# Undergraduate Commencement

Youngstown State University

SATURDAY, MAY NINETEENTH
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN
TEN 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 99-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	"National Emblem March" by E. E. Bagley
	"Stars and Stripes Forever March" by John Philip Sousa
	YSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble
	Dr. Stephen L. Gage, Director of Bands
	Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL	"Suite #1 in Eb Major" by Gustav Holst—I. Chaconne
	III. March "Pomp and Circumstance" from March No. 1 by Edward Elgar
	"March Processional" by Clare Grundman
WELCOME	David C. Sweet
VELCONIE	President
NATIONAL ANTHEM	
	Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts
STUDENT REFLECTION	Stephanie Marie Mateja
	Graduating Senior, Beeghly College of Education
NTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES	President Sweet
GREETINGS AND REMARKS	
	Chairperson of the Board of Trustees
NTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER	Bege Bowers
	Associate Provost, Academic Programs and Planning
ADDRESS	Joseph V. Martinez
Senior Advisor	for Institutional Outreach Office of Science U.S. Department of Energy
MUSICAL SELECTION	"Tribute to Irving Berlin"
	arr. Warren Barker, YSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble
REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE	ES FOR DEGREES Associate Provost Bowers
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	President Sweet
PRESENTATION OF JOSEPH V. MARTINEZ TO RECEIVE THE HONORARY DEGREE DOCTO	R OF SCIENCE Atty. Pogue
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES	N OI SCILITEL
	Jo Licata, Dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration
	Philip Ginnetti, Dean of the Beeghly College of Education
Peter J. Kasvinsky, Inte	erim Dean of the William Rayen College of Engineering and Technology
	Joseph Edwards, Dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts
John J. Yemma, Dean of the Dr. D	ominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health and Human Services
WELCOME EDOM NOW ALLDON COCKETY	Ikram Khawaja, Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
WELCOME FROM YSU ALUMNI SOCIETY	Bruce Sherman
	Bruce Sherman  President, YSU Alumni Society
CLOSING REMARKS	Bruce Sherman  President, YSU Alumni Society  President Sweet
CLOSING REMARKS	Bruce Sherman  President, YSU Alumni Society  President Sweet  Mr. Miles
CLOSING REMARKSALMA MATER	Bruce Sherman  President, YSU Alumni Society  President Sweet  Mr. Miles  From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. Willis
CLOSING REMARKSALMA MATERRECESSIONAL	Bruce Sherman  President, YSU Alumni Society  President Sweet  Mr. Miles  From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. Willis  "The Liberty Bell March" by John Philip Sousa  "Fairest of the Fair" by John Philip Sousa
CLOSING REMARKS	Bruce Sherman  President, YSU Alumni Society  President Sweet  Mr. Miles  From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. Willis  "The Liberty Bell March" by John Philip Sousa  "Fairest of the Fair" by John Philip Sousa  College of Arts and Sciences in DeBartolo Hall, Main Floor Lobby
CLOSING REMARKS	Bruce Sherman  President, YSU Alumni Society  President Sweet  Mr. Miles  From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. Willis  "The Liberty Bell March" by John Philip Sousa  "Fairest of the Fair" by John Philip Sousa  College of Arts and Sciences in DeBartolo Hall, Main Floor Lobby of Business Administration in Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room
CLOSING REMARKS  ALMA MATER  RECESSIONAL  RECEPTIONS  College	Bruce Sherman  President, YSU Alumni Society  President Sweet  Mr. Miles  From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. Willis  "The Liberty Bell March" by John Philip Sousa  "Fairest of the Fair" by John Philip Sousa  College of Arts and Sciences in DeBartolo Hall, Main Floor Lobby  of Business Administration in Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room  College of Education in Beeghly Hall, McKay Auditorium
CLOSING REMARKS  ALMA MATER  RECESSIONAL  RECEPTIONS  College	Bruce Sherman  President, YSU Alumni Society  President Sweet  Mr. Miles  From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. Willis  "The Liberty Bell March" by John Philip Sousa  "Fairest of the Fair" by John Philip Sousa

Atty. John Pogue, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, and Associate Provost Bowers will invest Dr. Martinez with the hood. The audience is asked to be seated after the singing of the Alma Mater and to remain seated during the remainder of the program and the recessional.

