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Grant total nears \$9 million mark

Faculty and staff garnered \$8.7 million in grants in fiscal year 2011, 20 percent more than the previous year and the second highest total in the university's history.

The success is not unexpected, said Peter Kasvinsky, dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research.

"It essentially reflects a steadily continuing increase in faculty and staff activity over the past several years," he said. "It's quite an accomplishment."

In the past 15 years, the amount of grants received by YSU faculty and staff has grown more than sevenfold, from \$1.2 million in 1996 to \$8.7 million in 2011. In the last five years alone, the amount has nearly doubled, from \$4.8 million in 2006. The highest single year was \$11.7 million in 2009.

Grant Growth

<i>Fiscal year</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1995	\$738,249
2000	\$3.5 million
2005	\$4.6 million
2010	\$7.2 million
2011	\$8.7 million

Kasvinsky said the growth was initiated by the establishment of the Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs in 1995. "That was the historical beginning of our emphasis on funded research," he said.

Among the highlights of the 2011 grants:

- The College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics received \$5.6 million in awards, including three awards in excess of \$1 million each: Darrell Wallace, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, \$1.6 million from the Ohio Department of Development for the Wright Center for Sensor Systems Engineering; Tim Wagner, professor of chemistry, \$1.2 million from the Department of Defense, Army Research Laboratory; and Clovis Linkous, professor of chemistry, \$1 million from the U.S. Department of Energy for the Advanced Automotive Fuels Research, Development and Commercialization Cluster. (The Department of Chemistry alone accounted for \$2.3 million.)
- The YSU Public Service Institute, which consists of six employees, increased its level of funding by 49 percent over the previous year to more than \$1.4 million. In particular, Ricky George, associate director of the Center for Human Services Development, garnered four grants of \$200,000 each from the Ohio Department of Education for 21st Century After-School Programs. In addition, the U.S. Department of Justice awarded grants of \$157,000 for Weed & Seed programs in Youngstown and Warren.
- The U.S. Department of Education awarded \$200,000 to Regina Rees, associate professor of Teacher Education, for the Social-Emotional Learning Project.

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EMT: ‘A culture in and of itself’

Hassan Al Nasif is a YSU student from Saudi Arabia with a lofty ambition: to work for one of the largest corporations in the world.

And he’s only three semesters away from accomplishing it.

Hassan is part of a group of 17 Saudi Arabian students who are enrolled in YSU’s emergency medical technology program through Saudi Aramco. The world’s largest oil company with 55,000 employees, Saudi Aramco sponsors more than 1,000 high school graduates in Saudi Arabia to study at universities worldwide in a variety of disciplines. After earning their degrees abroad, the students work at Saudi Aramco either as full-time employees or to pay back their scholarships.



Hassan Al Nasif, left, and Meshari Al Mutairi work in a lab in Cushwa Hall. They are among 17 Saudi Arabian students enrolled in YSU’s EMT program through Saudi Aramco.

“This has given YSU new opportunities to expand culturally in its EMT program,” said Susan Kearns, program director. She added that YSU is one in only a handful of universities across the nation to host Saudi Aramco students studying emergency medical science.

Hassan, Yahya Asiri, Saad Buhalm, Waleed Awaji and Meshari Al Mutairi were the first class of Aramco scholarship recipients to come to YSU in 2009. Since then, they’ve passed the basic EMT course, completed 700 hours of clinical and ambulatory experience, and have earned the prerequisite emergency medical technician certificate. They are now working toward an associate degree and national registry certification to become EMT paramedics.

Twelve additional Saudi students came to YSU last May and are currently studying at the English Language Institute at YSU before they enter the college community. All will eventually work as paramedics for one of Aramco’s healthcare facilities set up through its Saudi Aramco Medical Services Organization.

While being away from their families has been difficult, the students say they've been both surprised and grateful for how accepted they feel at YSU.

“We knew people would be nice here, but we didn't expect them to be *really* nice,” said Yahya, adding that one of his classmates even invited him to a family Thanksgiving dinner last fall. “It gets to the point where you don't see any difference between here and home.”

