



UNDERGRADUATE
COMMENCEMENT

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, MAY FIFTEENTH
TWO THOUSAND AND TEN
TEN O'CLOCK, BEEGHLY CENTER

THE UNIVERSITY 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.

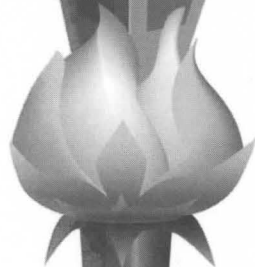
Silver Inverted Pyramid
Represents the chalice of achievement, service
and self sacrifice.

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.

THE UNIVERSITY 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 was designed and crafted by a collaborative team that included YSU faculty, students, alumni, and area K-12 art educators under the leadership of YSU professor Greg Moring.



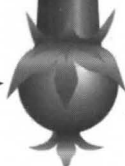
Bronze Flames of Knowledge
that heat the Forge of Learning
Forging the learning environments of the future,
forging learning communities.
Designed and cast by area K-12 art educator.

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.'

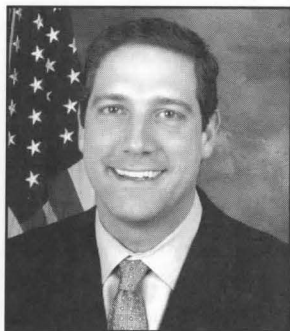
Cast Bronze Finial
Symbolizes the collective philosophical
values of the University.
Designed and cast by area K-12 art educator.

PROGRAM

PRELUDE.....	“Stars and Stripes Forever March” by John Philip Sousa YSU Wind Ensemble Dr. Stephen L. Gage, <i>Director of Bands/Professor of Music</i> <i>Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts</i>
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL	“Suite #1 in E♭ Major” by Gustav Holst I. Chaconne III. March “Pomp and Circumstance” from March No. 1 by Sir Edward Elgar “March Processional” by Clare Grundman
WELCOME.....	David C. Sweet <i>President</i>
COLOR GUARD	The Youngstown State University Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps
NATIONAL ANTHEM.....	Dr. Misook Yun, Soprano <i>Associate Professor of Voice, Dana School of Music, College of Fine and Performing Arts</i>
STUDENT REFLECTION.....	Jennifer Edwards <i>Graduating Senior, The Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health and Human Services</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION.....	“Impossible Dream” from Man of La Mancha by Mitch Leigh & Joe Darion/arr. Frank Erickson Max Pivik, Baritone, <i>Senior, Dana School of Music</i>
PRESIDENT’S REMARKS	President Sweet
INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES.....	President Sweet
GREETINGS AND REMARKS	Scott R. Schulick <i>Chair of the Board of Trustees</i>
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	Ikram Khawaja <i>Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Congressman Tim Ryan
MUSICAL SELECTION.....	“Malaguena” by Eduardo Lecuona/arr. Nestico
REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES	Provost and Vice President Khawaja
CONFERRING OF DEGREES.....	President Sweet
PRESENTATION OF CONGRESSMAN TIM RYAN TO RECEIVE THE HONORARY DOCTOR OF LAWS DEGREE.....	President Sweet
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES	Joseph Mosca, <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> Bryan DePoy, <i>Dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts</i>
CLOSING REMARKS.....	President Sweet
ALMA MATER	From Symphony No. 1 by Johannes Brahms/arr. Fleming Dr. Yun
RECESSIONAL	“The Liberty Bell” by John Philip Sousa “National Emblem March” by E.E. Bagley
RECEPTION.....	In the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley immediately following the ceremony

The audience is asked to be seated after the singing of the Alma Mater and to remain seated during the Recessional.
During this special ceremony, please be respectful of others and maintain a quiet atmosphere.

Commencement Speaker and Recipient of the Degree Honorary Doctor of Laws



Tim Ryan

U.S. Representative Tim Ryan was first sworn in as a member of Congress on January 7, 2003. Now in his fourth term, Ryan has proven himself to be a strong advocate for Ohio's 17th District and a dynamic leader in the House of Representatives.

In 2006, Ryan was chosen by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to join the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, which is responsible for nominating Democratic members to serve on House Committees and advising the Speaker on policy. That same year, the Steering and Policy Committee appointed Ryan to the powerful House Committee on Appropriations. He currently serves on the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Related Agencies (Labor-HHS), the Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch, and the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies (Energy and Water). Prior to serving on the Appropriations Committee, Ryan served on the House Armed Services Committee, the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and Veterans' Affairs Committee.

