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**BACKGROUND MATERIALS
Wednesday, September 18, 2024**

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| 1. Office of Research Services Quarterly Report | Tab 1 |
| The Quarterly Report from the Office of Research Services is presented for the Board of Trustees' information. | |
| 2. Current Accreditation Activity | Tab 2 |
| The report on accreditation activity shows recent accreditations and upcoming site visits and documents submitted. | |
| 3. Academic Programs Update | Tab 3 |
| The report outlines new program development. | |
| 4. Welcome Week Activities Offered by YSU Student Experience | Tab 4 |
| 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. | |

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 24, 2024

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

From: Office of Research Services (ORS)

Re: FY24 Fourth Quarter Report

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

ORS staff managed **42** major grant administration activities during this quarter (30 submissions and 12 awards/contracts). Additionally, the IRB processed 26 new protocols and 5 modifications.

Notable highlights:

- YSU faculty and staff submitted four proposals (\$2.5M) to the National Science Foundation in the areas of Computer Science, Engineering and Technology, Innovation and Partnerships
- YSU received more than \$1.5M in awards from the Ohio Department of Higher Education, including:
 - o \$1,120,000 for the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program to support STEM majors at YSU, with emphasis on STEM certificate, undergraduate and graduate programs with students interested in integrating data science and analysis into their work
 - o \$340,000 for the Teach CS program: a non-degree Computer Science endorsement preparation program intended for Ohio licensed teachers
 - o \$35,681 to support teacher preparation programs seeking to align their curriculum to the Science of Reading
 - o \$9,997 for the Connecting Campus Prevention Efforts Grant Program
- The Research Administration System is being modernized with the implementation of Cayuse SP 4.0 and rollout in Fall 2024

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



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Fourth Quarter Report – FY24

April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024

Proposals submitted to External Agencies:	Total
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Q4 Total Dollars Requested:	\$5,744,837
Q4 Indirect Cost Requested:	\$749,704
Q4 Total Proposals Worked:	36
Q4 Total Proposals Submitted:	30

Projects Awarded from External Agencies:	Total
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Q4 Total Dollars Awarded:	\$2,056,393
Q4 Indirect Costs Awarded:	\$36,905
Q4 Total Projects Awarded:	12

Q4 YTD Comparison:

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY24</u>
<i>Q4 Submissions</i>	22	30
<i>Q4 Dollars Requested</i>	\$14,065,633	\$5,744,387
<i>Q4 Awards</i>	13	12
<i>Q4 Dollars Awarded</i>	\$1,494,603	\$2,056,393
<i>YTD Submissions</i>	77	100
<i>YTD \$ Requested</i>	\$32,684,564	\$21,967,629
<i>YTD Awards</i>	77	76
<i>YTD \$ Awarded</i>	\$9,778,383	\$13,740,266

FY23 Q4 Total Active Awards: 121

FY24 Q4 Total Active Awards: 134

FY23 Q4 Research Expenditures \$2,580,747

FY24 Q4 Research Expenditures: \$3,877,455

FY23 YTD Research Expenditures: \$11,200,794

FY24 YTD Research Expenditures: \$11,768,481



Proposals Submitted to External Agencies

Fourth Quarter Report - FY24

April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024

PI Name	Department	Funding Agency	Amount Requested	Indirect Costs Requested	YSU Cost-Share
Powe, N.	Grad Studies in Health and Rehab Sciences	Eastgate Regional Council of Governments	\$ 56,819	\$ 7,146	\$ -
Ge, W.	Grad Studies in Health and Rehab Sciences	Dept of State	\$ 163,644	\$ 31,874	\$ -
Ge, W.	Grad Studies in Health and Rehab Sciences	Dept of State	\$ 134,331	\$ 26,441	\$ -
Protivnak, J.	Psychological Sciences and Counseling	Youngstown City Schools	\$ 82,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 52,500
Italiano, K.	Teacher Education & Leadership	Youngstown City Schools	\$ 159,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 22,500
Latessa, M.	Rich Center for Autism	Ohio Job & Family Services	\$ 83,458	\$ -	\$ -
Bralich, J.	Humanities & Social Sciences	City of Youngstown	\$ 12,500	\$ -	\$ -
Jackson, C.	Psychological Sciences & Counseling	National Science Foundation	\$ 992,042	\$ 185,915	\$ -
Cambouris, J.	Humanities & Social Sciences	Youngstown Foundation	\$ 4,551	\$ -	\$ -
Bralich, J.	Humanities & Social Sciences	City of Girard	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -
Bralich, J.	Humanities & Social Sciences	City of Youngstown	\$ 51,000	\$ -	\$ -
Bralich, J.	Humanities & Social Sciences	City of Youngstown	\$ 10,500	\$ -	\$ -
Bralich, J.	Humanities & Social Sciences	City of Youngstown	\$ 13,550	\$ -	\$ -
Cortes, P.	Engineering	National Science Foundation	\$ 500,000	\$ 52,579	\$ -
Yu, F.	Comp Sci, Info and Eng Tech	National Science Foundation	\$ 639,393	\$ 12,624	\$ -



