



**THE
GUIN**

2018-2019

Youngstown State University's
student-produced digital yearbook

Animus Liberatus



2018-2019
at a Glance!

LETTER

from the Editors

Encompass the essence of an entire campus and represent a body of students effectively with a staff of only two ambitious journalists?

Challenge accepted.

Our critics, mostly us, thought the task to be impossible, but we proved ourselves wrong. Without the help of the kind staff at the Jambar, our advisors, and our friends and family who pushed us to keep creating, this book would not have been possible.

We, the editors, Kelcey Norris and Abigail Cloutier, are both freshman journalism majors who fell in love with YSU and wanted to see the community in the year 2018-2019 documented for our future selves to look back on. Kelcey Norris is from Canton, Ohio and has been involved in newspapers and magazines for the past five years. Her other passions include playing clarinet in the marching band, drinking caramel iced coffee, and adores Kurt Vonnegut's novels. Abigail Cloutier is also a journalism major with a passion for iced coffee. She is originally from Pencraft, Pennsylvania, in the greater Pittsburgh area. When she is not writing or directing TV shows, Abigail enjoys playing classical guitar, reading Ray Bradbury, and munching on gluten-free brownies.



For the future of the YSU digital yearbook, we hope it will continue to grow and help other young journalists like ourselves get a foot in the door of student media at this brilliant university. We hope it will continue to honor those who have worked on its creation before us; we hope it will honor the professors who helped us make an idea a reality. We hope it will continue to represent the success of the seniors and graduates who will surely go into the working world with their head held high and a bright future in mind. Thank you for taking the time to take a peek at Youngstown State University this year.

Sincerely,

Kelcey Norris and Abigail Cloutier, editors-in-chief

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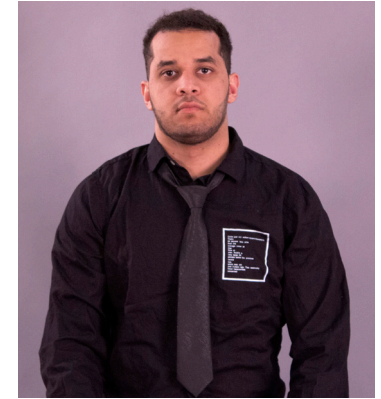
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Bashaer Alhabail
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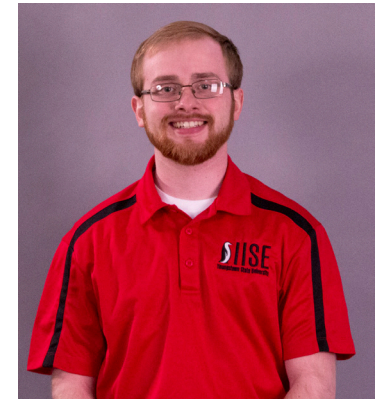
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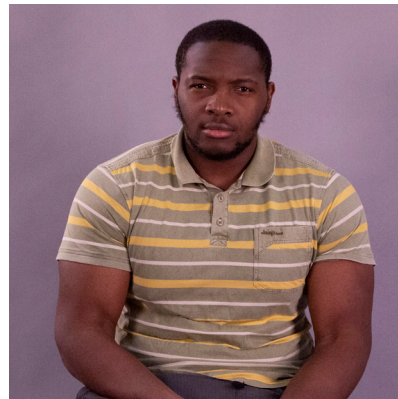
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College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Graduates



Dominique Cox
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Patrick Donegan
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Michelle Fleming
mechanical engineering



Saimanthra Ganesh
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Haley Gianfrancesco
biology



Ray Griggy
mechanical engineering technology



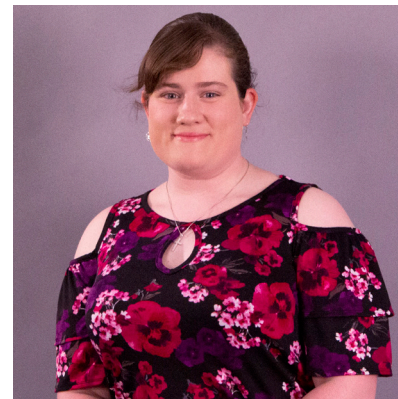
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biology



Rachel Hart
mechanical engineering technology



Derrick Houston
chemical engineering

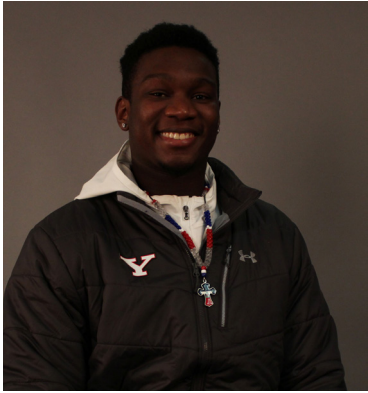


Erin Kennedy
mechanical engineering



Richard Koewacich
mechanical engineering

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Johnson Louigene
environmental studies



Judah Maendel
computer sciences



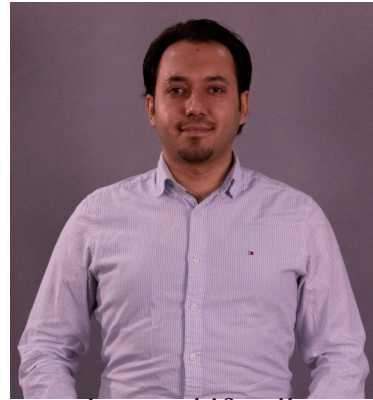
Courtney Morgan
chemistry



John Mortenser
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Athulya Murali
biology



Mehmet Akif Nalbant
civil engineering



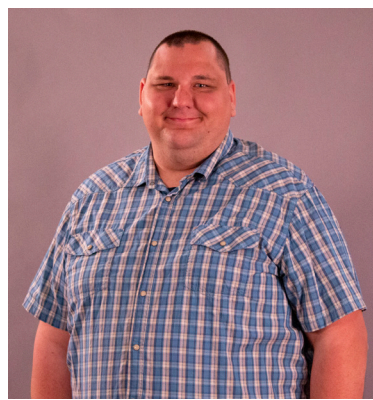
Khadijah Ndoye
industrial and systems engineering



