

# News•Briefs

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## Calendar

**Monday, Jan. 24 to Thursday, Jan. 27.** The YSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships hold its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Financial Aid Awareness Week. See News Brief below.

**Saturday, Jan. 29, 9 a.m. to noon.** Williamson College of Business Administration hosts an information session in Williamson Hall. See News Brief below.

**Saturday, Jan. 29, 1:05 p.m.** YSU women's basketball takes on Cleveland State in Beeghly Center.

**Saturday, Jan. 29, 4 p.m.** The Hope Foundation of the Mahoning Valley presents its seventh Annual Game of Hope Charity Basketball Classic in Beeghly Center on the campus of YSU. Coaches are YSU President Cynthia E. Anderson and U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan. For more information on donations and tickets, visit [www.hopemv.org](http://www.hopemv.org).

## **Campus celebrates African American History Month**

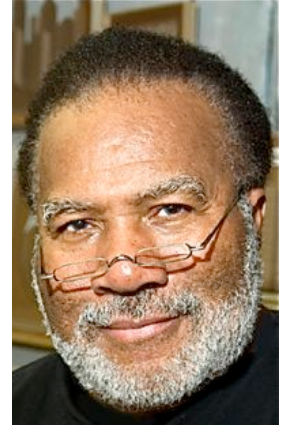
Lectures, panel discussions, film screenings and the African Marketplace are among the highlights of Youngstown State University's 2011 African American History Month Celebration in February.

Scheduled events throughout the month include:



"Self Portrait" by Kelli Duran of Cardinal Mooney High School is among the work on display at the 2011 Northeastern Ohio Regional Scholastic Art Awards Exhibit at the McDonough Museum of Art through Feb. 4. For more information, see News Brief below.

- **Wednesday, Feb. 2, noon, Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center:** “The Africanization of Israel—Ethiopian Jews, African Labor Migrants and Asylum Seekers,” lecture by Galia Sabar, chair of African Studies at Tel Aviv University and recipient of the Unsung Hero of Compassion award from the Dalai Lama.
- **Saturday, Feb. 5, noon to 6 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center:** The African Marketplace. A sampling of jewelry, writings, goods and creations by African Americans. Dance and musical entertainment by the Harambee Youth Group of Youngstown.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 8, 7 p.m., McDonough Museum of Art:** Artist Hilton Murray, panel discussion. An exhibit of Murray’s work will be on display through February in Bliss Hall Gallery.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m., Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center:** “Images of Youngstown: Landscapes in Film and Literature,” lecture by Derrick Jones, filmmaker and instructor at Bowling Green State University.
- **Tuesday Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m., The Gallery, Kilcawley Center:** African Movie Night. Two features include “Where the Water Meets the Sky,” a film of women in Zambia who share their experiences with AIDS, and “White King, Red Rubber and Black Death,” a story of King Leopold II and how he was responsible for the murder of 20 million Africans. A discussion will follow the showing.
- **Thursday, Feb. 24, 6:30 to 10 p.m., The Youngstown Club:** An Evening of Jazz, featuring Jeff Green and his band. Tickets are \$50 and include parking, refreshments and hors d’oeuvres.
- **Friday, Feb. 25, 7 p.m., The Gallery, Kilcawley Center:** “Blacks in the Military,” lecture by Yvonne Latty, director of the Reporting New York and Reporting the Nation programs at New York University.
- **Monday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m., Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center:** “I Question America: The Legacy of Fannie Lou Hamer,” play by E.P. McKnight.



Hilton Murray



E.P. McKnight

For more information, call the Africana Studies Program at 330-941-3097.

Event parking is available at the Lincoln Deck and lot M-24 next to McDonald’s on Fifth Avenue.

## YSU’s VITA program assists local taxpayers

It’s tax time again, and the Lariccia School of Accounting and Finance in the Williamson College of Business Administration at Youngstown State University is ready to help.

YSU is working with trained business students and professional volunteers to offer the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. VITA offers free tax assistance and gives hands-on experience to business students.

