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**BACKGROUND MATERIALS
Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

- 1. Office of Research Services Quarterly Report** **Tab 1**
The Quarterly Report from the Office of Research Services is presented for the Board of Trustees' information.
- 2. Current Accreditation Activity** **Tab 2**
The report on accreditation activity shows recent accreditations and upcoming site visits and documents submitted.
- 3. Academic Programs Update** **Tab 3**
The report outlines new program development.
- 4. Sabbatical and Faculty Improvement Leaves for AY 2024-2025** **Tab 4**
A list of faculty members who were granted sabbaticals and faculty improvement leaves for the 2023-2024 academic year is provided.
- 5. Research Professorship List** **Tab 5**
A list of faculty members who were granted research professorships for 2024-2025 is provided. No fewer than twelve (12) Research Professorships shall be awarded, provided there are sufficient applicants deemed meritorious of support. The Research Professorship Committee may recommend an award of a minimum of three (3) hours to a maximum of nine (9) hours in whole number increments.
- 6. Spring Activities Offered by YSU Student Experience** **Tab 6**

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 22, 2024

To: Dr. Jennifer Pintar, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

From: Office of Research Services (ORS)

Re: FY24 Second Quarter Report

Please see attached the FY24 Second Quarter Report as prepared for delivery to the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee of the Board of Trustees.

ORS staff managed 36 major grant administration activities during this quarter (23 submissions and 13 awards/contracts). Additionally, the IRB processed 74 new protocols and 20 modifications.

Notable highlights:

- ORS announced new internal funding opportunities (URC) to support research, scholarship, and creative arts projects
- Several proposals were submitted to the Ohio Dept of Higher Education to support behavioral health workforce, education for computer science teachers and for equipment
- YSU received awards from the Ohio Dept of Higher Education to support the behavioral health needs and from the National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining for hybrid manufacturing

Accompanying this submission is the FY24 Second Quarter Detail Report, which provides detail regarding institutional submissions and awards.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
 Second Quarter Report – FY24
 October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Proposals submitted to External Agencies: Total

Q2 Total Dollars Requested:	\$5,410,203
Q2 Indirect Cost Requested:	\$109,730
Q2 Total Proposals Worked:	33
Q2 Total Proposals Submitted:	23

Projects Awarded from External Agencies: Total

Q2 Total Dollars Awarded:	\$2,891,976
Q2 Indirect Costs Awarded:	\$213,568
Q2 Total Projects Awarded:	13

Q2 YTD Comparison:

	FY23	FY24
<i>Q2 Submissions</i>	14	23
<i>Q2 Dollars Requested</i>	\$7,995,186	\$5,410,203
<i>Q2 Awards</i>	11	13
<i>Q2 Dollars Awarded</i>	\$1,849,591	\$2,891,976
<i>YTD Submissions</i>	37	43
<i>YTD \$ Requested</i>	\$14,543,707	\$8,820,168
<i>YTD Awards</i>	42	48
<i>YTD \$ Awarded</i>	\$6,515,769	\$9,295,209

