



*F*ALL  
COMMENCEMENT  
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER SEVENTEENTH  
TWO THOUSAND AND SIX  
TWO O'CLOCK, BEEGHLY CENTER

## Youngstown State University—An Innovative Educational Leader

Founded in 1908, Youngstown State University originally served 160 students with about a dozen faculty members and provided expanded educational opportunity for all people—store clerks and factory managers, steel industry workers, newly arrived immigrants, women and men, and both part-time and full-time learners.

This progressive spirit guided the development of the institution as it evolved from a YMCA technical institute, later as Youngstown College (1928), then as Youngstown University (1955) and, in 1967, as Youngstown State University, a member of the Ohio public higher education system.

Today, Youngstown State University is a leading comprehensive university, serving more than 12,800 full- and part-time students with 120 undergraduate programs, 40 master's degree programs and a doctorate in education. There are more than 420 full-time faculty and 750 professional and support staff members in seven colleges, schools and administrative departments.

In partnership with schools and the corporate and non-profit communities, Youngstown State University promotes diversity and excellence in teaching, research, and service to increase the educational attainment and economic and environmental vitality of the region.

Throughout its 98-year history, Youngstown State University has been cited as an innovative educational leader. It has also been recognized through numerous awards—both in academics and athletics—as one of the best urban, public, comprehensive universities in the United States.

Each graduate we celebrate today is a YSU Success Story. They join more than 80,000 outstanding alumni members across the nation and around the world.

### **Alma Mater**

All hail to thee, O Youngstown,  
Our Alma Mater fair;  
In sunlight and starshine  
We see thee in all thy glory.  
The Red and the White, thy glorious colors,  
Ever we praise and hold them  
High to the breeze as the symbol of our  
Most loyal allegiance.  
This anthem, O Youngstown,  
Our pledge of trust shall be  
That thy sons and daughters  
Shall keep faith with thee forever.

# PROGRAM

**PRELUDE**..... "Stars and Stripes Forever March" by John Philip Sousa  
YSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble  
Dr. Stephen Gage, *Director of Bands*  
*Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts*

**ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL**..... "Suite #1 in Eb Major" by Gustav Holst  
"Pomp and Circumstance" from March No. 1 by Edward Elgar  
"March Processional" by Clare Grundman

**WELCOME**..... David C. Sweet  
*President*

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**..... Dr. Misook Yun, *Associate Professor*  
*Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts*

**STUDENT REFLECTION**..... Michael L. Shaffer, *Graduating Senior*  
*Williamson College of Business Administration*

**INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES**..... President Sweet

**GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER;  
PRESENTATION OF SANFORD RIVERS TO  
RECEIVE THE DEGREE HONORARY DOCTOR OF  
THE UNIVERSITY**..... John Pogue  
*Chairperson of the Board of Trustees*

**ADDRESS**..... Sanford Rivers  
*Commissioner, Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board*

**MUSICAL SELECTION**..... "Sleigh Ride" by Leroy Anderson

**RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES ATTAINING UNIVERSITY HONORS**..... Robert Herbert  
*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

**CONFERRING OF DEGREES**..... President Sweet

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES**..... Peter J. Kasvinsky, *Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research*  
*Interim Dean of the William Rayen College of Engineering and Technology*  
Ikram Khawaja, *Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences*  
Betty Jo Licata, *Dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration*  
Philip Ginnetti, *Dean of the Beeghly College of Education*  
Joseph Edwards, *Dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts*  
John J. Yemma, *Dean of The Dr. Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health and Human Services*

**WELCOME FROM YSU ALUMNI SOCIETY**..... Bruce Sherman  
*President, YSU Alumni Society*

**CLOSING REMARKS**..... President Sweet

**ALMA MATER**..... Professor Yun  
From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. by Robert E. Fleming

**RECESSIONAL**..... "The Liberty Bell March" by John Philip Sousa  
"The National Emblem March" by E. E. Bagley

**COLLEGE RECEPTIONS**..... Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room

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*Atty. John Pogue, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, and Provost Herbert will invest Mr. Rivers with the hood.  
The audience is asked to be seated after the singing of the Alma Mater and to remain seated during the recessional.*

## Commencement Speaker and Recipient of the Degree Honorary Doctor of the University



*Sanford D. Rivers*

Today's commencement speaker, Sanford D. Rivers, has served as commissioner of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board since 2004. As commissioner, he oversees the development, implementation, and monitoring of the multi-billion dollar slot-machine industry in the Commonwealth.

