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This painting by Tyresa Soos is among the works on display at the annual Fall Graduating BFA Show at the McDonough Museum of Art on the YSU campus. The exhibit features work by students graduating this semester from the Department of Art at YSU. The exhibit will remain on view until Dec. 18.

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*Featured in this week's YSU News Briefs:*

- **Chancellor speaks at commencement**
- **SMARTS Store Preview Sale Dec. 2**
- **Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale this weekend**

## Calendar

**Wednesday, Dec. 1, 7 p.m.** The Dana School of Music presents the annual holiday music extravaganza, Carols & Cocoa and the Dana Holiday Concert in Stambaugh Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens, and free for children under 12 and those with a valid YSU ID. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Bliss Hall Box Office or with a credit card by phone at 330-941-3105. Tickets also will also be available the evening of the performance.

**Thursday, Dec. 2.** The YSU Board of Trustees meets on the following schedule: **Noon**, Internal Affairs Committee; **1 p.m.**, External Relations Committee; **2 p.m.**, Finance and Facilities Committee; **3 p.m.**, Trusteeship Committee.

**Thursday, Dec. 2, 2 to 7 p.m.** YSU's SMARTS Store in downtown Youngstown hosts a 20-percent off Preview Sale. See News Brief below.

**Friday, Dec. 3, 6 to 8 p.m.** A reception will be held to open the Fall Graduating BFA Show at

## Chancellor Fingerhut speaks at fall commencement

Eric D. Fingerhut, chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, will receive an honorary degree and speak at YSU's fall commencement at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, in Beeghly Center.

Salvador Bolan, who will graduate with a bachelor's degree in education, will be the student speaker.

About 750 students will receive diplomas at the ceremony.

Bolan, a native of Youngstown, was raised on a small farm in New Waterford, Ohio, along with his seven sisters and three brothers. After graduating from Crestview High School in 1990, Bolan attended the University of Cincinnati for one year and then enlisted in the Navy, where he served from 1992 to 1996. Following his military service,

Bolan enrolled in YSU's College of Arts and Sciences and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology. He then worked as a substitute teacher for the Youngstown City School District for two years and enrolled in the YSU Beeghly College of Education. Bolan is currently working as an intervention specialist at American Spirit Academy in East Liverpool.

In March 2008, Fingerhut delivered Ohio's 10-year *Strategic Plan for Higher Education* to the governor and Ohio General Assembly, with an overall goal to raise the educational attainment of Ohio's population. Since the report's release, he has worked closely with the administration, the Ohio General Assembly, businesses, colleges and universities, and other state agencies to implement strategies to make higher education more efficient while expanding low-cost pathways

and educational opportunities to students.

From 2005 to 2007, Fingerhut was a member of the business administration faculty at Baldwin-Wallace College as director of economic development education and entrepreneurship. He also has served as a senior lecturer in the Case Western Reserve University's Department of Political Science, School of Law and Weatherhead School of Management.

In 1991-92 and from 1999 to 2006, Fingerhut was a member of the Ohio State Senate, representing the 25<sup>th</sup> District in the eastern half of Cuyahoga County. He served for eight years on the Senate Finance (Budget) Committee and also served on committees related to health, aging, environment, insurance, tax policy, economic development and education. He received the "Senator of the Year" award from Omeris Ohio's Bioscience Association in 2005 and the Ohio Governmental Affairs Award from the Ohio Rehabilitation Association in 2000.



Eric Fingerhut



Salvador Bolan

## SMARTS Store Preview Sale is Dec. 2

Youngstown State University's SMARTS Store in downtown Youngstown, featuring gift items from more than 60 artists, will have a 20-percent off Preview Sale 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2.

Jewelry, handmade cards, pottery, prints, original artwork, photography, ceramics, SMARTS signature bottle caps, hats, scarves, candles, and other items will be on sale, including this year's newly released SMARTS Holiday Card.

The SMARTS – Students Motivated for the Arts – Store is located at 258 Federal Plaza West in downtown Youngstown in the DeYor Performing Arts Center, across from Home Savings and Loan Co.

For more information, call 330-941-2787 or visit [www.fpa.ysu.edu/smarts](http://www.fpa.ysu.edu/smarts).

Additional SMARTS holiday events include:

- **Tuesday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.,** SMARTS Holiday Open House. The event includes holiday hands-on activities and 10-percent discounts in the SMARTS Store. All proceeds to benefit future SMARTS Programming.
- **Sunday, Dec. 12, 5:30 to 8 p.m.,** Gardens by Candlelight at DD Davis Center. SMARTS staff will participate in this public event.
- **Saturday, Dec. 18, 1 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 19, 1 to 5 p.m.,** Art Outreach Gallery at Eastwood Expo Center. SMARTS and Power of the Arts will have information at an unstaffed table at this event.



The SMARTS Store in the DeYor Performing Arts Center in downtown Youngstown.

## Holiday Arts and Crafts Sale this weekend

The Annual Holiday Fine Arts and Crafts Sale will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 in the McDonough Museum of Art on the campus of Youngstown State University.

The sale, sponsored by the YSU Student Art Association, is free and open to the public. The event will also feature a Chance Auction, with all proceeds benefiting the Student Art Association.

For more information, call 330-941-1400.