In Congress, Ryan serves as co-chair of the Congressional Manufacturing Caucus and remains a leader in the fight to strengthen America's manufacturing base and reform U.S. trade policies. Ryan is also a champion of efforts to make college more affordable, revitalize America's downtowns and improve the health and well-being of American families and children. His work on these and other issues has garnered the attention of the national media and earned Ryan appearances on CNN, NBC, CBS, ABC Evening News, Fox News, National Public Radio, the Washington Post and other outlets.

Prior to being elected to Congress, Ryan served as an Ohio State Senator. In the Ohio Senate, Ryan served as the ranking minority member on the Senate Ways and Means Committee. He was also a member of the Senate Committee on Highways and Transportation, the Judiciary Committee on Criminal Justice, and the Senate Insurance, Commerce and Labor Committee. Senator Ryan spearheaded efforts to establish a state-based earned income tax credit, to standardize community school data reporting, and bring college students into the debate over higher education funding.

Before his time in elected office, Ryan served as president of the Trumbull County Young Democrats, as well as chair of the Earning by Learning program in Warren, Ohio. He began his career in politics as a congressional aide with the U.S. House of

Representatives in 1995 and later served as an intern for the Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office. Ryan holds a law degree from the Franklin Pierce Law Center, Concord, NH, studied abroad as part of the Dickinson School of Law's International Law Program in Florence, Italy and graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Born July 16, 1973 in Niles, Ohio, Tim Ryan is the younger of two sons, both raised by their mother, Rochelle Ryan, with the help of grandparents, Anna and John Rizzi. He resides in Niles, Ohio.



Commencement Student Speaker



Jennifer Edwards

Today's student speaker, Jennifer Edwards, graduates today summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Social Work Degree (BSW). After graduating from Poland Seminary High School, Jennifer married and became a mother of four. She worked as a waitress to supplement her husband's salary from 1982 until 2005, when she was

diagnosed with breast cancer. Through the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation she attended Youngstown State University, where her wish to advocate for children led her to major in social work.

Throughout her career at YSU, Ms. Edwards has maintained a 4.0 grade point average and has been on the Dean's List every semester. Always active in student affairs, she was co-founder and president of the newly formed YSU student group, NAMI On Campus, an organization that offers support to those who suffer with mental illness and their families. Ms. Edwards served as secretary of the Student Social Work Association and has been a member of the YSU Student Conduct Board. She worked on campus throughout her years at YSU.

Ms. Edwards received seven scholarships at YSU, including the National Phi Kappa Phi Emerging Leader Scholarship. She has received numerous awards at the University, among them YSU Woman of Achievement Diversity Award and the YSU Student of Achievement Diversity Award, the YSU Martin Luther King Academic Excellence Award, and the YSU Leader of Tomorrow Diversity Award. This year she received the YSU Pin, one of the highest honors given to students.

Ms. Edwards is a member of Zeta Phi Alpha, the social work honorary, and is a newly inducted member of Phi Kappa Phi, the national academic honorary. She was inducted into the *Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities* in 2009.

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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

Anthony Paul Angnardo
Armon Arcuri
Andrea Marie Armeni
Bridget Asempapa
Tarik Michael Awad
Jennifer L. Backo
Nicole Marie Barnett
Jennifer Lynn Baxter
Anthony Stephen Berdis
Lauren Michelle Blasé
Aaron Timothy Blatch
Stephen Zelina Blose
Matthew Raymond Blount
Jodi E. Bowlen
Daniel Aric Brandt
Nikoleta Brankov
Alysha Marie Brown
Zachary Grant Brown
Teresa Christine Camens
Brock Aslan Christie
Jamie Ranae Cox
Krista Leigh Cunningham
Aaron Thomas Cyphert
Madeline Taleana D'Orio
Jack Neil Daugherty III
Marielena DeFelice
Daniel Joseph DeMaiolo
Derek Andrew DeMaiolo
Jason Kyle Debelyak
Michael Donald Detwiler
Travis R. Dickey
Marie-Elizabeth Dohar
Chelsey Lee Downing
Emily Catherine Dumitru
Jennifer Louise Edwards
Christina Marie Emanuel
Helena Marie Eusanio

