

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

Youngstown
STATE UNIVERSITY

100 years
1908-2008

A PROUD PAST
A PROMISING FUTURE

SATURDAY, MAY SEVENTEENTH
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHT
TEN O'CLOCK, BEEGLY CENTER

THE CENTENNIAL CEREMONIAL MACE



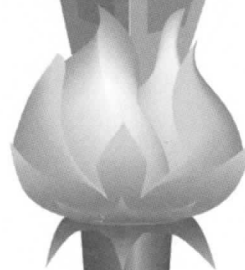
Silver Ceremonial Disk of Trust

Silver Casting of University Seal (side 1)
Polished golden highlights.
Cast in Art Department foundry.

Silver Casting of State Seal (side 2)
Polished golden highlights.
Cast in Art Department foundry.

Silver Inverted Pyramid
Represents the chalice of achievement, service
and self sacrifice.

Illustrations of the four University Core Values
Etched in silver-plated copper.
Each side of the pyramid has different illustrated core-values
illustrations created by graduate of Art Department.



Bronze Flames of Knowledge
that heat the Forge of Learning
Forging the learning environments of the future,
forging learning communities.
Designed and cast by area K-12 art educator.

THE CENTENNIAL CEREMONIAL MACE

The ceremonial mace has its roots in ancient Rome. During the Middle Ages, the two types of maces—one a scepter and symbol of royal authority, the other a weapon—gradually evolved into a symbol of lawful power and regal authority. Beginning in fourteenth-century Europe, the academic mace became part of the pomp and ceremony of university commencements, denoting the authority of the University to confer academic degrees.

The new Youngstown State University mace being carried today under the leadership of YSU professor Greg Moring, was designed and crafted by a collaborative team that included YSU faculty, students, alumni, and area K-12 art educators.

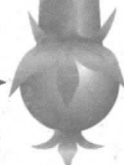
Polished Rosewood Upper Grip

Cast Silver Globus
Represents the President's role as protector of the Core Values
and leadership of the University community.
Designed and cast by area K-12 art educator.

Polished Rosewood Lower Grip

Cast Silver Floral Forms
Represents petals of the scarlet carnation,
the state flower of Ohio.
The carnation has the meaning of 'admiration,' 'love,'
and 'gratitude.'

Cast Bronze Finial
Symbolizes the collective philosophical
values of the University.
Designed and cast by area K-12 art educator.



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, <i>Director of Bands</i> 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 <i>President</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM.....	Misook Yun, Soprano <i>Associate Professor of Music, Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts</i>
STUDENT REFLECTION.....	Matthew Ward <i>Graduating Senior, College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics</i>
INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES	President Sweet
GREETINGS AND REMARKS	John Pogue <i>Chairperson of the Board of Trustees</i>
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AND INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI.....	President Sweet
A PROUD PAST	Marilyn Chuey, Hon. Nathaniel R. Jones
A PROMISING FUTURE	Anu Shukla, Hon. Jay Williams
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.....	Jay Williams <i>Mayor, City of Youngstown, Ohio</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION.....	“76 Trombones” by Meredith Willson/arr. Iwa YSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble
REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES.....	Interim Provost Khawaja
CONFERRING OF DEGREES.....	President Sweet
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES	John J. Yemma, <i>Dean of The Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health and Human Services</i> Shearle Furnish, <i>Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences</i> Martin Abraham, <i>Dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics</i> Betty Jo Licata, <i>Dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration</i> Philip Ginnetti, <i>Dean of the Beeghly College of Education</i> Joseph Edwards, <i>Dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts</i>
WELCOME FROM YSU ALUMNI SOCIETY	Germaine Bennett <i>President, YSU Alumni Society</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	President Sweet
ALMA MATER	Professor Yun From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms
RECESSIONAL	“The Liberty Bell March” by John Philip Sousa “National Emblem March” by E.E. Bagley
RECEPTIONS	College of Business Administration—Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room College of Education—Beeghly Hall, McKay Auditorium College of Fine and Performing Arts—McDonough Museum of Art, Gallery College of Health and Human Services—Cushwa Hall, Skylight Lobby College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences—DeBartolo Hall, Main Lobby College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics—Moser Hall, Main Lobby

The audience is asked to be seated after the singing of the Alma Mater and to remain seated during the Recessional.

