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"SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO"



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According to YSU Graduate Outcome Report in the 2019-2020 academic year, 77% of students stayed within 30 miles of Youngstown after graduation.

## Students uncertain about local jobs

By Mia Albaugh  
Jambar contributor

Recent statistics show an increasing number of Youngstown State University students staying in the Mahoning Valley, despite many claims of wanting to leave.

Christian Febinger, a senior biology major, is one of the students who wants to leave.

"I've lived here all my life and I'm ready for a change," Febinger said. "My top concern is that I'm not going to find a stable job and that I'm not going to find a job at all."

In a recent poll with over 40 YSU students con-

ducted by The Jambar, 62% said they want to leave the area when they graduate, leaving 38% undecided. No students in the poll voted that they have decided to stay.

In graduate reports of both YSU and Ohio State University, more graduates of YSU stayed in their hometown than graduates of the much bigger city school in Columbus.

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## COVID-19 update: Cases take a sharp turn

By Abigail Cloutier  
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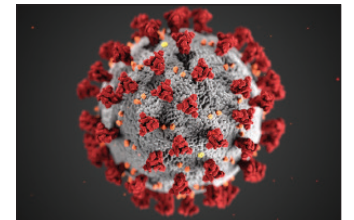


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Youngstown State University's number of COVID-19 cases took a sharp uptick this week. On Monday, the university reported 31 cases for the week of Oct. 10-16, an increase from the 18 cases reported last week.

Of those, 27 were students living off campus, one student living on campus and three employees, which could include faculty, administration or staff.

This week, 40 people were tested through the university's asymptomatic voluntary testing program. Of those, none tested positive.

YSU's COVID-19 dashboard is updated every Monday based on confirmed data from the week before. Students who have tested positive should report their case through the online form.

YSU reminded students that it's partnering with the Youngstown City Health District to offer two more vaccination clinics on campus.

These clinics will take place Nov. 4 and Dec. 2 from 9

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## Jobs

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While these numbers could be skewed from the pandemic, the report from the prior year indicated over half of YSU graduates stayed in Ohio. The academic year 2018-2019 of the YSU Graduate Outcome Report stated 63% of students stayed.

According to the OSU 2016-2021 trend report, in the 2019-2020 academic year 37.1% of students stayed in the Columbus area after graduation. In the 2018-2019 academic year, 39% of OSU graduates stayed in the Columbus area.

The Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber offers a program called Jobs Now in partnership with local broadcaster WKBN, Sara Boyarko said. She is the chief operating officer and senior vice president of economic development for the chamber.

Boyarko said this program gives highlights of local businesses that are members of the regional chamber. It airs during the 5 p.m. WKBN news segment to let viewers know about employment opportunities. Viewers can visit the WKBN website to learn how to apply.

Malik Montgomery, junior music technology and recording major, said he will go where the opportunities are.

"I'm more of a, you know, let the wind take me wherever [type of person]," he said. "So, if a good opportunity pops up here, I might stay. If a good opportunity pops up in South Dakota, I'll go there."

According to a report by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' Office of Workforce Development, only 1.4% of the jobs in the Mahoning Valley are related to arts, entertainment and recreation. Health care and social assistance fields offer the most employment opportunities in the Mahoning Valley.

As stated in the ODJ report, the percentage of people in the area that are

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health care workers is growing, at 22.3% and trending.

According to a report by the Office of Institutional Research and Analytics, YSU's top five most popular majors are nursing BSN, criminal justice, social work, biology and early childhood education.

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Molly O'Brien, freshman nursing major, hopes to find a job at Akron Children's Hospital in Boardman to stay local.

Antonio Rojas, a freshman computer science major, said he is family-oriented

and hopes to find a job close to home. He has family in Loraine and an uncle in Youngstown, Ohio. Rojas said he would stay in Youngstown for a good job opportunity.

Hyeji Hong, a senior English education major, came from Korea to learn English. She plans to go back home to Korea and teach English there.

Justin Edwards, director of Career Exploration and Development at YSU, said it's important to not only find a job but find the right job.

"It's important to be excited about the work that we're doing every day when we wake up," he said. "The more that we invest as students right now, in who we are, and how we match with those opportunities, the higher likelihood that we continue to wake up and be excited about the work we are doing."

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and their families are eligible for either the one-shot Johnson and Johnson vaccine or the two-shot Moderna vaccine. Appointments are required at [ysu-covid.com](http://ysu-covid.com)

YSU sent out an email stating free surgical face masks and

a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Ohio Room in Kilcawley Center. All students, faculty, staff

KF94 face masks are available at no charge to students. They can be picked up at Maag library, Kilcawley Center room 2075 and any of the university residence halls and apartments.

