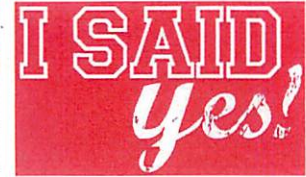


The Office of Student Activities & Greek Life leads the development and implementation of ongoing campus programming which supports the engagement and co-curricular learning of students. Through social programming, student organization coordination, student leader training and support, and student award recognition activities, Student Activities fosters a sense of belonging, a connection to the YSU community, and the development of leadership, communication and organizational skills which prepare students for success after college.



Spotlight on Engagement: Student Leadership Statistics

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Student Leadership Summit Attendees	130	154	213	242
Student Leadership Retreat Attendees	129	118	136	171
Total Registered Student Organizations	166	163	175	176
Total Students Active in a Student Organization	NA	1,937	2,411	2,434
Total Greek Campus Life Membership	259	294	311	316
Total Community Service Hours, Greek Life	NA	5,942	3,652	7,420
Total Philanthropy Funds Raised, Greek Life	NA	\$229,724	\$186,734	\$194,325



Spotlight on Success: Award Nominations Received

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Arby's/AVI Leadership Scholarship	24	15	40	40
Constellation Award: Outstanding University-wide Event	1	5	3	4
Nova Award: Outstanding New Student Organization	NA	NA	2	2
Orion Award: Outstanding Student Organization	1	5	4	8
Libra Award: Outstanding Advisor	1	5	9	14
Mentor of the Year Award	3	4	17	22
Multicultural Student Services Leadership Award	0	2	3	2
YSU Pin Award	6	12	16	19
Sirius Award: Outstanding Student Employee	NA	NA	10	38
Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges & Universities	58	107	97	150
Total Nominations Received	94	155	201	299



Spotlight on Collaboration: Campus & Community

David Wax Museum Concert with The Summit FM	Stedman Graham Lecture with Eastwood Mall Complex	Joy Ike Concert with Housing & Residence Life Tunnel of Oppression	Nicholas Sainato Senior Percussion Recital with Dana School of Music	Plan for Career Success with Career Services, Emerging Leader Program, Service Learning Scholars, and Student Life
				



2014 Student Activities ANNUAL AWARDS






Youngstown
STATE UNIVERSITY



The Annual
YSU Student
Awards Banquet
2014



Thursday, April 24
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Kilcawley Center
Chestnut Room



Sponsored by Student Government, Student Affairs, and Student Activities

Welcome to this year's annual YSU Student Awards Banquet, and congratulations to all of the students being recognized for their service and leadership.

The students being honored at this banquet represent both student success and academic excellence. I am proud to be associated with such engaged, intelligent and forward-thinking young people – the leaders of tomorrow. With the many challenges facing our nation and world today, it is comforting to know that our future is in good hands.

I encourage you to continue to serve your community, to seek out leadership roles and to make your own world a better place.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ikram Khawaja
Interim President





PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

WELCOME:

Catherine Carney, SGA President
Michael Slavens, SGA Executive Vice President

GREETING

Jack Fahey, Vice President for Student Affairs

DINNER SERVED . . .

THE ORION AWARD

PRESENTER:

Brian Wells, Academic Advisor
Bitonte College of Health & Human Services

RECIPIENT:

YSUnity
Lisa Ronquillo, President

THE CONSTELLATION AWARD

PRESENTER:

Tysa Egleton, Associate Registrar,
Registration, Records, & Student One Stop

RECIPIENT:

Urban Gaming Club
"Humans vs. Zombies"
Michael Thomas, President

THE NOVA AWARD

PRESENTER:

Ruthie Madden, Graduate Assistant
Registration, Records, & Student One Stop

RECIPIENT:

Minority Education Association
Ahmed Sutton, President

LIBRA AWARD

PRESENTER:

Ashley Orr, President
University Scholars

RECIPIENT:

Dr. Amy Cossentino, Assistant Director
University Scholars & Honors Program

PRESENTER:

Calie Makoski, President
Chi Sigma Iota

RECIPIENT:

Dr. Jake Protivnak, Associate Professor & Chair
Counseling, Special Education & School
Psychology Department

THE DeCRANE-HOUSER AWARD

PRESENTER:

Nicky Uerling, Campus Minister
The Catholic Newman Center at YSU

RECIPIENT:

Connor Hetzel

CARDINAL NEWMAN SERVICE AWARD

PRESENTER:

Nicky Uerling, Campus Minister
The Catholic Newman Center at YSU

RECIPIENTS:

Michael Brand & Scott Brand

KOCINSKI AWARD

PRESENTER:

Christine Cobb, Professor, Human Performance
& Exercise Science, Theater & Dance

RECIPIENTS:

Lee Beitzel
Hayley Platt

AVI LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

PRESENTER:

Tracie Mavrogianis, Vice President for Human
Resources/AVI Foodsystems, Inc.

RECIPIENTS:

Leo Daprile
Lauren Eisenreich
Scott Miller
Alyssa Olmi
Ashley Orr
Paige Rassega
Melissa Sobnosky

MENTOR OF THE YEAR

PRESENTERS:

Hope Bobonick, Nicole Noday and Paige
Rassega
Peer Mentors

RECIPIENT:

Karen Graves, Assistant Director, First Year
Student Services
Center for Student Progress

MULTICULTURAL STUDENT SERVICES AWARD

PRESENTER:

Michael Beverly, Senior Coordinator,
Multicultural Student Services
Center for Student Progress

RECIPIENT:

Antoine Watkins

THE SIRIUS AWARD

PRESENTER:

Dave Ewing, Associate Director
Grounds Department

RECIPIENT:

Eric Filicky

PRESENTER:

Cynthia Harrison, Assistant Reference
Librarian, Maag Library

RECIPIENT:

William Macomber

THE GINA TENNEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

PRESENTER:

Kathy Leeper, Coordinator, Graphic Services

RECIPIENT:

Dominic DeLaurentis

THE EMERGING LEADER PROGRAM

PRESENTERS:

Caitlyn Hicks, Student Life
Graduate Assistant for the Emerging Leader
Program
Kevin Carmody, Associate Director
Student Life

RECIPIENTS:

Amber Bullock
Jaimie DeMaiolo
Virginia Dinh
Jessica Drohn
Jasmin Durig
Paulette Edington
Gina Gilmore
Leanna Hartsough
Brittany Henry
Kassandra Militello
Nicole Noday
Taslim Patterson
Corinne Pavlicko
Raven Perry
Paige Rassega
Samantha Streb
Thursday Wilson
Christina Yovick

THE STUDENT SERVICE AWARD

PRESENTER:

Jack Fahey, Vice President for Student Affairs

RECIPIENTS:

Hillary Fuhrman, Director of Assessment
Office of Assessment
Lori Hinebaugh, Systems Analyst
Computer Services
Robert Mistovich, Maintenance Repair Supervisor
Facilities

THE EDNA K. McDONALD CULTURAL AWARENESS AWARD

PRESENTER:
Jack Fahey, Vice President for Student Affairs

RECIPIENTS:
Victoria Bankhead, Ashley Jones and Macey Nortey, Housing & Residence Life Graduate Assistants
Lisa Ronquillo and Tim Bortner, YSUnity President and Vice President

THE GILLESPIE-PAINTER AWARD

PRESENTER:
Jack Fahey, Vice President for Student Affairs

RECIPIENT:
Tysa Egleton, Associate Registrar, Registration, Records, & Student One Stop

WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

PRESENTERS:
Carrie Anderson, Assistant Director, Student Activities
Erin Driscoll, Director, Student Activities

RECIPIENTS:
See Page 4 and 5 for Recipients

PRESENTER:
Jenna Governor

RECIPIENT:
Kimberly Kuehn, Recognized Posthumously

THE DR. LUKE N. ZACCARO MEMORIAL AWARD

PRESENTER:
Michael Slavens, SGA Executive Vice President

RECIPIENT:
Alyssa Olmi, SGA Health & Human Services Representative

THE DR. CHARLES A. MCBRIARTY AWARD

PRESENTER:
Catherine Carney, SGA President

RECIPIENT:
Jack Fahey, Vice President for Student Affairs

THE SMITH-MURPHY AWARD

PRESENTER:
Catherine Carney, SGA President

RECIPIENT:
Dr. Chet Cooper, Professor, Biological Sciences

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT SPIRIT AWARDS

PRESENTER:
Catherine Carney, SGA President

RECIPIENTS:
Caroline Standohar, SGA, Vice President for Student Life
Ashley Orr, SGA, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Representative

THE PRESIDENT CYNTHIA E. ANDERSON LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

PRESENTER:
Michael Slavens, SGA Executive Vice President

RECIPIENT:
Catherine Carney, SGA President

THE JOHN J. GOCALA SERVICE AWARD

PRESENTER:
Catherine Carney, SGA President

RECIPIENT:
Andrea Tharp, Assistant Editor Social Media, Office of Marketing Communications

DR. MARTIN T. "MARTY" MANNING AWARD

PRESENTER:
Michael Slavens, SGA Executive Vice President

RECIPIENT:
Erin Driscoll, Director, Student Activities

PASSING OF THE GAVEL:
Catherine Carney/Michael Slavens
& Michael Slavens/ Jacob Schriener-Briggs

PRESIDENTIAL MENTORS

PRESENTERS:
Dr. Ikram Khawaja, Interim President
Jack Fahey, Vice President for Student Affairs

RECIPIENTS:
Josiah Banks
Rebecca Banks
Christopher Bzinak
Jacqueline Carlisle
Daniel Catello
Christopher Copeland
Maria Culp
Estee George
Charesse Hagan
Rachelle Houy
Carolyn Jesko
Anna Kolar
Abby Kulisz
Matthew Melito
Scott Miller
Alyssa Olmi
Torrian Pace
Nicole Pavlichich
Lucas Politsky
Lisa Ronquillo
Gregory Satmare
Ahmed Sutton
Tiffany Varney
Melissa Wasser
Andrew Zajac

THE YSU PIN AWARD

PRESENTER:
Dr. Ikram Khawaja, Interim President

RECIPIENTS:
Catherine Carney
Rachelle Houy
Corinne Pavlicko
Melissa Wasser
Christina Yovick





WHO'S WHO...

AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES

In 1934, Pettus Randall was an undergraduate student at the University of Alabama, preparing to enter law school. He had been an outstanding student in all aspects of academic and campus activities and as a result, had been tapped into various campus honor societies.

Although Pettus Randall valued these honors bestowed by his alma mater, he was unable to accept them because membership dues and initiation fees would have increased his financial burden.

Randall then conceived of an honors program without dues or fees that would select and recognize outstanding students for their academic accomplishments and scholastic contributions.

While still pursuing his studies, he created *Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges*; a distinguished biographical volume that honors the nation's most noteworthy students of higher learning.

With the advent of junior colleges supplementing the need for higher education, it followed that outstanding junior college students should also have the opportunity to be recognized and honored in the Who's Who tradition.

In 1966, the first edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges* was published and it continues to this day.

After graduating from law school, Randall entered the business world and founded a number of successful companies. His heart and efforts, however, always remained attached to the Who's Who Among Students programs.

