

# News • Briefs

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YSU students, left to right, Joey Alvey, Deanna Scott and Josh Green are featured in University Theater's musical cabaret "Blossoms & Bliss," which opens this week in Spotlight Arena Theater in Bliss Hall. Read more in this week's News Briefs.

## **Calendar**

**Tuesday, March 29, 3 p.m.** The Penguin baseball squad squares off against Walsh at Cene Park. The team takes on Niagara **Wednesday, March 30, 3 p.m.**

**Wednesday, March 30, noon,** YSU History Club presents Marcell Wilson, "Loyalist Women," in Room 2068 of Kilcawley Center. The event is part of the university's Women's History Month celebration.

**Wednesday, March 30, 12:15 p.m.** YSU's Dana School of Music presents a free Music at Noon concert featuring the Early Music Ensemble in the Butler Institute of American Art.

**Wednesday, March 30, 4 p.m.** The film "Until the Violence Stops" will be screened in Room 132 of DeBartolo Hall as part of the university's Women's History Month celebration.

**Wednesday, March 30, 8 p.m.** The Dana School of Music presents the Percussion Ensemble Spring Concert in Butler North. The performance is part of Percussion Week.

**Thursday, March 31, 3 and 5 p.m.** YSU softball teams takes on Dayton in a doubleheader.

**Thursday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.** University Theater's *Blossoms & Bliss*, an original musical cabaret, opens in Spotlight Area Theater in Bliss Hall. Performances are also scheduled for April 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10. See News Brief below.

**Thursday, March 31, 6 p.m.** YSU's fourth annual Diversity Leadership Recognition Celebration is held at Mr. Anthony's in Boardman. For more information, contact the YSU Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at 330-941-3370.

**Friday, April 1, 8:45 a.m.** The Department of Social Work celebrates Social Work Day with a "Social Workers Change Futures" event in Kilcawley Center. For more information, call 330-941-1598.

**Saturday, April 2.** YSU hosts district National History Day in Kilcawley Center. Visit <http://www.as.ysu.edu/~history/HistoryDay.html>.

### ***Blossoms & Bliss* cabaret opens this week**

University Theater presents *Blossoms & Bliss*, an original musical cabaret, opening Thursday, March 31, in Spotlight Area Theater in Bliss Hall on the campus of Youngstown State University.

Performances are scheduled for March 31, April 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10. **There is no public performance Friday, April 1.**

Thursday through Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m., while the Sunday matinee performances are at 3 p.m. An additional performance, at 10:30 p.m., has been added on Saturday, April 9.

Spotlight Arena Theater will be transformed into a cabaret consisting mostly of table seating. Therefore, *Blossoms & Bliss* reservations will be processed on a first come first served basis. Assigned reserved seating will be made for each guest. Groups who want to sit together should make their reservations at the same time. There will be limited walk-in availability for this show, so patrons without reservations are advised to call the box office at 330-941-3105 for show status. Desserts and other snacks will be available for purchase to enjoy during the show.

Show tickets may be reserved by calling the University Theater Box Office at 330-941-3105. Tickets are free for YSU students with ID; \$10 for adults; \$5 for senior citizens, YSU faculty and staff and high school and college students from other universities, Penguin Club members and YSU alumni. Parking is available in the Wick Avenue parking deck for all shows for a nominal fee.

Song, skits and theatricality abound in this original cabaret revue, featuring students in the various degree programs of the Department of Theater and Dance. Musical Theater instructor Nancy Andersen Wolfgang is the director.



YSU's softball team plays Dayton in a doubleheader on Thursday, March 31.

## STEM Showcase set for April 10

Students of all ages and their parents who are interested in careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics are invited to attend the Youngstown State University STEM Showcase student projects display 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 10, in Moser Hall on the YSU campus.

Featured at the showcase will be research and other projects by students in YSU's STEM college, including the concrete canoe, mini Baja car, steel bridge, moon rover and much more.