FY23 Q2 Total Active Awards: 123

FY24 Q2 Total Active Awards: 128

FY23 Q2 Research Expenditures \$3,307,111

FY24 Q2 Research Expenditures: \$2,948,816

FY23 YTD Research Expenditures: \$6,008,822

FY24 YTD Research Expenditures: \$5,694,787



Proposals Submitted to External Agencies

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PI Name	Department	Funding Agency	Amount Requested	Indirect Costs Requested	YSU Cost-Share
Hazy, J.	Criminal Justice & Consumer Science	Ohio Office of Criminal Justice	\$ 21,119	\$ 4,398	\$ -
Powe, N.	Grad Studies in Health and Rehab Sciences	North East Ohio Medical University	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 488
Bralich, J.	Humanities and Social Sciences	Trumbull Co Board of Commissioners	\$ 11,250	\$ -	\$ -
Durrell, P.	PAGES	Space and Telescope Institute	\$ 32,281	\$ 6,722	\$ -
Armstrong, F.	PAGES	University Corporation for Atmospheric Research	\$ 4,500	\$ -	\$ -
Sharma, S.	Engineering	Ohio Dept of Higher Education	\$ 91,738	\$ 4,647	\$ -
Cortes, P.	Engineering	National Science Foundation	\$ 450,000	\$ -	\$ -
Pesch, A.; Costarell, M.	Engineering	National Science Foundation	\$ 445,515	\$ -	\$ -
Cortes, P.	Engineering	Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency via Univ Texas El Paso	\$ 350,000	\$ 64,553	\$ -
Arslanyilmaz, A.	Comp Sci, Info and Eng Tech	Ohio Dept of Higher Education	\$ 679,116	\$ -	\$ -
Veisz, P.	Small Business Development Center	Ohio Dept of Development	\$ 122,450	\$ -	\$ -
Veisz, P.	Small Business Development Center	Small Business Administration	\$ 266,000	\$ -	\$ 107,189
Cianciola, E.	Office of Community Engagement	City of Youngstown	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ -
Baker, S.	Student Outreach and Support	Swipe out Hunger	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ -
Packard, F.	Student Counseling Services	Ohio Dept of Higher Education	\$ 274,982	\$ -	\$ -
Ekstrand, L.	Division of Workforce Education and Innovation	Ohio Dept of Higher Education	\$ 116,184	\$ 24,194	\$ -
McCartney, R.	Division of Workforce Education and Innovation	Ohio Dept of Higher Education	\$ 902,378	\$ -	\$ -
Ekstrand, L.	Division of Workforce Education and Innovation	Ohio Dept of Higher Education	\$ 1,366,467	\$ -	\$ -
Sexton, G.	WYSU-FM	Corporation for Public Broadcasting	\$ 95,830	\$ -	\$ -
Sexton, G.	WYSU-FM	Corporation for Public Broadcasting	\$ 34,233	\$ -	\$ -
Ekstrand, L.	Division of Workforce Education and Innovation	Ohio Dept of Development	\$ 74,090	\$ 5,216	\$ -



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Ekstrand, L.	Division of Workforce Education and Innovation	National Science Foundation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Kuzma, D.	Janitorial Services	Mahoning Co Solid Waste Mgmt Dist	\$ 62,070	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL			\$ 5,410,203	\$ 109,730	\$ 107,677



Projects Awarded from External Agencies

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PI Name	Department	Funding Agency	Amount Awarded	Indirect Costs Awarded	YSU Cost-Share
Bonhomme, B.	Humanities and Social Sciences	Ohio History Connection	\$ 140,000	\$ 25,804	\$ 7,500
Frank, D.	Psychological Sciences and Counseling	Army Research Institute	\$ 67,640	\$ 14,085	\$ -
Case, W.	Dana school of Music	National String Project Consortium	\$ 6,650	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Sharma, S.	Engineering	Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District	\$ 60,264	\$ 3,660	\$ -
Cortes, P.	Engineering	National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining	\$ 1,428,800	\$ 98,576	\$ 127,796
Loveland, S.	Small Business Development Center	Ohio Dept of Development	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -
Packard, F.	Student Counseling Services	Ohio Dept of Higher Education	\$ 537,825	\$ 20,065	\$ -
Cianciola, E.	Office of Community Engagement	United Way	\$ 8,534	\$ 1,777	\$ -
Cianciola, E.	Office of Community Engagement	City of Youngstown	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ -
Ruller, J.	Division of Workforce Education and Innovation	National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining	\$ 492,200	\$ 49,601	\$ 64,304
Anderson, C.	Student Activities	Fair Elections Center	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -
Sexton, G.	WYSU-FM	Corp for Public Broadcasting	\$ 95,830	\$ -	\$ -
Sexton, G.	WYSU-FM	Corp for Public Broadcasting	\$ 34,233	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL			\$ 2,891,976	\$ 213,568	\$ 209,600

CURRENT ACCREDITATION ACTIVITY
March 2024

Summary of recent site visits:

- The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) has scheduled a pre-visit for March 26-28, 2024, in advance of the October 20-22 accreditation review.

Summary of recent accreditation actions:

- On August 3, 2022, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) notified YSU of successful completion of the Year 4 Assurance Review with no recommended monitoring.
- On July 30, 2018, the HLC continued the accreditation of YSU with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation scheduled to occur in 2027-28.

