



YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

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# *Commencement*



*Fall 2025*

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# PROGRAM

WELCOME .....William L. Johnson  
*President*

COLOR GUARD ..... The Youngstown State University Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps

NATIONAL ANTHEM.....

**Friday, December 12, 5:30 p.m.**

Antonio George

**Saturday, December 13, 10:00 a.m.**

Jéssyka Martins

**Saturday, December 13, 1:30 p.m.**

Michael Sheely

STUDENT REFLECTION.....

**Friday, December 12, 5:30 p.m.**

**Cole Alexander Burnett**

*Bachelor of Science*

*College of Science, Technology, Engineering and  
Mathematics*

**Saturday, December 13, 10:00 a.m.**

**Nathan Paul Johnson**

*Bachelor of Arts*

*Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Sciences and  
Education*

**Saturday, December 13, 1:30 p.m.**

**Ashley Rhea Perry**

*Bachelor of Science in Applied Science*

*Bitonte College of Health and Human Services*

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ..... President Johnson

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.....Jennifer Adams  
*Provost and Vice President Academic Affairs*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.....

**Friday, December 12, 5:30 p.m.**

**Tim Petrey**

*Williamson College of Business Administration  
and College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and  
Mathematics*

**Saturday, December 13, 10:00 a.m.**

**Sean Jones**

*Cliffe College of Creative Arts and Beeghly College of Liber-  
al Arts, Social Sciences and Education*

**Saturday, December 13, 1:30 p.m.**

**Carla Baldwin**

*Dr. Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health  
and Human Services*

REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES . . . . . Provost Adams

CONFERRING OF DEGREES . . . . . President Johnson

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES . . . . .

December 12, 5:30 p.m.

Christina Saenger, *Interim Dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration*

December 12, 5:30 p.m.

Wim Steelant, *Dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics*

December 13, 10:00 a.m.

Phyllis Paul, *Dean of the Cliffe College of Creative Arts*

December 13, 10:00 a.m.

Charles Howell, *Dean of the Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Sciences and Education*

December 13, 1:30 p.m.

Sara Michaliszyn, *Dean of the Dr. Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health and Human Services*

CLOSING REMARKS . . . . . President Johnson

ALMA MATER . . . . .

**Friday, December 12, 5:30 p.m.**

Antonio George

**Saturday, December 13, 10:00 a.m.**

Jéssyka Martins

**Saturday, December 13, 1:30 p.m.**

Michael Sheely

## RECESSIONAL

*The audience is asked to be seated after the singing of the Alma Mater and to remain seated during the Recessional.  
During this special ceremony, please be respectful of others and maintain a quiet atmosphere.*

*Closed Captioning:*

*There will be closed captioning available during the ceremony on the live stream on our YouTube channel.  
For those who have a smart phone or other smart device, a link will be provided on the **YSU home page**.*

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# CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE HONORS

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## Summa Cum Laude

Lucy E. Allen	Olivia Ellen Fizet	Aaron Patrick Myers
Loren Peri Alsdorf	Alaina Francis	Kamry J. Nipple
Serene Awad	Ian Francis	Talia Marie Peccon
Jacqueline Noel Baldwin	Michael David French	Ashley Rhea Perry
Emma Ann Barborak	Jared Michael Fullerman	Krista Marie Perry
Sophia Anne Barnhart	Marissa Christine Geiss	John Patrick Pfeffer
Brittney R. Bauer	Emanuel Nicholas Gingras	Michael Andrew Porter
Gregory Cole Baugher	Abigail Grace Gutowski	Mary Lou S. Puskar
Sophia Anne Blankenship	LeeAnn Shehan Harsha	Nadia Mohd Rawhneh
Owen J. Brady	Kara Marie Henderson	Andrea Erin Reilly
Madison Riley Brown	Tien Hoang	Kailey Marie Rodgers
Colin Scott Burdette	Jenna Maree Hollis	Crescenzo Karl Scheetz
Molly Burke	Zachary Stephen James	Hannah Elizabeth Schreiber
Cole Alexander Burnett	Hannah Nicole Ketchum	Cailor Slack
Katherine Jane Buttar	James Patrick Kover	Ashley Lauriana Stamper
Kayla M. Campbell	Ronald Joseph Lame	Jeffery Street
Lauren Carmella Canter	Carly M. Land	Emma Marie Strobe-Downs
Kaitlyn Ann Carsone	Titita Loudtragulngam	Hannah Renee Stuart
Aaron Bernard Cline	Madison Michelle Maciag	Kaiden William Sykes
Caitlyn Corbett	Emily Rose Martin	Bridget Ann Garovich Szabo
George Mike Corfias	Samuel Alexander Mastorides	Julia Alexis Szenborn
Alyssa Brooke Croyle	Kathryn M. Matasy	Justin Neal Thornsberry
Mason T. Culbertson	Madison Nicole Matthews	Madelyn Madison Toth
Julian Stephen Davis II	Alexander Celkirk McDonald IV	Lukas Michael Wain
Kennedy Shae Dean	Lainey M. Mercure	Katherine Morgan Wamsley
Emily Kristen Evans	Anthony John Micco	Elizabeth Noel Williams
Jenna Fallo	Isabella Sophia Milano	Katlyn Jean Williams
Alyssa Brooke Ferguson	Erin Margaret Morell	Katlyn Marie Wolf