Guests can tour Moser Hall's computer and laboratory facilities, watch technology and research demonstrations and meet with faculty, students and industry representatives to talk about STEM careers.



The concrete canoe – yes, a canoe made out of concrete – will be among the projects featured in the YSU STEM Showcase 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 10 in Moser Hall.

Free parking is available in the M7 parking lot at the corner of Fifth and Lincoln avenues.

For more information and registration, contact Daniel Suchora at 330-941-3015 or

[dhsuchora@ysu.edu](mailto:dhsuchora@ysu.edu). Reservations are preferred, but not mandatory.

The YSU College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics was founded in July 2007, and is committed to providing programs of excellence in engineering, technology, physical and biological sciences, computer and information sciences, and mathematics. The mission of the STEM College is to deliver integrated programs of excellence to an engaged learning community.

## Wall Street exec visits campus April 7

Derek Penn, a native of Youngstown and currently managing director and head of equity sales and training at Pershing LLC, a BNY Mellon Co., will address students and business representatives Thursday, April 7, in Williamson Hall as part of the Williamson Symposium Lecture Series at Youngstown State University

Penn, recognized as one of the leading African American executives on Wall Street, presents "A Window into Wall Street" at noon in Room 3422. Sessions will also be held at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the auditorium of Williamson Hall. To make a luncheon reservation, visit [www.ysu.edu/wcba](http://www.ysu.edu/wcba) and use the Williamson Symposium Link, or call Christine Shelton at 330-941-3068. Free parking is available in the gravel lot on Wood Street across from the south entrance to Williamson Hall.



Penn is responsible for equity sales and trading for the Trading Services unit of Pershing LLC. He is responsible for Pershing's international and domestic equity sales and trading businesses, which encompass institutional and registered investment advisor sales, foreign exchange trading, international trading, Nasdaq and Bulletin Board trading, the London equity trading desk, and the firm's New York Stock Exchange operation.

Penn has been at Pershing for five years. Previously, he spent seven years as a senior vice president and head of equity sales and trading for Fidelity Capital Markets, the capital markets arm of Fidelity Investments. For a short time at Fidelity he also ran the division's fixed income operation. Before Fidelity, Penn ran the international equity trading desk for Lehman Brothers, and has held similar senior trading positions for Merrill Lynch and Morgan Stanley.

Penn earned his undergraduate degree from Duke University, double majoring in chemistry and English. He also earned a master of business administration degree from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke. He was born and raised in Youngstown and attended local elementary and secondary schools before matriculating to Duke. He resides in New York City.



Derek Penn

The Williamson Symposium Series is an "executive on campus" program designed to bring corporate leaders to the YSU Williamson College of Business Administration. WCBA is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

## **UM star speaks at Niles school**

The Center for Human Services Development at Youngstown State University is sponsoring a talk by former University of Michigan football safety Marcus Ray on Monday, April 4, at Niles Middle School, 411 Brown Street in Niles.

Ray will address students at 2 p.m. and then three YSU afterschool programs at 4:30 p.m. He will talk about character development, leadership, the importance of becoming productive citizens in society, and preparing for the Ohio Achievement Tests.

"Our youth need to understand they have to be productive people in society once they get older," said Ricky S. George, associate director, Center for Human Services Development. "We have to keep pounding home this message."

The Center operates four 21st Century Community Learning Centers in the Mahoning Valley: Niles Middle School, Mineral Ridge Middle School, Brookfield Middle School, and East Liverpool Middle School. The afterschool programs offer educational assistance, and cultural and recreational activities for students.

Ray, a native of Columbus, Ohio, played for Michigan from 1994 to 1998. He was the starting safety on the 1997 team that won a share of the national championship.

## **April and May Music at Noon concerts**

Youngstown State University's Dana School of Music, in collaboration with the Butler Institute of American Art, presents Music at Noon performances each Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. at the Butler.

The concerts are free and open to the public and parking is free at the Butler.