Details:

Program	Status
Art National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)	The annual affirmation and audit statements were submitted on June 26, 2023. NASAD was notified of a change of institutional representative for 2024. A Notice of Intention to Apply for Renewal Membership (ten year) was submitted for Spring 2026. An optional accreditation review consultative visit is scheduled and confirmed for Fall 2024. NASAD site evaluation team members are confirmed for a visit during Spring 2026.
Athletic Training Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE)	The Master of Athletic Training program was granted initial accreditation for five years by CAATE in 2018. The MAT program is currently in good standing with CAATE. The program completed its self-study site visit with the CAATE peer reviewers in March 2023. A ten-year reaccreditation was awarded in August 2023.
Business AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business	AACSB International approved the extension of accreditation in January 2020. Accreditation of the undergraduate and graduate business programs was extended for the standard five years. An AACSB pre-visit is scheduled for March 26-28, 2024. The next accreditation review will be October 20-22, 2024, with the Continuous Improvement Review due August 21, 2024.
Chemistry American Chemical Society (ACS)	The Committee on Professional Training (CPT) of the American Chemical Society (ACS) notified YSU in September 2023 that its BS Chemistry

Program	Status
Chemistry (continued)	program has met all requirements in the ACS guidelines for reaccreditation. The CPT recommended continuation of ACS accreditation through 2029.
Counseling Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)	The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) granted full accreditation to the MS. Ed. in Counseling—Addiction Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, School Counseling, and Student Affairs/College Counseling program tracks for the full eight-year period, until March 31, 2031.
Dental Hygiene Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)	The self-study for continuing accreditation of the Dental Hygiene program was submitted in September 2017. This was the initial site visit following the transition from the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree to the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) degree. A site visit occurred in November 2017, and the program was awarded full accreditation status, Approval Without Reporting Requirements, at the 2018 ADA CODA Summer Commission meeting. The accreditation cycle for allied dental programs is seven years. The next site visit will be in 2025.
Dietetics Program Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)	<p>The two ACEND-accredited dietetics programs are the Didactic Program in Dietetics and the Dietetics Future Model/DFM (MPH-RDN graduate track).</p> <p>The graduate level MPH-DFM (Master’s in Public Health-Dietetic Future Model) continues in good standing, but the decision has been made to not seek future reaccreditation in 2023 due to lack of enrollment. An accreditation decision letter was issued in July 2023 approving the close-out plan. The program will remain accredited until December 31, 2026. The program director will provide the accrediting body with yearly reports on program progress and support until the close date.</p> <p>The BSAS-Didactic Program in Dietetics is in good standing and accredited through June 2028.</p>

Program	Status
<p>Dietetics (continued)</p>	<p>A DPD Compliance Report showing alignment of clinical coursework with 2022 Accreditation Knowledge requirements was submitted in January 2024.</p> <p>The DPD-MHHS 4+1 (Didactic Program in Dietetics-Master’s in Health & Human Services) allows students to meet the new eligibility requirements for the Registered Dietitian credential (RDN) that specify a master’s degree or higher (as applied for supervised practice). Graduates of the DPD who do not wish to become Registered Dietitians may graduate with the BSAS and earn the Nutrition and Dietetic Technician credential without further educational or experiential learning requirements.</p>
<p>Education and Licensure Programs The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)</p> <p>Accreditation occurs at the unit (BCOE) level.</p>	<p>The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) conducted a site visit of YSU’s Beeghly College of Education on April 2-4, 2017. CAEP’s Accreditation Council granted accreditation status effective Fall 2017 through Fall 2024. The next site visit will occur in Fall 2024.</p>
<p>Engineering Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)</p>	<p>The Electrical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering programs are fully accredited by ABET until 2026. Industrial Engineering went from “program deficiency” to “program weakness,” a finding which means that the program has been removed from “show cause.” Industrial Engineering is now fully accredited until 2026.</p>
<p>Engineering Technology Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ETAC-ABET)</p>	<p>The AAS and BSAS Engineering Technology programs (CCET, EET, and MET) are accredited through September 30, 2024.</p> <p>Applications to renew accreditations for all AAS & BSAS Engineering Technology Programs were submitted. The accreditation team’s comprehensive visit occurred Fall 2023 and the team’s final report will follow.</p>