Commencement Speaker



Mayor Jay Williams

In November 2005, Jay Williams became the first African-American to be elected mayor of Youngstown, Ohio. Williams at 36, is also the city's youngest mayor and the first independent to win the office in more than 80 years. His election was an historic event viewed by many political observers as a

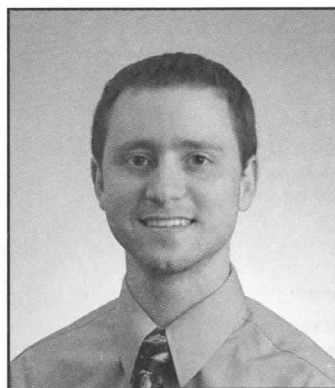
watershed moment in the changing political landscape of the community.

Prior to being elected, Mayor Williams spent five years as the director of community development for the city, during which time he worked with urban planners, the University, and city residents to develop the *Youngstown 2010* plan. Youngstown has moved progressively under Mayor Williams' leadership. The *Youngstown 2010* planning and development efforts have been recognized by a number of national organizations, including the *Wall Street Journal*, *U.S. News and World Report*, the *New York Times Magazine*, The American Planning Association, and *Governing* magazine, to name a few.

Mayor Williams is the recipient of the 2007 John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award. The JFK Library Foundation, in conjunction with the Harvard University Institute of Politics, annually recognizes two exceptional Americans under the age of 40 whose contributions in elective office, community service, or advocacy demonstrate the impact and value of public service in the spirit of President John F. Kennedy.

Mayor Williams was born and reared in Youngstown. He graduated from Youngstown State University with a B.S.B.A., majoring in finance. Before entering public service, Mr. Williams enjoyed a distinguished career in banking. He resides in Youngstown with his wife Sonja.

The Student Commencement Speaker



Matthew Ward

Our student speaker, Matthew Ward, graduates today summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics with philosophy and physics minors. Matt was born in Syracuse, New York, and graduated from Central Square High School in 2004. He is the son of Lorraine and Randall Ward.

Matt is graduating as both a Leslie H. Cochran and Barry M. Goldwater Scholar. He maintained a 4.0 GPA while fulfilling over 60 hours of community service each year. Most recently, he was a speech and debate coach for Canfield High School. Other student organizations that Matt was active in include: Pi Mu Epsilon math honorary society as webmaster and YSUnity as vice president. He has been recognized academically through several awards from professional societies, NSF-funded undergraduate research programs, Scholastic Honors, Dean's List every semester, and the Ben Yozwiak mathematics scholarship.

Matt's notable research projects include work at Wabash College in loop theory that has been accepted for publication in the *American Journal for Undergraduate Research*, work at Auburn University in algebraic number theory that has been submitted for publication in the *Alabama Journal of Mathematics*, and senior research in varieties of topological groups.

Matt entered YSU as a music major and still very much enjoys playing and composing music. He is also an avid juggler and competed as a gymnast for seven years. Next year, he will enter the Ph.D. program in mathematics at the University of Washington.

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Honoring a Proud Past and a Promising Future

Marilyn Chuey

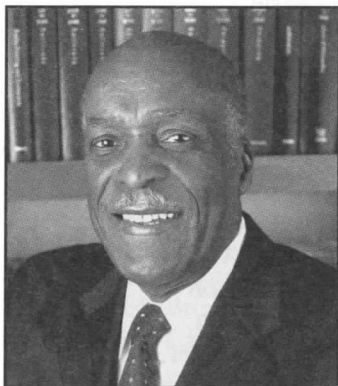


Marilyn Chuey

Marilyn Chuey came to Youngstown from Cleveland as a preschooler when her father, Howard Jones, was appointed assistant general secretary for education at the Youngstown YMCA. During her elementary school years, her father became president of the newly established Youngstown College.

Mrs. Chuey attended Youngstown public schools, earned one bachelor's degree from Mount Union College, then received a second degree, a B.S. in Education from Youngstown College. She then earned a master's degree in education from Ohio University. Returning to the Youngstown area, Mrs. Chuey taught in the physical education program at Youngstown University, and taught fifth and sixth grades at Harding School. She is married to Phillip Chuey, a retired faculty member in the Williamson College of Business Administration.

The Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones



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The Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones is a graduate of Youngstown State University and for 23 years served as judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Following his retirement from the Sixth Circuit, Judge Jones assumed a position as counsel with Blank Rome LLP.

He was named the firm's chief diversity and inclusion officer in 2006. In addition, he serves as honorary co-chair and director of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, after serving as co-chair until its opening in August 2004.

Judge Jones was born in Youngstown, Ohio and attended the public schools here. After service in the United States Army Air Corps in World War II, he enrolled at what was then Youngstown College, receiving his A.B. in 1951 and his L.L.B. in 1956. He was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1957.

From 1956 to 1959, he was executive director of the Fair Employment Practices Commission of the City of Youngstown. He then began private practice, and a year later was appointed as an assistant United States attorney for the Northern District of Ohio in Cleveland. In 1967 he served as assistant general counsel to President Johnson's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, also known as the Kerner Commission. In 1969, Judge Jones was invited to assume the responsibility as general counsel of the NAACP. He held that position from 1969 until his appointment to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1979.

Anu Shukla



Anu Shukla

Anu Shukla is a serial entrepreneur. She is the founder and CEO of Offerpal Media, a social advertising network. Prior to founding Offerpal Media, she was the founder and CEO of Mybuys Inc. where she currently serves on the board of directors. Prior to Mybuys, Ms. Shukla pioneered the category of Internet Marketing

Automation as founder and CEO of Rubric, Inc., which was acquired in 2000 for \$366 million.

Ms. Shukla serves on the board of directors of FWE&E (Forum for Women Entrepreneurs and Executives), International Museum of Women (imow.org), and the advisory board for the Leavey School of Business, Santa Clara University. She was awarded the 2005 YSU Distinguished Alumni award, and in the same year was named Entrepreneur of the Year by the Dialogue on Diversity organization.

Ms. Shukla earned a Master of Business Administration with a marketing emphasis from Youngstown State University in 1984. She also received a Bachelor of Arts in history from YSU in 1982 and a bachelor's degree in history with honors from St. Stephen's College in New Delhi, India, in 1979.

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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

Nicole Alyssa Adamson
Jana Leigh Altomare
Shelly Lyn Amlotte
T. Ted Aron
Staci Marie Avila
Pamela J. Balent
Frank Anthony Ballone
Ryan D. Baltic
Jenna Lynn Barvitski
Dannielle Elaine Black
Thomas Joseph Blazina
Joshua Jonathon Bodnar
Gitasree Devi Borthakur
Sherry Lynn Borys
Lauren Michelle Branson
Dana Lynn Broomes
Andrea Nicole Burton
Victoria Marie Chaney
Leanna C. Cluff
Zia Ann Cochran
Maureen Frances Connell
Jeffrey Adam Cook
Jeffrey Thomas Cornfield
Elizabeth Ann Coughlin
Tara Michele Cruickshank
Carrie Lynne Davis
Monal Haresh Desai
Amanda Lynn Dunder
Merissa Ann Durda
Fredy H. El Sakr
Thomas C. Emmer
Kara Joy Fallucco
Jamie Catherine Fiest
Kelsey Lynn Fischer
Jessica Danielle Fraley
Brandi Lynn Gammon
Thomas Michael George
Shannon Leigh Gibson
Kristin Renee Gilida
Anita Rae Goff
Tonie Marie Gordon

Mark J. Gosiewski
Renee Lynn Gould
Mary Catherine Griffin
Susan Marie Gross
Sevasti Michael Hadzigeorge
Jenna Lynn Hamrock
Marina Cristina Hanes
Kelli Elizabeth Hart
Stacey Lynn Havaich
Dana Marie Hendricks
Dana Marie Hendricks
Kevin Reed Homistek, Sr.
Courtney Marie Hoover
Johnny K. Hughes
Jennifer J. Hull
Graham Kyle Johnson
Shane Michael Karas
Samantha Jo Kelecava
Kristen Rosemary Klucher
Jeremy Edward Kohlmorgan
Patrice Anne Lautzenheiser
James Patrick Lewis
Brianna Longberry
Alexander Samuel Mangie
Natalie Marie Marsh
Joshua A. Marshall
David Royce Martin
Stephanie Marie Maus
Elizabeth H. McComb
Megan Elizabeth McConnell
Judy Lee McCowin
Kristy Lynn McCoy
Thomas Leo Meikle V
Jared Tyler Mercer
Donald Dean Miller, Jr.
Jodi Ann Mitchell
Jordan Grayce Moore
Jeffrey Alan Morckel
Sunday Madelyn MoultonWakefield
Kira Marie Mowen