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Ruller, J.	Workforce Education and Innovation	National Science Foundation	\$ 400,000	\$ 80,951	\$ -
DeSantis, J.	Engineering	MAC Trailer, Inc.	\$ 44,453	\$ 9,256	\$ -
Cortes, P.	Engineering	NASA	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,082	\$ -
Ehsani, S.	Engineering	Ohio Water Development Authority	\$ 48,444	\$ 6,964	\$ -
Ekstrand, L.	Workforce Education and Innovation	Ohio Dept of Development	\$ 13,792	\$ -	\$ -
Martin, H.	Engineering	Liquidmetal Coating Solutions, LLC	\$ 22,863	\$ 4,761	\$ -
Park, B.	Engineering	Ohio Space Grant Consortium	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Park, B.	Engineering	Ohio Space Grant Consortium	\$ 10,500	\$ -	\$ 3,000
Ruller, J.	Workforce Education and Innovation	Dept of Labor	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 258,211	\$ -
Li, F.	Engineering	University of Tennessee	\$ 25,000	\$ 3,261	\$ -
Cianciola, E.	Office of Community Engagement	Ohio Dept of Workforce and Education	\$ 200,000	\$ 14,789	\$ -
Cianciola, E.	Office of Community Engagement	Ohio Dept of Workforce and Education	\$ 200,000	\$ 14,259	\$ -
Cianciola, E.	Office of Community Engagement	Ohio Dept of Workforce and Education	\$ 200,000	\$ 14,815	\$ -
Cianciola, E.	Office of Community Engagement	Ohio Dept of Workforce and Education	\$ 150,000	\$ 11,111	\$ -
McNicholas, R.	Campus Recreation	Ohio Dept of Higher Education	\$ 9,997	\$ 1,665	\$ -
TOTAL			\$ 5,744,837	\$ 749,704	\$ 80,000



Projects Awarded from External Agencies

Fourth Quarter Report - FY24

April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024

PI Name	Department	Funding Agency	Amount Awarded	Indirect Costs Awarded	YSU Cost-Share
Kandray, D.	Health Professions	Delta Dental Foundation	\$ 53,988	\$ -	\$ -
Wallace, M.	Teacher Education and Leadership Styles	Ohio Dept of Higher Education	\$ 35,681	\$ -	\$ -
Deschenes, R.	Engineering	National Science Foundation	\$ 199,871	\$ 27,877	\$ -
Wakefield, T.	Mathematics and Statistics	Ohio Dept of Higher Education	\$ 1,120,000	\$ -	\$ -
Arslanyilmaz, A.	Comp Sci, Info and Eng Tech	Ohio Dept of Higher Education	\$ 340,000	\$ -	-
Prieto-Langarica, A.	Mathematics and Statistics	National Science Foundation via Occidental College	\$ 1,784	\$ 371	-
Ruller, J.	Workforce Education and Innovation	Ohio Dept of Development	\$ 16,298	\$ -	\$ -
Sharma, S.	Engineering	Ohio Dept of Higher Education via Ohio State University	\$ 53,674	\$ 2,203	\$ -
Crescimanno, M.	Physics, Astronomy, Geology and Env Sci	National Science Foundation via Florida Polytechnic University	\$ 23,000	\$ 4,789	\$ -
Veisz, P.	Small Business Development Center	Small Business Administration	\$ 153,104	\$ -	\$ 89,365
Veisz, P.	Small Business Development Center	Ohio Dept of Development	\$ 48,996	\$ -	\$ -
McNicholas, R.	Campus Recreation	Ohio Dept of Higher Education	\$ 9,997	\$ 1,665	\$ -
TOTAL			\$ 2,056,393	\$ 36,905	\$ 89,365

CURRENT ACCREDITATION ACTIVITY

September 2024

Summary of recent site visits:

- During its 2024 Annual Meeting, the National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB) Board of Governors awarded accreditation to the Healthcare Administration track of the Master of Health and Human Services program.
- The American Chemical Society (ACS) periodic report submitted on June 30 was approved. The BS Chemistry program will continue to be accredited until the next report is due in 2029.

Summary of recent accreditation actions:

- On August 5, 2024, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) approved YSU's Quality Initiative Proposal ("Pursuing 2026 Carnegie Elective Classification for Community Engagement").
- On August 3, 2022, the HLC notified YSU of successful completion of the Year 4 Assurance Review with no recommended monitoring.
- On July 30, 2018, the HLC continued the accreditation of YSU with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation scheduled to occur in 2027-28.

Details:

Program	Status
Art National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)	The annual affirmation and audit statements were submitted on June 20, 2024. NASAD was notified of a change of institutional representative for 2024. A request for a one-year postponement to Art's on-site visit, originally scheduled for Spring 2026, was approved for Spring 2027. An optional accreditation review consultative visit is scheduled and confirmed for Spring 2025. NASAD site evaluation team members are confirmed for a visit during Spring 2027.
Athletic Training Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE)	The Master of Athletic Training program was granted initial accreditation for five years by CAATE in 2018. The MAT program is currently in good standing with CAATE. The program completed its self-study site visit with the CAATE peer reviewers in March 2023. A ten-year reaccreditation was awarded in August 2023.
Business AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business	AACSB International approved the extension of accreditation in January 2020. Accreditation of the undergraduate and graduate business programs was extended for the standard five years. An