Program	Status
Engineering Technology (continued)	<p>Following its October 2023 visit, the ABET accreditation team expressed one concern for all programs related to insufficiency of staffing in the STEM advising office (the team's concerns do not impact accreditation). Once hiring of additional staff to help with advising students in MET is completed, it will be reported to remove this concern.</p> <p>The team expressed one specific concern for the MET BSAS and AAS programs regarding a procedure to collect and use data toward improving the programs. YSU has submitted a proposed procedure, and progress will be reported to remove this concern. A detailed response letter was submitted on January 14, 2024.</p>

Program	Status
<p>Exercise Science Committee on Accreditation for the Exercise Sciences (CoAES) / Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)</p>	<p>The Committee on Accreditation for the Exercise Sciences (CoAES) granted initial accreditation of the undergraduate Exercise Science program on May 18, 2018. The accreditation is for five years. The yearly report was submitted in July 2023. A site visit is expected this academic year.</p>
<p>Forensic Science American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS)</p>	<p>Application for initial accreditation is pending. Program self-study and site visit will follow.</p>
<p>Long-Term Care Administration National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB)</p>	<p>The Long-Term Care Administration program submitted its accreditation review to the National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB) in Spring 2022, and the submission was approved by NAB. Due to the discontinuation of the Long-Term Care program, the decision was made to bring the long-term care administration track into the Master of Health and Human Services. This program is currently seeking NAB accreditation of the Healthcare/Long-Term Care Administration track. The Master in Health and Human Services accreditation application was submitted with a site visit on October 2-3; a rejoinder report was sent October 13. The NAB accreditation committee has voted to hold the application in abeyance through the 2024 mid-year meeting to allow YSU to meet the mandatory requirements.</p>
<p>Medical Laboratory Technology National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)</p>	<p>The Medical Laboratory Technology program self-study and response were submitted in Spring 2020. A virtual site visit was conducted in July 2020. The program as awarded ten years of accreditation through 2030. The annual report was submitted in October 2022.</p>
<p>Medical Laboratory Science National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)</p>	<p>The Medical Laboratory Science completion program submitted its self-study on April 1, 2022. The site visit was completed in October 2022, and no issues were cited. The program has been awarded the maximum ten-year accreditation through 2032.</p>

Program	Status
<p>Music National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)</p>	<p>In 2012, the NASM Commission on Accreditation voted to continue YSU and the Dana School of Music in good standing. In July 2016, the NASM Commission on Accreditation accepted YSU's Application for Plan Approval of Dana's Bachelor of Music in Music Recording.</p> <p>The NASM Commission on Accreditation has scheduled an accreditation full review and site visit for April 7-9, 2024.</p>
<p>Nursing Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN)</p> <p>Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)</p> <p>Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)</p> <p>Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) St. Elizabeth Health Center School for Nurse Anesthetists, Inc. (YSU MSN nurse anesthesia option only)</p>	<p>The OBN has scheduled an approval visit for the ADN program for March 11-12, 2024.</p> <p>A candidacy application will be submitted to ACEN for the new Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program in Fall 2024.</p> <p>ACEN recently granted continuing accreditation for the BSN programs for the maximum eight years. The next evaluation visit will occur in Spring 2030.</p> <p>CCNE recently granted continuing accreditation for the BSN, MSN, and post-graduate APRN certificate programs for the maximum ten years. The next evaluation visit will occur in Spring 2032.</p> <p>The last MSN class will graduate in December 2022. The Doctor of Nursing Practice program matriculated on May 17, 2021. Both programs are accredited. The next evaluation will occur in Spring 2027.</p>
<p>Physical Therapy Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)</p>	<p>The MPT has been discontinued. Accreditation now applies to the DPT program approved by HLC in 2008. Ten-year accreditation was reaffirmed in 2014 with a compliance report due in 2015. This report was submitted, and CAPTE granted the program continuing accreditation.</p> <p>The current status of the program is accredited. A progress report was submitted September 1, 2022. After review, the program was granted continued accreditation. Annual reports are required, and a site visit will occur in Spring 2025.</p>

