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**BACKGROUND MATERIALS  
Tuesday, September 8, 2015**

- 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.
- 3. Grants and Sponsored Programs Report** **Tab 3**  
The FY15 Year End/Fourth Quarter Report from the Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs is presented for the Board of Trustees' information.
- 4. Current Accreditation Activity** **Tab 4**  
The report on accreditation activity shows recent accreditations and upcoming site visits and documents submitted.
- 5. Academic Programs Update** **Tab 5**  
The report outlines new program development.
- 6. Distance Education Update** **Tab 6**  
The report outlines the activities of the Office of Distance Education.

**BACKGROUND MATERIALS:**  
Academic Quality and Student Success Committee

**TAB 1:** Welcome Week Schedule

**STAFF CONTACT:** Eddie J. Howard, Associate Vice President for Student Experience

**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:** Dr. Michael D. Reagle, Associate Vice President for Student Success

**HIGHLIGHTS OR ISSUES:**

- A short update on one of YSU's most successful student success initiatives.

**TAB 3:** Grants and Sponsored Programs Report

**STAFF CONTACT:** Michael R. Hripko, Associate Vice President for Research

**HIGHLIGHTS OR ISSUES:**

- Thirty-five grant submissions totaling \$7,442,620 were submitted during this quarter.
- Twenty-two grants were awarded during the fourth quarter totaling \$1,376,612.
- There is a 27% increase in dollars received from FY 2014 to FY 2015.

**TAB 4:** Current Accreditation Activity

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

**HIGHLIGHTS OR ISSUES:**

- The Emergency Medical Services self-study was submitted in May 2015, and the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CoAEMSP) site visit will occur in Fall 2015.

- The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP) granted full accreditation to all program tracks in the MS. Ed. in Counseling for the full eight-year period.

**TAB 5:** Academic Programs Update

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

**HIGHLIGHTS OR ISSUES:**

- YSU received approval to offer a new undergraduate degree program: the Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry.
- The Ohio Board of Regents has been renamed the Ohio Department of Higher Education.
- The Regents Advisory Committee on Graduate Study (RACGS) has been renamed the Chancellor's Council on Graduate Studies (CCGS).
- New graduate certificates in economics, English, mathematics, and the teaching of literature, intended primarily for College Credit Plus (formerly College in High School) teachers, have been approved and are accepting students.

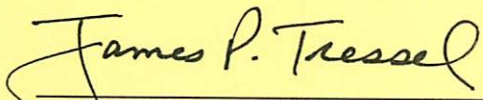
**TAB 6:** Distance Education Update

**STAFF CONTACT:** Millie Rodriguez, Director of Distance Education

**HIGHLIGHTS OR ISSUES:**

- An analysis of the Distance Education program from 2013 to present is reported.

**REVIEWED:**



James P. Tressel, President

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# EVENT BOOKLET

August 15 through September 1



YSU Student  
Activities



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CHECK OUT THE OFFICIAL WELCOME WEEK SITE  
[WWW.YSU.EDU/WELCOMEWEEK](http://WWW.YSU.EDU/WELCOMEWEEK)

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# YOUR Student Representatives of Youngstown State University

Visit our office with YOUR questions and concerns!

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Visit our website for news and updates!  
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## STUDENT DISCOUNTS: SAVE MONEY LOCALLY!

### Entertainment

Dana School of Music Concerts.....	Free admission with student ID
Phantom Hockey at Covelli Centre.....	\$6.75 tickets for all home games
YSU sporting events.....	Free admission with student ID
YSU theater events.....	Free admission with student ID

### Restaurants, Bars, and Dining

Avalon Downtown Pizzeria.....	25% off bill with student ID
Denny's (Belmont Ave.).....	20% off bill with student ID
Dusty Armadillo.....	\$5.00 half price admission on Wednesday with student ID (Over 21 - Free)
Joe Maxx Coffee.....	10% off bill with student ID
Knox.....	10% off bill with student ID
Martini Brothers.....	12 wings, celery, and fries \$8.00 Knox burger \$6.00 10% off bill
O'Donold's Irish Pub & Grill.....	15% off bill with student ID
Warehouse 50.....	30% off bill with student ID
YO. Doughnut Co.....	Classic Doughnut: 79c Fancy Doughnut: 99c Half Dozen Mix: \$5.00 One Dozen: \$10.00

### Services

Spotify.....	50% off premium membership
Great Clips (Liberty).....	\$2.00 off with student ID / 10% off products
TanFastic (Boardman).....	\$28.00 monthly tanning package + tax

### Wireless

AT&T.....	15% off monthly bill
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### Miscellaneous

Walgreens on the corner of Gypsy Lane and Belmont Ave.....	15% off everything in the store and 20% off Walgreens brand items, excludes alcohol
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Aloha! Welcome Week 2015: Penguin Paradise 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 19, but we have events lined up before then to help you get your bearings as a YSU Penguin.

On Monday, August 17 and Tuesday, August 18, you will be participating in the IGNITE Program, your connection to Campus and Community. You will spend time in your academic college to learn more about your course of study and career opportunities as well as to get to know your faculty and peers. Also, you'll attend several information sessions to get you acclimated to campus and introduce you to our Penguin traditions.

The fun continues for two weeks! Take the stage to sing karaoke with a live band, try out an extreme trampoline, explore downtown, and attend our newest event on September 1, YSU Day.

For a full listing of events, visit the Welcome Week website: [www.ysu.edu/welcomeweek](http://www.ysu.edu/welcomeweek)



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

## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 15**

**BOOKSTORE OPEN**  
**9:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

**Location: YSU Bookstore, Kilcawley Center**

The YSU Bookstore has all your textbook needs. We offer rentals, digital books, new and already discounted USED books. At the end of the semester, we offer a buyback program for you to sell your books back to us. Plus, get your latest YSU gear before school starts. For more information, visit [www.ysubookstore.com](http://www.ysubookstore.com).



## **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.

## **NEW STUDENT VETERAN ORIENTATION**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Location: Veterans Resource Center**

Student Veterans (Active Duty, Reserves, National Guard, Veterans and qualified dependents) are encouraged to attend this separate orientation to learn about the benefits and services afforded them by YSU. Learn about the GI Bill, Military Tuition Assistance, Tutoring, Counseling and more. Explore your new Resource Center and see why YSU has been named a "Veteran Friendly" Campus for the past 6 years running. For further information, please call (330) 941-2503.



## **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!

## **VETERANS SERVICE FAIR**

**12:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Location: Pollock House Lawn**

**Sponsored By: Mahoning and Trumbull County Veterans Service Commissions**

The Office of Veterans Affairs at YSU in conjunction with the Mahoning and Trumbull County Veterans Service Commissions will conduct their first ever Veterans Service Fair in the lawn between Pollock House and the YSU Veterans Resource Center. Numerous Federal, State, County and local veterans' service agencies will be set up under tents to share with you the benefits and services available as a currently serving member or veteran of the US Armed Forces. Light refreshments will be served. This event is open to the community. For further information, please call (330) 941-2503.

## **MOVE-IN**

**1:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**Location: Cafaro House, Lyden House, and Kilcawley 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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## **KICKBALL & PIZZA**

**7:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**Location: Lyden House Green**

Kick off a new school year with a game of kickball and pizza on the green! For further information, please contact Housing & Residence Life at (330) 941-3547.



## SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

### MOVE-IN

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Location:** Cafaro House, Lyden House, Kilcawley House, Wick House, and Weller House (All Residents)

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### BOOKSTORE OPEN

11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**Location:** YSU Bookstore, Kilcawley Center

The YSU Bookstore has all your textbook needs. We offer rentals, digital books, new and already discounted USED books. At the end of the semester, we offer a buyback program for you to sell your books back to us. Plus, get your latest YSU gear before school starts. For more information, visit [www.ysubookstore.com](http://www.ysubookstore.com).



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### WALMART RUN

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**Location:** Cafaro House, Lyden House, Kilcawley House, Wick House, & Weller 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 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. For further information, please contact Housing & Residence Life at (330) 941-3547.



### CAMPUS REC OPEN HOUSE

2:00 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/recenter](http://www.ysu.edu/recenter) for a full list of facility policies and procedures. For additional information, please call (330) 941-3488.



### PETE'S NAUTICAL ADVENTURE

3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

**Location:** Natatorium, Beeghly Center

Come have a "splashing" good time and watch one of your favorite deep-sea classics on our big screen at the Beeghly pool! We will be showing Pirates of the Caribbean Dead Man's Chest. Relax on a floaty and enjoy the movie before school starts on a lovely Sunday afternoon! For more information, visit our website at [www.ysu.edu/recenter](http://www.ysu.edu/recenter) or contact Michael Bowman at (330) 941-1964.





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## WELCOME BACK MASS

**6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**Location: *Catholic Newman Center - 254 W. Madison Avenue***

Join us for our first Mass of the semester! We begin our celebration at 6:00 pm on Sunday. Stick around after for some Sunday Sundaes. For further information, contact the Newman Center at (330) 747-9202.

## CHRISTMAN DINING HALL OPEN

**9:00 PM - Midnight**

**Location: *Christman Dining Commons***

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

## SUNDAE, SUNDAY & OUTDOOR MOVIE

**9:00 PM - 11:00 PM**

**Location: *Cafaro & Lyden House Green***

Bring a blanket and relax under the stars while you treat yourself to an ice cream sundae with ice cream flavors, syrups, and toppings of your choice! Housing & Residence Life presents: *The Avengers*. For further information, please contact Housing & Residence Life at (330) 941-3547.



## MONDAY, AUGUST 17

### FIRST FLOOR MEETINGS

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Location: *Cafaro House, Lyden House, Kilcawley House, Wick House, & Weller 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. Please see your RA for the start time of your floor meeting. For further information, please contact Housing & Residence Life at (330) 941-3547.

### IGNITE

**1:00 PM - 9:30 PM**

**Location: *Gymnasium, Beeghly Center***

Calling all first-year students! We've prepared two days of fun and informative events to set you up for success at YSU. On Day 1, you'll meet your IGNITE team leader and your IGNITE team, attend a few informational sessions around campus, and wrap up the day with Penguin Pride 101 at Stambaugh Stadium. Dinner will be provided. Check in at Beeghly Center between 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM, and we'll get you where you need to go from there!



### OUTDOOR SUMMER MOVIE SERIES: *UNBROKEN*

**8:30 PM - 11:00 PM**

**Location: *Covelli Centre Front Lawn***

**(Rain Location: *Movie rainouts will show Tuesday at dusk*)**

Grab your friends and join us for FREE Movie Mondays at dusk on the Covelli Centre front lawn. Bring a blanket or chair and come out to watch *Unbroken*. After a near-fatal plane crash in WWII, Olympian Louis Zamperini spends a harrowing 47 days in a raft with two fellow crewmen before he's caught by the Japanese navy and sent to a prisoner-of-war camp.

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## TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

### IGNITE

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**Location: Gymnasium, Beeghly Center**

Welcome back, first-year students! Gather with your team at 10:00 AM at Beeghly Center, then head to your college to get to know your faculty and peers. After enjoying lunch at your college, you'll attend a few more sessions around campus, have a special team meeting to hear first-hand tips for success from faculty, then we'll all gather together one more time at Beeghly Center to wrap up IGNITE and send you off for your first day as a YSU student.



