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YSU senior accounting student Doug Falk assists Diane and Joseph Morris with their tax return as part of YSU's participation in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. The sessions in Williamson Hall, provided by the YSU Williamson College of Business' Lariccia School of Accounting and Finance, run through April 7 with two sessions this week: Tuesday, Feb. 28, 3:30 to 6 p.m., and Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 330-941-3084.

This Week

Monday, Feb. 27, 8 p.m.

The YSU Dana Symphony Orchestra presents a winter concert in the Ford Family Recital Hall. Tickets are available at the DeYor Box Office, 330-744-0264.

Tuesday, Feb. 28. The YSU Board of Trustees meets on the following schedule (all meetings are in the Trustees Meeting Room on the first floor of Tod Hall unless otherwise noted): **Noon**, Board Luncheon, President's Conference Room, second floor, Tod Hall; **1 p.m.**, Academic Quality and Student Success Committee; **2 p.m.**, Investment Subcommittee; **3 p.m.**, Audit Subcommittee; **4 p.m.**, Finance and Facilities Committee; **5 p.m.**, Executive Committee.

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free income tax preparation assistance through the VITA program at Williamson Hall. For more information, call 330-941-3084.

Wednesday, Feb. 29, 12:15 p.m. The YSU Percussion Ensemble presents a Music at Noon concert in the Butler Institute of American Art. Free.

Thursday, March 1, 7:30 a.m. Employers interested in learning about the Williamson College of Business Administration's internship program are invited to an information breakfast, featuring an overview of WCBA's internship program, the steps involved in establishing an internship opportunity through the college, the benefits of internships, tips to effectively recruit students, and the expectations of host employers. To make a reservation, contact Leigh Ann Waring, director of undergraduate student services at the WCBA at 330-941-1884 or lawaring@ysu.edu by Feb. 28.

Thursday, March 1, 8 p.m. YSU's Dana School of Music presents a faculty artist recital by Duo Allant in Bliss Recital Hall. See News Brief below.

Friday, March 2, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. More than 300 high school students from throughout Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania compete in YSU's annual MathFest in Kilcawley Center. The event includes math competitions as well as workshops on topics ranging from mathematical modeling to the mathematics behind how America elects presidents.



Friday, March 2, 7 p.m. The YSU chapter of Golden Key International Honor Society inducts 90 new members at a dinner event in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center. In addition, the Society will induct three honorary members: Jonelle Beatrice, director of the Marion G. Resch Center for Student Progress; Patricia Shively, associate director of the CSP; and Judith Gains, executive director of Student Life. Golden Key is one of the largest, most renowned international honor societies with 400 chapters at universities and colleges in eight countries worldwide. The Society acknowledges student academic achievement and promotes leadership throughout the campus and the community.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 2, 3 and 4. University Theater presents the Euripides tragedy "Medea" in Ford Theater. Friday and Saturday performances are at **7:30 p.m.**, with the Sunday matinee at **3 p.m.**

Saturday, March 3, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dozens of young women in area middle and high schools attend the 15th annual YSU Women in Science and Engineering Career Day in Kilcawley Center. At **2:30 p.m.**, astronomer, writer and producer Pamela Gay will give the inaugural E.W. Powers Lecture in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center. See News Brief below.

Cyber team, *Jambar* staffers latest Student Success Stories

Youngstown State University's cyber defense team and the staff of the student-run newspaper, *The Jambar*, brought home prizes in recent competitions.

They are among the latest among dozens of students featured on YSU's Student Success Stories webpage at <http://web.ysu.edu/studentsuccessstories>.

A team of eight students placed second in the state qualifier for the 2012 Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition, open to all two- and four-year colleges and universities.

Members of the team, pictured at the right, are from left: Steve Mesik, Austintown, Computer Information Systems; Johnathan Eddy, Canfield, Computer Information Systems; Michael Caldwell, Champion, Computer Information Systems; Nathan Miller, captain, East Palestine, Masters in Computing and Information Systems; Chris Lozano, Petersburg, Ohio, Information Technology; Michael Chuey, North Lima, Information Technology; Jacob Swank, Hubbard, Information Technology; and Mike Harris, Niles, Computer Information Systems.