Program	Status
Business (continued)	AACSB pre-visit occurred on March 26, 2024. The next Continuous Improvement Review visit is scheduled to occur October 20-22, 2024, with the Continuous Improvement Review document due August 21, 2024.
Chemistry American Chemical Society (ACS) Chemistry (continued)	The Committee on Professional Training (CPT) of the American Chemical Society (ACS) notified YSU in September 2023 that its BS Chemistry program has met all requirements in the ACS guidelines for reaccreditation. The CPT recommended continuation of ACS accreditation through 2029.
Counseling Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)	The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) granted full accreditation to the MS. Ed. in Counseling—Addiction Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, School Counseling, and Student Affairs/College Counseling program tracks for the full eight-year period, until March 31, 2031.
Dental Hygiene Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)	The self-study for continuing accreditation of the Dental Hygiene program was submitted in September 2017. This was the initial site visit following the transition from the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree to the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) degree. A site visit occurred in November 2017, and the program was awarded full accreditation status, Approval Without Reporting Requirements, at the 2018 ADA CODA Summer Commission meeting. The accreditation cycle for allied dental programs is seven years. The next site visit will be in 2025.
Dietetics Program Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)	<p>The two ACEND-accredited dietetics programs are the Didactic Program in Dietetics and the Dietetics Future Model/DFM (MPH-RDN graduate track).</p> <p>The graduate level MPH-DFM (Master's in Public Health-Dietetic Future Model) continues in good standing, but the decision has been made to not seek future reaccreditation in 2023 due to lack of enrollment. An accreditation decision letter was</p>

Program	Status
Dietetics (continued)	<p>issued in July 2023 approving the close-out plan. The program will remain accredited until December 31, 2026. The program director will provide the accrediting body with yearly reports on program progress and support until the close date.</p> <p>The BSAS-Didactic Program in Dietetics is in good standing and accredited through June 2028. A DPD Compliance Report showing alignment of clinical coursework with 2022 Accreditation Knowledge requirements was submitted in January 2024.</p> <p>The DPD-MHHS 4+1 (Didactic Program in Dietetics-Master's in Health & Human Services) allows students to meet the new eligibility requirements for the Registered Dietitian credential (RDN) that specify a master's degree or higher (as applied for supervised practice). Graduates of the DPD who do not wish to become Registered Dietitians may graduate with the BSAS and earn the Nutrition and Dietetic Technician credential without further educational or experiential learning requirements.</p>
<p>Education and Licensure Programs The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)</p> <p>Accreditation occurs at the unit (BCOE) level.</p>	<p>The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) conducted a site visit of YSU's Beeghly College of Education on April 2-4, 2017. CAEP's Accreditation Council granted accreditation status effective Fall 2017 through Fall 2024. The next site visit will occur in Fall 2024.</p>
<p>Engineering Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)</p>	<p>The Electrical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering programs are fully accredited by ABET until 2026. Industrial Engineering went from "program deficiency" to "program weakness," a finding which means that the program has been removed from "show cause." Industrial Engineering is now fully accredited until 2026.</p>

Program	Status
<p>Engineering Technology Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ETAC-ABET)</p>	<p>The AAS and BSAS Engineering Technology programs (CCET, EET, and MET) are accredited through September 30, 2024.</p> <p>Applications to renew accreditations for all AAS & BSAS Engineering Technology Programs were submitted. The accreditation team's comprehensive visit occurred Fall 2023.</p> <p>Following its October 2023 visit, the ABET accreditation team expressed one concern for all programs related to insufficiency of staffing in the STEM advising office (the team's concerns do not impact accreditation). Once hiring of additional staff to help with advising students in ET is completed, it will be reported to remove this concern.</p> <p>The team expressed one specific concern for the MET BSAS and AAS programs regarding a procedure to collect and use data toward improving the programs. YSU has submitted a proposed procedure, and progress will be reported to remove this concern. A detailed response letter was submitted on January 14, 2024. In March 2024, an annual report for the AAS and BSAS MET programs addressing Continuous Improvement Process (CIP) concerns was submitted to the ABET accreditation team. After review, the ABET team found that the submitted document adequately addressed the CIP concerns.</p> <p>In May 2024, the ABET accreditation team was notified that one additional staff member had been hired and another new staff member was hired and would start in June 2024 in the STEM advising office to address concerns regarding the student-to-advisor ratio for ET programs. In May 2024, the ABET accreditation team determined that all concerns had been resolved.</p>

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

Program	Status
<p>Music National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)</p>	<p>In 2012, the NASM Commission on Accreditation voted to continue YSU and the Dana School of Music in good standing. In July 2016, the NASM Commission on Accreditation accepted YSU's Application for Plan Approval of Dana's Bachelor of Music in Music Recording.</p> <p>The NASM Commission on Accreditation held an accreditation site visit on April 7-9, 2024. YSU has received the site visit report and is preparing an Optional Response, which is due on October 15th. The NASM Commission on Accreditation will evaluate the self-study, site visit report, and optional response and decide on reaccreditation during its November meeting.</p>
<p>Nursing Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN)</p> <p>Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)</p> <p>Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)</p> <p>Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) St. Elizabeth Health Center School for Nurse Anesthetists, Inc. (YSU MSN nurse anesthesia option only)</p>	<p>The OBN granted full approval for five years. The next visit will be 2029.</p> <p>A candidacy application will be submitted to ACEN for the new Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program in Fall 2025.</p> <p>ACEN recently granted continuing accreditation for the BSN programs for the maximum eight years. The next evaluation visit will occur in Spring 2030.</p> <p>CCNE recently granted continuing accreditation for the BSN, MSN, and post-graduate APRN certificate programs for the maximum ten years. The next evaluation visit will occur in Spring 2032.</p> <p>The last MSN class will graduate in December 2022. The Doctor of Nursing Practice program matriculated on May 17, 2021. Both programs are accredited. The next evaluation will occur in Spring 2027.</p>
<p>Physical Therapy Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)</p>	<p>The MPT has been discontinued. Accreditation now applies to the DPT program approved by HLC in 2008. Ten-year accreditation was reaffirmed in 2014 with a compliance report due</p>