### PUTT PUTT GOLF

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Location: Cafaro & Lyden House Green**

Try your hand at our mini putt putt golf course. The player(s) with the lowest score(s) will be entered to win cool prizes! For further information, please contact Housing & Residence Life at (330) 941-3547.



## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

### 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 Divisions of Student Enrollment Planning & Management, Student Experience, and Student Success 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.



### GOOD MORNING COFFEE WITH SGA

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Location: Lower Arcade, Kilcawley Center**

Drop by SGA's table for some coffee to start your morning and new semester off warmly! For further information, please call (330) 941-3591.



### SCAVENGER HUNT

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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### PENGUINS OF THE CARIBBEAN: A RESEARCHER'S PARADISE

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Location: Maag Library Courtyard by the Wick Ave. Bridge**

**(Rain Location: Maag Library Lobby)**

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We might not have a beach, but we can still make Youngstown our own piece of paradise. Learn more about recycling and conservation by playing our environmental game. 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.

## **PHOTO BOOTH MEMORY STRIPS**

**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Location: Chestnut Room (Outside of Main Entrance), 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.

## **PARADISE IS ONLY A MEAL PLAN AWAY**

**10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Location: Upper Arcade, Kilcawley Center**

A simple swipe of your YSU ID can save you money. Now that sounds like paradise. Luckily for you, paradise is only a meal plan away. Stop on by and learn about the meal plan options for students and how purchasing a meal plan can save you money and time.

In class during our event? That's okay! Check out our website ([dineoncampus.com/ysu](http://dineoncampus.com/ysu)) for more information and buy a meal plan today.



## **MINUTE-TO-WIN-IT CHALLENGES**

**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Location: Wick Avenue Bridge**

Are you ready to step up to the challenge? Join us before you head off to your first classes and test your fitness with our Minute-To-Win-It Challenges! If you prove you're up for it, you get to spin the prize wheel for FREE PRIZES! Also #getRECD with program information that's coming up, including our Birthday Bash, Puppy Palooza, Pool Party, and more! For more information, visit our website at [www.ysu.edu/reccenter](http://www.ysu.edu/reccenter) or contact Anna Pompeo at [avpompeo@student.ysu.edu](mailto:avpompeo@student.ysu.edu).

## **CASH CAB**

**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Location: Cafaro House, Lyden House, Kilcawley House, Wick House, & Weller House**

Want a sweet ride to class? Housing & Residence Life Staff would like to escort you in our Cash Cab golf cart. All you have to do is answer popular trivia questions correctly until you arrive at your destination. Three incorrect answers means you will have to walk the rest of the way! For further information, please contact Housing & Residence Life at (330) 941-3547.

## **BEEGHLY COLLEGE STUDENT ORGANIZATION FAIR**

**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Location: Entrance Walkway, Beeghly College of Education**

**(Rain Location: Lobby, Beeghly College of Education)**

The Beeghly College of Education student organizations will be hosting an information fair that showcases each group. This fair will also provide a great opportunity for students to network with one another. All students are welcome to join in the festivities. For further information, please contact Marissa Mraz at [mamraz@student.ysu.edu](mailto:mamraz@student.ysu.edu).



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## **THE BLOCK PARTY @ KILCAWLEY CENTER**

**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

**Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center**

**Sponsored By: Kilcawley Center, Student Activities, and PepsiCo**

Enter to WIN a GoPro-HD Hero3 Silver Edition Action Camera [value \$320.00] and many more great prizes at the 8th Annual KC Block Party!

This year's theme is Aloha—Welcome! Enjoy FREE food, Pepsi beverages, and lots of fun as our live karaoke band returns for an encore show—plus discover all the great services that Kilcawley Center and YSU can offer you at our many informational booths. It's a Party—free leis and giveaways while supplies last.

Prizes are everywhere! Pick up information, ask questions to friendly staff, and enter to win a prize at every booth! You could win restaurant gift cards, YSU Bookstore gift cards, a room refrigerator, T-shirts, gas cards, event tickets, gift baskets, sports bags, Target gift cards, a Dr. Pepper bike, and lots more. Register at the Pepsi booth to win the Grand Prize and capture all your wildest adventures with a GOPRO ACTION CAMERA! Bring a pen and your YSU Banner ID number to complete your prize entry forms. Additional details about the Block Party @ Kilcawley Center are posted on easels and display cases throughout Kilcawley or contact the KC Staff Office at (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.

## **CSP PENGUIN BASKETBALL SHOOTING CONTEST**

**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Location: Center for Student Progress (CSP) Main Door, Kilcawley Center**

Start your Penguin Pathway at the Center for Student Progress! If you want to learn about what students do to make SURE they are successful, come see us! You'll get to take your shot at winning a prize as well, if you can show us what you already know about the CSP. For further information, please call (330) 941-7492.

## **STUDENT DIVERSITY PROGRAMS OPEN HOUSE**

**2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**Location: Room 1027, Jones Hall**

Open House for the Office of Student Diversity. Introducing new and returning students to the programs our office offers. For further information, please call (330) 941-2087.



## **THEOLOGY ON TAP**

**6:45 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Location: Catholic Newman Center - 254 W. Madison Avenue**

**Sponsored By: Mahoning County Theology on Tap**

Head off campus to Theology on Tap at the Mahoning Valley Restaurant (MVR) to discuss "How to Remain Christian in a Secular World." Meet at the Newman Center (behind Lyden and Cafaro Houses) at 6:30 PM for departure. For further information, please call (330) 747-9202.

## **LIVE! AT THE MORLEY-EASY STREET PRODUCTIONS**

**7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

**Location: Mill Creek MetroParks Wick Recreation Area, 1861 McCollum Rd.**

Live! at the Morley is a FREE family-friendly event series. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Grab a blanket or lawn chair and join us on the beautiful Morley Pavilion lawn this summer! Easy Street Productions is Youngstown's first and only professional stock theatre company. For further information, please call (330) 740-7107.

## 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 Batavia Muckdogs. For ticket information, call (330) 505-0000.

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## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONAL FAIR

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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

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. For further information, please call (330) 941-3527.



## 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. For further information, please call (330) 941-4010.

## CARICATURE ARTISTS

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.

## AIRBRUSH TEMPORARY TATTOOS

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Location:** Campus Core (Patio near the Hub)

**(Rain Location:** Lower Arcade, Kilcawley Center)

You pick the design and the master artist will apply the TEMPORARY tattoo. Looks like the real thing and is a great conversation piece with your friends, all courtesy of this year's Welcome Week Committee. For more information, contact Student Activities at (330) 941-3575.

## WARD BEECHER PLANETARIUM SHOWCASE

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

**Location:** Room 2001, Ward Beecher

Welcome to YSU's state-of-the-art planetarium! We will showcase some of the spectacular immersive capabilities of the Ward Beecher Planetarium (and astronomy classroom), including a brief look at the night sky under the dome, and one of our full-dome video programs (Back to the Moon For Good). For further information, please call (330) 941-7278.



## #GETRECD - GROUP X STYLE

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM; 3:45 PM - 4:15 PM; 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

**Location:** Veterans Plaza

Sample three different 30-minute classes to get a taste of what our fall schedule has to offer. Students must present valid YSU ID for admission. For further information, please call (330) 941-3488.

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## **URBAN GAMING CLUB KICKBALL GAME**

**4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Location: Campus Core (Rain Location: Stambaugh Gym)**

Come join the Urban Gaming Club for several games and events, such as kickball. For further information, please contact Michael Pallotta at pallottam27@gmail.com.

## **CAMPUS REC BIRTHDAY BASH**

**6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Location: Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center, Beeghly Natatorium and Veterans Plaza (Rain Location: Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center, Beeghly Center Lobby and Natatorium)**

Come party with Campus Recreation to celebrate 10 years of fitness and fun! Festivities will be spread throughout the Rec Center facilities, including swim in Paradise with Pete at Beeghly Natatorium, climbing for presents at the Rock Wall and High Ropes Challenge Course, Bubble Ball on the Rec courts, a student organizational fair, and much more! Enjoy music, FREE food, prizes, and fun at this birthday bash like no other!

Students must present a valid YSU ID for admission. One guest per student with photo ID. Swim suit required to use the pool. Bring your own towel. For further information, please call (330) 941 3488.

## **BANDS AT THE BAUGH: THE VINDYS**

**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

**Location: Stambaugh Auditorium the Formal Garden, 1000 Fifth Avenue**

The Bands at the Baugh Concert Series continues with local favorite The Vindys! Join us in the Garden and enjoy live entertainment from local musicians. Admission is \$10. For further information, please call (330) 259-0555.

## **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 Batavia Muckdogs. For ticket information, call (330) 505-0000.

## **FRIDAY, AUGUST 21**

### **CSP OPEN HOUSE**

**9:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Location: Center for Student Progress, Kilcawley Center**

Get connected to the CSP at our fall open house! Stop by for donuts in the morning and pizza in the afternoon. Meet our Peer Mentors, Tutors, SI Leaders and academic coaches and enter for a chance to win fun prizes! For further information, please contact the CSP at (330) 941 3538.

### **SCAVENGER HUNT**

**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Location: Youngstown Historical Center of Industry & Labor, 151 West Wood Street**

Visit one of the area's best kept secrets for food, fun and more! Drop by the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry & Labor, aka The Steel Museum, during the first week of classes (August 19-21) and complete our scavenger hunt. You can then submit it for a chance at winning one of three Pete's Points Cards worth \$10 each. Entry to the museum is always free with a YSU ID (student or employee). The first 50 students visiting that week will receive a goody bag including two free passes to visit the museum! Join us—it's fun...and we have cake! Light refreshments provided this week! For further information, please call (330) 941-1314.



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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. For further information, please call (330) 941-3527.



## ROCKIN' WITH ROOKERY RADIO

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Location:** Next to University Plaza (Between Sweeney Hall and Kilcawley House)

**(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:** Next to University Plaza (Between Sweeney Hall and Kilcawley House)

**(Rain Location:** Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center)

Build-A-Penguin is back! These won't last long, so be sure to get there early! For more information, contact Student Activities at (330) 941-3575.

## XTREME TRAMPOLINE X2

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Location:** Next to University Plaza (Between Sweeney Hall and Kilcawley House)

Student Activities and Housing & Residence Life want to give you a jump start into the new semester with Xtreme Trampolines. While bouncing around, you'll have the opportunity to soar to new heights and make some new friends! For further information, please contact Housing & Residence Life at (330) 941-3547.

## PARTY ON THE PATIO

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Location:** Sweeney Hall, Admissions Office Patio (Rain Location: Lobby, Sweeney Hall)

Party on the patio with the Admissions Office staff. We will have games and snacks - fun for everyone. Prizes will be given out to the winners. For more information, please call (330) 941-2000.

## CHECK OUT WHERE ANTHROPOLOGY CAN TAKE YOU

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Location:** Lower Arcade, Kilcawley Center

**Sponsored By:** Dept. of Sociology, Anthropology, and Gerontology

Display of materials from the Anthropology program, including fossil casts, artifacts, three-dimensional scanning, and ground penetrating radar. For further information, please call (330) 941-1688.