Mr. Rivers has deep roots in Youngstown and at Youngstown State University. He grew up on Myrtle Avenue on the city's South Side and graduated from South High School. A business major at YSU, he was also an outstanding football player whose ability as a running back earned him a place in the University's Athletics Hall of Fame. In 1968, Rivers graduated from YSU with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Shortly after graduating, Rivers began his long and distinguished career with Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, serving first as assistant director of admissions, then as senior associate director of admissions, and as assistant vice president for enrollment from 1989 to 2004.

When Rivers was selected to head the Pennsylvania Gaming Commission, Gov. Ed Rendell said of him, "Sanford Rivers' name at Carnegie Mellon is synonymous with incorruptibility." Rivers feels his character was molded to great extent as a YSU football player, where he learned, he says, "discipline, conditioning, and fair play. You respect other people and play by the rules of the game."

Rivers kept his passion for football alive during his Carnegie Mellon career, serving for 16 years as an official with the NFL. He worked several championship and playoff games, including Super Bowl XXXIII in 1999.

In 2000, Rivers established the Sanford Rivers Endowed Scholarship at the YSU Foundation. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student athlete from the City of Youngstown.

Rivers and his wife, Carroll, have been married for 41 years and live in Churchill, Pennsylvania.



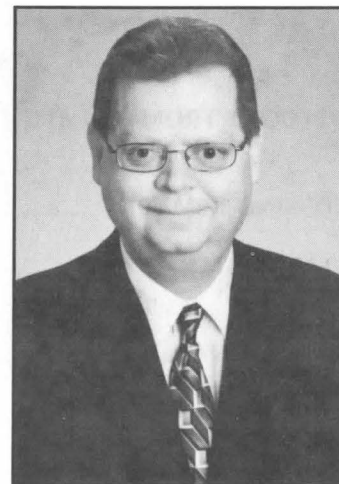
## Student Speaker

Today's student commencement speaker is Michael Shaffer, a Youngstown native, who is today receiving a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a minor in economics. Like many Youngstown State University students, Shaffer traveled many other roads before returning to YSU to finish his degree.

A 1980 Chaney High School graduate, Shaffer came from what he calls "a typical blue-collar family." His father worked in the steel mills until 1979, when the mills closed in Youngstown. After graduating from high school, Shaffer went directly into the work world, got married and had his family in place by the age of 22.

For more than 20 years, he worked at different jobs in the Youngstown area, mostly in management positions but soon found out how important a college degree is to career advancement. In 1993, after a divorce, Shaffer began attending YSU. After a year, he realized that raising two children, working two jobs, and going to college full time was untenable, and he took a job out of state.

By 2002, his children were out on their own, but he still had to confront the fact that a college degree was the key to the business career he sought. So Shaffer returned to Youngstown and to Youngstown State University, and today becomes the first person in his family to attend and graduate from college.



*Michael Shaffer*

## CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Because the list of candidates had to be prepared in advance, it is tentative. The diploma, together with a certified transcript, is the proof of graduation.

### SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

#### Doctor of Education

Kim J. Rost, B.S., M.S.

Iowa State University

Educational Leadership

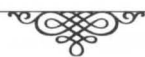
*The Identification and Perceived Importance of Factors Used by Ohio Individual Education Planning Teams to Place Students with Disabilities in the Least Restrictive Environment*

Roberta Lee Schroll, B.S. in Ed., M.S. in Ed.

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

Educational Leadership

*Student Achievement in Pennsylvania as a Function of School Resources*



#### Master of Arts

Aaron Anthony Barnes, B.S.B.A.

Youngstown State University

Economics

Patricia Ann Gillespie, B.S.

Widener University

History

*Thesis: The History of Wick Avenue 1940-1960*

Jonathan Ashley Kinser, B.S. in Ed.

Youngstown State University

History

*Thesis: The Lost Retirement Trial(s) of Clarence Darrow*

Vanessa Crystell Martin, B.S.B.A.