Program	Status
Physical Therapy (continued)	<p>in 2015. This report was submitted, and CAPTE granted the program continuing accreditation.</p> <p>The current status of the program is accredited. A progress report was submitted September 1, 2022. After review, the program was granted continued accreditation. Annual reports are required, and a site visit will occur in Spring 2025.</p>
Public Health (Consortium of Eastern Ohio Master of Public Health) Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)	<p>The MPH is offered by a consortium of institutions including YSU. Initial accreditation was earned in 2003. In October 2009, the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) renewed accreditation for seven years until 2016.</p> <p>A 2016 site visit resulted in all compliant findings. In June 2017, the program received official notification of full accreditation with the seven-year accreditation term ending July 1, 2024. In order to align with site visit workload, CEPH offered on December 6, 2021, to extend the CEOMPH accreditation term until July 1, 2025, which was accepted.</p>
Respiratory Care Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC)	<p>Continuing re-accreditation status for the next ten years was conveyed for the BSRC entry into practice on July 21, 2021, at the CoARC quarterly meeting. Both the BSRC degree advancement (completion program) and the Master of Respiratory Care programs were conferred accreditation status in July 2021 at CoARC's quarterly board meeting.</p> <p>Virtual site visits for these two programs were completed May 10-11, 2021, without programmatic issues. Provisional initial accreditation was conferred at the CoARC quarterly board meeting. In the interest of substantial financial savings, the site visits were scheduled as one CoARC visit.</p> <p>All three programs performed a Report of Current Status (RCS) evaluation in July 2022 that was accepted by CoARC to have met or exceeded all accreditation standards for the year. The program</p>

Program	Status
Respiratory Care (continued)	<p>continues to meet CoARC's high academic standards.</p> <p>YSU has increased capacity of the BSRC entry into practice program, placing initial cohort enrollment at 25 allowable students per cohort to enter, which is maximum for classroom capacity, clinical rotation sites, and accreditation standards.</p>
Social Work Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)	<p>At its February 2021 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation (COA) voted to reaffirm accreditation for eight years, ending in October 2027 due to a one-meeting deferment.</p> <p>The BSW program requested permission from CSWE to offer the program fully online (virtual synchronous). The request for online delivery status was submitted December 2022 and approved by email notification on May 19, 2023, with a formal approval notice forthcoming.</p> <p>The BSW and MSW programs are scheduled for re-accreditation assessment in 2027.</p>
Theatre National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST)	<p>Due to cuts in the number of tenure-track faculty and ongoing staffing issues, the Dana School of Music and University Theatre officially resigned its NAST accreditation effective May 3, 2018, and will not seek reaccreditation until these issues have been resolved. Additional faculty reduction preceding the 2021-2022 academic year has further delayed the program's ability to reapply for specialized accreditation.</p>
World Languages and Cultures American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Recognition for Italian Education and Spanish Education	<p>The appropriate accrediting bodies were notified that the Italian Education and Spanish Education programs have been deactivated.</p>

Update on Assessment of Student Learning

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

Assessment of Student Learning Activities

- **Academic Assessment:** Academic programs engage in assessment reporting on a five-year cycle through an Assessment Plan, Assessment Update, or a Cycle Reflection. Programs identified for sunset with enrolled students completed a shortened Teach Out Update. In 2023-2024, 79% of academic programs submitted annual assessment reports. This is a submission rate increase from last year (75% in 2022). Reports and feedback are accessible via the Taskstream AMS system. For 2023-2024, reports will be due on October 31, 2024. Information and training materials will be sent to program assessment coordinators, chairs, and deans in early September.
- **Co-Curricular Assessment:** Co-curricular programs continue to engage at high levels with student learning assessment. Reports were due at the end of June 2024. As of August 2024, 71% of co-curricular programs have submitted assessment reports, with the rest of the programs requesting an extension through the end of the summer. Peer review feedback groups will be utilized to discuss submissions and provide feedback on assessment processes during September 2024.

Current Student Data Collection

- **Noel Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory:** ITL will administer the Noel Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory and Adult Student Priorities Survey in Spring 2025. Additionally, ITL plans to administer the Priorities Survey for Online Learners to capture satisfaction and priorities of YSU's growing online student population.

Program Accreditation Dashboard

Program Accreditation	Status Notes
<p style="text-align: center;"> Art Athletic Training Business Chemistry Counseling Dental Hygiene Dietetics Education Engineering Engineering Technology Exercise Science Long-Term Care Administration Medical Laboratory Technology Medical Laboratory Science Music Nursing Physical Therapy Public Health (Graduate) Respiratory Care Social Work </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Good Standing Good Standing Good Standing Good Standing Good Standing Good Standing Good Standing Good Standing Good Standing Good Standing Good Standing Good Standing Good Standing Good Standing Good Standing Good Standing Good Standing Good Standing Good Standing Good Standing </p>
World Languages and Cultures	Accreditation Being Deactivated
Theatre	Accreditation Resigned
<p style="text-align: center;"> Forensic Science Computer Science </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Application for Accreditation is Pending Application for Accreditation is Pending </p>

Key:

Full accreditation / No sanctions or required reporting / No cited staffing issues
Current sanctions or reporting / Potential staffing issues / Action may be necessary
Action taken by accrediting body
Potential to seek accreditation