It was a dream he struggled to bring to reality. *Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges* and *Who's Who Among Students In American Junior Colleges* are traditions of excellence which continue as a testimony to one man's commitment to making an idea a reality. ★

Marie Adams
Senior

Zachary Alcorn
Senior

Emily Andriko
Junior

Daniel Antonucci
Senior

Jillian Armentrout
Graduate

Sara Banaie
Graduate

Victoria Bankhead
Graduate

Josiah Banks
Junior

Rebecca Banks
Senior

Stacy Barthlemess
Senior

Lindsay Basile
Senior

Hope Bobonick
Senior

Emily Bosela
Senior

Andrew Boyle
Senior

Samantha Burton
Junior

Christopher Bzinak
Senior

Robert Cameron
Senior

Kristen Campana
Graduate

Mary Carchedi
Junior

Catherine Carney
Senior

Bryce Carstone
Senior

Cameron Carter
Senior

Daniel Catello
Senior

Marra Cercone
Senior

Melissa Charles
Junior

Taylor Clark
Senior

Linda Crosby
Senior

Maria Culp
Senior

Camille Cvengros
Senior

Leo Daprile
Senior

Jeffrey Davidson
Junior

Steven Donahue
Graduate

Dina Fabry
Senior

Morgan Fagnano
Graduate

Thomas Fowler
Senior

Erica Fox
Junior

Taylor Garland
Senior

Estee George
Senior

Frank George
Senior

Courtney Gerke
Senior

Angela Giancola
Senior

Matthew Glover
Junior

Maxwell Gocala
Junior

Annette Gottuso
Junior

Craig Goubeaux
Senior

Jerrilyn Guy
Junior

Zachary Hackett
Senior

Erin Hall
Junior

Justin Hall
Senior

Claudia Hamilton
Graduate

Nathan Harper
Graduate

Megan Healy
Junior

Caitlyn Hicks
Graduate

Elizabeth Hornberger
Senior

Rachelle Houy
Senior

Carolyn Jesko
Senior

Ashley Jones
Graduate

Anna Kolar
Senior

Katelyn Kridler
Senior

Abby Kulisz
Senior

Olivia Lanterman
Senior

Dominic Lariccia
Senior

Andrea Liguore
Senior

David Macek
Senior

James MacGregor
Junior

Ruth Madden
Graduate

Sarah Maffitt
Senior

Calie Makoski
Graduate

Kara Malberti
Senior

Kendal Malsch
Senior

Aubrey Marcolini
Junior

Jessica Maslach
Senior

Holly Mate
Doctorate

Michael Maurer
Doctorate

Brittney McIntosh
Junior

Rebecca McMenamin
Graduate

Matthew Melito
Junior

Joseph Mikolay
Senior

Kassandra Militello
Senior

Kara Miller
Senior

Scott Miller
Junior

Olivia Millsop
Junior

Natasha Moletta
Graduate

Brittany Montgomery
Graduate

Ansel Morsillo
Junior

Lance Nave
Junior

Nicole Noday
Junior

Macey Nortey
Graduate

Julie OBrien
Senior

Christina Oddo
Senior

Alyssa Olmi
Junior

Megan O'Neill
Junior

Jacob Orwell
Junior

Torrian Pace
Graduate

Edward Palestro
Senior

Kevin Pangio
Senior

Nicole Pavlichich
Senior

Corinne Pavlicko
Senior

Taylor Phillips
Junior

Lucas Politsky
Graduate

Robert Prestia
Senior

Paige Rassega
Junior

Andrew Reed
Graduate

Jennifer Reghetti
Senior

Shelby Reigelman
Junior

Christina Rigney
Senior

Lesley Anne Roddy
Graduate

Jascelynn Romeo
Junior

Lisa Ronquillo
Senior

Jacob Rose
Graduate

Christina Saelzer
Senior

Shalon Salters
Junior

Alyssa Sansone
Senior

Jessica Sarich
Graduate

Gregory Satmare
Senior

Morgan Scaife
Junior

Andrew Schumaker
Senior

Eric Shehadi
Junior

Ryan Shimko
Junior

Arbindra Shrestha
Senior

Michael Slavens
Senior

Julia Smiley
Senior

Alexandra Smith
Senior

Zach Smith
Junior

Melissa Sobnosky
Senior

William Soldan
Senior

Christopher Spielman
Junior

Caroline Standohar
Junior

Mark Stanford
Senior

Alicia Stanley
Graduate

Therese Stevens
Senior

Samantha Streb
Graduate

Ahmed Sutton
Senior

Nikki Tacsik
Junior

David Tamulonis
Senior

Paige Taylor
Senior

Miranda Tusinac
Senior

Tiffany Varney
Graduate

Justen Vrabel
Senior

Corey Vukovic
Doctorate

Chad Warrick
Graduate

Melissa Wasser
Senior

Jessica Williams
Junior

Cally Wollet
Junior

Gene Wollet
Senior

Kelsey Wormley
Junior

Kristi Yazvac
Senior

Christina Yovick
Senior

Andrew Zajac
Senior

**Recognized
Posthumously:
Kimberly
Kuehnl
Senior**



*Presented by Jenna Governor,
Senior dietetics major to
Kimberly's parents Bill and
Joan West.*



ORION AWARD

FOR OUTSTANDING
YSU STUDENT ORGANIZATION

PURPOSE

The Orion Award recognizes an exceptional student organization for its outstanding leadership and service to the university community during the current academic year.

CRITERIA

- Nominees must be currently registered YSU student organizations.
- Nominees will have demonstrated success in the accomplishment of their goals and objectives.
- Nominees will have an outstanding record of service to and inclusion of the university community.

SELECTION

The Student Awards Committee selects the student organization to be awarded the Orion Award from the applications and materials submitted. ★

YSUNITY

YSUNITY'S PURPOSE:

YSUnity functions as the university's gay-straight alliance, and it also serves as the university's diversity hub. The goals and objectives of the group are to represent and celebrate the diversity of campus, educate student and staff about safe sex, bullying and other LGBT issues, and serve as a social support group for anyone not accepted for who they are.

YSUNITY'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS & CONTRIBUTIONS:

YSUnity has been a constant, recognizable presence on the campus of YSU, advocating and creating a space that is open and welcoming for our LGBTQIA population. Highlights of the organization include:

- Presentation of annual YSUnity Drag Show, coordinating all day of event details including performers, set up, and advertising;
- Coordinating a Marriage Equality Rally on the campus of YSU in April 2013 through collaboration with representatives from advocacy groups around the state;
- Presentation of National Coming Out Week annually in October, including an actual doorway for campus members to "come out" of as allies or as members of the LGBTQIA community;
- Implementation of the first Diversity Prom at YSU in October 2013, a hugely successful carnival themed celebration for over 100 students;
- Weekly information tables and ongoing free HIV testing opportunities on campus;
- Participation in Safe Zone Advisory Trainings to promote understanding of LGBT issues among staff and students;
- Coordination of YSU's participation in a Day of Silence, remembering those who have been victims of LGBT hate crimes;
- Support of other campus and community events including Relay for Life and Youngstown Pride Festival.

YSUnity serves as a unifying force at Youngstown State University: welcoming to all, connected to organizations across the campus and city, educating our community to dispel stereotypes and myths, and leading the way to make an impact today and tomorrow. Their presence is felt on an ongoing basis across campus. They serve our campus with pride, and we take pride in them.

OFFICERS:

President: Lisa Ronquillo
Vice President: Tim Bortner
Secretary: Dustin Hall
Treasurer: William Knight
Advisor: Brian Wells





CONSTELLATION AWARD

OUTSTANDING UNIVERSITY-WIDE PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The Constellation Award recognizes an outstanding university-wide event sponsored by a registered YSU student organization. Programs winning this award are distinguished by their inclusion of the university community and contribution to the quality of student life.

CRITERIA

- Nominated program will have occurred during the past academic year.
- The program will have been sponsored by a registered student organization.
- The program will have been distinguished by its quality and inclusion of the university community.
- The program will contribute to the cultural or social awareness of the community.

SELECTION

The winner of the Constellation Award will be selected by the Student Awards Committee based upon the submitted applications.



URBAN GAMING CLUB / "HUMANS VS. ZOMBIES"

EVENT DATE: SEPTEMBER 22-27, 2013

"Humans vs. Zombies" or HvZ is an event that was created for the purpose of encouraging students to stay on campus after classes ultimately bringing a large-scaled fun event to YSU. The Urban Gaming Club has been worked hard over the past few years to develop the game, its rules and parameters.

This game requires a well thought out process with several mission plans as well as contingency plans to account for weather, amount of participants and in general making sure that players follow rules and abide by safety guidelines. All players start the game as humans and are identified by an orange bandana tied to their upper arm. One player is pre-selected to serve as the "Original Zombie" (O.Z.), they look just like the other players displaying the same armband, but will tag other players to turn them into zombies. Once a player has been tagged as a zombie, they must wear their bandana as a headband. Human players may "stun" zombie players by hitting them with a NERF foam dart from a NERF blaster or by hitting them with a balled up sock. A stunned zombie is out of the game for about fifteen minutes before they can resume play. The game ends when all human players have been turned into zombie players or at the conclusion of the final mission held the evening of the last day of play.

Fiona Kelly, Vice President reflected on the following questions as a part of the application:

How did this event contribute to the cultural or social awareness of the university and/or community? "Our players routinely tell us that they have made many friends by playing HvZ. It introduces students to people who they may not have ever talked to. By playing this game, students already have a common interest. Between missions, our players often hang out around 'moderator headquarters.' They talk to us about the game, their classes, and just generally what is going on. We have also brought awareness to campus that you can successfully organize and execute an event this large on campus. Even if a student doesn't play, they will likely know who we are."

How did this program encourage students outside this organization to become involved in campus life and/or community service? "A significant portion of our 100+ players are not involved in any organization other than the Urban Gaming Club. Each semester, we get students signing up because they have heard about it or saw it the semester before. We get students excited about coming to campus, even if it's just for the spectacle of watching adults play with NERF blasters. In addition, we have had multiple organizations contact us to help them either plan a large-scale event or to include our game in an event they are planning."

OFFICERS:

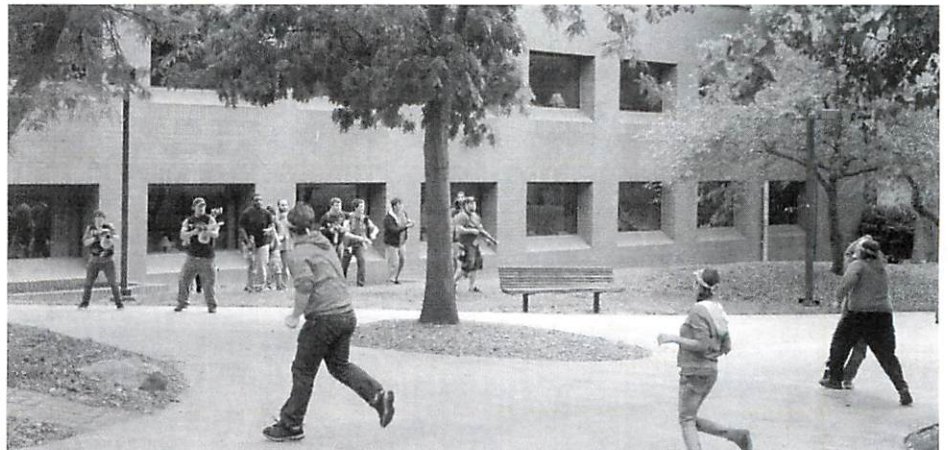
President: Michael Thomas

Vice President: Fiona Kelly

Secretary: Anna Kolar

Treasurer: Kelsey Davis

Advisor: Dr. Matt O'Mansky





NOVA AWARD

MOST PROMISING NEW CAMPUS ORGANIZATION

PURPOSE

Recognizes a newly registered student organization exhibiting initiative in organizational development and strong potential to contribute to the quality of life as a recognized student organization at Youngstown State University.

CRITERIA

- Contribution to the overall YSU community (i.e., students, staff, faculty, programs)
- Contribution to the community through service projects
- Contribution to the development of its members
- Demonstrated commitment to the organization's purpose and those served by it
- Communication with related YSU departments and other student organizations

SELECTION

The Nova Award will be awarded by the Student Awards Committee based upon application materials submitted.



