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Celebrating ‘Student Success’

YSU students who go above and beyond in their academic achievements are featured in a new Student Success Stories website at <http://web.ysu.edu/studentsuccessstories>.

The webpage details the activities of the university’s most accomplished current students. The page, developed by the Office of Marketing and Communications, features more than a dozen of the “best of the best” students at YSU, including students who have won prestigious scholarships, received grants to conduct research and placed high in state and national academic competitions.

The page will be continually updated with stories about current successful students. The students are also being featured in a new, regular “Student Success Stories” section of *YSU Magazine*. If you have a suggestion for a Student Success Story, please contact Ron Cole, director of University Communications, at racole01@ysu.edu or 330-941-3285.

The logo for Student Success Stories. The word "STUDENT" is in a black, sans-serif font at the top. Below it, the word "SUCCESS" is written in a large, red, cursive script font. At the bottom, the word "STORIES" is in a black, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a light gray background with a subtle drop shadow.

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Going for gold: LEED to rate Williamson

From rooftop to foundation, the new Williamson Hall was constructed as the first all-green building on campus. This spring, we'll find out just how "green" the building is.

An inspection team from the U.S. Green Building Council is expected to visit campus in March or April to evaluate the three-story, \$34 million facility and determine its certification under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system.

LEED certification is the internationally accepted standard for environmentally responsible construction. Williamson Hall, home to the Williamson College of Business Administration, opened in August and will be the university's first LEED-certified building.

Rich White, YSU's associate director of planning and construction, said LEED certification comes in three levels – silver, gold and platinum. The university originally aimed for a silver certification, but now it appears that the building has enough green features to qualify for a gold rating, White said.

Dave Dimond of Perkins + Will, the international architectural and planning firm that collaborated with Strollo Architects of Youngstown on the building design, said the economic model for environmentally sound building features is changing.

"Those improvements used to be considered cost add-ons. Now, we consider how those changes will reduce our cost to operate over five years, 10 years and the life of the building," Dimond said. "The decision to make the building sustainable puts YSU on the leading edge of business colleges across the country."



The strategic use of windows and skylights is one of Williamson Hall's best energy-saving features.

Architect Greg Strollo said strategic use of windows and skylights is one of the building's best energy-saving features. Other green features that will qualify the building for LEED certification include:

- A raised access floor and displacement ventilation system that provides a 30 percent increase in fresh air and reduces energy use.
- A structural steel frame comprised of 90 percent recycled steel.
- Drought-resistant landscaping and no permanent in-ground sprinkler system.
- Energy-efficient electric lighting and lighting occupancy sensors.
- Carpet, paints, adhesives and sealants that release little or no chemical odor.
- Bicycle racks to encourage alternate transportation, and a locker room and shower to accommodate cyclists.
- Rain gardens on the north and south ends of the site designed to absorb heavy rains, reducing storm sewer use and diminishing the chance of road flooding.

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YSU staffers pushed to 'crazy limits' in ultra-distance runs

One trip around the track in the Andrews Students Recreation and Wellness Center on campus amounts to one-eighth of a mile.

Now run around that track.....800 times. Add in cool temperatures, a little rain, darkness and choppy, dirt trails, and you get an idea of what Dan Kuzma's world is like.



Dan Kuzma and Gary Sexton

That's what Kuzma, manager of YSU recycling, essentially did last month when he ran the Bartram Forest 100-Mile Race.

That's right – 100 miles through the Bartram State Forest in Milledgeville, Georgia. That's like running from Youngstown to Erie, Pa. Or, it's like running from downtown Youngstown to the Southern Park Mall in Boardman and back – 10 times.

Let's just say it's a heck of a long way to run.

And, with a time of 19 hours, 24 minutes and 22 seconds, Kuzma finished first, besting his closest competitor by more than 90 minutes.

And as if that's not enough, YSU's own Gary Sexton, director of WYSU-FM, ran in the 100-kilometer (about 62 miles) portion of the same race, placing second with a time of 11 hours and 18 minutes.