Duquesne University

Economics

Michael Anthony Shrodek, B.S.

Ashland College

English

Lorelei Smith-Lockett, B.A.

Youngstown State University

History

Carmine Somma, A.B.

University of Salerno

English

*Thesis: A Study of African American Activism in the Last Century*

Scott James Troy, B.A.

The Ohio State University

History

#### Master of Business Administration

William H. Cann, B.S.B.A.

Youngstown State University

Management

Paul Allen Fridley, B.S.B.A.

Youngstown State University

General

Tinasha Lashell Groves, B.S.B.A.

Missouri Western State University

General

Labros Hatzilabrou, B.E., M.S. in Engr.

Aristotelian University, University of

Pittsburgh

Management

Smitha Manne, B.S.B.

Bharathidasan University

General

Ashley Elizabeth Martig, B.S.B.A.

Youngstown State University

General

Tricia Marie Smart, B.S.B.A.

Youngstown State University

Management

Darice Elizabeth Somple-Jay, B.S.N.

Kent State University

Management

Amy Lynn Stein, B.S.B.A.

Youngstown State University

General

Richard L. Ulam, B.E.

Youngstown State University

General

Tabitha Jessica Wiawe, B.S.B.

University of Ghana

Finance

Miranda Rae Young, B.S.B.A.

Youngstown State University

General

#### Master of Health & Human Services

Judith Ann Gazik, B.A.

Baldwin-Wallace College

Health & Human Services

Samantha Lynn Vecchione, B.S.

Youngstown State University

Health & Human Services

Ty-Juan Young, B.S.B.A.

Youngstown State University

Health & Human Services

## SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

### Master of Science

Michelle Karlene Cole, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Biology  
Thesis: *The Effects of Nocturnal Light on *Odontotaenius disjunctus* Coleoptera (passalidae)*

Lanny Pastor Cortez, B.S.  
John Carroll University  
Biology

Adam Daniel Creatura, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Criminal Justice

Holly S. DeBernardo, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Chemistry  
Thesis: *How Does the Quality of Learning Science Affect Teachers' Perceptions of Their Abilities?*

Manish Dhawan, B.pharm.  
University of Rajasthan  
Chemistry  
Thesis: *Molecular Modelling – The Transition State of Class B-Lactamase Hydrolysis of Penicillins*

Kurtis Eisermann, B.A.  
Kent State University  
Biology  
Thesis: *Generation of an ScFv Specific for *S. Aureus* Type 5 using Phage Display Technology*

Oliver Neal Fisher, B.A.  
Adrian College  
Environmental Studies

Nathan Thomas Harper,  
B.S. in B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Criminal Justice  
Thesis: *Application of the Slippery Slope Theory to Police Corruption*

Lindsay Ann Hunter, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Biology  
Thesis: *Comparison of replication structures in mutant and wild type DNA of the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisial**

Sarah Lynn Kiepper, B.A.  
Kent State University  
Criminal Justice  
Thesis: *From Binge Drinking to Suicide: Creating An Awareness about the Effects of Alcohol*

Amjid Nawaz, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Biology

Renee Lynn Noel, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Criminal Justice

Adaeze C. Orioha, B.S.  
University of Nigeria  
Mathematics  
Thesis: *Transfer Homomorphisms and Splitting Theorems*

Douglas Shawn Orr, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Biology

Umakanth Potula, B.pharm.  
Nagarjuna University  
Chemistry  
Thesis: *Investigation of the Iso-Orotate Decarboxylation Reaction-Enzymatic and Non-enzymatic and Study of Isotope Effects Involved in its Mechanism*

Steven Jude Robbins, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Biology  
Thesis: *mTor and cdc 2+ Expression During Myogenesis*

Anna Stambolia-Kovach, B.S.  
University of Southern California  
Biology  
Thesis: *Riparian Vegetation Structure along the Industrially Impacted Mahoning River, Ohio*

Patrick Grape Stephenson, B.S.  
Penn State University  
Mathematics

Michael S. Strozewski, B.S.  
Hiram College  
Chemistry  
Thesis: *Crystal Chemistries of Mixed-Anion Perovskite-type  $Ca_2Mn_2N_2O_2F$  and Rock salt-type  $Ca_2N_xO_2-2x F_x$*