MINORITY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

The Minority Education Association (MEA) was formed to promote the recruitment and retention of minorities in education through high school mentoring, guide teacher education program students at the University and to facilitate their employment upon graduation. Formed from a group of motivated students that participated in the pilot year of Beeghly College of Education's Boot Camp Program, they have accomplished much in a short period of time. Their advisor Crystal Hawthorne says of the organization, "This group is dedicated! At the first official meeting in the fall, ALL of the officers and directors were present. I have been the advisor of the Youngstown Student Education Association for over nine years and this NEVER occurred in that organization. I was really impressed."

This past fall, the group participated in the non-violence parade, conducted professional development sessions, had a successful

bake sale and set up a canned food drive. In addition to the boxes of food, they sent out letters to receive gift card donations from various grocery stores toward the purchases of Christmas food items such as ham and turkey to benefit four families. Additionally, the group sponsored a Talent Show. As future educators, MEA members presented the show to further their goals of being active in the community, on campus, and in the lives of students.

Mentoring is one of the key functions of the group. The organization members work with the Boot Camp students and are piloting social media mentoring with the Upward Bound students. Due to the busy lifestyles of the members, the organization decided to use Facebook to work with their mentees and plan on having a social at the end of the semester to get to know them better. By holding this event, they hope to continue to grow this relationship and develop partnerships with more high schools as membership grows.

"The organization is all about growth, the members have all grown as students, mentees, mentors, people, and leaders," commented Hawthorne. Ahmed Sutton, organization president, shared, "As a new organization we have been very successful in meeting our goals. We have raised money for our organization, participated in and initiated community service events, and encouraged diversity and student involvement. Additionally, we have also created opportunities and events that will encourage positive relations between the community and the campus."

PURPOSES OF THE ORGANIZATION

- To provide for the social and professional development of education students
- To serve as support for diverse students by mentoring students in the Boot Camp program
- To aid in the recruitment and retention of underrepresented students
- To raise the level of esteem for educators through pride exhibited in the teaching profession
- To empower diverse students
- To lay the groundwork for becoming active alumni of the college

OFFICERS

President: Ahmed Sutton

1st Vice President: Zeana Fields

2nd Vice President: Chelsee Venters

Corresponding Secretary: Troyia Woods

Recording Secretary: LaToya Hixon

Community Service Director: Tammie Riddle

Fundraising Director: Venus Cataldo

Membership Director: LaToya Hixon

PR Director: Kelli Young





LIBRA AWARD

OUTSTANDING ADVISOR AWARD

PURPOSE

The Libra Award is presented to the outstanding faculty/staff advisor of a registered student organization. This award is designed to recognize the contributions and commitment to furthering student leadership development made by advisors.

CRITERIA

- Organizations nominating an advisor must be a currently registered student organization.
- Advisors nominated must be a member of the faculty or staff at Youngstown State University.
- Advisors nominated must demonstrate outstanding service in support of their organization.

SELECTION

The Libra Award is given by the Student Awards Committee based upon the submitted applications. ★

DR. AMY COSSENTINO

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS & HONORS PROGRAM



In the words of nominator Ashley Orr:

“As the advisor of the University Scholars, Amy encourages us to do as much as we can. She has been a role model of what cooperation should be; encouraging us to not only work with each other in meetings, but with other campus groups such as SGA, Greek Life, STEM Leadership Society, and Habitat for Humanity. When we take on new initiatives, such as Penguin Pen Pals last year, she said, “Think of anyone else who might be interested in the

program: Elementary Education Majors or maybe Greek Students needing community service.” In regards to working with other campus groups, Amy has taught me that as a University Scholar and moreover as the Scholar Trustee President that our role is to facilitate service and fellowship events that encourage the personal growth and leadership growth of all those involved. So whether we share a sign up to volunteer with YNDC and the STEM Leadership Society or want to help a sorority advertise their SK, she en-

courages it. She truly wants to see us succeed and build a network of friends, who may eventually be colleagues, here at YSU.

“As students of the University Scholars and Honors Program Amy has set a precedence for us to make the YSU campus our community, Cafaro House our neighborhood, and everyone on campus, whether professors or cleaning staff, our friends. As she receives information regarding campus events or events in Youngstown she either uses the scholar trustees to communicate it to all University Scholars or posts about it on Facebook. But it’s not only her telling us what is happening, she is encouraging us to share what we have going on through the use of a Google Calendar. She also has taken time to get to know each of us individually and when she comes across an opportunity that she thinks will benefit one of us, she often contacts us directly by email or text. She encourages us to be highly involved and take pride and ownership of all Youngstown has to offer. Above all else, she sets a wonderful example of an informed responsible leader.

“Amy has never stymied a single idea. She doesn’t dictate the path of our organization, but encourages us to creatively pursue new ideas and initiatives, offering her expertise and moreover support. As president of the Scholars, Amy willingly met with me over the summer and over Christmas break to help me organize my goals for my time as the President of the Scholars. With every new project, Amy serves as a resource for success. When collaborating with different service organizations, Amy has longstanding contacts all around the area and experiences that she has had as a student that really help guide our projects and make them the absolute best. Additionally, our organization grows and develops because of the culture which Amy has helped shape: a culture where no project has upper bounds; we can pursue anything as far as we want it to. She has taught me to lead such that I don’t only find volunteers for projects but also create projects for the volunteers. Never turn away someone offering their time or talents.

“She has made the students her family and our efforts her goals. This passion is infectious; she motivates me and every student she touches. Similarly her dedication is unmatched. Amy’s integrity is something that is absolutely wonderful to watch; she is honest and reliable, and so giving. Amy is the support, the backbone of the scholars and honors program. And in many ways, as the scholars have such a large presence on campus, I believe Amy is a key reason why YSU is what it is, the true gem of the valley.”

DR. JAKE PROTIVNAK

DEPARTMENT CHAIR/
COUNSELING, SPECIAL
EDUCATION, AND SCHOOL
PSYCHOLOGY



In the words of nominator Calie Makoski:

“Within the Department of Counseling, Special Education, and School Psychology, there are four campus organizations led by students. Dr. Protivnak has been an exceptional leader in facilitating a sense of cohesiveness and collaboration between all four of these organizations. Dr.

Protivnak encourages the Special Education, School Psychology, Student Affairs, and Counseling organizations to participate in

social events, workshops, and volunteer opportunities together. Advisors from various organizations know that Chi Sigma Iota (CSI) is always willing to collaborate with them on an event. This collaboration has helped each organization to enhance their performance and reach a larger audience within the department and the community. Throughout the 2013-2014 school year, Dr. Protivnak has provided the officers of CSI with an incredible example of leadership and cohesiveness. He continually supports and encourages our open collaboration, and exemplifies this behavior by being an exceptional department chair. A unique quality that Dr. Protivnak displays is his ability to empower others into discovering their own personal leadership skills. This quality helps to create an atmosphere of growth, learning, and collaboration within the group members of CSI, the department organizations, and the members of our graduate department.

“Dr. Protivnak is an individual that provides unlimited amounts of encouragement. With his encouragement, students are able to engage in opportunities and make accomplishments that they may have never deemed possible. Because of his involvement in various organizations, as well as his affiliation with different universities, Dr. Protivnak stays current and informed. Dr. Protivnak takes on the responsibility of sharing pertinent information with all faculty members. With his unconditional encouragement, students are inspired to engage in new opportunities presented. Therefore, he empowers students to become leaders. Dr. Protivnak acknowledges students as individuals. He is a humble character who takes time to get to know students while aiding them in all ways possible.

“Continual growth and development are vital elements of a successful organization. Dr. Protivnak has encouraged the growth

and development of the Chi Sigma Iota-Eta Chapter by attending monthly meetings. During meetings he provides new innovative ideas for service projects, workshops, and fundraisers. Due to his international involvement in various facets of the counseling field Dr. Protivnak is always receiving information from counseling organizations as well as universities. He makes certain to share information, updates, and opportunities with all students in the counseling department. By doing this, he provides prospects for individual student enhancement.

“Our organization has flourished as a result of his continuous support, inspiration, and empowerment. Dr. Protivnak is positive, challenging, understanding, and loyal. He is always open to new suggestions, and is willing to offer guidance anytime it is needed. Conversely, he allows the officers and members of CSI to lead the organization in a direction that is tailored to their interests and abilities, supporting the students every step of the way. This year, he continued to provide unwavering encouragement to the officer through helping with the application of our Individual Outstanding Program Award, which was granted to CSI for a workshop that was held in February 2013. He encouraged our Vice President to attend the American Counseling Association Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii in March to receive this award on CSI’s behalf, and advocated diligently for her to receive funds for this trip through YSU. Dr. Protivnak provided direction when new members of CSI sought his advice regarding presenting research on a small scale. His unique ability to guide students to their fullest potential while providing direction, encouragement, and patience along the way is a valuable and rare quality in an advisor.”



DECRANE-HOUSER SCHOLARSHIP

IN MEMORY OF FATHER DECRANE & JUDGE HOUSER

The DeCrane-Houser scholarship is named in memory of Father Arthur DeCrane, the first full-time Catholic Chaplain at Youngstown College and Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas Judge, William Houser, who was a student and never forgot the dedication and example of Father DeCrane.

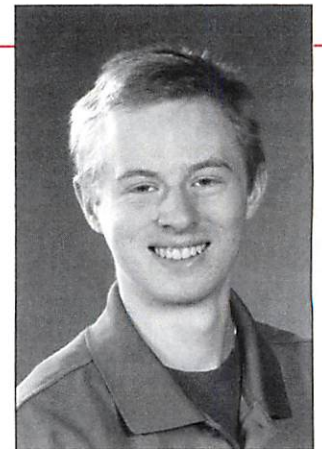
Through the wise investment of the DeCrane-Houser Memorial Scholarship Fund by the Youngstown State Foundation, the annual scholarship now stands at \$1000.00 over two semesters.

Each spring, the scholarship is awarded to a full-time student at YSU who is an active member of the Catholic Student Association of the Newman Center; who is in good academic standing and who has contributed time and talent to both the school and local community. ★

CONNOR HETZEL

This year’s recipient is Connor Hetzel, a graduate of Boardman High School in Boardman, OH. He is a junior double majoring in computer science and physics who boasts a 3.94 overall grade point average.

He is a most involved member of the Association of Computing Machinery, Pi Mu Epsilon a mathematical honorary society, and STEM Leadership Society. Additionally, he serves as the secretary for the Society of Physics Students and spiritual chair of the Catholic Student Association. “Connor was an integral part in the planning and organizing of liturgical ministers, retreats, Bible Study and prayer opportunities at the Center,” shared Nicky Uerling, Campus Minister for the YSU Newman Center.





CARDINAL NEWMAN SERVICE AWARD

One of the principal purposes of the Newman Center's Catholic Campus Ministry is to promote the spiritual welfare of its members.

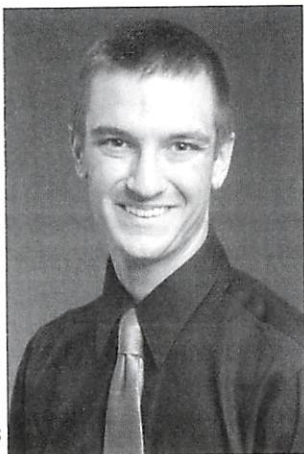
The motto of John Henry Newman, the English theologian and educator for whom Newman Centers throughout the world are named, was Cor ad Cor Loquitur - HEART SPEAKING TO HEART!

The Cardinal Newman Award is given to a graduating senior who, through service to the Newman Center, Catholic Student Association, the Youngstown State University as a whole and to the wider community, has embodied Cardinal Newman's motto, thus allowing their own feats to be spoken to others in service and in recognition of the responsibility we each have to care for our neighbor. ★

MICHAEL T. BRAND AND SCOTT J. BRAND

This year's recipients are, Michael T. and Scott J. Brand; Business Administration and Chemical Engineering majors respectively. Both are 2009 graduates of Marlinton High School and have brought a heart of service here to YSU, serving as officers in the Catholic Student Association (CSA).