N95 respirators are also available to employees who qualify. Individuals must complete a health questionnaire at [ysu.edu/request-n95-0](http://ysu.edu/request-n95-0)

Any questions about masks and respirators can be answered by Tim Styranec at [tmstyranec@ysu.edu](mailto:tmstyranec@ysu.edu)

# HEERF provides monetary help

By Jessica Stamp  
The Jambar

The federal government issued a funding of about \$15.4 million for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III grant to help Youngstown State University students with financial expenses due to the pandemic.

The HEERF III grant was part of a series of other grants issued, with \$5 million for the HEERF II and another \$5 million for the HEERF I. YSU received a total amount of about \$26 million from these grants.

“The emphasis was on technology and housing and food ... then it kind of evolved to loss of employment,” Elaine Ruse, associate vice president for student enrollment and business services, said. “So the definition of what they felt were pandemic related expenses that the students [and their] families needed these funds for evolved.”

According to HEERF III grants to Students Website Reporting, 11,224 students have been given the HEERF

III grant to date.

“We’ve received lots of comments from students and families that, if it wasn’t for these funds, they may not have been able to afford their rent or for food or ultimately continue their education,” Patrick Hoffman, director of financial aid and scholarships, said.

The HEERF III funding is issued to students in a block-grant approach that determines which students receive financial aid first. The United States government asked to prioritize the population of students who are in exceptional financial need. The first group was undergraduate students, the second group was domestic students taking undergraduate classes and the last group was graduate and international students.

“We’ve already awarded over 81% of our almost \$15.4 million to the populations of students,” Ruse said.

In the beginning of the pandemic, not all students qualified for a HEERF grant.

The first two HEERF grants were issued for students who were eligible. With the HEERF III, it opened up

eligibility for more students who were enrolled on and after March 13, 2020.

“Initially, it wasn’t all students. It was basically students who were titled for [eligibility],” Ruse said. “So, that excluded a number of populations on campus and then toward the end of our processing of HEERF II grant funding ... the department of education updated the definition of the eligible students and it expanded to ... all populations.”

Before YSU was receiving federal funds, the YSU Foundation was helping students with financial need by creating the Penguin to Penguin fund.

“Through donated funds that the university administered out through an application process and that was back very early on when all of this happened,” Ruse said.

Ruse said by the end of October, all students will receive HEERF III.

Anyone with questions or concerns about federal and state aid eligibility can contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at [ysufinaid@ysu.edu](mailto:ysufinaid@ysu.edu)



The YSU Foundation helped students with financial funding at the beginning of the pandemic.

Photo by Jessica Stamp / The Jambar

# Experts discuss the risks of drinking and driving

By Mia Albaugh  
The Jambar

Halloween begins the holiday season and it's the time when students should begin to stay alert about the dangers of driving under the influence and underage drinking.

Attorney Matt Dolman said the holiday season, starting with Halloween and Thanksgiving, increases the chances of being involved in an alcohol-related accident.

"From this date to the end of the year, the roads get more dangerous thanks to increased travel," Dolman said.

According to the 2019 Holiday Drinking and Impaired Driving Report by DriversEd.com, 62% of Americans say they are more fearful of drunk drivers than hazardous road conditions during the holiday season.

On average, every two minutes someone is injured in a drunken-driving crash. Every 51 minutes, someone is killed, according to Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Fifty-75% of convicted drunken drivers drive with a suspended license.

Even though the pandemic has led to the shutdown of many public events, police Chief Shawn Varso of the Youngstown State University police department said the department is still on guard for intoxicated driving.

Varso myth-busted the "one drink per hour" rule and other ideas thought to sober up individuals. He said the only thing that can sober up an individual is time.

"Your blood alcohol content may continue to go up, depending on how much you drank, after you stop drinking," he said. "Just because you stop at a certain point doesn't mean your blood alcohol stops, it may go up for a while before it starts going down."

According to the Ohio BMV, the suspension placed on a person convicted of driving while impaired, with no previous OVI suspensions in the last 10 years, is called the first offense operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs suspension.

The requirements to reinstate a suspended license under this is to serve a suspension as determined by the court, pay a reinstatement fee and provide proof of insurance that covers the length of the suspension.

For a first violation, the fine alone could cost up to \$1,075 with a maximum of 3 days in jail, according to Skip Potter Law Office.

If a person has three or more DUIs in 10 years, they would receive a habitual use of alcohol/drugs suspension. According to the Ohio BMV, the license suspension will stand until the person completes a rehabilitation program, maintains six months of sobriety from the date of treatment program completion and submits

a completed alcohol/drug reinstatement form to the BMV. Additionally, the fine could be up to \$2,750.

