 8 with general sessions and presentations, as well as workshops and roundtable discussions on biofuels, carbon capture/sequestration, energy efficiency, liquid fuels from coal or natural gas, energy storage and grid, wind and solar energy, fuel cells/electric vehicles, and landfill/digester gas. The forum will be led by regional and national researchers, developers, manufacturers, technical experts and government leaders in the field of sustainable energy.

The goal of the event is to drive regional economic development through the commercialization of energy technologies, to exchange information on technologies related to renewable energy and energy efficiency, to identify specific areas of research that are needed and topics for future discussion/exploration, to pinpoint opportunities to pursue joint research in technology development for sustainable energy, and to discuss current models for developing partnerships and collaboration in energy technology development.

This year's forum builds on YSU's growing expertise in advanced materials, a key platform technology for sustainable energy. “New composites, platings, metals and ceramics will be the key innovations that enable and accelerate sustainable energy initiatives,” Abraham said.

The forum is sponsored by YSU, Roth Brothers Inc., the Raymond John Wean Foundations, Dominion, ms Consultants Inc., Energy Industries of Ohio and NorTech.

For more information and to register, visit www.ysu.edu/sef.

Physical therapy prof's 'Right to Move' group takes shape

Most of us don't think much about the ability to move our bodies – until we can't.

For many of those with mobility difficulties, from birth or through injury or for a plethora of other reasons, physical therapy is a readily available option for treatment.

But what about those who live in poverty and cannot afford such treatment? How can they function and lead fulfilling lives?

Marleen Iannucci, professor of Physical Therapy at Youngstown State University, has asked those same questions, and is working to create solutions through the creation of the Right To Move volunteer organization.

Right To Move, a concept Iannucci has been contemplating for nearly a decade, is an organization focused on the intersection of movement disability and poverty. The goal, she said, is advocacy, education and service on international, national, state and community levels.

“Movement disability,” Iannucci said, “could mean any disability affecting a person’s ability to physically move at home or in the community. We are addressing situations where this disability is further constrained by poverty.”

Right To Move was introduced two years ago as a part of YSU’s doctor of physical therapy curriculum. Students spend half of the class working on community service projects, and the other



Professor Marleen Iannucci presents a Pete the Penguin doll to a girl in a village outside of Xian, China. The girl suffers from a brain injury and is one of the patients the PT faculty and students assessed during their trip to China last summer.

half learning about Right to Move and making advancements and suggestions on the overall development of the organization.

Iannucci is currently preparing to introduce Right To Move as a campus-based nonprofit volunteer organization, recruiting projects and volunteers via its website. While the group is still in its infancy, it has already tackled several projects, large and small.

“It’s really up to the volunteers and the partnerships they form with a specific group or organization. We are simply showing how a project at each level can work and be effective.”

“Projects can be long or short-term but will occur at every level,” Iannucci said.

Community-based volunteer efforts thus far included a campaign to help nursing home residents file tax returns for the \$300 stimulus bonuses available to them. Currently underway are plans for an education initiative working with downtown business owners on hiring workers with disabilities and another on emergency preparedness.

On a grander scale, Right To Move made its first international effort this past summer, when Iannucci accompanied Weiqing Ge, assistant professor of Physical Therapy, and five third-year graduate students on a trip to China. The group visited an impoverished village and assessed the availability, or lack thereof, of therapy options for the disabled.

“This is a long-term project,” Iannucci states. “We went and assessed the situation, and asked ourselves ‘What can we do together to improve this situation?’ It will obviously take some time to reach that goal.”

Each one of the undertakings will serve as a “prototype project” and be posted on the Right To Move website as an example for prospective volunteers.

While the organization is based in the Physical Therapy Department, Iannucci said she would like to see other disciplines involved.

“Movement isn’t just a physical therapy concern,” she said. “It could really benefit from the sharing of knowledge and ideas from so many other areas of study like social work, engineering and the arts.”

Iannucci has also approached the American Physical Therapy Association about expanding Right To Move to other college campuses.