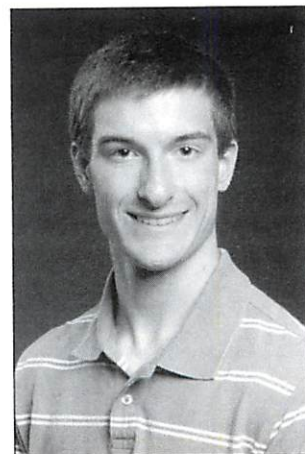
In addition, Michael served as a Resident Assistant for Housing and Residence Life and still found time to volunteer in the community. Scott served as CSA President for three years and completed our highly acclaimed Emerging Leader Program. Both of them donated their spring break weeks



Michael T. Brand

for four consecutive years to work with Habitat for Humanity with the Collegiate Challenge Program. Their past involvement has also included, but is not limited to, service projects like Second Harvest Food Bank, Clean-up Days, Homecoming Cookouts, St. Nicholas Beatitude House Party and Pancake Study Breaks.

Upon graduation in December of 2013, Michael began working with Novogradac & Company LLP as a Staff Accountant. Scott has been actively planning an "Awaken Faith" retreat for his parish community in Alliance, OH.



Scott J. Brand



KOCINSKI AWARD

The Kocinski Award is given in honor of Marilyn Kocinski, who taught dance at YSU in the Department of Human Performance and Exercise Science from 1960 to 1983.

Her family was responsible for instituting the award in the late 1990's in her memory and the award is presented to a senior student who has played a significant role as a student leader in the YSU Dance Ensemble and who demonstrates academic integrity as well as artistry and creativity in the dance area. ★

LEE BEITZEL

Lee Beitzel has been dancing for nineteen years, having studied since a child at her mother's dance studio, the Tuscarawas Dance Arts Center in Dover, Ohio. Now completing her Bachelor of Arts in Dance Management and graduating in May, Lee looks forward to teaching and eventually taking over her mother's business. Currently Lee is the president of the YSU Dance Ensemble, an organization with which she has been involved in since 2010 and previously served as the group's vice president. She has choreographed and performed numerous dances during her four year tenure in the organization. She has a special interest in and proclivity for the art of hip hop studying diligently in a variety of hip hop and breaking styles.

She is a member and inductee of Alpha Psi Omega, a national theater honor society, and made her acting debut in a recent YSU production, Crazy for Love. Most recently, Lee helped choreograph Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity's Greek Sing performance. Beyond campus, she has taught at multiple studios in the surrounding area and continues to choreograph for her home studio.



HAYLEY PLATT

A senior dance management major, Hayley Platt has been dancing since she was a child. Having considered other possible careers, she settled upon her true passion which lies not only in dancing and choreographing but also in teaching the art form. In addition to her college studies, Hayley teaches modern dance at Ballet Western Reserve in Youngstown, serves as a visual and arts enrichment instructor at Chaney High School and co-directs the Momentum Dance Performance Company in Lordstown, Ohio. She has danced with and choreographed for the YSU Dance Ensemble since September 2011, additionally she served as treasurer for the past two years. At the American College Dance Festival this past March, she performed a dance solo created for her by dance faculty member, Christine Cobb. Her performance received high accolades from the professional adjudicators.

Hayley is a member of the National Dance Education Association and looks forward to pursuing graduate studies in dance to further her abilities as a performer, choreographer and teacher. In her own words, "Dedication, perseverance and commitment — these are three qualities which have been instilled in me through the study of the art of dance. I want nothing more than to push myself to grow to my fullest potential as an artist and teacher.

"I strive to be a positive, passionate role model for my students providing them with quality dance education and an ability to express themselves articulately through movement thus empowering them in their futures. I am grateful for the gift and I wish to give back all that has been given to me."





AVI LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE CAMPUS LEADERS

PURPOSE

The AVI Leadership Scholarship, established in 2013, recognizes outstanding students for their contribution to and leadership in campus activities. Each year up to seven students are awarded \$600.00 for Fall tuition and fees.

CRITERIA

- Candidates must have demonstrated leadership, character and integrity in their participation in YSU campus life.
- Candidates must be planning to attend YSU for the upcoming year.
- Nominated students must be current, full-time undergraduate students in good standing.
- Reference(s) from faculty/staff advisor (minimum one, maximum three).

SELECTION

Up to seven students will be selected for the AVI Leadership Scholarship by the Student Awards Committee and a representative of AVI. ★

LEO DAPRILE

Hometown: Boardman, Ohio
Major: Industrial Engineering

Campus Involvement:

Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity Chapter President, 2014; District Delegate, Spring 2014 • **Greek Campus Life Delegate, Fall 2012** • **Interfraternity Council Delegate 2012;** Vice President, Fall 2013-Present • **Order of Omega Vice President, 2013** • **Institute of Industrial Engineers 2013-Present** • **YSU Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges 2013**



In Leo's Words:

"Of the many decisions a college student is forced to make, choosing to involve myself in my campus as a student leader has been one of those I have appreciated the most. College is a time when students are exposed to various ideas and philosophies; however, there is no class for leadership, no lab on inspiring young members of your organization and no curriculum to teach students how to be positive and successful leaders. I have learned these skills through my time as a student leader in my fraternity and campus positions. After my tenure as vice-president of Alpha Phi Delta, I have learned how to lead people in a way each person responds to. Like most lessons in life this came through the success and failure of trial and error. For instance, I found that certain members of my chapter responded very well to criticism while others hated it. In response, I refined the way I led each individual person in a way that encouraged participation and encouraged morale throughout the chapter. Through all of my campus positions I have struggled and overcome, but I have learned that people are the ultimate variable in any organization or business, and knowing how to lead them and inspire them is skill that when used properly will yield amazing results. And I owe it all to my time as a student leader at YSU."

Advisors' Thoughts:

"Leo ultimately recognizes the importance of leading by example and does so in each opportunity he is given. Through his leadership experience he has had the chance to refine his social skills, gain confidence and lead in a positive and constructive way."

Carrie Anderson, Assistant Director/Student Activities

"Beyond the application of his natural intelligence and his fine work ethic, he shows a level of curiosity in things combined with an interest in people that will prepare him for a career working in teams to solve problems."

Dr. Martin Cala, Professor/Mechanical & Industrial Engineering

AVI Foodsystems, Inc. takes great pride in originating the AVI Student Leadership Scholarship to support the recognition of outstanding individual achievements within the University.

AVI has awarded seven scholarships to date and seven scholarships will be awarded this evening. Being a leader is a result of commitment. For AVI at YSU, the scholarship program, which has now awarded nearly \$8,400 in scholarship money, is one of several commitments that identify us with tomorrow's leaders.



LAUREN EISENREICH

Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Major: Jazz Studies

Campus Involvement:

Youngstown Jazz Collective 2011-present • Catholic Student Association 2011-present •

Emerging Leader Program 2011-present • Honors Program 2011-present

In Lauren's Words:

"While my leadership positions have enabled me to find my place in this university as well as make many friends, I see leadership as a way to give back. I feel that I was given the skills that I have for a reason and when I organize a successful event, I know that I am using my talents in a way that is beneficial towards others. While I have always found myself in leadership roles throughout my life, my experiences at YSU have had a special impact on me. Here, I have felt the ability to really take my ideas and make them a reality. I have felt freedom that empowers me to not only get things done, but to dream big. Being able to work with other student leaders who have the same passion for the organizations that I do to create huge events like the first jazz CD to be recorded by a student organization, a Swing Dance Night, Dog's Day Out, and a 30 Hour Famine has really facilitated my maturation as a leader. Without my participation in student organizations at Youngstown State, I would not have had the rewarding college experience that I have been privileged enough to encounter."

Advisors' Thoughts:

"Lauren Eisenreich is the best kind of leader, a leader who shows through the example of her own daily life how to set and attain goals and how to treat others. She has excelled as a musician, as a student, and as a human being. She treats everyone with kindness and respect, yet is relentless in her quest to excel and make a difference in the world."

David Morgan, Professor/Dana School of Music

"Lauren Eisenreich is mature, bright, musically talented, innovative, and takes initiative. If Lauren isn't in class or engaged in a campus activity, she is working. There is hardly a moment for Lauren to rest, but yet she still has this incredibly positive attitude, academic and music performance success, while making significant contributions to campus life."

Dr. Amy Cossentino, Assistant Director/University Honors and Scholars Program



SCOTT MILLER

Hometown: Austintown, Ohio

Major: Music Education (Instrumental)

Campus Involvement:

YSU Marching Pride Drum Major, March 2013-Present, Trumpet Section Leader, August 2012 - March

2013 • Concert Band Trumpet Section Leader, August 2012 - December 2013 • Basketball Pep Band

Student Leader, November 2013 - Present • Ohio Collegiate Music Education Association (OCMEA)

President, April 2013-Present • Presidential Mentors August 2013 - Present

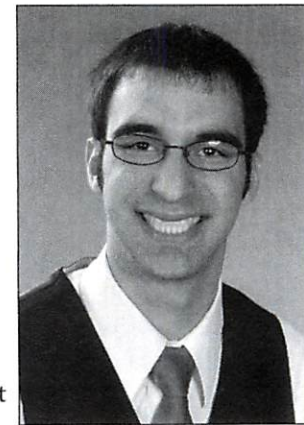
In Scott's Words:

"I received two pieces of advice from two members of the Dana School of Music faculty. First, Dr. Brandt Payne told me in an interview that the best advice he could give an undergraduate music student is to not be afraid to take risks. Second, Dr. Michael Crist told the incoming freshmen class of music students to do something, anything, to make Dana a better place. I took these pieces of advice to heart, and by doing so, transformed a normal undergraduate career into an extraordinary experience. Those pieces of advice caused me to actively seek out leadership opportunities that enhanced my college experience and allowed personal growth I never could have imagined. I have grown so much as a musician and teacher largely due to the leadership positions I have been fortunate enough to attain. As a freshman, I was shy, introverted, and apprehensive about my career in the competitive music education field. In three short years I have become a leader in the Dana School of Music and on the campus of YSU as a whole, and I could not be more excited to see where my career takes me. Because of the positions I have held, I am already a better musician and teacher than I ever thought possible."

Advisor's Thoughts:

"Scott is reliable, hardworking, and consistent in all his actions, and is a student of which I can ALWAYS depend on no matter the endeavor. Scott is not outspoken, but leads by example, and is always a positive role model for his peers in the Marching Pride. Scott makes habit of being kind, warm, positive, and reliable. Scott is respected as much by fellow faculty as his peers."

Dr. Brandt Payne, Director/Athletic Bands





ALYSSA OLMI

Hometown: Struthers, Ohio

Major: Nursing

Campus Involvement:

Student Government Association 2012-14 • Youngstown Environmental Sustainability Society 2012-14 • Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity, Zeta Gamma Chapter 2013-14 • Presidential Mentor 2013-14 • Homecoming Committee 2013 • College Democrats 2012-14

In Alyssa's Words:

"I am a die-hard Youngstown fan who believes in the university and the city. I want this area to flourish again, and I love getting involved in YSU and the community as much as possible. Being a student leader has enhanced my experience at YSU because I was able to learn leadership skills, social network, and make an impact at YSU. I enjoy working on campus at the Student Health Clinic; participating in my various organizations, going to sporting events and after school activities such as plays, concerts, and seminars. I am a commuter student and find myself on campus for 12 hours straight some days because I not only enjoy what I am studying, but also enjoy what I am doing outside the classroom. I am excited to start my nursing career, happy to be a part of the campus, and proud to be a student at Youngstown State University."