Kearns says that the American students learn just as much in return. “Emergency medicine is a culture in and of itself,” she said. “The students in this program have always been supportive of each other in working toward the common goal of providing care to someone in need. It's been no different with these five gentlemen in the mix.”

Kearns, along with Joe Mistovich, professor and chair of Health Professions, says the Saudi students' efforts in acclimating have also contributed to the tight bond of the entire group.

“They specifically asked to be split up and placed with American students when it came time to do their clinical work,” said Kearns. The Saudi students—placed with St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Youngstown, St. Joe's, Akron Children's Hospital and St. Elizabeth's of Boardman—said they wanted practice in speaking English.

“If we were together, we wouldn't be learning. We'd just be speaking Arabic,” said Yahya. “We're getting new chances here all the time that we wouldn't at home.”

Several of the five original Saudi students plan to come back to the United States to earn their bachelor's degrees. And others, like Hassan, would be happy to land a lasting position at Saudi Aramco back home.

Story by Andrea Armeni

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Here comes the sun...

Let the sun shine on Moser Hall

YSU has unveiled a 4,100-square-foot solar photovoltaic array on the roof of Moser Hall that will generate about 64,000 kilowatt hours of electricity annually, enough to power as many as eight homes for an entire year.

The array is nearly the size of two tennis courts and was installed free of charge by Carbon Vision LLC of Shaker Heights, Ohio, thanks to state and federal grants aimed at fostering green power generation.

YSU is using the system to generate power for Moser Hall and to use it as a teaching tool for students in the College of STEM.

“This provides a perfect real-world teaching laboratory for our students,” said Martin Abraham, STEM dean.

The system was installed under an agreement in which Carbon Vision owns, operates and maintains the array while YSU purchases the energy from Carbon Vision. At the end of the six-year contract, YSU will own the system and generate power free of charge. Carbon Vision estimates the energy savings for YSU over the life of the system will be about \$160,000.

The solar panel system is the first of its kind to be installed at YSU. It is mounted to the roof of Moser Hall by way of the Solar FlexRack system developed by Northern State Metals, a Youngstown-based metal fabricating and alternative energy firm. Last year, NSM and YSU entered into a research partnership that included the donation of a wind tunnel and other laboratory equipment to the university to conduct tests on the Solar FlexRack and other products.



From the left, YSU President Cynthia E. Anderson, STEM Dean Martin Abraham and U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan chat after the news conference unveiling the solar array on the roof of Moser Hall.

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YSU Board of Trustees Secretary Frank Bennett administers the oath of office to Student Trustee Joshua Prest, above, and Trustee David Deibel, below.



Two trustees take oath

Gov. John Kasich appointed Joshua Prest of Boardman, a junior majoring in political science, as a student member of the YSU Board of Trustees.

Prest was sworn in at the board's meeting on Sept. 27. Also taking the oath of office was David Deibel, who earlier was appointed to a nine-year term on the board.

Prest is chair of YSU's College Republicans and has been active in the university's Pre-Law Society. He also is involved with the American Cancer Society and sits as a committee member for Boardman's Relay for Life. Prest plans to graduate in 2013 with a bachelor's degree, at which time he hopes to enter the University of Akron School of Law. His term as student trustee will end April 30, 2013.

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Justin Robich, right, a sophomore in YSU's early childhood education program, gets a high five from Ethan Niemczura, a student at Potential Development in Youngstown, during a demonstration of the SMARTS Rhythmic Arts Project.

SMARTS launches Rhythmic Arts project

The YSU SMARTS Rhythmic Arts Project, a collaboration of the YSU Students Motivated by the Arts and the CreativeBridge Coalition, uses percussion instruments and rhythm to teach basic life and learning skills to special needs students in kindergarten through high school.

The project is funded through the Hine Memorial Fund of the Youngstown Foundation.

