



**YOUNGSTOWN  
STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
INSTITUTIONAL ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Molly S. Seals, Chair  
Michael A. Peterson, Vice Chair  
All Trustees are Members**

**BACKGROUND MATERIALS  
December 5, 2018**

- |   |              |
|---|--------------|
| <b>1. Alumni and Events Calendar</b>                          | <b>Tab 1</b> |
| <b>2. Marketing Communications Campus News of Note</b>        | <b>Tab 2</b> |
| <b>3. WYSU: YSU's Regional Ambassador: Reach and Services</b> | <b>Tab 3</b> |

**TO:** YSU Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** The Office of Alumni Engagement and University Events  
**DATE:** November 2018  
**SUBJECT:** **Alumni Engagement and University Events 2018 - 2019 Events**

---

*The calendar below lists all scheduled events that involve local alumni, alumni in chapters across the country, Pete's Pride volunteers and campus and community events that are produced or assisted by Alumni Engagement or University Events. For questions or more information on any of these events, please call 330-941-2136.*

**Sunday, December 16**

**Purpose:** Celebrate academic achievement of YSU graduates  
**Place:** Beeghly Center  
**Time:** 2:00 pm  
**Contact:** Jackie LeViseur – 330-941-2136 or [jmlevisueur@ysu.edu](mailto:jmlevisueur@ysu.edu)

**Fall Commencement**

**Tuesday, December 18**

**Purpose:** Support YSU athletes and cultivate alumni relationships  
**Place:** The Schottenstein Center  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Contact:** Heather Belgin – 330-941-1591 or [habelgin@ysu.edu](mailto:habelgin@ysu.edu)

**Columbus Alumni Chapter at YSU vs. OSU Men's Basketball Game**

**Saturday, January 26**

**Purpose:** Showcase the success of Department of Art Alumni through this juried exhibition  
**Place:** John J. McDonough Museum of Art  
**Time:** 5:00 to 7:00 pm  
**Contact:** Catherine Cala – 330-941-2752 or [cacala@ysu.edu](mailto:cacala@ysu.edu)

**2019 Alumni Exhibition – Opening Reception**

**Tuesday, February 5**

**Purpose:** Provide YSU updates and cultivate alumni relationships  
**Place:** 15<sup>th</sup> Street Fisheries, Ft. Lauderdale  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Contact:** Heather Belgin – 330-941-1591 or [habelgin@ysu.edu](mailto:habelgin@ysu.edu)

**South Florida Alumni Chapter Reception**

**Thursday, February 7**

**Purpose:** Provide YSU updates and cultivate alumni relationships  
**Place:** McCormick & Schmick's, National Harbor (Maryland)  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Contact:** Heather Belgin – 330-941-1591 or [habelgin@ysu.edu](mailto:habelgin@ysu.edu)

**Washington D.C. Alumni Chapter Reception**

**Sunday, February 10**

Purpose:

Place:

Time:

Contact:

**Youngstown Day in Sarasota**

Celebrate Youngstown and YSU

Hyatt Sarasota

11:00 am

Shannon Tirone – 330-941-3732 or [stirone@ysu.edu](mailto:stirone@ysu.edu)

**Tuesday, March 19**

Place:

Time:

Contact:

**Skeggs presents Nancy Grace and Dan Abrams**

Stambaugh Auditorium

4:00 pm informal Q&A with students

6:00 pm VIP reception

7:00 pm lecture with Q&A

8:00 pm book signing

Jackie LeViseur – 330-941-2136 or [jmlevisur@ysu.edu](mailto:jmlevisur@ysu.edu)

**Thursday, March 21  
to Saturday, March 23**

Purpose:

Place:

Time:

Contact:

**Carnegie Hall Bus Trip and Live Performance**

Dana School of Music 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

New York City, Carnegie Hall

Depart from Youngstown on Thursday; concert on Friday;  
return on Saturday

Catherine Cala – 330-941-2752 or [cacala@ysu.edu](mailto:cacala@ysu.edu)

**Tuesday, March 26**

Place:

Time:

Contact:

**Thomas Colloquium presents Eddie George**

Stambaugh Auditorium

5:30 pm dinner; 7:00 pm lecture

Jackie LeViseur – 330-941-2136 or [jmlevisur@ysu.edu](mailto:jmlevisur@ysu.edu)

**Thursday, April 4**

Purpose:

Place:

Time:

Contact:

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for the Department of  
Counseling**

Recognize 50-year milestone and present alumni awards.