Michelle Lynn Evans
Megan Marie Felletti
Robert Alexander Flamino
Lee Austin Fredrickson, Jr.
Patrick Andrew Fulton
Juliet Elizabeth Gardner
Kendra Michelle Gilbert
Michael Joseph Gismondi
David Adam Goettsch
Allison Dorothy Heinz
Jason R. Heyman
Carla Marie Hill
Lindsey Wade Hill
Nicole Lauren Hopper
Carol M. Hull
Kirsten Noelle Jacobs
Matthew Nicholas Jaykel
Kristin Nicole Johnson
Cheri Lynn Jones
Justin Kase Jones
Devin Brendan Kelly
Shanna Elizabeth Kelly
Neera Khooblall
Melanie Katherine Kiko
Joni Lynn Koneval
Kara Beth Kowalczyk
Brittney Lynn Kubina
Aliza Sharon Kumpinsky
Keith Douglas Larew
Tiffany Lynn Leszunov
Christopher Anthony Lettera
Sarah Kathleen Lewis
John Cyril Lisko III
Lauren Nicole Losasso
Benjamin Arthur Mabbott
Michael Ward McBride, Jr.
Juliana S. Merhaut

Aaron M. Merrill
Ashley Marie Mongelluzzo
JoLene Marie Morello
Stephen Simon Moy
Lauren Alicia Mylott
Tyler Ernest Neff
Amanda Lynn Nestor
Jason M. Newman
David Cong Nguyen
Krupa Hasmukh Patel
Leeann Rebecca Pavlek
Nicole Michele Pettenati
Carol Ann Pitcairn
Jennifer Marie Rager
Karly Marie Rice
Alyssa Marie Rich
Carly M. Roberts
Adam Robert Rogers
William J. Rogers
Megan Angeline Ruess
Patty Lynn Ryser
Tiffany Marian Sae Kho
Alesha Marie Schillig
Samantha Elizabeth Schneider
Ryan David Schwartz
Alexander Gregory Shaffer
Holly Rebecca Shalabi
Jeffrey Joseph Sirko
Graham Michael Smith
Kelly Lynn Stapel
Rachael Christina Tax
Amanda Lynn Vukovich
Nicole Faith Weaver
Bartholomew Joseph White
Moriah Elizabeth Wright
Jennifer Lynn Wyand
Meredith Ann Zuppo

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Magna Cum Laude

David Scott Amos	Laurie Lynn Horvath	Kristopher Charles Rose
Olivia Rose Arnold	Brian Michael Hritz	Jodi M. Royer
Deborah Joyce Barna	Christina L. Humble	Debora Ann Runtas
Brittney Lee Barnett	Deena Hunt	Dana Jade Russell
Tarah N. Bellino	Mirjana Jelic	Stephanie Florence Sahli
Carol Blair Bernier	Eric Paul Jernigan	Sarah Marie Sanford
Jared Michael Bilas	Shafica Ann Kaleel	Sara Laith Sara
David Howard Bulkley, Jr.	Jessica Lauren Klaus	David Howard Sargent
Christopher J. Burrell	Tiffany Ann Knepper	Michael Joseph Schidell
Shawn Christopher Butson	Jeffrey David Layton	Erin Elizabeth Schindler
Timothy Joseph Capp	Gina Marie Leone	Ryan R. Schuchler
Samantha Rae Cavalier	Michael H. Leskovec	Sophia Mei-en Shaddy
Shelby Ann Collins	Lauren Renee Linville	Amanda Greer Shipsky
Heather Marie Cooper	Ashley Marie López	Amanda Jacqueline Shrader
Timothy James Detwiler	Gengkon Lum	James Guy Simeone
Courtney M. Downing	Nikki N. Makridis	Keshia Lynn Smith
Matthew Louis Drewnowski	Melinda Sue Maloney	Sara Rose Smith
Sarah A. Ducay	Kristen Lynn McCullough	Kathleen Ann Stanko
Christopher Cole Durica	Meghan Julianna McDermott	Robert Joseph Stanton II
Keavy JoHanna Farris	Matthew Alsop McElroy	Kathleen Erin Sulka
Amy L. Fluent	Madelyn Lou McGhee	Caitlin Elizabeth Tarcy
Amanda Marie Foster	Carey Eileen Mikkelsen	Venéta E. Thompson
Ryan Jeffrey Garman	Scott James Miller	Jason Ivan Tingler
Allison Marie Giancola	Isaac Nicholas Mills	Jennifer Rose Tomerlin
Jennifer Lynn Grayson	Carrie Frances Minenok	Tracilyn Nicole Tsarnas
Brandon Charles Greaf	Ashley Mohnacky	Bethany Kim Vlaiku
Adam Paul Haldiman	Todd Jeffrey Mounce	Melissa Lee Walton
Nicole Maree Haralambopoulos	Priyamvada Murali	Abi Marie Werle
Heather Renee Hardy	Benjamin Andrew Nowicki	Marisa D. Wiery
Kyle Anthony Hartman	Alexis Anne Penrose	Sara Elisabeth Williams
Rachael Ann Hernan	Amanda Mae Prommersberger	Sarah Ann Wilmouth
Chauncey George Hilson	Heather Marie Pupa	Meghan Elizabeth Witmer
Caitlin Suzanna Hindman	Shane Patrick Roche	Alexander John Yurkiw