## Magna Cum Laude

Emily Jean Adkins	Matthew Michael Biery	Ethan Alexander Coe
Cassandra Grace Aey	Elizabeth Caidence Brewer	Christina Corturillo
Tala Iyad Mohammed Edrees Alsharif	Olivia Joyce Cmil	Raymond Walter Countryman

Marli Marie Dearden  
Swarnima Dhungana  
Haley Michelle Donnadio  
Christopher Benjamin Dunn  
Samuel George Esposito  
Patrick H. Faloon  
Elizabeth Jean Ferraro  
Adam John Fisher  
Jaymison J. Frank  
Ethan Raymond Fuerst  
Kennedy Alexxis Fullum  
John William Gabriele  
Christopher James Gordon  
Hannah Lee Himes  
Patrick George Hubert  
Lauren Elizabeth Hurd  
Nathan Paul Johnson  
Tyler Matthew Johnson

Antonio William LaMonica  
Eduardo Las Casas Furtado Silveira  
Nathaniel John Lewins  
Kevin Masato Longstreth  
Julia Marko  
Alayna Nicole Martinez  
Grace Emmaline Mazur  
Lisa Marie Mercer  
Kristela Meta  
Connor Martin Murphy  
Christopher Joseph Myers  
Amy Christine Niles  
Areen Suleman Omesht  
Dom Joseph Pasquale  
Robert John Plizga Jr.  
Sarah Margaret Potkanowicz  
Ryan J. Pribulsky  
Richard Brian Reider

Antonio Gennaro Ricciardi  
Brielle Laurin Robinson  
Megan Elizabeth Rosko  
Lance Barnett Saling  
Andrew J. Seaman  
Biraj Shrestha  
Madhav Shrestha  
Anthony James Spear  
Anistyn Lynlie Steiner  
Anthony Toben Steiner  
Eliana Rose Topf  
Hannah Jane VanDyke  
Jordan Elizabeth Vannoy  
Brighid Karen Wagner  
Kayla Rose Weber  
Vanessa S. Welker  
Hugh Julius Yeckle

### **Cum Laude**

Dominic Michael Adams  
Batool Mohammad Alkarain  
Madison Rae Angelo  
Rochelle Barone-Maldonado  
Emma Michelle Battaglia  
Anastasia Alfina Belcher  
Alexander Paul Birtalan  
Zane Michael Burbick  
Kaitlin Mara Burich  
Joseph Edward Carlini  
Amirah Nyugen Chieu  
Carey Michelle Cirullo  
Xander Shane Conrad  
Patrick Anthony Copple  
Nathan Michael Cox  
Mara Ryleigh Crish  
Jessica E. D'Apolito  
Christopher Anthony Dambrogio  
Ian Andrew Davis  
Lindsey Mae DeArmitt

Kaitlyn Hope DeProfio  
Adrienne Lee Elliott  
Gavin L. Esposito  
Hailey Marie Esposito  
Paul Erland Evans  
Ella Elizabeth Feldmiller  
Isabelle Jordan Fisher  
Adrianna Emily Goehring  
Vanessa Abigail Greaves  
Christopher George Gulyas  
Meagan Marie Harnett  
Holly Elizabeth Hedge  
Teziah Asante Howard  
Nguyen Ngoc Tram Huynh  
Kodi Suzanne Kinsey  
Hayden Nicholas Kittle  
Katie Marie Knecht  
Sabrina R. Kollar  
Nicholas Paul Komara  
Alexis Madeline Kathleen Long

Lauren Nicole Mazzant  
Anthony Robert McCauley  
Elise Patricia McMaster  
Kaitlynn Elizabeth Mesaros  
Kylee Ann Miller  
Sophia Rose Miller  
Yair Jesus Morales Rivera  
Collin J. Naughton  
Colton Joseph Novak  
Natalia A. Novicky  
Justin Parker Nuskiewicz  
John Frank Ostapowicz II  
George K.A. Papadopoulos  
Michael A. Pastella  
Jackson Quinn Pepperney  
Lacey Annibelle Phillis  
Emily C. Reiter  
Cheyenne China Michelle Riddle  
Sarah Isabel Robles  
Tyler M. Roman