A liquor law violation of consuming or possessing alcohol under the age of 21 is a first-degree misdemeanor. The maximum penalty on a first offense is six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

According to the Ohio BMV, to reinstate a license revoked based on a liquor law violation the person must serve a one-year suspension, pay a reinstatement fee and retake a complete driver license examination.

Instead of maximum sentences like jail time for drinking underage, in some cases, YSU will offer educational programs for students that have been cited, said Varso.

According to the YSU Crime Log, sometimes liquor law violations can end in arrests.

"If it's to a point where someone can't take care of themselves, the first thing we do is get them medical attention," Varso said. "After the fact, we will go ahead and cite them for consuming alcohol underage, if they are underage."

Varso said the charge of disorderly conduct would be given to a student in a similar situation that is over the legal drinking age of 21.



Photo by Mia Albaugh / The Jambar

According to DriversEd., 62% of American drivers are fearful of drunken drivers during the holidays.

BRINGING PUBLIC ATTENTION



Photo courtesy of Pete Earley

**By Sydney Stalnecker**  
The Jambar

The philosophy and religious studies department is hosting author and Washington Post reporter Pete Earley for its semi-annual speaker series event Nov. 9.

The Dr. Thomas and Albert J. Shipka Speaker Series was named after those who created and continue to sponsor the event. Robyn Gaier, a philosophy professor, said the department is thankful to them for making the series possible.

Titled “Hard Lessons Learned: A Father’s Search Through America’s Mental Health Madness,” the talk will discuss the major points made in Earley’s book

“Crazy,” which was published in 2007.

Earley’s book discusses his experience with having a son diagnosed with mental illness who was eventually put in jail. It has won awards from the American Psychiatric Association, the National Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health America.

Gaier said Earley’s book asks the question, “What does our society do to persons with mental illnesses?”

Earley is heavily involved in the reform of treatment for those who deal with mental illness. He has testified five times about mental health reform before the U.S. Congress and maintains a mental health blog.

“It’s really just to bring awareness to this public health crisis, both in terms of mental illness and then what we

do to those that have a mental illness,” Gaier said. “Most of them end up in the criminal justice system.”

Gaier said the event is targeted for a more general audience.

“We try to get speakers that will talk about issues that will encompass the greater campus,” Gaier said.

The event will be held on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 9 and the event is free for all Youngstown State University students. After the event, the talk will be posted to YouTube.

For those interested, a limited number of Earley’s books will be available for free upon request. Email [rgaier@ysu.edu](mailto:rgaier@ysu.edu) to find out more.

# Father speaks on mental illness and ways to improve treatment

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## A PLACE OF FAITH



Photo by Samantha Smith / The Jambar

Norbert Keliher becomes the new director of campus ministry at YSU.

# New campus chaplain appointed

By **Samantha Smith**  
The Jambar

Bishop David J. Bonnar appointed a new director of campus ministry at Youngstown State University in July. The Rev. Norbert Keliher has replaced Joseph Frango, who left to pursue teaching.

Keliher is a Dominican friar of the Province of St. Joseph, which serves the eastern part of the United States. He lives with the Dominican community at St. Dominic Church.

Originally from the Seattle area, he went to Harvard University to study classical language and was a student leader in the campus ministry and a member of the college Knights of Columbus while attending. There, Ke-

liher was introduced to the Dominicans at a vocation event.

He entered the Dominican novitiate in Cincinnati in 2012 and went on to begin his training for the priesthood in Washington DC. He was ordained a priest in 2019 by Bishop Robert Barron at the National Shrine in Washington.

He explained what his experience at the Newman Center has been for him so far.

“The student officers ... for the Catholic Student Association have been very hardworking, and at the Activities Fair and our initial local events, we’ve been able to get over 50 new people signed up,” he said. “It’s really been fun just getting to know them, getting to know the campus and Youngstown and seeing what kinds of pro-

grams and talks people are excited about.”

Keliher explained why this experience is exciting to him.

“The Dominicans — the order that I’m part of — have been around universities our whole existence, that’s over 800 years now,” he said. “So in many ways, it’s natural for us to be at a university environment. So I’m excited to be able to represent our order and especially St. Thomas Aquinas.”

The Catholic Newman Center at YSU provides a place for those seeking to grow their faith.

For more information about the Catholic Newman Center, call 330-747-9202 or email the Chaplain at [director@ysunewman.org](mailto:director@ysunewman.org)



Photo by Sydney Stalnecker / The Jambar

Francesca Byrne and Edward Sadler were declared homecoming queen and king at the homecoming game.