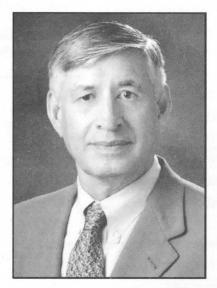
# Commencement Speaker and Recipient of the Degree Honorary Doctor of Science

Today's commencement speaker, Dr. Joseph V. Martinez, is senior advisor for institutional outreach in the Office of Science of the U.S. Department of Energy.

Dr. Martinez received his bachelor's degree from Northern Arizona University, his Master of Science from Washington State University, and a Ph.D. in chemistry from Oregon State University. With support of a Sloan Fellowship, he received a Master of Management Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He completed a post-doctoral appointment at Cornell University.

Prior to his current position, he was a program manager for the Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics Program in the Office of Science, responsible for research projects in the U.S. At various periods in his career, he was a research scientist for the Dupont Chemical Company, Xerox Corporation and the Eastman Kodak Company. He was a professor of physics for a decade before joining the Atomic Energy Commission, which has been succeeded by the Department of Energy.

Dr. Martinez is a founder of two groups, both of which aspire to increase the participation of minorities and women in science: the Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS), and the Committee of Minorities in Physics of the American Physical Society (APS). He is a former SACNAS president.



Joseph V. Martinez, Ph.D.

Dr. Martinez is a founder of the National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO) and was a participant in the advisory committee of the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda (NHLA) during the Clinton administration. The latter group was active in meeting with the various cabinet secretaries to promote an increase in the number of Hispanic employees in the federal government and their promotion to executive levels. He was a charter member of the U.S. Republican Senate Conference Task Force on Hispanic Affairs formed in 1987.

As part of his commitment to equal opportunity, he has been a member of the Coalition for Fairness in Government, which included representation from the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), The Hispanic Link, and the Mexican American Legal and Education Fund (MALEF). Dr. Martinez was former president of the LULAC Council 11113 in the Washington, DC, metro area. He is a cited contributor to Somos Primos and served a liaison role of the organization with the U.S. National Archive and Restoration Agency (NARA). He has served on the advisory committee for the Lemelson Center of the National Museum of American History and recently was named the Department of Energy representative to the National Science Foundation's Committee on Equal Opportunity in Science and Engineering.

A native of Arizona and son of immigrant parents, Dr. Martinez and his wife, Jayme, have six adult offspring, all college graduates.

# Undergraduate Commencement Student Speaker

Our student speaker, Stephanie Marie Mateja, graduates today summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in early childhood education. A graduate of Neshannock High School in New Castle, PA, she is the daughter of Thomas and Elaine Mateja. Her older sister, Jennifer, also graduated from the University Scholars program at Youngstown State University.

A member of the University
Honors program her first year
at YSU, she was selected for
the University Scholars program beginning
in her sophomore year. As a University
Scholar, Stephanie maintained a 4.0 GPA
while fulfilling 60 hours of community service



Stephanie Marie Mateja

each year and working in the Grounds Department. She has been an active member of the Early Childhood Education Association, as well as Alpha Lambda Delta, a national honorary society for first-year students. Stephanie is currently a member of the following honorary societies: Kappa Delta Pi, Sigma Alpha Lambda, Golden Key, Phi Kappa Phi, and Omicron Delta Kappa. Recently, she received the Frieda Chapman Award in Early Childhood Education, which is presented

to a senior who shows evidence of becoming an outstanding teacher. Upon graduation, Stephanie would like to remain in the area and pursue a teaching career.

## SPRING 2007 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

Jason P. Anderegg Michael James Antenucci Michael Richard Arnone Christopher Devin Artz Heather Alayne Baltic Anna Martha Baltputnis Ashley Marie Basile Lindsay Jewyl Berger Rebecca Ann Bertuzzi Christen Rae Billig Fares Antoine Bouchedid William Oliver Boyce Rhonda R. Brocious Charlene M. Brown Natalie Yvette Bryant Amber Dawn Burkey Michelle Renee Canatsey Kelly Marie Clark Megan Jayne Cramer Tracy Renee DeMarco Carla L. DeToro Tina Marie DeVito Kelly Marie Dripps Gerald Thomas Drocton III Laura Cathleen Dudle Jonathan Joseph Duran Jaclyn Sarah Elias Shereen Ziyad Esmail Abby Ettenhofer Nafees Fazal Leighann Forward Shannon Rae Galgan