The kick-off for the 2011 VITA tax season is 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, with a news conference in the new Williamson Hall on the YSU campus. The kick-off will include a report to the community on the success of the VITA program during the 2010 season and recognition of the partnership between YSU and the Mahoning Valley Economic Opportunity Coalition.

The VITA program begins on Saturday, Feb. 5 and will operate a dozen tax preparation sessions through April 9. The sessions will be in computer labs on the first floor of the new Williamson Hall at 101 W. Rayen Ave. on the YSU campus. Free electronic filing is available. Walk-ins are welcome. To make an appointment or to receive additional information, call 330-941-2507.

Session dates and times are:

- **Saturday, Feb. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- **Thursday, Feb. 10 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.**
- **Saturday, Feb. 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- **Saturday, Feb. 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- **Monday, Feb. 21 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.**
- **Saturday, Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- **Saturday, March 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- **Saturday, March 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, March 16 from 1:30 to 6 p.m.**
- **Saturday, March 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- **Monday, March 28 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.**
- **Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**



VITA offers free assistance to taxpayers, including but not limited to persons with disabilities, students, and older taxpayers who file Form 1040EZ, Form 1040A, or a basic Form 1040 federal tax return. VITA volunteers also alert taxpayers to special credits and deductions for which they may be eligible. Taxpayers who visit a VITA site should bring wage and earnings statements (Form W-2) from all employers, interest statements from banks (Forms 1099), a copy of last year's tax return if available, and other relevant information about income and expenses. VITA volunteers must complete an IRS training course in basic income tax return preparation before they can assist taxpayers. For the past three years, United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley have offered support to the VITA program that has allowed for additional volunteers and sites throughout Mahoning County.

### **Penguin Productions brings Goo Goo Dolls to Covelli**

Youngstown State University's Penguin Productions Committee will be supporting the Goo Goo Dolls concert at the Covelli Centre 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 12.

The committee will be offering specially priced \$10 tickets for YSU students. Tickets go on sale for YSU students 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at the Covelli Centre box office. Student tickets are limited and will be

available on a first-come, first-served basis. Students can purchase up to two tickets per valid YSU ID. The tickets are for seats in the YSU Student Section located on the floor of the arena.

The Goo Goo Dolls have remained a household name in the United States and have proven their success by selling nearly 9 million albums with Top 10 songs such as *Name*, *Iris*, *Black Balloon* and *Slide*. The group



The Goo Goo Dolls perform April 12 at the Covelli Centre as part of the YSU Penguin Productions.

has been nominated for three Grammy Awards and is touring this spring in support of their recent release of their ninth album, *Something for the Rest of Us*.

Penguin Productions was established on the campus of YSU to create, promote, organize and produce student and community-oriented events. The committee consists of students who are looking to gain experience in the live entertainment industry and have a desire to bring large-scale events to the student population. Penguin Productions has brought in national acts such as Augustana, Ludacris, Sugarland, Danity Kane, Josh Kelley, Ryan Cabrera, Matt Nathanson, and most recently, Third Eye Blind.

The committee will be holding contests for “Slide the Line” passes, Meet and Greet passes, and ticket giveaways. For more

information on the concert and contests, visit YSU Penguin Productions on Facebook or [www.ysu.edu/penguin\\_pro](http://www.ysu.edu/penguin_pro).

## **McDonough exhibits scholastic art**

The work of local middle and high school students competing in the 2011 Regional Scholastic Art Awards, sponsored in part by Akron Children’s Hospital, is on exhibit at Youngstown State University’s McDonough Museum of Art through Feb. 4.

The Northeastern Ohio Regional Scholastic Art Awards program is part of the national exhibit sponsored by the educational publishers, Scholastic Inc., New York. The counties eligible to participate in this region are Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana and Ashtabula. Participating in the local region this year are 60 art educators from 44 participating schools with over 500 works by approximately 480 area students including paintings, ceramics, drawing, design, digital art, mixed media, photography, printmaking and sculpture.

Regional recipients will receive their awards at a ceremony on Jan. 29. Awards given include best of show, gold keys, silver keys and scholarships. Gold key winners, best of show and gold key portfolio nominees are the sent to New York to compete at the national level. All works are on view at the museum.

