

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT



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AN INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL LEADER

*F*ounded in 1908, Youngstown State University originally served 160 students with about a dozen faculty members and provided expanded educational opportunity for all people—store clerks and factory managers, steel industry workers, newly arrived immigrants, women and men and both part-time and full-time learners.

This progressive spirit guided the development of the institution as it evolved from a YMCA technical institute, later as Youngstown College (1928), then as Youngstown University (1955) and, in 1967, as Youngstown State University, a member of the Ohio public higher education system.

Today, Youngstown State University is a leading comprehensive university, serving nearly 15,000 full- and part-time students with 117 undergraduate programs, 48 master's degree programs, one specialist program and three doctoral degree programs. There are approximately 400 full-time faculty and nearly

650 full-time professional and support staff members in administrative departments and eight colleges across campus.

In partnership with schools and the corporate and non-profit communities, Youngstown State University promotes diversity and excellence in teaching, research and service to increase the educational attainment and economic and environmental vitality of the region.

Throughout its history, Youngstown State University has been cited as an innovative educational leader. It has also been recognized through numerous awards—both in academics and athletics—as one of the best urban, public, comprehensive universities in the United States.

Each graduate we celebrate today is a YSU Success Story. They join more than 100,000 outstanding alumni members across the nation and around the world.

PROGRAM

PRELUDE "Sleigh Ride" by Leroy Anderson
YSU Wind Ensemble
Stephen L. Gage, *Director of Bands and Orchestra*
Dana School of Music, Cliffe College of Creative Arts and Communication

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL "Suite #1 in E \flat Major: Movement III" by Gustav Holst
"Pomp and Circumstance: March No. I" by Sir Edward Elgar/arr. Clare Grundman
"March Processional" by Clare Grundman

WELCOME James P. Tressel
President

COLOR GUARD The Youngstown State University Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps

NATIONAL ANTHEM Lindsay N. Heavner
Soprano, Graduate Student, Dana School of Music

STUDENT REFLECTION Alexander M. Bonnette
Graduating Senior, College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS President Tressel

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Joseph L. Mosca
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DOCTOR OF BUSINESS DEGREE Marc S. Malandro
Vice President of Operations for Science, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative

REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES Interim Provost Mosca

CONFERRING OF DEGREES President Tressel

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES Salvatore A. Sanders, *Dean of the College of Graduate Studies*
Betty Jo Licata, *Dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration*
Phyllis M. Paul, *Dean of the Cliffe College of Creative Arts and Communication*
Charles L. Howell, *Dean of the Beeghly College of Education*
Tammy A. King, *Interim Dean of the Dr. Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health and Human Services*
Lt. Col. David N. Simms, *ROTC Commissioning Ceremony for Cadet Sean Pregi*
Kristine L. Blair, *Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*
Wim F. A. Steelant, *Dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics*

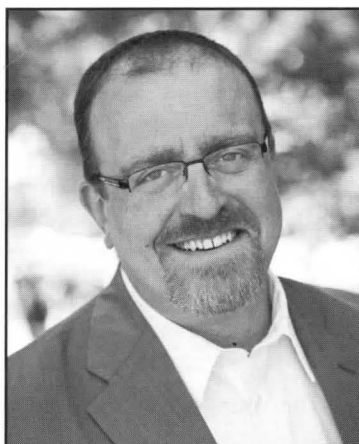
CLOSING REMARKS President Tressel

ALMA MATER From Symphony No. 1, by Johannes Brahms/arr. Fleming
Ms. Heavner

RECESSIONAL "Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa
"Fairest of the Fair" by John Philip Sousa
"National Emblem" by E.E. Bagley

*During this special ceremony, please be respectful of others and maintain a quiet atmosphere.
Please be seated after the singing of the Alma Mater and remain seated during the Recessional.
Sign language interpreters are positioned in the upper northwest section of the gymnasium.*

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Marc S. Malandro

Dr. Marc S. Malandro serves as the Vice President of Operations for Science at the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI). CZI is a new kind of philanthropy that seeks to engineer change at scale. By pairing world-class engineering with grantmaking, impact investing, policy, and advocacy work, CZI hopes to build a future for everyone. Its initial area of focus includes supporting science through basic biomedical research. To advance toward solving disease, CZI seeks to accelerate biomedical discovery by supporting open, collaborative and networked models of research and by developing transformative new technologies. Collaboration is the key to success, and technology is our differentiated impact.