Mark Joseph Myers
Stephanie Lynn Navarra
Kathleen A. Nestich
Joshua Thomas Nolan
Martha Frances Offerdahl
Tracy Christine Olin
Joshua Richard Page
Rachel Ann Pasquerilla
Robert J. Perez
Chun Phokaisawan
Laura Denise Rice
Carrienne Lee Ricker
Kyle A. Romeo
Casey Nicole Seevers
Timothy J. Sharek
Jesse Joseph Shilot
Gwen Erin Shriver
Stephanie Ann Simon
Janna Marie Skubiak
Britta JoRae Snowberger
Emily Ruth Sockaci
Jessica Corinne Speece
Ellen M. Stafford
Robert Jarrett Steffy
Brandie L. Sucheovich
Mariana Junqueira Szalaj
Pamela Anne Tarajcak
Janice Tattrie
Bonnie J. Taylor
Jessica Elizabeth Troy
Louise Vadasz
Matthew James Ward
Andrew William Weizer
Daniel Pierce Welch
Matthew E. Williams
Melanie Lynn Williams
Holly Ann Wilson
Travis Derek Witt
Ashley Marie Yager
Gregory D. Yakubov

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BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS *(continued)*

Magna Cum Laude

Lauren Marie Alfreno
Ahmad Mustafa Amireh
Michael Eric Anderson
Andrea Elaine Balluch
Samar Marie Boulos
Jenny Rebecca Boyce
Justine Faye Busby
Brandon Vincent Caipen
Cristina A. Cala
Kristine Michele Caporale
Allison Marie Carroll
Kristina Marie Ciavarella
Kay Michele Colletti
Jeneane Marie Crago
Carli Allison Cramer
Lindsay Renee Cross
Victoria Marie DiGennaro
Nicole Marie Dionisio
Megan Lynn Douglass
Nathan Michael Fagan
Krystle Nichole Fast
Kyle William Folsom
Kiel Michael Gallina
Johanna Catherine George
Rashee Goyal
Nicole Lynn Haefke

Tamara H. Halaweh
Elyse Marie Healey
Judy A. Hochadel
Hanna Mousa Kassis
Tareq R. Kayyali
Tiffany Lynn Kellett
Emilie Kaye Kiko
Bryan David Kopachy
Heather Michelle Kostenjak
Richard Michael Kukura, Jr.
Karen Bridget Lautzenheiser
John Martin Leslie
Amanda D. Lewis
Kathleen Nicole Libecco
Eric Andrew Litschel
Jill Elizabeth Little
Andrew William Mattson
Jason Richard Mauro
Crissie Ann McCree
Shannon Audrey McFadden
Georgia Holly McKee
John Alexander Mingo
Halley Marie Moore
Renee D. Nagy
Daniel E. O'Bruba

Kristen L. Olmi
Tracy L. Palmer
Mark Anthony Pecchia
Darcy P. Quinlan
Erienne Rizali Raib
Shazia Raza
Julie Lynn Robinson
Jennifer Ann Romack
Adrienne M. Sabo
Albert Edward Schmalzried, Jr.
Saher Mir Shafi
Nathaniel C. Shaw
Diane Therese Smith
Kristina Smith
Amanda Kate Sommers
Nicole Lee Sturges
Lisa Marie Tofil
Heather DiAnn Vanderbilt
Nicole Danielle Varley
Justin Alan Waite
Elizabeth Kay Waugh
Zachary Kyle West
Jacqueline Elizabeth Williams
Matthew Richard Yanik
Thomas Mark Zetts, Jr.