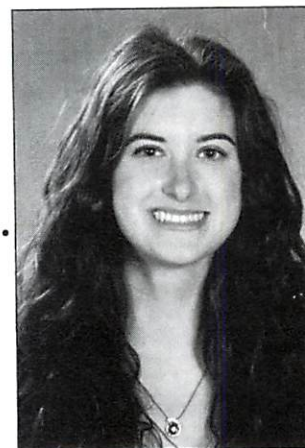
Advisors' Thoughts:

"If I were asked to rank Alyssa Olmi as a student based on academics, extracurricular activity, commitment to Youngstown State University, and her personal attributes, I would place her as one of the top students I have had the privilege of being affiliated with as an instructor at Youngstown State."

Deborah F. Benyo, Assistant Professor/Biological Sciences

"What a privilege it has been to work alongside a student that shows initiative to continually improve herself as well as the environment and community around her. Alyssa Olmi sets out to be the best she can be in all she does."

Wendy Thomas, Student Health Services Nurse/Student Health Clinic



ASHLEY ORR

Hometown: Columbiana, Ohio

Major: B.S. Mathematics and B.A. Economics

Campus Involvement:

University Scholar Trustees August 2012-Present • Student Government Association August 2012-Present • PME Mathematical Honorary Summer 2013- Present • Association for Women in Mathematics 2014 • STEM Leadership Society July 2012-Present

In Ashley's Words:

"Because of my leadership roles, YSU is no longer just a college campus to me, it's my community. I am a strong believer in the fact that leadership is not a position, but rather it is action. Being a leader has helped me realize that I am the most happy when helping others and giving back. Being a student leader has taught me how to work with people who are coming from very different backgrounds than me, who may be older than me, or smarter. Leading has taught me that respect is easily earned when you respect those who put the trust in you to lead them. Leadership has allowed me to immerse myself in campus life and really made my college experience the ultimate experience of a lifetime. Service to others is synonymous with leadership and through my time as President of the University Scholars I have loved every volunteer event where after organizing the event, I get to work alongside the other honors students and just give my time and talents. Leadership has also allowed me to meet so many people whom I wouldn't have had the opportunity to meet otherwise. These encounters have developed into friendships and in many cases relationships that I know will last me a lifetime. Overall as a leader, I grow every day, and really get the most out of my YSU experience."

Advisors' Thoughts:

"Ashley always brings a positive energy and enthusiasm to the room. She openly shares her perspectives and opinions, advocating on behalf of her peers and seeking to bring about positive change on the campus of YSU."

Erin Driscoll, Director/Student Activities

"Ashley inspires others to give back in all they do, and show appreciation for all they have been given. She does this through her genuine humility, deep sense of philanthropy, and incredible integrity."

Dr. Amy Cossentino, Assistant Director/University Scholars and Honors Program



PAIGE RASSEGA

Hometown: Mineral Ridge, Ohio
Major: Human Resource Management

Campus Involvement:

Peer Mentor, Center for Student Progress 2012-Present • Student Government Association Representative • Enactus President, 2013-14 • Golden Key Honor Society • National Society of Collegiate Scholars • Sigma Alpha Lambda VP for Community Service, 2013-14 • Alpha Lambda Delta Secretary, 2013-14 • Society for Human Resource Management • WCBA Student Leadership Council

In Paige's Words:

"The experience of being a student leader has enhanced my personal growth and enriched my overall college experience in numerous ways. I am not the "normal" go to class and go home commuter student. I do not live on campus and I am still very involved in a number of student organizations with various positions as well as a campus job. I have built a great professional network with the faculty and staff, knowing who and where to go to when I need something on campus. Being a student leader has helped me grow professionally and prepare me for my future career. I plan to work in Human Resources upon graduation. I have faced diversity and controversies and learned how to effectively communicate. Being a student leader on campus has been one of the most amazing experiences of my life enriching my overall experience at YSU, having endless opportunities and teaching me things that I never knew I would learn."

Advisors' Thoughts:

"Paige excels academically; she is involved on campus, demonstrates her willingness to be a leader and makes a contribution in every setting. Paige exemplifies what it means to be an engaged business professional and a leader!"

Betty Jo Licata, Dean/Williamson College of Business Administration

"Paige truly has an extraordinary enthusiasm for not only her own success but for those around her. As a Human Resources major it is clear that she has found a 'fit' as she is a natural at helping others get connected socially and succeeding academically. As a leader, she takes seriously her role and her passion is contagious!"

Karen Graves, Assistant Director for First Year Student Services/Center for Student Progress



MELISSA SOBNO SKY

Hometown: Youngstown, Ohio
Major: Exercise Science

Campus Involvement:

Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity, Zeta Gamma Chapter Fall 2010-Present • Panhellenic Council Vice President of Recruitment, Spring 2014-Present • Sigma Alpha Lambda Honor Society Spring 2011-Present • National Society of Collegiate Scholars Spring 2011-Present • Exercise Science Club Spring 2011-Present • Golden Key International Honour Society Fall 2012-Present

In Melissa's Words:

"Being a student leader has truly changed my life for the better. Not only have I gained new networking connections, but I have learned life skills that I will continue to use throughout my upcoming career. Each semester I find myself becoming involved in many new ways. From the beginning, I joined Greek Life. After only my first semester I was already holding positions, planning events, and coming out of my shell. It wasn't long until I found myself holding the position of president. This was an accomplishment I never would have thought to be imaginable. The service opportunities I have gained, not only through Greek Life, but through YSU's student organizations have been remarkable. These are all memories and skills that I will cherish forever. Becoming a leader takes time, effort, and heart. I believe that it is something that is acquired through experience, and I have had plenty of opportunities to do so. I have gained so much confidence throughout the past years that I have set my future goals higher than I would have ever expected. I believe in myself and what I can do as an individual. I believe that confidence is the key to success and without my college experience I would not have the motivation to become the success story I strive to be."

Advisors' Thoughts:

"A very organized leader, Melissa works hard to develop a plan and will do her best to accomplish all items she set for goals. She is very dependable and can always be counted on to be present and prepared."

Carrie Anderson, Assistant Director/Student Activities

"Melissa Sobnosky works tirelessly to help those that she'll never meet. She is driven by an internal flame that burns brightly and energizes her and those around her. She displays leadership characteristics that make others want to get involved and do their best."

Frank J. Bosso, Ph.D., Professor/Human Performance & Exercise Science



MENTOR OF THE YEAR



PURPOSE

The Mentor of the Year Award honors the faculty or staff mentor who has contributed the most during the past year to the development of a YSU student.

CRITERIA

Nominee must have served as a faculty/staff mentor during the current academic year.

SELECTION

The Mentor of the Year is selected by the Student Awards Committee based upon the written application provided by the nominating student. ★

KAREN GRAVES

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/FIRST YEAR STUDENT SERVICES
CENTER FOR STUDENT PROGRESS



In the words of nominator Hope Bobonick:

“Over the three years that I have been a peer mentor, Karen has in turn been my mentor. Her willingness to help not only her staff and student employees but each and every student on campus is exceptional. She is always willing to add insight, advice, or help to any situation not matter the subject. Her help has undoubtedly contributed to the successes of the student body on our campus.

“Karen has had such a positive impact on me it is difficult to describe fully. In the past three years she has helped me become a better communicator, student, future teacher, and person. Her kindness and ability to reach students is something I hope to bring to my future classroom. She has taught me the importance of appreciating diversity, adversity, and self-reflection.

“Karen has been helpful in answering my questions and giving advice because not only has she been a wonderful boss but also a great resource on the YSU campus. Her advice/directions always come from a place of positivity and helpfulness.”

In the words of nominator Nicole Noday:

“Karen is a person that I know I can go to for help, no matter what. She always puts everyone else before herself and goes above and beyond to help not only me, but also her students. I feel one-hundred percent comfortable to go to Karen for help because she is so welcoming and willing to help in any way possible.

“The way that she cares for others is truly inspiring to me, and the compassion that she has for the students of YSU is endless. Karen is the person I look up to, not only as a boss, but also as a leader.

“Karen is the first person I go to if I ever have a question or need some advice. She is so welcoming and when I’m talking to her I can tell that she genuinely cares. Her advice has driven me to do better academically and socially, and I couldn’t thank her enough.”

In the words of nominator Paige Rassega:

“Karen starts with the premise that all people can learn and grow both socially and academically. She involves her staff in the Center for Student Progress community in an effort to create a vision that we can make a difference. ‘Each student can succeed’ is a part of the belief statement that Karen strongly believes. Karen is a team player and a team builder. Collaboration is at the heart of her administrative style. Her people skills and caring personality allow others to feel comfortable and solution-oriented. Creating effective professional learning communities is her strength.

“Karen actively listens to the needs of different people. Her professionalism, people skills and competency gives her the credibility to impact the people she comes into contact with throughout the YSU community. Not only does Karen support all interests and needs of a diverse community, she is able to communicate those needs to others. Karen is such an amazing person in so many different ways! She definitely has an open door policy.

“Karen is very visible and involved with the students and the Center for Student Progress. She believes that the most important thing we can do as educators is to model high personal ethical and professional standards. Leading by example is one of Karen’s highest priorities. I want to praise Karen for her enthusiasm for her work, her commitment to students and her high professional standards, which are apparent to anyone who comes into contact with her. She believes that educators need to model a commitment to life-long learning.”



MULTICULTURAL STUDENT SERVICES

LEADERSHIP AWARD

PURPOSE

The Multicultural Student Services Leadership Award recognizes one or two minority students served through the Center for Student Progress who have achieved academic success and demonstrated effective leadership in promoting cultural awareness to the campus and community.

CRITERIA

- Currently enrolled multicultural student who participates in Multicultural Student Services
- GPA of 3.0 or higher and good disciplinary standing for the previous two years
- Evidence of leadership in community and/or campus cultural awareness events
- Three references (one of which must be YSU faculty or administrative staff).
- Individual interview with Coordinator of Multicultural Student Services, CSP

SELECTION

Up to two candidates will be chosen by the Student Awards Committee and a representative of Multicultural Student Services based upon the completed application, input from references and feedback on interview.★

ANTOINE WATKINS

Hometown: Akron, Ohio

Major: Criminal Justice/Political Science

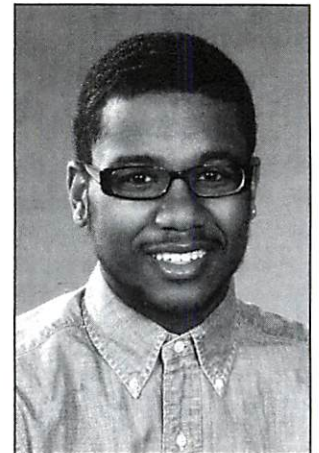
In the words of nominator William Blake, Director of the Office of Student Diversity Programs:

"I am excited about the leadership that Antoine has provided in establishing the College Chapter of the NAACP on the YSU campus this year. I have known Mr. Watkins for two and a half years as a Mentor and Advisor. He has been a constant presence with many diversity efforts including the MLK Jr. Diversity Breakfast and the Student Diversity Council.

"Over the course of the past year and a half, Antoine has worked tirelessly to transform a small group of interested students into the new NAACP College Chapter of YSU. This effort was made possible through organizing a series of trainings and meetings with students and the local branch of the NAACP. His leadership provided access to a pool of resources that gradually evolved into a working body of students focused upon achieving the standards necessary to establish a Collegiate Chapter. After organizing a strong committee structure and electing officers, an effective membership recruitment campaign resulted in garnering more

than the requisite number of students to request a charter. The national board of directors met and granted the petition of the YSU students and established the College Chapter of the NAACP – Unit 38AI on February 12, 2014. Antoine immediately engaged his membership to prepare an announcement and chartering ceremony. The ceremony was set for Friday, February 28, 2014 and was held in the James Gallery of Kilcawley Center.