# Homecoming king and queen get their crowning moment

By **Samantha Smith**  
The Jambar

Youngstown State University's homecoming game was Saturday, Oct. 9. During halftime, the 2021 Homecoming king and queen were crowned.

Francesca Byrne, a senior advertising and public relations major, was crowned homecoming queen and Edward Sadler, a pre-med biology senior, was crowned homecoming king.

Sadler expressed what it was like for him to be nominated for the homecoming court.

"Being nominated for the homecoming court is just

a good opportunity [to] be represented by the whole Youngstown community that voted," he said.

Byrne said the experience was an honor to be part of. "It's definitely a huge honor to be simply on court. Nominated by what organization you're nominated by and to be able to represent the student body, administration and even alumni," she said.

Like others on the court, Byrne and Sadler both took action to promote themselves to gather voters. Posting flyers, signs and talking with students around campus brought more attention to them leading up to the end of voting. Byrne said she even made an Instagram account with another homecoming court member to prompt

students to vote.

Byrne explained her feelings when she announced homecoming queen.

"It was kind of a shock, I mean, to be standing up there with all these other people who are super influential in our community," she said. "To be able to just be up there with them was amazing, then to have that moment where your name is announced is incredible."

Sadler gave advice for future homecoming court nominees.

"Be yourself," he said. "Don't be too nervous. If you don't feel like you know a lot of people, just take a chance and go for it. You never know what can happen."

## MYTHS AND LEGENDS



Photos by C. Aileen Blaine / The Jambar

Justin Haines, YSU alumnus, created his own clothing brand called Dead Ink Apparel.

# YSU alumnus creates uniquely designed cryptid clothing line

By C. Aileen Blaine  
The Jambar

When Youngstown State University alumnus Justin Haines graduated in 2008, he wasn't sure where his fine arts and graphic design experience would take him. Now, he runs his brand, Dead Ink Apparel, from his Niles-based studio.

Shortly after graduating from YSU, Haines started applying the skills he learned from his graphic design

background and printmaking class to begin designing graphics to put on shirts. He ran a four-color printing press from his parents' basement, where he and his friends made T-shirts for bands. In 2011, he started the apparel line as what he calls "horror-inspired streetwear," drawing inspiration from mythological creatures like the chupacabra or Loch Ness monster.

"A lot of the shirts I do have backstories," he said. "A lot of the stuff reflects Ohio — I have a shirt that reflects the high school I went to."

As with any small business, it isn't always sunshine and rainbows. Sometimes, orders don't arrive in time for vendor shows, and other times products are slow to sell.

"Sometimes, you go to a show and you don't sell," Haines said. "Actually, my first show ever, the product did not arrive and I had nothing — that was a 10-hour trip to Massachusetts and I had an empty booth."

The designing process can be laborious and tedious, too, and there isn't always a linear timeline.



“The process to designing a shirt can be all over the place. It could start as a sketch, and then nothing might come from it for years,” he said. “[Usually] it’s just me working on things over and over and over until I’m either completely sick of it, or I finally like it.”

But the good times and success are what makes it worth while. Haines said he enjoys when people come up to his booths at vendor shows to ask about the business, and there have been a few occasions when his shirts have made it to the big screen.

“I have some shirts in this movie called ‘X-Men,’” Haines said. “It was probably 2013 when I was contacted by a guy — the director — who wanted to use some

shirts in the film. So I sent him some shirts, and then they’re in the film.”

Dead Ink isn’t always a one-man operation. Sometimes Haines collaborates with other artists, such as Dr. Wolfenbergen from Philadelphia, to create new designs and bounce around sketch ideas.

“I’ve collaborated with different artists that have a horror genre and stuff that I liked,” Haines said. “[But] pretty much, I have a hand in everything that I’ve done.”

To celebrate Dead Ink’s 10th birthday, Haines is hosting “Ghoul’s Night” Oct. 23 at Cedars West End in Youngstown. The costume party will feature photo-ops on the “dead carpet” and live music. DJ Clay of Insane

Clown Posse will make an appearance at the gathering, and there will be performances from Pittsburgh band Nxrml Creatures and TINO from Dayton.

“The 10-year anniversary party is something I’m really excited for,” Haines said.

The party is also an opportunity for Haines to drop some new designs, including the “10 years of terror” shirt. He also sells beanies, wristbands, hoodies and hats.

“Ghoul’s Night” tickets cost \$10, and attendees must be ages 21 and up. For more information, check out Dead Ink Apparel on Instagram @deadinkapparel or its website [deadinkapparel.storenvy.com](http://deadinkapparel.storenvy.com)



The chupacabra shirt is one of many Dead Ink Apparel offers for customers.