Program	Status
<p>Public Health (Consortium of Eastern Ohio Master of Public Health) Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)</p>	<p>The MPH is offered by a consortium of institutions including YSU. Initial accreditation was earned in 2003. In October 2009, the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) renewed accreditation for seven years until 2016. A 2016 site visit resulted in all compliant findings. In June 2017, the program received official notification of full accreditation with the seven-year accreditation term ending July 1, 2024. In order to align with site visit workload, CEPH offered on December 6, 2021, to extend the CEOMPH accreditation term until July 1, 2025, which was accepted.</p>
<p>Respiratory Care Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC)</p>	<p>Continuing re-accreditation status for the next ten years was conveyed for the BSRC entry into practice on July 21, 2021, at the CoARC quarterly meeting.</p> <p>Both the BSRC degree advancement (completion program) and the Master of Respiratory Care programs were conferred accreditation status in July 2021 at CoARC's quarterly board meeting.</p> <p>Virtual site visits for these two programs were completed May 10-11, 2021, without programmatic issues. Provisional initial accreditation was conferred at the CoARC quarterly board meeting. In the interest of substantial financial savings, the site visits were scheduled as one CoARC visit. The site visits were performed virtually while retaining the multiple program savings.</p> <p>All three programs performed a Report of Current Status (RCS) evaluation in July 2022 that was accepted by CoARC to have met or exceeded all accreditation standards for the year. The program continues to meet CoARC's high academic standards.</p> <p>YSU has increased capacity of the BSRC entry into practice program, placing initial cohort enrollment at 25 allowable students per cohort to enter, which is maximum for classroom capacity, clinical rotation sites, and accreditation standards.</p>

Program	Status
<p>Social Work Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)</p>	<p>At its February 2021 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation (COA) voted to reaffirm accreditation for eight years, ending in October 2027 due to a one-meeting deferment received this cycle.</p> <p>The BSW program requested permission from CSWE to offer the program fully online (virtual synchronous). The request for online delivery status was submitted December 2022 and approved by email notification on May 19, 2023, with a formal approval notice forthcoming.</p> <p>The BSW and MSW programs are scheduled for re-accreditation assessment in 2027.</p>
<p>Theatre National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST)</p>	<p>Due to cuts in the number of tenure-track faculty and ongoing staffing issues, the Dana School of Music and University Theatre officially resigned its NAST accreditation effective May 3, 2018, and will not seek reaccreditation until these issues have been resolved. Additional faculty reduction preceding the 2021-2022 academic year has further delayed the program's ability to reapply for specialized accreditation.</p>
<p>World Languages and Cultures American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Recognition for Italian Education and Spanish Education</p>	<p>The appropriate accrediting bodies were notified that the Italian Education and Spanish Education programs have been deactivated.</p>

Update on Assessment of Student Learning

YSU has made and continues to make progress in fostering meaningful and relevant assessment of student learning.

Assessment of Student Learning Activities

- **Academic Assessment:** Academic programs engage in assessment reporting on a five-year cycle through an Assessment Plan, Assessment Update, or a Cycle Reflection. Reports were due October 31, 2023. Programs can request a submission extension. Programs identified for sunset through APEEI with enrolled students complete a shortened Teach Out Update. As of February 5, 2024, 72% of academic programs have submitted reports, with another 20% requesting extensions through the end of the academic year. Institute for Teaching and Learning staff members have been working with program coordinators and chairs to encourage submission. Volunteer reviewers through the Assessment Council are in the process of completing submission reviews. Feedback will then be shared with programs and made available to chairs and deans by March 2024.
- **Co-Curricular Assessment:** Co-curricular programs will be asked to submit annual assessment reports by June 30, 2024. Training and resources will start to be available to coordinators in April. Co-curricular programs across campus continue to engage at high levels with assessment reporting.
- **Statewide Collaboration:** The Assistant Director of Assessment continues to meet monthly with other Ohio assessment coordinators from Bowling Green State University, Cleveland State University, University of Akron, Kent State University, University of Toledo, and Shawnee State University to ensure YSU meets standards related to the assessment of student learning.