Niccolas R. Sabella  
Ryder Kristopher Saltsman  
Christopher Charles Sammarone  
Isha Saran'Djoula Sawaneh  
Jonathan S. Schmidt  
Washeq Ibn Alam Shafin  
Jonathan Hunter Shelton  
Jacob Aaron Shogren

Ella Marie Siembieda  
Ralph William Smith III  
Michael John Standliff  
Niko T. Stavrenos  
Declan Stephen Stitt  
Erin Mackenzie Straker  
Anthony G. Vigorito  
Renee Walters

Zachary Webb  
Victoria L. Weiss  
Kenneth Jarrelle Wherry  
Brooke Nicole Wilson  
Tessa Ann Workman  
Bailee Michal Yale  
Austin Brady Zeigler

### **With High Honors**

Victoria Joy Blakeman  
Chester Kelly Fitzpatrick  
Jordachea Ikea Guillory

Ayden J. Leon  
Christina Marie Miller  
Dana Nicole Morris

Sarah OBrien

### **With Honors**

Logan Hunter Agee  
Ayoub Ait Ben Laassel  
Kameryn Alexis Eckels

Bianka Rosa Gonzalez  
Kiara Quneitra Jones  
Kami Jo Socha

Juan A. Torres-Aviles

### **Highest Honors**

Lacey Aloisio  
Tierra Melissa Andrews  
Victoria Angel  
Logan Hunter Barlow  
Sarah Book  
Kristina Ann Bridgens  
Charles Joseph Brooks  
Amberdon B. Cline  
Melissa Czajkowski  
Kienan Donovan  
Weiheng Duan  
Kayleigh Ryan Gattuso  
Cheryl Gibson  
Abbigayle Carolyn Grace  
Kjersti Rochelle Grigg

Matthew Michael Hawkins  
Amy Headley  
Ngocthanh Vu Ho  
Emelda Ginika Ikeh  
Molly Jedel  
Adrianna Rose Kania  
Kristen Dawn Leslie  
Taylor Long  
Jacob M. Manning  
David J. Marino  
Jessica Marie Marosy  
Tasha Marraccini  
Kara Lee McMullen  
Blaine Elizabeth Miranda  
Natasha Noell Myers

Rochelle Lee Neel  
Nicole Jean Nosal  
Pamela Joanne Patton  
Tierra Mone't Reynolds  
Elizabeth Ann Rizzo  
Monzerrath Suhey Sandoval  
Caitlin Elizabeth Sinn  
Tiffany Marie Stecher  
Lea Rayne Stiner  
Tania Karen Stone  
Michael Tolin  
Kennedy Faith Wilbert  
Alexis Ayana Willis

### **Great Honors**

Shelbie Lynne Barbe  
Samantha Beasley  
LaToya Marie Bilal  
Sylvia Marie Chiappini

Brandi J. Ferrarini  
Kaitlyn Fuchs  
Owen Richard Gaffney  
Valeriy Gavriluk

Beatrice Gomez  
Nicholas John Goodwin  
Maggie Greve  
Rebeckah Madison Hines

Sherita Marie Holliman  
Ebony A. Jones  
Jessica Kennedy  
Soni Keshari

Roxanne Marie LaRocque  
Kylie Ann Lamm  
Kevin P. O'Malley  
Shiann Palmer

Jade Rose Polaski  
Kelly Rockow  
Jennifer Kelli Schwager  
Kabita Timalcina

### Honors

Kristen Christopher  
Felicia Tamica Davenport  
Justin Brandon Early

Erica Liane Patrice Harrison  
Andria V. Parks  
Anthony Salazar

Carol Jolene Skye  
Benjamin Tolble

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## SOKOLOV HONORS COLLEGE GRADUATES

Dominic Michael Adams  
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Ethan Raymond Fuerst  
Jared Michael Fullerman  
Marissa Christine Geiss  
Adrianna Emily Goehring  
Rayvin Elizabeth Carol Gorrell  
Justin Walker Hamilton  
Luther Gordon Jackson III  
Ronald Joseph Lame

Carly M. Land  
Ayden J. Leon  
Dante Michael Mangieri  
Emily Rose Martin  
Alayna Nicole Martinez  
Anthony Robert McCauley  
Anthony John Micco  
Isabella Sophia Milano  
Christopher Joseph Myers  
Delaney Panigall  
Talia Marie Peccon  
Lacey Annibelle Phillis  
Michael Andrew Porter  
Nadia Mohd Rawhneh  
Sarah Isabel Robles  
Kailey Marie Rodgers  
Crescenzo Karl Scheetz  
Samuel Paul Schimley-Sferra  
Tori Christine Shields  
Biraj Shrestha  
Ella Marie Siembieda  
Cailor Slack  
Eliana Rose Topf  
Madelyn Madison Toth