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Cum Laude

Anthony William Allen	Kayla Marie Huffman	Ryan Robert Novotny
James G. Anderson	Justin Michael Humenny	Michael Robert Nycz
Rachel Leah Anderson	Erika Michelle Jenkins	Wilson Kwamogi Okello
Jessica Renee Andrews	John Robert Jerasa	Loralynn Perkins
Melissa Megan Bach	Lauren R. Johnson	Anthony Dominic Perry
Nicole Danielle Baker	Kathryn Colleen Jones	Whitney Ann Petrella
Trevor Andrew Balint	Lindsey Catherine Kendra	Adam Jeffrey Phillips
Jessica Melissa Bartek	Kara Lynn Killin	Kristopher Charles Pierson
Brandan Paul Bierdeman	Angela Noel Kleese	Christina Lynn Pitoscia
Robert James Bresson	John Thomas Klein	Matthew Alan Pitsch
John J. Brown	Justin David Knapp	Aaron LaVaughn Pitts
Frederick Phillip Bulik IV	Mary Christine Korda	Alexander Joseph Podboy
Edward Rocco Burden	Alison Christine Kukla	Michael Lee Probst
Brock Anthony Burkhart	Michelle Lammon	William Joseph Reed
Edward Donald Butchko, Jr.	RaNeen Phyllis Lannutti	Samuel Michael Romano
Nora Davine Campana	Catherine Marya Lanzilotti	Diana Marie Roth
Zachary Sean Campbell	Matthew Carl Lemley	Emily Nicole Roth
Brittany Lynn Carlon	Tanya Mae Leyman	Gina Marie Sanetrick
Rachel Sara Carney	Jenna Leigh Loncar	Shae M. Savnik
Stephen Geoffrey Cline	Mark E. Macali	Maribeth Anne Schiavone
Heather Nicole Collier	Sarah Zahra Maher	Mary Lynn Louise Sharisky
Nicole Lynn Cook	Kerry Arlene Marshall	Christine Lee Shehadi
Carolyn Marie Cramp	Eric William Marzec	Marybeth Christine Signoriello
Rachel Marie Ducay	Deanna Marie McCormick	Steve Peter Stamos
Luke Dixon Duchek	Megan Ann McHenry	Mariana Stanic
Sierra Marie Estell	Sean Joseph Melnik	Brittany Lynn Stillwagon
Audra Lynn Frizzi	Benjamin P. Miller	Brittany Ann Sujka
Ashley Nicole Fryda	Khaldun Mir	Aaron D. Swenson
Katherine Anne Gaggini	Tracy Lynn Morgan	Malorie Marie Toot
Kimberly Jean Gonos	Irene Hazelee Morris	Abbie Kay Twyford
Stephanie Renee Hammond	Brigitte Marie Morvay	Rikki Michelle Vesey
Kristen Lee Hart	Laura Lynn Nash	Jennifer Marie Vigorito
Brittany LeAnne Hopper	Daniel Paul Nemergut	Heidi Marie Welch
Lisa Marie Howard	Stephanie Nicole Neuendorf	Ronald E. Williams, Jr.
Jessica A. Huda	Matthew Jason Norge	

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS

With High Honors

Peter Phillip Bellanca
Luke Jacob Blasiman
Lynsey Ann Cayton
Tamanna E-Kabir Chowdhury
Sean David Cope
Arthur Bruce Coulter, Jr.