## ARTIST SPEAKS ON THE FEMALE FORM



Photo by Kaitlyn McCarthy / The Jambar

Sarah Awad talks about her artwork and female nudity in an early 20th century art style called Fauvism.

# California painter shares her knowledge with YSU students

By Kaitlyn McCarthy  
The Jambar

Sarah Awad, a painter from California, presented an informal lecture at the department of visual and dramatic arts Tuesday, Oct. 19. The topic of the lecture was female nudity as a dialogue in an early 20th-century art style, called Fauvism. She presents the topic with the support of her own experience and artwork.

Staff and students are excited to have her present her art to the Youngstown State University community.

Dragana Crnjak, professor of visual and dramatic arts, is a friend of Awad. She said she followed Awad for a long time and is familiar with her work, although she has never seen her work in-person, and believes Awad's

professional background makes her knowledge valuable to students.

"It is great to have someone speak directly to students in the classroom," she said. "These lectures are really geared to students mainly — even though these are public lectures — and we encourage everyone to attend ... it's really for students to have a direct understanding and perspective that is outside of the classroom."

Crnjak also said Awad's work was affected during the pandemic and is interesting to see. She specifically invited her for the students because of what her work shows.

"We want to expose students to contemporary artists directly. That's the main objective," she said. "Her work in today's context is really relevant because she really

responds to some questions and questions our relationships with our bodies and the space we occupy ... the reason I invite her specifically for students is [because] her work really reveals itself in the process of being made."

Grace Smith, a sophomore graphic design major, said she is excited to see what Awad does and learn more about a new artist as a longtime art enthusiast.

"I expect to look at a new artist's work — a new artist that I haven't heard of or seen," Smith said. "I am always excited to see a new artist's work and see what they do differently than I would. I've been doing art since I was a kid."

# Students and staff at YSU get in shape with free training program

By Aaron J. Frantz  
Jambar contributor

The kinesiology and sport science department is offering free individualized personal training to Youngstown State University faculty and staff members. Knowledgeable senior-level exercise science students are leading the training program as part of a requirement for obtaining their degree.

Sara Michaliszyn, exercise physiologist, professor and assistant dean of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services is the creator of the program.

“We started individualizing training where students would get hands-on experience because it is really difficult finding clinical areas that students can go into,” Michaliszyn said. “We do not have enough sites for students to operate alongside.”

She intended the program to be one of the final stepping stones for exercise science majors to complete before graduation.

“The class our students are in is really one of the last classes prior to their internship, and it’s really more of a clinical class where they are learning how to do exercise

testing and prescriptions in the clinical population,” she said.

Ashley Rivers, exercise science major and one of the student trainers, has utilized the program to help her prepare for future career opportunities. Since 2016, she wanted to be in the exercise science field and working alongside the program has helped guide her along her journey.

“We get educated by professionals who really know what they are doing, as well as we get real life experience by participating in the program,” she said. “By the end of this we will be more qualified/certified than a regular personal trainer.”

Adam Earnhardt, professor and department of communication special assistant to the provost, is one of the many staff members taking advantage of this opportunity. Earnhardt has been active in the program for five weeks and said he’s feeling and seeing results.

“It’s really great — I have been learning some different stretches and routines I never even knew about,” Earnhardt said.

He said he had a prior heart condition and is participating in this program to boost his healthy-heart ef-

forts. He also said he’s finding ways he can implement what he learns from his training sessions into his daily routine and has lost several pounds by doing so.

Michaliszyn said the number of participants this year is greater than in previous years.

“We just started a second class of student trainers this semester, so my class has 36 students and 36 people they are assigned to, some of whom meet three days a week,” she said. “We also have a junior level class, which we just started to incorporate in the curriculum, [that] will help our juniors get even more hands-on training and they will be starting up shortly, so we will be looking for more faculty and staff members to join that program and help out those students.”

Michaliszyn believes when both programs are running simultaneously, there will be roughly 67 different students who are benefiting by participating in the program. The program helps the staff and faculty achieve a healthier lifestyle and helps students immensely with obtaining some real-world experience as they prepare for graduation.



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Adam Earnhardt takes advantage of the free personal training offered to YSU faculty and staff members through the kinesiology and sport science department.

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# The Jambar Editorial

Student resources should be open later on Youngstown State University's campus. Students, who pay to attend YSU, should have access to the library, computer labs and sitting areas after 7 p.m.

Maag Library closes at 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and many student assignments are due at midnight. That is a 5-hour gap between when the library closes and assignments are usually due. If a student does not have access to their own laptop or a computer lab, it is frequently recommended that the student visits the library. Students may find themselves without a way to finish assignments after the library locks its doors.

