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Attorney Mary Beth Houser will recognize special constituents at the convocation.

Two dramatic pieces will be read by students in YSU's Department of Speech Communication and Theatre.

All audience members will receive a copy of the Constitution with their program. Free parking for the convocation in Powers Auditorium will be available in the former Strouss Parking Deck at Commerce Street and Wick Avenue, and a free shuttle service will take persons to and from the auditorium and the deck.

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