"I guess we represented YSU well," Kuzma said.

The Bartram run is the latest in a series of ultra-marathons for Kuzma and Sexton, from Vermont to Georgia. Between them, they've run nearly two dozen 26-mile marathons (including the prestigious Boston Marathon), and even more 5- and 10-kilometer races. Kuzma has now run five 100-mile races, as well as one 70-mile competition and seven 50-mile races. And Sexton's resume now includes one 100-mile race, one 100-kilometer run and four 50-mile competitions.

"I like the challenge," said Kuzma, 28. "There's a certain freedom to being outside and running loose. It's pretty interesting what you can ask your body to do."

"I'm in it for the edge – pushing yourself to crazy limits," said Sexton, 54. "It's as much mental as physical."

Kuzma has been running since high school and ran his first marathon in May 2004, the same month he earned a bachelor's degree in environmental studies from YSU. "That kind of got me hooked," he said. He's been upping the ante ever since; the race in Georgia was his first, first-place finish.

Sexton has also been running since high school; his first 50-mile race came in 2005 as part of a fund-raising challenge for WYSU that raised \$38,000 for the station.

Sexton and Kuzma regularly team up to run races together, and they share training regimens, which include running 10 to 14 hours a week. Kuzma also regularly walks the two miles from his home to his office at YSU. "I put a lot of time on my feet," he said.

So what could possibly be next?

On Jan. 31, Kuzma is participating in the Arrowhead 135, a 135-mile race in the dead of winter across northern Minnesota, from International Falls to near Tower, Minn. The terrain is rugged. Runners follow snowmobile trails. Temperatures can drop to 20 degrees below zero. And, Kuzma will be pulling a sled behind him, containing up to 40 pounds of survival gear, i.e. tent, sleeping bag, food and extra clothes.

"It's certainly is going to be an adventure," he said.

(For more details on the Arrowhead 135, including photos of snow-covered runners, visit www.arrowheadultra.com.)

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New group provides ‘Bridges Out of Poverty’ for college students

When junior Terrell Wesley enrolled at YSU in 2007, he found himself in the position many college students face when living on their own for the first time: broke, stressed and slightly nauseated by the sight of an Easy Mac container or the words “comprehensive final.”

For Wesley, coming from an under-resourced background made his educational experience even harder. “You’re worried about your living situation on top of school. I



Terrell Wesley

was getting by just off loans for a while,” he said.

Fast forward three years, and the Cleveland native is now a communications major tackling Chinese. He has a campus job and works 30-hour weekends on the side. He is the president and co-founder of an organization, an active member of two others and has been named a YSU presidential mentor.

The turning point for Wesley came when he took the pilot version of the course, Investigations Into Economic Class in America. The course, based on the book of the same name, is designed for first-generation or low-income college students and addresses issues of poverty and wealth.

“It helps students understand their societal experience and what motivates the behaviors of others. That makes coming to campus and dealing with all the hidden ‘rules’ easier,” said Karla Krodel, Metro Credit Education

Outreach director, who co-authored the book and teaches the course. “Students learn the importance of understanding their situation and others, especially those who would exploit it.”

Wesley said the course gave him a working understanding of savings and budgeting, making community connections and self-education.

“I felt like I was given the tools—I had that ‘Aha!’ moment,” he said.

Wesley and eight students from the Investigations course continued taking classes centered on concepts in the book *Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities*, which outlines ways agencies and institutions can help people out of poverty. *Bridges* laid the groundwork for Krodell's book and led Wesley and the eight others to start a Bridges Out of Poverty Student Union at YSU in spring 2010.

To stay committed to the concepts they were learning, the group initially formed BOPSU as a support system. The union has since grown into a vehicle members use to empower others in under-resourced backgrounds to succeed in college and beyond.

“For students just coming into YSU, we want to get them the resources that will set them up for success,” said Wesley. “There are ample resources on campus that students might not normally know about or feel comfortable using. There are loans that Financial Aid provides, mentor services, Rec Center classes and places of worship near campus.”