These hours, especially on weekends, limit the time students can spend working in a building they help fund with their tuition.

Neighboring schools, such as Kent State University and Westminster College, have very different hours compared to YSU.

Kent State University's library is open

from 7:30 a.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 12p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

Westminster College's library is open from 7:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 to 4:30 on Friday, 9 a.m. to midnight on Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday.

These hours are much more suitable for the busy lives of college students. Some students work two jobs, or they are taking six classes and do not have much time to visit the library.

The library is a valuable resource for many students on campus. It provides a quiet place to work and sources for class projects and research papers. The open shelves, archives, microfiche machines and computer labs are all things students may need access to after 7 p.m.

The library is also a place for students to work in peace. For those who commute, the library gets them away from their family and all the responsibilities that come with being at home. For

those who live in the dorms, the library provides a quiet space away from loud roommates.

YSU's Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center opens earlier and closes later than the library. It is also open on weekends. Of course, the rec center is a valuable resource that many students use. However, if it is understood that students will choose to exercise after 7 p.m., or on weekends, it is likely some students will choose to do homework or study at those times in a campus facility as well.

For Jambar production days on Wednesdays, we are typically in our office working until around 9:00 p.m., and by that time, the lights in the Hub have been shut off and the doors are locked, so when we go to leave, we must navigate the maze of tables and chairs in the dark.

YSU needs to acknowledge the needs and wants of students for services that our tuition goes toward funding but remain unfulfilled.

# The Jambar Column

## Taking chances and trusting yourself

Recently, a friend of mine made a huge leap to improve her life. It was a challenging decision, one that would possibly receive a great deal of backlash and involve leaving her whole life in Youngstown behind. However, she decided to take a chance, and she did it.

She uprooted her whole life, and she left. She went somewhere that she felt like herself again, and she was happier. Yes, there were some negative consequences, but not as many as she expected. The risk was worth it.

There are many choices in life, and many paths we can take. Often, these may seem quite difficult — too much risk



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involved, or not enough information.

In these situations, it can be great to consult with people

we trust. They can give us another opinion, help guide us in the right direction.

Other times, they can just muddle up and become nagging voices in our heads. These voices cloud our thoughts and make proper judgement so much more complicated.

In cases like this, it is best to trust our own judgement and intuition. In other words, follow your gut.

When you are stuck in a difficult choice, especially one that can make large impacts on your daily life, often there is no one that can understand what would be best for you as well as yourself.

For my friend I mentioned prior, there was a lot she left behind. Her school plans, family, activities. None of these were easy to leave, and she was scared that she would quickly regret it.

And yes, her choice did impact others. Her friends and family miss her, and there are holes she left that are going

to take time to fill. But that doesn't mean she didn't do the right thing.

Because even though her decision to leave Ohio was hard, and there were bridges burnt, she's happy. For the first time in so long, she genuinely feels happy.

By trusting her own intuition and taking a huge risk, it paid off in the best case scenario.

Even if our decisions can impact those around us, we sometimes need to think of ourselves first. We need to stretch our wings and reach for what is next.

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## HITTING A GRAND SLAM



Senior Cecilia Rosas celebrates during a set.

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# Tennis teams serving scores

**By Kyle Wills**  
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University women's tennis team competed in the Singles and Doubles Championships at the Cleveland State University Viking Invitational Oct. 15-17.

Senior Cecilia Rosas took home the singles title by winning all three of her matches. She also added to her impressive record in doubles as she and freshman Julia Marko came out as the champions with four victories. Rosas entered the weekend with a 5-1 doubles match record.

A year ago, Rosas was Second-Team

All-Horizon League selection with a 15-7 singles record and went 7-3 in Horizon League play. In doubles play, she posted a 15-9 record. Her junior campaign also included a nine-match winning streak and a five-match doubles win streak.

Marko and freshman Elisa Rigazio also won all of their singles contests.

In singles play, the women won a combined 15 matches and swept six matches from Duquesne University and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. YSU also split the six contests with CSU on Sunday, Oct. 17.

In doubles play, the Penguins were victorious in 9 of 12 contests. Marko and Rosas combined to go 4-0. Sophomore

Eliska Masarikova and Rigazio combined to go 3-1 in doubles play.

As a freshman, Masarikova was 19-5 in singles play and went 9-1 in Horizon League contests. She also went 11-8 in doubles matches, winning 9 of 10 doubles matches at one point. She had a team-best 10-match winning streak during the season and had won 14 of 15 contests at one point during the season.

The men's team competed Oct. 8-9 with an impressive performance in the two-day YSU Hidden Duals at the YSU Indoor Tennis Center.