The McDonough Museum of Art is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit [www.mcdonoughmuseum.ysu.edu](http://www.mcdonoughmuseum.ysu.edu). Admission is free.

## Dana groups perform in Cincinnati

The Youngstown State University Wind Ensemble and the YSU Dana School of Music Clarinet Ensemble have been selected to perform as guest artists at the 2011 Ohio Music Education Association/North Central National Association for Music Education Conference in Cincinnati's Duke Energy Convention Center on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 27 and 28.

More than 150 musical ensembles submitted CD recordings for performance consideration, and this year three university concert bands were chosen: Northern Kentucky University Wind Ensemble, Ohio State University Wind Symphony and the YSU Wind Ensemble.

The YSU Wind Ensemble, consisting of 52 of the top woodwind, brass and percussion students in the Dana School of Music, has a rich history of feature performances, including numerous OMEA conventions, College Band Directors National Association conferences, National Association for Music Education conventions, and a premier performance in New York's Carnegie Hall for the 2005 New York Wind Band Convention. The group has six critically acclaimed CD recordings.



The Dana Clarinet Ensemble performs in Cincinnati this week.

Brandt Payne, director of athletic bands and assistant professor of music, will guest conduct the Wind Ensemble on this tour. Payne is in his first year on the Dana faculty, and he recently earned the DMA in Conducting at Arizona State University.

The Dana Clarinet Ensemble consists of 20 Dana clarinet majors. Alice Wang, conductor of the Ensemble, is in her fourth year as assistant professor of clarinet in the Dana School of Music. She came to YSU in 2007 after completing the DMA in Clarinet Performance at the University of Texas, Austin. She is a member of the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra and is principal clarinet in the Warren Philharmonic.

The Wind Ensemble and Clarinet Ensemble convention performances will be preceded by a promotional and recruitment tour that begins on Monday, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the new auditorium in South Range High School and continues with a concert and master classes at Lakota West High School in West Chester on Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 7:30 p.m. The concerts are free and open to the public.

## **AT&T offers campus wireless for visitors**

Youngstown State University is working with AT&T to provide the campus community with access to AT&T wireless Internet service.

As students and visitors returned to campus last week for the spring semester, AT&T Wi-Fi was available in the university's public areas, including key buildings like Kilcawley Center and the new Williamson Hall. The new Wi-Fi network supplements the wireless network that the university currently provides to all YSU staff, faculty and students with visitor wireless Internet access.

"As students, faculty and visitors step onto campus, they'll be greeted with new AT&T Wi-Fi options to enhance their wireless experience," said Jason Rakers, YSU director of Network Telecommunications & Security. "The relationship with AT&T should deliver outstanding service and convenience to our extended campus community."



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Students, faculty and guests now have easy access to broadband on the go with Wi-Fi enabled devices. For a scholar conducting research in the library or a prospective high school student exploring the YSU campus, AT&T Wi-Fi is a convenient way to access the Internet and view information about academic programs or other university information.

"AT&T's investment in a Wi-Fi network to enhance connectivity is a positive development for the entire YSU community," said State Sen. Joe Schiavoni. "It is encouraging to see AT&T's ongoing commitment to making new and better technologies available to drive growth and vibrancy in our communities."

By delivering a single AT&T Wi-Fi interface, the university will be able to better serve campus visitors seeking Internet access. AT&T will directly manage the network and provide customer support around the clock, which greatly benefits the university and allows it to focus on other critical tasks.

Faculty, staff, students and campus visitors with qualifying AT&T Smartphone, 3G LaptopConnect, and high speed Internet plans can access AT&T Wi-Fi on the YSU campus at no additional charge. Other visitors can access AT&T Wi-Fi by purchasing a day pass.

A growing number of premier universities are deploying campuswide Wi-Fi networks as an efficient and effective way to provide total broadband coverage for staff, students and campus visitors. AT&T offers Wi-Fi solutions and applications designed for campuses and other venues, and it operates the nation's largest Wi-Fi network with more than 23,000 U.S. hotspots.