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2024

1. Undergraduate Program Development:

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

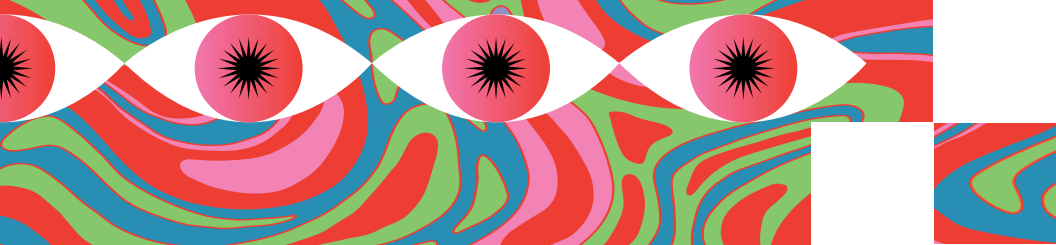
Since the last set of YSU Board of Trustees meetings, the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) has approved the following undergraduate program changes:

- The following associate degrees were approved by ODHE:
 - **Associate of Applied Science in Machining**
 - **Associate of Applied Science in Radiologic Technology**
 - **Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Therapy**
 - **Associate of Arts in Teacher Education**
 - **Associate of Applied Science in Welding**
- The following certificates were approved by ODHE and the Higher Learning Commission (HLC):
 - **Certificate in Medical Assistant**
 - **Certificate in Dental Assisting**
- The following minor name changes were approved by Academic Senate:
 - **Minor in Integrated Technologies** is now **Minor in Information Technology**
 - **Minor in Loss Prevention and Assets Protection** is now **Minor in Security Studies**
 - **Minor in Criminal Justice** is now **Minor in Corrections**

2. Graduate Program Development:

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

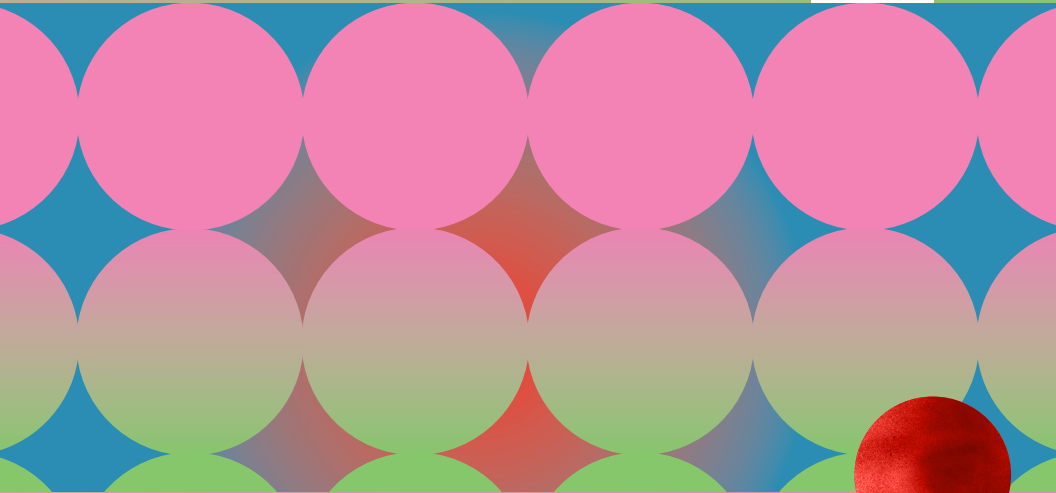
- A request to discontinue the **MFA in Creative Writing** has been drafted and is awaiting campus approval.
- A request to discontinue the **Master of Accountancy** has been drafted and is awaiting campus approval.
- A request to discontinue the **MSN Nurse Anesthetist option** has been drafted and is awaiting campus approval.



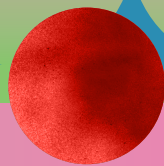
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**EMBRACE
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



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August 26–August 30

WELCOME WEEK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS!

Make the most of your first week on campus! Enjoy these great events all week long as we celebrate decades past and get you ready to create your own era at YSU! Student Activities and departments all over campus have planned a fun start to the semester before you get too busy with classes.

First-Year Student Services Color Challenge



The Color Challenge is an exciting initiative by First-Year Student Services to encourage first-year student involvement through various campus activities. Students are grouped into color teams during IGNITE in August and can earn points by attending different campus events. A QR code check-in process at each event tracks participation, and the team with the most points at the end of the semester wins a prize! Keep an eye out for the Color Challenge logo in these Student Event emails to find out which events count towards earning points!

Thursday, August 22



IGNITE

3:00pm–7:00pm | Campus Core

Incoming first-year students, get ready for IGNITE! This daylong celebration will offer fun activities, live entertainment, opportunities to meet fellow students, and a chance to learn more about university life!

PNC Mobile Banking Unit on Campus (during IGNITE)

9:00am–7:00pm | Campus Core

As the official banking partner of YSU, PNC Bank will be providing a mobile bank on campus during IGNITE in front of the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center. The following services will be provided:

- In Person Account Opening
- Teller Deposits
- In Person Account Servicing
- ATM Services

Friday, August 23

Class Find Tours

9:00am - 4:00 pm | The Cove

Need help finding your classes? Join us for Class Find Tours, where IGNITE Ambassadors will assist you in locating your classroom buildings across campus. This is a great way to familiarize yourself with the campus and ensure you're ready for the first day of classes!



Monday, August 26

1970s TRIBUTE!