In the Youngstown community, BOPSU members volunteer, offer workshops and participate on the Mahoning County Bridges Steering Committee, which is made up of community leaders who also follow the *Bridges* philosophy to serve the Mahoning Valley. BOPSU officers traveled to Indianapolis this fall as well to present at the Bridges to Sustainable Communities Conference.

Wesley knows his life has changed since he started practicing the Investigations and *Bridges* concepts. He plans to study abroad in China before pursuing a master's degree and career in international business and becoming the first in his family to graduate from college come spring 2012.

And he's not stopping there. Wesley is already preparing for “that big gig,” a six-figure dream job he knows he'd be able to land one day.

“I have no doubt that it'll happen,” he said.

Story by Andrea Armeni

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Virgil C. Solomon, assistant professor, Mechanical & Industrial Engineering, co-authored “Synthesis and Characterization of ZnO-In₂O₃ Junction Structure,” which was published in January 2011 issue of *Materials Letters*. Collaborators are Chunfei Li and Paul D. Duris from Clarion University and Lidong Wang and Limin Wang from Changchun Institute of Applied Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Science, Changchun, China.

Samuel Adu-Poku, associate professor, Art, published an article entitled “(Poly)-centric Multiculturalism: A Path to Inclusive Art Curriculum and Pedagogy” in the *International Journal of the Arts in Society*. The article is based on his presentation at the Fifth International Conference of the Arts in Society in Sydney, Australia.

Jacob W. Breland, assistant professor, Management, published “Influence and Promotability: Importance of Female Political Skill” in the *Journal of Managerial Psychology*. Co-authors include colleagues at the University of Buffalo and Niagara University.

William Greenway, professor, English, has been named a nominee for the Pushcart Prize by the *Tipton Poetry Journal*. His tenth collection, *Everywhere at Once*, won the Poetry Book of the Year Award from the Ohio Library Association, as did his eighth collection, *Ascending Order*. He has been named Georgia Author of the Year. In addition, his poems “Selene” and “The Unsatis Factory” have been published in *Bloodroot Literary Magazine*, and “Punctures” appeared in *Southern Poetry Review*.

Becky Geltz, director, Institutional Research, presented her research on data mining, titled “Using Data Mining to Model Student Success,” at the 37th Annual Conference for the North East Association for Institutional Research in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Gail Saunders-Smith, assistant professor, Teacher Education, gave an opening keynote address, “Learning to Read and Write: How Do They Do That?” at the Gobierno de Puerto Rico Departamento de Education Region Educativa de Ponce Oficina de Asuntos Federales, Programa de Titulo I Conference, in Ponce, Puerto Rico, in November.

Ewelina Boczkowska, assistant professor, Music History, presented “Chopin’s Ghosts” at the Chopin and Liszt International Conference, Centro Studi Opera Omnia Luigi Boccherini, in Lucca, Italy, in December. In addition, she presented “Commemorating at Andrzej Wajda’s Memorial to the Victims of Katyn” at the 35th European Studies Conference, University of Nebraska, Omaha, and “Polanski’s Ballade for the Holocaust Survivor in The Pianist,” at the XI International Congress on Musical Signification, Academy of Music in Cracow, Poland, last semester.

Daniel H. Suchora, professor and chair, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, attended the American Society of Mechanical Engineers International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition, Vancouver, British Columbia, to present his paper, “Experimental and Finite Element Analysis of Tong Load Slip versus Clamping Force.” Co-authors include former students Chris Allen and Doug Verenski. The paper is published in the conference proceedings.



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Board of Trustees approves YSU 2020 Strategic Plan

In December, the YSU Board of Trustees approved a plan that charts the university's direction over the next decade.

The board approved the Basic Framework and Core of *YSU 2020: The Strategic Plan of Youngstown State University, 2011-2020*.

"This document reflects the input of hundreds of individuals on campus and in the community and will be used to guide us through the next decade and help us align the university's priorities, investments and initiatives over that period," YSU President Cynthia E. Anderson said.

