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## Calendar

**Tuesday, June 1, 10 a.m.** U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown holds a news conference where, among other things, YSU will announce plans to install solar energy panels on the roof of Moser Hall – the latest step at YSU to improve energy efficiencies on campus. The event will be in the lobby of Moser Hall at YSU.

*For the second time in four years, YSU SMARTS has been recognized as one of 50 semifinalists nationwide for the prestigious 2010 Coming Up Taller Award. Read more in this edition of the YSU News Briefs.*



**Tuesday, June 1, 1 p.m.** The presidential portrait of retiring YSU President David C. Sweet will be unveiled and the exhibit area of the YSU Archives will be dedicated in President Sweet's name at a ceremony on the fifth floor of Maag Library.



*U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown holds a news conference on campus on Monday.*

**Tuesday, June 1.** The YSU Board of Trustees meets in the Presidential Suites of Kilcawley Center: **2 p.m.**, Internal Affairs Committee; **3 p.m.**, External Relations Committee; **4 p.m.**, Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

**Wednesday, June 2, 1 p.m.** Ground will be broken on Harrison Commons, a park in the Smoky Hollow neighborhood of Youngstown that officials believe will serve as the beginning of the rebirth of the historic neighborhood adjacent to Youngstown State University. The event will be on Walnut Street across from Cassese's MVR Restaurant in Smoky Hollow.

**Thursday, June 3.** The YSU Board of Trustees meets in the Presidential Suites of Kilcawley Center: **2 p.m.**, Investment Subcommittee; **3 p.m.**, Audit Subcommittee; **4 p.m.**, Finance and Facilities Committee; **5 p.m.**, Executive Committee.

**Thursday, June 3, 6 to 8 p.m.** Adult students interested in attending YSU are invited to an Adult Open House in Kilcawley Center on campus. Students will learn about the more than 100 bachelor's degrees and more than 25 associate degrees offered by YSU. The open house will also provide information about the university's bachelor of general studies degree completion program, adult student services, career opportunities, day care services, scholarships and financial aid. RSVP by calling 330-941-2000 or 1-877-GO-TO-YSU or by visiting [www.ysu.edu/admissions](http://www.ysu.edu/admissions)

## **YSU SMARTS is semifinalist for national award**

For the second time in four years, Youngstown State University's SMARTS program has been recognized as one of 50 semifinalists nationwide for the prestigious 2010 Coming Up Taller Award.

SMARTS – Students Motivated by the Arts – was selected from nearly 500 nominations for the award that recognizes outstanding community arts and humanities programs for America's young people. Finalists will be named by the end of June.

“We are highly impressed with the successful work your organization and the other semi-finalists have accomplished in youth after-school and out-of-school arts and humanities learning,” says the letter notifying SMARTS.

“We value your important work and thank you for your organization's time, energy and expertise devoted to our America's youth,” the letter says.

The letter is signed by the leaders of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

“SMARTS' success is the result of much hard work and dedication by the SMARTS staff, teachers and students, the generosity of many local foundations and donors, and the support of YSU,” said Becky Keck, SMARTS director.

SMARTS was also named a semi-finalist in 2006.

SMARTS, created in 1997, is an arts education project of the YSU College of Fine and Performing Arts, the Beeghly College of Education and the many vital arts organizations in the region. It is one of YSU's premier programs for diversity and community engagement. The program gives students in grades kindergarten to 12 free classes in visual arts, music, dance, theater, and creative writing and early learning opportunities in a living/learning laboratory for YSU students. SMARTS after-school, Saturdays, and summer programming reaches thousands of students and community members each year.

For more information, visit [www.fpa.ysu/smarts](http://www.fpa.ysu/smarts).

## **Global Green chief featured at Sustainable Energy Forum**

Matt Petersen, president and chief executive of Global Green USA, will speak at Youngstown State University's second annual Sustainable Energy Forum Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, June 6, 7 and 8 on the YSU campus.