“Issues of poverty are ongoing and occur everywhere,” she said. “Flash in the pan efforts just won’t do anymore. We as educators and scholars need to link into community engagement and hook people through whatever they are passionate about into volunteer projects.”

Students inducted into counseling honor society

Twenty-four graduate students in Youngstown State University’s counseling program have been inducted into the Eta Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, the National Honor Society for Professional Counselors.

Chi Sigma Iota, with chapters at more than 250 universities, is the world's largest counseling honor society. The mission of Chi Sigma Iota is to promote scholarship, research, professionalism, leadership and excellence in the profession of counseling. Membership is by invitation only to graduate students in counseling who have distinguished themselves through professional excellence and aspire to work as professional counselors.

This year's inductees are Ashley Walker of Poland, Courtney Davidson of Youngstown, Wilma DePiere of Youngstown, Jamie Johnson of Hubbard, Tara Sydney of Youngstown, Rebecca Campbell of Boardman, Nicole Peterson of Youngstown, Marlana Robertshaw of Boardman, Stephanie Volpini-Hann of Poland, Debbie Reed of Columbiana, Jessica Thompson of Pierport, Julie Kusnir of Austintown, Lana Whitehead of Canfield, Stacy Armstrong of Youngstown, Kristin Kmetz of Struthers, Linda Crawford of Canfield, Jessica Brinker of Girard, Stephanie Kinch of Painesville, Danielle Matos of Salem, Rose Stacy of Girard, Emily Herman of Youngstown, Charity Kurz of Struthers, Pam Heggins of Youngstown, and Druana Perren of Clinton.

The induction ceremony in the DeBartolo Stadium Club featured two keynote speakers. Julie Lenyk, a 2008 graduate of the YSU counseling program, current president of the Eastern Ohio Counselors Association and a family development specialist at Meridian Services, spoke about mental health issues and counseling needs in the Mahoning Valley. JoLynn Carney, a YSU Counseling Department faculty member from 1996 to 2004, spoke about the importance of relationship building and being a servant leader. Carney is an associate professor of Counselor Education at Pennsylvania State University. Carney was also the 2009 recipient of the Beeghly College of Education Distinguished Alumni Award for Counseling.

For more information, visit <http://www.ysu.edu/cse/counseling> or contact Jake J. Protivnak, assistant professor, Counseling Program, and faculty advisor of the YSU Eta Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota.



This year's inductees into the National Honor Society for Professional Counselors are (first row, left to right): Ashley Walker, Courtney Davidson, Wilma DePiere, Jamie Johnson, Tara Sydney, Rebecca Campbell, Nicole Peterson, Marlana Robertshaw, Stephanie Volpini-Hann, Debbie Reed, Jessica Thompson, Julie Kusnir. (Second row, left to right): Lana Whitehead, Stacy Armstrong, Kristin Kmetz, Linda Crawford, Jessica Brinker, Stephanie Kinch, Danielle Matos, Rose Stacy, Emily Herman, Charity Kurz, Pam Heggins and Druana Perren.

Two students win Phi Kappa Phi grants

Youngstown State University students Justin McIntyre and Christopher Farmakis have been awarded National Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants for 2010.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi awards up to 45 study abroad grants each year. The grants provide \$1,000 in support of study abroad opportunities.

Farmakis is a 2007 graduate of Austintown Fitch High School. He is a biology/pre-med major and will be engaging in a study abroad experience in Costa Rica. McIntyre is a 2008 graduate of Mineral Ridge High School. He is a political science major and will be studying abroad through a semester-at-sea program over the summer semester 2010.

YSU Adult Open House set for June 3

Adult students interested in attending Youngstown State University are invited to attend an Adult Open House 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 3, in Kilcawley Center on the YSU campus.

At the open house, students will learn about the more than 100 bachelor's degrees and more than 25 associate's degrees offered by YSU. The open house will also provide information about the university's bachelor of general studies degree completion program, adult student services, career opportunities, day care services, scholarships and financial aid.

Participants can RSVP by calling 330-941-2000 or 1-877-GO-TO-YSU, or by visiting www.ysu.edu/admissions.