## MINUTE-TO-WIN-IT CHALLENGES

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

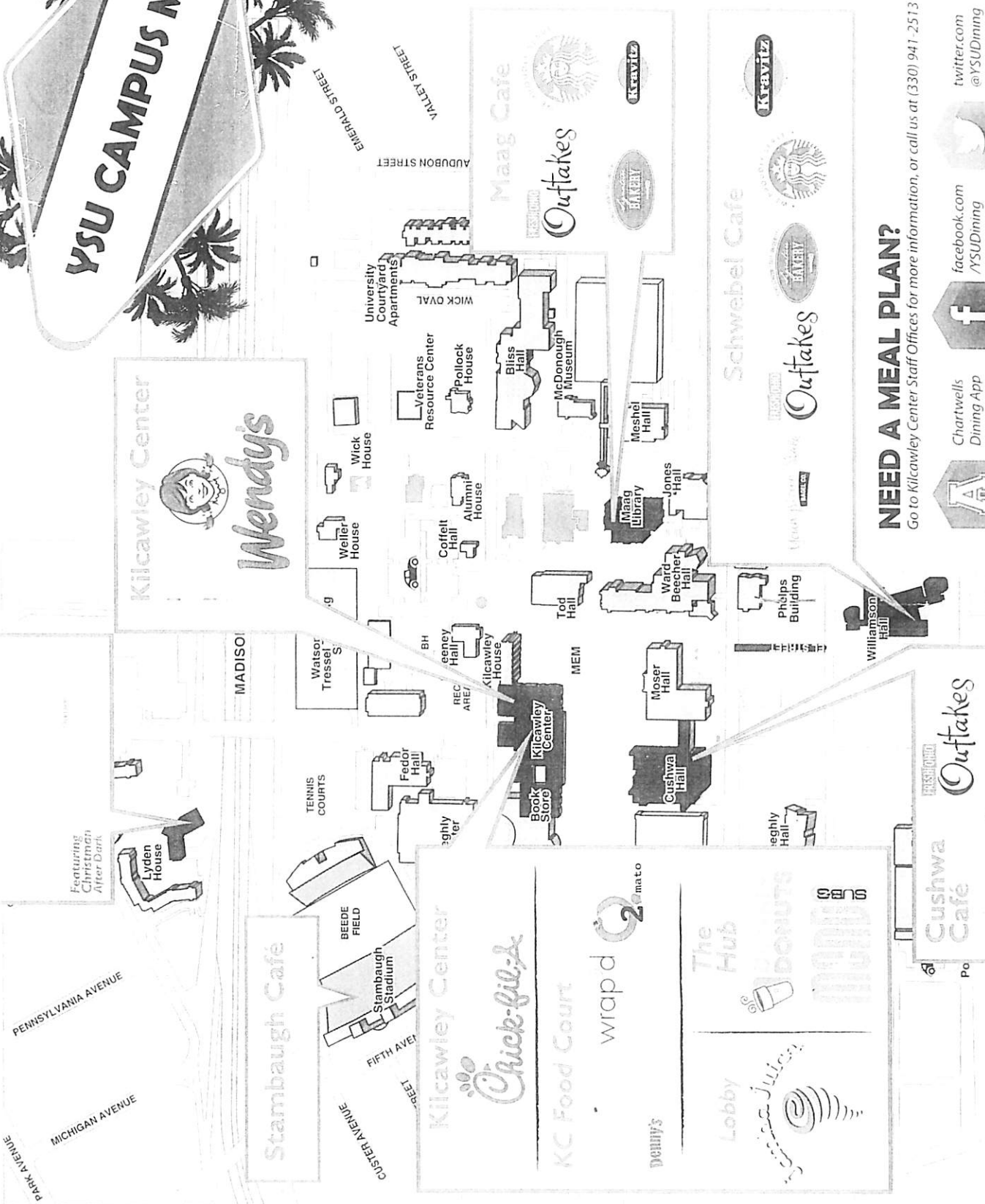
**Location:** Wick Avenue Bridge

Are you ready to step up to the challenge? Join us before you head off to your first classes and test your fitness with our Minute-To-Win-It Challenges! If you prove you're up for it, you get to spin the prize wheel for FREE PRIZES! Also #getRECD with program information that's coming up, including our Puppy Palooza and more! For more information, visit our website at [www.ysu.edu/reccenter](http://www.ysu.edu/reccenter) or contact Anna Pompeo at [avpompeo@student.ysu.edu](mailto:avpompeo@student.ysu.edu).

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Stambaugh Stadium  
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## THE RICH CENTER FOR AUTISM OBSTACLE CHALLENGE

**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Location: The Rich Center, Fedor Hall**

The Rich Center for Autism, deemed a Center of Excellence by the State of Ohio, and located in Fedor Hall welcomes everyone to experience some of the learning aids and teaching methods that we implement every day in a fun obstacle challenge!

New Penguins will be divided into teams and will compete in a series of mental challenges and physical obstacles using the instructional aids and technology that students at The Rich Center utilize every day. Prizes from One Hot Cookie and other Downtown Businesses will be awarded. For further information, please contact The Rich Center for Autism at (330) 941-1927.

## I'D RATHER BE SURFING – COMPUTER BASICS

**1:00 PM - 1:50 PM**

**Location: Writing Center, Room 171, Maag Library**

We all have things we would rather be doing than struggling with technology. The Writing Center (WC) is here to help you find your schedule, attach a document to an email, and access your courses on Blackboard so you can get back to the beach– or whatever your paradise is. The WC will enter a student's name in a drawing for a YSU 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, room 171, anytime with technology questions.



## KUPITA/TRANSICIONES PROGRAM

**3:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Location: Presidential Suites, Kilcawley Center**

Sponsored By: Office of Student Diversity and the Student Diversity Council  
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.



## NEW YEAR'S PARTY

**3:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Location: Gallery, Kilcawley Center**

**Sponsored By: Catholic Newman Center**

Join us for a New Year's Party! Free food, music, and lots of fun. For further information, please call (330) 747-9202.

## SORORITY SERVICE PROJECT NIGHT

**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Location: Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center**

Want to make a difference for our community and also have a chance to meet members of our Panhellenic Council Sororities? Come join us and help with a service project as well as decide if Greek Life is for you. Light refreshments will be available. For further information, please contact Carrie Anderson at (330) 941-4702.



## 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 West Virginia Power. For ticket information, call (330) 505-0000.





## SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

**10:00 AM - 3:00 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. Advance registration is required. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call the Student Activities Office at (330) 941-3575.

### SCAVENGER HUNT

**12:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**Location: Youngstown Historical Center of Industry & Labor, 151 West Wood Street**

Visit one of the area's best kept secrets for food, fun and more! Drop by the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry & Labor, aka The Steel Museum, during the first week of classes (August 19-21) and complete our scavenger hunt. You can then submit it for a chance at winning one of three Pete's Points Cards worth \$10 each. Entry to the museum is always free with a YSU ID (student or employee). The first 50 students visiting that week will receive a goody bag including two free passes to visit the museum! Join us - it's fun...and we have cake! Light refreshments provided this week! For further information, please call (330) 941-1314.

### ARAB AMERICAN FESTIVAL OF YOUNGSTOWN

**10:00 AM - 12:00 AM**

**Location: Downtown Youngstown (West Federal Street between Phelps and Hazel Streets)**

The fourth annual Arab American Festival returns to Youngstown. Enjoy live music, Dabke Group dancers, food and drinks, and representations of Arab nations.

### 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 West Virginia Power. The Scrappers will wear Star Wars themed jerseys that will be available for auction and after the game there will be a fireworks show synchronized to Star Wars theme music. For ticket information, call (330) 505-0000.



## SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

### SCRAPPERS GAME

**4:05 PM - 7:00 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 West Virginia Power. For ticket information, call (330) 505-0000.

### MASS

**8:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Location: Catholic Newman Center - 254 W. Madison Avenue**

Join us for Mass! Our celebration begins at 8:00 PM. For further information, contact the Newman Center at (330) 747-9202.



## MONDAY, AUGUST 24

### MEET THE PERSONAL TRAINER

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Location:** Lobby, Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center

Interested in training with a partner or a small group of friends? What about meeting one on one with a certified Personal Trainer to develop a fitness program to reach your exercise goals? Our personal training program offers the opportunity to train with up to three other people at the same time.

Learn to use various weight training and cardiovascular equipment. Receive instruction on exercise form and technique, and have a certified professional lead your training sessions. A FREE Fitness Assessment MUST be completed prior to scheduling an appointment. For more information, visit our website at [www.ysu.edu/reccenter](http://www.ysu.edu/reccenter) or contact Anna Pompeo at [avpompeo@student.ysu.edu](mailto:avpompeo@student.ysu.edu).

### PUPPY PALOOZA

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Location:** Main Entrance, Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center

Are you a bit overwhelmed with the start of a new semester? Studies have shown that petting dogs can reduce stress! Come relieve some start-of-the-year stress and play with adorable puppies! For more information, visit our website at [www.ysu.edu/reccenter](http://www.ysu.edu/reccenter) or contact Anna Pompeo at [avpompeo@student.ysu.edu](mailto:avpompeo@student.ysu.edu).

### DEPOSITED IN PARADISE

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Location:** Room 227, Meshel Hall

Pete and Penny Penguin are happily "Deposited in Penguin Paradise" because they set up direct deposit for their student refunds. Be Direct Deposit happy too! Stop by the Bursar's Office to set up your direct deposit. Please have ID and Bank Account Info. Giveaways for the first 250 students that stop! For further information, please call (330) 941-3133.



### INTRAMURAL SPORT REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE

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 24. The deadline for fall league sports is September 8 at 6:00 PM. For further information, please call (330) 941-3731.

### LANDSCAPE BOCCE

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Location:** Campus Core (Rain Location: Phelps Building)

**Sponsored By:** Geography Department

Bocce is a relaxed but strategic game that gained massive popularity in the USA with the influx of Italian immigrants at the turn of the 20th century. The object of the game is for a team to get as many of their balls as close to the pallino (little white ball) as possible. The game is traditionally played on a manicured court - but what fun is that? The uneven lawn surface of Campus Core lets the balls bounce and skip all over. So strategy is needed to try and read the surface and determine how to best position your ball based on what it might encounter. It's a good game for some laughs and giggles - plus some geographic analysis. For further information, please call (330) 941-3317.

## **X MARKS THE "STOP"**

**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**



**Location: 2nd Floor Atrium, Meshel Hall**

X Marks the "Stop"... The Student One Stop that is! We'll complete a treasure hunt of our website at this event. There is so much you can access online that makes it easy to manage your student account on or off campus. "Stop" by to learn more. We'll also have food, t shirts, and more fun to offer! For further information, please call (330) 941-6000.

## **STUDENT VETERAN WELCOME PARTY!**

**12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**



**Location: Veterans Resource Center**

The Office of Veterans Affairs will sponsor a "Welcome Party" for all student veterans on campus. Activities such as cornhole, a pull-up competition and foosball will be available. Win prizes, enjoy refreshments, meet fellow student veterans, and discover the YSU Veterans Resource Center! For further information, please call (330) 941-2503.

## **GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIAL**

**3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**



**Location: DeBartolo Stadium Club, Stambaugh Stadium**

Current Graduate Students - Join President Tressel and the College of Graduate Studies staff for our Fall 2015 Graduate Student Social. Come and get to know your fellow graduate students. Bring your appetite and any questions and/or suggestions that you may have. Food will be provided.