Chestnut Room

TBD

Catherine Cala – 330-941-2752 or [cacala@ysu.edu](mailto:cacala@ysu.edu)

**Friday, April 5**

Purpose:

Place:

Time:

Contact:

**International Studies Program Awards Dinner**

Recognize alumni and faculty whose contributions of  
programming and philanthropy have benefited  
international students and programs

TBD

5:00 pm

Catherine Cala – 330-941-2752 or [cacala@ysu.edu](mailto:cacala@ysu.edu)

**Saturday, May 11**

Purpose:

Place:

Time:

Contact:

**Spring Commencement**

Celebrate academic achievement of YSU graduates.

Beeghly Center

9:30 am

2:30 pm

Jackie LeViseur – 330-941-2136 or [jmlevisueur@ysu.edu](mailto:jmlevisueur@ysu.edu)

**Saturday, June 1**

Purpose:

Place:

Time:

Contact:

**Streetscape**

Community service and engagement on behalf of Pete's Pride

Downtown Youngstown

8:00 am

Heather Belgin – 330-941-1591 or [habelgin@ysu.edu](mailto:habelgin@ysu.edu)

**Friday, June 28**

Purpose:

Place:

Time:

Contact:

**YSU Night with the Scrappers**

Night out for alums and friends, picnic and enjoy the game

Eastwood field

TBD

Jackie LeViseur – 330-941-2136 or [jmlevisueur@ysu.edu](mailto:jmlevisueur@ysu.edu)

**Friday, July 5**

Place:

Time:

Contact:

**Skeggs Lecture Series presents Kevin Smith**

Stambaugh Auditorium

TBD

Jackie LeViseur – 330-941-2136 or [jmlevisueur@ysu.edu](mailto:jmlevisueur@ysu.edu)

**Wednesday, October 16**

Place:

Time:

Contact:

**Skeggs Lecture Series presents Martin Sheen**

Stambaugh Auditorium

6:00 pm private meet and greet

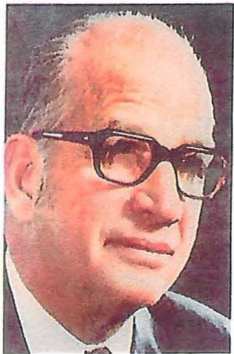
7:00 pm presentation

Jackie LeViseur – 330-941-2136 or [jmlevisueur@ysu.edu](mailto:jmlevisueur@ysu.edu)



**Jazz All-Stars**

**Sean Jones**, right, a native of Warren and an internationally-acclaimed trumpeter, was among several graduates of the YSU Dana School of Music to perform at the school's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert at the DeYor Performing Arts Center this fall. Jones, a 2000 Dana alum, is a member of the SFJazz Collective, artistic director of Carnegie Hall's NYO Jazz and the new Chair of Jazz Studies at the Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins University. The concert was one of several events Dana is hosting this academic year in recognition of the school's sesquicentennial.



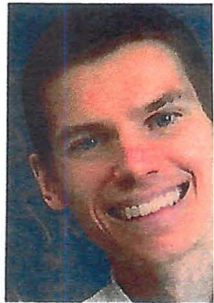
**Economics chair**

The daughters of successful late Mahoning Valley businessman **Paul J. Thomas**, pictured left, have donated \$1.5 million to establish a full professor faculty chair position in Economics in honor of their father. Gwen and Janet Thomas, and their spouses, Thomas Watson and Robert Shanklin, were recognized at a news conference where the gift and the new Paul J. Thomas Chair in Economics were unveiled.

