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Calendar

Monday, March 14 through Sunday, March 20. YSU spring break. No classes.

Wednesday, March 16, 1:30 to 6 p.m. YSU's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program holds another session in Williamson Hall. VITA offers free tax assistance and gives hands-on experience to business students. To make an appointment or to receive additional information, call 330-941-2507.

Friday, March 18, noon. YSU men's tennis team takes on Toledo at the Boardman Tennis Center. The women's squad plays Bowling Green at the Boardman Tennis Center **Saturday, March 19, 6 p.m.**

Friday, March 18, 3 p.m. YSU Board of Trustees meets in the Trustees Room on the first floor of Tod Hall.

Girard student wins YSU College in High School Two-by-One contest

A one-woman orchestra, doing a handstand while drinking milk, and rope-jumping while texting are among the innovative videos submitted during the first Youngstown State University College in High School Two-by-One video contest.

The contest challenged high school students from throughout the region to create videos showing them doing two things at once, which is the same



Sharon Schroeder and Marla Carano of YSU's College in High School surprise Girard High School senior Lisa Holmes as the grand prize winner in the first CHS Two-by-One video contest. Holmes was presented an Apple iPad for her creative video production.

concept involved in the YSU College in High School program – earning college credit and high school credit at the same time.

Lisa Holmes, a Girard High School senior, won the grand prize – a new Apple iPad – for her creative video in which she is doing more than a dozen things simultaneously. View the video and other winning entries at www.ysu.edu/metro_credit.

The iPad was presented to Holmes by YSU CHS staff Sharon Schroeder and Marla Carano. Other winners included:

- Runner-up (\$50 iTunes gift card): Daniel Earl, Bloomfield-Mespo HS junior; Ali Fonce, Girard HS senior; Patrick Hyden, Girard HS junior; Donald Yeager, Austintown HS senior.
- Honorable Mention (\$25 iTunes gift card): Mathew Byler, Bloomfield-Mespo HS senior; Mathew Hennessey, Bloomfield-Mespo HS junior; AnnaMaria Jadue, Austintown HS freshman; Kalina Wilfong, Bloomfield-Mespo HS junior.

“There’s no lack of talent among students in this region,” said Jamie Williams, who teaches art and video production at Girard. “Lisa, Ali and Patrick demonstrated creative talent, critical thinking and practical skills in the production of their videos. We are very proud of them.”

More than 230 students are currently enrolled in YSU’s College in High School program. College courses in chemistry, biology, English, math and other subjects are taught right in the students’ own high school, giving them a jumpstart on earning a college degree. Students who take advantage of the program can save money on tuition and shorten how long it takes to earn a degree.



Schroeder, who manages the CHS program at YSU, said she plans to hold the video contest again. “The odds were pretty good this year,” she said. “I think there will be more entries next year. These students are amazing.”

For more information on YSU’s College in High School, contact Schroeder at 330-941-2445 or sjschroeder@ysu.edu.

Pictured at Girard High School are, from the left, Sharon Schroeder and Marla Carano of the YSU College in High School; Girard students Ali Fonce (runner up), Lisa Holmes (grand prize) and Patrick Hyden (runner up); Principal Bill Ryser; and Jamie Williams, art and technology teacher.

State mathematics meeting on campus next week

Prominent mathematicians, faculty and students from across the Buckeye State will come together Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26, as Youngstown State University hosts the Spring Meeting of the Ohio Section of the Mathematical Association of America in Kilcawley Center.

In addition to presentations, undergraduate students will compete in a problem-solving competition. A student pizza party sponsored by YSU's Pi Mu Epsilon chapter and a banquet will also complement the two-day event.

Major addresses will be presented by Jennifer Quinn, associate director for Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences at the University of Washington-Tacoma; Doug Ensley, professor of Mathematics at Shippensburg University; Don Hunt, chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Ohio Northern University; and Gordon Swain, professor of Mathematics at Ashland University. The presentations will cover various topics dealing with graph puzzles, invariants, parabolas and lines, and linear recurrences.

Undergraduate students from Ohio Section institutions are invited to enter the inaugural Leo Schneider Student Mathematics Competition on the first day of the meeting. The problem-solving contest involves a 10-question series of calculus, algebra, probability and analysis problems. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. Rules, registration information and past problems and solutions can be found at <http://www.constum.ohiomaa.org/>.

The deadline for pre-registration and banquet reservations is March 18. Visit <http://www.maa.org/ohio> for online registration and event information. On-site registration on March 25 is available, but banquet tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Thomas Wakefield at tpwakefield@ysu.edu for more information.