Performances for April and May are:

- **April 6 - Saxophone Studio Recital**
- **April 13 - String Department**
- **April 20 - Musical Theater**
- **April 27 - Brass Chamber Ensembles**
- **May 4 - New Music**

For more information, call 330-941-3636. For a complete calendar of events, visit <http://web.yosu.edu/fpa>.

## **Stocks Economics Essay contest**

Deadline is Monday, April 18, for submissions in the third annual Stocks Economic Essay contest hosted by the YSU Department of Economics.

Undergraduate students from all majors are eligible to participate. Students are asked to write an essay of about 2,000 words (three, single-spaced pages) on any economic topic relevant to society. The essay is expected to have a clearly defined policy issue which the author analyzes from all sides, and then suggests a policy solution based on the arguments presented.

Ten finalists will be invited to the Economics Department's year-end dinner gala on Wednesday, April 27, where the winners are announced. First place prize is \$250, second place is \$125 and third place is \$100.

For more information, contact Ou Hu, associate professor, at [ouhu@ysu.edu](mailto:ouhu@ysu.edu) or 330-941-2061.

## **New Amici Trio performs April 11 in Bliss Hall**

Youngstown State University's Dana School of Music presents a faculty and guest artist recital featuring the New Amici Trio at 8 p.m. April 11 in Bliss Recital Hall on the YSU campus.

This concert features two works, the Haydn "Gypsy Rondo" Piano Trio, and the local premiere of the massive Tchaikovsky Piano Trio, which has never been performed at YSU.

The New Amici Trio includes YSU



**New Amici Trio**

faculty member Michael Gelfand, cello and guest artists Hristo Popov, violin, and Per Enflo, piano.

This concert is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the M1 Wick Avenue deck for a nominal fee. For more information, call 330-941-3636. For a complete calendar of events, visit <http://web.yzu.edu/fpa>.

## **Business honorary inducts 32 students**

The Youngstown State University Chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, hosted by the Williamson College of Business Administration, installed 32 business students during induction ceremonies in the new Williamson Hall at YSU.



**Inductees in Beta Gamma Sigma are pictured with YSU President Cynthia E. Anderson and Betty Jo Licata, dean of the YSU Williamson College of Business Administration.**

Beta Gamma Sigma is the world's premier business honorary reserved exclusively for AACSB-accredited institutions. Becoming a Beta Gamma Sigma member is an honor indicative of

commitment, high academic achievement, and leadership. While almost 300,000 students receive bachelors or master's degrees in business each year, only about 20,000 are inducted into a lifetime membership in Beta Gamma Sigma. Invitation to membership requires students to rank in the top 10 percent of the junior class, the top 10 percent of the senior class or the top 20 percent of the master's program.

Students installed include: Isaac Adu-Poku, Jamie Petrus, Pamela Pesa, Jessica Winters of Boardman; Rachel Paras of Cleveland; Abby Coppock of Columbiana; Crystal Denman and Gina Oakes of Cortland; Jason Parillo of Girard; Ashley Zehentbauer of Hanoverton; Ashley Fuller of Johnston; Joshua Morris of Kinsman; Jonathon Fauvie and Patrick Mahon of Mineral Ridge; David Minnie of Lowellville; Candy Syacsure of Niles; Matthew Veneskey of North Lima; Laura Hanley of Oregon; Katherine Walker of Petersburg; Genna Notareschi of Poland; Kristin Doyle of Reynoldsburg; Evan Weeks of Swanton; Alexandria Airhart, Vincent Cavalier, LaKisha Gary, and Barbara Neiswanger of Warren; Brandon Bartolone, Kevin Ball, Lauren Iacone and Nazuk Sharma of Youngstown; Brian Petrus of New Castle, Pa.; Nupur Jajodia of Kathmandu, Nepal.