Welcome & Information Tents



7:30am–5:00pm | Daniel H. Becker Family Fountain Commons, Outside Debartolo Hall, Outside Maag Library

Welcome back to YSU! Whether it's your first year or you're returning, we are here to help. Stop by our tent if you can't find a building, are lost on the way to class, or just need anything! First Year Student Services staff will be available throughout the day to help out with anything you need. *Sponsored by First Year Student Services*

Ohio Innocence Project at YSU

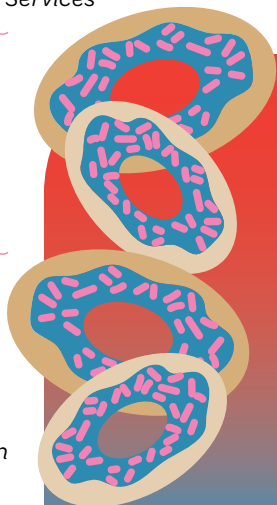
8:00am– 4:00pm (All Week, Monday through Friday) | Outside Kilcawley Center, Facing Campus Core

Each day you can see an interactive slideshow and try to win some prizes. There will be a GRAND PRIZE given out at the end of Welcome Week. *Sponsored by Ohio Innocence Project at YSU*

Donuts and Coffee with Student Government Association

9:00am–11:00am | Outside Kilcawley Center, Facing Campus Core (Rain Location: Lower Arcade, Kilcawley Center)

Talk with Student Government representatives over some free donuts and coffee. *Sponsored by Student Government Association*





Monday, August 26

Embrace Your Era with Maag

11:00am–2:00pm | Maag Library North Entrance/Lobby (Rain Location: Maag Lobby)

Make your own Swiftie or Pete beaded bracelet, play Plinko to win prizes, grab a give-a-way, enjoy popcorn and Popsicles, come mingle and play corn hole. *Sponsored by Maag Library*

Groove Fest

11:00am–2:00pm | Daniel H. Becker Family Fountain Commons (Rain Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center)

Step back in time at our groovy 70s-themed student mixer! Channel your inner hippie and create your own flower crown, enjoy tie-dye crafts, and mingle with new friends. Find out how well you know your old friends in “The Friending Game.” Indulge in nostalgic snacks like ice cream, Tang, and Kool-Aid. *Sponsored by Student Activities*

Tie Dye Trail Mix

11:00am–2:00pm | Daniel H. Becker Family Fountain Commons (Rain Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center)

Discover the colorful world of tie-dye and the tasty joy of trail mix at our free event! Join us for a hands-on experience. Create vibrant, tasty, tie-dye treats. Unleash your creativity and satisfy your snack cravings—all in one fun-filled 70s party! *Sponsored by YSU Eats (YSU Dining by Chartwells)*

Student Government Body Meeting (Open to the Public)

4:00pm–5:00pm | Rossi Room, Kilcawley Center

Come watch Student Government’s first body meeting! Representative spots are open, so please swing by and see what we do! *Sponsored by Student Government Association*



Tuesday, August 27 1980s
TRIBUTE!

Welcome & Information Tents

**7:30am-5:00pm | Daniel H. Becker Family Fountain Commons,
Outside Debartolo Hall, Outside Maag Library**

Welcome back to YSU! Whether it's your first year or you're returning, we are here to help. Stop by our tent if you can't find a building, are lost on the way to class, or just need anything! First Year Student Services staff will be available throughout the day to help out with anything you need. *Sponsored by First Year Student Services*



Student Organization Fair



**10:00am-2:00pm | Campus Core (Rain Location:
Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center)**

Get stoked about being involved on campus! Don't miss out on the gnarly student organization fair! Swing by campus core to chat with totally tubular representatives from our student groups. *Sponsored by Student Activities*

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Learning | Leading | Serving Welcome Back Open House

**12:00pm-2:00pm | Front Lawn, Fok Hall & Office of Community
Engagement (2nd Floor, Melnick Hall) (Rain Location: Fok Hall,
First Floor Classroom)**

Stop by Fok and Melnick Halls to meet the people from the Sokolov Honors College, Office of Community Engagement, and Tressel Institute for Leadership and Teamwork. A limited number of giveaway items will be distributed while supplies last. *Sponsored by Sokolov Honors College*

Tech Talk: YSU IT Resources for Incoming Students

1:00pm-2:00pm | Rossi Room, Kilcawley Center

Learn about YSU IT resources for students! We will discuss the Penguin Portal, Blackboard, and the Microsoft 365 suite which includes your OneDrive. *Sponsored by IT Training Services*



Wednesday, August 28

1990s TRIBUTE!

Event: Dance Party

10:00am–2:00pm | Presidents Suite, Kilcawley Center

Come join YSU's Dance Marathon Program, Guinathon in a Just Dance competition. Two individuals compete and whoever scores the highest is the winner of our grand prize! We will all dance for the kids who cannot!

Sponsored by Guinathon

STEM SPS Welcome Week Table

10:30am–1:00pm | Outside of Moser Hall, near the front entrance (Rain Location: Moser Hall Lobby)

STEM Student Professional Services provides academic, career and financial resources. Stop by to meet our staff and learn how our office can support your academic and career goals. Games and goodies will also be available!

Sponsored by STEM Student Professional Services

ACE Union Welcomes You Back to Campus

11:00am–1:00pm | Outside Near Tod Hall and the President Jones Statue

Employees in the ACE union work in all areas of campus and would like to welcome students, faculty, staff, and administration to the new academic year with a sugar cookie giveaway. We work to support students and want to show them what a great place they've chosen to receive their higher education! *Sponsored by ACE Union*