Eddie Tuduri, founder/director of the Rhythmic Arts Project, was at Potential Development in Youngstown to conduct training sessions for the program. Several YSU students attended the training.

The program was kicked off locally at a news conference that also was attended by Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini, former lightweight boxing champion and a member of the board of the Creative Coalition.

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Faculty/staff awards, presentations, publications

Ray Beiersdorfer, professor, Geological and Environmental Sciences, gave a presentation entitled “Geology of China” at The Rotary Club of Youngstown meeting.

Cary Horvath, chair, Communications, **Fred Viehe**, professor, History, **Abdurrahman Arslanyilmaz** and **Suzan Harper**, both assistant professors, Computer Science, traveled to Turkey this summer for a week-long cultural tour sponsored by the Niagara Foundation. The group visited numerous Turkish landmarks, and several Turkish families welcomed the touring group members into their homes for dinner.

Steve Taraszewski, senior research analyst, Institutional Research and Policy Analysis, and **Birsen Karpak**, professor, Management, presented “An Examination of the Knowledge Chain Linkage between Knowledge Storage/Retrieval and Knowledge Transference” at the 21st International Conference on Multiple Criteria Decision Making in Jyväskylä, Finland.

Diane Barnes, associate professor, History, was a speaker at the U.S. Capitol Historical Society’s annual Spring Symposium, the theme of which was “Emancipation during the Civil War.” Her presentation, titled “Frederick Douglass and the Complications of Emancipation,” discussed how Douglass helped convince Abraham Lincoln that he must act on the issue of emancipation. Barnes’s speech was rebroadcast on C-Span 3 and is available at <http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/Douglassan>.

Dorcas Fitzgerald, faculty emeritus, co-presented “Collegial – or Not?” at the 22nd Annual Nurse Educators Conference in the Rockies in Breckenridge, Colo. Fitzgerald’s co-presenter was Sharon L. Phillips, a former associate professor who is now working with the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Michael T. Butcher, assistant professor, Biological Sciences, has co-authored three articles for publication in *The Journal of Experimental Biology*: “Femora loading mechanics in Virginia opossums (*Didelphis virginiana*): torsion and mediolateral bending in mammalian parasagittal locomotion,” “In vivo strain in the femur of the opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*) during terrestrial locomotion: testing hypotheses of evolutionary shifts in bone loading and design,” and “Locomotor loading mechanics in the hindlimbs of tegu lizards (*Tupinambis merianae*): comparative and evolutionary implications.”

James C. Umble, professor, Music – Saxophone, performed three times this summer at Blossom Music Center. In June, he performed chamber music with members of the Cleveland Orchestra for The Women’s Association of The Cleveland Orchestra; in July, he was a soloist in “Pictures at an Exhibition (Mussorgsky)” with the Cleveland Orchestra; and in August, he was a soloist in “Symphonic Dances (Rachmaninoff),” also with the Cleveland Orchestra. This fall, Umble will

perform with two members of the orchestra, a group that calls itself The Cleveland Duo and James Umble, in concerts scheduled at the University of Portland, Ore., the Brookings Chamber Music Society, Willamette University, also in Oregon, and the Fairfield Bay Chamber Society in Arkansas.

Stephen Ray Flora, professor, Psychology, presented a workshop titled “Behavior Analytic Training for Health, Life, Fitness, and Peak Personal Performance” at the Association for Behavior Analysis International Convention in Denver. Flora also gave two presentations at the convention, titled “Molar Variables Controlling Gambling Behavior and the Resulting Aversive Personal and Detrimental National Consequences” and “Myths and Realities of Card Counting in Blackjack or How to Become a Compulsive Gambler.” Finally, he partnered with graduate student **Courtney Allyn Polenick** (M.S. applied behavior analysis) in a research presentation titled “Polenick C. & Flora, S.R. Effects of Social Reinforcement Contingent on Conventional or Unconventional Responses on Generalized Creativity by Older Adults.”

Brad Shellito, associate professor, Geography, has authored a book, *Introduction to Geospatial Technologies*, which was published by the WH Freeman Co. The book has been adopted as a textbook at several universities for fall 2011.

