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Cassie Garland of McDonald, a YSU Student Success Story, is among more than 600 students who will receive diplomas at Fall Commencement 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18 in Beeghly Center. Garland has been accepted into a highly competitive program at the Cleveland Clinic. Read more in this edition of the YSU News Briefs.

technology solutions, systems and services to support worldwide missions for civil, defense, intelligence and other government customers. IS&GS operates in all 50 states and about 20 countries and generated nearly \$10 billion in sales in 2010.

Gooden earned a bachelor's degree in computer technology from YSU and completed post-baccalaureate studies at San Diego State University. She also holds bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from the University of Maryland, University College. In 2005, Gooden was awarded an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from the University of Maryland University College in recognition of her service to the community and to higher education and an Honorary Doctorate in Law from Morgan State University. She also

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This Week

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 3 p.m. The YSU Board of Trustees meets in the Trustees Meeting Room on the first floor of Tod Hall.

Sunday, Dec. 18, 2 p.m. More than 600 students receive diplomas at YSU's Fall Commencement in Beeghly Center.

More than 600 graduate at Fall Commencement Dec. 18 in Beeghly

Youngstown State University alumna Linda Gooden, executive vice president of Lockheed Martin's Information Systems & Global Solutions business area and an officer of Lockheed Martin Corp., speaks at YSU's Fall Commencement at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, in Beeghly Center.

The featured student speaker is April Hauser of Andover, Ohio.

IS&GS, formed in 2007 as one of four principal business areas within Lockheed Martin, provides integrated information



Linda Gooden

successfully completed the Executive Program Manager course at the Defense Systems Management College in 1998.

Gooden was inducted into the prestigious Career Communications Hall of Fame in 2011. In 2010, President Obama appointed her to the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee. That same year, *Fortune* magazine named her one of the Top 50 Most Powerful Women in Business. In 2009, *Black Enterprise* magazine featured her in its 100 Most Powerful Executives in Corporate America.

Other honors include the Maryland Business Hall of Fame, Corporate Board Member magazine's Top 50 Women in Technology, Executive of the Year by the Greater Washington Government Contractor Awards and Black Engineer of the Year by *U.S Black Engineer* and *IT* magazine.



April Hauser

Hauser, who graduates with a bachelor's degree in applied science, was a student in Youngstown Early College, graduating high school with 45 college credits completed and beginning her YSU career as a sophomore. She has worked as a lifeguard on campus at Beeghly Natatorium and part-time at an assisted living home in her hometown. Hauser also volunteers at Youngstown Municipal Court as a member of the Veterans Court Team.

She credits her experience at YSU with providing her with many opportunities including: learning from many inspiring professors, getting involved with different aspects of student life, and most importantly, providing the stepping stone to further her education.

After graduation, Hauser plans to attend law school and has applied to several schools with the intention of pursuing a career in criminal prosecution.

Grad accepted into highly competitive Cleveland Clinic program

Cassie Garland of McDonald, Ohio, who receives a bachelor's degree in biology on Sunday, Dec. 18 at Youngstown State University's fall commencement, was recently accepted into the highly competitive Cleveland Clinic School of Cardiovascular Perfusion.

Only seven other students were accepted.

More than 600 students receive diplomas at commencement, which starts at 2 p.m. Garland is one of the latest students featured as a Student Success Story on the YSU website at

<http://web.yzu.edu/studentsuccessstories>.

Cardiovascular perfusion is an allied health profession. Perfusionists use heart-lung machines and other technologies to maintain the health of patients during heart surgery and other medical procedures.

A YSU University Scholar, Garland has always had a far-reaching passion for medical care. Undergoing heart surgery at the age of 15, she became interested in the medical field and started shadowing several doctors and a cardiologist. Working as a research assistant under the late Carl Sims, YSU assistant professor of biological sciences, she also gained experience in a cardiac dynamics laboratory performing research in the study and treatment of cardiac arrhythmias.

When Garland was introduced to perfusion, it was a field she had never heard of. "I instantly knew it was the perfect career fit for me," she said.

Having the degree, grades and application packet that were required, Garland applied to the Cleveland Clinic School of Perfusion and was granted an interview with a team of professional perfusionists and one student in the program. Within a week of the interview, she was awarded one of the eight open spots.

Garland starts the first term of the perfusionist program in January. She will need to finish three terms and pass her boards before becoming a cardiopulmonary perfusionist.



Business students show off consulting projects

Students from the Williamson College of Business Administration will present business projects completed for local businesses on Thursday, December 15 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the WCBA Conference Center.

The consulting work completed by the business students focuses on developing international expansion plans, strategic marketing plans, business development plans, web sites and social media plans.

Some of these student projects include a complete website development for the Groggy Monday Café of New Middleton, an international expansion plan for a purveyor of Award Winning BBQ Sauce, a strategic analysis for a provider of residential and commercial painting services, and the development of a complete marketing plan for a holistic beauty product retailer. The projects were part of the student's degree coursework and contributed to the economic development of more than 14 local businesses. Collectively students' efforts and work have contributed tens of thousands of dollars to the commercial expansion of local businesses.

To attend, contact Christine Shelton at cgshelton@ysu.edu or 330-941-3068. Parking is available in the M25 parking area located on Wood Street next to Williamson Hall.