The YSU chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma was recognized as a Premier Chapter for its superior level of membership acceptance. With Premier Chapter status, the YSU BGS chapter awarded a \$1,000 Beta Gamma Sigma scholarship to Jessica Wittenauer, in the 2010-2011 academic year. Bill Vendemia of Youngstown is the president and advisor and Tony Kos of Transfer, Pa., is secretary/treasurer. Cody Dearth of Huron, a senior finance major, holds the office of vice president.



## New members join leadership society

A reception was held earlier this month at Youngstown State University to welcome new members of Sigma Alpha Lambda.

New members were acknowledged by the YSU chapter President Meka Kalouris, Vice President Emily Frank and chapter advisor Brenda Crouse.

Sigma Alpha Lambda is a national leadership and honor society which promotes, recognizes and rewards academic achievement and unites its members in pursuit of common good through community service, personal development and lifelong professional fulfillment. For more information, contact Crouse at [bmcrouse@ysu.edu](mailto:bmcrouse@ysu.edu).



New members of Sigma Alpha Lambda.

The new members are:

Aey, Margaret Anne  
Bajwa, Eusha S.  
Balluch, Erica Danielle  
Banyon, Andrew John  
Bauer Megan  
Beckett, Marshall Ian  
Benchwick, Carissa Marie  
Bermudez, Domenic A.  
Birch, Blade M.  
Black, Keeley Rae  
Black, Sara E.  
Brady, Kory Rae  
Brown, Jonathan M.  
Bryant, Khristienn L.  
Chaney, Carl W.  
Clark, Taylor Patricia

Cleckner, Joanie Michelle  
Cross, Janette Leigh  
De Julia, Paula A.  
DeMaiolo, Jaimie N.  
DeVasil, Brandon Paul  
DeZee, Elizabeth Ann  
DiRusso, Sophia Maria Ann  
Duke, Pamela K.  
Earles, Beth Lynn  
Fowler, Doris E.  
Fox, Marco A.  
Fulks, Brett Allen  
Gabriel, Trina Joyalle  
Gibbs, Matthew I.  
Graham, Jacqueline Nicole  
Hall, Allison Marie  
Hall, Heidi J.  
Hanley , Sarah E. A.  
Hartill, LeeAnn  
Henry, Brittany Nicole  
Hickman, Adam G.  
Ishee, Rose  
Johnson, Roy C.  
Laboy , Maria Louise  
Lenkey, Nina M.  
Leone, Mario A.  
Luman, Barbara Lynn  
Macri-Carr, Cynera A.

McClurkin, Kathryn Marie  
McDermott, Megan Anne  
McElroy, Meghan Grayce  
Miller, Rachel Ann  
Miller, Kara Anne  
Modarelli, Julia Rose

Palagano, Gina Marie  
Patterson , Jonathan David  
Petch, Carley M.  
Peterson, Walter Paul Jr.  
Raeburn, Jonathan Scott  
Rushwin, Raquel E.  
Scheetz , Nicholas David  
Shively, Meghan E.  
Suter, Robert F.  
Todd, Steven D.  
Tortora , Vanessa Marie  
Touville, Monica N.



Turner, Terrance T.  
Vitus, Tyler Anthony  
Volpe, Victoria Elizabeth  
Waller, Teresa Lynn  
Weaver, Jacci L.  
Williams, Amanda Rae  
Williams, Jaclyn Rae  
Williamson, Jennifer Lynn  
Wise, Brianna Marie  
Wright, Robert Aaron  
Young, Jasmine Shante  
Zelinka, III, Peter Paul

## **Fraternities, sororities in Greek Sing**

Youngstown State University's Greek Sing, a campus tradition for 59 years, will be 6 p.m. Saturday, April 9, in Stambaugh Auditorium.

Admission is free.

Greek Sing features YSU's fraternities and sororities performing various musical routines. The event is sponsored by YSU Greek Life, Coca-Cola and YSU Student Government.

For more information, contact Carrie Anderson, Panhellenic Council advisor, at 330-941-4702.