Charles J. VanDyke, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Criminal Justice

Monica Lynn Vicarel, B.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Chemistry

Robert E. Wardle III, B.S.A.S.  
Youngstown State University  
Chemistry  
Thesis: *Optimization of a Method for Detection and Quantitation of the Chemical Indicators of Atypical Aging in Wine*

Wickliffe Osusu Wepukhulu, B.S.  
Jomo Kenyatta University  
Chemistry  
Thesis: *Elucidation of Odcase Mechanism of Action Using Isotope Labeling  $\delta^6$ -c-nump Inhibitor*

Jazerie J. L. Williams, B.S.  
Central State University  
Chemistry  
Thesis: *Evaluation of Apparent Formation Constant of Host-Guest Inclusion Complexes of Solutes with Soluble Calixarenes Using High Performance Liquid Chromatography*

### Master of Science in Computing & Information Systems

Fei Dong, B.S.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Computing & Information Systems

## SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH *(continued)*

### Master of Science in Education

Janet Lynn Cleghorn, B.S.,  
M.S. in Ed.  
Kent State University  
Educational Administration

Nicolene Elizabeth Cole, B.S. in Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Master Teacher – Secondary,  
Educational Technology

RitaLyn Cole, B.S. in Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Special Education

Christa Kaye Coleman, B.S.  
Western Kentucky University  
Master Teacher – Special  
Education, Early Childhood  
Special Education

Rowena P. Cortez, B.S. in Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Master Teacher – Elementary,  
Early Childhood Education

James Fred DeLucia, Jr., B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Counseling

Kathryn Marie Donofrio, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Counseling

Doreen Grace Duganne, B.S. in Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Counseling

Lisa Dutkovich, B.S. in Ed.  
Edinboro University  
Educational Administration

Inderjit Eunni, B.A.  
Nagpur University  
Counseling

Jenna M. Evans, B.S. in Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Master Teacher – Secondary,  
Curriculum

Bethany Suzanne Grimm Garr, B.A.  
Mount Union College  
Counseling

Stuart Allen Gibbs, B.S. in Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Master Teacher – Elementary,  
Middle Grades

Maria Renee Grothaus, B.A.  
Missouri Western State University  
Counseling

Kelly Louisa Havrilla, B.S. in Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Master Teacher – Elementary,  
Curriculum

Pawandeep Kaur, B.A./B.S.E.  
Punjabi University  
Special Education

Laurie Anne Killa, B.S.  
Clarion University of Pennsylvania  
Counseling

Cheryl Lynn Lauka, B.S. in Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Master Teacher – Elementary,  
Curriculum

Christy Lee Novotny, B.S., B.A.  
The Ohio State University,  
Youngstown State University  
Counseling

Kevin Robert O'Connell, B.S. in Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Educational Administration

Carol Jean Queener, B.S. in Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Educational Administration

Whitney Elizabeth Resch, B.S. in Ed.  
Kent State University  
Master Teacher – Elementary,  
Curriculum

Dennis James Russo, B.S. in Ed.  
Kent State University  
Educational Administration

Gene W. Sechrest, B.S. in Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Special Education

Trudy Ann Seymour, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Counseling

M. Lisa Shattuck, B.S. in Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Educational Administration

Crystal Lynn Smith, B.S. in Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Counseling

Lori Anne Stasko, A.B.  
Kent State University  
Counseling

Rached Zouhair Tabbara, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Counseling

Michael John Turco, B.S. in Ed.  
Youngstown State University  
Master Teacher – Elementary,  
Curriculum

Katrina Mary Weizer, B.A.  
Youngstown State University  
Counseling

### Master of Science in Engineering

Pamela G. Bowers, B.E.  
Youngstown State University  
Electrical & Computer  
Engineering

Suresh Rajaram Patil, B.E.  
Shivaji University  
Mechanical Engineering  
Thesis: *Numerical Simulation of  
Gear Pump in 3D*

Tamer Aref Taher, B.E.  
Hashemite University  
Electrical & Computer  
Engineering  
Thesis: *Development of a  
Mathematical Model to Predict  
Electromagnetic Interference  
in Automotive Data  
Communication Structure*