Previously, Dr. Malandro was the Vice Chancellor for Technology Management and Commercialization and the Founding Director of the Innovation Institute at the University of Pittsburgh. The Innovation Institute leverages the University's campus-wide expertise in teaching and supporting entrepreneurship, assisting entrepreneurs, and transforming world-changing Pitt research into innovations with great commercial potential. Under Dr. Malandro's leadership, the University filed over 1,100 new U.S. patent applications, was granted 609 U.S. issued patents, entered into over 1,203 license agreements and formed 86 companies based on University research.

Prior to joining the University, Dr. Malandro co-founded Sagres Discovery, a systems biology company focused on the understanding of the molecular basis of cancer, where he served as Vice President of Technology and Strategic Alliances and was involved in all aspects of intellectual property, licensing and alliance management.

Dr. Malandro received his Bachelor's (Class of 1989) and Master's (Class of 1991) of Science in Biological Sciences from Youngstown State University, and his PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from the University of Florida College of Medicine.

Dr. Malandro's expertise is at the interface of philanthropy, science, business and law including grant funding and partnerships, technology transfer, commercialization of technologies based on academic research, intellectual property, innovation and entrepreneurship, licensing, new company formation and partnership-alliance management. He has scientific expertise in genomics, molecular biology, biochemistry and oncology.



COMMENCEMENT STUDENT SPEAKER



Alexander M. Bonnette

A graduating senior of Youngstown State University with his Bachelors in Electrical Engineering, Alex works as a full-time Controls Engineer at AUTOParkit, LLC, where he is responsible for working with a diverse team of engineers to develop the logic behind the company's proprietary automated parking garages. Among the many activities in which he was engaged during his years at Youngstown State, Alex is a member of Tau Beta Pi (the Engineering Honors Society), and served as President of the YSU Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. As president of this student organization, he worked with his fellow officers to grow the organization while inspiring students to stand out as confident and knowledgeable engineers. Alex is 22, and lives in Brookfield, Ohio. In his spare time, he enjoys a wide variety of interests and activities, including playing casual sports, acoustic guitar, and gaming.



MACEBEARER

Christine McCullough, MFA

Christine McCullough, professor of art, has been teaching at YSU since 1997. She earned an MFA in painting from the Maryland Institute College of Art, and a BA in American studies from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Before arriving at YSU, she taught at Villa Julie College and Towson University, both in Maryland. Prior to receiving her MFA, she worked in the private sector as an art and creative director in publishing and advertising.

Christine teaches drawing and painting and serves as the coordinator of the MFA in Interdisciplinary Visual Arts, a program she was instrumental in developing. For 16 years she coordinated the Foundation Program, a yearlong sequence of courses that establish a common core of knowledge, vocabulary, techniques and skills, providing the base on which all art majors build their undergraduate education. While a member of the national organization Foundations in Art, Theory and Education she served on the committee that developed the Standards for Foundation Programs. She is the recipient of a Distinguished Professor Award for Excellence in Teaching and has been recognized by *Ohio Magazine* for excellence in education. In 2008, Christine was part of a select group of faculty, students and alumni from the Department of Art that designed and fabricated the mace used in today's ceremony. She has received numerous awards for her work including two faculty improvement leaves and an innovation grant. Her research interests focus primarily in narrative, figurative painting in oil and encaustic. Her work has been exhibited nationally and is included in numerous private collections.



ALUMNI PIN

Prior to today's Commencement ceremony, YSU Alumni and Pete's Pride Members "pinned" each graduate with an Alumni Pin. In Penguin Spirit, this is our way of saying congratulations to all graduates on their hard work and success and welcome them to the global network of YSU Alumni!