*Friday, December 12, 5:30 PM*

**Williamson College of Business Administration &  
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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



***TIM PETREY***

Tim Petrey is an innovative, purpose-driven executive with more than 15 years of leadership experience in public accounting, business advisory, and entrepreneurial ventures. As CEO of HD Growth Partners (formerly HD Davis CPAs), he has led the transformation of a traditional accounting firm into a national growth advisory platform recognized for modernizing firm culture, redefining the CPA model, and driving substantial expansion through strategic innovation and a people-first philosophy.

After graduating from Youngstown State University in 2009, Tim joined HD Davis CPAs. His exceptional leadership qualities and forward-thinking approach quickly propelled him to partnership by 2012, and he assumed the role of Managing Partner in 2015 following Harold Davis's retirement. Under Tim's visionary guidance, the firm has experienced extraordinary growth, expanding from 4 employees to now more than 90 professionals with team members across the US and abroad.

Tim's entrepreneurial spirit led him to found White Glove Payroll in 2017, a human capital management company with an entirely remote workforce that provides comprehensive full-service payroll to over 800 clients across more than 40 states.

A champion of workplace innovation, Tim has created collaborative office environments designed to foster connection and community among team members. His commitment to employee experience has earned the firm numerous prestigious recognitions, some of which include numerous placements by Accounting Today for Best Accounting Firms to Work for (Multi-year); Crain's Cleveland Best Employers in Ohio (Multi-year winner); Best Companies Group's America's Best Workplaces and America's Best Remote and Hybrid Workplaces (Multi-year).

Tim has earned recognition at both the state and national levels, including being named one of Ohio's 15 most powerful and influential leaders, listed among the Ohio 500's top executives, and selected to the Forbes Top 200 CPAs in 2024. He is a two-time recipient of CPA Practice Advisor's 40 Under 40 award, earned a Forbes Best-in-state honor in 2025, and was named Business Advocate of the Year by the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber. Tim is additionally honored as a member of the Association of Ohio Commodores.

Outside the office, Tim is grounded by his family—his wife Carla, their two sons, Nathan and Nolan, and their dog Izzy. He prioritizes time together and upholds an annual adventure tradition with his brother, a reminder of his belief in embracing life beyond business.

## STUDENT SPEAKER



### ***COLE ALEXANDER BURNETT***

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Cole Burnett, of Hartford, Ohio, is graduating summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. A proud member of the Sokolov Honors College, Burnett completed his degree in five semesters while conducting research in Dr. Michael Butcher's biomechanics lab and participating in the BaccMed program, preparing for medical school. He has contributed to the YSU community through athletics, serving on the YSU Women's Basketball practice squad, helping found the YSU Men's Basketball Club, and serving as president of the YSU Red Cross Club. Dedicated to service, Burnett has volunteered with Traditions Hospice as an in-home aid and at Akron Children's Hospital, providing compassionate support to patients and families. Following graduation, he will attend Northeast Ohio Medical University to pursue a career in medicine.

# WILLIAMSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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## Master of Business Administration