Please RSVP to Mary Ellen Munroe at [memunroe@ysu.edu](mailto:memunroe@ysu.edu) by Thursday, August 20.

## **GREEKS ON THE GREEN**

**6:00 PM - 9:00 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 along with Rookery Radio will be there! 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 email Hallie McGee at [hmcgee@student.ysu.edu](mailto:hmcgee@student.ysu.edu).

## **OUTDOOR SUMMER MOVIE SERIES: CAPTAIN AMERICA, THE WINTER SOLDIER**


**8:30 PM - 11:00 PM**



**Location: Covelli Centre Front Lawn**

**(Rain Location: Movie rainouts will show on Tuesday at dusk)**

Grab your friends and join us for FREE Movie Mondays at dusk on the Covelli Centre front lawn. Bring a blanket or chair and come out to watch *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*. As Steve Rogers struggles to embrace his role in the modern world, he teams up with another super soldier, the black widow, to battle a new threat from old history: an assassin known as the Winter Soldier.

 **TUESDAY, AUGUST 25**

**INTRAMURAL SPORT REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE**

**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 24. The deadline for fall league sports is September 8 at 6:00 PM. For further information, please call (330) 941-3731.

**SORORITY INFO SESSION**

**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.



**SAVE THE SANDCASTLE – FILE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP**

**2:00 PM - 2:50 PM**

**Location: Lab 159, Maag Library**

**Sponsored By: Writing Center**

It's hard to pick up a sandcastle, but it's easy to move your files. In this workshop, we'll show you how to manage and backup your files so that they won't get washed away. 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 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, room 171, anytime with technology questions.



**SORORITY INFO SESSION**

**5:00 PM - 7:00 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.



**IFC FRATERNITY FIELD DAY**

**6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

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

IFC Fraternity members will be playing all sorts of sports from corn hole to softball! Stop by to meet new friends and create memories! For more information, please contact Brandon O'Neill at [bponeill@student.ysu.edu](mailto:bponeill@student.ysu.edu).



 **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26**

**SGA PARADISE**

**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Location: Lower Arcade, Kilcawley Center**

Enjoy the Penguin paradise with SGA for some cookies, tropical punch, lemonade and many more festivities! For further information, please call (330) 941-3591.



## CAREER SERVICES OPEN HOUSE

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Location:** Career Services, Upper Level Kilcawley Center

Join the Career Services staff for refreshments while they celebrate the recent office move to Kilcawley Center! Check out the new career center and learn how the office can help students find jobs, choose a major, and reach their long-term goals. For further information, please call (330) 941-3515.



## IFC FRATERNITY INFORMATION SESSION

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Location:** Campus Core, Kilcawley Center

Are you curious to know what fraternities here at YSU are all about? Well this is the place to find the answers! Members of the fraternities will be staffing tables answering all the questions you could ask. For more information, please contact Brandon O'Neill at [bponeill@student.ysu.edu](mailto:bponeill@student.ysu.edu).



## INTRAMURAL SPORT REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Location:** Lobby, Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center

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## OLYMPIC LIFTING ORIENTATION

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Location:** Olympic Lifting Area, Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center

By popular demand, the Campus Rec Center has acquired Olympic Lifting equipment for patrons to now use! Learn how to properly use the brand new Olympic Lifting equipment with our trained staff. For more information, contact Ryan McNicholas at [ramcnicholas@ysu.edu](mailto:ramcnicholas@ysu.edu).

## PSI CHI GAMES AND PRIZES

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Location:** Lower Arcade, Kilcawley Center

Psi Chi will be hosting an informational event! If you are a psychology major, minor, or just interested in psychology, swing by our table to learn more, play some games, and grab a prize! For further information, contact Nicole Balog at [nlbalog@student.ysu.edu](mailto:nlbalog@student.ysu.edu).

## YARD PARTY/BUBBLE MANIA

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 student organizations of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics are throwing a yard party with events such as corn hole, ladder ball, and bocce. In addition, we will be creating bubbles in every imaginable way. Everyone is welcome to stop by, enjoy the fun and network with other students. For further information, contact Dr. Prieto at [aprietolangarica@ysu.edu](mailto:aprietolangarica@ysu.edu).



## GEOGRAPHY ICE CREAM BAR

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

**Location:** Campus Core, near DeBartolo Hall (Rain Location: Patio, DeBartolo Hall)

All are welcome! The Geography Department will be serving ice cream to students, guests, staff and faculty. Please stop by to learn more about what their department has to offer. For further information, please call (330) 941-2301.



## **ONE SIC LUAU: YOUR CAMPUS CONNECTION**

**5:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Location: Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center**

**Sponsored By: Student Involvement Club**

Join the Student Involvement Club (SIC) for a fun night of games, prizes, and treats presented by YSU Student Organizations. Make new friends while getting to know representatives and members from a wide variety of clubs that want you as a member! A prize will be awarded for the best "SIC Selfie" taken at the luau. Participants include Student Involvement Club, Student Government Association, Los Buenos Vecinos, Sororities and Fraternities, Penguin Review, YSU Melnick Medical Museum, Urban Gaming Club, and Ballroom Dance Club. Refreshment sponsors include Greek Campus Life and Urban Gaming Club. For further information, please contact Paul Farberman at pffarberman@student.ysu.edu



## **AQUA WARS**

**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Location: Catholic Newman Center - 254 W. Madison Avenue**

Grab a white CSA t-shirt from the student organization fair (or at Aqua Wars) and get ready for the most epic squirt gun war ever! We'll be tie dying our shirts with squirt guns! Stick around afterwards for a free meal and socializing! For further information, please call (330) 747-9202.

## **WILD STYLE**

**8:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

**Location: Hub, Kilcawley Center**

The Student Diversity Council will provide comedy routines and spoken word presentations. This event is open to all YSU students. For further details, please call (330) 941-2087.



# **THURSDAY, AUGUST 27**

## **INTRAMURAL SPORT REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE**

**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 24. The deadline for fall league sports is September 8 at 6:00 PM. For further information, please call (330) 941-3731.

## **WALMART CAREER FAIR COOKOUT**

**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Location: Fountain (Rain Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center)**

**Sponsored By: Walmart and Multicultural Affairs**

In order to better serve and raise awareness and talent from the community, Walmart is pleased to sponsor an atmosphere of diversity and inclusion at YSU. Free food samples will be provided along with free giveaways. The event will have three informational rotations: "Careers at Walmart", "The Culture at Walmart" and "Charitable Efforts" made by Walmart. Come on down and join us. For more information, please call (330) 941-3370 or email clevey@ysu.edu.

## **WRITING ON THE BEACH – MICROSOFT WORD WORKSHOP**

**2:00 PM - 2:50 PM**

**Location: Lab 159, Maag Library**

**Sponsored By: Writing Center**

Most people read on the beach, but that doesn't mean we can't enjoy a nice day by writing in the sun. In this workshop, you'll learn everything you need to make using Microsoft Word as stress-free as a sunny day. The WC will enter a student's name in a drawing for a YSU 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, room 171, anytime with technology questions. For more information, please call (330) 941-3055.





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## #YSU DOWNTOWN

*All Day!*

**Location:** *Downtown Youngstown*

YSU is only a staircase away from downtown Youngstown! Spend today exploring all that Youngstown has to offer. Check out the B & O Night Market between 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM, take a walking tour of Youngstown with CityScape, or use your YSU ID for student discounts at Joe Maxx, Avalon Downtown, One Hot Cookie, Martini Brothers Burger Bar, or O'Donold's. There are possibilities around every corner. To wrap up the night, join us for ZELLA DAY at Suzie's Dogs & Drafts. For your convenience, the Downtown Express Shuttle will run between campus and downtown from 5:00 PM to 2:40 AM. Come see what downtown has in store for you!



## WALKING TOUR OF DOWNTOWN YOUNGSTOWN

**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Location:** *Central Square (at the intersection of Federal Street and Wick Avenue)*

**Sponsored By:** *Youngstown CityScape*

Join us for a walking tour of downtown Youngstown! Learn more about the history of our beautiful city and see the ongoing revitalization downtown. Current and future plans for buildings, businesses, projects and events will be discussed as attendees walk the length of Federal Street. For more information, contact Phil Kidd at phil@youngstowncityscape.com or (330) 742-4040.



## PENGUIN PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS: ZELLA DAY

**8:00 PM**

**Location:** *Suzie's Dogs & Drafts*

Penguin Productions is proud to kick off this year's concert series with rising pop star ZELLA DAY! This year, Zella has performed at SXSW, Firefly, and Lollapalooza. You may recognize her music from *Pretty Little Liars*, *Insurgent*, or from her national television debut on *Conan* in June. Her songs have been featured as both a Starbucks Pick of the Week and the iTunes Single of the Week. We're excited to have her join us for this FREE show in Youngstown! All ages welcome, 21+ to consume alcohol.



## 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 chapters will be available to answer your questions. For further information, please contact Carrie Anderson at (330) 941-4702.



## IFC FRATERNITY - MEET THE FRATERNITIES

**7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Location:** *Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center*

Meet the Fraternities will be an excellent opportunity for you to come out and understand what Greek Life is all about. Fraternity members will be out and about explaining their organizations and all the benefits that come with it! This is a great opportunity to meet new people and make new friends! For more information, please contact Brandon O'Neill at bponeill@student.yzu.edu.





## FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT FOOTBALL TOSS AND T-SHIRT GIVE-AWAY

**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Location: Campus Core, Kilcawley Center**

Come by and take the chance to win a free t-shirt through the fun and simple participation of football toss! For more information, please call (330) 941 3591.

### 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.

### QUIDDITCH MATCH

**4:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

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

**Sponsor: Room of Requirement**

From the world of Harry Potter, we bring you Muggle Quidditch! This is a sport that is entertaining for players and spectators alike. Minus the magic and brooms, this Quidditch match will be played with the traditional rules, which will be explained at the beginning of the match. Come and cheer on your favorite house, and may the best muggle team win! For more information, please contact Amanda Dradt at asdradt@student.ysu.edu.

### SPEED DATING

**4:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**Location: Jones Room, Kilcawley Center**

The sweet ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. are hosting a Speed Dating event! This event is for singles on campus who are looking to have a good evening. Women stay seated as men switch tables every 10 minutes. You'll chat with potential love interests, and at the end of the evening, we will inform you of any matches. For further information, please email Renee' Hall at rnhall@student.ysu.edu.

### IFC FRATERNITY COOKOUT

**6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Location: Newman Center - 254 W. Madison Avenue**

Hungry after five days of classes in a row? The IFC fraternities have you covered! Come on out and enjoy free burgers, hotdogs, and drinks provided by the Interfraternity Council! Once everyone's got their fill the Penguin Shuttle will be driving to each Fraternity house so you can check out them out and learn more about each organization! For more information, please contact Brandon O'Neill at bponeill@student.ysu.edu.



## SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

### MEET THE YSU MARCHING PRIDE

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

**Location: West Stands, Stambaugh Stadium**

Get a jump on the music the YSU Marching Pride will perform during Penguin Football games this fall as they give their first public performance of the year! 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 get caught up on your Penguin spirit as we celebrate the start of another football season. Free will donations will be accepted at the door and band t-shirts will also be for sale. For further information, please call (330) 941-1834.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

### PANERATHON

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Location: Covelli Centre (229 Front Street, Youngstown, OH 44503)**

The Panerathon is a 10K / 2 Mile Walk / Run held at the Covelli Centre in Downtown Youngstown. The 2015 event will benefit the Joanie Abdu Comprehensive Breast Care Center. Stay after the race to enjoy a fun-filled activity fair with attractions from OH WOW!, bounce a-rounds, face painting, mascots and so much more! For more information, visit [www.panerathon.org](http://www.panerathon.org)

### POLISH DAY

10:30 AM - 8:00 PM

**Location: St. Luke Church and Parish Hall, 5235 South Avenue, Boardman, Ohio 44512**

**Sponsored By: Polish Youngstown**

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 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 6th annual Pierogi Eating Contest. FREE admission with your valid YSU student ID (a \$5 savings)! For more details, visit [www.polishyoungstown.org](http://www.polishyoungstown.org).

### YSU WOMEN'S SOCCER SEASON OPENER VS. ST. MARY'S

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**Location: Farmers National Bank Field, Fifth Ave.**

Come support the Penguins as they compete against St. Mary's 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

4:05 PM - 7:00 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.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WELCOME PICNIC

11:00 PM - 2:00 PM

**Location: Wick Park Pavillion**

This is a welcome picnic for international students and the Youngstown community to kick off the school year. For further information, please contact Desa Pavlichich at (330) 941-2336 or [dpavlichich@ysu.edu](mailto:dpavlichich@ysu.edu).



 **MONDAY, AUGUST 31**

**HARRY POTTERS WORLD: RENAISSANCE SCIENCE, MAGIC, AND MEDICINE**

**8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Location: 2nd Floor Lobby, Kilcawley Arcade**

**Sponsored By: YSU Melnick Medical Museum**

Although it's a fictional story, the magic in the Harry Potter books is partially based on Renaissance theories that played an important role in the development of Western Science, including alchemy, astrology, and natural philosophy. This banner exhibit from the National Library of Medicine incorporates the work of several 15th and 16th century thinkers and examines important ethical topics such as the desire for knowledge, the effects of prejudice, and the responsibility that comes with power. Come explore the Renaissance connections of Harry Potter's world! For further information please call (330) 941-3487

**PENGUIN PLAYBOOK RADIO SHOW**

**7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Location: O'Charley's Restaurant (Boardman)**

YSU Head Football Coach Bo Pelini will talk Penguin football with radio play by play broadcaster Bob Hannon from 7-8 PM. The Penguins open the season on Sept. 5 at Pittsburgh and Bob and Coach will talk about the opener and how fall practice has been. It's a great chance to hear the inside scoop on Penguin football. For further information, please call (330) 941-3192.

**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.


**OUTDOOR SUMMER MOVIE SERIES: THE MIGHTY DUCKS**

**8:30 PM - 11:00 PM**

**Location: Covelli Centre Front Lawn**

**(Rain Location: Movie rainouts will show on Tuesday at dusk)**

Grab your friends and join us for FREE Movie Mondays at dusk on the Covelli Centre front lawn. Bring a blanket or chair and come out to watch *The Mighty Ducks*. A self-centered lawyer is sentenced to community service coaching a rag tag youth hockey team.

 **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

**YSU DAY**

**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Location: Campus Core**

On September 1, 1967, the University officially joined the Ohio system of higher education as Youngstown State University. Join us in celebrating this important day in YSU history! Wear your favorite YSU attire and show your Penguin pride. Post pictures of you and your favorite Penguin on campus (fire hydrant, statue, or Pete himself!) using the hashtag #YSUday2k15 to be entered into drawings for great prize giveaways. Then join us at 1:00 PM for a pizza party to celebrate—FREE PIZZA for anyone in YSU attire!



**YSU VOLLEYBALL GAME**

**7:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

**Location: Gymnasium, Beeghly Center**

Come out and support your Lady Penguins as they take on St. Francis! Students can obtain a complimentary ticket with a valid YSU student ID. For further information, please call (330) 941-1978.



# WELCOME WEEK 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  
**Bose Bluetooth® Speaker**

**Red:** Entry for a chance to win a **\$30 Netflix Gift Card**

**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 21, 2015 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 28, 2015.\*\* Present valid photo ID and proof of age.

\*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.

## OTHER CHANCES TO WIN PRIZES:

### THE BLOCK PARTY @ KILCAWLEY CENTER

**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

**Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center**

**Sponsored By: Kilcawley Center, Student Activities, and PepsiCo**

Enter to WIN a GoPro-HD Hero3 Silver Edition Action Camera [value \$320.00] and many more great prizes at the 8th Annual KC Block Party!

Prizes are everywhere! Pick up information, ask questions to friendly staff, and enter to win a prize at every booth! You could win restaurant gift cards, YSU Bookstore gift cards, a room refrigerator, T-shirts, gas cards, event tickets, gift baskets, sports bags, Target gift cards, a Dr. Pepper bike, and lots more. Register at the Pepsi booth to win the Grand Prize and capture all your wildest adventures with a GOPRO ACTION CAMERA! Bring a pen and your YSU Banner ID number to complete your prize entry forms. Additional details about the Block Party @ Kilcawley Center are posted on easels and display cases throughout Kilcawley or contact the KC Staff Office at (330) 941-3571.

Student Activities

Please visit [www.ysu.edu/studentactivities](http://www.ysu.edu/studentactivities) for full contest details, entry deadlines and prize information.

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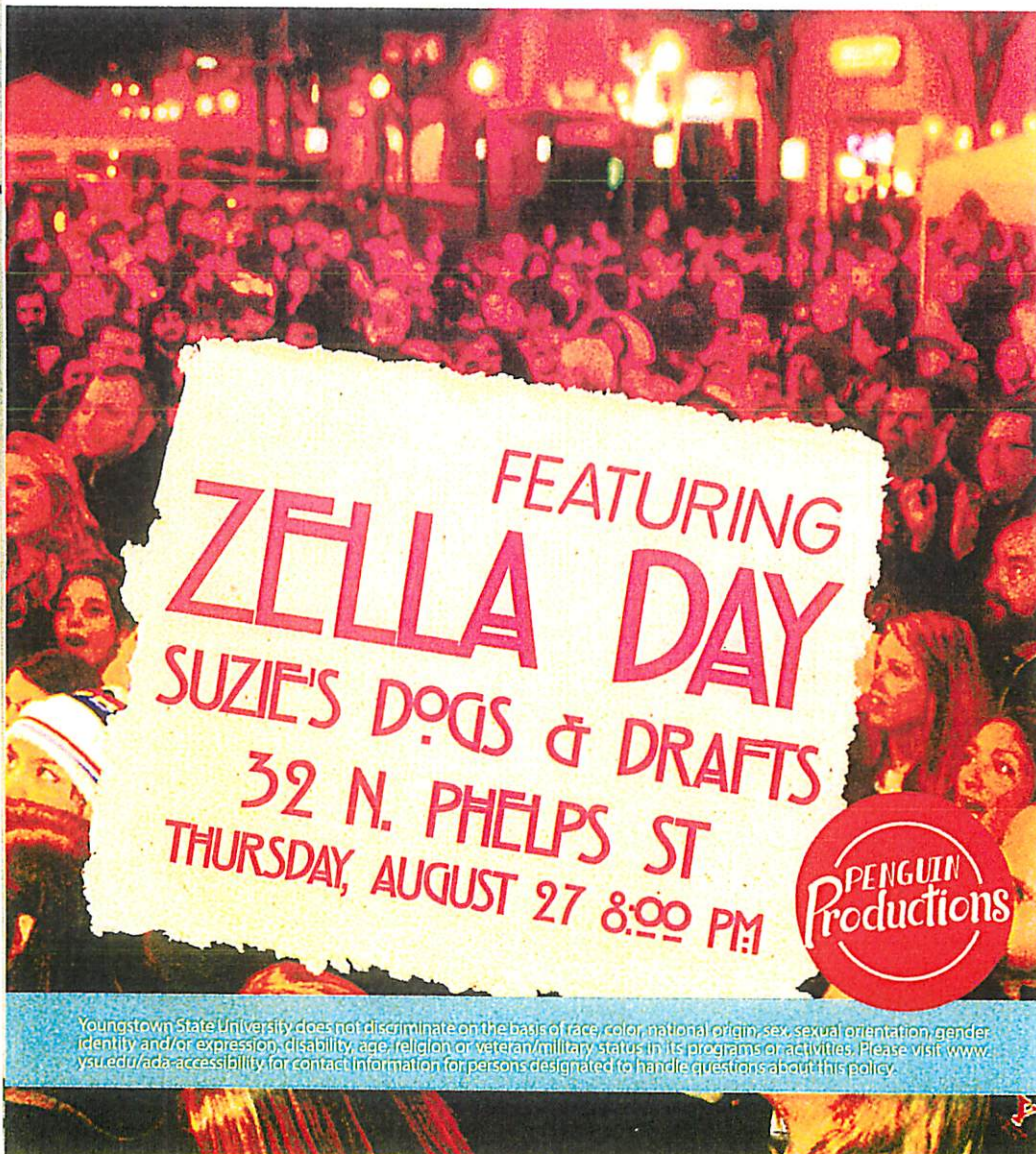
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Student Activities Office, Kilcawley Center, Room #2082  
Also, follow us on Facebook @ysuweek.com/ysuweekactivities and Twitter @YSU\_Activities.

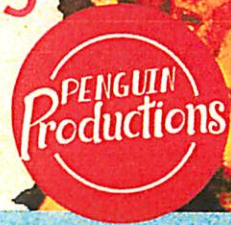
# #YSU DOWNTOWN

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

*Downtown Express Shuttle will run between campus and downtown from 5:00 PM to 2:40 AM  
Come see what downtown has in store for you!*



FEATURING  
**ZELLA DAY**  
SUZIE'S DOGS & DRAFTS  
32 N. PHELPS ST  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 8:00 PM

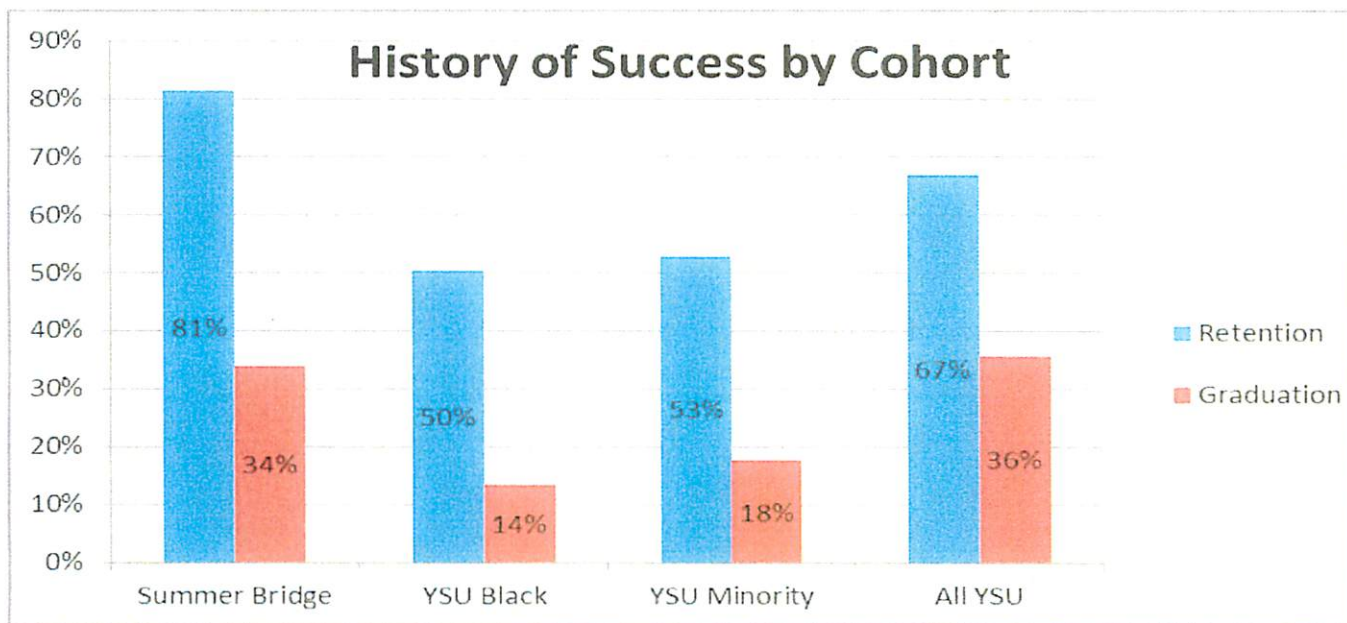


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## Summer Bridge Program Update 2015



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 almost double the graduation rate of YSU minority students that do not attend.