YSU's cyber defense team

The competition tests each team's ability to operate, secure, manage, and maintain a corporate network, and is the first to create a realistic corporate administration and security experience.

The Jambar won six awards at the 2012 Ohio Newspaper Association Convention.

Representing the paper were Josh Stipanovich, editor-in-chief; Jordan Uhl, news editor, Marissa McIntyre, assistant news editor; Chelsea Telega, arts and entertainment editor; Kacy Standohar, features editor; Joe Catullo Jr., sports editor; and advisor Mary Beth Earnhardt.

The competition was composed of two divisions, with larger schools that publish daily papers in Division A and smaller schools not printing daily editions in Division B. The *Jambar* received five Division B awards in the categories of news and sports coverage, arts and entertainment, editorial writing and design. It placed second in news coverage, first in sports coverage, third in arts and entertainment, second in editorial writing and third in design.



Jambar staff

The paper also received a special nod by earning the General Excellence Award, a first for *The Jambar* in the three years the ONA has held the competition.

"This was a team effort," Stipanovich said. "This newspaper has come a long way, and everyone at YSU and within the community should take notice. I am proud of the journalism program and the people involved; without their support, this would not have been possible."

WCBA hosts 'Financing the Growth' seminar

Youngstown State University's Williamson College of Business Administration, in collaboration with the Youngstown Business & Professional Women, presents "Financing the Growth of Your Business" at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, at the WCBA Conference Center in Williamson Hall on the YSU campus.

The dinner program features a panel of experts discussing the available sources of funding and strategies for supporting the growth of business. Featured panelists include: Stacie Salyard, assistant vice president and commercial credit manager for Farmers National Bank; Gina De Angelo, owner of Massage Café in Canfield; and Teresa McCleary, business consultant, Ohio Small Business Development Center at YSU. Panelists will provide insight on how business owners should approach financing for their business.

The event is sponsored by WCBA, Monus Entrepreneurship Center, Ohio SBDC at YSU, the YSU Emerging Markets Initiative, Partners for Workplace Diversity and the Youngstown Business & Professional Women/USA.

Reservations are required. The program fee, which includes a buffet dinner, is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. To register, go to www.yсу.edu/wcба or call 330-941-3064. Checks should be made payable to Youngstown State University/WCBA. Payment should be mailed to the Williamson College of Business Administration, YSU, One University Plaza, Youngstown, Ohio, 44555. Free reserved parking is located on Wood Street across the street from the southern entrance to Williamson Hall.

15th Women in Science and Engineering this Saturday

Astronomer, writer and producer Pamela Gay will be the speaker at the inaugural E.W. Powers Lecture Series at 4 p.m., Saturday, March 3 at Youngstown State University.

The lecture in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center is free and open to the public. Tickets are not required.

Gay is an assistant research professor of Graduate Studies and Research at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and executive director of the Astrosphere New Media Association. Her research focuses on how to most effectively engage the public in learning and doing astronomy online.

The Lecture Series is sponsored through a gift from the E.W. Powers Foundation. In addition to support for the Lecture Series, the Powers Foundation gift supports the Women in Science and Engineering Career Day at YSU, which will be 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3, in Kilcawley Center. Panel discussions will be held during the morning and hands-on activities and lab demonstrations will be held in the afternoon in Kilcawley Center on the YSU campus.

WISE, now in its 15th year, helps expose young women in grades 6 through 12 to career opportunities and successful female role models in science and engineering. More than 1,500 young women from more than 100 schools throughout Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania have attended the event.

For more information contact Diana Fagan, YSU professor of Biological Sciences, 330-941-1554, or dlfagan@ysu.edu.

GMAT prep classes scheduled

The Williamson College of Business Administration at Youngstown State University will offer two non-credit prep courses for the Graduate Management Admissions Test.

The GMAT, which measures an individual's verbal and quantitative aptitude, is required as a part of the admissions process for many Master of Business Administration programs. Applicants to the YSU MBA program must take either the GMAT or the Graduate Record Exam.

The 16-hour prep courses will be held:

Verbal section: 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays March 24, 31 and April 14, 21.