Gary Salvner, professor and chair, English, gave the keynote address at the spring conference of the College English Association in Athens, Ohio. The conference and Salvner’s presentation were both titled “Celebrating Achievement: Reflecting on Innovative Programmatic and Pedagogical Changes in Ohio Classrooms.”

Jake J. Protivnak, associate professor, Counseling, contributed an article, titled “American Career Development Idols: Influencing People and the Profession,” to *Career Developments*, published by the National Career Development Association.

Denise Narcisse, assistant professor, Sociology, published an article entitled “Risky Undertakings: the Employment Decision-Making of Women Lawyers and Accountants,” in *Forum Qualitative Sozial-forschung/Forum: Qualitative Social Research*. The article was published in English, German, and Spanish. In addition, Narcisse’s book review of Dolgon and Baker’s *Social Problems: A Service Learning Approach* was accepted for publication in a leading sociology journal, *Teaching Sociology*.

Ron Strollo, executive director, Athletics, was elected first vice president of the Division I Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association for the 2011-12 academic year.

Fred Viehe, associate professor, History, presented “The 1986 Report of the President’s Commission on Organized Crime: A Twenty-five Year Perspective” at the International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities held at the Universidad de Granada, Campus de Cartuja in Granada, Spain. Viehe also presented “The G’hals of New York and Other Cities at Work and Play: A Flourishing Feminine Counterculture in Mid-Nineteenth Century Urban America” at the International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences held at the University of New Orleans.

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WCBA presents Outstanding Alumni Awards

Four graduates of the Warren P. Williamson Jr. College of Business Administration at Youngstown State University will be honored at the 16th annual WCBA Alumni Banquet 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, in Williamson Hall on the YSU campus.

Recipients of 2011 WCBA Outstanding Alumnus Awards are William Hartwig, BSBA 1977, vice president for supplier relations and international procurement department of the Marriott Corporation (retired), *Outstanding Business Alumnus*; Karen Conklin, BSBA 1970, executive director, American Red Cross of the Mahoning Valley, *Outstanding Business Alumna*; The Honorable Theresa Dellick, BSBA 1980, Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division, *Outstanding Business Alumna*; Lorilyn Shandor, BSBA 2005 and MBA 2009, prospect/event administrator, Humility of Mary Health Partners Foundation, *Outstanding Recent Alumna*.

Sponsorships from area businesses toward the banquet support scholarships for business students. Sponsorship companies, as of Sept. 27, include Falcon Transport Company/Comprehensive Logistics, Inc.; Hill, Barth & King, LLC; PNC Bank; Anness, Gerlach & Williams, CPAs; Cohen & Company; The DeBartolo Corporation; First National Bank; Humility of Mary Health Partners; Packer Thomas; Payroll Pros, LLC; A.P. O'Horo Company; Cope Farm Equipment, Inc.; Donald and Barbara Graham; H.D. Davis Associates, Inc.; Hometown Pharmacy Solutions; Hunter-Stevens Land Title Agency, LTD.; and Sherman Creative Promotions, Inc.

For more information or to make banquet reservations, contact Christine Shelton, WCBA coordinator of external relations, at 330-941-3068 or cgshelton@ysu.edu.

Award recipients:

William Hartwig who recently retired as vice president, global supplier relations and international procurement for Marriott International Inc., receives the Outstanding Business Alumnus Award. Hartwig joined Marriott in 1985 and has held several positions within the company's lodging brands and businesses. Most recently, he was general manager of the Shenyang Marriott in Shenyang, China. As general manager of the first Marriott-branded hotel in China, the hotel gained official five-star tourism status and became a leader in its market. Prior to his post in China, he served as vice president and general manager of HomeSolutions by Marriott, general manager of the Downers Grove Marriott Suites in Illinois and market director for Courtyard by Marriott and Fairfield Inn brands. While at Marriott, Mr. Hartwig assisted YSU faculty with international study tours to China. He



William Hartwig

also visited YSU campus as a Williamson Symposium Speaker.