Against Binghamton University, the Penguins won 6 of 7 singles contests and

swept the doubles. Against Duquesne University, YSU won all six singles and earned wins in 2 of 3 doubles contests. In the contest against St. Bonaventure University, the men won three doubles and four singles matches.

Freshmen Clement Mainguy and Nathan Favier each won three singles contests to lead YSU.

The men are next in action at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Midwest Regionals, which are set for Oct. 21, while the women return to action Nov. 12-13 when they head to the Cal Northridge Invitational.

# Men's golf comes in swinging at Bucknell Invitational

By Joseph Frattaroli  
The Jambar

On Tuesday, Oct. 12 the Youngstown State University men's golf team finished second at the Bucknell Invitational at Bucknell Golf Club in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. The Penguins were led by junior Cole Christman, who tied for fifth. This placement is the team's highest of the fall season.

The Penguins finished with a three-round team total of 847. This score was the second lowest 54-hole score since the 2007-2008 Indiana University Purdue Fort Wayne Fall Classic where the record was set at 835. The team finished seven strokes behind the tournament champion Army West Point and tied for second with Bucknell.

Christman ended with a career-best three-round score of 208 and received his first top-five finish. Seniors Kevin Scherr and Ken Keller both posted a three-round score of 213 to tie for 13th. Senior Bryan Kordupel finished with a three-round 215 to tie for

20th. Senior Zach Ford ended with a three-round 217 to tie for 29th. Lastly, playing as an individual for his first collegiate event, freshman Conner Stevens finished with a score of 223 to tie for 51st.

At the Dayton Flyer Invitational at NCR Country Club in Kettering, Ohio, Scherr finished fourth, leading the Penguins to another second-place finish. YSU finished with a three-round team total of 870. The team finished 18 strokes behind the leader, Wright State University.

Scherr finished with a score of 213 for his second top-10 finish this season. Kordupel and Christman tied for 16th with a three-round score of 219. Playing as an individual, sophomore Dean Austalosh tied for 25th with a three-round score of 223. Keller finished with a three-round score of 224 to post 31st. Senior Zach Ford ended the event with a three-round score of 225 to place 34th.

YSU men's golf will end the fall season Oct. 23-24 with the Towson Fall Invitational at Prospect Bay Country Club in Grasonville, Maryland.

## YSU sports shorts

By Sports Staff  
The Jambar

### Youngstown State University Women's Soccer

Youngstown State University women's soccer team lost to Purdue University Fort Wayne Thursday, Oct. 14 at Hefner Soccer Complex.

Following a 40 minutes delay because of lightning and inclement weather, YSU had eight shots in the contest as junior Regan LaVigna had six while senior Jordan Evans and sophomore Elise Bush had one apiece. Evans had the Penguins lone shot on goal. Sophomore goalkeeper Brooklynn Kirkpatrick also had two saves.

The team then battled in a 0-0 tie to Cleveland State University Sunday, Oct. 17 at Farmers National Bank Field.

The team honored the careers of five seniors on Senior Day before the contest, including: Zeeyana Jivraj, Lauren Snow, Bethany Rasile and Erica Barney.

Jivraj made her first start in the net since Sept. 5 in the match, recording a career-high 13 saves in her second career shutout. CSU would post an impressive 13 shots-on-goal on 16 total shots.

The women will finish their season on the road as they face Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis on Saturday, Oct. 23 and Robert Morris University Wednesday, Oct. 27.

### Women's Golf

YSU women's golf team took 10th place at the Dayton Flyer Invitation Oct. 18-19 at the NCR Country Club in Kettering, Ohio.

The women posted a two-round score of 626 with 317 Monday and 309 Tuesday.

Junior Danae Rugola finished tied for 15th with a two-round 151. The 15th place finish is her third top 15 finish of the year, and she has been YSU's top finisher in each of the team's four contests.

Junior Christina Lewis finished 31st with a two-round of 155, while sophomore Madie Smithco placed 43rd with a two-round total of 158.

The women's golf team will conclude its fall season Oct. 25-26 with the Palmetto Intercollegiate, hosted by College of Charleston at Kiawah Island Golf Resort's Turtle Point Course in Kiawah Island, South Carolina.

### Cross Country

YSU men's and women's cross country teams competed in their final competition before the Horizon League Cross Country Championships.

The men's team was led by sophomore Hunter Christoper, placing 18th with a time of 26:12.8 to help score 149 points to finish fifth out of 10 universities.