Current Student Data Collection

- **National Survey of Student Engagement:** YSU participated in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) in Spring 2023. All first-year and senior students were invited to participate. In addition to providing the standard survey questions, the NSSE asked students to complete two topical modules: Civic Engagement and First Year Experience/Senior Transitions. The NSSE survey had a 20% response rate. NSSE information was shared in the fall through an overview webinar, reports folders available to anyone with a YSU login credential, and tailored college-level reports. The Institute for Teaching and Learning is partnering this spring with the Office of Community Engagement to share specific civic engagement data through the Office of Community Engagement newsletter. The Spring NSSE Lunch and Learn series will take place on March 13, March 20, April 10, and April 24.

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS UPDATE
MARCH 2024**

1. Undergraduate Program Development:

Undergraduate Program Actions Requiring Board of Trustees Action and/or Notification or Approval by the Ohio Department of Higher Education

Since the last set of YSU Board of Trustees meetings, the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) has approved the following undergraduate program changes:

- No changes to report.

2. Graduate Program Development:

Graduate Program Actions Requiring Board of Trustees Action and/or Notification or Approval by the Chancellor's Council on Graduate Studies (CCGS)

- A request for a combined Bachelor's to Master's program in **BSAS Forensic Science, BS Chemistry, BA Chemistry, and BS Biochemistry** to an **MS in Chemistry** was approved by CCGS.
- A request for a combined Bachelor's to Master's program in **Bachelor of Science in Computer Science** to a **Master in Computing Information Systems** was approved by CCGS.
- A request for a combined Bachelor's to Master's program in **Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Computer Science, Information Technology, Economics, Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geology, Environmental Science, Industrial and Systems Engineering** to a **Master of Science in Data Science and Statistics** was approved by CCGS.
- A request for a combined Bachelor's to Master's program in **Bachelor of Engineering in Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Industrial and System Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering** to a **Master of Science in Chemical Engineering, Civil & Environmental Engineering, Industrial & System Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering** was approved by CCGS.
- A request to suspend admission to the **Master of Music in Music Composition** program is being prepared to send to CCGS for approval.
- A request to suspend admission to the **Master of Music in Jazz Studies** program is being prepared to send to CCGS for approval.

- A request for a combined Bachelor's to Master's program in **Bachelor of Arts in Communication** to a **Master of Arts in Professional Communication** is being prepared to send to CCGS for approval.
- A new **Graduate Certificate in Computer Science Endorsement** was approved by campus committees (CCGS approval is not necessary) and will be available for fall 2024 admission.
- A new **Post-Master's Graduate Certificate in Counseling Practice** was approved by campus committees (CCGS approval is not necessary) and will be available for fall 2024 admission.
- A request to change the name of the **Master of Science in Engineering in Electrical Engineering** to the **Master of Science in Engineering in Electrical and Computer Engineering** was approved by CCGS. The new name is a better indication of the program's curriculum.

Sabbatical and Faculty Improvement Leaves
Approved for AY 2024-2025

One semester (FIL):

Mari Alschuler, Social Work (Spring 2025; moved to AY 2025-2026)

Daniel Ayana, History (Fall 2024)

Kyosung Choo, Mechanical Engineering (Fall 2024)

Maria Conti Maravillas, English (Spring 2025)

Joseph D'Uva, Art (Spring 2025)

Timothy Francisco, English (TBD)

Guohong Han, Management (Spring 2025)

Two semesters (Sabbatical):