## FALL 2006

### BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS

*Because the list of candidates for graduation honors had to be prepared in advance, it is tentative. The diploma, together with a certified transcript, is the proof of graduation with honors.*

#### Summa Cum Laude

Julie Ann Barton  
Ellen J. Beagle  
Michelle Lynn Blower  
Danielle Erin Caruso  
Boris David Chesakov  
Matthew James Critell  
Kevin M. Dailey  
Kimberly Michelle D'Angelo  
Karen Lynn Deley  
Julie Marie Delsignore  
Giorgios A. Drivas  
Amber Marie Duncan  
Sarah L. Ellis  
Kate Barbati Florig  
Joanna M. Fuchs  
Lisa Marie Garofali

Jennifer Lynn Gaydosh  
Amanda Sue Good  
William A. Greier  
Denise Marie Hollendoner  
Christopher R. Hritz  
Erica M. Hurd  
Ashley Marie Jelley  
Jessica Lynn Kistler  
Donna Marie Knox-Brown  
Amber Christine Kocher  
Megan Yvonne Leightner  
Kristen M. Massie  
Daniel R. Miller  
Kelly Marie Neiheisel  
Timothy Paul Petrilla  
Shannon Leigh Pilipovich

Lori Ann Pittman  
Rachel Lauren Prince  
Kathleen A. Robles  
Michael Christopher Santilli  
Christine Talkington Shaw  
Gerald Richard Smith  
Joseph Warren Sosnowski  
Dusan Dragan Stefanovic  
Susan Jean Stowe  
Shannon Amarene Street  
Angeline Marie Theis  
Stacey Marie Torma  
Lyndsey Nicole Toth  
Robert L. Whanger, Jr.  
Stefanie Lynn Wilson  
Robert Edward Zaremba

#### Magna Cum Laude

Margaret Marie Bauer  
Jennifer Ann Best  
David Robert Ciotola  
Amanda Marie Clapsaddle  
Adam Renner Cocco  
Angie DeNicholas  
Kurt Elliot Emch  
Angela Marie Eusanio  
Jenny Marie Frease  
Jaclyn Renee Gargano  
Brooke Nichole Gfell  
Jason Andrew Grom  
Erin Renee Grove  
William Donald Haas  
Craig William Hart

Samantha Jo Knight  
E. Darius Kosovan  
Patricia S. Kremer  
Justine Cecilia Latiano  
Haeli Lee  
Eileen Ann Mastracco  
Risa Elaine Matteo  
Liliana Maria McElhaney  
Matthew Paul Meehan  
Shannon Rae Mercer  
Jeannette Marie Mika  
John Adam Milo  
Dennis William Mitchell, Jr.  
Stephanie Marie Muntean  
Meagan M. Murray

Karen R. Owen  
Steven Lee Owens  
Donald Edward Powell  
Maggie Elizabeth Ramsbottom  
Beth Anne Ripple  
Patrick Joseph Rossi  
Amy Sabol  
Jamie Lyn Savage  
Meredith Marie Schneider  
Katherine Lee Struna  
Adam J. Sullivan  
Rachel Marie Timlin  
Carol A. Vitelli  
Samantha Lyn Wanninger  
Steven Albert Wilson



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**BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS**

**Cum Laude**

Gayle Elizabeth Alli  
Megan Melissa Anderson  
Leah E. Aulizia-Russell  
Taylor Marie Barth  
Samuel Thomas Berresford  
Jeffrey Allen Bickel  
Andrea Marie Bok  
Lindsey Erin Burns  
Anne Catherine Ciarrochi  
Ruth A. Crowe  
Jessica Anne Davidson  
Lindsay M. DeMaiolo  
Leslie Rachael Dickey  
Linda R. Dietz  
David John Dixon  
Diana Marie Hancharenko  
Amy Joy Hogan

Allison Marie Jakubec  
Stefanie Rose Keshock  
Amy Therese Kreiger  
Jueun Lee  
Kevin William Libeg  
Courtney Lynn Logan  
David Charles Mealy  
Ashley Lynn Melia  
Stephanie Marie Mincher  
Sarah Marie Mitchell  
Tiffany Lee Montgomery  
Christina Lynn Muraco  
Trisha J. Nord  
Jennifer Renee Pander  
Rebecca A. Pilak  
Shira Elaine Puncekar  
Stephanie L. Rasmer