## Recent Changes to the Summer Bridge Program

- Guy Burney, Coordinator of the Youngstown Community Initiative to Reduce Violence (CIRV) conducted resiliency training for the 2014 & 2015 Summer Bridge Cohorts.
- Mark Jones, former Bridge student and YSU graduate student, conducted conflict management training to the Summer Bridge 2015 Cohort.
- High Schools with a high percentage of minorities were identified and a letter was sent to their school counselors sharing “Success Facts” (see below) about the Summer Bridge. The goal was to increase Summer Bridge participation. We had a 25% increase from 2014 – 2015.

**Youngstown STATE UNIVERSITY** **SUMMER BRIDGE SUCCESS FACT SHEET**

**SUMMER BRIDGE STUDENTS STAY IN SCHOOL!**

Summer Bridge students averaged a **2.75 GPA** in 2014.

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**83%**  
of Summer Bridge students stay in school.

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Summer Bridge 2014 Cohort fall 2014 to spring 2015 retention rate is **100%!**

**SUMMER BRIDGE STUDENTS GRADUATE!**

Summer Bridge students consistently **graduate more frequently** than students that do not attend.

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Summer Bridge students often **double** the national average graduation rates of African-American students.

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Summer Bridge/YSU graduates are currently working in fields such as **engineering, education and criminal justice.**

**SUMMER BRIDGE IS RECOGNIZED!**

President Jim Tressel exclaims that the program **works** and that it will be **expanding.**

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Summer Bridge made the 2012 Department of Education’s list of **Promising & Practical Strategies to Increase Post-Secondary Success.**

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Summer Bridge was acknowledged on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

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For more information on Summer Bridge call 330-941-1441.

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Multicultural Student Services



MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 4, 2015

TO: Martin Abraham, PhD, Interim Provost and VP Academic Affairs

FROM: Edward Orona, PhD, Director, Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs (OGSP)

RE: **FY 2014-15 – 4th Quarter OGSP Report**  
(Grant Activity from April 1, 2015 – June 30, 2015)

*Ed Orona*

Attached is the FY15 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.

**4th Quarter Submissions: (35 submissions requesting \$7,442,620)**

During the fourth quarter only, compared to last year, there was a 118% increase in the number of total submissions and a tremendous increase (648%) in the total dollars requested. In comparing results, after the fourth quarter, for the year-to-date (YTD) totals, there was an **11% increase** in number of submissions and **34% increase** in dollars requested for proposed grants and contracts.

Noteworthy submissions included:

Dr. Susan Clutter (Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences) applied to the U. S. Dept. Justice for a research project involving the Use of Liquid Latex in Fire Investigations (\$331,929)

Dr. Pat Durrell (Physics and Astronomy) applied to the NASA CAN initiative for a five-year educational project entitled "CosmoQuest: Engaging Students and the Public through a Virtual Research Facility" (\$782,150)

**4th Quarter Awards: \$1,376,612 (22 funded grants and contracts)**

Noteworthy awards included:

Dr. Guha Manogharan (Mechanical and Industrial Engineering) – received a grant award of \$495,610 from the U.S. Dept. Commerce through NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) for a Consortium project on Advanced Hybrid Manufacturing.

Dr. Jane Beese (Educational Foundations, Research, Technology and Leadership) – received a grant award of \$274,239 from the Ohio Department of Education for the project "Youngstown City School District Leadership Academy".

**Awards: Year-To-Date (YTD)**

Compared to this period last year, there was a **27% increase** in dollars awarded and a **144% increase** in number of awards (22 compared to 9). The funded grants and contracts totaled **\$4,557,468**.

In spite of the decrease in funded awards, the significant increases in grant submission activity provide reason to remain optimistic for expected growth in the next quarter.

**YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**School of Graduate Studies and Research**

**Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs**

**FOURTH QUARTER REPORT**

**FY 2014-2015**

**April 1, 2015 - June 30, 2015**

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Fourth Quarter Report - FY2014-2015

April 1, 2015 - June 30, 2015

(Includes previous year comparison)

### SUBMITTED PROPOSALS (Number)

	<u>FY2013-2014 Fourth Quarter</u> 4/1/2014-6/30/2014		<u>FY2014-2015 Fourth Quarter</u> 4/1/2015-6/30/2015	
TOTAL PROPOSALS	\$	994,434 (16)	\$	7,442,620 (35)
	<u>YTD - FY2013-2014</u> 7/1/2013-6/30/2014		<u>YTD - FY2014-2015</u> 7/1/2014-6/30/2015	
TOTAL PROPOSALS	\$	18,920,361 (106)	\$	25,478,944 (118)

### FUNDED PROPOSALS (Number)

	<u>FY2013-2014 - Fourth Quarter</u> 4/1/2014-6/30/2014		<u>FY2014-2015 - Fourth Quarter</u> 4/1/2015-6/30/2015	
TOTAL PROPOSALS	\$	1,079,012 (9)	\$	1,376,612 (22)
	<u>YTD - FY2013-2014</u> 7/1/2013-6/30/2014		<u>YTD - FY2014-2015</u> 7/1/2014-6/30/2015	
TOTAL PROPOSALS	\$	7,213,042 (67)	\$	4,557,468 (66)

# PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO EXTERNAL FUNDING SOURCES

## Fourth Quarter Report - FY2014-2015

April 1, 2015 - June 30, 2015

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	DEPARTMENT	FUNDING SOURCE	PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT
Beese, Jane	Educational Foundations, Research, Technology and Leadership	National Science Foundation through the University of Akron	RET in Engineering and Computer Science Site: Engineering of Polymeric Films and Interfaces	\$ 20,885
Bralich, John	Center for Urban & Regional Studies	City of Youngstown Community Development Agency	City of Youngstown Data and Mapping FY2016	20,000
Chordas, Ronald	Center for Urban & Regional Studies	Park Vista	Planning Proposal for Park Vista	4,000
Clutter, Susan	Criminal Justice & Forensic Sciences	U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Justice Programs	The Development of a Liquid Latex Process for Removing Soot and/or Absorbing Ignitable Liquid Residue Recovery	331,929
Conner, Brett/ Wallace, Darrell/ Meyers, Kerry	Mechanical & Industrial Engineering	Air Force Research Laboratory	Baselining Additive Manufacturing Use for Aerospace Sustainment	189,945
Cripe, Kathleen	Teacher Education	Alcoa Foundation	STEM Explore	38,846
Durrell, Patrick	Physics & Astronomy	NASA CAN	CosmoQuest: Engaging Students & the Public Through a Virtual Research Facility	782,150
Floyd, Arlene	Associate Degree & Tech Prep Programs	Ohio Board of Regents	Secondary Career Technical Alignment Initiative	3,500
Francisco, Tim	English	University of Cincinnati	News Outlet Program	20,000
Genna, Douglas	Chemistry	National Science Foundation	Template Directed Synthesis in Anionic Metal Organic Frameworks	602,229
George, Ricky	Center for Human Services Development	Youngstown City Schools	Evaluating Youngstown City Schools School Improvement Program	6,500
Griswold, David	Physical Therapy	American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Therapy	A Pragmatically Applied Cervical and Thoracic Non-thrust Mobilizations versus Thrust Manipulation	6,000
Howell, Charles	Beeghly College of Education	Windham Exempted Village Schools	Professional Development Agreement	6,000
Keillor, Bruce	Marketing	State of Ohio Development Svices Agency	Export Internship Program	36,000
King, Tammy	Bitonte College of Health & Human Services	Ohio Board of Regents	Consultant for SCTAI Project on CTAN Development	1,000
King, Tammy	Bitonte College of Health & Human Services	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services	The Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) of the Ohio Alliance	120,000

King, Tammy	Bitonte College of Health & Human Services	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services	FY 2016 MEDTAPP Community Health Worker Expansion Grant	36,300
King, Tammy	Bitone College of Health & Human Services	U.S. Department of Education	YSU--Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success	291,639
Li, Frank	Electrical & Computer Engineering	National Institute of Health through MIT	Development of Mapping and Shimming Techniques for a Magic-Angle Spinning (MAS) NMR Magnetic	43,056
Licata, Betty Jo	Williamson College of Business Administration	Ohio Development Services Agency	Ohio Small Business Development Center & International Trade Assistance Center at YSU	280,400
Kos, Anthony/ Licata, Betty Jo	Williamson College of Business Administration	Bloomberg Business Week	Curriculum Integration Grant	3,750
Maher, Timothy	Metro Credit	Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction	Post-secondary Education--Advanced Job Training	372,518
Maher, Timothy	Metro Credit	Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction	Post-secondary Education--Distance Learning Aide	92,534
Manogharan, Guha	Mechanical & Industrial Engineering	US Department of Energy NETL	Manufacturing of Solid Oxide Fuel Cells and Stacks through Integrated Approach: Binder-Jetting and Casting	1,636,909
Manogharan, Guha	Mechanical & Industrial Engineering	America Makes - Penn State University	Design Methodologies for LPBF Support Structures	90,000
Manogharan, Guha	Mechanical & Industrial Engineering	America Makes - University of Akron	Design of Support Structures in Powder-Bed AM Processes: Residual Stress and Post-Processing	100,012
Martin, Don	Counseling, Special Education, & School Psychology	Poland School District	PSD-GAI Agreement	7,875
Matanin, Marcia	Teacher Education	Windham Exempted Village Schools	WEVS Professional Development, Summer and Fall 2015	32,000
Meyers, Kerry	Mechanical & Industrial Engineering	Applied Systems & Technology Transfer, LLC	YSU Subcontract to AST2 for Mentor2 Project	53,121
Rogers, Richard	Criminal Justice & Forensic Sciences	National Institute of Justice	Disparities in Post-Trauma Help Seeking Among Victims of Intimate Partner Violence	37,747
Sharma, Suresh	Civil/Environmental & Chemical Engineering	Ohio Sea Grant	Monitoring Ice Jam Conditions for Flood Warning System	59,884
Van Dussen, Daniel/ Weaver, Amy	Sociology, Anthropology, and Gerontology	Merck Foundation	An Evaluation of the Predictive Utility of th eSFM-5 Test on Fracture and Health Care Costs	683,572
Wagner, Nancy/ Shields, Cynthia/ Roche, Molly	Nursing	Ohio Board of Nursing	Ohio Board of Nursing: Nurse Education Grant Program (NEGP)	182,984