"It will lead us all – the Board of Trustees, the administration and every one of us on campus – in everything we do as we move into the next chapter of the institution's history."

Scott Schulick, chair of the Board of Trustees, added: "*YSU 2020* offers a framework to address challenges and opportunities. It offers direction for making YSU a dynamic and positive force for education, renewal and hope in the region and beyond."

The 46-page plan can be found online at <http://web.ysu.edu/2020strategicplan>.

The plan was developed over the past six months after Anderson became university president on July 1. The process was led by a 52-member Strategic Planning Steering Committee, chaired by Ikram Khawaja, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and Gene Grilli, vice president for financial affairs. The committee hosted dozens of focus groups with students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, donors and other community members.

The plan focuses on four critical "cornerstones" for the university's next decade:

- Institutional Accountability and Sustainability
- Student Success
- Transition to the Urban Research University Mission
- Regional Engagement.

The document outlines themes, priorities and initiatives for each cornerstone, as well as metrics that will be used by the administration and Board of Trustees to measure progress. The plan also projects the expense and personnel, if any, required to carry out each initiative, and the people responsible for overseeing the initiative.

"As we move into a challenging fiscal period for the university, this plan gives us a road map that will allow us to keep our eyes squarely focused on our priorities for maintaining and enhancing services to students," Anderson said.

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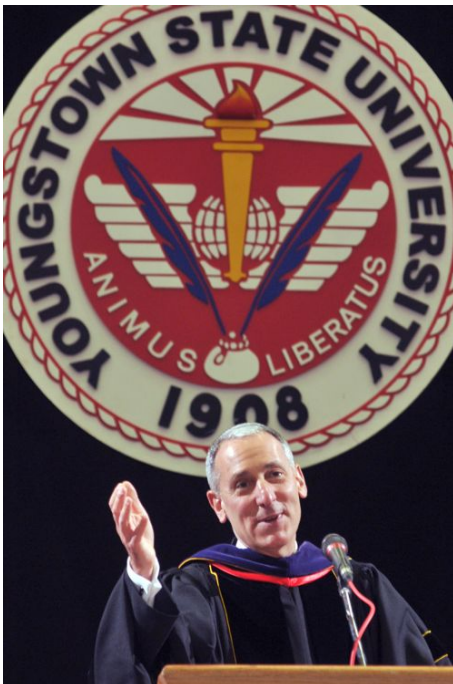


Movers haul furniture into the Lincoln Building during winter break. The six-story building, former home of the Williamson College of Business Administration, underwent extensive renovations. The top three floors now house the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, and the bottom three floors are classroom space. WCBA is now located in the new Williamson Hall on the south side of campus.

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Winter Commencement 2010

More than 700 students received diplomas at YSU's Winter Commencement in December. Eric D. Fingerhut, chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, received an honorary degree and gave the commencement address. For excerpts of the chancellor's speech, visit the YSU homepage at www.ysu.edu.

YSU designated SBDC Advocate of the Year

YSU has been named Advocate of the Year by the network of Small Business Development Centers of Ohio.

“YSU has provided tremendous support for our SBDC over the past 24 years,” said Betty Jo Licata, dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration. “The SBDC is a major player in contributing to the economic development of the region and engaging our students, faculty and staff with the business community. We are proud of the SBDC and the important role it plays in the region.”



Pat Veisz, left, director of the YSU Small Business Development Center, and Betty Jo Licata, dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration.

YSU has been host to the SBDC for the past 24 years. Housed in the WCBA, the YSU SBDC offers comprehensive business consulting services and business training programs for existing and new start-up companies in Mahoning, Trumbull and Ashtabula counties. The YSU SBDC, led by Patricia Veisz, director, is a partnership of the U.S. Small Business Administration, YSU and the Ohio Department of Development.

The award was presented at a recent ceremony that recognized the accomplishments of Ohio’s 39 SBDCs. YSU is one of only eight centers/organizations and seven individuals statewide to be recognized.