Kristine A. Reimold  
Jonathan Patrick Rickert  
Kun At Sam  
Olympia C. Scott-Feagins  
Susan Elizabeth Sekerak  
Danielle Nicole Skaggs  
Charles Anthony Slivkoff  
Megan B. Sovik  
John Anthony Spirko  
Christopher L. Stahl  
Shannon Joy Starr  
Ellen M. Sweet  
Brian Keith Sylvester  
D. Scott Uhlinger  
Jeremy Michael Weaver  
Walter Christopher Wilfong  
Deanna Nicole Yarabenetz

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS**

**With High Honors**

Julie Ann Anderson  
Pamela J. Balent  
Darlene W. Hewitt  
Brent R. Lang  
Masae Matsuzaki  
Brian J. Schaal  
Bo Daniel Weichel

**With Honors**

Christine Ellen Collier

**FALL 2006**  
**HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES**

Andrea Marie Bok  
Music Education  
*Variations on Dreamland*

Adam Renner Cocco  
General Administration  
*An Inquiry Into Quality Relative to  
Business Applications*

Kimberly Michelle D'Angelo  
Music Education  
*Quantum Jitters: Composition  
and Premiere of an Important  
Contemporary Work for Saxophone*

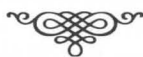
Kate Barbati Florig  
Psychology  
*Gender Differences Regarding Stress &  
Coping Skills*

Christopher R. Hritz  
Industrial & Systems Engineering  
*The Economic Effects of Lean Production  
in the Auto Industry*

Daniel R. Miller  
Education  
*A Critical Analysis of the Teacher Work  
Sample*

Dusan Dragan Stefanovic  
Electrical and Computer  
Engineering  
*Autonomous Robot with Application  
in IEEE SAC Hardware Competition*

Steven Albert Wilson  
Education  
*A Critical Analysis of the Teacher  
Work Sample*



## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Because the list of candidates had to be prepared in advance, it is tentative. The diploma, together with a certified transcript, is the proof of graduation.

### *Associate in Applied Science*

Eric U. Brown, Sr.  
Eric Allen Davidson  
John Richard Giannini  
Mark Alan Gula  
Bonita Jean Harris

### *Associate in Arts*

Loretta Angelo  
Holly Ann Carpenter  
Darlene W. Hewitt  
Troy Delano Hunter  
Masae Matsuzaki  
Darlene Lynn Morris

### *Bachelor of Arts*

Ashley Lynne Anderson  
Megan Melissa Anderson  
Sheyna Lynn Anderson  
Taylor Marie Barth  
Jason A. Basic  
Ellen J. Beagle  
Samuel Thomas Berresford  
Christy Ann Bondi  
Bryan Keith Budrovici  
Benjamin Edward Buzard  
Shannon Marie Cearfoss  
Robert Edward Collier, Sr.  
Patrick Joseph Davis  
Karen Lynn Deley  
Angie DeNicholas  
Nicole Marie DeNiro  
Carli A. DeWitt  
Brittany Danielle Dick  
Leslie Rachael Dickey  
Linda R. Dietz  
Suzanne Michelle Fennell  
Kate Barbati Florig  
Jenny Marie Frease  
Lisa Marie Garofali  
Dawn Marie Garrett  
Desiree Jennifer Gomez  
Erin Renee Grove  
Karrie Luise Hubbard  
Stephanie Lynn Humble  
Kourtney Christine Kidd  
Joseph C. Lucci  
Jeremy Edward Lydic  
Robert Mackey  
Sarah Elizabeth Manchi  
Tara Sue Veronica Mancini-Upshire  
Jennifer Marie Mazei