Joseph Paolillo
computer information systems



Destiny Patrick
chemistry



Alan Slavic
civil engineering



Ryan Slavic
computer forensics



Melissa Trnkus
industrial and systems engineering

College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Graduates



Joseph Walters
mechanical engineering

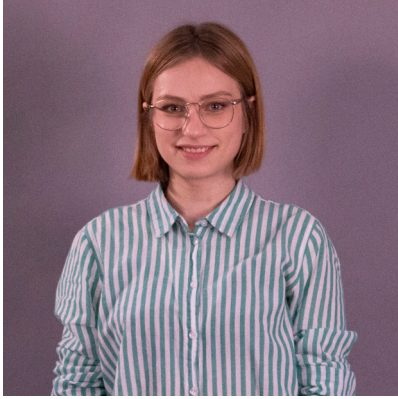


Tasha Wells
M.A. in computing and
information studies



Swetha Yelamanchi
computer science

Bitonte College of Health and Human Services Graduates



Elizaveta Azeeva
dietetics



Allison Bator
criminal justice



Rachel Bielecki
dietetics



Perry Brush
dental hygiene



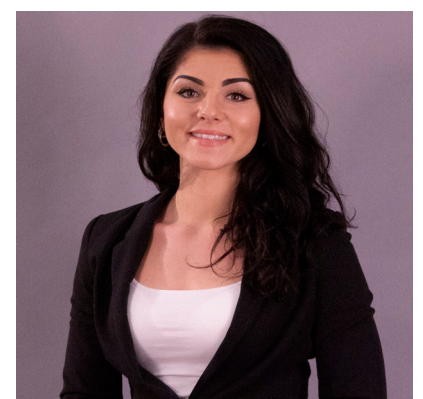
Alena Burzynski
exercise science



Kim Dascenzo
nursing



Delores Digiacom
social work



Nakia Garver
dietetics



Peggy Gocala
M.A. in human and health services



Michelle Golladay
dietetics



Macy Goodman
nursing



Mariah Graham
dental hygiene

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Hannah Green
social work



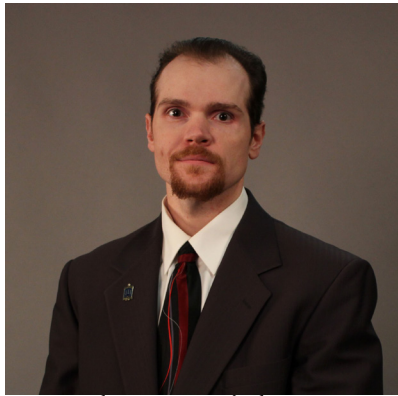
Shayna Hamilton
nursing



Taylor Harshbarger
forensic science



Glynis A. Hems
M.S. in criminal justice



Thomas Higbee
criminal justice



Shay Kahani
M.A. in social work



Cheyenne Kirkwood
nursing



Carly Liptak
exercise science



Borjana Milkovic
dental hygiene



Shannon Noark
criminal justice



Margaret Oblinger
dietetics



Richard W. Oliver Jr.
M.A. in social work

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James Pirigy
hospitality management



Alexa Pospiech
exercise science



Sayedah Rashad
criminal justice



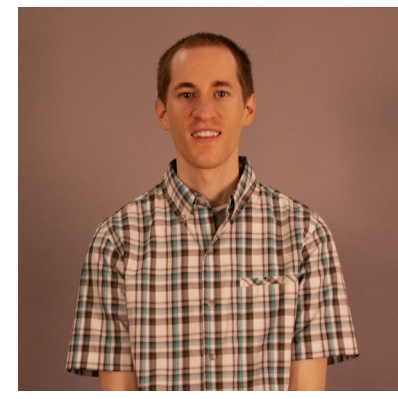
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exercise science



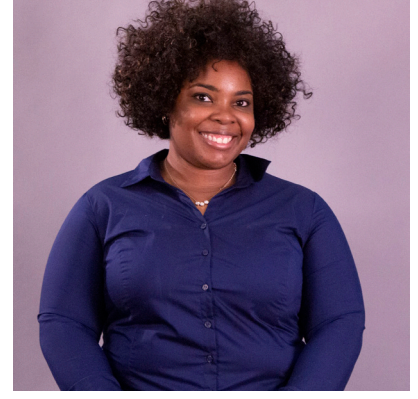
Samantha Reeves
social work



James Sforza
forensic science



Christopher Sheiting
physical therapy



Christina Shuler
health care administration



Jenna Taipale
hospitality management



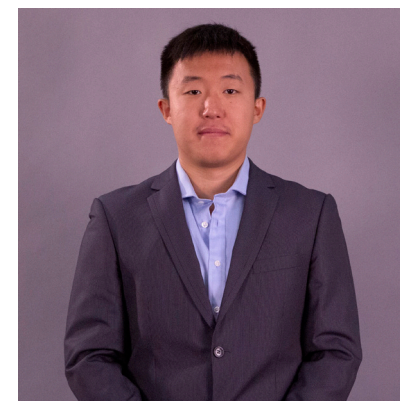
Melissa Walko
nursing



Jasmine Warren
exercise science



Lauren Wimer
social work



Quan Zhang
human health service

Williamson College of Business Administration Graduates



Layla Abather
business administration



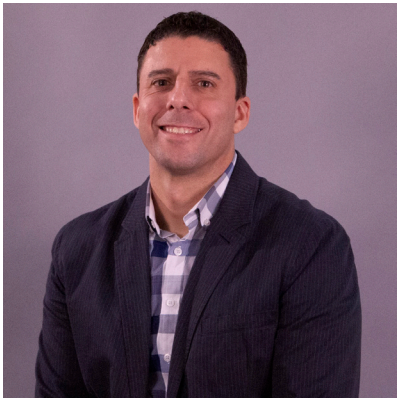
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finance



Mohammed Alkhateeb
financial management



Kamaal Bartlett
finance & marketing



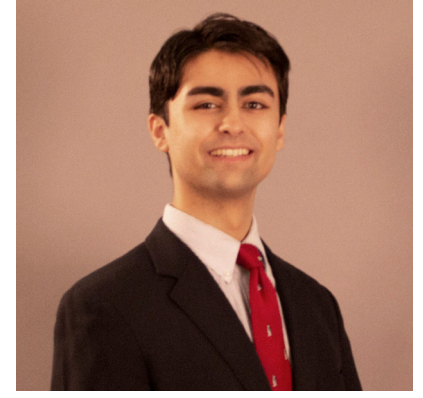
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M.A. in business administration



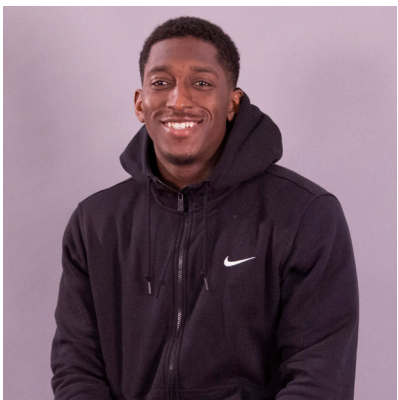
Ryan Homer
M.A. in business



Rivi Jinadasa
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Anthony Nakely
finance



Damon Smalls Jr.
business administration



Mariam Trujillo
accounting



Amy Wells
marketing management

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Graduates



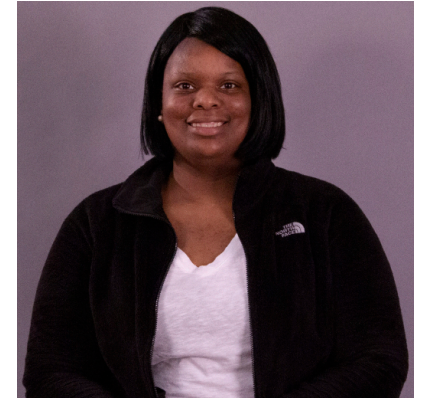
Sylvia Arias
general studies



Kayla Bornemisza
psychology



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Suntierra Dudley
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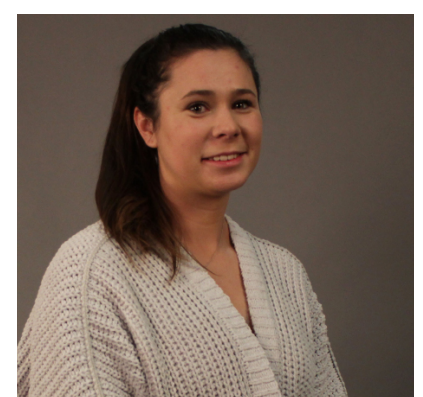
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general studies



