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Calendar

Monday, Nov. 15, 8 a.m. YSU alumnus Rhonda Chicone, chief

technology officer and vice president of Product Development for Notify Technology Corp., is the featured speaker at the Mahoning Area Consortium Tech Prep's Annual Stakeholders' Forum in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center.

Monday, Nov. 15 through Thursday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tunnel of Oppression in the Presidential Suites of Kilcawley Center. For more information, call 330-941-3547. The Tunnel of Oppression is a walk-through visual exhibit in which many forms of oppression are depicted. Coordinated by the Office of Housing and Residence Life.

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TaQuaesha Toney, above, and David Bresko, below, are Youngstown Early College graduates and now students at YSU featured in a new statewide article and video promoting Early College High Schools in Ohio. Read more about it in this edition of YSU News Briefs.



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Monday, Nov. 15, 8 p.m. The Dana School of Music's Jazz Ensembles 2 & 3 perform in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center.

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 3:30 p.m. Ikram Khawaja, YSU provost, is featured speaker in the YSU Student Government Association's latest installment of the "Words to Live By – Last Lecture" in the James Gallery of Kilcawley Center. See News Brief below.

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 6 p.m. The Dana School of Music's Flute Ensembles, directed by Kathryn Thomas Umble, perform a variety of selection in Bliss Recital Hall. For more information, call 330-941-3636.

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 7:05 p.m. The YSU men's basketball team takes on Buffalo in Beeghly Center.

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 8 p.m. The Dana School of Music Clarinet Studio Recital, featuring the studio students of Alice Wang and Joseph Edwards, performs in Bliss Recital Hall. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call 330-941-3636.

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 12:15 p.m. The Dana School of Music's String Department performs a free Music at Noon concert in the Butler Institute of American Art.

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 8 p.m. The Dana School of Music's Jazz Combos perform in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center.

Thursday, Nov. 18, 6 p.m. The Dana School of Music's Clarinet Ensemble performs in Bliss Recital Hall.

Thursday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m. Noted archaeologist James Adovasio, dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pa., speaks as part of the YSU Anthropology Colloquium in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center. Adovasio, who also is director of the Mercyhurst Archaeological Institute, will talk about "The Invisible Sex."

Thursday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m. Saxophone Studio Recital in First Presbyterian Church.

Thursday, Nov. 18, 8 p.m. Dana Guitar Studio Recital in Bliss Recital Hall.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 18, 19, 20 and 21. University Theater presents *Once on This Island* in Ford Theater in Bliss Hall. Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30 p.m., with a Sunday matinee performance at 3 p.m. Call the University Theater Box Office at 330-941-3105.



The YSU women's basketball squad, under first year head coach Bob Boldon, opens its home season against IPFW 1:05 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, in Beeghly Center. Pictured here is sophomore forward Brandi Brown.

Friday, Nov. 19. The 5th Annual “We are IT” Conference, designed to expose young women to careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, will be Friday, Nov. 19, on the YSU campus. The one-day professional information technology conference will help familiarize young women in grades 7 through 10 with various aspects of IT and other STEM disciplines and to encourage them to continue their education and pursue a career in one of the STEM fields.

Saturday, Nov. 20, 1:05 p.m. The YSU women’s basketball squad opens its home season against Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne in Beeghly Center.

Sunday, Nov. 21, 6 p.m. Raga Boyz, an internationally renowned group from Pakistan and India, will perform in concert in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. The concert, which is part of the YSU Performing Arts Series, is free and open to the public.



Alice Wang, assistant professor of clarinet in the YSU Dana School of Music.

‘An evening of music’ at YSU

For music and theater fans, Thursday, Nov. 18, will be a night to remember at Youngstown State University.

The evening starts at 6 p.m. with a free concert by the Dana School of Music’s Clarinet Ensemble, under the direction of Alice Wang and Joseph Edwards, in Bliss Recital Hall. At 7:30 p.m. Dana Saxophone Studio students, under the direction of James Umble, will perform a free recital at First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown, 201 Wick Avenue. At 7:30 p.m., University Theater presents the musical *Once on This Island* in Bliss Hall’s Ford Theater. And, lastly, at 8 p.m., the Dana Guitar Studio, under the direction of Francois Fowler, performs a free concert in Bliss Recital Hall.

“It’s really amazing that, in the span of a few hours, one can experience such diverse music offerings by our excellent Dana School of Music and University Theater students,” said Bryan W. DePoy, dean of the YSU College of Fine & Performing.

“Why not make it an evening of music, sharing in the traditions and excellence of the Dana School of Music and University Theater? This evening is yet another example of how seriously we take our college mission, which includes providing a dynamic learning environment to strengthen and broaden the intellectual and cultural horizons of a diverse community.”

The Thursday performances are part of a busy week for the College of Fine & Performing Arts, which also includes performances by the Dana Flute Ensembles, Clarinet Studio and Jazz Combos, as well as a free concert by faculty artist Caroline Oltmanns.

Read about all of the performances in this week’s YSU News Briefs.

Provost Khawaja presents 'Last Lecture' this week

Ikram Khawaja, provost and vice president of academic affairs at Youngstown State University, is featured in the YSU Student Government Association's latest installment of the "Words to Live By – Last Lecture" series at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16 in the James Gallery of Kilcawley Center.

The semi-annual lecture series, started in the spring, will feature a different university professor or administrator each time who will answer the question, "If you could give one final lecture, what would you tell your students?"

The series is based on the "last lecture" of Randy Pausch, a professor of computer science at Carnegie Mellon University. The lecture, given in September 2007 when Pausch was suffering from pancreatic cancer, gained national fame. Pausch died in July 2008.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Stephen Mesik, Student Government executive vice president, at 330-941-3382 or samesik@student.ysu.edu.