Cum Laude

Jonathan Edward Airhart
Angela Jacqueline Ambrose
Tara Renee Anderson
Christina E. Armatas
Stephanie Marie Asch
Eugene George Bernat
Amber Lynn Bibey
Renee Nicole Black
Emily Patricia Bonilla
Megan Lynn Bricker
Deanna Marie Brown
Marissa Leigh Caiazza
Colleen Ann Carlile
Marie Ciapala
Katie Mae Cline
Kevin P. Conway
Candace Charissa Corbett
Edward D. Cornman
Paul Francis Crabtree
Kelsey R. D'Amico

Jessica Lynn Darby
Mark Joseph Darby
Becky Michelle DeLorenzo
Benjamin Russell DeMar
Christina Marie Dickson
Christine Barbara Dull
Angela Marie Duskey
Bernadine Katherine Edgerly
Benjamin Michael Elias
Robert Walter Empfield
Melissa Jamie Fleeger
Christa Marie Flora
Nicole Lynn Garrett
Melanie D. Gemmell
Tara Rose Glynn
Stephanie Lynn Goodyear
Janet K. Hartman
Daniel E. Hornung
Cassandra Sue Hum
Aimee Lynn Johnson

Jennifer Lynn Jones
Matthew Joseph Jones
Sabrina D. Jones
Ashley Elizabeth Kibler
Benjamin John King
Michael Thomas Klapchar
Stephen Mauro Kolenich
Michael K. Kovach III
Stephanie A. Kovach
Taylor Matthew Majewski
Keelyn Elizabeth Martin
Jessica Leigh Matyas
Andrew Jay Miller
Danielle Marie Miller
Jessica Joy Miller
Natasha Elizabeth Moletta
Amanda Lynn Morningstar
Fatimah Muhammad
Melanie Dawn Nickels
Kimberly A. O'Donnell

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Cum Laude

Antoine Ikechukwu Ogbonna
Jenna Rae Pagano
Tiffany N. Paparodis-Tokar
Kristen Leanne Payne
Erik Robert Peterson
William Joseph Pitoscia
Nina Pola
Anthony Joseph Precurato
Andriy Oleksandrovych Ptichkin
Justina M. Rachella
Laura Elizabeth Racz
Patricia Ann Ratliff
Laura Marie Revetti

Sheena Nicol Ridel
Kimberly Marie Root
Lindsey Erin Roush
Lisa Marie Rucci
Mary Ann Rufener
Tanya K. Seese
Kelli Nicole Sheibley
Scott Andrew Sherrod
Kendra LeeAnn Shook
Brandon Tyler Sinn
Nicholas Anthony Spanos
Kathleen Ann St. Amand
Jeffrey Scott Swavel

Ashley Nicole Tate
Cherub Taylor
Emily Jean Thayer
Cheryl Lynn Thompson
Jessica M. Tomko
Daisy Lynn Tuscano
Pamela J. Walko
Katelynn M. Ward
Kimberly Sue Wehr
Amy Elizabeth Weischedel
Bernadeta Teresa Wilkins
Pamela L. Williams
Wendy Marie Wills

ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS

With High Honors

Jason Charles Davis
Joshua Edward Hargrave
Daniel Adam Janosik
Andrew J. Leone
Jeffrey J. Moser
Misti May Mraz

Benjamin Leslie Muniz
Jared Seth Murrin
Feliz K. Perio
William Joseph Schaper
Craig Andrew Schmidt
Eric Michael Stinard

Lauren Michele Tanner
Anthony Weaver
Kyle Wilson Wilmouth
Kyle Scott Wisbith
Tarina Lynn Yaratch

With Honors

Christy Allen
Tracey L. Augustine
Elizabeth Anne Bean
Cherise Nicole Benton
David Lee Blackburn
Lindsay Marie Blazsek
Clark Lee Cope
Joshua James Costlow

Matthew David Gebhardt
Kimberly Ann Jenkins
Stacey Marie Lang
Troy Jacob Lindesmith
Jesse Alan MacGregor
Anwarul Alam Masud
Stephen Charles Matasic II

Jennifer Lynn McMullen
Kristi Violet Mraz
Rachel Ann Raibley
Frank Micheal Rinko, Jr.
TaQuaesha N. Toney
Timothy John Varsho
Erica Lynn Wilmoth

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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 graduating seniors annually who have achieved academic success and demonstrated outstanding leadership, motivation, and creativity in university and community activities. Following are the 2007-08 YSU Pin Awardees and their academic majors.