Cynthia Ann Gaul

Sarah Mary Gillis Lauren Beth Glover Alex C. Halkias Brian Keith Hamilton Uneeza Aman Haque Janice Kathryn Harasyn Allyson Marie Haves Frank Albert Heinselman Chad Patrick Henson Adrienne K. Hetmanski Thomas A. Hetrick John Thomas Hird, Jr. Amanda Lynn Hoover Scott Michael Hunter Michelle Elena Ionese Michael Robert Johnson Ashley Nicole Jones Denise J. Kasula Amanpreet Kaur Daanish M. Khaja Siddharth Kudav William Victor Leek Bianca Marie Leonardi Rosanne Lyle Joseph Matthew Martin Stephanie Marie Mateja Byron C. Miller III Shayda Jeannette Mirhaidari Albert George Morar II Jessica Marie Neal Tamara Carol Nero Stephanie Dawn Newman

Heather Lynn Novak

Holly Lynn Pekalla Gina Ann Peretti Stephanie Marie Pesanka Louise Marie Popio John Jay Porterfield Karrie Ann Potts Katherine Mary Rose Reed Howard R. Reese Amy Lynn Rigby Sean Patrick Romigh Carl William Rossler Anju Bakhshi Saraswat Chirag Sudhir Shah Bonnie Kay Sherman Christin Renee Shullo Adam Michael Sullivan Nathan Dale Summers Andrea Cosette Swift Gregory William Tanner Ian Wesley Tanner Olivia Toth Stephen F. Ullom Sarah Marie Vansuch Karen Elizabeth Varga Paul L. Walker Nicole M. Wayt **Jack Michael White** Nicole Elizabeth Widomski Nathan R. Wood Candace Marie Younkins