Weigz Huang
financial economics



William Keffler
general studies



Dominika Lackova
financial economics



Joelle Lambert
professional & technical writing



Sofia Macias Mendoza
psychology



Alexandra Montaz
political science



James V. Mullakey
political science

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Graduates



Kira Neef
general studies



Diondra Reed
long-term care administration



Margaret Shonce
general studies



Ayushma Shrestha
M.A. in financial economics



Robin Stears
professional & technical writing



Karlona Ware
sociology

Cliffe College of Creative Arts & Communication Graduates



Jessica Cann
communications



Sarina Chatman
interpersonal communications



Mia Colon
musical theatre



Duane Davis
theatre



Laura Garvin
graphic & interpersonal design



Aaron Harris
theatre



Christie Hrdlicka
music education



Jancarlos Lebron
telecommunications



Tanner Mondok
journalism



Effe Starheim
music education



Victoria Remley
journalism



Laura Roch
M.A. in professional communication



Brianna Rzucidlo
music education

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Rachel Davis
M.A. in student affairs



Jessica Hyde
health & physical education



Anna Maria Jadue
English & Integrated Language Arts



Michaela Mendik
middle childhood education



Heather Morris
early childhood education



Shalon Salters
student affairs



McKenzie Stelter
health & physical education



Kristyn Wolf
Counseling MEd



ACADEMICS



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CLIFFE COLLEGE

of Creative Arts and Communication

The Cliffe College of Creative Arts and Communication is full of what some may call noise. Others would surely call Bliss Hall's atmosphere by another name: art. From the beautiful brass playing their hearts out in practice rooms, to the tapdancing feet on the theatre stages, it is truly a busy building. Art students run about and put meticulous detail into each piece they construct. You can hear the telecommunication and journalism students talk about what their next big project will be, and who they're going to interview. Creativity-- it practically lines the walls of Bliss Hall. ♦



The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences



Often described as a small liberal arts college within YSU, liberal arts and social sciences houses a wide variety of majors, from psychology to economics to english, and houses eight departments. Debartolo hall houses many liberal arts and social science classes. Students can often be seen studying in the lounge on the first floor, or tucked away reading novels for english or texts on religious study in the lounges on every floor. Spanish, Italian, and Arabic float through the halls of the fifth floor, where the Language Learning Resource Center resides. ♦



BEEGHLY COLLEGE

of Education



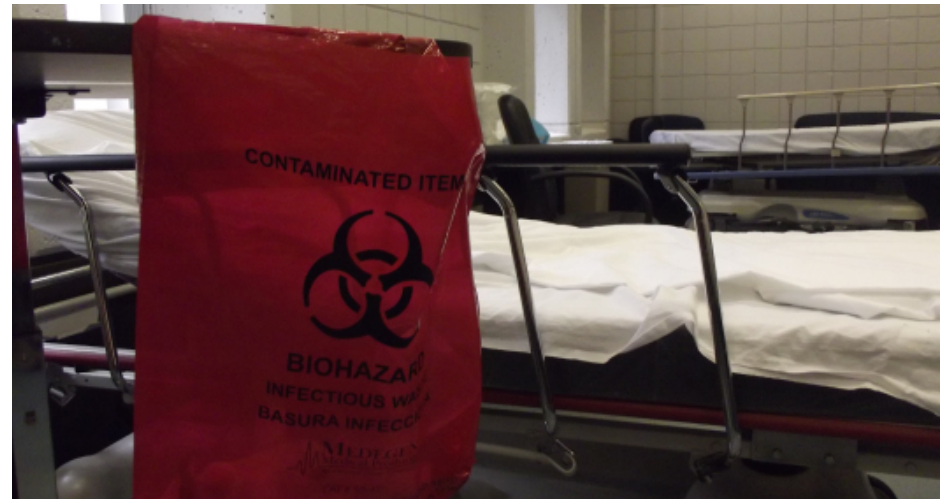
Preparing the educators of tomorrow requires patient professors, dedicated students, and real-world experience in the field. At the Beeghly College of Education, this is exactly what the curriculum and faculty provides. Three-hundred and eighty students are pursuing an Early Childhood Education Bachelor's Degree, and many other majors are available in the college, such as Special Education and School Counseling. Beyond the textbooks and research papers, students of BCOE learn firsthand what teaching a classroom requires. From tutoring to mentoring children and young adults in the Youngstown community and beyond, the BCOE students diligently learn how best to educate the leaders of the future. ♦



Bitonte College of Health and Human Services



Bitonte College of Health and Human Services is home to a wide variety of majors. “Sound Mind, Body, and Education” is its motto, and that is certainly reflected through their people-focused programs, where students are trained in everything from Criminal Justice to Dental Hygiene. Cushwa Hall hosts many of these core classes. A small medical museum lines the stairs from the street, and human services displays highlighting the evolution of welfare reside in glass cases in the basement. Students in lab coats or police uniforms can often be seen in the halls, and specialized labs from the crime scene condo to dental offices line the building. ♦



College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics



STEM is one of the biggest areas of study, and thus one of the largest colleges, at YSU. Beautifully engineered and mathematically designed sculptures cement the engineering building, which hosts 3D printers, natural science and chemical labs, and workshops. Students can often be seen studying, modeling and designing with computer software like AutoCAD or working with other programs like Matlab. A small mineral museum is tucked by the entrance of the building, and wandering through the humid halls reveals floor after floor of classrooms designed to build the next generation of scientists, doctors, and engineers. ♦



Williamson College of Business Administration



“Learn. Lead. Succeed.” This perfectly sums up the attitude of Williamson College of Business Administration. Economics, business, marketing, and entrepreneurship are the name of the game in this college. Williamson hall is the hub of this college, and is a perfect picture of the business world - clean, sharp, and technologically advanced. It hosts specialized business labs and incubators, a conference center, and 3D printers for product development classes. Students also get work with the Youngstown Business Incubator. ♦





HONORS COLLEGE

“The Honors College is a way for students to add depth to their college experience by taking rigorous yet rewarding honors courses, being engaged in the Youngstown community through volunteerism, and getting connected to campus via involvement in student organizations and serving in leadership roles.”

- Lexi Rager, '19



CLUBS &

ORGANIZATIONS



DELTA ZETA



HONORS COLLEGE



GUINATHON

GUINATHON: *for the Kids*

by Kelcey Norris, GUIN editor-in-chief

Community service; what does it look like? Perhaps serving food at a soup kitchen, volunteering at the local animal shelter, and even dancing. The YSU Dance Marathon, also known as Guinathon, takes place in February, but the dedicated members of this group are working throughout the year. The funds acquired during this eight-hour dance marathon all go to patients at the Mahoning Valley Children's Hospital.

Executive Director of Guinathon Jaycie C. Watt believes in the impact her organization has in bettering the community. "We hope that one day we will dance in celebration but until then we will keep dancing for a cure!" she said "The impact each participant, volunteer, and donor have on families and children right here in our local community is tremendous. We are able to give back to a hospital who turns no child away due to an inability to pay, treats every child like their own, and treats others as they would want to be treated. This allows for more miracles, more tomorrows, more kids to grow up and be whatever they can dream up."

Although this is only Guinathon's third year in action, the number of participants and funds raised has increased greatly.

"YSU's first dance marathon was held in 2017, raising \$18,247.62 with 120 student participants. [This year] we were able to raise \$57,474.31 with 205 student participants. This wouldn't have been possible without all of the work and support of the YSU community. It has been wonderful to watch a college campus come together to support kids who are battling things some of us couldn't begin to imagine," Watt said.

Watt and the staff behind the scenes who make Guinathon a reality work closely with the Mahoning Valley Children's Hospital and the families who are hoping for a miracle. While Guinathon has seen such growing participation, they have plans to reach even more of the campus and communitiy.

"In the future we hope that Guinathon can grow by getting more students involved, working with more student organizations, and really just being active on campus.," Watt said. "We hope to create more miracles and keep saving lives with a little bad dancing!" ♦



"We hope to create more miracles and keep saving lives with a little bad dancing."



