

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACADEMIC QUALITY AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

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BACKGROUND MATERIALS Thursday, September 11, 2014

1. Welcome Week Schedule

Tab 1

Welcome Week is designed to enhance students' connection to and engagement in University life. Student engagement is one of the most important drivers of student success. A schedule of this year's events is attached.

2. Summer Bridge Program Update

Tab 2

The Summer Bridge program continues to be one of the most successful student success interventions sponsored by the University. In 2012, YSU's Summer Bridge program was deemed by the U.S. Department of Education as a "promising strategy" for student success.

YSU was among 56 universities and colleges nationwide, and the only one from Ohio, included on the list of promising and practical strategies, practices, programs, and activities that have improved rates of post-secondary success, transfer, and graduation. Students who are recruited into the program graduate at approximately double the expected rate.

3. Student Trustee Selection

Tab 3

The student trustee selection has been moved up to Fall semester in order to facilitate timely appointment of student trustees. Attached is the new timeline and information regarding how YSU generates student interest in applying to be a trustee.

4. Grants and Sponsored Programs Report

Tab 4

The FY14 Year End/Fourth Quarter Report from the Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs is presented for the Board of Trustees' information.

5. Current Accreditation Activity and Higher Learning Commission Update

Tab 5

The report on accreditation activity shows recent accreditations and upcoming site visits and documents submitted. Also included in this report is an update on Higher Learning Commission accreditation activities.

Tab 6

6. Academic Programs Update
The report outlines new program development.

7. Tenure List Tab 7

The list of individual(s) who were awarded tenure since the December 18, 2013, Board of Trustees meeting is attached.

BACKGROUND MATERIALS:

Academic Quality and Student Success Committee

TAB 1: Welcome Week Schedule

STAFF CONTACT: Jack Fahey, Vice President for Student Affairs

HIGHLIGHTS OR ISSUES:

• Student engagement is one of the strongest drivers of increased retention. Welcome Week is a wide range of activities sponsored by entities throughout the academy to encourage new students to engage in campus life.

TAB 2: Summer Bridge Program Update

STAFF CONTACT: Jack Fahey, Vice President for Student Affairs

HIGLIGHTS OR ISSUES:

A short update on one of our most successful student success initiatives.

TAB 3: Student Trustee Selection

STAFF CONTACT: Jack Fahey, Vice President for Student Affairs

HIGLIGHTS OR ISSUES:

• Student Trustee selection will occur in the Fall.

TAB 4: Grants and Sponsored Programs Report

STAFF CONTACT: Dr. Edward Orona, Director, Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs

HIGLIGHTS OR ISSUES:

- Sixteen grant submissions totaling \$994,434 were submitted during this quarter.
- Nine grants were awarded during the fourth quarter totaling \$1,079,014.
- There is a 102% increase in dollars received from FY 2013 to FY 2014.

TAB 5: Current Accreditation Activity and Higher Learning Commission Update

STAFF CONTACT: Dr. Kevin E. Ball, Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Planning

HIGLIGHTS OR ISSUES:

- All of YSU's accredited engineering technology programs have been accredited through September 2018.
- Efforts continue on a number of fronts with YSU's Quality Initiative, "Focusing on Retention: Youngstown State University's Student Success Plan."

TAB 6: Academic Programs Update

STAFF CONTACT: Dr. Kevin E. Ball, Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Planning

HIGLIGHTS OR ISSUES:

- YSU received approval to offer a Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care completion program for students who already possess an associate degree in respiratory care.
- Beginning Fall 2014, YSU's Master of Social Work (MSW) will be offered at Lorain County Community College and Lakeland Community College.

TAB 7: Tenure List

STAFF CONTACT: Dr. Teresa Riley, Interim Provost

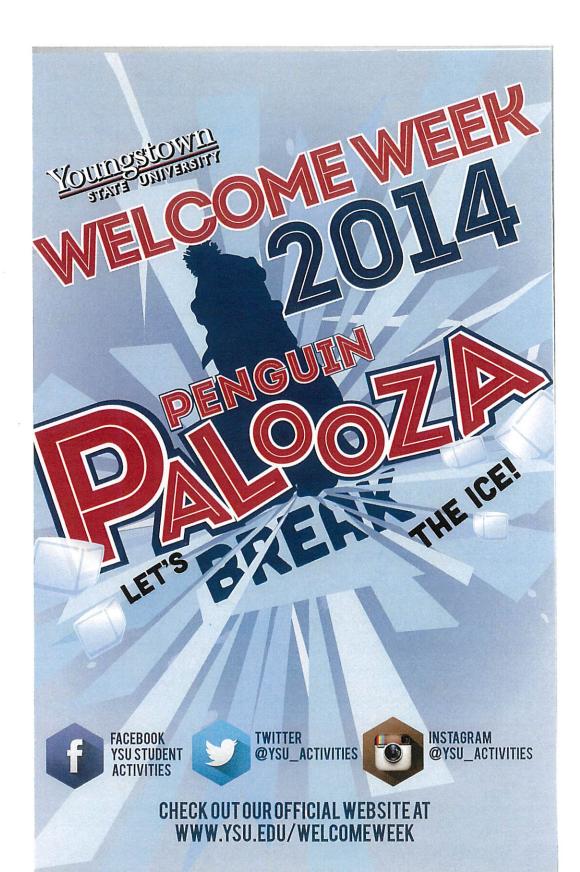
HIGLIGHTS OR ISSUES:

 President Tressel was awarded tenure in the Department of Teacher Education effective July 1, 2014.

REVIEWED:

James P. Tressel, President

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YOUR Student Representatives of Youngstown State University

Visit our office with YOUR questions and concerns!

Second Floor, Kilcawley Center Office Hours: M-F 9am-4pm 330-941-3591

ysusga@gmail.com

Visit our website for news and updates! www.vsu.edu/sga

Look out for information regarding extended shuttle services and downtown discounts for YSU students!



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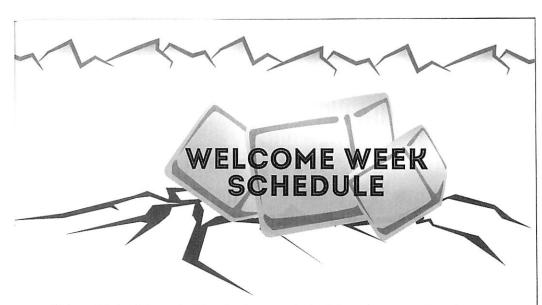
SAVE 10% ON YOUR MEAL

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Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

OPEN 24 HOURS!

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Welcome Week 2014: Penguin Palooza has been organized to help you become familiar with campus, meet other students, and connect with the resources you'll need for a successful career at Youngstown State University. Classes start on Wednesday, August 20, but we have events lined up before then to help you get your bearings as a YSU Penguin.

On Monday, August 18, you are invited to spend time in your academic college from 10:00 am to noon to learn more about your course of study and career opportunities as well as to get to know your faculty and peers. At noon, lunch for students will be hosted at Stambaugh Stadium. Following lunch, students will make their way to the installation of YSU President Jim Tressel at 2:00 pm in Beeghly Center.

There's lots of fun planned, too! Take the stage to sing karaoke with a live band, drive bumper cars on campus, and attend the biggest paint party in the nation, Life in Color, at Covelli Centre!

Look for the Penguin 101 symbol on the Welcome Week schedule to identify events that are particularly helpful for first time Penguins.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

BOOKSTORE OPEN

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Location: YSU Bookstore, Kilcawley Center

Get your books and the latest YSU gear before school starts! For further information, please contact the YSU Bookstore at (330) 941-3589.

CHRISTMAN DINING HALL OPEN

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Christman Dining Commons

For further information about the dining commons, please contact Tom Totterdale at (330) 941-2925.



YOUNGSTOWN SPANISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL

12:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Location: Downtown Youngstown

(East Federal Street between Market and Champion Streets)

Come experience Youngstown's finest Spanish food, music, dancing, crafts, and other activities in Downtown Youngstown!

HOUSING MOVE-IN

1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Cafaro House, Kilcawley House, Lyden House (First Year Residents)

Move-In Weekend: Take a chance, make some friends, and go explore the fabulous YSU campus.

For further information, please contact Housing & Residence Life at (330) 941-3547.

CHRISTMAN DINING HALL OPEN

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Christman Dining Commons

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GROCERY TRIVIA

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Lyden House Green

Join us for a fun-filled game of trivia and the chance to win prizes guaranteed to make your new room feel a little more like home! Prizes will range from snacks to movies, laundry detergent, and more! For further information, please contact Housing & Residence Life at (330) 941-3547.

LIFE SIZE JENGA & PIZZA PARTY

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Lyden House Green

This game of Jenga is sure to be unlike any game of Jenga you've played before. Join us on the Lyden House Green for pizza and an evening full of life-size fun! For further information, please contact Housing & Residence Life at (330) 941-3547.

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Location: Cafaro House, Lyden House, Wick House, Weller House, and Kilcawley House Stock up your room's mini refrigerator! Our vans will transport students from the residence halls to the Walmart in the Liberty Plaza (200 Goldie Rd, Youngstown). The shuttles will run every 30 minutes from 12:00pm-4:00pm. For further information, please contact Housing & Residence Life at (330) 941-3547.

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ANDREWS STUDENT RECREATION AND WELLNESS CENTER OPEN HOUSE

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Location: Lobby, Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center

Check out the facility and programs we offer to promote fitness, wellness, and developing or maintaining healthy lifestyle choices during the college experience. Stop by for a tour of Andrews and a Campus Rec prize while supplies last! Valid YSU ID is required to enter the facility and athletic attire must be worn in activity spaces. Check out www.ysu.edu/reccenter for a full list of facility policies and procedures. For additional information, please call (330) 941-3488.