Maura K. Patton

# SPRING 2007 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS (continued)

#### Magna Cum Laude

Leah Christine Albani Rhonda L. Aley Daniel Stephen Angelis

Mark G. Arnio Kendell Rae Austin

Christine Elizabeth Ayers

Lacie Jane Barnes Brian D. Baughman Lizbeth E. Baynes

Erik D. Beegle

Cori D. Behner Richard Henry Bell

Edward G. Bozman Joseph Jacob Bratek

Gretchen E. Breslawski

Cornelia Ann Bryan Laurie Ann Carusone

Katie Lynn Caswell

Richard George Catterlin Michael Kenneth Centorame

Nicholl Renee Chismark

Lindsay Michele Cobey

Matthew Lawrence Corsale Robert Joseph Daniluk

Lena Marie Dascenzo

Kelly Nicole Daugherty

Scott Gregory Day

Stephanie Lorain Day

Patricia Elizabeth DeChant

Joseph Aaron Dikun Michelle Renee Dockry

Andrea Kathleen Dreier

Brooke Marie Fender

Alex Douglas Gedra Melanie Joy Genova

Justin Paul Gough

Rashee Goyal

Kimberly Michael Guntrum

Elizabeth Dawn Haddle

Suzanne Rose Hammett Kristine Marie Hawkins

Melissa Sue Hippley

Lalah Patricia Iacobucci

Tracy Lynn Ishee

Krishna James

Emily Jean Jones

Megan Y. Kamath Harleen Kaur

Katherine Elizabeth Kenyhercz

Krysta Anne Kluge Jeffery Scott Kovacich

Todd Michael Kubacki

Ashley Rose Leveto

Amanda Lee Lingenfelter

Kevin James Love

Kelly Ann Marshall Kimberly Ann Maust

Erin Ashley Mazzant

Shawn Dennis McNorton

Justin Micah Mercer

Bryan James Morales Noelle DeRose Nackino

Adesuwa Lenora Obasuyi

Joseph Nicholas Paloski

Sarah C. Park David W. Parker Jenna Rae Parker

Cortney Rene Parsons

Jeremy N. Payne

Lisa R. Peretti

Michael Patrick Pero

Kathryn J. Plant

Jennifer Lynn Platek

Karie Rauschenbach

Robert H. Ritzler

Julia Elizabeth Rodabaugh

Lauren N. Rosko

Nikolas Roland Rubesich

**Amit Vinay Sastry** 

Anthony William Scarsella

Jenna Lee Schneider

Deanna Michelle Sell

Catherine A. Serenko

Kalyn Marie Sharrow

Daniel Gregory Skebo

Jonathan Jay Sliwinski Lewis Michael Spirtos

Scott Dennis Stewart

Scott Definis Stewar

Kelly Suzette Swarm

Johnna Alexis Tabus

Linda L. Titus

Jennifer Carolyn Turner

Cinda Jane Unkefer

James Patrick Venglar

Amy Marie Wagnon

Natasha Alexandra Walski

Daniel James Wegendt

Ethan Charles Wilson

# SPRING 2007 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS (continued)

#### Cum Laude

Maysoon N. Abdelrasul Jennifer Christine Allen Matthew Joseph Arena

Anushka Vavitra Arumugasaamy

Jennifer Michele Barber
Kathleen A. Barreca
Cliff A. Barton
Jennifer Ruth Beary
Jennifer Renee Berry
Jenny Lynn Brewer
Rachel Therese Brown
Joseph F. Bruderly
Patricia A. Cahalin
Mark A. Callow

Christopher Joseph Canann

Karen A. Chapel
Natalie Ann Cionni
Megan Ann Clune
Sarah Marie Crafton
Gregory George Diaman

Gregory George Diamantis Marianne Michelle Dobritch

Shaina L. Drummond Anne Marie Dull Crystal N. Duncan Corey Nicholas Dyer

Suzanne Ellis Zena Amad Esmail Rachel Ann Evrard

Miguelina Alejandrina Feliz

Andrea Marie Folsom Nicole Lynn Frease Stephanie N. Fryda Sarah Ann Gartland Brad Robert Geltz

Nicholas Thomas Gemuenden

Jessica Lynn Gifford
Jeffrey John Gollner
Kristen Renee Goodlet
Melissa R. Gore
Jeffrey A. Gruszecki
Shauna Christine Hartline
John Alex Heintzelman
Stefanie Marie Hernan
Anne Marie Horodyski
Natalie Joy Hryronak
Robert C. Jennings
Danielle Marie Johnson
Brent Scott Kantaras
Jada Raenel Kennon
Kimberly Kirkne

Elizabeth R. Klingensmith

Petra C. Knapp

Wayne Deshawn Magee Elizabeth Ann McConnell Kristen Marie McMonagle Angela Ruth Medaugh Emily Ann Mercer Renee L. Merlo Erin Rae Millikin Amy L. Moreschi Andrew William Morrow

Steven Ray Mountz
Fatimah Muhammad
Anthony Joseph Musolino
Ashley Elizabeth Neumeister

Gina Marie Orlando Rebecca A. Pilak Kamila A. Praslova

Robert Lawrence Priscak, Jr

Jocelyn Renee Puskar Sarah Jane Quaranta Bridget Kathleen Reardon Kristopher Stanley Reash Michael Donald Rex

Louis Dominic Richendollar Samantha L. Ritter

Brian Timothy Sabo Matthew Joseph Saborse Sarah Marie Sexton Rani Ashwin Shah Rachel Anne Sheller Valerie Marie Shelton Samantha Elizabeth Sher

Samantha Elizabeth Shepard Justin-Paul Sullivan Shilot

Tiffany Nesa Shipley Heather Ann Smai Cheryll Lynn Smith Clinton Allen Smith Brett Alan Stitt Melanie Lynn Stoops

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Amanda L. Testa

Candace Alecia Thomas Emily Beth Thomas Gabrielle Thomas

Matthew Dominic Ucchino

Ericka Kay Williams Jessica Ann Williams Mark A. Wilson Nicole Leigh Wise Ashley Marie Wyman Jessica Rees Yarte

## SPRING 2007 ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS

#### With High Honors

Joseph David Dillinger Justin Thomas Hoover Joseph Patrick LaBruzzo Robert August Legros Patrick Charles Merrill Sarah Rebecca Peterson

Janice Tattrie Mark Andrew Walker

#### With Honors

Willie B. Baker Edward A. Brisbine James T. Clark Richard Joseph Colton Harry Frank Asbury Day III Bethany Marie Edenfield Mechee M. Gasparek Anwarul Alam Masud Jennifer Lynn McMullen Michael Thomas Nemergut Stephanie Lynn Paolucci Brandy Lynn Parker Daniel John Pera Dawn Denise Shafer Amy Lynn Witkoski



#### YSU PIN AWARD RECIPIENTS

Established in 1948 by President Howard Jones, the YSU Pin Award has been a distinguished part of Youngstown State University's rich tradition. The award recognizes up to five graduating seniors annually who have achieved academic success and demonstrated outstanding leadership, motivation, and creativity in university and community activities. Following are the 2005-06 YSU Pin Awardees and their academic majors

## Michael Dinn—Biology and Chemistry

Mr. Dinn has earned the Arby's Leadership Scholarship as well as the YSU Academic Scholarship. He is a member of the YSU Pre-Health Honor Society, Alpha Epsilon Delta and has tutored YSU students in biology, chemistry and physics in the Center for Student Progress as well as tutoring disadvantaged high school students in math and science.