Marissa Nicole Adkins	Khala Cameron	Casey Lynn Fairbanks
Eugenia Adu	Jacob Christopher Carfolo	Gretchen Carlene Fathauer
Shahnza Ali	Vincent Carney	Kassandra Elizabeth Fedor
Shahzaib Ali	Adam Michael Carpenter	Matthew Jacob Ferree
Tahira Ali	Victoria Jane Carpenter	Trent Joseph Fletcher
Neil Amina	Blaine Michael Carter	Jessica Ann Fontana
Sarah Anderson	Elyse Marie Casalinova	Erica Rae Fouse
Pedro Jose Aneses	Chu S. Chang	Wendi Marie Fowler
Naz Atahan	Kaleigh Chretien	Larry James Francis, Jr.
David Francis Auerbeck, Jr.	Rachel Evelyn Chronister	Craig James Gailey
Shayla Danielle Barclay	Hailey Korrine Clark	Joseph Galaszewski
Kurt Brandon Barger	Kiara Clark	Nico S. Galette
Jennifer Barnett	Baily Jeffrey Clement	Alyssa Renee Garbinsky
Michael Joseph Basista	Noah Patrick Cline	Marissa Lee Gartland
Isaiah Batchelor	Morgan Elizabeth Coleman	Blanca Gatica
Brett Matthew Benjamin	Catherine Anne Connell	Kelly Gentile
Lisa Bennett	Caprice Antoinette Cornwell	Ty Allan Ghezzi
Luciana Berg	Kristen Marie Coyne	Michael Joseph Ginocchi
Samuel Anthony Bevilacqua	Daymian Ulysses Daniels, Jr.	Thomas Glusich III
Morgan Elizabeth Bischof	Curtis-Randall Dawn	Camille Celeste Go
Taylor Lynn Black	Darrice Evette Dean	Lucy Golden-Frayte
Jill Ellen Blind	Samuel Pierce DeCocker	Lucas Allen Gorby
Kristin Marie Borovicka	Stephanie DeLuca	Courtlyn Garlow Gorrell
Maria Colette Bova	Ryan Deskar	Michele Marie Greene
Timothy Brichetto	Michael Joseph DiPietro	Erik Greve
Jared Britt	Shelby Erin Dobrzynski	Tessa Elizabeth Gwartz
Lukas Buck	Ryan Dogan	Sydney Haberlein
Samantha Marie Buckley	Kyle Davis Donahue	Corine Hamper
Carla Burch	Nathaniel Dowell	Matthew David Harman
Jenna Rae Burns	Ashley Rae Dunn	MacKenzie Anne Harrington
Braxton Tyler Caldwell	Angela Marie Duskey	Isaac Cole Hauser
Dayna Janelle Calloway	Jamie Michael Entrikin	Olivia Marie Heaton

Jennifer Suzanne Heckaman  
 Tracy Hedrick  
 Shaneequa D. Henderson  
 Stephen James Henderson  
 Sydney Ellen Henderson  
 Patrick James Henry  
 Darby N. Hetrick  
 Noble Leo Hicks II  
 Annabelle Morgan Himes  
 Lisa Catherine Hird  
 David James Hood  
 Ashley D. Hopkins  
 Robert George Hudock, Jr.  
 Michael Alan Humphreys  
 Alec Jacob Hyde  
 Amanda Hyla  
 Kevin R. Intihar  
 Parker Kell Jacobs  
 Husam Basil Jebril  
 Aaron Jennings  
 Cesare W. Jennings, Jr.  
 Crystal Jennings  
 Lisa Marie Jewell  
 Andrew Johnson Sr.  
 Sophie Elizabeth Johnson  
 Ashley Jones  
 Braxton Alexander Jones  
 Jasson Chengetai Kabaira  
 Robert Wilson Kaiser  
 Rodrick R. Kaiser  
 Gregory Robert Kapel  
 Jonah Eugene Kirchner  
 Courtney Marina Koustis  
 Brooke Kozlowski  
 James Francis Kravec  
 Sarah I. Krebs  
 Alison Elizabeth Kulick  
 Monica Jude Kurjan  
 Jared John Laczko  
 Camryn Elaine Lattanzio

Kerri Leon  
 Anastasia Levitskaya  
 Mark Edward Liebenguth  
 Ly Tran Lim  
 Taylor Marie Lindquist  
 Chynna TyAnn Lites  
 Tracie Ellen Littell  
 Michael James Liviola  
 Taylor Marie Lutz  
 Malia Marie Magestro  
 Dayan L. Malave Marrero  
 Kayleigh Elizabeth Mallory  
 Shanon Faye Maple  
 Twana R. Martin  
 Cassie Martino  
 Joshua Matetic  
 Heather Kate McCowin  
 Karin McCullough  
 Jamie McDonough  
 Troy Allen McElwee, Jr.  
 Emily Noel McQuone  
 Christopher Edward Mediate  
 Jamie Mehaffey  
 Dylan Trey Melton  
 Brittany Morgan Mettler  
 Tyler Anthony Michael  
 Bruce Alan Minotti, Jr.  
 Cassandra Lynn Mitchell  
 Najah Dijanea Niegypt Morgan  
 Leslie Mullen  
 Ernesto G. Munoz, Jr.  
 Alexis Anne Murphy  
 Jay Musial  
 Lauren Elizabeth Nuttall  
 Tyler O'Dell  
 Bridget Kathleen O'Neill  
 Samantha Aubrey Ott  
 Yuvaraj Panguluri  
 Ashley Victoria Pawlowski  
 Margarita Pena