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INFLATABLE TWISTER

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Lyden House Green

Have fun trying to outlast and out twist other competitors in this larger than life game of human pretzel. For further information, please contact Housing & Residence Life at (330) 941-3547.

SUNDAE, SUNDAY & TIE-DYE

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Kilcawley House Fountain

In need of some new YSU apparel? Come tie-dye a free t-shirt! While you wait for it to dry, treat yourself to an ice cream sundae with ice cream flavors, syrups, and toppings of your choice! For further information, please contact Housing & Residence Life at (330) 941-3547.



WELCOME BACK MASS & SUNDAY SUNDAES

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Location: Catholic Newman Center - 254 W. Madison Avenue

Join us for our opening Mass of the year at 8:00 pm. We will be celebrating with Sunday Sundaes right after Mass. For further information, contact the Newman Center at (330) 747-9202.

FIRST FLOOR MEETINGS

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Cafaro House, Lyden House, Wick House, Weller House, and Kilcawley House Get acquainted with your Resident Assistant and the residents on your floor! At this meeting you will discover all that Housing & Residence Life has to offer during your stay at YSU. For further information, please contact Housing & Residence Life at (330) 941-3547.

CHRISTMAN AFTER DARK KICK-OFF

9:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Location: Christman Dining Commons

YSU Dining is proud to introduce Christman After Dark. Our goal is to make the Christman Dining Commons the LATE NIGHT destination for students living in all the residence halls. Christman After Dark will be THE place for all student events! Weekly food and drink specials will be featured to create excitement. Plus, you never know when we will pull out the prize wheel and have some fun with that. Our goal is to do everything we can to make late night the place to be as it is an excellent way to build community.



CLASS FIND TOURS

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Lariccia Lounge, Kilcawley Center

First Year students are invited to bring their class schedules and find class locations with their peer mentor. Please join us and alleviate the stress of trying to find your classes on the first day of school! You can show up that day, or make a reservation in advance at *bit.ly/ClassFind*. For any questions, please contact the Center for Student Progress at (330) 941-2131.

FIRST YEAR STUDENTS, FIND YOUR COLLEGE IN THE LIST BELOW:

On Monday, August 18, you are invited to spend time in your academic college from 10:00 am to noon to learn more about your course of study and career opportunities as well as to get to know your faculty and peers. At noon, lunch for students will be hosted at Stambaugh Stadium. Following lunch, students will make their way to the installation of YSU President Jim Tressel at 2:00 pm in Beeghly Center.



BREAK THE ICE IN CLASS (College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences)
 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: DeBartolo Hall and Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center Come and meet College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) faculty, staff and other students in DeBartolo Hall and the Wellness Center. Bring tennis shoes and try the high





ropes course or other activities. There will be light refreshments. This event is for CLASS majors. YSU ID is required for access to the Rec. For further information, please call (330) 941-2082.

SEE WHERE GEOGRAPHY CAN TAKE YOU

(A College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences event)

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Phelps Building (located at the corner of Phelps and Lincoln)
Interested in travel and adventure? How about new cultures and exploring
landscapes? Ever wonder why the weather is the way it is? If you said yes to any of
these questions, then join the Department of Geography for its icebreaker where you can
learn about what geography has to offer. Enjoy a frozen treat, meet geography students
and faculty, and check out the classrooms. Come see us at Phelps Building. For further
information, please contact Jennifer Burrell at (330) 941-3317.

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION EVENT

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: McKay Auditorium, Beeghly College of Education
Beeghly College of Education welcomes all new and returning education majors and
students interested in education to join us for some fun and festivities. You will have an
opportunity to visit a variety of booths run by faculty, staff and current students to gain
valuable information about our programs, our courses, and other activities we sponsor.
Raffle, door prizes, and light refreshments. For further information, please call (330) 941-3251.

BREAK THE ICE STEM FEST

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Main Entrance, Moser Hall (on the Campus Core side of the building) Incoming students in STEM are invited to join current students, faculty, and staff for a fun and interactive morning designed to introduce you to all of the great opportunities that await you as a STEM student. Learn about our programs and student organizations and get acquainted with our buildings by going on our STEM scavenger hunt. You'll have the chance to participate in other STEM activities and we'll close everything out by taking a big group picture, so be sure to wear your YSU apparel! Three hundred lucky students will also get an exclusive STEM t-shirt! We can't wait to see you there! For further information, call Emilie Eberth at (330) 941-2884.

WELCOME TO THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Cushwa Hall

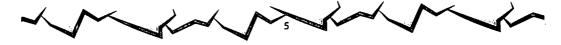
Start your YSU career off on the right foot with the College of Health & Human Services! Enjoy morning refreshments and a welcome by Dean Joseph Mosca, and then spend time in breakout sessions with your department chair and other students in your major to further discuss academic choices, career opportunities, and program highlights. Bring your questions; we'll provide the answers. For further information, please call (330) 941-3321.

WCBA FRESHMEN: TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Conference Center, Williamson Hall

This event is for all incoming freshmen in the Williamson College of Business Administration. Panel discussions and opportunities to meet faculty, staff and student





leaders are scheduled. The program is designed to introduce students to the programs, services and opportunities in the WCBA. Freshmen business majors are expected to attend. The 10:00 AM session in the WCBA will be followed by lunch at noon and attendance at the installation of President Tressel at 2:00 PM. Reservations for Taking Care of Business can be made on-line at www.ysu.edu/wcba. For further information, please call (330) 941-2376.

CCAC CREATIVE START EVENT

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Front Lawn, Bliss Hall (Rain Location: Bliss Hall Lobby)

This gathering will welcome all incoming first-year students of The College of Creative Arts & Communication. Students are expected to attend this, the first event of our freshman year program, "Creative Start." Expect food, games and giveaways, as well as hearing from the Dean and meeting faculty and students. For further information, please call (330) 941-3625.

PENGUIN PRIDE PICNIC

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Location: Stambaugh Stadium East Side Stands (Rain Location: Stambaugh Basketball Courts)

After you have spent the morning learning about your college and networking with faculty and staff, stop by Stambaugh Stadium for lunch. Meet the rest of your fellow students and learn about some of our YSU traditions. Then afterward be sure to stick around to attend President Tressel's installation

THE INSTALLATION OF PRESIDENT JAMES P. TRESSEL

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Location: Beeghly Center Gymnasium

A formal ceremony to celebrate and mark the beginning of Mr. James Tressel's presidency at YSU. An informal reception will follow the ceremony in Beeghly Center.

OUTDOOR CONCERT- COLORBLIND

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Cafaro House Green (Rain Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center) The Cafaro and Lyden Green will come alive as the band "Colorblind" provides live musical entertainment. This outdoor festival would not be complete without prizes, giveaways, volleyball and corn hole tournaments, badminton and more! For further information, please contact Housing & Residence Life at (330) 941-3547.

ICEBREAKER WITH THE GREEKS ON THE GREEN

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

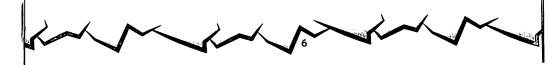
Location: Cafaro & Lyden House Green

(Rain Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center)

It's a new school year, and everyone wants to get involved on campus! Here's your chance to meet the men and women that comprise our Greek System. All fraternities and sororities are helping out with Housing's outdoor festival. If you haven't had a chance to learn yet about Greek Life, now is your chance, so stop and meet some new people. Also, enjoy a SNOW CONE while they last! For further information, please contact Stephanie Baker at shbaker@student.ysu.edu.









OUTDOOR MOVIE

9:00 PM - 11:30 PM

Location: Cafaro & Lyden House Green

(Rain Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center)

Bring a blanket and relax under the stars as Housing & Residence Life present Captain America: The Winter Soldier. Steve Rogers struggles to embrace his role in the modern world and battles a new threat from old history: the Soviet agent known as the Winter Soldier. For further information, please contact Housing & Residence Life at (330) 941-3547.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

Guest speakers, interactive leadership sessions, giveaways and lunch will once again be the order of the day as we kick off the school year! Our leadership summit provides a unique opportunity for student organization leaders to network and get to know other organization members, all the while learning of the many features that are available to all of our registered organizations. We encourage all registered student organizations to be represented, hoping that one or more (and yes, advisors are always most welcome) officers will make plans to attend the leadership workshop. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call the Student Activities Office at (330) 941-3575. Advance registration is required.

WALMART RUN

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Cafaro House, Lyden House, Wick House, Weller House,

and Kilcawley House

Are you still in need of some supplies to complete your new room? Look for it at Walmart in the Liberty Plaza (200 Goldie Rd, Youngstown)! Our vans will transport students from the residence halls to Walmart every 30 minutes from 10am-1pm. For further information, please contact Housing & Residence Life at (330) 941-3547.

KUPITA/TRANSICIONES PROGRAM

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: James Gallery, Kilcawley Center

Sponsored By: Office of Student Diversity, the Student Diversity Council, the YSU Unit of the NAACP, Black Student Union, and Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society.

This student success program is designed to provide new and returning learners with information about the YSU culture and contact with a variety of campus resources. Staff, faculty, students and representatives of student organizations come together to aid learners along their path to student success. Helpful suggestions and human resources are introduced to support active planning for college success. More details are available by calling (330) 941-2087 or x-2086.





CAMP FIRE

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Cafaro House Green

Close out your last day of summer vacation with an evening around a bonfire. Marshmallows, graham crackers and a variety of chocolate are sure to tempt you into wanting S'more! For further information, please contact Housing & Residence Life at (330) 941-3547.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20

HELP STATIONS

7:30 AM - 12:00 PM



Location: Bridge, Kilcawley Center and Cushwa Hall (Campus Core Entrance)

With all the people, traffic, and spectacular sights and sounds, it's easy to get lost. Help Stations by the Division of Student Affairs professionals will be set up around campus to answer questions, provide directions, assist with handouts and maps, and simply welcome you to campus. For further information, please contact Donna Greenaway at (330) 941-3533.