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American Society of Civil Engineers

A.S.C.E



**Building Leadership
and Teamwork Skills**



Phi Sigma Ro

Winter Knipp



Bringing Women in Engineering Together

Association for Women in Mathematics

Julie Phillis



Promoting Equality in the Mathematical Sciences

American Chemical Society

Salam Piccard



Bringing Chemical Science Students Together

Alpha Alpha Ro

Moataz M Abdelrasoul



Recognizing Academic Achievement within
Political Science

Forensics Club



Promoting Interest and Creating Extracurriculars in Forensics

Equestrian Team



Providing Opportunities to Experience Horse-Related Sports and Activities

Dental Hygiene Club



Representing the Common Interest of Dental Hygiene Students

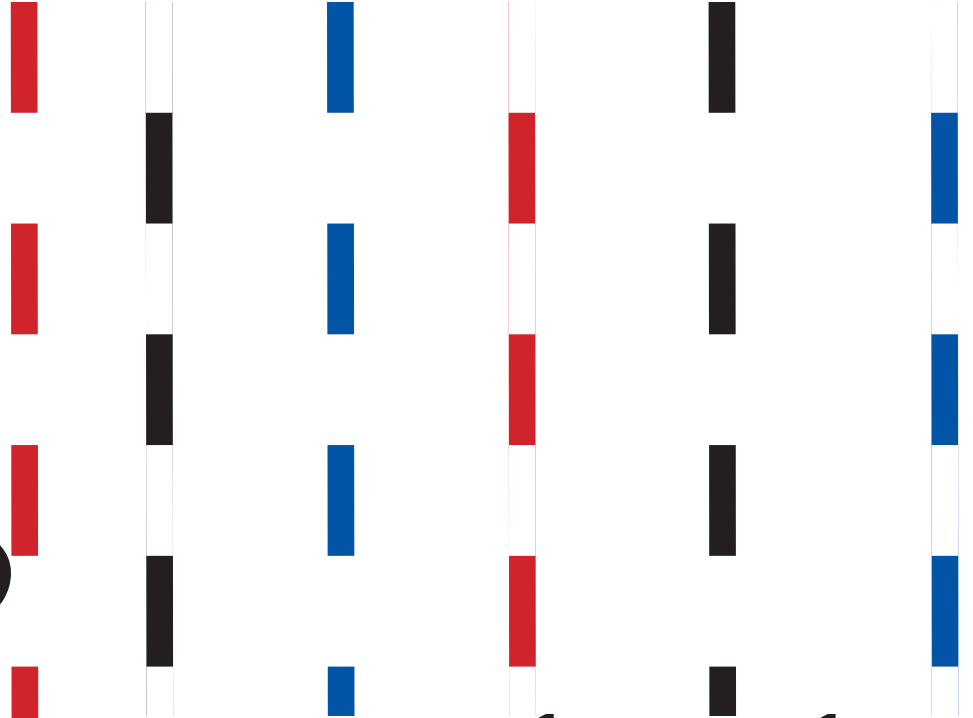
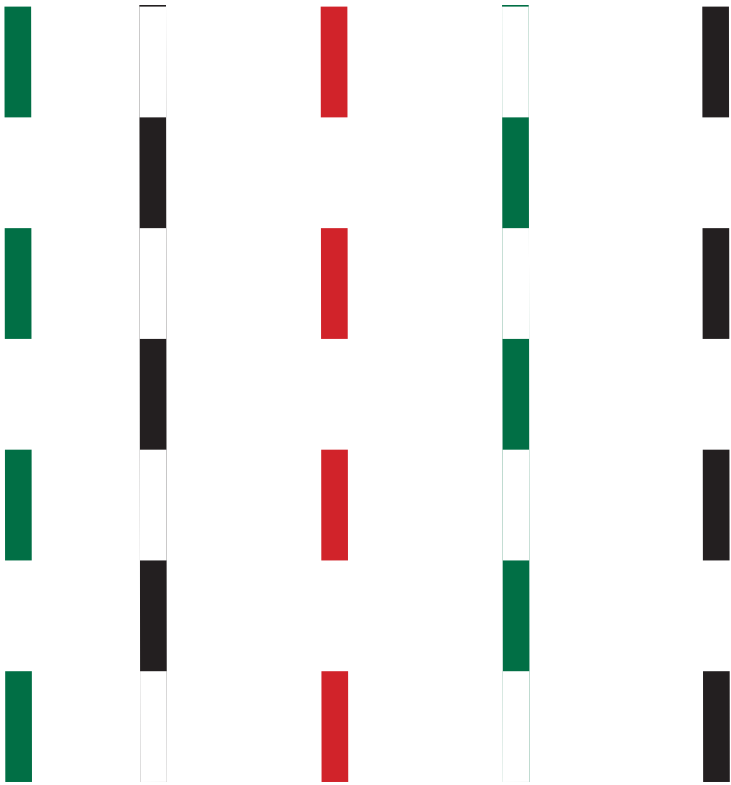
Ultimate Frisbee



To Learn and Compete in Frisbee in the Midwest and Northeast



Italian Club



French Club



Men's Soccer Club



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Black Campus Ministry

Sarina L Chatman



Reaching Black Students and Creating Black Christian Leaders

Orientation Leaders

Taylor Phillips



Leading Freshmen and Running Student Activities for Orientation

Pella Penguins

Taylor Phillips



Enriching Student Life and Promoting the Arts through Acapella

Latino Student Organization

Alexandra Montaz



Advocating for Latino concerns and issues



CO-REC VOLLEYBALL



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“In August 2015, James Mullarkey and I started YSU College Conservatives back up, which required submitting all new by-laws and the necessary paper work. The purpose is to promote conservative ideals to all on campus and unite in the support of republican candidates for all levels of office. Since re-activating the group in 2015, we have sparked an interest across campus. Enrollment increased every week and it was nice to see so many young adults care about their future and the future of America. I became involved because the 2016 election was too important to this country. We needed strong leaders with morals and good judgment across all levels of office. As our great men and women in the military fought and are still fighting for our freedom in various parts of the world, I wanted to stand up and fight for our freedoms that were being challenged and stripped away in a different way back home.” ♦

- Laurenca Canzonetta
President of the YSU College Conservatives



Y.E.S.S.



Youngstown Environmental Sustainability Society
Raising Environmental Awareness

S.N.L.O



Student Nonprofit Leadership Organization
Special Events to Support Non-Profits

YSUscape



Revitalizing and Beautifying Youngstown

S.H.R.M.



Society for Human Resource Management
Bringing HR Management Students Together

Bowling Club



photos courtesy of Cassidy Lindberg



“I wasn’t sure if Greek Life was for me at first. Because I live two hours away, I decided to go through recruitment in an attempt to *find my home away from home*, which is exactly what I found in **Delta Zeta**. Being a part of Delta Zeta has really pushed me to be a more well-rounded person. I’ve gained *leadership skills and made connections* I otherwise never would have made. I have gotten much more involved on campus and in my community.”