Sherri Woods, Social Work



**Research Professorship List
Faculty Awarded for 2024-2025**

1. Dr. Snjezana Balaz, Physics, Astronomy, Geology, and Environmental Science
“Doped Lithium Borate (LBO) Glass as a Novel Neutron Detector” – Awarded 9 Hours
2. Dr. Dragana Crnjak, Art
“Painting as Private and Public Space” – Awarded 9 Hours
3. Dr. Sahar Ehsani, Rayen School of Engineering
“Heavy metals in the Mahoning River” – Awarded 9 Hours
4. Dr. Douglas Genna, Chemical and Biological Sciences
“The Recycling of Lithium-ion Batteries” – Awarded 9 Hours
5. Dr. Edmund Ickert, Graduate Studies in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
“Effect of Interdisciplinary High Fidelity Patient Simulation (HFPS) on Student Performance and Teamwork” – Awarded 6 Hours
6. Dr. Carrie Jackson, Psychological Sciences and Counseling
“Overrepresentation of Minority Students in Special Education” – Awarded 6 Hours
7. Dr. Alina Marculetiu, Management and Marketing
“Exploring the Institutional Pressures and Practices Nexus in Sustainable Supply Chain Management: A Meta-Analytic Investigation” – Awarded 6 Hours
8. Dr. Byung-Wook Park, Rayen School of Engineering
“Bioprinting of Engineered Biohybrid Materials – Photothermal Responsive Living Therapeutics” – Awarded 9 Hours
9. Dr. Jae Ryu, Rayen School of Engineering
“Dissimilar welding technology for functional biomedical implants” – Awarded 9 Hours
10. Dr. Suresh Sharma, Rayen School of Engineering
“Impact of Climate Change on Chagrin River Flooding and Flood Inundation Mapping at Selected Locations” – Awarded 9 Hours
11. Dr. Rongyao Zhang, Lariccia School of Accounting and Finance
“Spillover Effect of Bad News along Sustainable Supply Chain: Evidence from Firm’s Bankruptcy Shock” – Awarded 9 Hours
12. Dr. Yiyang Zhang, Lariccia School of Accounting and Finance
“Information Technology Expertise and ESG Performance” – Awarded 6 Hours

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY FEBRUARY 2024

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS | EVENT HIGHLIGHTS!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Pick Up Your Copy of the Jambar!

YSU for Recovery

Every Thursday | 2:00pm-3:00pm
Rec Center, Meditation Studio

A safe, judgment-free space where students can come to express their struggles with substance abuse and mental health. Attendance is confidential and referrals will be provided for students that need help. For information, contact Mason Edmunds at mgedmonds-guest@ysu.edu. *Sponsored by Campus Rec*

Poets Anonymous

Every Thursday | 3:30pm-4:30pm
Training Room, Kilcawley Center

Poets Anonymous is a weekly workshop run by Poetry Club Vice President, Maysa Smith! It will be a safe space for people to share, brainstorm, work, and revise their writing in a small group setting. Do not feel obligated to bring finished work, it will be a very relaxed environment and the goal is to support and help one another! *Sponsored by YSU Poetry Club*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

YSU Track & Field Mid Major Invitational

1:00pm | Watson Tressel Training Site
Free admission

JambarTV Broadcast

1:00pm | <https://www.youtube.com/@JambarTVbyTheJambar/videos>

Friday Nights at the Cove

4:00pm-6:00pm | Kilcawley Center, The Cove

It's Friday, which means it's time for another Friday Night at the Cove. Bring a friend or meet a new one here. This Friday join the YSU Poetry Club for an Open Mic Night, Poetry Reading, and Karaoke! *Sponsored by Student Affairs and YSU Poetry Club*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

YSU Track & Field Mid Major Invitational

9:30am | Watson Tressel Training Site
Free admission

YSU Men's Swimming & Diving vs Duquesne (Diving Only)

11:30am | Beeghly Natatorium | Free admission

YSU Women's Swimming & Diving vs Duquesne

11:30 am | Beeghly Natatorium | Free admission

YSU Women's Basketball vs Milwaukee

12:00pm | Beeghly Center

Free for YSU students with a YSU ID

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Crafternoons at the Cove: Ceramic Penguin Banks

2:00pm-4:00pm | The Cove, Kilcawley Center
(Student Activities' Side)

Have a New Year's Resolution to save more money? Come paint a miniature penguin piggy bank to house your spare change! *Sponsored by Student Activities and Guinathon*

Crate Stacking and Pizza

4:00pm-6:00pm | Rec Center

Join the Adventure Rec Team for an afternoon of crate stacking and pizza! For more information, contact adventurerec@ysu.edu. *Sponsored by Campus Rec*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Learn to Ballroom Dance

7:00-8:00pm | Beeghly Center, Room 100

Come learn how to dance with the YSU Dance Club! Professional dance instructor, Matthew Feehley, will be teaching us a variety of ballroom styles. No experience or partner necessary! Email ysudancedclub@gmail.com with questions. *Sponsored by YSU Dance Club*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Pick Up Your Copy of the Jambar!