DROP-IN DAY

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Center for Student Progress, Kilcawley Center West

The Center for Student Progress invites you to visit our Open House and enjoy breakfast and lunch on us! For further information, please contact the CSP at (330) 941-3538.

IT'S COOL AT MAAG LIBRARY

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Maag Library Courtyard by the Wick Ave. Bridge

(Rain Location: Maag Library Lobby)



Maag Library is the place to break the ice! Enjoy our traditional FREE nachos, play Plinko for prizes, and discover all the cool things the library is doing! For further information, please contact Scott Pfitzinger at (330) 941-2382.

RECYCLE PALOOZA

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(Rain Location: Maag Library Forum)

Test your recycling knowledge from the days of Woodstock through the rise of Lollapalooza until today. Correct answers will earn chances for a gift card raffle. Recycle your ink cartridges and small electronics year round at Maag Library. Waste Free Maag will also have guests from local environmental agencies. For further information, please call (330) 941-3055.

BEEGHLY COLLEGE STUDENT ORGANIZATION FAIR

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Entrance Walkway, Beeghly College of Education



The Beeghly College student organizations will be hosting an information fair with food and games to showcase our groups. Prizes will be given out, and it's a great opportunity to network as an education major. All students are welcome to join in the festivities. For further information, please call (330) 941-3270.





THE DEW COMES TO YSU

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Campus Core

Sponsored By: PepsiCo, Student Activities, and Kilcawley Center

The MTN DEW KICKSTART team has been touring colleges and beaches all summer and will visit YSU's campus core! Come taste-test the newest flavors of Mtn Dew's Energizing Kickstart. Look for the Kickstart truck with its large HDTV screens on the campus core near 'The Rock'. For further information, please call (330) 941-3575.

SLACKLINING CONTEST

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Campus Core (near Cushwa Hall)

The Adventure Rec Club will be hosting a slacklining contest where contestants' balancing skills are put to the test. Contestants who are able to cross a length of suspended webbing without falling will win a prize! For further information, contact Tommy Marshall at tomarshall@student.ysu.edu.

THE BLOCK PARTY @ KILCAWLEY CENTER/CAMPUS RESOURCE FAIR

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

Sponsored By: Kilcawley Center, Student Activities, and PepsiCo

WIN a Beats Pill Speaker [value \$250] and tons of great prizes at this amazing Block Party! This year, we celebrate Kilcawley's 40th Anniversary with our 1974 retro theme. Enjoy FREE food, a rock'n live karaoke band, taste-test ice cold Pepsi beverages, and discover all the great services that Kilcawley Center and campus can offer you at our info booths. The grand prize, a Beats Pill portable speaker, is sponsored by PepsiCo and includes the fun character stand! You can also WIN restaurant gift cards, YSU Bookstore gift cards, a room refrigerator, t-shirts, event tickets, gift baskets, gas cards, and lots more at each information booth. Bring a pen and your YSU banner number to complete your entry forms for each prize drawing. For additional information, call (330) 941-3571.

ROCK CAPITOL LIVE KARAOKE

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

Be a part of a show as the lead singer for Rock Capitol Live Karaoke! Choose from over 200 popular songs and sing with a live band. Arrive early to guarantee your chance to sing. For more information, call (330) 941-3575.

OPEN HOUSE- STUDENT DIVERSITY PROGRAMS

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: Hallway in Front of 2114, Kilcawley Center

Sponsored By: Student Diversity Council

The Office of Student Diversity Programs will be promoting student success through encouraging student engagement and identifying the various opportunities to connect with diversity/inclusion activities throughout campus. Students are encouraged to connect with other students and join student organizations during the open house. Refreshments will be served and several student leaders will be available to encourage you to join in and participate in the total campus experience. Please let us know if you are coming by calling (330) 941-2086.





THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

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CSI:YSU

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Crime Scene Condo, Cushwa Hall First Floor

Sponsored By: Forensic Science Club

Come check out YSU's Crime Scene Condo and learn more about the Criminal Justice and Forensic Science programs. For further information, please call (330) 941-2273.

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If you are looking for ways to get involved on campus, the Student Organizational Fair is a visit you must simply make! Whether you are interested in sports, sororities, fraternities, religion, politics, dance, fencing, bowling, math or science, YSU has an organization for you! Take a casual walk through the fair and then decide which organization is the best fit for you! For further information, please contact Student Activities at (330) 941-3575.

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UNIVERSITY POLICE CRIME AND SAFETY INFORMATION

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Location: Lower Arcade, Kilcawley Center

Do you have a question about campus safety? The YSUPD will have an officer on hand to answer questions and provide printed material on crime and safety information for the campus.





ROCKIN' WITH ROOKERY RADIO

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Campus Core (Rain Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center)

Want to be a part of a growing organization? Gain professional experience and get to meet interesting performing artists? Interview bands and local celebrities? All majors welcome - come join Rookery Radio, your student-run radio station! Apply at the organizational fair or contact us at (330) 941-4010 or visit us at *rookeryradio.com*.

CARICATURE ARTIST

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Campus Core (Patio near the Hub)

(Rain Location: Lower Arcade, Kilcawley Center)

You know, the "big head, little body drawings!" However, we're very friendly when we draw; no blemishes, wrinkles or cellulite - it's our corporate policy! Just step right up, sit right down and in moments your very own caricature art will be available for you to keep. For more information, contact Student Activities at (330) 941-3575.

PHOTO BOOTH MEMORY STRIPS

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Campus Core (Patio near the Hub) (Rain Location: Lower Arcade, Kilcawley Center)

The Ultra Sound Photo Booth helps capture the candid memories of this year's Welcome Week, so get ready to share the CAMERA experience with your friends! For more information, call (330) 941-3575.

BOULDERING BASH

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Location: Climbing Wall, Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center

Come get a slice of one of the most well-rounded adventure recreation programs in the state of Ohio. This event will provide students an opportunity to learn the basics of rock climbing in a friendly and non-competitive setting. Our all-star staff will be on hand to provide excellent coaching and helpful advice while you have the opportunity to meet new people that share your interests and passions for the outdoors. Any student that comes will receive a ticket to enjoy a slice of pizza on their way out of the Rec! For more information, call (330) 941-1964.

NERF WAR

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Location: Campus Core

Come join the Urban Gaming Club for NERF Wars, including capture the flag and deathmatch style games. Bring your own blaster or borrow one of ours (first come, first served). For further information, contact Thomas Goldthwait at ysuurbangaming@gmail.com.

JAM SESSION

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Location: The Hub, Kilcawley Center

Sponsored By: Student Activities and the Youngstown Jazz Collective Join the Youngstown Jazz Collective, in conjunction with Student Activities, for an open jam session in the Hub. Bring an instrument to play along or come to listen. For further information, contact Lauren Eisenreich at youngstownjazzcollective@gmail.com.

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Rec Area 5

Bumper Cars & Build-A-Penguin

Friday, August 22 10:00am-2:00pm

Wick House







Wendy's

Pollock House









Maag Cafe









Schwebel Cafe

University Courtyard Apartments











Cushwa Cafe

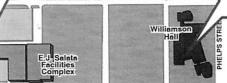


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NEED A MEAL PLAN?

Go to Kilcawley Center Staff Offices for more information, or call us at (330) 941-2513



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CAMPUS REC PENGUIN FEST

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Rec 5 Area, outdoor basketball courts behind Kilcawley Center (Rain Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center)

Come dance to our DJ playing your favorite tunes and enjoy our welcome week carnival. With a dunk tank, games, picture fun, organizational fair and more, you are sure to have a blast. Participants will have the chance to win many prizes and enjoy some carnival food too! A valid YSU ID is required; each student will be permitted to bring in one non-YSU guest with photo ID. For additional information, please call (330) 941-3488.

GAME AND MOVIE NIGHT

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Location: Catholic Newman Center - 254 W. Madison Avenue

Join us for our first Game and Movie Night of the semester. For further information, contact the Newman Center at (330) 747-9202.



PUPPY PALOOZA

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Main Entrance, Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center

Sponsored By: New Lease on Life

The first week of school a little overwhelming? Come relax by petting some adorable puppies! New Lease on Life will be bringing real puppies to campus to help relieve your stress! Make-your-own energizing, healthy puppy chow! Play corn hole and Frisbee, too! For additional information, please contact Ryan McNicholas at (330) 941-2207.

UNIVERSITY POLICE CRIME AND SAFETY INFORMATION

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Lower Arcade, Kilcawley Center

Do you have a question about campus safety? The YSUPD will have an officer on hand to answer questions and provide printed material on crime and safety information for the campus.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT FOOTBALL TOSS

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Rec 5 Area, outdoor basketball courts behind Kilcawley Center

(Rain Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center)

Come join Student Government and show off your accuracy throwing a football! Prizes and additional activities will be available as well. For further information, please call (330) 941-3591.

ROCKIN' WITH ROOKERY RADIO

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Rec 5 Area, outdoor basketball courts behind Kilcawley Center

(Rain Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center)

They are back with a dose of music to get your Friday going. Stop by and see what real college radio is all about. If you want to get involved, call (330) 941-4010 or visit rookeryradio.com.





BUILD-A-PENGUIN

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Rec 5 Area, outdoor basketball courts behind Kilcawley Center

(Rain Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center)

Build-A-Penguin is back! These won't last long, so be sure to get there early! We will be releasing a rookery of 100 at the beginning of each hour. For more information, contact Student Activities at (330) 941-3575.