The MAA is an organization in collegiate mathematics that provides mathematicians with resources and problems for professional development. Today, more than 20,000 faculty members, students and practitioners are involved in MAA and participate in section meetings, MathFest competitions and joint mathematics gatherings.

Head of 'Good Jobs First' lectures March 22

Youngstown State University's Center for Working-Class Studies is bringing author and speaker Greg LeRoy to campus on Tuesday, March 22, as part of its 2010-11 Lecture Series.



Greg LeRoy

LeRoy, executive director of Good Jobs First and author of *The Great American Jobs Scam*, will present "Accountable Development and Smart Growth for Working-Class Communities" at 7:30 p.m. in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center.

The event is co-sponsored by the Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative.



Dubbed “the leading national watchdog of state and local economic development subsidies,” LeRoy won the Public Interest Pioneer Award in the late 1990s and has been writing and consulting for state and local governments, labor-management committees, unions, tax and budget watchdogs, environmentalists, and public official associations for more than 25 years.

In 1998, LeRoy founded Good Jobs First, a national policy resource center that promotes government and corporate accountability in economic development and growth. Providing best practices information in state and local job subsidies, the organization works with others in the areas of research, communications, training and consulting assistance. LeRoy has led the organization’s work on smart growth and tax increment financing.

For more information, contact John Russo at 330-941-2976 or jbrusso@ysu.edu, or Sherry Linkon at 330-941-2977 or sllinkon@ysu.edu. The Center for Working-Class Studies at YSU is a multidisciplinary teaching and research center devoted to the study of working-class life and culture.

WCBA hosts Career Day on March 25

The Williamson College of Business Administration at Youngstown State University hosts its first Career Day on Friday, March 25, in Williamson Hall.

Business students will have the opportunity to attend panel sessions from 9 a.m. to noon and meet with business representatives during a professional networking luncheon from noon to 1 p.m. The event provides the opportunity for current business students to develop their professional contacts by meeting with representatives and WCBA alumni from a variety of businesses and organizations in one central location.

Topics for panel sessions include: Careers in Business; Careers in Marketing, Advertising, and Public Relations; Careers in Accounting and Finance; Careers in Management, Human Resource, and Management Information Systems; Job Search Strategies; Effective Resume and Interviewing Tips; Adjusting to Your First Job – recent alumni panel; and What Do Employers Want?

Registration fee for the networking luncheon is \$5. There is no charge to attend the panel sessions.

Among the companies attending are Sensource, Farmers National Banc Corp., Packer Thomas, Edwards Jones, One Health Ohio, Turning Technologies, Cleveland Clinic, Bury Financial Group, United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley, Classic Optical Laboratories Inc., Fund for Our Economic Future, Humility of Mary Health Partners Development Foundation, Simon Roofing, Defense Finance and Accounting Service of Cleveland, Cohen and Company, Giant Eagle Inc., WKBN, InfoCision Management Corporation, Hill, Barth & King and Huntington Bank.

For additional information, call the Office of the Dean at 330-941-3064.

Social Workers Change Futures set for April 1

Youngstown State University and the Department of Social Work celebrate the annual Social Work Day with a “Social Workers Change Futures” event Friday, April 1, in Kilcawley Center on the YSU campus.

A continuing education presentation, film discussion, program update and professional and student recognition highlight the event.

Registration that day at 7:30 a.m. in the Chestnut Room precedes the continuing education presentation beginning at 8:45 a.m. Licensed social workers can receive 1.5 credit hours of continuing education by attending the activity. All presentations throughout the day are free.

A breakfast buffet will also be provided at no charge for those field educators who have served this past academic year. For others, the buffet cost is \$9 per person. Checks can be made out to “Campus Dining” and sent to Barbara Widomski, Social Work, YSU, One University Plaza, Youngstown, OH 44555.

Panel speakers for the main presentation include Cynthia Webb, executive director of the National Association of Social Workers, Ohio Chapter; Victoria Malone-Marion, president-elect of NASW-OH Chapter; Bradley Smith, Region IV director of NASW-OH Chapter; and Juanita Daniel-Morgan, director of Region IV, NASW-OH Chapter. Speakers will lead discussion of a short documentary film on the power of social work “Moving Our World Forward,” produced by the NASW-OH Chapter.

The day will continue with activities in the afternoon: a Region IV update, scholarship and association information, and a formal recognition of field educators and graduating social work seniors.

To register or for more information, call YSU’s Social Work office at 330-941-1598. The deadline for registration and buffet payment is March 25.