John Michael McCormick  
Christopher John Miller  
Sarah Marie Mitchell  
Amy J. Plant  
Daniel Scot Price  
Stephanie L. Rasmer  
Kristine A. Reimold  
Jessica S. Reviere  
Jason Mathew Robinson  
Kathleen A. Robles  
Ernie L. Roth  
Kathryn A. Sammartino  
Michael Christopher Santilli  
Jamie Lyn Savage  
Aaron Williams Scales  
Gerald Richard Smith  
Rondalynn Syreena Solomon  
Jean Marie Steele  
Shannon Amarene Street  
Brian Keith Sylvester  
Loretta Alyssa Thomas  
Jennifer J. Tremayne  
Musa Chidalu Uchechime  
Gabriele Vigorito  
James Paul Visingardi  
Shelley Elizabeth Watts  
Jeremy Michael Weaver  
Theodore N. Zoumis

### *Bachelor of General Studies*

Gayle Elizabeth Alli  
Jeffrey Stephen Cox  
Charles Merle Dando  
Brenda Sue Dobson  
Lacey Lee Giansante  
Candice Nicole Gilchrist  
Glenda Renee Hargrove  
Diana Marie Huggins  
Stafford Jackson  
Jason Alan Kolenich  
Kelly L. Murphy Kroynovich  
Edward B. Lowry  
Erica Kathleen Marinik  
Lindsey McKee Moore  
James Richard Parker  
Thomas P. Pesce  
Melissa Ann Pinkerton  
Jennifer Pinon  
Jolene Rodenbaugh  
Catherine S. Roussis  
Jessica Lynn Simons

Charles Anthony Slivkoff  
Don M. Terrell  
Patricia J. Ursic  
Janet Lynn Vlaiku

### *Bachelor of Science*

Michelle Lynn Blower  
Jessica Anne Davidson  
Ronald Robert DeMarco  
Anthony J. DeVincentis  
James Robert Fogle  
David A. Gifford, Jr.  
Stefanie Rose Keshock  
Steven Eric Knapp  
John William Leslie  
Gina Lynn Mavrikis  
Matthew Paul Meehan  
Edwin John Morales  
Kasey J. Plummer  
Aliyah Shaheedah Sabree  
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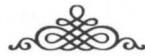
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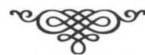
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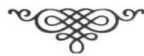
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## Academic Regalia and Ceremony

The gowns, hoods, and caps worn in academic ceremonies today are relics of those worn in medieval times by students and professors. Probably the gowns and hoods were worn for warmth in the unheated halls where lectures were delivered. From the sixteenth century on, somber black garb became the norm, and it is primarily in the hoods worn in academic processions today that the medieval academic pageantry is retained.

The hoods representing graduate degrees granted by various colleges and universities have linings (turned to exhibit their hues to the fullest advantage) in the colors of the granting institutions. In addition, the facing of the hood represents by its color the discipline in which the degree has been granted: white for arts, letters or humanities; golden yellow for science; purple for law; green for medicine; lemon yellow for library science; orange for engineering; olive for commerce or business; light blue for education; pink for music; brown for fine arts; apricot for nursing; dark blue for philosophy; scarlet for theology; citron for social work; sage green for physical education.

There are different opinions about the origin of the caps worn in academic ceremonies. One view is that the "mortar board" is in actuality adapted from the wooden square used by masons. Another is that it stems from the ecclesiastical or clerical head covering of the medieval period.

There is something of the same adherence to tradition in commencement processions that exists in academic garb, although each institution has



the right to adapt the ceremony to its own requirement. The faculty leads the line of march followed by the candidates for degrees. Then follow the chief marshals, the president, speaker, trustees, deans, and other members of the party to be seated on the platform.

Recipients of University Honors receive golden honor cords placed around the shoulders. University Scholars wear a specially minted medallion on a red ribbon to denote their academic achievement.

### The Presidential Medallion

President Sweet wears a one-of-a-kind medallion that bears an embossment of the Youngstown State University seal on each of the small elements and on the large central piece. On the back of the central medallion are engraved the names of the University's five past presidents and Dr. Sweet.

The presidential medallion was designed and created out of sterling and bronze by Wendell August Forge of Grove City, Pennsylvania. Dr. Sweet is the first president to wear this medallion.

### The Youngstown State University Seal

The University's official seal was adopted in 1936. Designed by a student, the seal includes a torch, quills, wings, a globe, and the Latin words *animus liberatus*. In simple terms, those words summarize the transformation—or liberation—that occurs on this campus countless times each day. In English, they are translated *The Mind Freed*, or *The Spirit Freed*.

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