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Jeffrey R. Beltz
 Dissertation: *Transitioning Middle Level Students Through a Tuition Model in Pennsylvania's Public School System*
 Educational Leadership

James L. Freeman
 Dissertation: *Exploring the Potential Relationship Between the Worth-Teaching Index Score and Student Academic Achievement*
 Educational Leadership

Donald James Mook
 Dissertation: *The Impact of School Choice on Funding Ohio's Public Schools*
 Educational Leadership

Marla Ann Peachock
 Dissertation: *A Study of Building Administrators' Knowledge and Attitude Regarding Placement of Students with Disabilities and Least Restrictive Environment*
 Educational Leadership

Dorothy Helen Livia Reppy
 Dissertation: *Urban Middle School Students and the Relationship of Their Perception on Care on Their Intrinsic Motivation*
 Educational Leadership

Julian Earl Underwood
 Dissertation: *Pennsylvania Educator Effectiveness: Building Level Pennsylvania Value-added Assessment System (PVAAS) Influence on Collective Teacher-Efficacy*
 Educational Leadership



EDUCATIONAL SPECIALISTS

Breanna Livingston
 School Psychology

Savannah Jo O'Brien
 School Psychology



Master of Arts

Kathryn Elizabeth Antal
 Art Education

James Augustine
 Thesis: *Cash Flows*
 Financial Economics

John Sidabo Ayaburi
 Economics

Prince Bosompim
 Financial Economics

Jocelyn Monique Burton
 History

Alicia Nicole Cowles
 Thesis: *Residential Care Facility Violations in the State of Ohio from 2014-2016: Examining Violations and Regulations Related to Memory Care*
 Gerontology

Andrew Edward Cronin
 Financial Economics

Charles Kwabla Fiador
 Financial Economics

Ruben Roberto Gomez
 Financial Economics

Donald Harland Hall
 American Studies

Roger Dale Juntunen
 History

Catherine Kemunto Angwenyi
 Economics

Ty M. Kreitman
 Financial Economics

Jeffrey Kwabena Kyereh-Bediako
 Financial Economics

Dominika Lackova
 Financial Economics

Samantha Jo Lemke
 American Studies

Caitlyn Elizabeth McKenna
 History

Joseph Paydock
 Professional Communication

Tiffani L. Pike
 Thesis: *Leadership and Higher Education Administration*
 Professional Communication

Enzo Antonio Recchia
 Professional Communication

Adam Thomas Rose
 Financial Economics

Mark Schreffler
 Thesis: *The Relationship Between Gross Capital Formation and the Real Interest Rate*
 Financial Economics

Tatsiana Silich
 Professional Communication

Ashley Michelle Smith
 English

Gregg Allan Weber
 Gerontology

COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES (CONTINUED)

Joseph Richard Young English	Ethan Charles Metheny General Business	Brittany Nicole Robb Health and Human Services
Master of Accountancy Craig Russell Bletso Accountancy	John Thomas Mock General Business	Diamond Chane'l Rodgers Health and Human Services
James Anthony Chismar, Jr. Accountancy	Michelle Renee Neiser General Business	Master of Music David John Colella Music Performance
Matthew J. Veneskey Accountancy	Michael Olive General Business	Rebecca Marie Enlow Thesis: <i>Bridge to the Other Side: Musical Signifiers of Life and Death in Ayreon's "The Human Equation"</i> Music Theory and Composition
Master of Business Administration Anas A. Abu-Malouh General Business	Stephen Lee Page General Business	Edward John Sallustio Thesis: <i>Scoring Masculinity in Crisis: Thomas Newman's Sonic World and the Disintegration of the Indiewood Male</i> Music History and Literature
Christopher James Anderson General Business	John Sofko General Business	Jason J. Volovar Music Performance
Kellie Lou Andrasko General Business	John Wesley Swisher General Business	Master of Public Health Tahir Arif Public Health
Mitchell E. Barcey General Business	Master of Computing and Information Systems Brandon Joseph Latronica Computing and Information Systems	Akanksha Dadlani Public Health
Stephen Anthony Bevan General Business	Tasha M. Wells Computing and Information Systems	Luke Joseph Eusebio Public Health
Frank Anthony Ciapala General Business	David Scott Wilson Thesis: <i>Correlated Sample Synopsis with Big Data</i> Computing and Information Systems	Cooper Johnson Public Health
Connie Lou Frisby General Business	Swetha Yelamanchi Computing and Information Systems	Shareena Shaik Public Health
Michael S. Garasic General Business	Abhinoy Yelleni Computing and Information Systems	Master of Respiratory Care Bradley Sean Fraser Respiratory Care
Joel Daniel Hively General Business	Master of Education Kayla Brooke Adair Intervention Services	Quincy Tremaine Futrell Respiratory Care
Amber Rea Hodge General Business	Rachel Kristine Mazzi Intervention Services	Monica Nicole Mike-Simko Respiratory Care
Christopher Wallace Huziak General Business	Master of Health and Human Services Gregory Durkin Health and Human Services	Master of Science Isaac Adjei Adjetey Mathematics
Rivi Chathurdika Vimarshinee Jinadasa General Business	Peggy Jill Gocala Health and Human Services	Charles Duah Amoyaw Thesis: <i>Optimization of the Small Scale Expression of the Mutant Hen Egg White Lysozyme H15S</i> Chemistry
Jonathan David Kelly General Business	Diane Cheryl Klemann Health and Human Services	
John Alan Kettler General Business		
Chelsea Renea Kotch General Business		
Jarrold Everett Long General Business		
Mandi McCrea General Business		

COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES (CONTINUED)

Erich W. Berberich
Biological Sciences

Daniel Lewis Boss
Thesis: *Police Education: An Analysis of the Effects of Educational Requirements for Police Officers on Citizen Complaints*
Criminal Justice

Julia Christina Clemente
Mathematics

Jameaka Bahiti Cross
Biological Sciences

Troy William Elsea
Thesis: *Influence of Land Use and Land Cover on Aquatic Habitat and Vertebrate Biota in Tributaries of the Grand River Ohio*
Biological Sciences

Marissa Alexandria Gorvet
Thesis: *EMG Activation in the Forelimb Musculature of Three-Toed Sloths (*Bradypus variegatus*)*
Biological Sciences

Jonathan Alan Jamison
Thesis: *Linear Regression Analysis of the Suspended Sediment Load in Rivers and Streams Using Data of Similar Precipitation Values*
Environmental Science

Tyler Johnston
Mathematics

Seon Young Ka
Thesis: *Studies on the Reactivity of a Bis-Mesityl Imidazolyl Carbene Intermediate Toward Carbon Dioxide and Stability of the Resulting Carboxylate*
Chemistry

Philip T. Kidd
Thesis: *Raze or Repair: The Effects of Neighborhood-Based Community Development on Crime in Youngstown, Ohio*
Criminal Justice

Daniel Kiptoo
Thesis: *Synthesis of Novel N-Glycoside Analogs of D-Galactose*
Chemistry

Matthew John LaLama
Thesis: *Rhodium-Catalyzed Decomposition of Carbohydrate Diazo Esters*
Chemistry

Linda Magaly Muñoz Cordoba
Thesis: *Electrochemical Method for Fabrication of Photovoltaic Fibers Based on Tungsten Oxide*
Chemistry

Jersfrey Omwenga
Thesis: *Synthesis and Crystal Chemistry of Bimetallic Group II Nitride Fluorides*
Chemistry

Kayla Ann Parr
Thesis: *The Effect of YakA Deficiency in *T. marneffeii* Infection of THP-1 and J774 Macrophage Cell Lines*
Biological Sciences

Tara L. Pickens
Thesis: *Immobilization of Beta-Glycosidase BglX on Chitosan Gel Beads*
Chemistry

Aimee Lynne Schweers
Thesis: *Perceptions of Mental Health First Aid Training Deputies Received in a Jail Setting*
Criminal Justice

Derek Jason Scott
Thesis: *Study of Diatoms and Corresponding Water Quality Factors in Meander Creek Reservoir*
Environmental Science

Brian Joseph Stahl
Thesis: *Design Synthesis and Characterization of Novel Inhibitors for Aldose Reductase*
Chemistry

Kristen Nicole Verina
Thesis: *The Perception of Therapeutic Staff Support Interventions with Children and its Possible Impact on Future Delinquency*
Criminal Justice

Solita Marie Wilson
Thesis: *Activation and Reduction of Carbon Dioxide Using Bis-Mesityl Imidazole Ylidene*
Chemistry

Victoria Rose Wilson
Thesis: *Utica-Point Pleasant Produced Water Characterization: An Analysis of Past Production and Prediction of Future Production*
Environmental Science

Milica Zivak
Thesis: *Studying Landfill Gas Contaminants and Their Effects on Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Performance*
Chemistry