“The award recipients were recognized and commended for their exemplary performance in exceeding their counseling, training and economic impact goals, and their outstanding work in the areas of advocacy, collaboration, innovation, marketing, mentoring and academic excellence in continuing professional development,” said Karen Shauri, state director of the Small Business Development Centers.

All types of companies and industries have received business assistance through the SBDC at YSU, including manufacturing and technology ventures. Through its local, state and federal resource network, the Center has access to specialists to help service its client base, including those in international trade, government procurement and manufacturing technology. In addition, the SBDC serves as the administrator for the Third Frontier Internship program.

In a recent study by economists at Ohio University, the Region 12 SBDC at YSU, along with its manufacturing and international trade network partners, had a total employment, payroll and economic impact of more \$700 million in 2009 in the three-county region. Since 2000, the SBDC has assisted its clients in acquiring more than \$31 million dollars in loans and capital formation, with nearly 600 new jobs created and more than 2,200 jobs retained. More than 4,500 people participated in 220 entrepreneurship training events sponsored by the Center during that period.

The Ohio SBDC at YSU and its resource partners are well positioned and experienced to provide the business consulting and training to a wide variety of existing and emerging entrepreneurial efforts, including those supported by the Ohio Hub of Innovation and Opportunity in Advanced Materials. The SBDC is also a key part of the YSU Center of Excellence in International Business.

Among the services offered by the YSU SBDC are Business Risk Assessment, Business Plan Development, Strategic Planning, Financial Analysis, Market Research and Analysis, Strategic Market Planning, Public Relations and Advertising, Engineering Needs Analysis, Product Distribution Advice, Sales Management & Distribution, Business Education Seminars and Entrepreneurial Development.

For more information, visit <http://www.ysu.edu/sbdc/> or call 330-941-2140.

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Spring semester kicks off with Welcome Week

The Department of Campus Recreation and Student Programming has planned a variety of Welcome Week activities to kick off the spring 2011 semester this week at Youngstown State University.

View the complete schedule of events at [Information, contact Joy Polka-Da-Byers at 330-941-2242 or jllbyers@ysu.edu.](#)

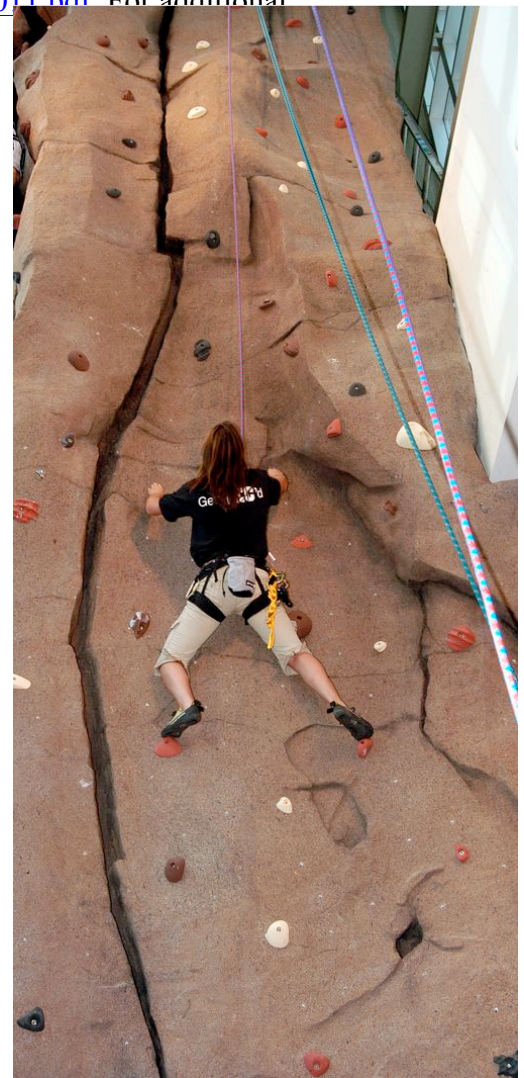
Highlights for the week include:

Tuesday, Jan. 18

- Eat with Color, **9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center lobby. Learn healthy eating with the food rainbow.
- Ask the Personal Trainers, **10 a.m. to noon**, Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center, Fitness Floor.
- Student Organizational Fair, **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, Kilcawley Center, Lower and Upper Arcades.

