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Penguins from throughout the nation gather for the first YSU Alumni National Networking Day on July 21. Read about it in this edition of YSU News Briefs.

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YSU alumni nationwide gather for Networking Day

Dozens of Youngstown State University alumni in 10 cities from Washington D.C. to Phoenix will participate in the first YSU Alumni National Networking Day on Thursday, July 21.

The event is an effort by the Office of Alumni and Events Management to help YSU graduates reconnect with or meet fellow Penguins living in their area. It also is part of a larger and continuing effort to organize alumni groups in cities across the nation.

“We are so excited to have 10 cities participating in the inaugural year for this event,” said Mollie Hartup, assistant director of Alumni Relations and coordinator of the networking event. “We are always

looking for new opportunities to engage YSU alumni at home and away.”

At 6 p.m. on July 21, a webcast will be presented for participants in all 10 of the cities to share information about the campus.

Here are details of the events in each of the 10 cities:

- **Akron/Canton.** Event begins at 5:30 p.m. at Quaker Steak & Lube on the Strip in North Canton, 6073 Dressler Rd NW. Email Anne Juterbock, '02, juterbock@gmail.com to RSVP.
- **Washington DC/Arlington, Va.** Event begins at 5:30 p.m. at The Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. (www.artisphere.com). Free parking after 5 p.m. in the North Kent Street garage, two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro stop. Email Liz Nohra, '96, lnohra@leadershiparlington.org to RSVP.
- **Atlanta.** Event begins at 5:30 p.m. Fadó Irish Pub, 273 Buckhead Ave. Contact Richard Duff, '73, richard.duff@ml.com 770-480-6680 or 770-360-6990 to RSVP.
- **Cleveland.** Event begins at 5 p.m. at The Harp in Ohio City, 4408 Detroit Ave. (www.the-harp.com/directions.htm). Email Molly Graziano, '92, mollygraziano@gmail.com to RSVP.

- **Columbus.** Event is 6 to 9 p.m. at Carsonie's Upper Arlington, 1725 Lane Ave. Email Eric M. Boldan, '94, '01, eric.m.boldan@hotmail.com to RSVP.
- **Phoenix.** Event is 5 to 8 p.m. at Sa Bai Restaurant, Thomas & 42nd Street. Email Loraine McPhillips, '76, lmcpillips@cox.net to RSVP.
- **Pittsburgh.** Event is 5 to 7:30 p.m. The Library (South Side), 2302 East Carson St. (www.thelibrary-pgh.com). Email Gianni DiNello, '07, Gianni6655@zoominternet.net to RSVP.
- **Summerville, S.C.** Event begins at 6:30 p.m. at Sticky Fingers Restaurant, 1200 North Main St. (www.stickyfingers.com) RSVP to Bill ('97, '98) & Lisa ('86, '92) Slosser, wslosser@bellsouth.net or 843-364-6341.
- **Tampa Bay.** Event begins at 6 p.m. at Maggiano's, 203 Westshore Plaza. RSVP to Nick Diorio, '74, '81, nick@nickdiorio.com, or 813-417-9575
(For all above events, there is no cost to attend, but individuals must purchase their own food and drink. Bring your business cards to exchange and for a chance to win a raffle prize.)
- **Youngstown.** The MVR, 410 N. Walnut St. Alumni Society members – no charge (reservation still required). Prospective members and guests – \$5. Contact Hartup at mahartup@ysu.edu or 330-941-3086 to make a paid reservation.



Mollie Hartup, assistant director of Alumni Relations

Any alumni interested in organizing a future event in their city should contact Hartup at mahartup@ysu.edu or 330-941-3086.

Engineering student wins YBPW scholarship

The Youngstown Business and Professional Women's Club recently awarded Youngstown State University student Kathleen Smith of Boardman the 2011 Anne McMahon \$1,000 Scholarship.

Smith is a junior at YSU pursuing a degree in chemical engineering. She has a 4.0 grade point average and is working at an internship this summer at General Electric in Cleveland.

The Anne McMahon Scholarship is awarded annually to a female undergraduate student attending YSU. "The purpose of the scholarship is to carry out the mission of the organization of promoting leadership and success for women in the Youngstown area by assisting women seeking to enhance their careers through college education, said Lisa Dickson, YBPW president. "Kathleen exemplified these qualities in reviewing her community involvement, academics, leadership ability and professionalism."

"Kathleen is very involved in various organizations, which is something our committee would like to see when reviewing the McMahon applications. She is very involved in the YSU Scholar and Honors Program, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Sigma Alpha Lambda Honors Society, Society of Women Engineers, and I must add that she is now a one-year member of YBPW," said Dickson.

The mission of the Youngstown Business and Professional Women's Club is to achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information. The club's vision is to be the leading advocate for working women in the Youngstown area.

Faculty/staff honors, presentations, publications

Johanna Slivinske, part-time instructor, Social Work, and **Lee Slivinske**, professor, Social Work, published the book *Storytelling and Other Activities for Children in Therapy* with John Wiley & Sons. The book examines various life challenges confronting children, as well as the strengths approach to story-telling, an important tool in easing the pain of emotionally hurt children that can benefit mental health practitioners. In addition, Johanna Slivinske and Lee Slivinske, along with **Linda Causey**, assistant professor of Social Work, and **Karla Wyant**, instructor and advisor and internship coordinator of the YSU/LCCC Partnership Program, published an article, titled “Evaluating the Effectiveness of the Trumbull Advocacy and Protective Network: A Formative Evaluation” in the *Journal of Applied Gerontology*.

YSU Theater and Dance faculty **Nancy Wolfgang**, instructor; **Kevin Wolfgang**, adjunct instructor; and **Dennis Henneman**, professor; along with YSU student **Eric Lewis**, presented eight workshops involving more than 200 Ohio high school students and teachers at the 2011 Ohio State Thespian Annual Conference. The conference at Dublin Scioto High School included presentations by theater professionals, professors and teachers from New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Ohio. YSU workshops ranged in topic from stage combat to the tricks of theatrical costuming to life as a professional musical theater performer. In addition, Wolfgang, who is also the official college representative on the Ohio Educational Theatre Association Board, organized unified auditions for high school juniors seeking admission into college and university theater programs.

Samuel Adu-Poku, associate professor, Art, contributed a chapter, titled “Multiculturalism and Art Education: An Africentric Perspective,” to *Art, Culture and Ethnicity*, published by the National Art Education Association.