Ashley Brooke Perl  
 Nicholas Joseph Peskor  
 John Paul Picuri  
 Lee Powell  
 Maegan Elizabeth Powers  
 Rebekah Powers  
 Natalie Lynn Pratte  
 Lisa Price  
 Sydney Christine Ragaglia  
 Griffin S. Rath  
 Spencer Norman Ravagnani  
 Matthew Reardon  
 Michael Ryan Rendziniak  
 Louis Rescino  
 Christina Louise Rhodes  
 Trevor Riley  
 Robert Rohrer  
 Miguel Andres Rojas  
 Mason R. Rozycki  
 William Andrew Sadler  
 Steve Salvatore  
 Jacob R. Saunders  
 Michael Constantine Savopoulos  
 Casey Vincent Schade  
 Jacob Schwab  
 Kassandra Scott  
 Heather Marie Sedlacek  
 Valese Severe  
 Binnaz Shaik  
 Kimberly Sidener  
 Carly Renee Siefker  
 Charles Paul Sines  
 Elena Marie Slemmons  
 Joseph M. Smaldino  
 Ashley Ulyssa Smith  
 Joshua Caleb Smith  
 Mitchell E. Snowden  
 Dawn Renee Baltes Spurlock  
 Shelby Michaela-Renee Spurlock  
 Natalie Marie Stewart

Michael Strange  
 Ian Fitzgerald Strapp  
 Liam Power Sullivan  
 Sarah Mary Swinick  
 Jaclyn Nicole Taylor  
 Jonalyn Nikole Telesz  
 Brian J. Terlesky  
 Dakota Thill  
 Marcus J. Townsend  
 Scott Tracey  
 Amanda V. Trinckes  
 Adam Christopher Trocchio  
 Tanner Stephen Tsvetkoff

Bethanne Marie Tuel  
 Kevin S. Turner, Jr.  
 Jerome Jeffrey Tylicki  
 Ernest Urbanowicz  
 Kayla Antoinette Eleanor Vacha  
 Raymond Vellky  
 Joseph P. Verbosky  
 Daniel Charles Vernon  
 Jessica Marie Victor  
 McKenzie Catherine-Anne  
 Wadlington  
 Jerrica Lynn Walker  
 William Douglas Wallace

Rachel Ann Wallenhorst  
 Nathaniel James Walters  
 Colleen Marie Warren  
 Reese Jonathan Watkins  
 Bilal Ali Wekhyan  
 Kevin Alec Wenceslao  
 Elizabeth Ryanne Westfall  
 Tyler Anthony White  
 Cheryl Woodard-Harris  
 Sharon Yauger  
 Jeanette Ziegler  
 Chad Zipfel  
 Julia Anna Zwyth

## Master of Science

Nhu Hoang Chan Dang

Yaw Anogyei Dapaa

### Bachelor of Arts

Tala Iyad Mohammed Edrees Alsharif  
 Khiree L. Gregory  
 Abigail Grace Gutowski  
 Teziah Asante Howard  
 Anthony Joseph Mortaro IV  
 Marissa Ann Oberstar  
 Aicha Ayeborboh Sawaneh  
 Brooklynn Alexis Williamson

### Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Russell Jon Adair III  
 Emily Jean Adkins  
 Cassandra Grace Aey  
 Bader Khaled Alhameed  
 Batool Mohammad Alkarain  
 Garrett Dean Bailey  
 Jacqueline Noel Baldwin  
 Shelby Lynne Barbe

Gregory Cole Baugher  
 James Giovanni Bertrando  
 Sophia Anne Blankenship  
 Karlie J. Brenner  
 Elizabeth Caidence Brewer  
 Colin Scott Burdette  
 Katherine Jane Buttar  
 Lauren Carmella Canter  
 Trenton Childers  
 Olivia Joyce Cmil  
 Christian Tyler Colosimo  
 Patrick Anthony Copple  
 Bryanna Elizabeth Corll  
 Brayden J. Coxson  
 Alyssa Brooke Croyle  
 James Vincent DeLisio  
 Kennedy Shae Dean  
 Giovanni Iey Constantine DiNardo  
 Gregory Michael Dickson  
 Samantha Marie Dietrick  
 Samantha Isabel Dodson

Kienan Donovan  
 Antoinette Elizabeth Dota  
 Michael Eddy  
 Hailey Marie Esposito  
 Jenna Fallo  
 Patrick H. Faloon  
 Mateo Daniel Fenn  
 Taylor Nicole Fenselon  
 Elizabeth Jean Ferraro  
 Jaedon Wayne Finley  
 Blaine Alan Flack  
 Alaina Francis  
 Ian Francis  
 Kaylee Ayn Freeman  
 Brady William French  
 Michael David French  
 Jared Michael Fullerman  
 Garrett Richard Gaca  
 Marissa Christine Geiss  
 Leah Arliss Gerstnecker  
 Emanuel Nicholas Gingras