Master of Science in Education

Danielle Alexis
Counseling

Christine Marie Andujar
Counseling

Luke A. Barker
Counseling

Michael James Basista
Educational Administration

Jodie Lynn Bock
Special Education, Autism and Related Disabilities

Laura Marie Campana
Teacher Education, Curriculum and Instruction

Ozzy Joe Chaney
Counseling

Brendan Ross Considine
Educational Administration

Jonathan Paul Culp
Teacher Education, Content Area Mathematics

Morgan Donahue
Teacher Education, Literacy

Sarah Elizabeth Dowd
Counseling

Kayleigh Gabriel
Teacher Education, Literacy

Tyler Steven Hendzel
Counseling

COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES (CONTINUED)

Cortney Gale Hobbs
Counseling

Kristen Marie Kukura
Counseling

Katie Lynn Leko
Teacher Education, Literacy

Gina Marigrace Marafioti
Counseling

Jillian Michelle Marian
Teacher Education, Content Area
Mathematics

Jendi Sue McNicholas
Counseling

Kristin Lamar Morgione
Special Education, Autism and
Related Disabilities

Nathan Joseph Nitzczynski
Counseling

Gia Nicole Prezioso
Special Education Intervention
Specialist Mild/Moderate

Timothy Adam Ranck
Educational Administration

Mary Jean Ruiz
Teacher Education, Curriculum and
Instruction

Dayna Christine Sammartino
Counseling

Katelyn Marie Smith
Teacher Education, Content Area
Mathematics

Terra Lee Stocker
Counseling

Hannah Elizabeth Vollnogle
Counseling

Andrew Richard Wade
Teacher Education, Curriculum and
Instruction

Edward James White
Counseling

Richard Darrow Wilkins
Special Education Intervention
Specialist Mild/Moderate

Amy Elizabeth Wire
Teacher Education, Curriculum and
Instruction

Master of Science in Engineering

Sameer Alam
Thesis: *Plastic and Slag as an
Aggregate Replacement in Concrete
with Fibers and Silica Fume
Admixtures*

Civil and Environmental

Hari Dhungel
Thesis: *Investigating the Temporal
and Spatial Variability of Flow
and Salinity Levels in an Ungaged
Watershed: A Case Study of the
Mentor Marsh Watershed*

Civil and Environmental

Nicholas John Fanelli
Engineering Management Track

Aspen Wayne Glaspell
Thesis: *The Influence of Nozzle-to-
Spacing on Heat Transfer and
Fluid Flow Characteristics of Air-
Assistant Water Jet Impingement*

Mechanical

Mohammad Faisal Khan
Electrical

Michael Andrae Maravola
Thesis: *Low Coefficient of Thermal
Expansion Composite Tooling
Manufactured via Additive
Manufacturing Technologies*

Chemical

Mehmet Akif Nalbant
Civil and Environmental

Victoria Johanna Rouse
Thesis: *Comparison of Heat Transfer
and Fluid Flow Characteristics
Between Submerged and Free
Surface Jet Impingement for Two-
Phase Flow*

Mechanical

Romit Thapa
Dissertation: *Uniaxial and Biaxial
Restraint in Concrete Pavement
Undergoing Alkali-Silica Reaction*

Civil and Environmental

Samy Timalcina
Thesis: *Detection of Agglomeration
in Fluidized Bed Using Structure
Function*

Electrical

Ibrahim Mohammadamin Yamani
Industrial and Systems

Master of Science in Nursing

Jonathan Robert Bartman
Nurse Anesthetist

Emily Joy Coyne
Nurse Anesthetist

Adrienne Marie Daniluk
Nurse Anesthetist

Paula Davis
School Nurse

Lauren Catherine Finnerty
Nurse Anesthetist

Thomas Aloysius Finnerty
Nurse Anesthetist

Abigail Zarych Hendler
Nurse Anesthetist

Ronald T. Hunkus
Nurse Anesthetist

Eleferios Mammam Kokkinos
Nurse Anesthetist

Jessica A. Mikelait
Nurse Anesthetist

Zoya Valerievna Nikolenko
Nurse Anesthetist

Morgan Elizabeth Piacquadio
Nurse Anesthetist

Anna Paige Santisi
Nurse Anesthetist

Ashley Renee Spurlock
Nurse Anesthetist

Colette Mary Tabet
Nurse Anesthetist

Master of Social Work

Jeannette Lee Silvernail
Social Work

CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS

Because the list of candidates for graduation honors had to be prepared in advance, it is tentative. The diploma, together with a certified transcript, is the proof of graduation with honors.