- *Alayna Morelock '22*
Delta Zeta

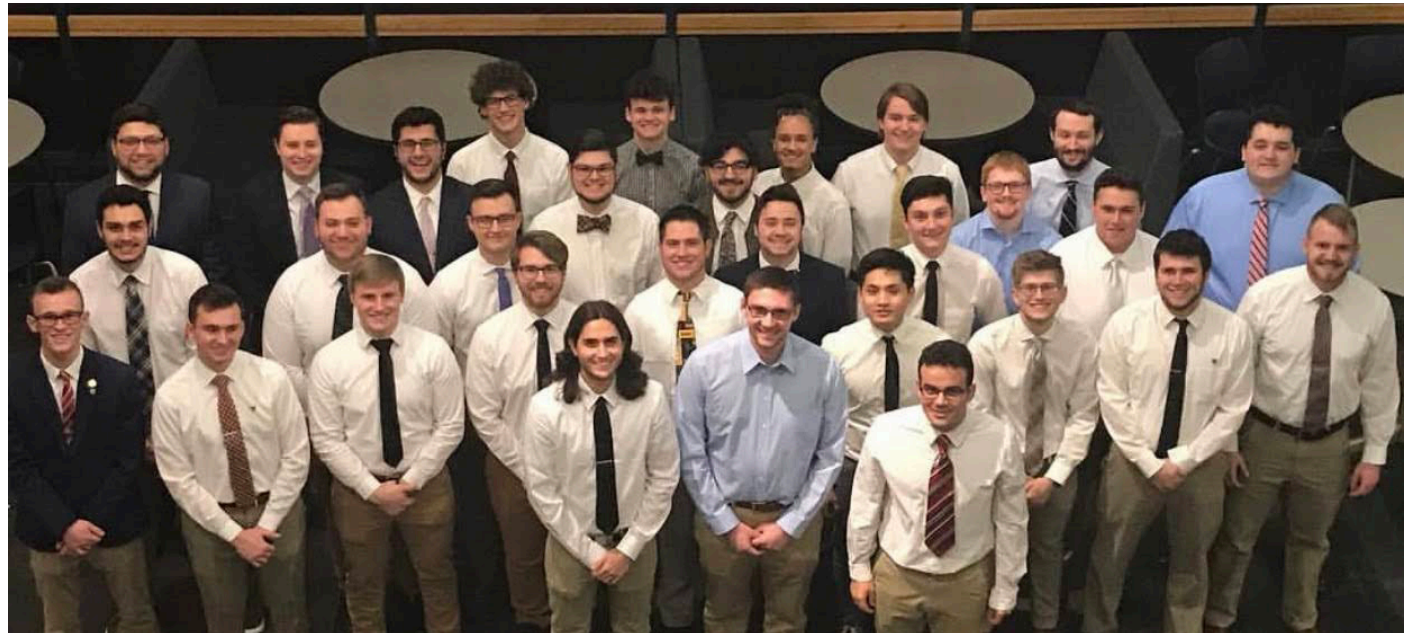


ALPHA PHI DELTA ΑΦΔ



the
true
gentleman

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON ΣΑΕ

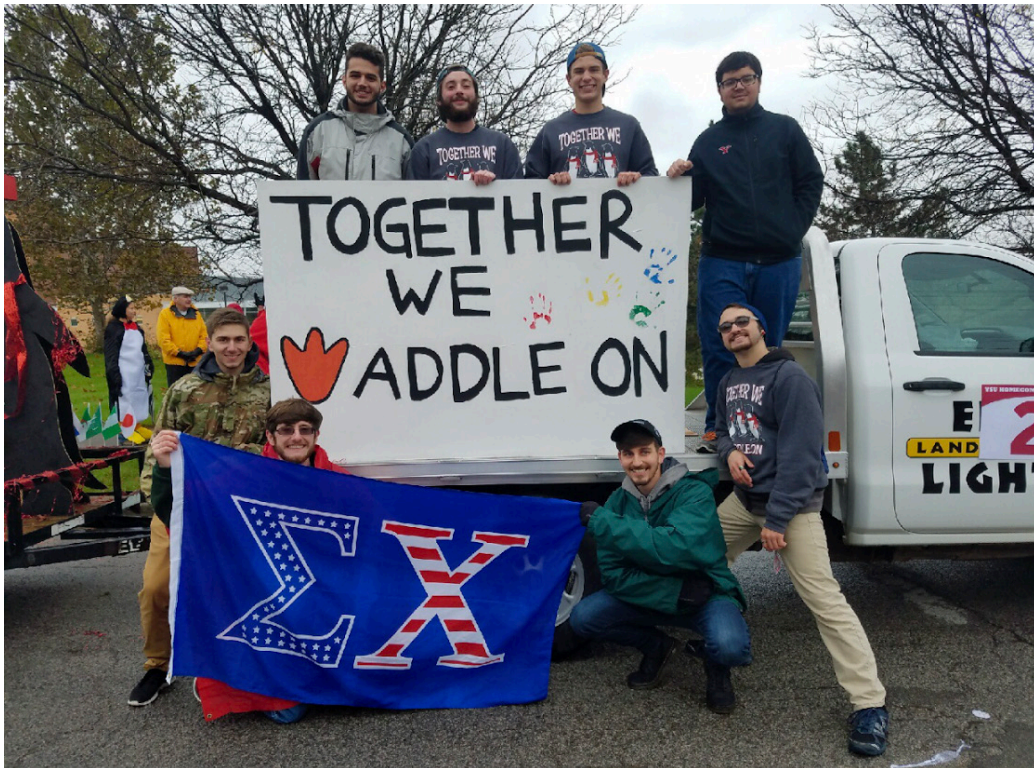


**“A PATH OF
PRINCIPLES”**

*Learning,
Integrity,
Excellence.*

SIGMA TAU GAMMA

ΣΤΓ



SIGMA CHI

ΣΧ



THETA CHI



ALPHA OMNICRON PI

ΑΟΠ



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ΑΞΔ

ALPHA XI DELTA



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DELTA ZETA



*Sisterhood,
Philanthropy,
and Academics.*



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ZTA

ZETA TAU ALPHA



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“For me, my college experience is baseball. Collegiate athletics really does *create a family* type of atmosphere; you spend 8 hours a day with these people and the bonds are so strong it makes it seem like *they’re really your brothers*. Even though it’s only four years, you still feel like you’ve known these guys your whole life and every year, when the seniors graduate and leave to continue their professional lives elsewhere, it really makes an impact on the culture and *identity* of the team. The friends I’ve made at school, in my classes, and my free-time I actually met on the team.”

- *Blaze Glenn, Baseball*

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FOOTBALL



YSU OFFENSE



TEVIN MCCASTER



NATAVIOUS PAYNE



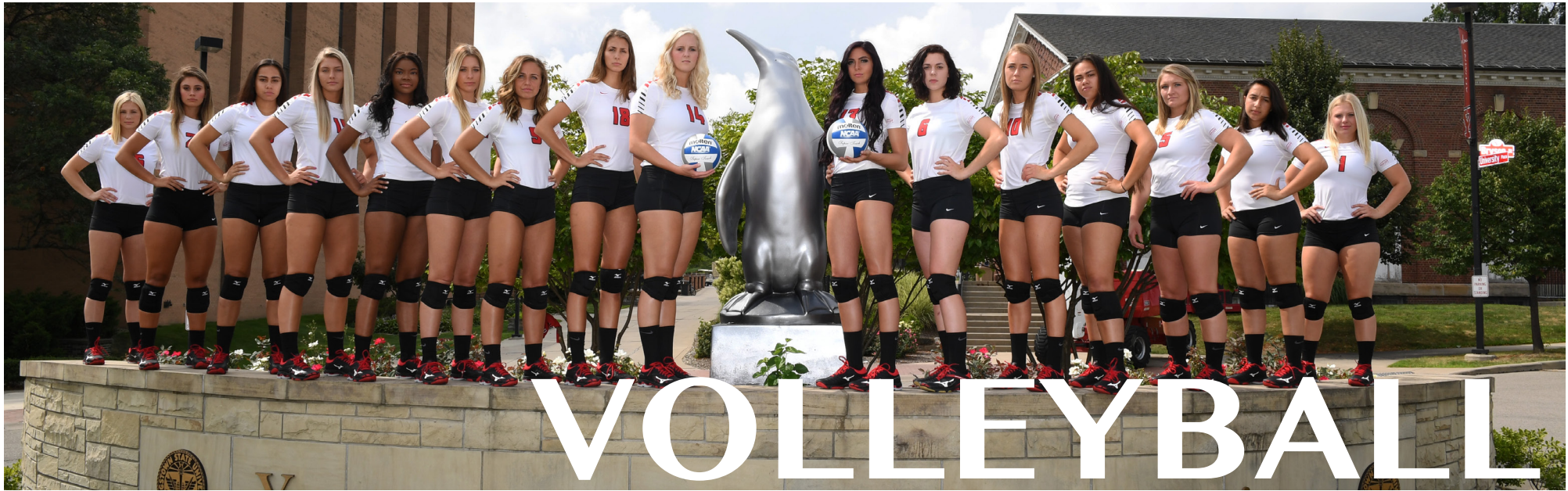
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YSU DEFENSE