## Megan Kamath—Combined Science

Ms. Kamath is a member of the Indian National Student Association. A member of the NEOUCOM student organization, she was chosen by her fellow YSU students to present a community health proposal to state legislators.

## Jennifer McPheron—Social Work

Ms. McPheron is a member of Phi Alpha, the social work society; Campus Crusade for Christ; Chi Alpha; Sigma Alpha Lambda Honor Society; Circle K and the Emerging Leader Program.

## Lisa Sipes—Music Performance

Ms. Sipes, a University Scholar, is a member of the Ohio Collegiate Music Education Association, Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity, Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, Golden Key Honor Society, Order of Omega, the YSU Marching Pride, and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

## SPRING 2007 HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Heather Alayne Baltic Forensic Science Alternative Matrices for Detection of Drugs

Anna Martha Baltputnis Accounting Internet Sales Tax

Gretchen E. Breslawski Theater A Student Directed Production of The Vagina Monologues

Michelle Renee Canatsey Biology/Environmental Studies Paleolimnological Records of Bass Lake Infer Human Impacts

Michael Kenneth Centorame Civil Engineering The Comprehensive Civil Engineering Design of a Professional Building

Stephanie Lorain Day Political Science/Geography A Spatial and Temporal Overview of Urban Structure in Sub-Saharan Africa

Joseph Aaron Dikun Biology Identification of a Cell Size Regulator: Preliminary Phosphoproteomic profiling of Penicillium marneffei Marianne Michelle Dobritch Anthropology Complexities and Inequalities of Post 9/11 Politics

Kelly Marie Dripps Middle Childhood Education Reflection on Student and Adolescent Learning

Jonathan Joseph Duran Computer Information Systems Using Server Sockets to Support Live Multi-User Interaction Online

Jaclyn Sarah Elias Middle Childhood Education Motivating Middle School Students to Read in and out of the Classroom

Alex Douglas Gedra Chemical Engineering Reduction of Carbon Dioxide Emissions Using Sodium Carbonate Absorbents

Brian Keith Hamilton Physics Symmetry Groups in Physical Problems

John Thomas Hird, Jr. Mathematics Solvable Groups Scott Michael Hunter Integrated Math Ed Continued Fractions: A Continuing Story

Michelle Elena Ionese Exercise Science Revision of a Behavior Change Program as Applied in a Corporate Fitness Setting

Krishna James Accounting/Comp Inf Syst B The Sarbanes-Oxley Act: A Guide for IT Students and Professionals

Stephanie Marie Mateja Early Childhood Education The Impact of Community Service

Justin Micah Mercer Mechanical Engineering Performance Engineering in a Coal-Fired Power Plant

Albert George Morar II
Political Science
Gay Marriage: Why the Right Gets It
Wrong, and the Left Doesn't Get It

Andrew William Morrow Civil Engineering Integrated Design Project

# SPRING 2007 HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES (continued)

Jessica Marie Neal
Political Science
A City Upon a Hill: The Founding
of the American Constitution

Heather Lynn Novak Human Resource Management The Next Generation of Succession Planning

Jeremy N. Payne Mechanical Engineering The Great Moonbuggy Race Team

Michael Patrick Pero General Administration Mentoring as a Leadership Activity Louise Marie Popio Computer Information Systems The Development of a CSIS Advisory Board

Julia Elizabeth Rodabaugh Anthropology/Religious Studies Complexities and Inequalities of Post 9/11 Politics

Christin Renee Shullo History/Political Science Guest Working Programs and Muslim Immigration: The Rise of Anti-Immigration Movements in Western Europe

Daniel Gregory Skebo ICP The Need for a Hybrid Major Sarah Marie Vansuch Political Science Youngstown Through the Eyes of YSU Students

Karen Elizabeth Varga Spanish/ICP Hispanophobia vs. Capitalism: Contradictions Between Personal, Political, and Corporate Attitudes Toward Hispanics in the USA