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Electra H. Barnett
Taylor Nicole Barton
Mia Lucille Battaglia
Leah Bayer
Alexa Nicole Bodine
Megan Adalida Brown
Sean Patrick Carnahan
Miranda Rose Carney
David James Carter
Brandon Clausen
Johnathan M. Clegg
Timothy Edward Coler
Dominique Lynn Cupp
Isabella Davis
David Asa Dean
Gianna Denise DeToro
Tami Renee Estep
Lauren Nicole Foley
Bernard John Fronzaglio, Jr.
Hannah Lea Fulvi
Cassidy Lynn Griffin
Hannah S. Grimes
Sahana Harikrishnan

Nicholas Ronald Iovino
Courtnei Madison Johnson
Nicole Lauren Johnson
Bernice Ethel Jones
Alyssa Marie Kapraly
Erika Nicole Knapp
Jared Samuel Lyder
Rachel Elizabeth Marchese
Kaitlin Elizabeth Marshall
Mara Francesca McCloud
Michaela Alise Mendik
Peyton Elizabeth Menosky
Hunter E. Miller
Rachael Leanne Miller
Matthew William Mills
Robyn Noel Minkewicz
Justin Connor Morgan
Abby Renee Mowery
Timothy James Nesnidol
Madison V. Nicula
Shannon Elizabeth Noark
Raquel E. Paolucci

Brigitte Marie Petras
Dicoy Anthony Powell
Isaac Daniel Ree
Kimberly M. Rogers
Jordan James Roush
Rebecca Lee Rupert
Carolyn Alexis Sabol
Hannah Rebekah Saker
Cindy J. Sarnowski
Ryan Joseph Slavic
Hayden Linton Smith
Levi Joseph Smith
Amanda Lynn Spinosa
Hannah Nicole Telesz
Nicole Isis Trainer
Danylo Veremeichuk
Stephanie Anne Waltman
Lauren Louise Wimer
Vincent Michael Yacono
Michael James Yourstowsky
Stacy Denise Zedaker
Adam Jacob Zimmerman

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Brock Daniel Adams
Peter Bahij Alamir
Joseph Paul Alessi
Justin R. Asente
Fabio Farouk Bassil
Leigha Marie Bever
Danielle R. Dadig
Stephen R. Daprile
Christopher Ian Eichler
Ryan G. Emans
Eric Daniel Finkelstein
Joel Braxton Gillespie
Britnee Daniel Grantz
Catherine Jean Grimes
Kimberly Gula
Brittany Ann Hoon
Maria Zachea Joseph
Lauren Michelle Kozak

Cherilyn Marie Latimer
Jacob Matthew MacDonald
Amelia Joy Mack
Nathan Andrew Mays
Sean Paul McGovern
Brynne Elise Milankovich
Stephanie Jeanne Miner
Logan Reid Mitchell
Evelyn Vanessa Molina
James Vincent Mullarkey
Nami Nagaoka
Krista Marie Neff
Phoebe Otchere
Kristin Ann Palumbo
Curtis Parks, Jr.
Luke Charles Peterson
Ryan Portela

Kurt Austin Rice
Connor Hyland Richardson
Leah Elizabeth Rohan
Dalton Joseph Rosta
Alexis Deanna Salisbury
Michael Anthony Sebastian
Kerrigan M. Skruck
McKenzie Lee Stelter
Nadya Ann Stratton
Martin Daniel Strong
Jordan A. Ustaszewski
Corey Edward Vallas
Margaret Mae Warnes
Kaylee Lynn Weems
Hunter Lee Wells
Brandon Jerome Wirtz
Carl Eric Zallow

CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE HONORS

CUM LAUDE

Danielle Marie Adams
Elizabeth Joy Bell
Christine Marie Bland
Alexander Bonnette
Dana Catherine Borsz
Cortni Paige Bowser
Rachel Renee Briach
Jeremy David Burkholder
Nicholas Anthony Cardiero
Marissa Marie Cename
Jacquelyn Marie Chiclowe
Aleena Bridgett Claybrook
Brittney Marie Cunningham
Allyson Rose Dean
Claudio Fernandes Dias
Daniel Douglas DiLoreto
Brianna Julia Dulay
Nicholas J. Gajdos
Jeffrey Michael George
Haleigh Elizabeth Guerrero
Tyler Benjamin Guerrieri
Marc Harper
Thomas James Higbee
Michael Joseph Homsey