Mike James Fiscus
Alan Michael Gamble
Kenneth James Holt
Edward Andrew Kormos
Joshua Ethan Kosko
Annette Yvonne Moy

Eric Richard Neville
Kyle G. Nissley
Shawn Michael Penwell
Christopher D. Snyder
Tammy L. Toti
Tiffanie Lee Troyer

With Honors

Nicholas D. Barnes
Jody M. Behun
Britt William Bowman
Alexandra Elizabeth Cavendish
Michael Cunningham
Brandy Nicole Fletcher
Norman Gallagher

Deanna Kay Gillis
Amanda Brooke Green
William Joseph Heid, Sr.
Javonne Liggins Lafontaine
Michael Joseph LaRocca
Abbey Thomasina Loree
Jenna Elyn Martin

Olivia Angeline Mortimer
John Michael Mrosko
Adam Richard Petak
Scott A. Pinion, Jr.
Ranju Rajesh
Jeff Lewis Renzler
Adam John Rubesich

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HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Andrea M. Armeni
Professional Writing & Editing
Reconstruction of YSU's Writing Center Website

Jennifer L. Backo
Biology
The Effects of Housing Treatment on Anxiety-like Behavior

Anthony S. Berdis
Biology
Susceptibility of G. Mellonella to P. Marneffe

Daniel A. Brandt
Music Composition
Composition for Chamber String Orchestra

Alysha M. Brown
Nursing
Nurse Distraction and Medication Errors: The Link and How to Prevent It

Zachary G. Brown
Philosophy/Political Science
Twenty-Four Hour News and The Ethics of Public Discourse

Rachel S. Carney
Biology
Cardiac Hypertrophy

Krista L. Cunningham
Chemistry
One-pot Approach to 1, 2, 3 - Triazoles Using in Situ Generated Azide Anion

Jack N. Daugherty
Geography/Sociology
Understanding Abandonment: Site and Situation Characteristics of the Wick Park Neighborhood

Daniel J. DeMaiolo
Advertising/Public Relations and Marketing Management
The Penguin Odyssey at Youngstown State University: Exploring the Effects of Faculty-led Study Abroad Tours

Derek A. DeMaiolo
Media & Interface Design
The Penguin Odyssey at Youngstown State University: Exploring the Effects of Faculty-led Study Abroad Tours

Michael D. Detwiler
Chemical Engineering
Promoting Alternative Energy Education in Middle School Science Using an Algae Growth Experiment

Madeline T. D'Orio
Biology
The Effects of Housing Treatment on Anxiety-like Behaviors

Emily Dumitru
Geography
Effects of the Red Hill Expressway on the Red Hill Valley Area

Patrick A. Fulton
Music Performance
Sondheim's Company: Musical Characterization of the Urban Bachelor

Rachael A. Hernan
Professional Writing & Editing
Scholar Alumni Newsletter

Jason R. Heyman
Finance
The Great Recession; Systematic Failures and Societal Repercussions

Carla M. Hill
General Administration
Mahatma Gandhi: An Empowering Leader

Kristin N. Johnson
Chemistry
Synthesis and Structural Characterization of Single Crystalline Magnetoplumbite-type CaGa₂O₁₉

Justin K. Jones
Music Education
A Violin Recital of Baroque, Romantic, and 20th Century Music

Devin B. Kelly
Biology/Chemistry
Cloning and Expression of B-glucosidase from Escherichia Coli

Shanna E. Kelly
Music Education
A Recital of Twentieth Century Flute Works

Joni L. Koneval
Political Science/History
The Invisible Immigrants: British Immigration to the United States in the Nineteenth Century

Christopher A. Lettera
English
Mystical Sunshine Lover

Benjamin A. Mabbott
Mechanical Engineering
Simulation of a Microfluidic Impedance Based Biosensor for Detection of E. Coli

Michael W. McBride
Accounting
An Analysis of Performance Audits

Juliana S. Merhaut
Allied Health
YSU Police Response to Medical Emergencies on Campus

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HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES *(continued)*

Lauren A. Mylott
 Political Science
*The American Presidential Branch:
 Evolution and Expansion*

Ryan R. Novotny
 Chemistry
*Psoriasis: A History and Review of
 Treatments*

Nicole M. Pettenati
 Music Education
*History Through Performance: The
 Development of the Classical Horn*

Carol A. Pitcairn
 Chemistry/Spanish
*Cloning and Expression of
 B-glucosidase From Escherichia Coli*

Carly M. Roberts
 Accounting
Ethics in Accounting

Alesha M. Schillig
 Accounting
*The Great Recession; Systematic Failures
 and Societal Repercussions*