I have found that Antoine is respected among his peers and is able to provide dependable leadership. He is a bona fide leader as he has significant followership within the NAACP. Moreover, throughout his tenure while building a student organization he has maintained above a 3.0 grade point average. It is without any hesitation that I recommend Antoine D. Watkins to you for the Multicultural Student Leadership Award."





THE SIRIUS AWARD

STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

PURPOSE

This award recognizes student employees who have made outstanding contributions to their employers. If you have a student employee whom you feel is worthy of special recognition, we encourage you to nominate him or her.

CRITERIA

- The student you nominate should have worked for you a period of at least one semester, and be a full-time, undergraduate student at YSU.
- Demonstrated skills and commitment that go above and beyond expectations
- Demonstrated growth or competency in the following areas: Reliability, Initiative, Uniqueness of Contribution, Adaptability, Quality of Work, Professionalism, Community and Campus Service and Disposition/Attitude

SELECTION

The Sirius Award will be awarded by the Student Awards Committee based on the evaluation by the employer as indicated on the nomination form. ★

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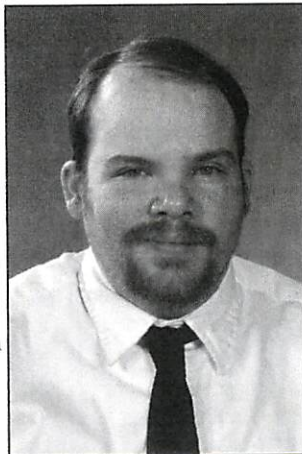
STUDENT EMPLOYEE
IN UNIVERSITY GROUNDS

Hometown: Hubbard, Ohio
Major: Engineering

In the words of nominator David Ewing:

“With the harsh winter, Eric has come in when the full-time Grounds Keepers have been called out (at 3:00 or 4:00 in the morning) to get a jump on entrances and steps. His primary goal is to have south campus safe when students arrive.

Eric comes in early, takes a cart out on campus, and begins shoveling steps and entrances so students can get to class. He then salts the steps and entrances. When the Grounds Department has an early call out, 3:00 or 4:00 in the morning, Eric comes in usually on unplowed roads to begin his work. He does an excellent job of making sure entrances and steps are shoveled and salted before 7:00 am. Eric does not have to come out this early, he could start at 6:00 am, however because of his work ethic and dedication, he comes early. Once done with his initial rounds he keeps going back and checking his areas for refreezing. Working as a student in the grounds department is very hard work with very little thanks. I feel to come out on bad roads and in the middle of the night, using a golf cart, shovel and a bucket of salt is going way above what a student should be expected to do. Eric has a very strong work ethic, and truly cares about the safety of students. I think Eric is exactly what this award is meant for.”



WILLIAM R. MACOMBER

STUDENT EMPLOYEE AT MAAG LIBRARY

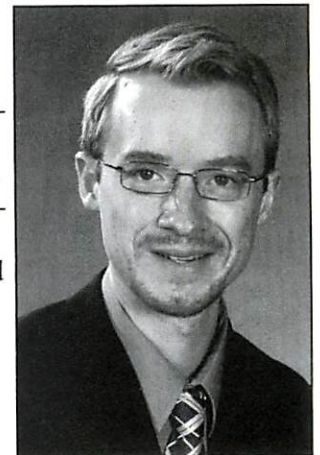
Hometown: Boardman, Ohio
Major: Nursing

In the words of nominator Robert D. Ault:

“Bill exemplifies the type of employee/individual that any organization craves. From day one at Maag Library, he has skillfully integrated his academic requirements with our work schedules and cheerfully accepted increased responsibility and new tasks. Bill has consistently been the first choice for any special library projects due to his diligent work and an eye for detail.”

In the words of nominator Cynthia Harrison:

“William is one of the most responsible, dedicated, professional, and scholarly student employees I have encountered in almost 30 years in academia. He is one of those students who does not have to be reminded of his job responsibilities. William methodically works through the standard daily job list each time he starts a shift and then immediately moves on to whatever additional projects or responsibilities have been assigned to him. He is self-motivated and highly reliable. His professionalism and understanding of customer service make him a significant asset in Maag’s Information Services area, as he confidently, yet respectfully assists students, faculty, and general public.”



In the words of nominator Maria Barefoot:

“At work, Bill is always aware of issues and expertly solves them or brings them to a librarian for advice. It was only yesterday that he noticed a problem with one of our databases and brought it to my

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WILLIAM R. MACOMBER, CONTINUED

attention instead of ignoring the issue as many students would. He also actively seeks out work that needs done around the library. He often asks if he can read shelves, straighten up the reference room, or do other tasks to make sure that we are operating at peak potential. When Bill is scheduled to work I have no doubt that library policies will be upheld and that the students that seek our help will find a pleasant and helpful answer from Bill.”

In the words of nominator George F. Heller, Jr.:

“Being a student supervisor and a twenty year employee of YSU I have found no one to compare to William. He is intelligent, responsible, and always exceeds expectations. Simply put, he is the absolute best student employee I have ever supervised.”

In the words of nominator John Popadak:

“Bill was very shy when he started and working the reference desk was not always the easiest for him. He has turned his shyness into an openness and willingness to help others. He adapted to working with the public. Bill is always asking if there is anything he can do. A lot of times our students at the reference desk are able to study and do homework if they are not helping anyone. Bill often asks if there is anything else he can do, many times foregoing studying to get other work done. Bill has also stepped in several times when other students were not able to make it to work. This is always appreciated by the staff.”

In the words of nominator Rebecca Moore:

“Bill maintains a calm, competent presence at the reference desk. He requires no outright supervision; during off hours he will seek out projects and activities to work on and can be counted upon to continue projects from one shift to the next. We rely on Bill to help train new students. The quality of his work is consistently excellent and his sense of professionalism in the workplace makes him a model student employee.”



GINA TENNEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Gina Tenney was one of Youngstown State University's best and most dedicated students.

Before her tragic death in 1985, Gina had been actively involved in campus life and had achieved an excellent academic standing. She was a member of our Student Government Association, serving as Vice-President of Student Council and was a student assistant in the Students Serving Students program.

In addition, she served as a costumer and assistant director during the University Theater's 1985 season.

To honor Gina's memory, the Gina Tenney Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in January/1986 by the members of S.G.A. ★

DOMINIC DeLAURENTIS

This year's winner is Dominic DeLaurentis, a Music Education major who has maintained a 3.87 overall grade point average. A native of Poland, Ohio, he is additionally majoring in both piano and oboe.



In Dominic's Words:

“I believe that helping other is one of the most important and influential things one can do. This applies directly to my life because I am a piano teacher. I help students every week learn to play music. One of my students in particular is quite bright, and when he plays a piece well, it never ceases to make me smile seeing the joy on his face. I feel empowered because I can impact someone's life in a positive way. This is precisely why I want to teach music in the future. It is an amazing feeling knowing that I can help people every day.

“Gina Tenney suffered a tragic and heartbreaking death; she had so much love and so much to give. I feel that by helping others in any way that I can, I can achieve what Gina had always sought to do. I have two major passions in life: music and serving those around me. I feel that in my future as a music educator, I can fulfill both passions.”

Advisor's Thoughts:

“Dominic is one of the most talented oboists and musicians I have ever had the privilege to teach. Aside from his natural gifts of perfect pitch and phenomenal technical facility which derives from a lightning quick perception and dexterity, he possesses an intelligence that allows for him to integrate concepts and subtleties almost instantaneously.

“Music is a demanding field that leaves little time for community service and generally a life outside of music. Still Dom contributes his talents in a way of community service through his work at church and through the occasional musical performance outside of school. For this reason, Dom more closely embodies the qualities that Gina Tenney represents. The quality that stands out for me was Gina's devotion to others and a love of life. Dom certainly reflects devotion to others and displays excellence in his field of chosen study.”

Dr. Tedrow Perkins, Professor/Dana School of Music



EMERGING LEADERS

DEVELOPING LEADERS TODAY
TO LEAVE A LEGACY TOMORROW!

The vision of the Emerging Leader program is to cultivate a spirit of leadership development that inspires students to act with passion and lead with integrity as a means of transforming our communities.

The Emerging Leader Program (ELP) is built on the understanding and expectation that leadership can truly be learned, practiced and utilized by all individuals. In fact, the program defines and is committed to the perspective that "leadership is a dynamic process of self-discovery that fosters a passionate vision, collaborative relationships and congruency between values and actions directed at empowering positive change in our communities."

The ELP is a structured, self-paced program designed to strengthen your leadership knowledge and skills. In completing the program, one experiences opportunities that foster self-discovery, promotes collaborative relationships and emphasizes empowering communities.

In response to completing the ELP, the student receives a notation on his/her academic transcript; an official leadership transcript; an ELP medal and certificate at the Annual Student Awards Banquet and the ELP service pin.

More importantly, each student has further developed the qualities and skills that are needed in order to be successful; to create a better community; to empower others and to leave a positive legacy. ★

2014 EMERGING LEADERS

Amber Bullock
Jaimie DeMaiolo
Virginia Dinh
Jessica Drohn
Jasmin Durig
Paulette Edington
Gina Gilmore
Leanna Hartsough
Brittany Henry
Kassandra Militello
Nicole Noday
Taslim Patterson
Corinne Pavlicko
Raven Perry
Paige Rasega
Samantha Streb
Thursday Wilson
Christina Yovick



To become a part of
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Visit the
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at www.ysu.edu/studentlife.

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AWARDS

FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE



Each year the Division of Student Affairs recognizes those individuals for their outstanding service by presenting the Gillespie-Painter Award, the Edna K. McDonald Cultural Awareness Award and the Student Service Award.

Presented by Vice President for Student Affairs Jack Fahey, the following is a brief description of each award and a listing of this year's recipients.

2014 STUDENT SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS:

The Student Service Award recognizes an outstanding individual who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the students of Youngstown State University. All faculty, staff (excluding the Division of Student Affairs) and members of the University community are eligible for this award.



Hillary Fuhrman
Director of Assessment
Office of Assessment



Lori Hinebaugh
Systems Analyst
Computer Services



Robert Mistovich
Maintenance Repair Supervisor
Facilities

2014 EDNA K. McDONALD CULTURAL AWARENESS AWARD RECIPIENTS:

The Edna K. McDonald Cultural Awareness Award recognizes an outstanding individual who has made a lasting contribution to encouraging and increasing awareness of cultural diversity at Youngstown State University. All faculty, staff, students and members of the extended University community are eligible for this award.



Victoria Bankhead



Ashley Jones



Macey Nortey

HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE GRADUATE ASSISTANTS



Lisa Ronquillo
YSUnity
President



Tim Bortner
YSUnity
Vice President

2014 GILLESPIE-PAINTER AWARD RECIPIENT:

The Gillespie-Painter Award recognizes outstanding achievement in support of the Division of Student Affairs at YSU beyond the scope of assigned duties. All members of the Division of Student Affairs are eligible for this award.



Tysa Egleton
Associate Registrar
Registration, Records,
& Student One Stop



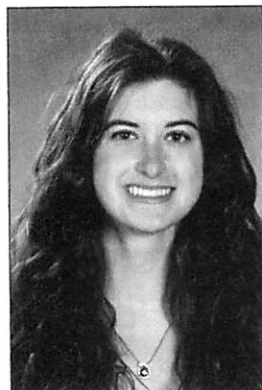
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AWARDS



2014 DR. LUKE N. ZACCARO MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is given each year to a student in memory of the late Luke N. Zaccaro, Chair of the Math Department. It is presented to a YSU student who may or may not be a member of the Student Government Association.