Amanda Nicole Hruby
Vitas Darek Hryniewicz
Jacob Richard Jeswald
John Jacob Kempe
Gavin Ross Kenney
George Seibert Kinnard, Jr.
Bianca Nicole Klase
Alyssa Lynn LaRocca
Jennifer Nichole Lewis
Dennis Joseph Liverani
Carley Brooke Lowery
Daniel Joseph Martin
Alexis Kathryn Martinelli
Vincent Wayne Matthews
Olivia Brooke McDonald
Joseph Perry Micco
Jessica Miller
James J. Misocky, Jr.
Swathi Murthy
James Michael Nedrich
Adam Nye
Rocko Gaetano Pandice
Sarah Elizabeth Podolan
Brittany Lee Powers

Sean Eric Pregi
Kayla Marie Quinn
Chelsea Jayne Raymer
Brianna Mae Rzucidlo
Michael Gerald Santagata
Brittany Marie Schnellbach
John Sebest
Torri Ann Session
Judah Siekkinen
Kaitlin Marie Slater
Carey Margaret Smith
Austin Lee Snovak
Dante Joseph Spurio
Beth Renae Starcher
Kari Leanna Tarr
James Anthony Tate
Ryan David Tunison
Joseph Paul Verbosky
Mackenzie Lynn Westfall
Victoria Elizabeth White
Mary Elizabeth Wike
Alicia Shountel Williamson
James Thomas Wilson III
Christopher Edward Yannon



CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS

WITH HIGH HONORS

Amanda Ann Cannistra
James Edward Pirigyi, Jr.

WITH HONORS

Samantha Lynn Atkinson
Ryan Michael Fry
Jennifer Nichole Lewis

Steven Joseph Patterson
Benjamin Percy Plant
Courtney Rae Slider

Adam John Smith
John Thomas

HONORS COLLEGE GRADUATES

Mia L. Battaglia
Biology
Utilizing Phage Display Technology for Treatment against Type 8 and Type 5 Staphylococcus aureus

Leah Bayer
Mathematics/Biology
Assessing Fern Community Structure Along an Environmental Gradient at the Youngstown State University Arboretum

Megan A. Brown
Biology
Assessing Fern Community Structure Along an Environmental Gradient at the Youngstown State University Arboretum

Miranda R. Carney
Psychology
The Implications of Linguistic Patterns in Reflections of Adults Who have Experienced Stigmatizing Conditions

Gianna D. DeToro
Early Childhood Education/Early Childhood Intervention Specialist
Embracing Non-Traditional Literacy Practices in the PreK-3 Classroom

Hannah S. Grimes
Biology
Infant Morbidity and Mortality in Ohio

Gavin R. Kenney
Biology/Geography
Proposal on Usage of Vacant Land by the Town of Leetonia, OH

Phoebe Otchere
Biology
The Expression of Sarcomere Proteins During Myogenesis

Brigitte M. Petras
Geology
The Characterization and Composition of the Exterior Kasota Limestone with Regards to Weathering of the Cathedral of Saint Columba, Youngstown, OH

Jordan J. Roush
Accounting
Strategic Management and Leadership's Importance on Colleges and Universities

Ryan J. Slavic
Individual Curriculum Program
Cyber Security Internship at Los Alamos National Laboratory

Stephanie A. Waltman
Anthropology
Determining Sex in Forensic Anthropology: A Review of Proposed Methodologies

Vincent M. Yacono
Information Technology B
Reflection of My Information Technology Internship with FirstEnergy for Personal and Career Development

Adam Zimmerman
Accounting
The Impact of Internship Experience on Student Success



WILLIAMSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Because the list of candidates had to be prepared in advance, it is tentative. The diploma, together with a certified transcript, is the proof of graduation.