Alexander G. Shaffer
 Chemical Engineering
*Promoting Alternative Energy Education
 in Middle School Science Using an Algae
 Growth Experiment*

Jeffrey J. Sirko
 Chemical Engineering
*Promoting Alternative Energy Education
 in Middle School Science Using an Algae
 Growth Experiment*

Steve P. Stamos
 Biology/Chemistry
Free Radical Oxidation

Tracilyn N. Tsarnas
 Professional Writing & Editing
*Evolution of the International
 Phonetic Alphabet*

Bethany K. Vlaiku
 Chemical Engineering
*Promoting Alternative Energy
 Education in Middle School Science
 Using an Algae Growth Experiment*

Moriah E. Wright
 Mathematics & Secondary
 Math Education
*An Investigation of the Isoperimetric
 Inequality*



SPRING 2010
YSU PIN AWARD RECIPIENTS

The YSU Pin is the University's most prestigious award, presented to graduating seniors. Established in 1948 by then University President, Dr. Howard W. Jones, the Pin recognizes our outstanding, well rounded, graduating seniors. Congratulations to the following seniors who have received this award.

- Zachary Brown
- Daniel DeMaiolo
- Derek DeMaiolo
- Jennifer Edwards
- Amanda Foster
- Wilson Okello
- Mason Shattuck
- Lora Werkmeister

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 of Applied Science

James Baker
Lisa Lynn Bitzel
Adrienne Denise Scott-Boudrey
Alexandra Elizabeth Cavendish
Lynsey Ann Cayton
Kara A. Cetar
Jayme Marie Chipps
Roxanne Lynn Cope
Forough Davoodi
Chad Donaldson
Aziza Jalal Esmail
Brandy Nicole Fletcher
Deanna Kay Gillis
Tessa Dawn Glista
Amanda Brooke Green
Katsiaryna Hargreaves
Lisa Marie Heasley
Ashanta Nichole Hill
Kyle Kenneth Hippley
Meghan Colleen Huzicka
Lauren Brooke Johnston
Stacy Marie Karis
Robert Ryan Kay
Tabitha Lynné Kennedy
Jennifer Marie King
Cara Elizabeth Kuczowski
Michael Joseph LaRocca
Delores Jeanette Leigh
Abbey Thomasina Loree
Christine June Lutton
Leah A. Majka
Jenna Elyn Martin
Olivia Angeline Mortimer
Russell John Moser II
Ramona Yvette Moton
Samantha Jean Murphy
Amy Lee Naypaver
Danielle Marie Orr
Candiss Nicole Owens
Samantha Doran Page
Julie Michelle Popovich
Amanda Marie Price
Ranju Rajesh
Melvin Theodore Reynolds II
Cherron Olympia Rheins
Andrew Joseph Rice
Galen Anise Roberts
James John Scollione
Erin Elizabeth Smith
Matthew Paul Straniak
Roman Peter Swerdan

Michelle Jo Tomlan
Tiffanie Lee Troyer
Jordan Dean Wert
Karen Ann Williams
Jaime Lynn Yopp
Ashley Marie Zamora

Bachelor of Arts

Travus Union Dusz

Bachelor of Science in Applied Science

Elias Faris Alexander III
Rachel Leah Anderson
Emily Anne Andres
Jessica Renee Andrews
Scott H. Banninga
Deborah Joyce Barna
Jennifer Lynn Baxter
Nichole Lara Bish
Lauren Michelle Blasé
Laura Anne Boley
Ruth Mary Boscaljon
Kerrina Kathleen Bosley
Jodi E. Bowlen
Kathleen A. Brandenstein
Natasha Nicole Bray
Cory Charles Brittain
Shauna Lyn Browning
Frederick Phillip Bulik IV
Kristin Nicole Burns
Christopher J. Burrell
Sally J. Butcher
Angelina Calderon
Melissa Susan Ciminelli
Patricia R. Collins
Shelby Ann Collins
Alicia Marie Cook
Amber Lynn Cunningham
Eric Lee Davis
Travis R. Dickey
Nomiki N. Dovellos
Jennifer Lynne Dray
Tamara Lynne Dunham
Draye Jamal Ersery
Matthew Ryan Fandozzi
Keavy JoHanna Farris
Sara C. Ford
Molly Lynn Fox
Audra Lynn Frizzi
Jessica Marie Front
Jarrod Thomas Garcia
Juliet Elizabeth Gardner