**Actuary chair**

**Thomas Wakefield**, right, professor and chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, has been named the first Medical Mutual of Ohio Endowed Professor of Actuarial Science. Medical Mutual established the professorship earlier this fall through a gift to the YSU "We See Tomorrow" fundraising campaign. "Dr. Wakefield's excellent scholarly record in

mathematics and actuarial science makes him eminently qualified to be the inaugural appointment for this prestigious position," said Wim Steelant, dean of the YSU College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.



**Study abroad honors**

Several YSU faculty members were recognized recently for their years of leadership in conducting study abroad experiences for students, including Ron Shaklee, professor and chair of Geography, who has led students on research trips to the Bahamas for three decades. The YSU Faculty Development Committee and the International Programs Office co-hosted the award ceremony. Last year alone, YSU offered a dozen faculty-led study abroad trips focusing on nursing, criminal justice, geology, service learning, global media communications, fashion merchandising and more. Honorees and their colleges were **Ron Shaklee, CLASS; Jeffrey Dick, STEM, Tom Delvaux, CLASS; Pamela Schuster, BCHHS; Matt O'Mansky, CLASS; Ray Beiersdorfer, STEM; Carl Johnston, STEM; Max Grubb, CCCAC; and Audrey Ellenwood, BCOE.**



**Facelift**

Engineering Technology students are playing a leading role in restoring an iconic Youngstown landmark - the Fifth Avenue grand staircase and front facade at historic Stambaugh Auditorium, left. Students in the Civil and Construction Engineering Technology program are working with professional consultants on the \$2.5 million project that will return the steps and façade to their original 1926 grandeur. "For our students, this provides an opportunity for a real-world experience working on an actual project, understanding the construction management process, as well as an appreciation for local history and the community," said Carol Lamb, professor and director of the YSU School of Engineering Technology.

**Winners**

Students in the Department of Communication took home awards for the top graduate and top undergraduate student papers at the 2018 Ohio

Communication Association conference. **Allison Centofanti** and **Kaija DiPillo**, graduate students in the Professional Communication master's degree program, won for their paper, "Perception, Team Roles, and Cohesion in Student Groups." The top undergraduate paper award went to **Jessica Cann, Sarah Demetruk, Joseph Anastasia** and **Christiana Savo** for their study, "So you think you can teach? A look into how negative evaluations impact university professors."



### Big grant

U.S. Rep. **Tim Ryan** was at America Makes last week to present a check for \$9 million for Phase Three of the project known as Maturation of Advanced Manufacturing for Low-cost Sustainment, or MAMLS. YSU, the Youngstown Business Incubator and M-7 Technologies are also part of the project, which focuses on using additive manufacturing to produce replacement parts for older Air Force aircraft. From the left are **Mike Hripko**, YSU associate vice president for External Affairs and Government Relations; Ryan; **Rob Gorham**, America Makes executive director; YBI CEO **Barb Ewing** and M7 Technologies CEO **Mike Garvey**.

### After-school award

For the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the YSU Center for Human Services Development has received federal funding to operate after-school programs in local school districts. This year, the Center received four 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grants totaling \$800,000 to provide programs in Campbell, Girard and Liberty schools. Students spanning from third grade to 12<sup>th</sup> get help with homework and participate in career and college activities at the programs in Campbell Memorial High School, Girard Junior-Senior High School, Girard Intermediate School and EJ Blott Elementary School in Liberty.