Associate of Arts

Christopher William Cook
Shatina Gilmore

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Mounther Naim Abdelrasul
Layla Mohammed Albather
Paul A. Albrecht
Cindy Ann Ambrosini
Caleb Edward Anderson
Abdulfattah Abdullah Bangura
Fabio Farouk Bassil
Sylvia Nicole Billiris
Nicholas Anthony Byce
Nicholas Anthony Cardiero
Sean Patrick Carnahan
Brandon Clausen
Johnathan M. Clegg
Zachary Cossack
Danielle R. Dadiq
Stephen R. Daprile
Allyson Rose Dean
David Asa Dean
Nicholas R. DelSignore
Vincent Austin Destefano

Tiffany Anne Dugan
Abigail Christina Eck
Christopher Ian Eichler
Ryan G. Emans
Teddy Everett, Jr.
Anthony L. Frank
Jonathan Najib Ghossain
Joshua John Gianoutsos
James Richard Greenawalt
Kimberly Gula
Adam Matthew Hauser
Katelyn Shae Headrick
Douglas Paul Holland
Brittany Ann Hoon
Vitas Darek Hrynkiewicz
Dylan Grant Ingram
Jacob Richard Jeswald
John Jacob Kempe
Nicole Brianna Kocsis
Matthew Jake Kritzinger
Morgan Ashley Loychik
Amelia Joy Mack
Austin James Main
Daniel Joseph Martin
Nathan Andrew Mays
Hunter E. Miller

Logan Reid Mitchell
Justin Connor Morgan
Timothy James Nesnidol
Kienan Ryan Owens
Curtis Parks, Jr.
Timothy Aaron Petzak
Stephen Ross Phipps
Jacob Thomas Pishotti
Dicoy Anthony Powell
Ryan Michael Previtte
Chelsea Jayne Raymer
Dalton Joseph Rosta
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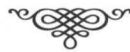
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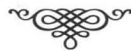
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ACADEMIC REGALIA AND CEREMONY

The gowns, hoods and caps worn in academic ceremonies today are relics of those worn in medieval times by students and professors. Probably the gowns and hoods were worn for warmth in the unheated halls where lectures were delivered. From the sixteenth century on, somber black garb became the norm, and it is primarily in the hoods worn in academic processions today that the medieval academic pageantry is retained.

The hoods representing graduate degrees granted by various colleges and universities have linings (turned to exhibit their hues to the fullest advantage) in the colors of the granting institutions. In addition, the facing of the hood represents by its color the discipline in which the degree has been granted: white for arts, letters or humanities; golden yellow for science; purple for law; green for medicine; lemon yellow for library science; orange for engineering; olive for commerce or business; light blue for education; pink for music; brown for fine arts; apricot for nursing; dark blue for philosophy; scarlet for theology; citron for social work; sage green for physical education. International degrees do not always follow this protocol.

There are different opinions about the origin of the caps worn in academic ceremonies. One view is that the "mortar board" is in actuality adapted from the wooden square used by masons. Another is that it stems from the ecclesiastical or clerical head covering of the medieval period.

Recipients of University Honors receive golden honor cords placed around the shoulders. Honors College graduates wear a specially minted medallion on a white ribbon to denote their academic achievement.

Graduating students who serve or have served in the Armed Forces are invited to wear red, white and blue Patriot cords in recognition of their service to our country.

THE UNIVERSITY CEREMONIAL MACE

The ceremonial mace has its roots in ancient Rome. During the Middle Ages, the types of maces—one a scepter and symbol of royal authority, the other a weapon—gradually evolved into a symbol of lawful power and regal authority. Beginning in fourteenth-century Europe, the academic mace became part of the pomp and ceremony of university commencements, denoting the authority of universities to confer academic degrees.

The Youngstown State University mace was designed and crafted by a collaborative team that included YSU faculty, students, alumni and area K-12 art educators under the leadership of YSU professor Greg Moring.

THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

This is a one-of-a-kind medallion that bears an embossment of the Youngstown State University seal on each of the small elements and on the large central piece. On the back of the central medallion are engraved the names of the University's past presidents.

The presidential medallion was designed and created out of sterling and bronze by Wendell August Forge of Grove City, Pennsylvania.

THE YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY SEAL

The University's official seal was adopted in 1936. Designed by a student, the seal includes a torch, quills, wings, a globe and the Latin words *animus liberatus*. In simple terms, those words summarize the transformation—or liberation—that occurs on this campus countless times each day. In English, they are translated *The Mind Freed*, or *The Spirit Freed*.



Alma Mater

All hail to thee, O Youngstown,
Our Alma Mater fair;
In sunlight and starshine
We see thee in all thy glory.
The Red and the White, thy glorious colors,
Ever we praise and hold them
High to the breeze as the symbol of our
Most loyal allegiance.
This anthem, O Youngstown,
Our pledge of trust shall be
That thy sons and daughters
Shall keep faith with thee forever.



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