David Adam Goetsch
Melissa Rae Gormley
Robert Christian Granchie
Brandon Charles Greaf
Nicholas Charles Greier
Brian Patrick Grilli
Anne Marie Haggerty
Nicole Maree Haralambopoulos
Nicole Elaine Harris
Keith Alan Haun
Stephanie Theresa Henry
Joseph J. Herman
Gerald Daniel Hicks, Jr.
Lisa J. Himes-Zalovcik
Caitlin Suzanna Hindman
Shakira Nyreii Johnson
Jeremy R. Joki
Ryan Matthew Jones
Linda Diane Glenn-Jordan
Diane Wynn Judy
Jerome Justice
Antonios Georgios Kavouras
Thomas Wayne Kirkpatrick III
Julie Elizabeth Kitzler
Nancy Anne Kolic-Fields
Kari Ann Kreutzfeld
Donna Marie Krstic
Jenna Marie Kupec
Sheila D. Leach
Allyse Cathleen Ledford
Julie Ann Leeson
Tanya Mae Leyman
Lauren Renee Linville
Jennifer Anne Manteghi
Megan C. Marquis
Ruthann Louise Mathews
Shawn Lee McClellan
Nicholas Anthony Menichini
Juliana S. Merhaut
Aaron M. Merrill
Terrence James Miles
Eric Briceson Miller
Joshua Joel Moffie
Adam M. Moore
Christopher A. Myers
Susan Marie Nelson
Brittany Nicole Newman
Jonathan L. Novelli
Irina A. Novopoltseva
Nicholas J. O'Hara
Heather Marie Ohl
Elizabeth Suzanne Orsillo

BITONTE COLLEGE OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES *(continued)*

Aracelis Pagan
 Jeffrey William Pasquale II
 Shawn W. Petrarca
 Louis Dominic Pitts
 Ania E. Raclawski
 Justin Lamar Raimey
 Phillip Michael Rauscher
 Jodi M. Royer
 Allyson Mallory Sauer
 Andrea Marie Sciola
 Kassandra Nicolle Shaffer
 James Guy Simeone
 Alycia Nicole Smith
 Patrick J. Smith
 Robert Anthony Spatar
 Milissa Nicole Spoljaric
 Christina Marie Stanley
 Marcia Terrell
 Lauren Marie Umbel
 Stephanie Ann Urban
 Kara Lynn Vance
 Jennifer Marie Vigorito
 Robert Vincent Walla
 Elizabeth S. Weiss
 Meagan Lauren Welsh
 Bradley Allen Williams
 Nicholas Andrew Wilpula
 Elizabeth Anne Wilson
 Angelica Lynn Wooden
 Alaina M. Zeljak

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Lisa Renee Bacon
 Brittney Lee Barnett
 Matthew John Bishop
 Alysha Marie Brown
 Amber Lynn Capots
 Ericka Anne Cast
 Jason Scott Cicconi
 Caitlin Marie Conglose
 Nicole Lynn Cook
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 Carolyn Marie Cramp
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Dr. Brothers has co-edited four reference books on *British Travel Writing from 1837 to 1997* and a book, *Reading and Writing Women's Lives*; has published a monograph on British author Henry Green and scholarly essays in journals and books as well as scholarly reviews. Several of her essays were selected for inclusion in volumes that represented the best in scholarly writing. In addition to numerous professional-achievement awards, she also has a record of distinguished service to the profession, including president of both the Ohio and the National College English Association; member of the Ohio Humanities Council; and consultant for the National Endowment of the Humanities. The College English Association recognized her work with Professional Achievement Awards in 1999 and 2001. Dr. Brothers has been similarly active and engaged with community organizations including the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra board, the League of Women Voters of Greater Youngstown, and the YWCA Capital Fund Steering Committee.

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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 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.

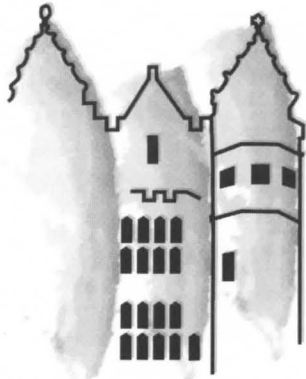
The Presidential Medallion

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 14,600 full- and part-time students with 120 undergraduate programs, 40 master's degree programs and two doctoral degree programs.

There are more than 440 full-time faculty and 775 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 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 89,000 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.