The Penguins also had sophomore Ryan Meadows placing 24th with a time of 26:23.2, sophomore Ty Coon

finishing 32nd with a time of 26:32.8, and sophomore Tyler Clark placing 36th with a time of 26:46.4

On the women's team, junior Morgan Cole led with a time of 21:39.5 for 21st. Senior Nicole Squatrito was next finishing 69th with a time of 22:46.1. Next was freshman Karissa Sonneberger placing 73rd with a time of 22:47.6. Junior Julia Maliocca was 75th with a time of 22:51.1.

The women's team finished 14th overall with a team-score of 315 points.

### Swimming and diving

YSU men's and women's swimming and diving teams opened their season Oct. 15-16 at the Akron Zips Classic.

The men's team placed second in the event with a score of 738 points. Denison University won the men's events with 905 points and Xavier University placed third with 583 points.

The women's team placed third with 440 points. Akron placed first with 1113.5 points, Denison placed second with 626 points and Xavier in fourth place with 394.5 points.

Highlights include two school records set by freshman Aleksa Radenovic in his wins for the 100-meter butterfly and 100-meter backstroke. His times are 48.93 seconds and 50.04 seconds, respectively.

## KNOCKING DOWN THE COMPETITION



Photo by Yousof Hamza / The Jambar

YSU's women's bowling strikes down the bowling pins at the MOTIV Penguin Classic Holiday Bowl in Struthers.

# YSU bowling rolls into 2nd place

By Yousof Hamza  
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University women's bowling team started the season off with a second-place finish at the MOTIV Penguin Classic at Holiday Bowl in Struthers.

This tournament consisted of five Baker's matches and five traditional matches. This was the first major NCAA bowling tournament with spectators.

Arkansas State University won the meet with 13,459 pins over 69 matches. In the Sunday championship bracket, ASU won each of its rounds and beat YSU in the finals.

On Sunday, YSU lost to ASU in the first round of the tournament bracket. It then beat Duquesne University in the second round to advance to the finals, where it lost again to ASU.

YSU scored the most pins overall and the most pins

per game with 13,806 pins over 70 games for a 197.2 pins per game.

YSU won 4 of 5 Baker's matches and won all 5 of their traditional matches.

The team is coming off a fourth-place finish in the NCAA Bowling Championship last season and are looking to win it all this year. This tournament was a step in that direction and the team members feel they will continue to grow.

"I feel that after competing on the lanes together for the first time, we learned more about one another and how to help pick each other up. This tournament also helped us see how important our energy is not only for our own team, but how this can affect the opponent we're facing," junior Megan Grams said.

This event was the first large bowling tournament with spectators after the pandemic. Head coach Doug Kuberski loved the support of the fans and felt that it had a positive impact on everyone.

"The pins know when you're loose and having fun, and our fans and their support certainly empower us in many ways," he said.

While bowling is largely an individual sport, the team plays a huge support role.

"It's an individual sport and it's cool turning it into a team sport, kind of like golf — it's a very tricky thing to do," Kuberski said. "You want to balance that individual competitiveness with the team desires and dynamics. It's tricky, so we work a lot together on team bonding and team dynamics."

The team has helped freshman Ellie Drescher adapt to being away from her home in Texas.

"They make me feel at home, they make me feel safe, always asking me if I need anything, being very supportive," she said.

Kuberski said the team doesn't focus on the results of last season — players just focus on what's ahead.

# Athletes benefit with new policy

By Kyle Wills  
The Jambar

Youngstown State University athletics has partnered with Opendorse to prepare all student-athletes for success in the next chapter of college sports with a market leading name, image and likeness partner.

Opendorse is a sports technology company that helps athletes with their endorsement deals. Today, more than 60,000 athletes around the world use Opendorse to understand, build, protect and monetize their brands with support from partners including PGA Tour, NFL-PA, MLBPA, and over 100 professional and collegiate sports teams.

The partnership will help YSU athletes understand,

build and protect their brands with an industry leading education, marketing and compliance technology. The partnership will include Opendorse Ready and Monitor.

With Ready, YSU will provide student-athletes with custom brand value assessments, live consultation sessions with industry leaders, an education series featuring experts on brand building and monetization.

Monitor will help athletes disclose activities to simplify compliance and safeguard eligibility. Institutions are able to evaluate transactions to protect student-athlete and institutional interests.

The new NCAA policy, implemented July 1, allows student-athletes from all three divisions to monetize their name, image and likeness.

The policy specifies that athletes must follow their

state NIL laws, and colleges and universities are responsible for determining whether those activities are consistent with state law.

Junior basketball player Mady Aulbach was excited with the announcement and implementation of the new policy and how athletes can finally benefit from their play.

"I was really excited because I think college athletes have worked so hard, and we've never been able to benefit off our name before," she said. "I think it's about time that college athletes in general can benefit off how well they do in sports."