BUMPER CARS

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Rec 5 Area, outdoor basketball courts behind Kilcawley Center

(Rain Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center)

Take a break between classes and test your skills on a 40'x 40' bumper car arena. Up to four cars will be running at one time, so bring your friends or bump into some new ones. For more information, contact Student Activities at (330) 941-3575.

GET A CLUE! WC TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

Location: Writing Center, room 171, Maag Library Lower Level

Technology doesn't have to be a mystery! Let the Writing Center technology detectives show you how easy it can be to find your schedule, attach a document to an email, and access your courses on Blackboard. The WC will enter a student's name in a drawing for a YSU Bookstore gift card for attending WC workshops during the Weeks of Welcome. If you can't make this workshop, drop by the WC in Maag Library, rm 171, anytime with technology questions.

WELCOME BACK BBO

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Ave

The St. John's community is excited for the return of students to campus! Before heading downtown to check out Party on the Plaza, join us for free food and live music featuring the band "Sam Goodwill." Meet members of the church and students from CCO, the Coalition for Christian Outreach. For further information, please call (330) 743-3175.

PARTY ON THE PLAZA

5:00 PM - 1:00 AM

Location: Warehouse 50, 50 W. Federal Plaza, Youngstown, OH 44503

Party on the Plaza is the annual outdoor series that begins right after the end of the work week. It features live music and a fun atmosphere on a large, outdoor sidewalk plaza in Downtown Youngstown. Grab the shuttle and head downtown for live music and entertainment.

SATURDAY AUGUST 23

ARAB AMERICAN FESTIVAL OF YOUNGSTOWN

10:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Location: Downtown Youngstown (West Federal Street between Phelps and Hazel Streets)
The third annual Arab American Festival returns to Youngstown. Enjoy live music, Dabke Group dancers, food and drinks, and representations of Arab nations.



MEET THE MARCHING PRIDE

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Stambaugh Stadium

Get a jump on the music the YSU Marching Pride will perform during Penguin Football games this fall when you attend "Meet the Pride." You'll have a chance to sit in the stands at Stambaugh Stadium and watch these talented musicians perform on-field. It's a great night to relax under the stars and the lights. Bring a friend to this free event! For further information, please call (330) 941-1834.



PANERATHON 10K RUN/2-MILE WALK AND KIDS' RUN

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Covelli Centre, 299 E. Front St., Youngstown, OH 44503

Sponsored By: Covelli Enterprises and Panera Bread

The Panerathon is a 10K/2 Mile Walk/Run held at the Covelli Centre in downtown Youngstown. The event will benefit the Joanie Abdu Comprehensive Breast Care Center located in Youngstown, Ohio. Register for the Panerathon at www.panerathon.org/registration to become a part of the largest community fundraiser in the Mahoning Valley. Not a runner? That's ok! Come support the thousands of participants on race day and visit our various display areas including a PNC Bank Kids Zone, Humility of Mary Health Partners tent and more! Race day registration opens at 8am and the 10K starts off at 10am. For more information, visit www.panerathon.org.

POLISH DAY

11:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Location: Saxon Club, 710 S. Meridian Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44509

The YSU Slavic Student Association invites you to celebrate Polish Day. Stop out to enjoy a Polish platter or something from the Polish deli or bakery. The event will start with a Polka Mass, followed by live polka bands, workshops and vendor displays. Folk art demonstrations and performances also are on the entertainment lineup. Show your skills by registering for the 5th annual Pierogi Eating Contest. FREE admission with your valid YSU student ID (a \$5 savings)! For more details, visit www.polishyoungstown.org/polishday.

CATHOLIC MASS

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Catholic Newman Center - 254 W. Madison Avenue

Looking for a place to worship this Sunday? Join us for a Eucharistic Celebration. For further information, contact the Newman Center at (330) 747-9202.



INTRAMURAL SPORT REGISTRATION

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Location: Lobby, Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center

The Intramural Department will offer assistance with sign up for league sports starting August 25th. The deadline for fall league sports is September 9th at 6:00 PM. For further information, please call (330) 941-3731.

LET'S CRACK THE PORTAL

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Location: 2nd Floor Atrium, Meshel Hall

Let's crack the code to the MyYSU Portal! There is so much you can do to maintain your student account whenever it's convenient for you through the portal. Make "One Stop" to the second floor atrium of Meshel Hall to learn all the tips and tricks. We'll also have food, prizes, and more fun to offer! For further information, please call (330) 941-6000.

LEMONADE AND LIVE NATION

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Location: Campus Core (Rain Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center)

Join Student Government and Live Nation for free lemonade and music as we kick off another school year! For further information, please call (330) 941-3591.

GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIAL

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: Presidents Suite, Kilcawley Center



Current Graduate Students—Join President Tressel and the Grad School staff for our first Graduate Student Social. Come and get to know your fellow grad students. Bring your appetite and any questions and/or suggestions that you may have. Picnic food will be provided. Please RSVP to Mary Ellen Munroe at memunroe@ysu.edu by Thursday, August 21 if you plan to attend.

SCRAPPERS GAME

7:05 PM - 10:00 PM

Location: Eastwood Field, 111 Eastwood Mall Blvd., Niles, OH 44446

Come cheer on your local minor league baseball team, the Mahoning Valley Scrappers, as they take on the State College Spikes. For ticket information, call (330) 505-0000.

COVELLI CENTRE OUTDOOR MOVIE SERIES: PLANES

9:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Location: Covelli Centre Lawn, 299 E. Front St., Youngstown, OH 44503

Enjoy a summer night outside with a free movie showing on the Covelli Centre lawn. Being shown is Disney's *Planes*.



THESDAY, AUGUST 26

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM IDENTITY THEFT

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Lower Arcade, Kilcawley Center

Do you know how to protect yourself from identity theft? Need to understand how to manage your student loans as well as manage credit? Stop and speak with the experts from the Mahoning County Financial Stability Partnership and pick up a few freebies while you are there.



11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

Did you ever wonder what sororities do on a day-to-day-basis? Come to the informational sessions to find a meaning behind the letters. At these events, the women will have information packets and pictures and will be able to answer any questions you may have about Greek Life. For further information, please contact Carrie Anderson at (330) 941-4702.

QUIDDITCH

3:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Location: Harrison Field, 500 North Walnut Street, Youngstown, OH 44505

Come and join Room of Requirement for the greatest sport ever played: Quidditch! We will begin teaching everyone how to play the muggle version of the popular wizarding sport. Come and join us even if you don't want to play and just want to be a spectator. For more information, please contact Kelsey Santangelo at *ksantangelo@student.ysu.edu*.

SORORITY INFO SESSIONS

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27

CANFIELD FAIR

8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Location: 7265 Columbiana-Canfield Rd, Canfield, Ohio 44406

Want to enjoy arts, entertainment, animals, food and fun? Take the 15-minute drive to the Canfield Fair Wednesday, August 27 through Labor Day, Monday, September 1! While you're







there, be sure to stop by the YSU tent located on Austintown Drive (near the 4H and Hay & Grain Building). Talk with fellow students, alumni, faculty and staff, learn more about Pete's Pride and pick up some YSU spirit items! New this year: a shuttle from campus to the fairgrounds is being offered on Friday, August 29 only for YSU Day! Shuttles will leave campus at 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM. The first 20 students who sign up also receive free fair admission, courtesy of YSU Alumni and Events Management! Contact Student Activities at (330) 941-3575 to sign up today. Complete information including admission prices, directions and more can be found at www.canfieldfair.com.

VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER OPEN HOUSE

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Veterans Resource Center

Come by and explore the brand new Veterans Resource Center on Wick Ave (next door to President Tressel's home). This beautiful building will serve our Military and Veteran Students at YSU for many years to come! Tours and light refreshments available. For further information, please call (330) 941-2503.

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TOUR THE YOUNGSTOWN HISTORICAL CENTER OF INDUSTRY AND LABOR 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor, 151 W. Wood Street
The Department of History at the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor will offer
behind the scenes tours for incoming students and guests; returning students, faculty and staff are
welcome as well. Contact the Department of History for additional information at (330) 941-3452.

MATH DEPARTMENT YARD PARTY

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: Corner of Wick & Lincoln Avenues

Sponsored By: Pi Mu Epsilon, Association for Women in Mathematics, Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics and the Actuarial Science Club

The Math Department student organizations are throwing a yard party with events such as corn hole, ladder ball, bocce and more. Everyone is welcome to stop by and enjoy the outdoor games as well as network with other students. For further information, contact Julie Seitz at jseitz@my.ysu.edu.

ZOINKS! WHERE ARE MY FILES? - WC TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

3:00 PM - 3:50 PM

Location: Lab 159, Maag Library Lower Level

Does it feel like you're the lead detective in "The Case of the Missing Files" every time you turn on your computer? The Writing Center can help you get to know your flashdrive or other portable storage device. The WC will enter a student's name in a drawing for a YSU Bookstore gift card for attending WC workshops during the Weeks of Welcome. If you can't make this workshop, drop by the WC in Maag Library, rm 171, anytime with technology questions.







SORORITY INFO SESSIONS

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center



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AQUA WARS

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: Catholic Newman Center - 254 W. Madison Avenue

Bring the white t-shirt you got from the Catholic Student Association (or another white t-shirt) to the front of the Newman Center for a squirt gun tie-dye blast! Traditional tie-dye also available. For further information, contact the Newman Center at (330) 747-9202.