YSU Provost Ikram Khawaja

Khawaja has been a member of the YSU faculty and administration for more than 40 years. He joined the faculty in 1968 and served 17 years as chair of the Department of Geological and Environmental Sciences. He was director of faculty relations from 1997 to 2000 and served as interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from July 2001 to July 2002 before retiring in December 2002. He returned to YSU as interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from July 2005 to July 2007. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Karachi in Pakistan, a master's from Southern Illinois University and a Ph.D. from Indiana University.

YSU-YEC students in statewide video

Two graduates of Youngstown Early College who are now enrolled at Youngstown State University are featured in an article and video published by Ohio Education Matters, a statewide public policy research organization.

David Bresko, who is studying environmental science, and TaQuaesha Toney, who is a pre-med student, both received full scholarships to attend YSU after graduating from YEC. They are among 10 graduates of Early College High Schools statewide featured on the Ohio Education Matters website at http://www.ohioeducationmatters.org/fast_track.

"To see these students grow up to be positive contributors to their communities and excel at four-year universities tells me that we should continue to make Early College a priority in Ohio," said Thomas J. Lasley II, executive director of EDvention and chair of the Ohio Early College Association.

Youngstown Early College, started in 2004, is a high school located in Fedor Hall on the YSU campus that allows students to attend both high school and college classes. The program is a collaboration of the Youngstown City Schools, YSU and Eastern Gateway Community College.

Bresko graduated from YEC with 62 college credits. A self-proclaimed "language geek" and a nature enthusiast, he credits supportive YEC teachers with helping him explore his interests and develop a leader's

mentality. “Thanks to Early College, I didn’t have to experiment. I already had my own experiences to draw on, so I could focus right away. I was ready,” he said.

Toney graduated from YEC with honors and an associate in arts degree and now resides in YSU’s Cafaro House residence hall. Aside from preparing for medical school, organizing events for the YSU chapter of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, starting a fundraiser for victims of the earthquake in Haiti and raising public awareness of human trafficking, Toney also finds time to tutor her three younger siblings and volunteer and sing at her church. But Toney didn’t originally envision such a direction after high school.

“I wonder if I would have been as interested in going to college if it weren’t for Early College,” she said.

CMU prof featured in CWCS lecture

“Social Formations: Popular Culture and the Working Class” is the topic of a talk by Kathleen Newman, professor of Literature and Cultural Studies at Carnegie Mellon University, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15 in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center on the campus of Youngstown State University.

The presentation is part of the YSU Center for Working-Class Studies Lecture Series, co-sponsored by the YSU Department of Communications.

On the morning of March 18, 1958, jubilant garment workers gathered at the VFH hall in Scranton, Pa., to declare their participation in the largest garment workers’ strike in U.S. history. They were joined by 450,000 garment workers across the nation and stretching to the Caribbean – from Boston to New York City, Scranton, Miami and Puerto Rico. In her lecture, Newman discusses why this strike, and thousands like it, has become part of the lost history of the 1950s. Newman will showcase the relationship between culture and history, focusing on two popular films about the garment industry, *The Garment Jungle* and *The Pajama Game*, that debuted in 1957, and the ILGWU general strike which followed in 1958.

The Center for Working-Class Studies is a multidisciplinary teaching and research center devoted to the study of working-class life and culture. For more information, contact John Russo at 330-941-2976 or jbrusso@ysu.edu or Sherry Linkon at 330-941-2977 or sllinkon@ysu.edu, or visit <http://cwcs.ysu.edu>.

Oltmanns performs free concert

Caroline Oltmanns, professor of piano at Youngstown State University’s Dana School of Music, performs a free concert 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15, in Bliss Recital Hall.

Included in the performance will be *Kinderszenen* op. 15 by Robert Schumann, *Schmetterlingswaltzer* (Butterfly Waltz) by Erkki Melartin, Sergei Rachmaninoff’s *Flight of the Bumble Bee*, Liszt’s *From Venezia e Napoli: Tarantella*, and *Piano Concerto in A minor, Op.54* by Robert Schumann.

Oltmanns, an international Steinway artist, has presented master classes and workshops in the United States, Switzerland, Germany, South Africa and Canada. Her students have been accepted into prestigious programs in the United States and abroad, and have pursued outstanding careers in music. A



Caroline Oltmanns

native of Fürth, Germany, Oltmanns received a Performance Diploma from the *Staatliche Musikhochschule Freiburg*, and consequently accepted a Fulbright Scholarship and the prestigious *Stipendium der deutschen Wirtschaft* for graduate and doctoral studies at the University of Southern California.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call 330-941-3636.

Nominations open for Heritage Award

The deadline is Dec. 31 to submit nominations for the 2011 Heritage Award at Youngstown State University.

The award, initiated in 1981, recognizes former faculty and professional/administrative staff who have made major contributions to the university. The 16-member Heritage Award Committee, comprised of representatives from each college, the administration, alumni and the YSU Retirees Association, reviews nominees.

Nominees must be former members of the faculty (full-time or part-time) or a former (full-time) professional/administrative staff that has been separated from the university for a minimum of one year, with no further expectancy of paid employment by the University. Nominees may be living or deceased.

Award recipients are honored with plaques mounted on the wall of the concourse of Maag Library at YSU. Fifty-nine awards have been given since the program was initiated.

The nomination form and the names of all past Heritage Award recipients are available on the YSU Human Resources website at www.ysu.edu/hr under "Employee Recognition". For more information contact Linda D. Moore in the YSU Office of Human Resources at 330-941-2137 or lmoore@ysu.edu.