Joshua J. Bodnar—Middle Childhood Education

Mr. Bodnar is a University Scholar Trustee, a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia fraternity, Dean's Dozen Student Advisory Council, the University Assessment Council, and the Student Government Association and a Resident Assistant in YSU's Housing and Residence Life. He played an active part in YSU's Shantytown Project, Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge and the Habitat for Humanity Musician's Village Project.

Victoria M. Chaney—Social Studies Education

Ms. Chaney is a member of the University Scholars Board of Trustees, Student Government Association, Sigma Alpha Lambda Honor Society, Golden Key Honor Society, YSU History Club and the YSU Marching Pride. She helped with various American Red Cross Blood Drives, the YSU phon-a-thon, YSU's Relay for Life, the University's Scholar's Fall Festival Program, Give Back Tutoring Program and is a Park Vista Volunteer.

Chad Miller—Philosophy and Psychology

Mr. Miller is a past president of YSU's Student Government Association and Student Senator for our Academic Senate. He is a member of the YSU Dance Club where he served a term as president, the United Way Steering Committee, the YSU Relay for Life and the Northeast Ohio Academic Challenge Competition. His activities include working with the Young Philanthropist Fund and the Prince of Peace Evangelical Church, For Us All and serving as music event leader for the Fall and Spring festival.

Eric James Morrison—Marketing Management

Mr. Morrison is the president of the local SADD organization chapter, Students Against Destructive Decisions. He helped lead SADD through five campus events this past academic year targeting area high schools from Mahoning, Trumbull, and Columbiana counties. Events included the Survive the Drive program which raised \$3000 in prizes and the Buzz-Wiser event which displayed a hearse and coffin to illustrate the dangerous consequences of destructive decisions.

Erienne Raib—Telecommunications

Ms. Raib is a member of the Student Government Association since Fall 2005 and a Student Board Trustee since Fall 2006. She is a Presidential Mentor and Emerging Leader Honoree and served on the Academic and Student Area Enhancement Committee, Homework Express, Student Conduct Board, Dance Ensemble, and HLC Criterion 5. She also coordinated the Sunken Gardens at Wick Pollock Inn Project, worked with the Emerging Leader Program Giving Tree project, the Boys and Girls Club of Youngstown, the New Orleans Ballet Association and Leadership Workshops at the Steppin' Out Dance Center.

Jessica Speece—Communication Studies

Ms. Speece was a member of YSU's Student Government Association this past year and is a current member of YSU's Iota Pi chapter of the Lambda Pi Eta Communications Honor Society. She is a Reading and Study Skills tutor, a Peer Mentor in the Marion G. Resch Center for Student Progress, an Emerging Leader and Arby's Award recipient, the founding president of the YSU 4-H Collegiate Chapter, and a former member of the Judicial Board and football cheerleading squad. She currently serves as an academic intern with the Campus Recreation and Student Programming Office.

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HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Nicole Alyssa Adamson
Psychology
A Systems Theory Approach to Attachment in Adult Relationships

Ryan D. Baltic
Biology
Investigation of Entombed Beach Debris on East Beach, San Salvador Island, The Bahamas

Jenna Lynn Barvitski
Music Performance–Violin
Compromised Transitions: The Process of Collaboration

Amber Lynn Bibey
Biology
Pharmacological Analysis of Bush Medicine Practices in the Bahamas

Joshua Jonathon Bodnar
Middle Childhood Education
Praxis II – PLT Preparation Module/ Computer Based Professional Development Design

Samar Marie Boulos
Biology
The Investigation of the Use of Carbohydrate Mimetic MV-II-065 in the Prevention of Capsular Production of Staphylococcus aureus

Cristina A. Cala
Professional Writing & Editing
The Yo' Magazine: Creating, Editing and Designing Youngstown's Regional Culture Magazine

Kristine Michele Caporale
Middle Childhood Education
A Survey of Middle School Students' Perceptions of Mathematics

Victoria Marie Chaney
Integrated Social Studies Education
Augmenting Student Learning: Connecting Planetarium Programs to the Classroom

Leanna C. Cluff
Mathematics
Sylow's Theorem

Maureen Frances Connell
Music Education–Vocal
A Method to the Madness: Choosing a Choral Program

Carrie Lynne Davis
Integrated Math Education
The Mathematics of Free Throw Shooting

Victoria Marie DiGennaro
Psychology
Ouch that is Cold: A Protocol to Study Pain in Response to Cold Stimuli