## **2011 MATHCOUNTS set for Feb. 10**

About 250 students from 25 middle and junior high schools will participate in the 2011 MATHCOUNTS competition Thursday, Feb. 10, on the campus of Youngstown State University.

The competition is sponsored jointly by the Mahoning Valley Society of Professional Engineers and YSU's William Rayen School of Engineering and Engineering Technology in the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

MATHCOUNTS, in its 28<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, is a national program designed to improve math skills among U.S. students by making math achievement as challenging, exciting and prestigious as a school sport.

Teachers and students have been preparing for the competition since the fall, and after several months of coaching, participating schools select students to compete individually or as part of a team in written and fast-paced oral matches. The top three teams plus the top six individuals from the local competition advance to the state competition in Columbus on March 12. The top four finishers in the state competition will represent Ohio in the national finals in Washington, D.C., May 5 to 8.

The local contest begins at 9 a.m. in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center on the YSU campus. During the morning's written component, teams of four students, as well as individual



competitors from each school, will answer a variety of questions that include topics covering probability, statistics, linear algebra and polynomials. The afternoon Mathbowl competition begins at 2:15 p.m. and follows a game show format as teams of students from each school answer math questions. The final event is the Countdown Round, sponsored and funded locally by YSU Arby's Restaurant. The Countdown Round features a head-to-head competition among the top 16 contestants.

Awards will be presented at a banquet beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, at Ala Cart Catering in Canfield. The guest speaker will be Trumbull County Engineer David DeChristofaro. John Ritter, YSU professor emeritus of the Civil Engineering, coordinates the regional program. Major funding for the local program is provided by Dominion East Ohio and the Davis Foundation.

Participating schools include Austintown Middle School, St. Joseph/Immaculate Heart of Mary, Boardman Center Middle School, Boardman Glenwood Middle School, St. Charles School, Canfield Middle School, Crestview Middle School, Heartland Christian School, East Palestine Middle School, St. Rose School, Reed Middle School, Joseph Badger Middle School, LEAD Academy, W.S. Guy Middle School, Lisbon David Anderson Jr/Sr High School, Holy Family School, Poland Middle School, Willow Creek Learning Center, Howland Middle School, Jefferson K-8 School, John F. Kennedy Jr/Sr High School, Lincoln School, McGuffey School, Willard K-8 School, Montessori School of the Mahoning Valley.

### **College of Business information session this Saturday**

The Williamson College of Business Administration at Youngstown State University is hosting an information session for prospective students from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 29, in Williamson Hall.

The session is designed to provide an opportunity for high school students and their parents to learn about the academic programs and opportunities in the WCBA. The program will include presentations on the various majors, internship programs, and leadership opportunities in the college, as well as a panel discussion with current students and young alumni and a tour of the new business school building.

WCBA offers majors in Accounting, Advertising/Public Relations, Business Economics, Finance, General Administration, Human Resource Management, International Business, Management Information Systems, and Marketing. The BSBA and MBA Programs are accredited by AACSB International-The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Fewer than a quarter of the business schools in the United States have earned this accreditation.

To make a reservation, call the Office of the Dean at 330-941-3064 or email Christine Shelton, coordinator of external relations, at [cgshelton@ysu.edu](mailto:cgshelton@ysu.edu). Free parking is available on Wood Street near the entrance to the business college.

## **Financial Aid Awareness Week scheduled**

The Youngstown State University Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will hold its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Financial Aid Awareness Week from Monday, Jan. 24, to Thursday, Jan. 27.

Information tables will be set up on the lower floor of Kilcawley Center, across from the Home Savings bank, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day. Students can stop by to receive forms and ask questions of Financial Aid staff members regarding grants, scholarships, loans and more.

To request information, visit [www.yсу.edu/finaid](http://www.yсу.edu/finaid) and find the Online Request for Information Form under Quick Forms, or call the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at 33-941-3505 or 330-941-3506.

Students can apply now to receive financial aid award offers. To complete the online 2011-12 Free Application for Federal Student Aid, visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The priority deadline to complete the FAFSA online and the Institutional Aid Application is Feb. 15.

