

# News • Briefs

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## Calendar

**Monday and Tuesday, June 6 and 7.** YSU hosts the third annual Sustainable Energy Forum, featuring top government, industry and academic experts from around the country. About 200 people are registered. For more information and a complete schedule of presentations, visit [www.ysu.edu/sef](http://www.ysu.edu/sef). Among the speakers are U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan; Eric Spiegel, president and chief executive of Siemens Corp.; and Henry Kelly, acting assistant secretary and principal deputy assistant secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency at the U.S. Department of Energy.

**Monday, June 6.** YSU youth sports camps kick off this week with camps in football and basketball. Camps in soccer and volleyball will be held later this month and in July. For more information, visit <http://www.ysusports.com/information/camps>.

**Tuesday, June 7.** The YSU Board of Trustees meets on the following schedule: **11 a.m.**, New Board Member Orientation Committee, Manchester Room in Tod Hall; **Noon**, Tour of Pilgrim Collegiate Church on Wick Avenue; **12:30 p.m.** Luncheon, Manchester Room in Tod Hall; **1 p.m.**, Investment Subcommittee; **2 p.m.**, Audit Subcommittee; **3 p.m.**, Finance and Facilities Committee; **4 p.m.**, Executive Committee. The last four meetings will be in the Trustees Meeting Room in Tod Hall.



The Festival of Nations, part of the YSU Summer Festival of the Arts on July 9 and 10, celebrates the Mahoning Valley's diverse ethnic populations. Read how to participate in this week's YSU News Briefs.



## **Homework Express opens auditions for math teachers**

Youngstown State University's Homework Express, a call-in homework TV show, is looking for a few good math teachers.

Open auditions will be held 1 p.m. June 9 for math teacher positions on the show.

"We're looking for licensed math teachers who can share their enthusiasm for math with our middle school audience," said Bill Brophy, executive producer. "You'll need extraordinary skill in teaching middle school level math and be able to think quickly in the unscripted environment of our show."

Homework Express, which starts its seventh season this fall, airs live twice a week at 4:30 p.m. in Northeast Ohio on the Time Warner Cable NEON network and Armstrong Cable 20. More than a million households are in the coverage area of the program.

Auditions will be in the Homework Express studio in Bliss Hall at YSU. Appointments are not required, but to confirm your interest, teachers are encouraged to contact Brophy at 330-770-3451 or [webrophy@ysu.edu](mailto:webrophy@ysu.edu).

## **YSU AMA deemed 'outstanding' at national conference**

The Youngstown State University chapter of the American Marketing Association received the award for Outstanding Overall Performance for the 2010-2011 Year at the AMA's Annual Collegiate Conference in New Orleans.

More than 1,300 students from universities across the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico attended the conference.

The Outstanding Overall Performance award is presented to chapters that exemplify overall excellence on their performance in membership, community service, fund raising and professional development activities.

The YSU AMA chapter, housed in the Department of Marketing in YSU's Williamson College of Business Administration, also received an award for Outstanding Professional Development for networking with professionals, attending speaking events and by hosting speakers from the area.

The chapter also received the AMA Saves Lives award for its efforts to get students to sign up as organ donors.

The American Marketing Association, one of the largest professional associations for marketers, has 38,000 members worldwide in every area of marketing. For more than six decades, the AMA has been the leading source for information, knowledge sharing and development in the marketing profession.

## **MBA information session set for June 13**

Youngstown State University's Williamson College of Business Administration will hold an MBA (Master of Business Administration) Information Session at 6 p.m. Monday, June 13, on the third floor of Williamson Hall on the YSU campus.

YSU's Flexible MBA allows students to pursue their degree either part-time or full-time. Classes are offered one night a week and on Saturdays. Some MBA courses are offered in 8-week blocks. Students may

start any term – fall, spring or summer. The MBA program is accredited by AACSB International, which represents the highest standard of achievement for business schools worldwide.

For applications information, contact Monique Bradford at 330-941-3069 or [mrbradford@ysu.edu](mailto:mrbradford@ysu.edu).

## **Festival seeks Festival of Nations participants**

The Festival of Nations, part of the Summer Festival of the Arts, is seeking ethnic groups to participate in the festival, July 9 and 10 on YSU's campus.

The Festival of Nations highlights the Mahoning Valley's diverse ethnic populations through presentations of food, displays and musical or dance performances. Ethnic groups must be members of a church, synagogue or established club or organization to be considered. One representative group from each culture is generally accepted.

Ethnic groups receive a tent, tables and chairs, media promotion, inclusion in the health department license application and free parking for volunteers. Performing groups are paid \$100 for performances during the event. Each ethnic group pays a fee based on food and memorabilia sales.

“The Festival of Nations is a vibrant area of the Summer Festival and showcases the variety of ethnic groups we celebrate here in the Valley,” said Lori Factor, assistant director of the YSU Performing Arts Series and head of the arts festival. Factor said more than 20 groups participated last year but that additional space is available for new groups.

“Those groups participating in the Festival of Nations act as a nice anchor, transitioning the Summer Festival grounds from the artists' area to activities occurring around Wick Avenue and in Smoky Hollow,” she said.

For more information or to register your group, contact Factor at 330-941-2307 or [lafactor@ysu.edu](mailto:lafactor@ysu.edu).