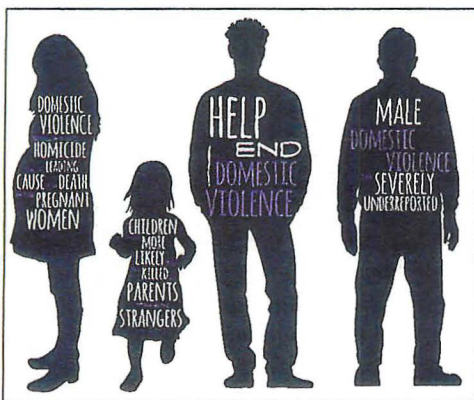
### Geeza a wee exhib

Artwork created by students who participated in a study abroad program in Glasgow, Scotland, over the summer was exhibited in October at the Judith Rae Solomon Gallery in Bliss Hall. The exhibit was titled *Geeza a wee exhib*, Glaswegian dialect for "give us a bit of an exhibition." Over the course of a month, the Art students, pictured right, worked at the Glasgow Print Studio, creating artwork alongside some of Great Britain's most prominent artists and master printers. Students also visited exhibitions, museums and significant landmarks throughout the region.



### IT savings

A new YSU computer replacement program is expected to save YSU \$254,000 and help keep the more than 4,000 computers on campus consistently updated. YSU has an inventory of 4,117 computers with an asset value of \$4.83 million. In the past, university computers were replaced as determined by each department. Under the new system, all computer purchases are procured centrally by YSU Information Technology Services on a 5- to 6-year replacement cycle.



### Domestic death

Life-sized silhouettes of 27 victims of homicide related to domestic violence were on display as part of an awareness event in the atrium of Cushwa Hall. The event was sponsored by the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services, the Melnick Medical Museum and the Office of Student Activities.

### 80 and counting

YSU's Press Day marked its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October with a variety of activities involving more than 25 journalists, media professionals and educators from across Northeast Ohio. More than 300 middle and high school students and advisers attended the event in Kilcawley Center. Press Day is presented by YSU's Anderson Program in Journalism in the Department of Communication.

### YESS rain garden

Students in the Youngstown Environmental Sustainability Society are renovating the rain garden on campus. Located adjacent to Coffelt Hall, the garden was constructed several years ago to decrease storm water runoff into the sewer system, said **Curtis Burns**, a YSU student and a member of YESS. Burns said storm water runoff from parking lots contains a variety of pollutants, including oil, gasoline, brake fluid, antifreeze, metals and sediment. "These pollutants get transported into the sewer system during rain events and eventually into the Mahoning river without being treated," he said.



## **WYSU: YSU's Regional Ambassador: Reach and Services**

---

- WYSU is one of YSU's most visible campus and community entities, reaching over 30,000 weekly listeners who spend 12 million hours annually with the station.
- As a charter NPR affiliate station, and as a fine arts, news, and entertainment broadcasting fixture of the region, WYSU will celebrate its 50th anniversary in October 2019.
- WYSU provides numerous life-long learning opportunities for YSU graduates and other members of the community through its news and information and fine arts music programs.
- WYSU brands itself as a service of YSU at least 225 times per week, a message which reaches far beyond YSU's traditional five county recruitment area.
- WYSU prioritizes the promotion of YSU concerts and lectures in its more than 40 on-air public service announcements each day, highlighting the achievements of YSU students, faculty and staff.
- WYSU is extending and expanding its relationship with the YSU Cliffe College of Creative Arts and Communications to create new opportunities for both.
- WYSU makes the Youngstown Radio Reading Service available to the region. The YRRC is a private nonprofit station serving the sight impaired in Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana, and Ashtabula Counties, as well as areas of western Pennsylvania.
- WYSU is a critical link in the Emergency Alert System, a state and national warning system.
- WYSU has its own Disaster Response Program, to assist YSU, Youngstown, and the region in the event of a widespread emergency.
- WYSU has expanded and enhanced its alternative audio services (streams, smartphone app) capable of reaching anyone in the world.
- WYSU provides 24/7 classical music on its second audio stream.
- WYSU records, produces and airs useful civic programming from the City Club of the Mahoning Valley on a regular basis.