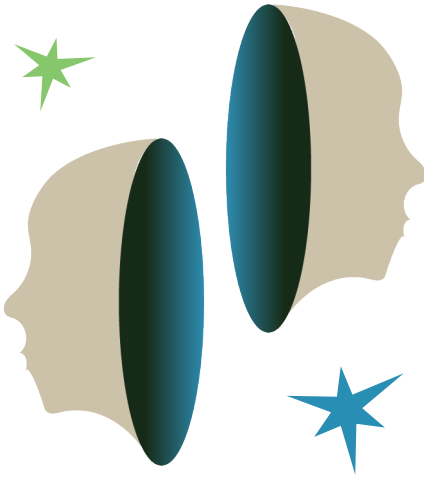
Block Party: 90s Rewind



11:00am–2:00pm | Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

Celebrate all things '90s at the Block Party! Learn about rad campus services, enjoy nostalgic bites at our mac and cheese bar, and register to score some big prizes. Party like you're in the club with our dance floor and sick beats from our DJ. Discover trivia that'll make you feel like you're back in the era of slap bracelets and Tamagotchis! *Sponsored by Student Activities*





Office of Veterans Affairs Welcome Week Cookout

11:00am–2:00pm | Carl A. Nunziato Veterans Resource Center

Student Veterans as well as dependents of Veterans are welcome to attend a picnic at the Carl A. Nunziato Veterans Resource Center to enjoy a hamburger, hotdog, and other picnic-style food and refreshments. Meet your fellow military-connected students and ask questions about potential education benefits.

Sponsored by the Office of Veterans Affairs

Welcome Week Planner Palooza

2:00pm–4:00pm | Daniel H. Becker Family Fountain Commons (Rain Location: Kilcawley Center Overhang)

Dive into creativity with friends! Join us for a planner decorating event. Bring your planner and decorate it with stickers, washi tape, and more. Express yourself while staying organized! Kick off the semester with style! Planners available while supplies last. *Sponsored by Tressel Institute for Leadership and Teamwork*

Meet the Greeks

6:00pm–8:30pm | Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

Learn about what fraternities and sororities do on a daily basis and meet the chapters. Our members hold leadership positions in numerous student organizations and carry out top philanthropy efforts annually. We are confident you can find a home within Greek Life and ensure a true Penguin Experience. *Sponsored by Student Activities*

Thursday, August 29 *2000s
Tribute!*

Puppy Palooza

10:00am–2:00pm | Grassy Area Outside Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center (Rain Location: Basketball Courts, Campus Rec)

To kick off the start of the semester, come play with adoptable puppies! Donations will be accepted for the shelter at the event! *Sponsored by Campus Recreation*

Build a Penguin Lottery

10:00am–12:00pm | Follow @ysu_penguin_experience on Instagram to find out the location.

Follow @ysu_penguin_experience on Instagram to get the link to enter. This is your chance to be randomly selected with a limited number of students guaranteed to build a stuffed penguin! Winners receive a private link to sign up for their Thursday time slot to enter the “build a penguin factory.” This event is exclusively for current YSU students. You must present your YSU ID to claim your penguin. One penguin per student. You must be present at the event to stuff a penguin. *Sponsored by Student Activities*

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Get the Scoop on Success!

**11:00am–2:00pm (or when the ice cream runs out)
Outside the Academic Success Center, Under the Kilcawley Overhang (Rain Location: Resch Academic Success Center)**

Do you like free ice cream? The Resch Academic Success Center will be hosting an ice cream social and open house. Stop by the ASC for ice cream, prizes, and a chance to learn more about what services we can provide you to help you find success on campus! *Sponsored by the Resch Academic Success Center*



Penguin Flip with the PSC (Penguin Service Center)

11:00am-12:30pm | Outside Meshel Hall, Near the Entrance to the Stavich Family Walking Bridge (Rain Location: Meshel Hall, Near the Entrance on the Bridge)

Come meet the Penguin Service Center and play Penguin Flip! Start your Penguin Era off right by winning prizes and learning about all the PSC has to offer! *Sponsored by the Penguin Service Center*

Build a Penguin Walk Up

12:00pm until they're gone!
Follow @ysu_penguin_experience on Instagram to find out the location.

Build a penguin so fluffy! We're offering a limited number of 150 adorable penguins available for walk-ups starting at 12pm. This event is exclusively for current YSU students. You must present your YSU ID to claim your penguin. One penguin per student. You must be present at the event to stuff a penguin. And guess what? We've got more fun in store! While you're there, enjoy playing outdoor games and maybe even create some chalk art. It's going to be a waddle-tastic time! *Sponsored by Student Activities*

YSU Penguin Pulse Volunteer Fair

1:00pm-3:00pm | Rossi Room, Kilcawley Center
Join the Office of Community Engagement for our annual YSU PenguinPulse Volunteer Fair. Students, faculty, and staff can register for the event on YSU PenguinPulse. YSU PenguinPulse is the university's online platform for tracking community engagement and connecting with local community partners. Here's the perfect chance to find different volunteer events, network with organizations, and discover service opportunities. *Sponsored by Sokolov Honors College*

Open High Ropes Course

4:30pm-6:30pm | Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center

Ready for an adrenaline rush? Gather your friends and experience our open high ropes course! *Sponsored by Campus Rec*

Friday, August 30

**2010S
TRIBUTE!**

Y-Day Friday Kickoff

Calling all students, faculty and staff! Show your Penguin pride by wearing YSU gear every Friday. Share pictures of friends and colleagues each week on Instagram tagging @ysu_penguin_experience for a chance to win even more YSU swag throughout the semester. *Sponsored by Student Activities*

YSU Day

11:00am–2:00pm | Daniel H. Becker Family Fountain Commons (Rain Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center)

YSU Day commemorates the day we became part of the Ohio state school system. Join us to explore YSU's history with Maag Library experts! Show your YSU spirit by painting the rock, test your knowledge with trivia questions, grab a sweet treat, and snag some YSU swag. Plus, don't miss the YSU Marching Pride performance! *Sponsored by Student Activities*

YSU Eats—Spin the Prize Wheel!