Quantitative Section: 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, March 24, 31 and April 14, 21.

The classes will be in Room 2212 of Williamson Hall.

The Quantitative course focuses on developing problem-solving skills in math and statistics. The Verbal course improves reading and comprehension, reasoning skills, and the ability to correct written material to conform to standard written English.

The cost is \$155 per course or \$255 for both sessions. For more information or to register, e-mail Monique Bradford at mrbradford@ysu.edu or call 330-941-3069.

These prep classes provide the opportunity to take practice tests, measure individual progress and learn the reasoning behind the questions for the GMAT test. Each participant will receive a GMAT prep book. The courses will not be graded, and do not count toward your degree.

'Strategic Development of HR' seminars set

The Center for Nonprofit Leadership at Youngstown State University's Williamson College of Business Administration will host a Professional Development Seminar Series titled, "Strategic Management of Human Resources."

This series will feature the following events:

- **Seminar #1:** Selecting Energetic Staff, **Friday, March 23, 9 a.m. to noon.** Participants will learn practical steps in how to manage selection alternatives, processes and expectations to recruit a talented workforce while maximizing strategic consistency and minimizing liability and costs.
- **Seminar #2:** Managing & Retaining Talent, **Friday, April 27, 9 a.m. to noon.** The seminar emphasizes strategic application of performance management, staff incentives, and other opportunities to both evolve competencies of your workforce and preserve those resources in your organization.
- **Seminar #3:** Human Capital as an Investment, **Friday, May 25, 9 a.m. to noon.** The seminar will present best practices of human resource management, introduce methods of examining returns from human capital investments, and highlight strategic alignment across functions.

All seminars will be held in the Williamson College of Business Administration Conference Center on the 3rd Floor of Williamson Hall. Parking is available on Wood Street. Registration and continental breakfast will start at 8:30 a.m.

The cost is \$50 per session or \$135 for advance reservation of all three seminars. Advanced registration and payment is required. Online registration is available at www.ysu.edu/wcba. Seating is limited to 50 per seminar. Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Supervisors and prospective supervisors from all employment sectors (nonprofit, private, public) are welcome. Information presented will help in effective management of employees and/or volunteers. Professional CEU's available upon request.

The facilitator for all three seminars is Jacob W. Breland, SPHR, assistant professor of Management in the WCBA. In this role, he serves his students and larger community as a resource for HR-related information. Breland routinely publishes, consults and speaks on topics relevant to maximizing the returns from their human talent. He earned a Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi and an MBA from the University of Southern Mississippi. He also holds the Senior Professional in Human Resources designation, an internationally recognized certification awarded by the Society for Human Resource Management for those with significant levels of HR knowledge and experience.

For more information on the Seminar Series, contact Laura McCaskey at 330-941-1870 or LJMcCaskey@ysu.edu.

Concert features two Dana faculty

Youngstown State University's Dana School of Music presents a faculty artist recital by Duo Allant at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 1, in Bliss Recital Hall, featuring Dana faculty members Kathryn Thomas Umble, flute, and Francois Fowler, guitar.

The recital is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the Wick Avenue deck for a nominal fee. For more information, call the Dana School of Music at 330-941-3636.

The concert will feature music by composers from around the world and will include world premiere performances of "One Dance, Many Dancers" by David Morgan and "Albatross" by Robert Rollin.

Swim team offers lessons

The Youngstown State University Women's Swimming and Diving team is offering a "Learn to Swim Clinic" for children ages 3 to 10 in March and April.

Five sessions will be hosted by the Penguins' student-athletes at the Beeghly Natatorium. The clinic is open to the general public as well as children of YSU students, faculty and staff.

Lessons will be held from 6 to 6:45 p.m. on the following dates: March 21, 25 and 28 and April 1 and April 4.

The cost is \$50 per child, with five separate skill levels to benefit all participants. All profits benefit the YSU swimming and diving program. Registration is open until the first lesson on March 21. Participants need to bring appropriate swimming attire, a towel and goggles (if preferred).



For additional information, contact Assistant Coach Kylie Gamelier via email at kegamelier@ysu.edu