Pete the Penguin's 91st Birthday

10:00am-12:00pm Lower Arcade (main lobby),
Kilcawley Center

It's our beloved mascot's birthday. What do you give to a penguin who has everything? He says, "Nothing—I am giving presents to YOU!" What a guy! There will be 91 presents from Pete and his friends at Pepsi—some are big, and some are small! Come and pick a number and Pete himself will hand you the corresponding present. We'll snap a picture and show it on our Instagram account, @YSU_Penguin_Experience. Enjoy some birthday cake as well. Prizes include Pepsi swag, YSU gear, and a Pepsi or Mountain Dew mini fridge! Must show YSU ID to participate. One gift per person. *Sponsored by Student Activities, Student Government, and Pepsi*

PNC Financial Education Webinar Designed for Students: Repaying Student Loan Debt

4:00pm | Virtual

As a recent graduate, you may soon find yourself responsible for multiple expenses in addition to student loans. Learn guidelines for establishing a positive cash flow and explore student loan repayment plans. You don't have to be a PNC customer to participate. Register now at pnc.com/myfinanceacademy. A recording will be available at the link for 30 days after the event. *Hosted by PNC Bank*

YSU for Recovery

Every Thursday | 2:00pm-3:00pm
Rec Center, Meditation Studio

A safe, judgment free space where students can come to express their struggles with substance abuse and mental health. Attendance is confidential and referrals will be provided for students that need help. For questions, please contact Mason Edmunds at mgedmonds-guest@ysu.edu.

Poets Anonymous

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Training Room, Kilcawley Center

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YSU Men's Basketball vs Milwaukee

6:30 pm | Beeghly Center

Free for YSU students with a YSU ID

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

JambarTV Broadcast

1:00pm | <https://www.youtube.com/@JambarTVbyTheJambar/videos>



International Coffee Hour

3:00pm-5:00pm | Rec Center, Aerobics Studio

Coffee hour will include fun games and activities for international students to engage in while enjoying the social environment at the Rec Center. *Sponsored by Campus Rec and International Programs Office*

Friday Nights at the Cove

4:00pm-6:00pm | Kilcawley Center, The Cove

Come spend some time with your Housing & Residence Life tribe, learn about Domestic Partner Violence Awareness, and receive useful resources. *Sponsored by the Office of Student Experience*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

YSU Men's Basketball vs Green Bay

1:30 pm | Beeghly Center

Free for YSU Students with a YSU ID

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Let's Talk About Black History Month

10:30am-12:30pm | Kilcawley Center, The Hub

Sit in on important conversations about Black History Month and topics related to race and society. Knowledge, experiences, and perspectives of YSU students, faculty, and staff will be central to the discussions held. This event will be safe and casual for ALL. Feel free to just listen, or jump in and ask the panel some questions of your own! Participate, and you could win great prizes! *Sponsored by Student Activities, Black Student Union, and African Caribbean Student Union*

Social Impact Job & Internship Fair

1:00pm-4:00pm | McKay Auditorium, Beeghly Hall

Job and internship fair featuring employers from non-profit, social service, and government agencies. Opportunities include public service, communication, advocacy, community outreach, law enforcement, grant writing, behavioral health, social work, and more! *Sponsored by Office of Career Exploration & Development*

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Rec Your Heart

2:00pm-4:00pm | Rec Center, Front Lobby

Don't have plans on Valentine's Day? Join us for some self-care and songs. Make your own bath bomb and sing your heart out with some karaoke! For more information, contact Dina Fabry at dmfabry@ysu.edu. *Sponsored by Campus Rec*

Penguin Snowman Competition

4:00pm-5:00pm | Rec Center Lobby

Come and build a snow penguin for our competition! The winner will receive a prize! *Sponsored by Campus Rec*

YSU Men's Basketball vs Robert Morris

6:30 pm | Beeghly Center

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

YSU Men's Tennis vs Northern Illinois

10:00 am | YSU Indoor Tennis Center | Free admission

JambarTV Broadcast

1:00pm | <https://www.youtube.com/@JambarTVbyTheJambar/videos>

Friday Nights at the Cove

4:00pm-6:00pm | Kilcawley Center, The Cove

It's Friday, which means it's time for another Friday Night at the Cove. Bring a friend or meet a new one here. Put your 'talent' hats on because this Friday is Open Mic! Come and show the YSU world your talents and skills. *Sponsored by the Office of Student Experience*

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