SCRAPPERS GAME

7:05 PM - 10:00 PM

Location: Eastwood Field, 111 Eastwood Mall Blvd., Niles, OH 44446

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

CANFIELD FAIR

8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Location: 7265 Columbiana-Canfield Rd, Canfield, Ohio 44406

Want to enjoy arts, entertainment, animals, food and fun? Take the 15-minute drive to the Canfield Fair Wednesday, August 27 through Labor Day, Monday, September 1! While you're there, be sure to stop by the YSU tent located on Austintown Drive (near the 4H and Hay & Grain Building). Talk with fellow students, alumni, faculty and staff, learn more about Pete's Pride and pick up some YSU spirit items! New this year: a shuttle from campus to the fairgrounds is being offered on Friday, August 29 only for YSU Day! Shuttles will leave campus at 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM. The first 20 students who sign up also receive free fair admission, courtesy of YSU Alumni and Events Management! Contact Student Activities at (330) 941-3575 to sign up today. Complete information including admission prices, directions and more can be found at www.canfieldfair.com.

9 PILLARS OF WELLNESS DAY

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Main Entrance, Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center

(Rain Location: Lobby, Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center)
The Department of Campus Recreation is devoted to offering programs and services to keep students, faculty and staff engaged in holistic wellness. In order to do so, "The Nine Pillars of Wellness" have been implemented to guide your choices to help you to improve your physical, emotional, spiritual, social, career, financial, intellectual, aesthetic and environmental wellness. Come stop and learn about how the pillars can help you! For additional information, please contact Ryan McNicholas at (330) 941-2207.



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behind the scenes tours for incoming students and guests; returning students, faculty and staff
are welcome as well. Contact the Department of History for additional information at (330) 941-3452.

JINKIES! HOW DO I USE WORD?

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM

Location: Lab 159, Maag Library Lower Level

Join the Writing Center gang as we unmask Microsoft Word. The WC will enter a student's name in a drawing for a YSU Bookstore gift card for attending WC workshops during the Weeks of Welcome. If you can't make this workshop, drop by the WC in Maag Library, rm 171, anytime with technology questions.

NPHC MEET THE GREEKS

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

Thinking about joining a historically African American fraternity or sorority? Come join the NPHC Greeks of YSU for a night of fun and information. A representative from each of the four chapters will be available to answer your questions. For further information, please contact Carrie Anderson at (330) 941-4702.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

CANFIELD FAIR

8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COFFEE HOUR

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: YWCA Building Lobby (corner of Phelps Street and Rayen Avenue)
International and local students can mix and mingle in an informal setting with faculty and staff and learn about each other's culture. This event is held every Friday during the Fall and Spring semesters. Please enter the YWCA from the main entrance (west side next to Williamson Hall). It's on the first floor. Turn right after the entrance. For further information, please contact Desa Pavlichich at (330) 941-2336 or dpavlichich@ysu.edu.

CAMPUS MINISTRIES TAILGATE

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Parking Lot near Farmers National Bank Field, Fifth Ave.

Sponsored By: Catholic Student Association, Chi Alpha, Coalition for Christian Outreach, Protestant Campus Ministries

Campus Ministries would like to kick off YSU's Soccer season with you! Come and enjoy a cookout while mingling with the different faith-based organizations on campus before heading to the game. For further information, please contact Nicky Uerling at (330) 727-9202.

YSU WOMEN'S SOCCER SEASON OPENER VS. VMI

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Farmers National Bank Field, Fifth Ave.

Come support the Penguins as they compete against VMI in their first game this season at Farmers National Bank Field. Students can obtain a complimentary ticket with a valid YSU student ID. For more information, contact the Ticket Office at (330) 941-1978.

SCRAPPERS GAME

7:05 PM - 10:00 PM

Location: Eastwood Field, 111 Eastwood Mall Blvd., Niles, OH 44446

Come cheer on your local minor league baseball team, the Mahoning Valley Scrappers, as they take on the Auburn Doubledays. For ticket information, call (330) 505-0000.



SATURDAY AUGUST 30

CANFIELD FAIR

8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

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LIFE IN COLOR: UNLEASHED - FEATURING HEADLINER SAVOY

6:30 PM - 11:00 PM

Location: Covelli Centre, 299 E. Front St., Youngstown, OH 44503

Penguin Productions is proud to present Life In Color: Unleashed. "The World's Largest Paint Party" is the newest craze in the entertainment industry. The event offers headliner SAVOY along with other musical artists playing the best Electronic Dance Music while blasting the audience with paint. YSU student tickets are on sale for \$20 at the Covelli Centre Box Office, where you must provide a valid YSU ID to obtain the student discount. For further information, contact Student Activities at (330) 941-3575.

WELCOME WEEK 2014 PRIZES SCRATCH AND ENTER TO WIN PRIZES!

During Welcome Week, be sure to pick up our scratch off cards at various events for your chance to be entered into our prize drawings! Your card may read **Penguin**, **Red**, or **White**.

Penguin:

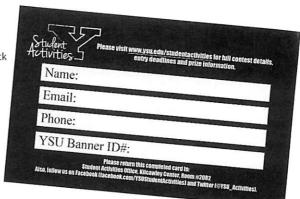
Entry for a chance to win a Fitbit

Red:

Entry for a chance to win a Keurig

White:

Entry for a chance to win a Gift Card



Prize winners may be notified by phone or email. Winners will be selected in a random drawing from among all eligible entries received, and odds of winning will depend upon the number of entries received.

HOW TO ENTER:

Go to a Welcome Week event to receive a scratch card.

Write your complete name, email address, phone number, and YSU banner number on the scratch off card.

Return your completed scratch off card to the Student Activities Office (Kilcawley Center 2082) by Friday, August 22, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

To enter, you must...

Be a registered YSU student. Be at least 18 years of age*

To claim a prize, you must...

Claim your prize at the Student Activities Office on or before August 29, 2014**
Present valid photo ID and proof of age.

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OTHER CHANCES TO WIN PRIZES:

The Block Party @ Kilcawley Center/Resource Fair (Wednesday, August 20) Location: Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room

WIN a Beats Pill Speaker [value \$250] and tons of great prizes at this amazing Block Party! You can also WIN restaurant gift cards, YSU Bookstore gift cards, a room refrigerator, t-shirts, event tickets, gift baskets, gas cards, and lots more at each information booth. Bring a pen and your YSU banner number to complete your entry forms for each prize drawing. This event is sponsored by Kilcawley Center, Student Activities, and PepsiCo. Additional information about the Block Party @ Kilcawley Center is posted on easels and display cases throughout Kilcawley or call (330) 941-3571.

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^{*}Registered YSU Early College students are eligible to win with valid YSU ID.

^{**}Prizes will not be mailed to winners. Failure to claim your prize on time will result in disqualification and an alternative winner will be selected.

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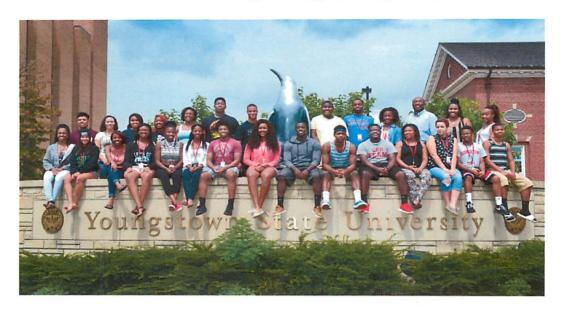




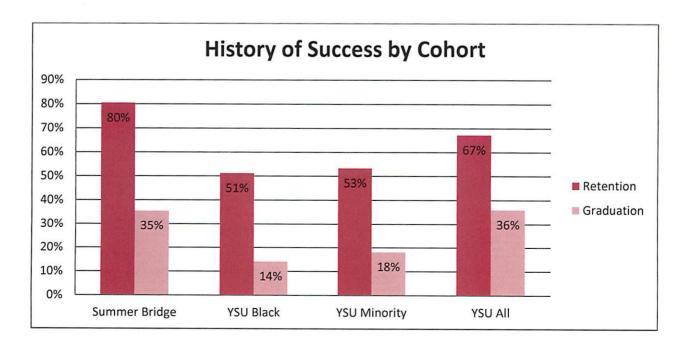




Summer Bridge Program Update



The Center for Student Progress Summer Bridge program continues to be one of the most effective student success interventions sponsored by the University. In 2012, our Summer Bridge program was deemed by the U.S. Department of Education as a "promising strategy" for student success. We were among 56 universities and colleges nationwide, and the only from Ohio, included on the list of promising and practical strategies, practices, programs, and activities that have improved rates of post-secondary success, transfer, and graduation. Students who are recruited into the program graduate at approximately double the graduation rate that they would be expected to.



Student Trustee Selection Timeline

10/1 Applications Available

- Announce at Student Government 10/6 11/10
- Deans Council 10/1 and 11/5
- Presidential Mentors October and November Meetings
- Athletes
- Tod Hall Leaders 10/1 and 11/5
- Cards for Student Trustees
- Letter to All Student Organizations 10/1
- MyYSU Portal Faculty/Staff/Students
- Student Affairs, Student Activities, and Student Government Websites
- 10/31 Reminder Notices
- 11/14 Applications Due
- 12/15 Nominations to Governor



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MEMORANDUM

Date:

July 23, 2014

To:

Teri Riley, PhD, Interim Provost and VP Academic Affairs

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Dan Suchora, PhD, Interim Associate Dean for Research

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Sal Sanders, PhD, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies

From:

Edward Orona, PhD, Director, Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs (OGSP) Gel Orons

Re:

FY 2013-14 – 4th Quarter OGSP Report

(Grant Activity from April 1, 2014 - June 30, 2014)

Attached is the FY14 Fourth Quarter Report from the Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs for presentation to the Academic Quality and Student Success Committee of the Board of Trustees.

During this quarter, compared to FY13, there was a slight decrease in total dollars requested, but a slight increase in the number of proposal submissions (grants, contracts),

4th Quarter Submissions: \$994,434 requested dollars (16 proposals)

Year-To-Date: \$18,920,361 requested (106 proposals)

4th Quarter Awards: \$1,079,014 (9 awards)

During this quarter, although there was a slight decrease in the number of funded proposals (14 to 9), there was a huge increase (over 500%), compared to the same quarter in FY13.