Paul L. Walker
Finance
Personal Retirement Accounts and
Social Security Reform: A Great Idea
for the Individual

#### WILLIAMSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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 Arts

Danielle R. Bettura Michelle Kay Combis Harry Frank Asbury Day III Asiel Drewdell Jackson **Iason Ernest Marshall** Betsy Marie McCoy Joshua D. R. Miller Michael Lewis Nigro Traci L. Scharba-Brant **Janice Tattrie** Stacy Marie Yacopi

Associate in Labor Studies Linda J. Balogh

Associate in Technical Studies Eric M. Scott

Bachelor of Science in Applied Science Krishna James

Bachelor of Science in **Business Administration** 

Lori Beth Adams Mary R. Armstrong Rochelle L. Baer

Anna Martha Baltputnis Ashley Marie Basile Brian D. Baughman

Lindsay Jewyl Berger

Rebecca Ann Bertuzzi Stacey Lynn Bott

Kelly Joella Bour Jenny Lynn Brewer

Steven Joseph Brown Tiffany Marie Buck

Tonya Marie Bunkley

Ryan A. Caesar

Drew T. Carpenter Laurie Ann Carusone

Anthony E. Catalano

Paul Michael Condon Ashley Nicole Cox

Kristina Cuevas

Larry E. Davis, Jr.

Amanda Lee Day

Scott Gregory Day

Tracy Renee DeMarco

Lauren Maureen DePasqua Brian J. Dill

Anne Marie Dull

Bryan Eggleston

Shereen Ziyad Esmail

Michele Lee Felix

Amanda Lynn Fire

Marjorie Ann Ford

Peter S. Frank

Kristen Lynne Gaudiose

Sarah Mary Gillis

Lisa Nicole Gouldsberry

Lindsay Granger

Kenneth Allen Grimm

Stephen Thomas Hafner

Suzanne Rose Hammett

Allyson Marie Hayes

Michael D. Homer Amy Beth Hostetler

Natalie Joy Hryronak

Amber Marie Hunsberger

Aamir Iqbal Krishna James

Renee Jankiewicz

Melanie Marie Kasiewicz

Christopher Caleb King

Elizabeth R. Klingensmith

Jeffrey S. Koval

Gary Lapushansky

William Victor Leek

Victoria Lerman

Ashley Rose Leveto

Nick L. Liakaris

Kevin James Love

Michele Lee Malone

Matthew A. Marks

Richard P. Marsico Brad Vincent Masternick

Klynton Andrew Masto

Elizabeth Ann McConnell Kristen Marie McMonagle

Erin Lynn Mikesell

Alexander Joseph Monstwil

Bryan James Morales

Timothy Alan Moyers

Katie B. Nagle

Daniel Iames Newman

Heather Lynn Novak

Chinwenwor Wada Ofuru

Michael Anthony Peluso

Michael Patrick Pero

Jason D. Perry

Troy Mark Peterson, Jr.

Kathryn J. Plant

Karrie Ann Potts

James Joseph Powers

Dante J. Prince

Heather Lenore Pugh

Michael Donald Rex

Shanna M. Richards

Scott Richard Ridel

Jonathan J. Rogers

Timothy Lee Roman

Shannon R. Romeo

Lauren N. Rosko

Antonette M. Rossi-Cox

Danielle Lynn Rubosky

Robert Peter Rutkousky, Jr.

Bonnie Kay Sherman

Thomas A. Shimko

Kimberly Renee' Sine

Clinton Allen Smith

Jenny Ann Soltis

Abner K. Stilwell II

Joshua Robert Sturges

Michelle L. Tisher

Edwin J. Torres, Jr.

Matthew Dominic Ucchino

Mark Anthony Valvano, Jr.