Karen Conklin

Karen Conklin, executive director of the American Red Cross, will be recognized as Outstanding Business Alumna. Conklin is responsible for assisting with the merger of the Red Cross of Mahoning County with the Red Cross of Trumbull County. Prior to the Red Cross, she served as executive director for the Humane Society of Greater Akron. Previously, she was the chief executive officer for the Girl Scouts Lake to River Council in Niles and the director of development for the Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown and for the Public Television Stations Channels 45/49. She serves as a board member to YSU's Alumni Board and the YSU's Nonprofit Leadership Council. She is the treasurer for the Steel Valley Wrestling Officials and the only female high school wrestling official in the state of Ohio. She is also a member of Leadership Mahoning Valley, the Emergency

Management Agency, and the Food Coalition.

The Honorable **Theresa Dellick** will also be named the Outstanding Business Alumna. Judge Dellick became a County Court judge in 1999. In 2001, she was appointed Juvenile Court Judge. She graduated from YSU in 1980 and earned received a Juris Doctor in 1984 from the University Of Toledo College Of Law. Before becoming a judge she was a civil defense trial lawyer partner with a Youngstown firm. She is president of the Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges, has been a presenter at national and state conferences, and is a member of the Ohio Supreme Court's Commission on the Rules of Superintendence, Specialized Dockets Advisory Committee, the Ohio Attorney General's Violent Crimes with Guns Advisory Group-Gang-



Theresa Dellick

Subcommittee, Ohio Judicial Conference, Juvenile Law and Procedure Committee and the Judicial Assistance Group.



Lorilyn Shandor

Lorilyn Shandor, prospect and event administrator for the Humility of Mary Health Partners Foundation, will be honored as the Outstanding Recent Alumna. She organizes all foundation events and has worked with worked with Covelli Enterprises to coordinate and implement Panerathon, generating over \$305,000 in funding with more than 7,000 people in attendance the first two years. Miss Shandor also implemented the first Doctor's Day recognition and giving program generating over 150 new donors. Prior to HMHP Foundation, Shandor was the fund development and communications coordinator for the Girl Scouts of North East Ohio. She was responsible for organizing an all-day event at YSU with attendance of more than 200 seventh- and eighth-grade girls and their mothers

covering bullying and obesity for the Girl Scouts of Lake to River Council.

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YSU Phi Kappa Phi earns national excellence award

For the second consecutive year, Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 143 at YSU has earned the honor society's 2010-2011 Chapter of Excellence Award, one of just 11 chapters nationwide to be recognized.

The award, earned under the leadership of Becky Geltz, president and director of Institutional Research at YSU, recognizes Chapter 143's success in recognizing and promoting academic excellence in all fields of higher education and engaging the community of scholars in service to others.

YSU's Phi Kappa Phi chapter has inducted more than 3,000 students, faculty, professional staff and honorary members since it was chartered in 1972. The chapter also administers several local scholarships and award programs, through which it has presented thousands of dollars in scholarships and awards over the years, and its members have earned national scholarships and awards as well.



With 296 active chapters across the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Philippines and more than a million members, Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's largest and most selective, all-discipline honor society. Its mission is to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.

The society has chapters on more than 300 college and university campuses in North America and the Philippines. Membership is by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and 7.5 percent of juniors; faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction also qualify.

Well-known Phi Kappa Phi members include President Jimmy Carter, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, author John Grisham, YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley and broadcast journalist Deborah Norville.

Nationally, the society offers annual scholarships and awards to its members and to students seeking support for study abroad activities, including a \$15,000 fellowship for members entering their first year of graduate or professional study. For more information about Phi Kappa Phi and Chapter 143, visit <http://cc.ysu.edu/phi-kappa-phi/>.