Wagner, Tim/ Cortes, Pedro/ Conner, Brett/ Linkous, Clovis/ Manogharan, Guha	Chemistry	America Makes	Optimization and Validation of Ceramic Additive Manufacturing Processes Via Simulation & Experiment for Multifunctional Product Manufacturing	999,335
Wallace, Darrell	Mechanical & Industrial Engineering	Ohio Board of Regents	Northeast Ohio-YSU, Regionally Aligned Priorities in Delivering Skills	250,000
Total Proposals Submitted to External Funding Sources Fourth Quarter FY2014-2015				\$ 7,442,620 (35)

# PROPOSALS FUNDED BY EXTERNAL SOURCES

## Fourth Quarter Report - FY2014-2015 April 1, 2015 - June 30, 2015

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	DEPARTMENT	FUNDING SOURCE	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD
Bailey, Dora	Beeghly College of Education	Windham Exempted Village Schools	Windham Exempted Village Schools-- Professional Development Agreement	\$ 6,000
Becker, Karen	Reading & Study Skills Center	Youngstown Rotary Foundation	Student Government's Water Bottle Refill Station Initiative	600
Beese, Jane	Educational Foundations, Research, Technology & Leadership Center for Urban & Regional Studies	Ohio Department of Education	Youngstown City School District Leadership Academy	274,239
Bralich, John	Center for Urban & Regional Studies	City of Youngstown Department of Community Planning and Economic Development	City of Youngstown Data and Mapping FY2016	20,000
Chordas, Ronald	Center for Urban & Regional Studies	The Raymond John Wean Foundation	3D City Center Youngstown Map	2,290
Chordas, Ronald	Center for Urban & Regional Studies	Park Vista	Planning Proposal for Park Vista	2,000
Conner, Brett/ Wallace, Daryl/ Meyers, Kerry	Mechanical & Industrial Engineering	Air Force Research Laboratory through the University of Dayton Research Foundation	Baselining Additive Manufacturing Use for Aerospace Sustainment	193,790
Feldmeier, John	Physics & Astronomy	NASA through the Space Telescope Science Institute	A Journey to the Edge of the Pinwheel--An Innovative Digital Planetarium Show	8,373
Floyd, Arlene	Associate Degree & Tech Prep Programs	Ohio Board of Regents	Secondary Career Technical Alignment Initiative (SCTAI) FY2015	3,500
Francisco, Tim	English	University of Cincinnati	News Outlet Program	20,000
George, Ricky	Center for Human Services Development	Youngstown City Schools	Evaluating Youngstown City Schools School Improvement Program	6,500
Keillor, Bruce	Marketing	State of Ohio Development Services Agency	Export Internship Program	36,000

<b>PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
King, Tammy	Bitonte College of Health & Human Services Management	Ohio Board of Regents	Consultant for SCTAI Project on CTAN Development	1,000
Kos, Anthony	Management	Bloomberg Business Week	Curriculum Integration Grant	3,750
Langarica, Alicia	Mathematics & Statistics	Mathematics Association of America	Minorities in Mathematics Speaker Series (MIMSS)	6,000
Maher, Timothy	Metro Credit	Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Corrections	Post-secondary Education Tuition for the AJT (Prison) Program	186,259
Maher, Timothy	Metro Credit	Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Corrections	Post-secondary Education--Distance Learning Tech Aide	46,267
Manogharan, Guha	Mechanical & Industrial Engineering	US Department of Commerce; National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST)	Consortium for Advanced Hybrid Manufacturing--Integrating Technologies (CAM-IT)	495,910
Martin, Don	Counseling, Special Education & School Psychology	Poland Local School District	PSD - GAI - Agreement 2015-2016	7,875
Matanin, Marcia	Teacher Education	Windham Exempted Village Schools	WEVS-Professional Development, Summer and Fall 2015	32,000
O'Dell, Valerie	Nursing	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services/ Human Resources & Service Administration	Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship Program 2016	16,684
Van Dussen, Daniel	Sociology, Anthropology & Gerontology	State of Ohio Area Agency on Aging 7	Veteran's Directed Care and Caregiver Burden among Rural Dwelling Older Adults	7,575
Total Proposals Funded from External Sources Fourth Quarter FY2014-2015				\$ 1,376,612 (22)



## CURRENT ACCREDITATION ACTIVITY

### September 2015

**Summary of recent site visits:**

- The Emergency Medical Services self-study was submitted in May 2015, and the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CoAEMSP) site visit will occur in Fall 2015.
- The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education 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, 2015.

**Summary of recent accreditation actions:**

- On March 26, 2014, the Higher Learning Commission (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:**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Art</b> 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. Plan approval applications were submitted to NASAD for painting/printmaking and digital media studio programs. The department is in the process of responding to action reports requested on the two applications. Responses will be submitted by March 1, 2015. The department received the NASAD consultant’s report and has forwarded it to the CCAC dean. The consultant’s comments and recommendations will be used in preparation of the self-study document for the accreditation visit scheduled for spring 2016.
<b>Business</b> AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business	The AACSB Board of Directors has ratified the recommendation to extend the AACSB accreditation of the YSU BSBA and MBA programs. The next review is scheduled for 2019-2020. The WCBA was commended in seven different areas including the co-location of its centers, the physical facility, faculty engagement, leadership team, advisory councils, partnership with the business incubator, and required professionalism course.
<b>Chemistry</b> American Chemical Society (ACS)	An annual report is submitted each August/September. A periodic, five-year program review was submitted in July 2009. Because of reorganization at the ACS, the next review will likely occur sometime during the 2015-2016 academic year.

<p><b>Counseling</b> Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)</p>	<p>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, 2015.</p>
<p><b>Dental Hygiene</b> American Dental Association</p>	<p>Self-study for continuing accreditation of the Dental Hygiene program submitted in February 2010. Site visit occurred April 27-28, 2010. The program received full accreditation “without reporting requirements.” Next site visit is scheduled for 2017.</p>
<p><b>Dietetics Program</b> Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics; Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)</p>	<p>The five-year midpoint Program Assessment Reports (PAR) for the Coordinated and Didactic Programs in Dietetics and the Dietetic Technician programs are due in November 2015. The next re-accreditation site visit will be in 2020. ACEND has reduced the accreditation cycle from 10 years to seven years for all programs currently applying for accreditation and re-accreditation, which will affect the next re-accreditation. The Dietetic Tech program at Lorain County Community College will be discontinued following the graduation of the current cohort due to low enrollment. Despite intense marketing and recruitment efforts, there have been no new applicants to the program. Given that only five students comprised the first cohort, it was no longer fiscally responsible to continue this program offering.</p>
<p><b>Education and Licensure Programs</b> National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)</p> <p>Accreditation occurs at the unit (BCOE) level.</p>	<p>The NCATE site visit took place March 20-24, 2010. On November 5, 2010, NCATE sent official notice that accreditation “is continued at the initial teacher preparation and advanced preparation levels.” YSU meets all 6 NCATE standards. The next site visit will take place in spring 2017.</p>
<p><b>Emergency Medical Services</b> State of Ohio Department of Public Safety / Division of Emergency Medical Services</p> <p>Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs—EMS Professions (CoAEMSP—CAAHEP)</p>	<p>Self-study submitted to the Ohio Department of Public Safety Division of EMS Dec. 2010. Site visit was conducted on May 2, 2011. The EMS program was granted full accreditation for five years.</p> <p>The 2011 site team reported no citations at the exit meeting. A request for re-accreditation was submitted to CAAHEP on September 29, 2014. The self-study was submitted in May 2015, and the site visit will occur in Fall 2015. The re-accreditation by the Ohio Department of Public Safety will occur concurrently with the CoAEMSP process.</p>
<p><b>Engineering</b> Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)</p>	<p>The Electrical Engineering, Industrial Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering programs are fully accredited by ABET until September 30, 2020. A request to ABET by January 31, 2019, will be required to initiate a reaccreditation visit. YSU has requested the initiation of a reaccreditation report evaluation for its Civil Engineering and Chemical Engineering programs.</p>
<p><b>Engineering Technology</b> Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ETAC-ABET)</p>	<p>ETAC-ABET granted continuing accreditation in August 2012. CCET (AAS), CCET (BSAS), EET (AAS), EET (BSAS), MET (AAS), and MET (BSAS) have been accredited through September 30, 2018.</p>

<p><b>Foreign Languages</b> ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) Recognition for French Education, Italian Education, and Spanish Education</p>	<p>Resubmission of the French Education, Italian Education, and Spanish Education programs to ACTFL in October 2013 has resulted in national recognition for all three programs effective January 31, 2014.</p>
<p><b>Forensic Science</b> American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS)</p>	<p>Application for initial accreditation pending; self-study and site visit to follow.</p>
<p><b>Medical Assisting Technology</b> American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) / Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)</p>	<p>Most recent accreditation July 2004. Reaccreditation self-study was submitted December 27, 2012. The site visit is scheduled for May 6-7, 2013. CAAHEP granted the program continuing accreditation for a full ten years. The next review will occur in 2023.</p>
<p><b>Medical Laboratory Technology</b> National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)</p>	<p>Most recent accreditation in 2006. Reaccreditation self-study was submitted to NAACLS May 1, 2012. Site 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.</p>
<p><b>Medical Laboratory Science</b> National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)</p>	<p>A letter requesting an initial accreditation application was submitted to NAACLS on October 10, 2014. NAACLS approved the application and preliminary report. The self-study will be due in 2016, and the site visit will likely occur in 2017 following graduation of the first class.</p>
<p><b>Music</b> National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)</p>	<p>In June 2012, the NASM Commission on Accreditation voted to continue YSU and the Dana School of Music in good standing. A follow-up report on activities was sent to NASM. In June 2013, the NASM Commission on Accreditation voted to accept the YSU progress report. The next full review will take place in 2020-2021.</p>
<p><b>Nursing</b> Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)</p>	<p>Self-study for BSN, MSN, and post-Master's certificate submitted January 2014; site visit conducted February 18-20, 2014. Next Evaluation Visit: Spring 2022. Follow-up Report: Fall 2016.</p>
<p><b>Physical Therapy</b> Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)</p>	<p>Accreditation report for the Physical Therapy Education program submitted spring 2004. Self-study for master's program submitted February 2004; site visit conducted 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.</p> <p>The MPT has been discontinued. Accreditation now</p>

Physical Therapy (continued)	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. Ten-year accreditation was reaffirmed in writing on November 12, 2014, with a compliance report due February 15, 2015.
<b>Public Health (Consortium of Eastern Ohio Master of Public Health)</b> 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.
<b>Respiratory Care and Respiratory Care “Polysomnography Specialty Option”</b> 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. Due to increase in demand, the Respiratory Care program applied to CoARC to be able to accept additional students into the Polysomnography program. The program received approval to increase the number of students from 11 to 18 per cohort.
<b>Social Work</b> Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)	<p>Following submission of reaffirmation materials in April 2012 and an on-campus site visit in October 2012, the Bachelor of Social Work program earned re-affirmed accreditation status in February 2013. This accreditation status remains in effect until February 2021.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>In October 2014, Significant Program Changes reports were submitted to the Council on Social Work Education for expansion of the Master of Social Work degree program offerings at Lorain County Community College and Lakeland Community College sites. No further action is necessary until the reaffirmation of accreditation report is due in 2020.</p>
<b>Theater</b> 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

Theater (continued)	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 was to occur in 2016-17. A non-binding site visit in preparation for 2016-17 review occurred in May 2014. YSU was granted a one-year extension for self-study based upon campus discussions regarding Program Improvement Plans, program review, and potential college reorganizations. The self-study document is being written in preparation for a Fall 2017 review.
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### Update on 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:

- **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.