11:00am–2:00pm | Daniel H. Becker Family Fountain Commons (Rain Location: Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center)

Spin to win at our free Prize Wheel! Join the excitement as every spin offers a chance to score awesome prizes and surprises. Grab a friend for a thrilling day of games and giveaways—don't miss out on this spin-tastic opportunity! *Sponsored by YSU Eats*

Fraternity/Sorority Info Fair

11:00am–1:00pm | Outside Kilcawley Center, Facing Campus Core

Looking for ways to get involved on campus that include community service and leadership opportunities? Talk with representatives from our fraternities and sororities. Take a walk through the fair and decide if you want to go through the recruitment process! *Sponsored by Student Activities*



Scavenger Hunt

3:00pm-5:00pm | The Cove, Kilcawley West

Get your team of 4 together and join our thrilling campus-wide scavenger hunt for a chance to win epic prizes! Dive into the 2010s with challenges and items from your childhood, snap selfies with iconic YSU landmarks, and race across campus to

check off everything on your list. Scan to register your team. Compete for a chance to win one of these prizes:

- Stanley Quencher Stainless Steel 30-ounce Tumbler
- Eddie Bauer Penguin Blanket
- Big Emperor Penguin Stuffed Animal

Sponsored by Student Activities



Thursday, September 5

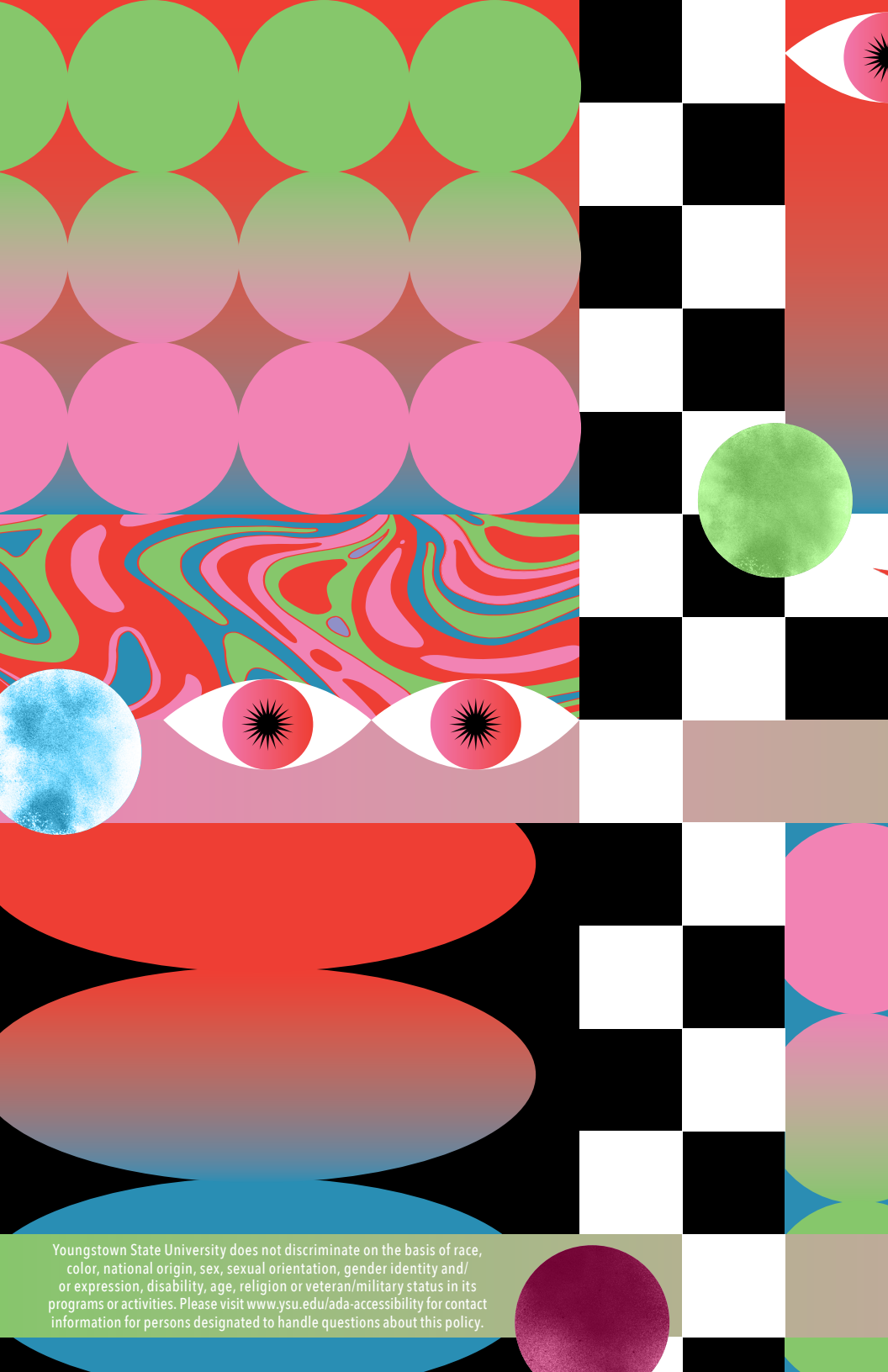
Harvest Hangout

4:00pm-7:00pm | Grassy Area Outside Andrews

Recreation and Wellness Center (Rain Location Rec

Basketball Courts)

Join us for an evening full of fall festivities to kickoff the semester! *Sponsored by Campus Rec, Housing & Residence Life, & Student Activities*



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