More than 100 people, including U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan, Youngstown Mayor Jay Williams and Warren Mayor

Michael O'Brien, as well as representatives from China and Israel, are expected to attend the international



**Matt Peterson, president and CEO of Global Green USA, is one of the featured guests at the YSU Sustainable Energy Forum June 6, 7 and 8 on campus.**

conference featuring presentations and discussions on topics ranging from wind and solar energy to biofuels and carbon capture.

The forum kicks off 5 p.m. Sunday, June 6, in the Schwebel Auditorium in Moser Hall on the YSU campus with the screening of the documentary film "11<sup>th</sup> Hour." The 2007 film documents the problems facing the planet's life systems, including global warming, deforestation, mass species extinction and depletion of the oceans' habitats. The screening is free and open to the public. Peterson will lead a discussion following the film.

Peterson will also participate as the forum continues June 7 and 8 with general sessions and presentations, as well as workshops and roundtable discussions on biofuels, carbon capture/sequestration, energy efficiency, liquid fuels from coal or natural gas, energy storage and grid, wind and solar energy, fuel cells/electric vehicles, and landfill/digester gas. Sessions will be led by regional and national researchers, developers, manufacturers, technical experts and government leaders in the field of sustainable energy.

The forum is sponsored by YSU, Roth Brothers Inc., the Raymond John Wean Foundation, Dominion, ms Consultants Inc., Energy Industries of Ohio and NorTech.

For more information, including a tentative agenda, visit [www.ysu.edu/sef](http://www.ysu.edu/sef).

Peterson joined Global Green USA in 1994. He previously was executive director of Americans for a Safe Future. He serves on the Council of Green Cross International, and is chair of the GCI Energy and Resource Efficiency program. Petersen drives and guides Global Green USA's new programs, including work on water and energy, green power, climate change, and nuclear weapons. In the aftermath of the Gulf Coast hurricanes, Petersen put forth a vision and mobilized resources to create the Global Green "Healthy Homes and Smart Neighborhoods" initiative, which resulted in the New Orleans Sustainable Design Competition; the NOLA Green Schools Initiative funded by the Bush Clinton Katrina Fund; and work with Habitat for Humanity throughout the Gulf Coast to create more energy efficient housing.

Petersen is an advisor to the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation, a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy and serves on the Environmental Media Association Advisory Board, as well as the Automotive X Prize Advisory.

## **YSU Women's Club awards six scholarships**

The Youngstown State University Women's Club honored six student scholarship recipients at a recent scholarship luncheon.

The scholarships are awarded annually based on academic performance and financial need. Involvement with community



academic activities and a personal essay are also considered.

Three students received \$1,000 scholarships: Jessica Cartwright of Boardman, Justine Cullen of Boardman, and Jenna Hallapy of Hubbard.

The Women's Club also awarded the Martha Kryston Shuster Memorial Scholarships, named after a past YSU Women's Club president. The scholarship fund was established by Shuster's husband, the late Dr. Raymond Shuster. The three \$1,000 scholarships were awarded this year to: Rodney Carson of Sharpsville, Pa., Emmalee Torisk of Struthers, and Richard Trimbur of Girard.

Pat Sweet was honored for her support of the club and its mission during her husband's tenure as YSU's president from 2000 to 2010. The event also recognized the work of the outgoing club officers and welcomed new officers: Cynthia E. Anderson, honorary president; Ana M. Bobby, president;



Justine (Tina) Weintz, president-elect; Angie Urmson Jeffries, treasurer; Melanie Loew, corresponding secretary; and Sharon Schroeder, recording secretary.

The YSU Women's Club, founded in 1968, promotes YSU and provides scholarships to YSU students. The organization also identifies community needs and the resources to meet those needs by cultivating social relationships and opportunities for

The new officers of the YSU Women's Club are, from the left, Angie Urmson Jeffries, Sharon Schroeder, Cynthia Anderson, Melanie Loew and Ana Bobby.

intellectual improvement. The club is open to all university women including current and retired female employees, and the wives, widows and female life/domestic partners of current or retired employees and board members. Honorary memberships are provided to current and/or former female members of the YSU Board of Trustees.

Anyone interested in becoming a member should contact Bobby at [ambobby@ysu.edu](mailto:ambobby@ysu.edu) or visit <http://www.ysu.edu/womensclub/>.