MONTGOMERY VANGORDER



MARGAUX THOMPSON



ALEAH HUGHES



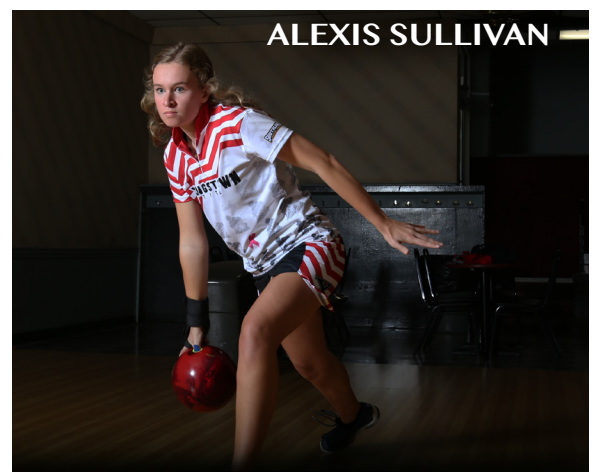
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SARAH VARCOLLA



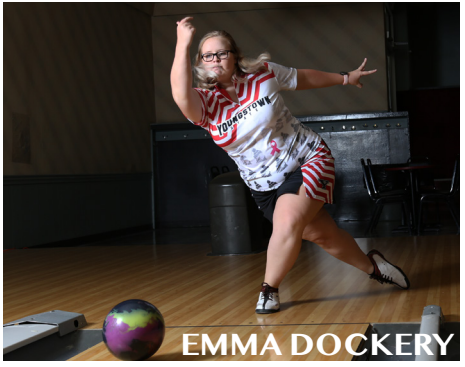
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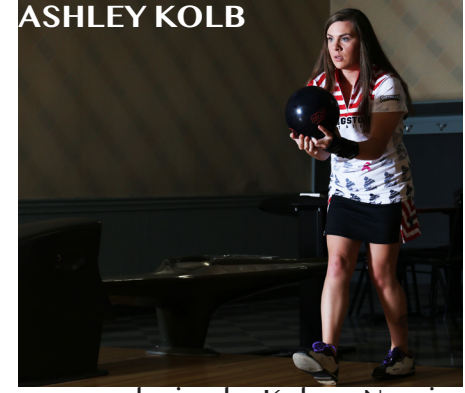
EMMA DOCKERY



RACHEL ELLIS



EMILY DIETZ



ASHLEY KOLB

MEN'S



CROSS COUNTRY



CHRIS BUTLER



ALAN BURNS



RYAN SULLIVAN '19
BROKE 20-YEAR-OLD
YSU RECORD WITH
TIME OF 24:27.7;
FINISHED SECOND IN
HL CHAMPIONSHIP



MATTHEW MANGUS



CJ SCHUMACHER



CHARLOTTE CROUCH



WOMEN'S



XEENA MAALI

CROSS COUNTRY



MACKENZIE SCOTT



RAQUEL MARKULEN







MCKENAH PETERS



CHELSEA OLSON



MARY DUNN



ALISON SMOLINKSI, '19
 1ST PLAYER IN CONFERENCE HISTORY WITH 100 3'S IN A SEASON; NAMED TO THE HORIZON LEAGUE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM.



SARAH CASH

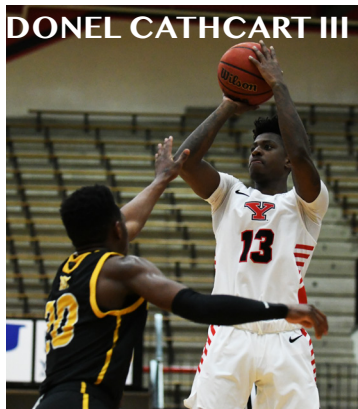


MELINDA TRIMMER





**DARIUS
QUISENBERRY '22**
ALL- HORIZON LEAGUE ALL
SECOND TEAM; NAMED HL
'FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK'
3 WEEKS IN A ROW



MEN'S BASKETBALL



SOCCER



KATE MCEACHERN, '21
NAMED HORIZON LEAGUE
DEFENSIVE PLAYER;
72 SAVES IN SEASON



SHANI JEFFERSON



KATIE HACKOS



ERICA BARNEY



LAUREN SNOW



LAUREN MURVIN





Women's Golf



Katlyn Shutt

Junior. Broke 3 YSU records in the fall season and holds lowest 18, 36, and 54 hole performances in program history. Participated in 5 tournaments and 11 rounds 2 top 5 finishes, medalist honors