In Fall 2015, General Education will begin two new assessment projects: 1) Performance-Project General Education Assessment and 2) General Education Course Review. The Performance-Project Assessment will use “messy assignments” to holistically assess general education goals at the capstone level. A pilot of this assessment program will take place during the 2015-16 academic year. In addition, General Education has begun investigating the use of course portfolios to periodically review courses in General Education domains. Criteria and sample portfolios are to be developed during the 2015-16 academic year.

- **Writing Curriculum Maps:** Assessment and General Education have partnered to use existing assessment reporting structures to gather curriculum data on writing outcomes in conjunction with program assessment reports. Undergraduate academic programs were trained in submitting Writing Curriculum Maps, a conceptual curricular mapping tool that outlines the expectations for the development of writing skills for required courses in academic majors. A total of 61 (66%) of all undergraduate programs have submitted writing curriculum maps to date.

This intersection between general education writing and academic program learning outcomes is an area of focus in the HLC Criteria for Accreditation. The aim is to better articulate variations in writing development that are inherent and appropriate to various disciplines, to foster discussions among faculty about curricular expectations around writing communication, and to promote dialogue at the campus level about how to use best practices to improve writing development and achievement. Results from these maps will be used in support of the general education assessment plan and in a fall 2015 writing symposium.

- **Critical Thinking Curriculum Maps:** Assessment and General Education have partnered to use existing assessment reporting structures to gather curriculum data on critical thinking outcomes in conjunction with program assessment reports. Undergraduate academic programs were trained in submitting Critical Thinking Curriculum Maps, a conceptual curricular mapping tool that outlines the expectations for the development of critical thinking skills for required courses in academic majors.

This intersection between general education critical thinking and academic program learning outcomes is another area of focus in the HLC Criteria for Accreditation. Undergraduate programs will be asked to develop critical thinking curriculum maps for the spring of 2016

- **Program Assessment:** The Office of Assessment has been participating in the development of academic program review guidelines in support of HLC expectations regarding regular program review for program evaluation and continuous improvement. Student learning outcomes assessment is an integral component of program review. YSU's HLC Academy mentor and best practices advise inclusion of a complete assessment cycle evaluation as part of program review. Programs have the opportunity to evaluate learning in the entire program, identify strengths and challenges, evaluate curricular improvements, and plan for an assessment focus in the next cycle. The inclusion assessment will foster "closing of the loop" in using and evaluating data for program improvements in student learning. Program review is scheduled to begin in fall semester 2015.

The 2015-16 reporting cycle began in July. All co-curricular units were asked to develop a comprehensive set of student learning outcomes for their unit. In addition, curriculum maps were submitted. Curriculum maps provide a holistic overview of the intersections between the learning goals of the unit and the learning opportunities provided through programs and services. Workshops and consultations assisted programs in translating unit goals into learning outcomes and developing curriculum maps. Programs will use these documents to develop a stable assessment cycle so that all learning outcomes can be evaluated and data can be used to improve the learning environment. Submission rates for the co-curricular units are at 78%, with the remaining units actively working with the department to submit final documents.

This fall, academic programs will submit an abbreviated report focused on the essential areas of student learning data analysis and its use for learning improvements in the 2014-15 academic year. Reports will be due in October 2015. The Office of Assessment will also be educating programs about organization of student learning assessment records and evidence in initial preparation for the 2017-18 Higher Learning Commission reaccreditation visit.

- **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 2015, the Office of Assessment funded an eight-member team of staff and graduate students who work in Student Success, Student Experience, Diversity, and Enrollment Management to attend a one-day assessment and research conference at Ohio State University. This conference provides opportunity to integrate best practices in student learning outcomes assessment, foster an evidence-based approach to practice, and increase professional connections across campus and with other regional institutions. The team reconvened after the trip to identify ways to implement program improvements on campus.

In addition, Assessment is working to support professional development with faculty. The director conducted an hour-long workshop on backwards course design at new faculty orientation by invitation of the Faculty Development Coordinator. Backwards design facilitates alignment of desired student learning with assessment methods and instructional strategies. In addition, faculty learning communities on the scholarship of engagement and the scholarship of teaching and learning are being co-sponsored this year by the Office of Assessment and Faculty Development.

- **National Survey of Student Engagement:** The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) will be fielded in the 2015-16 year in support of participation in the Voluntary System of Accountability, a national project to promote transparency in higher education. The NSSE collects data on student experiences in the areas of academic challenge, learning with peers, experiences with faculty, the campus environment, and high impact experiences such as research or internships. The survey results will provide information and benchmarking data regarding student engagement and success activities on the YSU campus. YSU was recently featured by NSSE in a publication outlining best practices in data dissemination and use for program improvements.

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS UPDATE  
SEPTEMBER 2015**

**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 (formerly the Ohio Board of Regents) has approved the following undergraduate program changes:

- YSU has received approval to offer a new undergraduate degree program: the Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry.
- The Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene has been renamed the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH).
- Two concentrations within the Bachelor of Arts in English degree (Literary Studies and English Studies) will be deactivated when current students have completed their programs. The B.A. in English will then be the only concentration offered by the department.
- The Bachelor of Science in Business Administration: Management Information Systems is now the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration: Information and Supply Chain Management.

**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 Chancellor's Council on Graduate Studies (CCGS) 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 CCGS for a second review and in-person presentation. If CCGS 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 CCGS 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.*

- The Ohio Department of Higher Education name of the Regents Advisory Committee on Graduate Study (RACGS) has been changed to Chancellor's Council on Graduate Studies (CCGS).
- A PDP for a **Master of Athletic Training** completed the six-week review period for CCGS. The full proposal is being composed.
- The **Master of Accountancy** full proposal has completed the campus curriculum review process and will be sent to CCGS for review. A resolution in support of this program will be presented to the Board of Trustees.



- The PDP for a **Master of Science in Nursing Option for Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner and Post-Master's Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner** has completed the campus curriculum review process and will be sent to CCGS for review.
- Admission to the **Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis** program is currently suspended.
- Admission to the **Master of Science in Education—Educational Technology** program is currently suspended.
- A new **Graduate Certificate in Economics** has been approved and is accepting students.
- A new **Graduate Certificate in English** has been approved and is accepting students.
- A new **Graduate Certificate in Mathematics** has been approved and is accepting students.
- A new **Graduate Certificate in Teaching of Literature** has been approved and is accepting students.

## Analysis of Distance Education Rodriguez, Fall 2015

### Mission

The Office of Distance Education at Youngstown State University offers accredited online degree programs for both bachelor's and master's students in fully online, convenient formats.

As an office that supports both students and faculty, we have complementary mission statements that can direct the efforts equally for both populations.

**Students:** The Office of Distance Education at YSU will support the delivery of high-quality, accredited, fully online degree programs, and provide world-class customer service to assist in the gainful employment of YSU online learners.

**Faculty:** The Office of Distance Education at YSU will support and assist in the creation, delivery, training, and student support for our faculty teaching distance learners in all online degree programs offered.

### Current Programs

#### **Online Undergraduate Degrees:**

Bachelor of Science in Applied Science, Allied Health  
Bachelor of Science in Applied Science, Public Health  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN Completion Program)  
Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care (Completion Program)-*New in Fall 2015*

#### **Online Graduate Degrees:**

Master of Arts in Financial Economics- *New in Fall 2015*  
Master of Business Administration  
Master of Health and Human Services  
Master of Respiratory Care  
Master of Science in Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice Management and Program Planning  
Master of Science in Engineering, Management option  
Master of Science in Teacher Education, Early Childhood Education- *Under Curricular reconstruction*

#### **Eliminated Programs:**

BA in Journalism- Program never launched due to coordinator resignation

### Marketing/Support

Program marketing includes outreach by email, local press, magazines, list serves, and social media. Updates are made to drive applicant and student enrollments for all terms. Continued use of Google ad words and Facebook campaigns have continued to add to our prospect and application pool. In 2015-2016 we have increased the marketing spends= to include more online program specific marketing to drive program enrollments up.

Our Student Support Position has been with us for a full year and has worked to make an impact on enrollment in that time. This person is having an immediate impact on our ability to respond and market to prospects and students. This is their primary role in the office.

### Applicant/Prospect/Enrollment Information

We have had increase in our monthly prospects since last year. Avg. monthly prospects in 13'-14' were 97. Avg. monthly prospects in 14' – 15' have been 120.

We have had a 36.9% increase in our monthly applications since last year. Avg. monthly applicants in 13-14' were 10.25 and Avg. monthly applicants in 14-15' are 27.75.

Enrollment for the Fall 2015 is currently 215 in 100% online programs, which is 45 over our 100% online programs spring registration totals. We anticipate an additional 10 enrollments before the term start on 8-19-15.

100% Online Student Enrollments (Fall and Spring):

Year	Spring	Fall
2014	45	115
2015	170	222

Total online enrollment in the following terms:

Year	Spring	Summer	Fall
2013	2209	677	2121
2014	2172	985	2517
2015	2800	1449	3479

### **Faculty Assistance**

Our Instructional Design and Development Center assists faculty in the design and development of their online courses. This center consists of 1 Instructional Designer and 4 student workers. The assistance provided is over the phone, via email, one-on-one assistance, and group trainings.

Total online courses in the following terms:

Year	Spring	Summer	Fall
2013	119	44	129
2014	137	68	149
2015	171	91	178

Faculty developing courses from scratch qualify for a development stipend under the Faculty CBA when approved by the Provost. Here is the current breakdown of this faculty opportunity:

We currently have 51 courses approved through our internal peer review process. There are 94 additional courses in the queue for peer review. The review process consists of a 3 person team reviewing each course against 16 quality-focused criteria.

New in the Fall of 2015 the Distance Education Office is opening a Electronic Information Technology Lab to assist faculty via phone, email, one-on-one instruction. The lab will be staffed with 2 student supervisors and 5-8 student workers. The goal of this lab is to assist faculty in making all of their electronic course content accessible in order to meet accessibility standards set forth in YSU's OCR resolution agreement. A self-paced online course was also developed and is available for faculty to access to learn how to make their documents accessible if they would prefer to learn these steps remotely.