The individual should have done something exceptional for the University, Student Government Association or his/her fellow students during the course of the current year.



Alyssa Olmi
SGA Health & Human Services
Representative



2014 DR. CHARLES A. MCBRIARTY AWARD

Established by the Student Government Association during the 1992-1993 academic year, the award recognizes and remembers the commitment and contributions of Dr. Charles McBriarty to students and Student Services during his tenure as Vice-President for Student Affairs.

Its intent is to recognize individuals within the university community who have a reputation for being exceptionally student-oriented and who possess

the traits, ethics and friendly style exhibited by Dr. McBriarty.

A maximum of one full-time employee from administration, the professional/administrative staff and/or the classified staff shall be presented this award each year.



Jack Fahey
Vice President for
Student Affairs



2014 SMITH- MURPHY AWARD



Dr. Chet Cooper
Professor,
Biological Sciences



The Smith-Murphy Award is presented to one full-time faculty member each year.

The recipient must possess the qualities of Lester Smith and Gratia Murphy; the aforementioned for whom the award is named and they must show a genuine concern for the well-being and success of the students he/she teaches.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AWARDS

2014 SGA "SPIRIT AWARDS"

The Student Government Association "Spirit Award" shall be given to a member of the campus or Youngstown Metropolitan community who has displayed enthusiasm for the work of the YSU Student Government Association over the past academic year.

A maximum of two awards are given each year to a student, staff or faculty member, alumnus, administrator or private citizen.



Caroline Standohar
SGA, Vice President for Student Life



Ashley Orr
SGA, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Representative

2014 JOHN J. GOCALA SERVICE AWARD

The John J. Gocala Service Award was established by the Student Government Association during the 2008-09 academic year to recognize the commitment and contributions of John J. Gocala during his tenure as YSU Police Chief.

The intent of the award is to recognize one individual within the university community who has gone and still continues to go above and beyond the call of duty to serve the first-class reputations and traditions of Youngstown State University.

The individual must truly work to preserve the best interests of the YSU campus and community.



Andrea Tharp
Assistant Editor Social Media, Office of Marketing Communications

2014 PRESIDENT CYNTHIA E. ANDERSON LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The recipient of the Cynthia E. Anderson Lifetime Achievement Award shall have exhibited an extended commitment and dedication to serving the student body through various positions in the Student Government Association.

A maximum of one full-time student per year is given the award.



Catherine Carney
SGA President

2014 DR. MARTIN T. "MARTY" MANNING AWARD

The Martin T. "Marty" Manning Award, established during the 2010-2011 academic year by the Student Government Association, is in honor of the late Dr. Martin T. "Marty" Manning. The award is in recognition of the superior student-mentoring abilities of Dr. Manning.

The award shall be conferred to a full or part-time student, administrator, faculty or staff member, or alumnus who has exemplified the student-mentoring capacity that Dr. Manning so avidly displayed throughout his Youngstown State University career.

This award shall be conferred no more than one time per academic year.



Erin Driscoll
Director, Student Activities



PRESIDENTIAL MENTORS

2013-14

The students that are selected to serve as Presidential Mentors are an excellent group of student leaders; a leadership team that meets and mentors both the President and executive administrators of the President's cabinet once each month throughout the academic year.

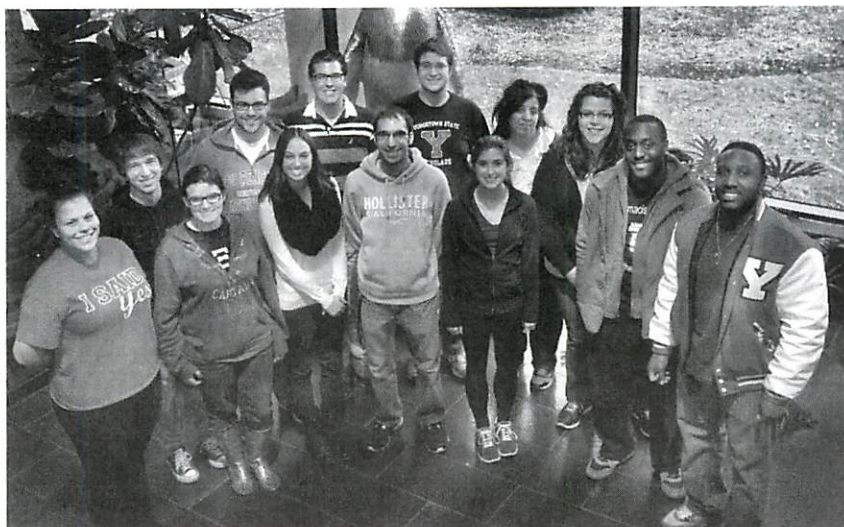
The purpose of the program is to interact with a broad, cross-section of University students, all the while encouraging those students to provide input at the Presidential and executive levels on important **social, cultural, educational** and **political matters**.

Youngstown State University has some of the finest students in American Higher Education and that fact is evidenced by the Presidential Mentors' contribution to the University and the Greater Youngstown Community.

The student-mentors gain meaningful insight into the intricacies of American Higher Education and build interpersonal relationships that establish a model of leadership for the entire campus community.

This year's group of Presidential Mentors follows:

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| Josiah Banks | Charesse Hagan | Nicole Pavlichich |
| Rebecca Banks | Rachelle Houy | Lucas Politsky |
| Christopher Bzinak | Carolyn Jesko | Lisa Ronquillo |
| Jacqueline Carlisle | Anna Kolar | Gregory Satmare |
| Daniel Catello | Abby Kulisz | Ahmed Sutton |
| Christopher Copeland | Matthew Melito | Tiffany Varney |
| Maria Culp | Scott Miller | Melissa Wasser |
| Estee George | Alyssa Olmi | Andrew Zajac |
| | Torrian Pace | |



YSU PIN AWARD

FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATING STUDENT LEADERS



PURPOSE

Since 1948, the YSU Pin Award has been a distinguished part of Youngstown State University's rich tradition. It recognizes up to five graduating seniors annually who have achieved academic success and demonstrated outstanding leadership, motivation and creativity in university and community activities.

CRITERIA

- Candidates must be graduating between December 2013 and August 2014.
- Candidates must have demonstrated outstanding leadership in YSU campus life through participation in a variety of campus activities and community-wide service projects.
- Candidates must have demonstrated character and integrity in their role as a YSU student leader.
- Candidates must have a minimum accumulative GPA of 3.0 and maintained good disciplinary standing for the previous two years.
- Candidates are eligible to be awarded the YSU Pin only once.
- Candidates must provide a minimum of one; no more than three references.

SELECTION

Up to five or more students graduating in the current academic year will be selected by the Student Awards Committee. Candidates will be evaluated based upon their application and references. ★

CATHERINE CARNEY

Hometown: Poland, Ohio

Majors: Political Science and Mathematics

Campus Involvement:

Student Government Association *President, Fall 2013-present; Vice President for Financial Affairs, 2012-13; Chair of Financial Affairs Committee, 2011-12; Commissioner of Elections Board, Spring 2011*

YSU American Collegiate Moot Court Association *Fall 2012-Spring 2014*

YSU Academic Senate *Student Senator, Fall 2013-present*

Student Senator Model United Nations *Fall 2010-Spring 2013*

Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity, Zeta Gamma Chapter *Fall 2011-Present*

University Scholar Trustees *Vice President, 2012-13; Secretary, 2011-12*

Student Recreation Advisory Committee *Fall 2011-Spring 2013*

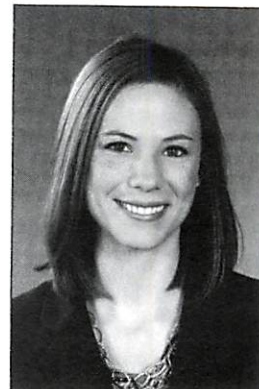
Panhellenic Council *Fall 2011-present, Rho Gamma, Fall 2013*

Community Service Highlights:

Shantytown 2010-2013 • Pink Ribbon Cheer Classic 2011-2013 • Celebrate Weekend Retreat 2011-2013 • Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure 2012-2013 • Youngstown State University Scholar Day of Service 2012-2013 • Youngstown High School Speech And Debate League 2010-2014

In Catie's Words:

"Being actively involved in student organizations has greatly impacted my undergraduate experience at Youngstown State University. Joining Model UN during my first semester gave me the opportunity to become involved in campus life outside of the classroom. I met so many students, both in my major and not. I quickly realized that student organizations did not take away from my academics. In fact, student groups and my academic life often worked in tandem. I got involved in honors, service, social and academic organizations, and each of these organizations have taught me skills that I will use for the rest of my life. I learned how to improve my public speaking skills and how to effectively communicate with others. I also learned how to manage my time and become more organized. These are skills I couldn't have learned in a traditional classroom setting, and I will be using these skills in my professional career. I am forever grateful to have had the opportunity to learn these skills through my involvement in student organizations. Having the opportunity to hold leadership positions in student organizations has made me into a more confident and mature individual. Being President of Student Government Association has opened my eyes to what passionate leaders and group members can accomplish. As President, I always make sure to be transparent and direct in my words and in my actions, in order to better represent the Student Body. I am very honored to have served as President of Student Government Association because of the positive impact SGA has on the student body and the YSU community. I am honored to have been a part of so many organizations



CATHERINE CARNEY, CONTINUED

at YSU that share my passion for service. The University Scholars, allowed me to give back to my community by my participation in their annual Shantytown event. Participating in this service event made me aware of poverty and homelessness in the Youngstown area, and made me appreciate everything that has been given to me. Overall, my involvement in service at YSU has developed me into a more mature and caring individual. I understand the importance of giving back to others, and I look forward to carry on my passion for service beyond my years at Youngstown State.”

Advisors' Thoughts:

“Since her freshmen year, Catie weekly dedicates time to planning service projects, social activities, and addressing concerns from her class. Sometimes this involvement is highly time consuming, but Catie handles this responsibility with ease. Catie has extended her service-minded approach to the campus community with her various roles on SGA, ZTA, and other various student organizations.”

Dr. Amy Cossentino, Assistant Director/University Honors & Scholars Program

“Catie has led the YSU Moot Court Association/Team through her dedication, intelligence, passion, and humanity. She carries herself with an aura of leadership and determination. She has set a standard that her colleagues admire and to which her colleagues aspire.”

Attorney Ron Slipski, Part-Time Faculty/Political Science

“Catie Carney represents a role model for YSU student leaders. She is not only a capable and accomplished as the President of SGA, but she is a highly engaged individual in numerous campus activities. Academically, she has excelled in the classroom as well as an ambassador of student success beyond the YSU campus. Undoubtedly, Catie will be an enormous asset to her career field and a prime example of YSU's academic prowess.”

Dr. Chester Cooper, SGA Advisor, Professor/Biological Sciences

RACHELLE HOUY

Hometown: Masury, Ohio

Major: Integrated Language Arts and Integrated Social Studies

Campus Involvement:

National Society of Collegiate Scholars *President, 2012-14*
Youngstown Student Education Association *Vice President, 2012-13; Social Director and Penguin Pal Coordinator, 2013-14*

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society 2011-14
Kappa Delta Pi International Education Honor Society 2011-14
Ballroom Dance Club 2013-14
Presidential Mentor 2013-14



Community Service Highlights:

“You are Loved” Suicide/Depression Awareness Service Project at Howland High School • Cards for U.S. Service Men and Women • Youngstown ALS and MS Walk 2010-2014 • Read Across America Volunteer • Youngstown Walk for Autism • Panerathon

In Rachelle's Words:

“Being involved on campus has helped me to network both personally and professionally, developing a support system of friends and colleagues. The Youngstown Student Education Association has given me wonderful opportunities to attend professional development conferences at both the state and national level, collaborate with fellow teachers locally and across the country and have opportunities to get involved with the local chapter as well as become a member of the state board for the Ohio Student Education Association. These opportunities have helped me to become a better teacher as well as a better student. Involvement in organizations can also provide quality friendship with those who share your interests. YSU Ballroom Dance Club gave me the opportunity to connect with students who I may have otherwise never met. These friendships have helped to remind me that college isn't just about academics, networking and giving back to the community but about making lasting connections with people you wouldn't normally meet. Being involved in various student organizations has helped me to connect with others who have the same passions that I do and who desire to give back Youngstown and the surrounding communities. This attitude of service is one that I will take with me as I leave YSU and I hope that I can continue to collaborate with friends and colleagues to make our community a better place. Being a student leader has helped me to continue to push myself to be a role model for other students. It has made me examine the decisions I make both in my personal life as well as my academic life. I take pride in setting goals for myself working hard to accomplish them. Being involved in student organizations has also given me the opportunity to connect with other great leaders on campus. I cannot express what being a student leader has meant to me over the past years. The chance to be involved and to help others do the same has made me a better leader and a better student.”