Kara Raines



Megan Creager



Victoria Grans



Britney Jonda



Puthita Khaunrudee



Aislynn Merling



Emily Robertson



Rattika Sittigool



Tori Utrup



Jenna Vivo



**DARIUS
MCQUOWN '19**
avg. 77.1 strokes/round, career
best 2 round score of 145



CJ Hughes



Kevin Scherr

TRACK & FIELD



XENA MAALI



CHAD ZALLOW



JALIYAH ELLIOTT



SAMUEL CHALLIS



CAITLYN TREBELLA



GLEN KNOWLES

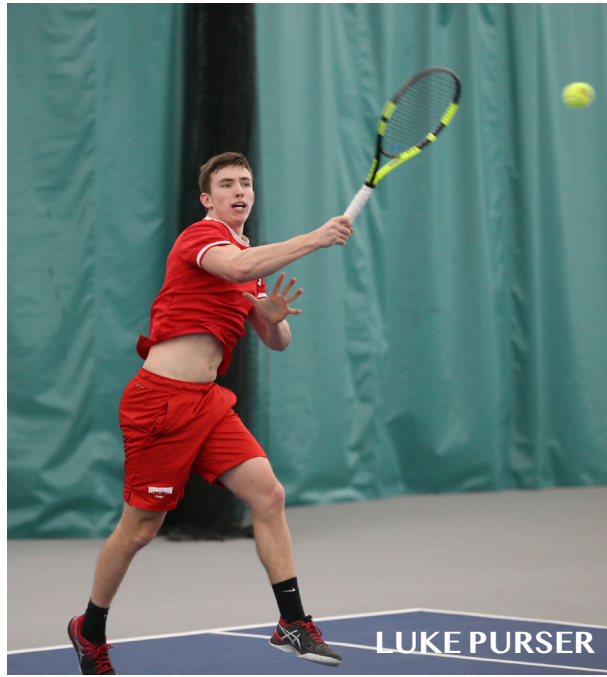


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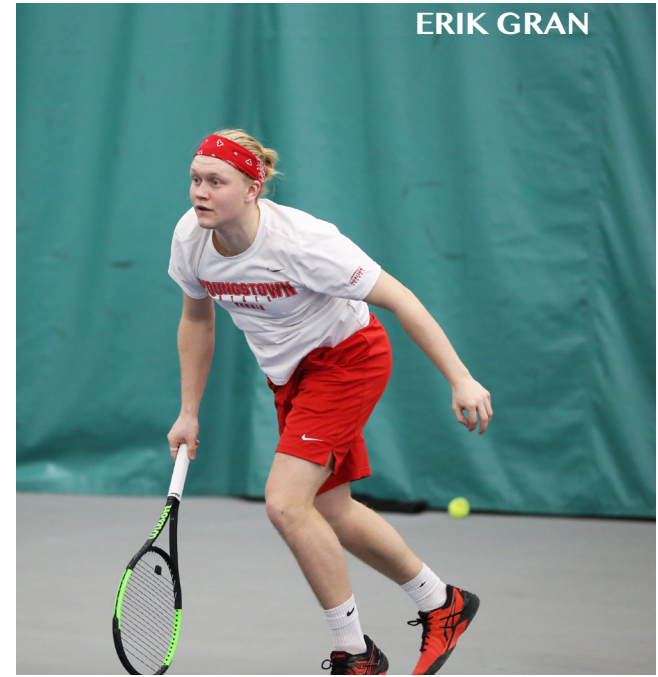
CODY SIKORA

DANYLO VERMEICHUK



LUKE PURSER

ERIK GRAN



VASILIS VARDIKIS



MEN'S TENNIS





TAMARA TEUFL



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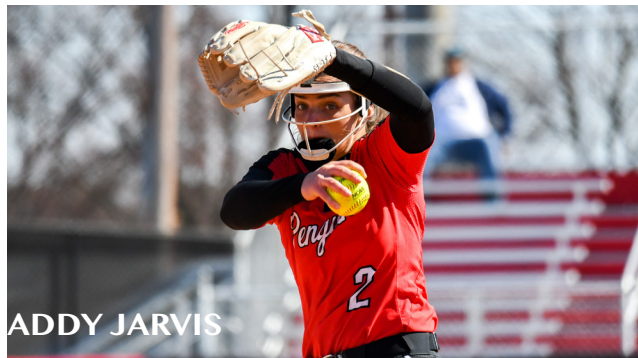
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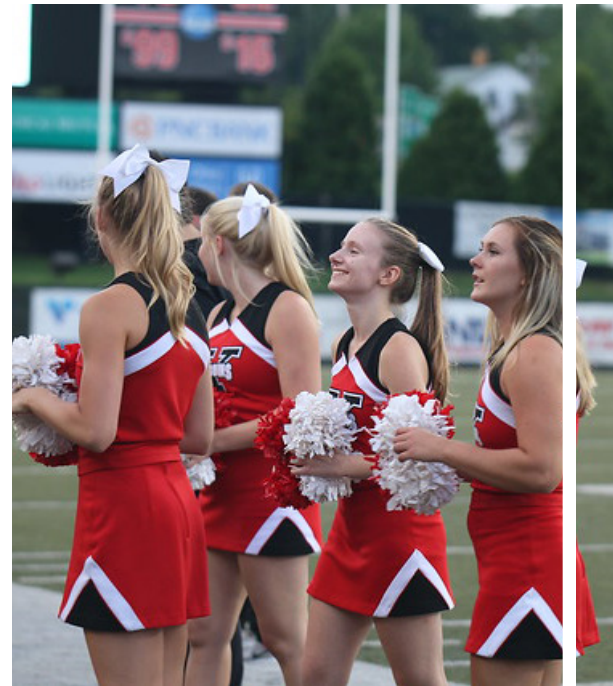
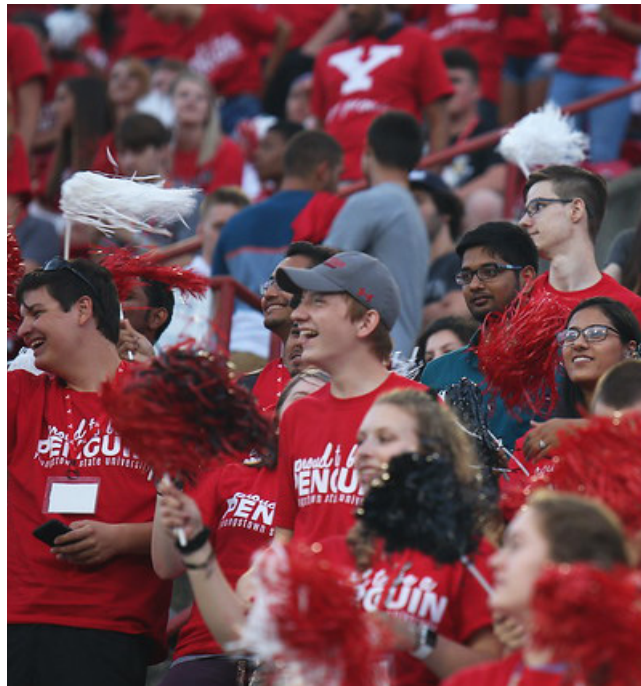


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WELCOME WEEK 2018





Joe Biden comes to Youngstown

by Morgan Petronelli,
JAMBAR editor-in-chief

The floor of the Chestnut Room was bustling with energy as anticipation from attendees increased as each speaker took the stage to warm up the crowd.

The first of many speakers was Youngstown Mayor Jamael "Tito" Brown, who opened the rally by welcoming everyone to Youngstown.

"Youngstown has had our challenges. In the past, we've had the steel mills close. We've been known for some negative activity in this community. But today is a new start, a new opportunity to move forward," he said. "Youngstown's open for business, if you don't know it by now."

Multiple Democratic candidates on the ticket this midterm election season took the stage to support one another and emphasize the party's ideologies on health care, Wall Street, immigration and the current state of the real estate market...

Joe Biden started off by telling the crowd he was in Youngstown because "who ends up being the governor of Ohio is going to tell a lot about the country."

The former vice president also addressed the recent pipe bombs being sent to prominent democrats and the attack on The Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pa. He regarded the events as the work of "hate and terror," and it was time for politicians to unite for the welfare of Americans.

"This election is bigger than politics," he said. "When have we ever said there was something we couldn't do? So let's lift our heads up This is America, there's not a thing we can't do," Biden said as he closed out the rally and descended into the crowd to interact with attendees. ♦

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Homecoming 2018



FALL FIRE FEST



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YSU celebrates National Coming Out Day



National Coming Out Day is celebrated on October 11th to recognize the experiences of members of the LGBTQ+ community. The first National Coming Out Day took place in the year 1987!



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FRENZY FACEOFF

by Victoria Remley

JAMBAR Arts & Entertainment Reporter

Local music blasted at Westside Bowl on Feb. 1 when Penguin Productions hosted the Federal Frenzy Face Off. JULIET won the inaugural competition and secured a spot to perform at Youngstown State University's Federal Frenzy in April.

The event took place at the Westside Bowl in Youngstown where eight bands each performed a 20-minute set on a stage over bowling lanes.

The bands included JULIET, along with Fifth & Aurora, the HR Department, Black Wolf and the Thief, Spy Convention, Mediocre at Best and the Super Babes.

At the event, the audience members voted for what band they wanted to hear at Federal Frenzy — JULIET came out victorious.