There were several noteworthy awards during this quarter to:

Dr. Steve Rodabaugh from the Ohio Board of Regents (OBOR) (\$661,013) to develop a Program for Internships and Co-ops in Additive Manufacturing and Related Industries.

Dr. Brett Conner from OBOR (299,015) for equipment to enhance "Additive Manufacturing Technologies for Workforce Development."

Dr. Jane Wetzel, Dept. Physical Therapy, \$76,810 from Questcor Pharmaceuticals for research on an Outpatient Dialysis Population.

Awards: Year-To-Date (YTD)

Compared to last year, these year-to-date totals demonstrate significant success, representing a 102% increase in dollars awarded. The funded awards totaled \$7,213,042.

This amount for fiscal year FY14 is the third highest in history at YSU.



YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

School of Graduate Studies and Research

Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs

FOURTH QUARTER REPORT

FY 2013-2014

April 1, 2014 - June 30, 2014

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Fourth Quarter Report - FY2013-2014 April 1, 2014 - June 30, 2014

(Includes previous year comparison)

SUBMITTED PROPOSALS (Number)

	FY2012-2013 Fourth Quarter 4/1/2013-6/30/2013			FY2013-2014 Fourth Quarter 4/1/2014-6/30/2014		
TOTAL PROPOSALS	\$	5,480,602	(31)	\$	994,434	(16)
	<u>YTD - FY2012-2013</u> 7/1/2012-6/30/2013			YTD - FY2013-2014 7/1/2013-6/30/2014		
TOTAL PROPOSALS	\$	20,537,924	(101)	\$	18,920,361	(106)
FUNDED PROPOSALS (Number)						
	FY2012-2013 - Fourth Quarter 4/1/2013-6/30/2013			2013-2014 - Fourth Quarter 4/1/2014-6/30/2014		
TOTAL PROPOSALS	\$	175,404	(14)	\$	1,079,014	(9)

YTD - FY2012-2013

7/1/2012-6/30/2013

\$

3,553,670

(68)

TOTAL PROPOSALS

YTD - FY2013-2014

7/1/2013-6/30/2014

7,213,042

(67)

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PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO EXTERNAL FUNDING SOURCES

Fourth Quarter Report - FY2013-2014 April 1, 2014 - June 30, 2014

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	DEPARTMENT	FUNDING SOURCE	PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT
Sun, Lin	Electrical & Computer Engineering	National Science Foundation	A Robust and Efficient Solver for Electromagnetic Modeling of Anisotropic and Multi-Scale Structures	365,160
DeBlasio, Donna	History	Johns Hopkins University	Oral History Transcribing for Johns Hopkins University	3,600
Lyons, Joseph	Health Professions	Youngstown Foundation	Senior Youth Mentorship Program	13,875
Renne, lan	Biological Sciences	LaFarge North America, Inc.	Predicting Eastern Bluebird Reproductive Success Using Local and Landscape Variables: A Multivariate GIS Approach	5,792
Schroeder, Sharon	Metro Credit	Mahoning County Educational Service Center	MCESC 13 Grant	205,525
Cummins, Lauren	Teacher Education	Ohio Department of Education	Building 21st Century Skills in a Learner-Centered Environment to Empower Digital Citizenship	75,545
Bralich, John	Center for Urban & Regional Studies	Community Development Agency	City of Youngstown Data and Mapping FY2015	20,000
Vargo, Lt. Shawn		Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services	YSU Explosive Detection K9 Training	3,750
Coller, Mary	Williamson College of Business Administration	Great Lakes Community Investments	Career Ready Internship Program	150,000
Pallante, Martha/ DeBlasio, Donna		Home Savings and Loan Foundation	Home Savings and Loan Archives Project	10,000
Pallante, Martha/ DeBlasio, Donna	History	Ohio Historical Society	GAI at Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor	7,500
Leary, Thomas	History	Leonard and Gina Schiavone	GA at Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor	7,500
Lyons, Joseph	Health	Youngstown	Senior Youth Mentorship	13,875
Ruse, Elaine/ McKenney, Melissa	Professions Financial Aid and Scholarships	Foundation Higher One	Program Financial Literacy Counts Grant Program	5,000
Cortes, Pedro	Civil/ Environmental & Chemical Engineering	ExOne	Development of Ceramic Templates Based Additive Manufacturing	104,312

3,000 Dana School of Ohio Arts Council Om Shalom Trio Performance Goldberg, Randall Music \$ 994,434 (16)

Total Proposals Submitted to External Sources Fourth Quarter FY2013-2014

PROPOSALS FUNDED BY EXTERNAL SOURCES

Fourth Quarter Report - FY2013-2014 April 1, 2014 - June 30, 2014

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	DEPARTMENT	FUNDING SOURCE	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD
Barnes, Diane	History	Ohio Humanities Council	The Slaves Gamble	1,000
Beese, Jane	Educational Foundations, Research, Technology & Leadership	National Science Foundation through the University of Akron	RET in Engineering and Computer Science Site: Engineering of Polymeric Films and Interfaces	9,119
Conner, Brett	Mechanical & Industrial Engineering	Ohio Board of Regents	Additive Manufacturing Technologies for Workforce Development	299,015
DeBlasio, Donna	History	Johns Hopkins University	Oral History Transcribing for Johns Hopkins University	3,600
Larwin, Karen	Educational Foundations, Research, Technology & Leadership	Ohio Commission on Minority Health through the University of Akron	Keeping PACE Akron's Way	7,500
O'Dell, Valerie	Nursing	Health Resources and Services Administration	Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship Program	17,207
Rodabaugh, Stephen	College of STEM	Ohio Board of Regents	Program for Internships and Co-ops in Additive Manufacturing and Related Industries: Part II (PICAM2)	661,013
Varso, Shawn	YSU Police Department	Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services	YSU Explosive Detection K9 Training	3,750
Wetzel, Jane	Physical Therapy	Questcor Pharmaceutical	Safety and Efficacy of Acthar Gel in an Outpatient Dialysis Population	76,810
Total Proposals F	unded from Exter	nal Sources Fourth Qua	rter FY2013-2014	\$ 1,079,014 (9

CURRENT ACCREDITATION ACTIVITY AND HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION UPDATE September 2014

Summary of recent site visits:

 All of YSU's accredited engineering technology programs have been accredited through September 2018.

Summary of recent accreditation actions:

• On March 26, 2014, the HLC notified YSU that its Quality Initiative, "Focusing on Retention: Youngstown State University's Student Success Plan," has been approved. The Quality Initiative project focuses on student retention through the Student Success initiatives of the strategic plan.

Details:

Program	Status
Art National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)	Self-study submitted March 2006. Site visit conducted April 2006. In Oct. 2006, NASAD granted continued accreditation for the BA in Art History, the BFA in Fine Arts in Studio Arts, and the BS in Education (Art Education) through 2015-16. NASAD approved the MA in Art Education for final listing in November 2011. Next accreditation visit scheduled for 2015-2016.
Business AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business	AACSB has recommended the WCBA follow the new AACSB standards approved in April 2013. WCBA is on fast track to respond to new changes. The 2011 letter from AACSB includes the following: "The Committee recommends that the College continue to work on faculty development and the hiring of AQ qualified faculty in these areas to assure that the 90 percent threshold is met in the near term" (Standard 10: Faculty Qualifications); and "The Committee recommends that the College continue pursuing additional resources to fund initiatives related to the College's new facility." Reaffirmation visit is scheduled for Sept. 28-30, 2014.
Chemistry American Chemical Society (ACS)	An annual report is submitted each August/September. A periodic, five-year program review was submitted in July 2009. The next review will begin Summer 2014.

Counseling	In Jan. 2007, CACREP granted full accreditation to the MS.
	Ed. in Community Counseling and the MS. Ed. in School
Council for Accreditation of Counseling and	Counseling for an 8-year period, until March 31, 2015. After
Related Educational Programs (CACREP)	submission of a self-study in April 2009, additional
	information in 2010, and an interim report in April 2012,
	CACREP extended the accreditation of Student Affairs to
	match the accreditation date of the other counseling program
	options until March 31, 2015. Self-study for upcoming
	CACREP reaccreditation was submitted in January 2014.
	CACREP site visit scheduled for 11/30/14-12/3/14.
Dental Hygiene	Self-study for continuing accreditation of the Dental Hygiene
American Dental Association	program submitted in February 2010. Site visit occurred April
American Dentai Association	27-28, 2010. The program received full accreditation "without
	reporting requirements." Next site visit is scheduled for 2017.
Dietetics Programs	Interim reports, due in July 2013 for the Coordinated Program
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics;	in Dietetics (CPD) and the Didactic Program in Dietetics
Accreditation Council for Education in	(DPD), were submitted and accepted by ACEND. The
	Dietetic Tech program completed an accreditation self-study
Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)	and site visit to establish a cohort at Lorain County
	Community College (LCCC) in 2013. The LCCC cohort
	began classes in Fall 2013. A one-year extension for the
	interim report from the Dietetic Technician (DT) program at
	YSU was granted due to the LCCC articulation. The five-year
	midpoint Program Assessment Reports for the CPS, DPD, and
	DT programs are due in 2015. Next site visit will be in 2020.
Education and Licensure Programs	The NCATE site visit took place March 20-24, 2010. On
National Council for Accreditation of Teacher	November 5, 2010, NCATE sent official notice that
Education (NCATE)	accreditation "is continued at the initial teacher preparation
, ,	and advanced preparation levels." YSU meets all 6 NCATE
Accreditation occurs at the "unit" (BCOE) level.	standards. The next site visit will take place in spring 2017.
Emergency Medical Services	Self-study submitted to the Ohio Department of Public Safety
State of Ohio Department of Public Safety/	Division of EMS Dec. 2010. Site visit was conducted on May
Division of Emergency Medical Services	2, 2011. The EMS program was granted full accreditation for
Bivision of Emergency Modical Services	five years. Next self-study will be due to CoAEMSP by May
	2015. The site visit will occur in 2016.
Commission on Accreditation of Allied	
	CoAEMSP awarded the program continuing accreditation on
Health Education Programs EMS	Nov. 17, 2006. Reaccreditation self-study was due Feb. 1,
Professions (CoAEMSP—CAAHEP)	2011. Site visit was conducted May 2-3, 2011. The site team
	reported no citations at the exit meeting. CAAHEP awarded a
	full 5-year accreditation.
Engineering	All associate and undergraduate programs fully accredited
Engineering Accreditation Commission of the	through September 30, 2014. YSU underwent a routine site
Accreditation Board for Engineering and	visit to review all engineering programs on October 27-29,
Technology (ABET)	2013. ABET will make its final decisions during its August
	2014 meeting.
Engineering Technology	ETAC-ABET granted continuing accreditation in August
Engineering Technology Accreditation	2012. CCET (AAS), CCET (BSAS), EET (AAS), EET
Commission of the Accreditation Board for	(BSAS), MET (AAS), and MET (BSAS) have been accredited
Engineering and Technology (ETAC-ABET)	through September 30, 2018.
	through September 30, 2018.