Andrew John Glenellen  
Cole Goodman  
Christopher James Gordon  
Christopher George Gulyas  
LeeAnn Shehan Harsha  
Brady Scott Harter  
Daniel Edward Henry, Jr.  
Kyndall Elise Hindman  
Dayne Patrick Hodge  
David William Hoover  
Lauren Elizabeth Hurd  
Nguyen Ngoc Tram Huynh  
Tyler Matthew Johnson  
Kodi Suzanne Kinsey  
Brooke A. Kirila  
Kelsey E. Kovacs  
James Patrick Kover  
Natalia P. Kresic  
Ronald Joseph Lame  
Carly M. Land  
Eduardo Las Casas Furtado Silveira  
Beth A. Leader  
Desmeal Evelyn Leigh  
Nathaniel John Lewins  
Taylor Marie Lloyd  
Nicolino Anthony Mascarella  
Anthony Robert McCauley  
Joshua Adam McCleery  
Alexander Celkirk McDonald IV  
Lainey M. Mercure  
Brandon J. Mikos  
Isabella Sophia Milano  
Natasha Anne Miller  
Sophia Rose Miller  
Yair Jesus Morales Rivera  
Lexi Olivia Morgan

Avery Shalamar Moss  
Omondre Rasheed Muhammad  
Tyler Michael Murphy  
Aaron Patrick Myers  
Christopher Joseph Myers  
Kamry J. Nipple  
Justin Parker Nuskiewicz  
George K.A. Papadopoulos  
Michael A. Pastella  
Talia Marie Peccon  
Jackson Quinn Pepperney  
Krista Marie Perry  
Michael Joseph Perry, Jr.  
John Patrick Pfeffer  
Zachary Daniel Pipala  
Michael Andrew Porter  
Ryan J. Pribulsky  
William Thomas Rassat  
Brielle Laurin Robinson  
Megan Elizabeth Rosko  
Luke Michael Rubin  
Jenna Marie Sajnovsky  
Ryder Kristopher Saltsman  
Christopher Charles Sammarone  
Joshua John Schindell  
Andrew J. Seaman  
Washeq Ibn Alam Shafin  
Jonathan Hunter Shelton  
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Sloan Michael Ulrich

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Brigid Karen Wagner  
Kyle Richard Walker  
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Zachary Webb  
Brooke Nicole Wilson  
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### **Associate of Applied Business**

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Heidi Brautigam  
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Derrick L. Graham  
ShaNea Lynn Haines  
Carolina Michel Lazcano  
Jason Pimento  
Jennifer Kelli Schwager  
Courtney Lashaye Williams

### **Associate of Arts**

Ethan James Agnew  
Ayoub Ait Ben Laassel  
Justin Franklin Tura

# COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS

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## Doctor of Philosophy

Sina Bakhtar Chavari

Jennifer Marie Moore

## Master of Computing and Information Systems

Shreyanka Acharya	Tirumala Venkata Kavya Karamsetty	Vinay kumar Posham
Bidhan Arzel	Srilekha Kashireddy	Arnob Rahee
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Ravi Teja Bhaskarla	Anjali Khand	Meghana Ravelly
Sai Teja Bodapati	Mahesh Vamsi Kode	Anurag Vijay Kumar Rayarala
Chandana Preethi Boddu	Naga Sai Durga Ajay Kumar Kolisetty	Ridhima Renikindi
Karthik Chamanthi	Nikhitha Kolluri	Ajaymishra Saddi
Sudheer Kumar Chava	Shivasai Krovi	Rajesh Shah
Shrabony Rany Das	Hemanth Kumar Machani	Ashok Chakravarthi Somagani
Lokesh Kumar Datrik	Harsha Vardhan Munari	Sai Harshith Sravanam
Krishna Jayanth Dumpala	Dharan Muppidi	Gireesh Sundarraju
Kiran Ghanta	Abhishek Mutyala	Harshavardhan Reddy Talambedu
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Bhulakshmi Guntupalli	Srekanth Namilakonda Venkata	Mahesh Telugu
Sai Harsha Vardhan Guntupalli	Lakshmi Narayana Naraboiena	Rajeswari Varadarajugari
Tharun Guntupalli	Gopi Nerella	Sai Swapna Vemulapati
Sowjanya Gunturu	Shiva Kumar Reddy Ninganolu	Anoushika Vennamaneni
Raya Jahan	Victor Chukwunonso Okoli	Frank Vennetti
Gopi Chand Jinka	Htay Naing Oo	John Richard Wolbrecht
Venkata Nitish Kumar Kalavala	Venkatapavan Peram	Darius Michael Wolfe
Joshna Kamsani	Prasiddha Pokhrel	Daniel Patrick Yoder
Nicholas George Kanos	Sai Ramya Pola	
Sesha Sriram Kashyap Karamcheti	Madhu Sudan Poldas	