Wednesday, Jan. 19

- Intramural Video Gaming, **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center lobby. Try out a variety of games for both X-Box 360 and Nintendo Wii gaming systems.
- SMARTS Rhythm Drum Circle, **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, Kilcawley Center, Lariccia Lounge. Experience the healing power of drums by following along and learning about traditional African, Afro Cuban and Brazillian rhythms.
- Adventure Rec Climbing, **noon to 5 p.m.**, Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center, Climbing Wall.



Among YSU's Spring 2011 Welcome Week activities is Adventure Rec Climbing in the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

Thursday, Jan. 20

- Martin Luther King Diversity Breakfast, **8:30 to 10 a.m.**, Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room. For more information, contact the Office of Student Diversity Programs at 330-941-2089.
- Brain Teasers, **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, Kilcawley Center, Lariccia Lounge.
- Penguin Pre-Party, **7 to 9 p.m.**, Kilcawley Center, Peaberry's Café.

Friday, Jan. 21

- Dental Hygiene Program, **10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, Cushwa, Room 1114.
- International Coffee Hour, **2 to 4 p.m.**, St. John's Episcopal Church.

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Wean grant establishes nonprofit internship program

The Center for Nonprofit Leadership at YSU, housed in the Williamson College of Business Administration, has received a \$40,000 grant from the Raymond John Wean Foundation to start a Summer Honors Internship Program in June.

Laura McCaskey, director of the YSU Center for Nonprofit Leadership, said the internship program will encourage students to seek new opportunities in the nonprofit sector, expand student awareness of the professional career opportunities in the nonprofit sector and in the Mahoning Valley, and prepare students for either entry-level positions or board positions with nonprofit organizations.



McCaskey said the program creates an opportunity for college seniors to gain valuable career-related work experience through paid summer internships with Mahoning Valley nonprofit organizations. Nonprofit organizations that host the summer interns benefit through the contributions of the intern as well the opportunity to recruit and retain students for future entry-level positions within their organizations, she said.

This “brain gain” strategy helps retain professional talent in the Mahoning Valley and create increased capacity for the organization, McCaskey said. It is anticipated that the nonprofit leadership internships will be in areas such as community outreach/marketing and public relations, fund raising, special events, information management and technology, accounting and financial management, program planning and evaluation, volunteer management, or youth and adult development.

The Center for Nonprofit Leadership will place 10 students as interns in regional nonprofit organizations. Students will work full time (40 hours a week) for 10 weeks, for a total of 400 hours from June 7 to Aug. 20. Students will be paid \$9 an hour for a total of \$3,600. In addition to the internship, students will be required to participate in a weekly seminar that includes site visits, tours and professional development seminars.

Nonprofit organizations in Mahoning, Trumbull, and Columbiana counties with 501(c)3 status are encouraged to apply. Applications from the Center for Nonprofit Leadership will be available in early January 2011. Application deadline is Friday, Feb. 11.

Students can apply for the program beginning in mid-January. Eligible students must be seniors by the end of the spring semester, have a declared major and a minimum 3.0 grade point average. The program is open to currently enrolled YSU and non-YSU students. Students are eligible to earn four hours of academic credit.

McCaskey said the program continues to engage YSU business majors and nonprofit leadership students in professional development opportunities with the nonprofit community and fulfills the mission of the WCBA, which is to prepare undergraduate and graduate students for productive and fulfilling careers as leaders in business, government, nonprofit organizations and society.

The YSU Center for Nonprofit Leadership offers a certificate and a minor in Nonprofit Management and Leadership, which can be combined with any major on campus.

The Raymond John Wean Foundation, located in Warren, Ohio, is committed to helping the Mahoning Valley become a healthy place to live, work and raise families. The foundation seeks to help foster initiatives that will create a robust civic life and a dynamic and diversified economy with a good range of jobs and safe and attractive neighborhoods.