Foreign I ongueges	Deculmission of the French Education Italian Education and
Foreign Languages	Resubmission of the French Education, Italian Education, and Spanish Education programs to ACTFL in October 2013 has
ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching	resulted in national recognition for all three programs
of Foreign Languages) Recognition for French	effective January 31, 2014.
Education, Italian Education, and Spanish	Circuit January 31, 2014.
Education	
Forensic Science	Application for initial accreditation pending; self-study
American Academy of Forensic Sciences	and site visit to follow.
(AAFS)	
Histotechnology	Due to low enrollment, job saturation, and the inability to
National Accrediting Agency for Clinical	secure an adequate number of clinical sites, the
Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)	Histotechnology program is being moved to an "inactive
	status" beginning fall 2013. The last student cohort completed
	degree requirements in Spring 2013. No other cohorts will be
	accepted. Accreditation required that the program remain
	intact until end of spring 2014. Voluntary accreditation
	withdrawal was submitted. NAACLS Board of Directors
Human Faology	accepted accreditation withdrawal at its April 2014 meeting. An interim report on accreditation of baccalaureate programs
Human Ecology	in Family and Consumer Sciences (Family and Consumer
American Association of Family and	Studies; Merchandising-Fashion and Interiors; Food and
Consumer Sciences (AAFCS)	Nutrition [including the Didactic Program in Dietetics and the
	Coordinated Program in Dietetics]; Hospitality Management;
	and the Family and Consumer Sciences Education program) is
	due February 2014. Site visit is due in 2017.
Medical Assisting Technology	Most recent accreditation July 2004. Reaccreditation
American Association of Medical Assistants	self-study was submitted December 27, 2012. The site
(AAMAE)/Commission on Accreditation of	visit is scheduled for May 6-7, 2013. CAAHEP granted
Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)	the program continuing accreditation for a full ten years.
,	The next review will occur in 2023.
Medical Laboratory Technology	Most recent accreditation in 2006. Reaccreditation self-
National Accrediting Agency for Clinical	study was submitted to NAACLS May 1, 2012. Site
Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)	visit occurred October 15-16, 2012. Program received
	no citations or recommendations. NAACLS awarded
	continuing accreditation for the full seven years until
	April 30, 2020. Submission of the next Self-Study
	Report will be due April 1, 2019, and a site visit will be
	scheduled during Fall 2019.
Music	At its June 2012 meetings, the NASM Commission on
National Association of Schools of Music	Accreditation voted to continue YSU and the Dana
(NASM)	School of Music in good standing. A follow-up report on
	activities was sent to the NASM national office on April
	19, 2013. In June 2013, the NASM Commission on
	Accreditation voted to accept the YSU progress report.
	The next full review will take place in the 2020-2021
	academic year.
Nursing (formerly NLNAC)	18-20, 2014. The Commission will meet in July 2014 for
Physical Therapy	Accreditation report for the Physical Therapy Education
Commission on Accreditation in Physical	program submitted spring 2004. Self-study for master's
Therapy Education (CAPTE)	program submitted February 2004; site visit conducted
Nursing Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (formerly NLNAC) Physical Therapy	accreditation decision.

Physcial Therapy (continued)	April 19-21, 2004. Notice of 10-year accreditation received November 19, 2004. Progress report submitted August 15, 2005, and accepted in October 2005; CAPTE continued the accreditation granted the year before. The department submitted an additional progress report in August 2006, and CAPTE found the program in full compliance. In October 2006, the Commission continued the accreditation granted in 2004. The MPT has been discontinued. Accreditation now applies to the DPT program approved by the Higher Learning Commission in 2008. A site team from CAPTE visited YSU from April 27-30, 2014, for a self-study visit for the DPT program. The self-study was submitted February 2014 for this visit. The site team gave a favorable report; final recommendation for continued accreditation will come from CAPTE in November 2014.
Public Health (Consortium of Eastern Ohio Master of Public Health) Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)	The MPH is offered by a consortium of six institutions, including YSU. Initial accreditation earned in 2003. Site visit occurred April 20-21, 2009. In October 2009, the Council renewed accreditation for seven years, until December 31, 2016. Interim report is due in fall 2011.
Respiratory Care and Respiratory Care "Polysomnography Specialty Option" Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC)	The Polysomnography [Sleep-Study] Specialty Option in the Respiratory Care program received "continuing accreditation" September 19, 2008, and will undergo accreditation review with the respiratory care program. A progress report is submitted annually. Self-study documents for the BS in Respiratory Care and Polysomnography Specialty Option were submitted on August 28, 2010. The site visit for Respiratory Care and Polysomnography took place in February 2011. CoARC granted both programs full continuing accreditation, with no further progress reports due. The next site visit is scheduled for 2018.
Social Work Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)	In response to the submission of reaffirmation materials submitted in April 2012 and an on-campus site visit that occurred in October 2012, the Council on Social Work Education has informed the Department of Social Work that the Bachelor of Social Work program has been reaffirmed accreditation status in February 2013. This accreditation status remains in effect until February 2021. In February 2012, the Council on Social Work
	Education granted reaffirmation of accreditation of the Master of Social Work Program. The program remains in accredited status until 2020.

Theater National Association of Schools of Theater (NAST)	Self-study submitted summer 2006; site visit conducted October 5-6, 2006. In April 2007, NAST renewed accreditation, commended YSU for addressing program needs and making Theater a "free-standing" unit, and requested a follow-up report. The follow-up report was accepted, and the program is in full compliance. Next renewal and on-site visit will occur in 2016-17. A non-binding site visit in preparation for 2016-17 review is scheduled for May 2014.
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Update on Higher Learning Commission Accreditation and Assessment of Student Learning

YSU has made and continues to make progress in fostering meaningful and relevant assessment of student learning, including assessment of the general education program:

- New HLC Expectations on Assessment, General Education, Program Review, Persistence, and Completion: In July 2013, the Assessment Director and the General Education Coordinator attended a Higher Learning Commission (HLC) workshop titled "Current Expectations for Assessment of Student Learning, General Education, and Students Success." The HLC has reaffirmed the increasing rigor with which it expects institutions to focus on student learning outcomes. At the conference, the HLC outlined a deepened commitment to student learning with expectations surrounding demonstration of high quality academic programs, institutional practices, and support for student persistence and completion. The clear message was that institutions must place student learning at the center of all they do. This focus on increased rigor and responsibility was presented at Deans' Council in September and was presented at the Chairpersons' Meeting in November. At the Deans' Council meeting, the Provost recommended that a committee be convened to begin initial evaluation of institutional readiness. As part of that initial evaluation, Assessment, General Education, and the Provost's Office began to discuss and examine a potential make-up of a steering committee for HLC accreditation.
- General Education: Progress continues on the two initiatives begun in 2011 to assess the general education program: the ROAD project initiative and the domain assessment initiative.

Progress continues with the ROAD project for assessment of writing in several ways. Most notably, the ROAD rubric was modified so that the ROAD project would align with the Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA), a faculty scoring day for ROAD samples was conducted, and the current results of the ROAD project were presented to faculty and presented at the annual Higher Learning Commission Conference in Chicago. Beginning this year, the VSA allowed the use of artifacts evaluated with American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) rubrics as a possible assessment method. In the past, YSU has used a separate assessment to fulfill its VSA requirements.

Since the ROAD rubric was largely based upon the AAC&U rubrics, General Education and Assessment saw an opportunity to consolidate two assessments into one. In order to accomplish the use of the ROAD project for VSA assessment, several things needed to be done: first, the ROAD rubric needed to be adjusted so that it covered all the critical thinking items included in the AAC&U rubric; and second, the language of the original writing section of the rubric needed to be modified slightly. A committee of representatives from each college met and adjusted the ROAD rubric's language accordingly. The updated rubric and the merger of the VSA and ROAD projects were submitted to and passed by YSU's Academic Senate.

Working with Assessment and the YSU Writing Center, General Education conducted a faculty scoring day for samples from the ROAD project. A group of approximately 20 faculty members scored essays from English 1551 and other upper-division courses. The purposes of this exercise were: to improve faculty members' awareness of writing across campus, to start a dialogue about the assessment of writing across campus, and to improve the ROAD project. The results of the scoring day were largely positive, with many faculty members expressing surprise at the level of rigor required by the English 1551 essays.