Lou Rivera, lead vocalist in Fifth & Aurora and senior telecommunications major, said it was a blessing to play in the first Federal Frenzy Face Off as the opener. Although the band booked a show at Suzie's Dogs & Drafts that day, they wanted to be a part of the show.

"We did whatever it took to make it happen," Rivera said. "It is amazing how Federal Frenzy attracts such a wonderful demographic, who come for the sole purpose to listen and support local music. As musicians, that is the best thing we could ask for; is for people to just listen."

He said events like this are so important to the Youngstown community.

"Music brings people together already and events like this feeds Youngstown's soul.

The Youngstown music scene is ridiculous and insanely talented artists walk around the streets everyday," Rivera said. ♦

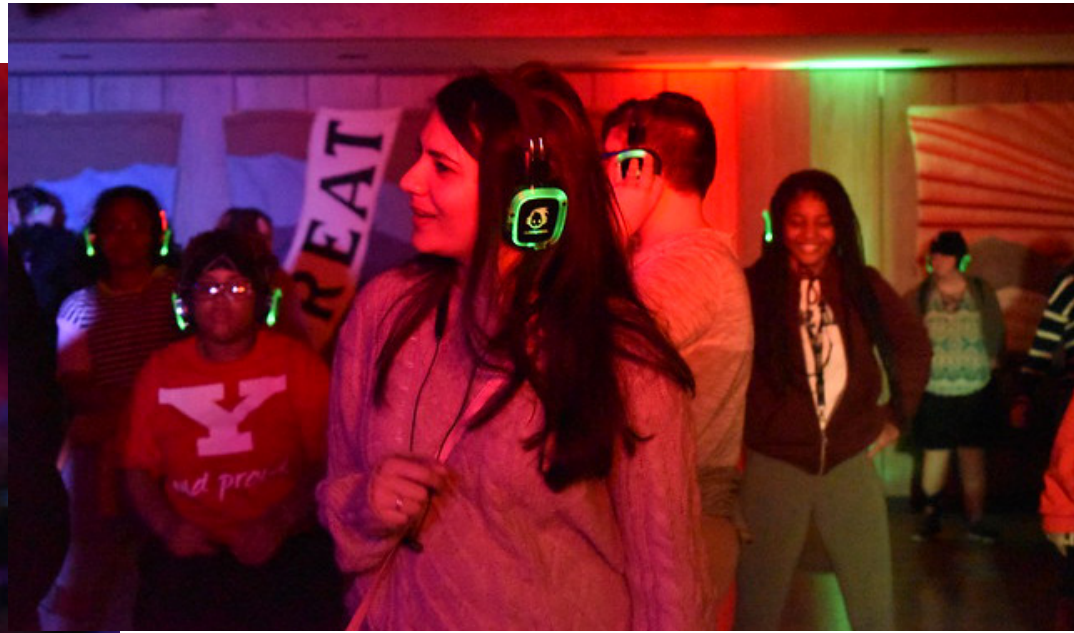


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GREEK GAMES





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SILENT DISCO



Pete & Penny *Vow Renewals!*







KISSISSIPPI

at Suzie's Dogs & Drafts

by Michael Marando
JAMBAR contributor

Kississippi, an up-and-coming Philadelphia, Pa. emo crooner, made their Youngstown debut at Suzie's Dogs & Drafts on Oct. 18. The show, presented by Youngstown State University's Penguin Productions, is the latest in their recurring concert series.

The concert was put together in association with the Summit.FM and YSU's Relay for Life Concerts for a Cause.

Allison Marado, event leader, said she coordinated with the bands to provide load in, soundcheck times and also advocated for the booking of Kississippi.

"I managed the show to make sure everything ran smoothly," she said.

Penguin Productions marketing team member, Kayla Hay, said she was at the show to help load in and to support Penguin Productions in any way she could. She also played an instrumental role in helping to book Kississippi.

"I saw Kississippi last year at a Mom Jeans show in Cleveland and literally fell in love," she said. "I wanted to do whatever I could to get her to Youngstown."

Hay said that many popular indie bands don't come to Youngstown, and having an up-and-coming, super rad, female rock star come play in a small town is stellar.

"Zoe [Reynolds] is also one of my oldest and dearest friends who I lost touch with, but unknowingly reconnected with her at that Mom Jeans show," she said. With their new album "Sunset Blush" out now, Kississippi's frontwoman, Reynolds, said the record was about her coming out from a point in time when she was letting people take advantage of her a lot.

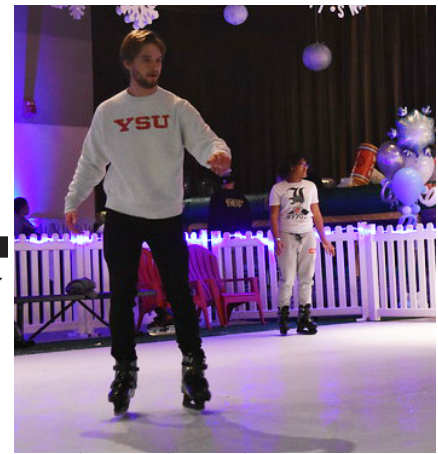
"I'm not gonna do this to myself anymore," she said. "It was a disconnection from toxic friendships and obviously people are always overcoming that kind of thing."

Reynolds said the album is relatable and it doesn't stop as long as people are empathetic. She said it's also about letting go of toxic relationships in life.

"Even if it's heartbreaking for you, you're making the right decision for yourself and that's all that matters," she said. ♦



PENGUIN NIGHTS:
winter wonderland



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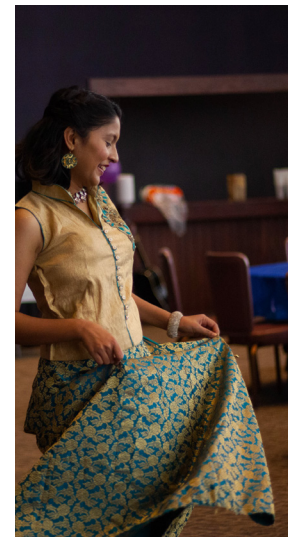
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"YSU had a great increase in the number of international students (73 students from Nepal itself) in Fall 2018. The Nepalese Student Association promotes diversity and inclusion at YSU by bringing Nepalese culture and festivals on campus. The Nepalese Student Association organized the Dashain festival celebration at the Debartolo Stadium Club on October 20 from 12-4p. "Dashain" (pronounced as Da-sa-i) is the biggest festival of Hindus that is celebrated all over the world for fifteen days around the months of September and October. While half of the 120 participants were international students from Nepal, around half of the other participants were domestic students, officers from the International Programs Office, campus staff, locals from Youngstown areas and international students from other countries. The participants learned about the festival and its religious implications through one of the organization members, who presented about Dashain and its religious implications. Moreover, the food, dances and songs performances took their experience to the next level by exposing all the participants to Nepali language, dress and customs." ♦

- Shilpa Bhandari
Vice President of Nepalese Student Association

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MultiCultural Mondays



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PENGUIN NIGHTS at the beach!



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LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION



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HONORS COLLEGE FORMAL:



*The Great
GATSBY*



The Honors College holds its annual Honors Formal in celebration of the service its members show throughout the year. This year the theme of The Great Gatsby had students dressing in their most glamorous gowns, pearls, and classy coats. President of the Honors College, senior Lexi Rager, began the ceremony and announced the recipients of the awards of the year, which recognized superior dedication within the program. After dinner and the close of the ceremony, the Honors College students danced the night away, not even worrying about the homework they knew was waiting for them back at home. ♦



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GREEK *Sing!*



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Music at Noon



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