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Niners at Stambaugh

The San Francisco 49ers practiced at YSU's Stambaugh Stadium last week in preparation for their game Sunday, Oct. 2, in Philadelphia against the Eagles. The 49ers played Cincinnati on Sunday, Sept. 25, and decided to spend the week in Youngstown rather than fly across country back to California and then back to Philadelphia. Mahoning Valley natives John and Denise DeBartolo York are owners of the 49ers. At left, YSU head football coach Eric Wolford observes one of the practice sessions.



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Casting call



Physical therapy students recently casted up each other's arms and legs in the PT lab in Cushwa Hall. The activity aimed to teach students how to cast patients to prevent loss of range of motion when patients can't move their extremities themselves or when their muscle tone is too great to keep from losing motion.

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Cuban writers to give readings

Cuban authors Raúl Hernández Ortega and Néstor Cabrera Quesada visit YSU this week and will give readings of their work on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 7 p.m., at the McDonough Museum of Art and on Friday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m., at the Lemon Grove Café in downtown Youngstown.

Both readings are bilingual, free and open to the public, and are made possible through the Ohio Arts Council, The Rayen Foundation, and the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at YSU.



Raul Hernandez Ortega



Nestor Cabrera Quesada

In addition, the poets will offer workshops for students at East High School and Early College as part of the on-going Mahoning Valley Diversity Outreach Program.

Hernández is the author of 11 books of poetry and fiction, and he has been recognized with national awards in Cuba for his writings for children. Cabrera is a poet, editor and translator, having translated works from more than six countries.

For more information call the YSU Poetry Center at 330-941-1650.

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University Theater presents 'A Streetcar Named Desire'

Tennessee Williams' classic drama "A Streetcar Named Desire" will be performed by University Theater Oct. 7 to 9 in Spotlight Arena Theater in Bliss Hall.



Cast members of "A Streetcar Named Desire" are, from the left, Kelly Sullivan, Tony Genovese and Kavla Bove.

Thursday through Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m., while the Sunday matinee performances are at 3 p.m. All seats in Spotlight Theater are general admission, so patrons are encouraged to make reservations early.

Widely considered a landmark play, "A Streetcar Named Desire" deals with a culture clash between two iconic characters, Blanche

DuBois, a fading relic of the Old South, and Stanley Kowalski, a rising member of the industrial, urban working class.

The show is directed by new Theater faculty member Matthew Mazuroski.

The cast includes Rebecca Anderson of Cortland, Ohio, as Eunice Hubbell; Kayla Boye of Warren, Ohio as Stella Kowalski; Tony Genovese of West Middlesex, Pa., as Stanley Kowalski; Mitchell Thornton of McDonald, Ohio, as Steve Hubbell; Cheney Morgan of Boardman, Ohio, as Harold Mitchell; Kelly Sullivan of Youngstown as Blanche DuBois; Patrick Hobby of Poland, Ohio, as Pablo Gonzales; Joey Alvey of Cleveland as a Young Collector; Courtney Auman of Austintown, Ohio as Nurse; and Daniel Temelkoff of Liberty, Ohio as Doctor.

Show tickets may be purchased by calling the University Theater Box Office at 330-941-3105. Ticket prices are free for YSU students with ID; \$10 for adults; \$5 for senior citizens, YSU faculty and staff and high school and college students from other universities, Penguin Club members and

YSU alumni. Parking is available in the Wick Avenue parking deck for all shows for a nominal fee.

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9/11, Ten years later



This ceremony in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center was among many events on campus to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Other activities included a Day of Reflection and Remembrance Teach In and Workshop, a Commemoration Dinner and a candlelight vigil.

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YSU hosts regional geography meeting

YSU's Department of Geography is hosting the 2011 annual meeting of the East Lakes Division of the Association of American Geographers on Oct. 14 and 15.