For more information on the Nonprofit Leadership Summer Honors Internship Program or the YSU Center for Nonprofit Leadership, contact McCaskey at 330-941-1870 or LJMcCaskey@ysu.edu.

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Seventh Game of Hope set for Jan. 29 in

Beeghly Center

The Hope Foundation of the Mahoning Valley presents its 7th Annual Game of Hope Charity Basketball Classic 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, in Beeghly Center on the campus of Youngstown State University.



The event is sponsored by Armstrong Cable and Valley Home Health Care in conjunction with TV stations 27 First News & FOX Youngstown; WYTV & MyYTV;

radio stations 95.9 KISS-FM, 93.3 "THE WOLF" & News Radio 570 WKBN; UAW Locals 1112 & 1714; NEOEA (North Eastern Ohio Education Association); Time Warner Cable and the Lamar Advertising Company.

The game is a benefit basketball game with proceeds earmarked for chronically/terminally ill children. Squads are comprised of celebrities, elected officials, and media from the region. The game will be broadcast via tape delay 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 on local Armstrong Cable affiliates, Time Warner and Comcast, reaching an audience of nearly 1 million. For channel listings, visit www.hopemv.org.

The Hope Foundation will also host the first "Wine for Hope" event, featuring a five-course meal that explores five dining stations and a gourmet dessert station complete with fine wines, entertainment and raffles. The event will take place after the game at 7:30 p.m. at Antone's Banquet Centre in Boardman. Tickets are \$65.

The Hope Foundation of the Mahoning Valley is a non-profit organization whose mission is the furtherance of charitable and financial support, and volunteer services to and for chronically and/or terminally ill children on a local and regional level.

For more information on donations and tickets, visit www.hopemv.org.



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Diversity Leadership nominations due Feb. 1

Deadline is Feb. 1 for nominations for Diversity Leadership Awards.

Nominations are being accepted for YSU and Mahoning Valley leaders who have exemplified a commitment to the promotion and engagement of race, ethnicity, religion, culture, gender, disability, language, sexual orientation and organization membership.

Awards will be given in the following categories:

- Leaders of Tomorrow – an upper division YSU student (i.e. graduate student, senior or junior).
- Campus Leadership – YSU administrator, staff or faculty.
- Community Leadership – individual, business, group, agency, organization or community initiative (must be in existence for at least 3 years).

Nominations can be completed online or obtained at http://www.ysu.edu/div_ysu/.

Award recipients will be recognized at the Diversity Leadership Recognition Celebration 6 p.m. Thursday, March 31, 2011, at Mr. Anthony's. The cost is \$35 per person or a table of eight for \$280. The keynote speaker will be Cynthia E. Anderson, the first woman, the first Mahoning Valley native, and the first YSU graduate to serve as YSU president.

For more information or to make reservations, contact the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at 330-941-3370. Proceeds from the event will fund student scholarships through an endowment that has been established with the YSU Foundation. To obtain information or to apply for the Diversity Leadership Recognition Scholarship visit <http://www.ysu.edu/ysufoundation/welcome.shtml>. The scholarship application deadline is Feb. 15, 2011, for the 2011-2012 academic year.



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Financial Aid Awareness Week

The YSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will hold its 15th Annual Financial Aid Awareness Week from Monday, Jan. 24, to Thursday, Jan. 27.

Information tables will be set up on the lower floor of Kilcawley Center, across from the Home Savings bank, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day. Students can stop by to receive forms and ask questions to Financial Aid staff members regarding grants, scholarships, loans and more.

To request information, visit www.ysu.edu/finaid and find the Online Request for Information Form under Quick Forms, or call the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at 33-941-3505 or 330-941-3506.

Students can apply now to receive financial aid award offers. To complete the online 2011-12 Free Application for Federal Student Aid, visit www.fafsa.ed.gov. The priority deadline to complete the FAFSA online and the Institutional Aid Application is Feb. 15.