Paul L. Walker

**Jack Michael White** 

Nicole Elizabeth Widomski

Ethan Charles Wilson

Joshua Raymond Wilson

Pamela Dawn Wolford

Amy Lyn Wooler

Marisa Lyn Wrobleski

Melissa Erin Wynne

Eric Robert Yepsen

#### BEEGHLY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Education

Jeremy Paul Albani

Leah Christine Albani

Joseph M. Alberti

Jason P. Anderegg

Michael Richard Arnone

Christopher Devin Artz

Kendell Rae Austin

Debbie Lynn Barber

Jennifer Michele Barber

Lacie Jane Barnes

Jennifer Ruth Beary

Cori D. Behner

Kathryn Elizabeth Bernard

Christen Rae Billig

Ashley Ann Blockinger

Rhonda R. Brocious

Charlene M. Brown

Tia M. Brown

Joseph F. Bruderly

Natalie Yvette Bryant

Jessica R. Buckner

Heather Louise Burbick

Amber Dawn Burkey

Amy Joy Callen

Christopher Joseph Canann

Jason Anthony Carcelli

Jennifer Lynn Carter

Nicole L. Casacchia

Katie Lynn Caswell

Karen A. Chapel

Tara Lynn Chick

Nicholl Renee Chismark

Megan Ann Clune

Lindsay Michele Cobey

Megan Jayne Cramer

Lesley Renee Crawley

Gina Christine Cucitrone

Lena Marie Dascenzo

Kelly Nicole Daugherty

Mary Ellen Dean

Michael T. DeBarr

Robert J. DeCerbo II

Stephanie Joy DeCesare

Lisa Marie Deeds

Dorothy Helen Livia Del Boccio

Douglas Dwight Depp

Carla L. DeToro

Erika Lyn Dickey

Cindy Diegele

Angela L. Dolci

Christopher K. Dorris

Kelly Marie Dripps

Laura Cathleen Dudley

Jami Lee Duvall

Corey Nicholas Dyer

David R. Eft

Jaclyn Sarah Elias

Zena Amad Esmail

Abby Ettenhofer

Theresa M. Evans

Rachel Ann Evrard

Leeann Marie Faith

Stephanie Anne Filimon

Adam P. Fill

Katrina Lyn Fleming

Andrea Marie Folsom

Leighann Forward

Stephanie N. Fryda

Jessica Nicole Gadd

Cynthia Ann Gaul

Lori Ann Gonzalez

Lori Ann Gonzalez

Kristen Renee Goodlet

Kristen Marie Goodlin

Melissa R. Gore

Justin Paul Gough Erika Marie Gregos

Kristie E. Grewell

Klistie L. Gleweii

Jeffrey A. Gruszecki Lauren Jessica Hake

Austin Ryan Handrych

Jessica D. Hanton

Janice Kathryn Harasyn

Heidi Lynn Haug

Adrienne K. Hetmanski

Thomas A. Hetrick

Sarah M. Holmes

Amanda Lynn Hoover

Anne Marie Horodyski

Scott Michael Hunter

Tracy Lynn Ishee

James M. Jablonski, Jr.

Nicholas Jaminet

Robert C. Jennings

Danielle Marie Johnson

Michael Robert Johnson

Afton Marie Jones

Emily Jean Jones

Dominique Franchesca Joy

Julie Lynn Kacerski

Denise J. Kasula

Robert J. King III

Walter T. Lake

Erin Leigh Lance

Robert Daniel Lape

Jacqueline D. Liptak

Ashley Nanette Lockmiller

Virginia L. Loomis

Rachel Lynne Lowry-Basista

Rosanne Lyle

Richard Mark Lyness

Jessica Lyn Mackey

Samantha Ann Mahling

Stephanie Marie Mateja

Kimberly Ann Maust

Mark William Mazzi

Scot Douglas McClelland

Carissa Ellen McKinley

Tiffany S. Mealy

Emily Ann Mercer

Renee L. Merlo

Sarai Ann Miller

Skyeler Brooke Moenich

Eric Raymond Moore, Jr.

Amy L. Moreschi

Aimee Theresa Morris

Steven Ray Mountz

Tamara Carol Nero Clinton M. Nims

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Joy Allison Noble Gina Marie Orlando

Kathleen Io Owen

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Jenna Rae Parker

Ashley Ann Parry

Holly Lynn Pekalla

John Jay Porterfield

Joseph John Poschner

Kristy Kathleen Prokop

Keith Scott Pruitt

Sarah Jane Quaranta

William Robert Ramsey

Karie Rauschenbach

Kristopher Stanley Reash

Megan C. Reninger Marley Ann Ridgley

Samantha L. Ritter

Kelly Christine Roscoe

Keny Christine Roscoe

Nikolas Roland Rubesich

Matthew Joseph Saborse

Ashleigh Marie Santillo Stephanie Lynn Schneider

Adam Douglas Schnug

Erin Lynn Schulte

#### BEEGHLY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (continued)

Rheanne Schultz
Anna A. Scirocco
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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 universi-

ties 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*.