A group from YSU (Tod Porter, Joseph Palardy, Hillary Fuhrman, and Angela Messenger) presented the ROAD project and its findings at the selective HLC conference in Chicago in April 2014. The title of their presentation was "The ROAD: Assessing Writing and Critical Thinking with VALUE Rubrics." An accompanying paper was published in the conference proceedings and can be found at http://cop.hlcommission.org/Assessment/porter.html.

As a follow-up to the ROAD project, Assessment and General Education will ask departments in fall 2014 to create curricular maps of writing within their majors. This exercise will promote discussion of writing and writing assessment at YSU. Curricular mapping for critical thinking, oral communications, and quantitative literacy will follow in subsequent semesters.

General Education is also investigating the use of AAC&U's Quantitative Literacy Rubric to evaluate artifacts of student work similar to the use of the ROAD project to assess writing and critical thinking.

The second initiative involves assessment of the general education knowledge domains. In fall 2012, Dr. Milton Cox, a nationally-recognized expert on learning communities, consulted on campus and ran a workshop to help initiate the development of learning communities for general education assessment. His feedback prompted some modifications to the previous YSU timeline. In particular, Dr. Cox highly recommended only one-year learning community commitments from faculty as opposed to the multi-year commitments that were imagined in the originally proposed timeline. A pilot learning community on the improvement and assessment of general education began in January 2013 and finished in May 2013. Despite difficulties in recruitment for the learning community, all of the participants felt that the learning community was a worthwhile experience. A learning community on improving writing on campus is currently being conducted, but it is being facilitated through Faculty Development instead of General Education. This system appears

to be a more natural fit for learning communities at YSU. In spring 2014, the General Education Committee began to investigate the possibility of using a course portfolio system to assess and improve general education outcomes as an alternative to the learning community approach.

In addition to the development of learning communities, steps have been taken to include faculty and student perceptions and self-evaluations in the assessment process. Surveys of both faculty and students are being developed. A preliminary version was submitted to a small group of volunteers from various college-level assessment committees. The survey is currently being revised based on their feedback. A number of short, 5-minute surveys will be conducted instead of one long survey. The faculty survey should be distributed in fall 2014, and the student survey should be distributed in spring 2015. Departments may be asked to complete curricular mapping for the general education skills learning outcomes during academic year 2014-2015.

• Program Assessment Participation: The Office of Assessment is finalizing the reporting and review cycles for 2013-14 for the academic and co-curricular units. Participation was substantial across the university (86% academic and 95% co-curricular participation), and reports exhibited mature assessment processes (90% academic and 85% co-curricular reports were of high quality).

The 2014-15 reporting cycle began in July with co-curricular reporting; 95% of units have reported. Reviews of assessment report and process quality by faculty, staff, and the Office of Assessment are underway. Assessment and General Education are partnering to use existing assessment reporting structures to gather curriculum data on writing outcomes in conjunction with program assessment reports. Trainings on the reporting format will be conducted in the academic colleges in early fall 2014. Program assessment reports and writing outcome curriculum maps will be due in October 2014.

- Student Satisfaction Survey Results: To support participation in the Voluntary System of Accountability, the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) was administered in spring 2013. This survey serves as a metric for the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan, Student Success Cornerstone, Theme 2. The survey asks students about high-impact educational practices proven to lead to student learning and student persistence. A series of 12 workshops, attended by approximately 60 participants, was offered throughout spring 2014 and included overview results, in-depth data discussions, and dynamic reporting tool training. Further college-specific meetings are also in development. Results have been cited and used by the president, senior leadership, and local media. Themes and recommendations resulting from the dissemination plan are being compiled and analyzed; results will be shared with campus leadership.
- Authentic Assessment of Writing in Support of Reporting Requirements: As part of
 participation in the Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA), YSU must assess and report
 on student writing and critical thinking. For VSA reporting, the Office of Assessment was
 able to partner with and extend on the General Education ROAD writing and critical thinking
 assessment project. In May 2014, 21 full-time faculty members participated in an all-day

training and scoring day of student writing and critical thinking artifacts. This project has multiple benefits to YSU: it situates YSU on the forefront of authentic assessment practices nationally; brings prestige to YSU through a recent presentation of this joint project at the Higher Learning Commission's 2014 Annual Meeting; provides an opportunity to spark campus dialogue on the state of student learning in these areas; and provides a more cost-effective way to meet VSA reporting guidelines on general education assessment.

• Activities to Promote a Positive Assessment Culture: A critical part of meeting HLC accreditation expectations is fostering a vital campus community with faculty and staff engaged in meaningful student learning assessment activities. The Office of Assessment meets this expectation in part through programming provided to the campus community. In addition to fulfilling HLC expectations, these activities meet the goals of the 2020 Strategic Plan Cornerstones in the areas of Accountability, Student Success, and Urban Research.

A critical part of building a positive culture is professional development to build capacity in assessment and increase the knowledge and skills of faculty and staff. In June 2014, the Office of Assessment funded a 12-member team of Academic Affairs staff, Student Affairs staff, and faculty to attend a one-day assessment and research conference at Ohio State University. This conference provides an opportunity to integrate best practices in assessment, foster an evidence-based approach to practice, and increase professional connections across campus and with other regional institutions.

New Higher Learning Commission Criteria and Accreditation Pathways

The Board of the Higher Learning Commission approved the new criteria for accreditation (with more focus on institutional transparency, institutional performance, student persistence, and program/degree completion) in February 2012.

At the same time, the HLC approved new "pathways" for accreditation. The pathways replaced the traditional accreditation process for most institutions and changed the schedule for accreditation. On July 26, 2012, the HLC notified YSU that it has been approved to select a preferred accreditation pathway. YSU selected the Open Pathway for reaffirmation of accreditation.

- The **Open Pathway** operates on 10-year cycle and offers more flexibility, fewer comprehensive evaluations, fewer site visits, and less monitoring than the other pathways. The next reaffirmation of accreditation visit will occur in 2017-18.
- The Open Pathway requires an institution to designate one major improvement effort it has undertaken as its **Quality Initiative** for reaffirmation of accreditation. The Quality Initiative takes place between years 5 and 9 of the 10-year Open Pathway Cycle. The Quality Initiative falls entirely outside the Assurance Process.
- Although YSU's Quality Initiative project will be driven primarily by initiatives in Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, it will draw upon resources across the institution

in an effort to address student retention. The Academic Affairs division will address student retention through efforts in three primary areas: academic advising, first-year student orientation, and associate degree / technical preparation programs. The Student Affairs division will address student retention through efforts in three primary areas: continued utilization and implementation of the Starfish Retention System, creation of an administrative position overseeing enrollment and retention, and fine tuning and revision of YSU's conditional admission policy.

- Assurance Review accreditation reports will normally be due in years 4 and 10 of the process. Since YSU transitioned into the pathway in year 5 (2012-13), YSU will not have an assurance review report due at year 4. The assurance review in 2017-18 will include the site visit for reaffirmation of accreditation.
- The annual reports, plus the quality initiative, plus the assurance report and visit in 2017-18 will replace the former comprehensive evaluation process. According to the HLC, the assurance report, or "self-study," will be more concise than the old-style self-studies and will not necessarily involve the entire campus as in the past.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2014

1. Undergraduate Program Development:

<u>Undergraduate Program Actions Requiring Board of Trustees Action and/or OBOR Notification or Approval</u>

The Ohio Board of Regents (OBOR) is continuing to revise its approval processes for undergraduate program proposals. Since the last set of YSU Board of Trustees meetings, OBOR has approved the following undergraduate program changes:

- YSU received approval to offer a Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care completion program for students who already possess an associate degree in respiratory care.
- YSU received approval to change its RN-to-BSN degree from hybrid to fully-online delivery.
- The former Clinical Laboratory Science program is now called the Medical Laboratory Science program (BSAS).
- The former Clinical Laboratory Technology program is now called the Medical Laboratory Technology program (AAS).
- The former Bachelor of Music with an emphasis in Music Recording is now called the Bachelor of Music with an emphasis in Music Recording and Technology.
- The Business Education program in the College of Education has been deactivated.
- The Physical Science Education program in the College of Education has been deactivated.
- The Earth Science Education program in the College of Education has been deactivated.
- The Histotechnician track in the Medical Laboratory Technology (AAS) program has been deactivated.
- The Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies has added a Social Media track.
- The Bachelor of Arts in Telecommunication Studies has added a Sports Broadcasting Track.
- The Marketing Management major (Bachelor of Science in Business Administration) has added two new tracks: Consumer/Retail Marketing and Business/Industrial Marketing.

2. Graduate Program Development:

A new proposal (Program Development Plan or PDP) for graduate programs must be approved internally by YSU's Graduate Curriculum Committee and Graduate Council before it is presented to the Board of Trustees Academic Quality and Student Success Committee as an information item. The PDP is then forwarded to the Regents Advisory Committee on Graduate Study (RACGS) for comment, and a full program proposal is prepared, in response, if there are no serious objections. The full proposal must be reviewed by the internal curriculum process and then go to the Board of Trustees for action and approval. The proposal then goes to RACGS for a second review and inperson presentation. If RACGS recommends the program for approval—and after YSU Board of Trustees approval—it goes to the Chancellor's staff, which makes a recommendation to the Chancellor based on RACGS review and public comments. The Chancellor's signature is the final step of the approval process. Board of Trustees approval is required prior to any final decision by the Chancellor's office.

- Beginning Fall 2014, YSU's Master of Social Work (MSW) will be offered at Lorain County Community College and Lakeland Community College.
- A program development plan (PDP) for a Master of Fine Arts in Interdisciplinary Visual Art has been reviewed by RACGS, and responses to comments are being composed.



TENURE GRANTED FOR 2014-2015

James P. Tressel, Department of Teacher Education

Effective 07/01/14