The meetings will be at the Holiday Inn in Boardman on Oct. 14 (5 to 7 p.m. registration and a meet and greet). On Oct. 15, the meetings are in YSU's Williamson Hall from 8a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Oct. 15 agenda will include papers and presentations from 8a.m. to noon, followed by a luncheon and business meeting. Papers and panel discussions will be held from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

The meeting is expected to attract 75 to 100 faculty and students from across the region, which includes geography departments at universities in Ohio and Michigan in the United States, and schools in Ontario in Canada. Currently, attendees are expected from Kent State University, the University of Akron, Michigan State University, YSU, Ohio Northern University, Western Michigan University, University of Toledo, Miami University, Bowling Green University, Grand Valley State University, Lakeland Community College, the University of Western Ontario. The national vice president of the Association of American Geographers will attend from the University of Minnesota, as will a representative of the national headquarters from Washington D.C.

The event is not open to the public.

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Events set for Nonviolence Week

Youngstown State University, through the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, presents the Second Annual Nonviolence Week, running Monday, Oct. 3 through Friday, Oct. 7.

Among the activities this week:

Monday, Oct. 3

2 p.m., YSU's Kilcawley Center, Bresnahan I & II

Monday at the Movies: "Mooz-lum."

The crew, featuring Evan Ross, Danny Glover, Roger Guenveur Smith, and Nia Long, of this film come from different religions, cultures, and nationalities. The story is about a Tariq (Evan Ross) who comes from a strict Muslim rearing, and enters college confused. His new peers,

family and mentors help him find his place, but when violence happens on American soil, the 9-11 attacks force him to face his past and make the biggest decisions of his life. Co-sponsored by the Muslim Student Association and the International Students Association. For more information, contact Jessica Valsi at 330- 397-2145.

5 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 201 Wick Ave.

Jeff Steinberg and Minnijean Brown Trickey.

Jeff Steinberg, a former history teacher, leads a nationally recognized social justice and civil rights education project called, "Sojourn to the Past." Minnijean Brown Trickey is one of the Little Rock Nine, who broke the color barrier at Central High School in Little Rock, Ark. Contact Penny Wells at 330-788-0545 or the YSU Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at 330-941-3370.

Tuesday, Oct. 4

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., YSU Campus Core

Greeks & Campus Rec Against Violence.

The YSU Greek System, in conjunction with Campus Recreation & Student Programming, presents "Greeks Against Violence." Come to the campus corridor and pledge to "Wipe Out the Violence." Bring a white flag or handkerchief to show your commitment and support of non-violence. By signing the petition you will be entitled to free refreshments and also receive a Wipe Out the Violence decal. Co-sponsored by Sodexo Dining Services.



Wednesday, Oct. 5

5:30 p.m., Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room

One Race, One People, One Peace.

“Flow Theater for a New Era” returns to YSU. Co-sponsors include: Office of Student Diversity Programs, Upward Bound, Partners for Workplace Diversity, Eastern Gateway Community College, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Planning Committee and Buckeye Review. (A panel discussion will follow that will be led by William Blake, Director of Student Diversity, and various student organizations, including Iota Phi Theta, Omega Psi Phi, Zeta Phi Beta, United Purpose II, Students for Social Justice, and OHLA.)

Thursday, Oct. 6

5 p.m., Kilcawley Center, Bresnahan I & II

An Evening at the Movies – Until the Violence Stops.

(Resource tables highlighting various community and campus organizations that focus on assisting women will be showcased from 4 – 5 p.m.) Until the Violence Stops features playwright and activist Even Enslar in a film that documents how The Vagina Monologues grew into an international grassroots movement called “V-Day” to stop violence against women and girls. A discussion, led by OHLA members, Sarah Lowry and Molly Toth, will take place after the movie. Sponsored by OHLA (Ohio Lady Advocates), a new young women’s group focused on advocating for women’s rights. Co-sponsors: YSU’s Women’s Studies, PPNEO Community Leadership Council, Sojourner House Domestic Violence Program, and the Compass Family & Community Services Rape Crisis and Counseling Center. For more information, contact Molly Toth at 330-360-7949 or EOD at 330-941-3370.

Friday, Oct. 7

2 p.m., Kilcawley Center, Jones Room

Conversations on Violence – A Student Perspective.

Join students in a dialogue about the impact of violence on their lives.