Kelsey L. Fischer
English
Solo Violin Recital

David Anthony Garthwaite
Electrical Engineering
Taking Advantage of Electromagnetic Induction in a Cordless Speaker System

Kristin Renee Gilida
Chemical Engineering
Development of a Senior Corrosion Laboratory

Tonie M. Gordon
Professional Writing & Editing
Language and the Black Woman's Place

Sevasti M. Hadzigeorge
Nursing
Promoting Preceptorship

Timothy M. Hampton
Music Performance
John Cage Percussion: The Man, The Music, The Experience

Bryan David Kopachy
Civil Engineering
Cost Analysis for a Retail Plaza

Richard Michael Kukura
Biology
Geographic Distribution of Ca-MRSA

Amanda Dawn Lewis
Middle Childhood Education
Praxis II – PLT Preparation Module/ Computer Based Professional Development Design

Kathleen Nicole Libecco
Telecommunications/Journalism
Miles and Milestones: Women in Racing

Joshua Adam Marshall
Biology
An Investigation of Floating Debris and Subsurface Deposition of Ocean Borne Debris in the Coastal Waters of San Salvador Island, The Bahamas

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HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES *(continued)*

David Royce Martin

Mathematics

The Art and Mathematics of Poker Strategy: A Derivation of the Best Strategy for Four Card Poker and A Genetic Algorithm Based AI for Texas Holdem

Andrew William Mattson

Electrical Engineering

Converting Human Kinetic Energy to Electricity Using A Stationary Bike

Jodi Ann Mitchell

Nursing

Obesity and Polypharmacy in the Elderly: A Descriptive Study

Halley Marie Moore

Chemical Engineering

The History of Brewing and Distillation in America

Jordan Grayce Moore

Advertising/Public Relations

"What's Your AIM?" –An Integrated Marketing Campaign

Jeffrey Alan Morckel

Music Education

An Analysis of the Concert Band Music of W. Francis McBeth

Kyle A. Romeo

Exercise Science

Professional and Personal Impact of the Exercise Science Internship

Saher M. Shafi

Biology

Biological Warfare Agents and their Effects

Scott Andrew Sherrod

Mechanical Engineering

Pneumatic System Engineering in New Fields

Jesse Joseph Shilot

Biology

Effect of B-Catenin/Tcf-4 Complex Inhibition on Colorectal Cancer: A Review

Kendra LeeAnn Shook

Chemical Engineering

Optimization of Proton Conducting Membranes for High Temperature Hydrogen/Air Fuel Cells

Ellen Mary Stafford

Accounting

The Alternative Minimum Tax and Economic Stimulus

Matthew James Ward

Mathematics

Aesthetics and Mathematical Proof

Elizabeth Kay Waugh

Mechanical Engineering

Cooperative Education Experience in Cooperation with First Energy Corporation and Youngstown State University

Ashley M. Yager

Biology

Contraction and Relaxation Pathways in Aortic Smooth Muscle

BITONTE COLLEGE OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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

Nancy Yvette Adams
Christy Allen
Jamie Alexis Allen
Alisha Marie Anderson
Tracey L. Augustine
Elizabeth Anne Bean
Kelly Ann Beck
Melissa M. Berlin
Erica Noel Betteridge
Lindsay Marie Blazsek
Amy Elizabeth Boyer
Christine Noelle Brunette
Megan Lynn Carson
Renee C. Chambers
Kelly M. Cochran
Jamie Leigh Corbin
Kristi Lynn Cressman
Deborah Kay Davis
Andrea Christine DelFraino
Allyson DeSalvo
Ashley Nicole Dilworth
Theresa Ann Galla
Tracy Elizabeth Gumina
Mary Ann Hawkins
Bridget Nicole Humphrey
Caitlyn Jaras
Ronnita LaShawn Johnson
Stacey Marie Lang
Akim Indira Lattermore
Tami L. Lutton
Britnie Nicole Lutz
Shariyah Moneeh Mahdee
Ernest Mastorides, Jr.
Jennifer Lynn McMullen
Kelly Ann McNamara
Tee Yonna Shae McQueen
Daniel J. Medvec
Kirsten Kay Mesmer
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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*.



Youngstown State University— An Innovative Educational Leader

*F*ounded 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 100-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 85,000 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.