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RACHELLE HOUY, CONTINUED

Advisors' Thoughts:

"Rachelle Houy makes those around her better. Her actions help motivate others and in motivating others, help the organization move forward, improve, and achieve organizational goals."

Dr. Ronald Shaklee, Professor/Geography and Director/University Honors & Scholars Program

"Rachelle has definitely been an asset to the YSEA! Her strong leadership skills are well evidenced by the roles she has taken within campus organizations at both the state and local level and her commitment to the campus community. Rachelle is very dedicated, organized and self-motivated. She enjoys working with students and having fun, whether swing dancing or participating in a Civil War ball. Rachelle always gives 110%."

Crystal M Hawthorne, Coordinator of Teacher Licensure/Beeghly College of Education

CORINNE PAVLICKO

Hometown: Lowellville, Ohio

Major: Advertising and Public Relations

Campus Involvement:

Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society March 2014-Present

Advertising Club President, Fall 2013-Present

Sigma Alpha Lambda Academic Honor Society Fall 2011-Present

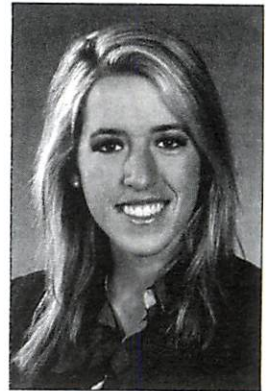
Emerging Leader Program Fall 2010-Present

Homecoming Chair Summer 2013-Fall 2013

Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority President, Fall 2012-Fall 2013; VP of Communications, Fall 2011-Fall 2012

Panhellenic Council Vice President of Programming, Fall 2012-Fall 2013

Information Technology Student Association Secretary, Fall 2011-Fall 2012



Community Service Highlights:

Pie an AOII • Smoke Out Arthritis • Sisters for Soldiers • Easter Seals Walk at Boardman Park Volunteer • Circle of Sisterhood fundraiser coordinator • Emerging Leader's Giving Tree Program

In Cori's Words:

"I am so thankful that I was involved in many campus organizations because they provided me with endless opportunities to gain hands on experience in leadership and character development. It also helped me grow and develop as a person. For example, during my time as President of Alpha Omicron Pi, I attended a Leadership Academy in Nashville, TN; a weekend-long training which opened my eyes to not only the resources available to my sorority, but also to the networking capabilities with other campuses. More importantly, I learned how to develop myself as a chapter leader as well as ways to improve my organization. My experiences have also helped me better manage my time, delegate responsibilities, and significantly improve my communication skills. In addition, the opportunities to participate in service projects for the YSU community have been life-changing experiences. I realized the importance of giving back to the community and how little contributions can make a big difference in the lives of others. Devoting my time and resources as a student leader has been the single, most influential decision that I have ever made. My college experience has been enriched through lifelong friendships, knowledge and service that I would not have gained without my membership and leadership experiences in various organizations. These experiences have helped me build a solid foundation for my future career. Many of the skills I have learned are invaluable, and I will be able to take them with me to the workplace."

Advisors' Thoughts:

"Her intelligence, diligence and honesty have always come to the forefront of her work ethic in the classroom as well as in Ads Club. Her ability as a leader to other students and her confidence in a variety of challenges has brought her praise not just from me, but from other faculty members as well as her peers."

Michael Pontikos, Instructor/Marketing Department

"Cori has accomplished so much in her time here at YSU. She hasn't wasted a minute, but instead worked with others to create great events and experiences for her fellow students. She has made the most of her college years, had a lot of fun, and at the same time prepared herself for what will certainly be a successful career in her chose profession of marketing."

Kathy Leeper, Coordinator/Graphic Services

CORINNE PAVLICKO, CONTINUED

"She shows the maturity of a seasoned leader that exhibits true integrity by aligning her values with her actions in all aspects of her personal and collegiate interactions."

Carrie Anderson, Assistant Director/Student Activities

MELISSA WASSER

Hometown: McDonald, Ohio

Majors: Political Science and Philosophy

Campus Involvement:

Leslie H. Cochran University Scholars Program August 2010 – Present

Model United Nations August 2011 – December 2011

Delta Zeta Sorority, Kappa Chi Parliamentarian, 2014: President, 2013: Academics & Risk Management Chairs, 2012

Academic Senate August 2011 – May 2012

College Democrats August 2011 – Present

Student Government Association August 2012 – Present

Youngstown State University's Board of Trustees Student Trustee, 2012-14

Presidential Mentors August 2012 – Present

Philosophy and Religious Studies Club August 2012 – Present

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society March 2013 – Present

Order of Omega President, August 2013 – Present

YSUnity September 2013 – Present

Moot Court Association September 2013 – Present



Community Service Highlights:

Bowling Coach at Kay Lanes & Mahoning Valley Lanes • Shantytown • Jewish Community Center: Fall Harvest Festival • Phon-A-Thon • Relay for Life • Delta Zeta 5k Run for Noise • Delta Zeta Dodgeball • Crash Day and Crash Night Volunteer • Oh Wow! Children's Museum Volunteer • Delta Zeta Turtle Olympics • Building Bears for Starkey Hearing Foundation

In Melissa's Words:

"At my initial time of coming to YSU, I was not thrilled that I was coming to a school so close to my hometown of McDonald. I felt like I truly wouldn't get a "college experience" being so close to home. However, the main thing that shifted my experience from a negative to a positive college experience was getting involved on campus. The University Scholars program helped give me the opportunity to get involved in Greek Life, political organizations, major-based groups, and community service opportunities. As a freshman, I was focused on my grades and staying in my program. After I had established myself with a 3.9 GPA as a sophomore, I decided to branch out into the world of student organizations by running for Academic Senate and joining Greek Life, and eventually Delta Zeta. Having involvement within these organizations truly helped me grow not only as a person, but also as a student leader. Staying on campus in Cafaro House, and now in the Courtyards, helped to keep me here on weekends to hang out with my friends, my sisters, and others who were in similar organizations with me. It was through my involvement and community service within organizations at YSU that helped open my eyes to the downtown businesses and the sense of community that has been revived in the past few years. My involvement has helped me to view not only Youngstown State University, but also the city of Youngstown in a brand new light, and this opinion helps me to promote Youngstown State University wherever I go. Being a student leader has helped to enrich my personal growth in many ways. Through my organizations, I feel like I have become a more motivational, charismatic person. Joining organizations while at YSU was the perfect complement to my college career. I couldn't have seen not becoming involved during my time here; it's just not who I am. I am very thankful that I was able to work with amazing faculty, staff, and students during my time here and that I am now a better person for doing so. I will truly be a Proud Penguin for life."

Advisors' Thoughts:

"She is exactly the kind of student that professors hope to have—one who plans to take the knowledge she learns in the classroom and apply it in the real world. She is passionate about trying to make the world a better place."

Alan Tomhave, Assistant Professor/Philosophy & Religious Studies

"Melissa is compassionate and empathetic to others while being a ferocious and unyielding intellectual competitor. Melissa has helped foster an atmosphere of rigorous intellectual understanding of some of the most difficult issues facing the United States and the world today. Melissa is a leader."

Attorney Ron Slipski, Part-Time Faculty/Political Science

"Melissa Wasser has the energy of three people. Melissa has at her core the desire, discipline, and determination to achieve success, while passionately contributing to the learning environment and success of others."

Dr. Amy Cossentino, Assistant Director/University Honors & Scholars Program

CHRISTINA YOVICK

Hometown: Youngstown, Ohio
Major: Sociology and Anthropology

Campus Involvement:

YSUnity: LGBTQIA President, Fall 2010- Summer 2011; Vice President, Spring 2010; Secretary, Fall 2009; Safe Zone Training, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014
National Day of Silence Coordinator 2010, 2011
Youngstown State University Pride Week 2010, 2011, 2013
Pride Youngstown Community Festival and Parade 2010, 2011
Sigma Alpha Lambda Leadership Honor Society 2009-2014
Anthropology Colloquium Interim Treasurer, 2013
Emerging Leader Program



Community Service Highlights:

Operation Christmas Child Collection 2009-12 • **Sweats for Serenity Collection with Hands On Volunteer Network and the Youngstown Rape Crisis Program** 2011-13 • **Harvest for Hunger Food Drive** • **American Heart Association Heart Walk Team Captain** 2011 • **American Cancer Society's Relay For Life** 2011

In Christina's Words:

"I have learned a great deal about myself thanks to my leadership roles within YSUnity: LGBTQIA, Sigma Alpha Lambda, the Anthropology Colloquium, and the Emerging Leader Program. I have acquired new leadership skills that I can take with me to graduate school and use in my future career. I have met so many people on campus that have helped me find myself and this journey has shown me the kind of leader I personally want to be. My experiences have taught me to be kind, compassionate, understanding, and forgiving. I want to be known as all of those things on campus and in my community and I know my involvement as a student has helped me achieve so many of my goals already. I have enhanced my communication and networking skills by being a member of these organizations and I am learning how to effectively reach out to all members of the community in order to help the underprivileged and underserved individuals that I initially set out to lend a hand. I have learned to become a more diverse individual in my efforts to educate people on what cultural diversity means. I am so excited to look forward and continue my education in a graduate program here at Youngstown State University so that my experiences may continue to shape me and help me grow into a kind and professional adult in a student affairs career. I am dedicated to serving the individuals on this campus and in the community and I work to enrich the lives of others just as this community has helped to enrich my own. I would not be the person I am today if I had not had the opportunities that I have been given at YSU and I will never forget these last few years. I will remember all of these college experiences and I will give back to this community for the rest of my life."

Advisors' Thoughts:

"Christina is the person you call on to take charge when assistance is needed because you know you can count on her. She is reliable, dependable, intelligent and capable. She is level-headed and resourceful and knows how to make those around her feel like she is completely in control and things will be handled correctly and appropriately."

Denise Altman, Secretary/Reading & Study Skills

"Christina is a gentle dynamo. When speaking to Christina, one finds a gentle spirit, ready to embrace others. Her actions and achievements—especially in reaching out to underserved communities—reveal a passion for social justice. This is a woman with a good heart and a worthy mission. We need more people like Christina Yovick."

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BANQUET MENU

Fancy Mixed Garden Greens
with Julienne Vegetables, Grape
Tomatoes, etc.
3 Dressings
Fresh Fruit Salad

Stuffed Chicken Asiago with
Romano Cream Sauce
Slow Roasted Beef Steak with
Wild Mushrooms and
Port Wine Sauce
Oven Roasted Redskin Potatoes

Rotini Marinara
Sautéed Seasonal Vegetables
Fancy Breads, Rolls and Butter
Coffee, Tea and Iced Tea
Assorted Desserts: Variety of
Cakes, Pies and Cheesecake