## Master of Science

Emmanuel Adu Sarfo	Alyssa Renee Bennett	Sachin Eluri
Kolade Seun Adeyemo	Venkateshwar Reddy Boddu	Nitesh Kandel
Ramsha Anwer	Michael Daniel Curran	Dharani Theja Kanjeri
Temitope Isaiah Asefon	Amarachukwu Blessing Diala	Sadhana Khanal
Jerome Atizia	Diana Drobnjak	Avash Khati

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Louis Blase Larney  
Lydia Kerubo Mairura  
Taylor May Morales  
Kacei Quiros Munoz

Kiran Babu Nakkala  
Jerusha Wairimu Ngaca  
Winnie Adhiambo Ngoje  
Sagar Pandey  
Derek Jason Scott  
Elis Klein Spindola

Abbey Elizabeth Strohmeier  
Justin Robert Wagner  
Sundus Samreen Wani  
Shradha Suman Yadav  
Daniel Stephen Zink

## Master of Science in Engineering

Ammar Mohammad Yousef  
Abuamarah  
Salman Amin  
Adnan Ansari  
Austin Asher  
Nikesh Bajracharya  
Fabio Farouk Bassil  
Samuel Otiase Blankson  
Venkata Sai Vamsi Bontha  
Taylor Lee Bowdish  
Coleman James Buchanan  
Laura Beatriz Carcamo  
Allenah DeLara  
Jonas Gerhard Edward Epp

Suraj Gautam  
Ayush Giri  
Cassandra Marie Huston  
Aayush Jha  
Umesh Raj Joshi  
Rajat Rajendra Kadam  
Samip Khanal  
Melik Kilic  
Jeremy Scott Large  
Christopher Raymond Neff  
Mahesh Babu Oruganti  
Abishkar Paneru  
Nischal Pokhrel

Sree Varun Pulagam  
Vishal Ramavath  
Abhishek Goud Ranga  
Krishna Sapkota  
Francis Berisford Sawyerr  
Diveshwar Shah  
Naziya Shaik  
Hasan Arshad Subzwari  
Ipsa Thapa  
Sujan Timilshina  
Lakshmi Narayana Venugopala  
Shanmuga  
Larry J. Zembower

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### Bachelor of Arts

Serene Awad  
Justin Charles Carroll

### Bachelor of Engineering

Emma Michelle Battaglia  
Matthew Danny Binion  
Timothy Grant Bower, Jr.  
Devin Chase Danko  
Michelle Kathryn Fleming  
Justin E. Hanna  
Jeremy James Hodge  
Conor Jacob Hritz

Alexander James Schneider  
Austin Brady Zeigler

### Bachelor of Science

Alaa T. Abuoraq  
Serene Awad  
Sophia Anne Barnhart  
Owen J. Brady  
Raj Budhathoki  
Zane Michael Burbick  
Cole Alexander Burnett  
Joseph Edward Carlini  
Mark Daniel Christoff  
Carey Michelle Cirullo

George Mike Corfias  
Christina Corturillo  
Joella Rae Coxson  
Swarnima Dhungana  
Christopher Benjamin Dunn  
Samuel George Esposito  
Sadie Mae Flecher  
Ethan Raymond Fuerst  
Adrianna Emily Goehring  
Jenelle Harrington  
Tien Hoang  
Nicholas Kapsiak  
Alayna Nicole Martinez  
Jacob David Matta  
Angela Rosalea McKenna



Leanna Rose McKee  
Anthony John Micco  
Riley Clayton Miller  
Collin J. Naughton  
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Delaney Panigall  
Lacey Annibelle Phillis  
Robert John Plizga, Jr.  
Karan Singh Rajput  
Nadia Mohd Rawhneh  
Isaac Andrew Ray  
Antonio Gennaro Ricciardi  
Cory Michael Rose  
Brendan Rozic  
Crescenzo Karl Scheetz  
Samuel Paul Schimley-Sferra  
Jonathan S. Schmidt  
Joseph E. Scott  
Tori Christine Shields  
Jacob Aaron Shogren  
Biraj Shrestha  
Wyatt Matthew Sias  
Nicholas William Sigler  
Ralph William Smith III  
Anthony James Spear  
Miranda Reid Stonemetz  
Kaiden William Sykes  
Anthony G. Vigorito  
Lukas Michael Wain  
Kayla Rose Weber  
Austin Fredrick Winger-Kailer

### **Bachelor of Science in Applied Science**

Rochelle Barone-Maldonado  
Anastasia Alfina Belcher  
Alexander Paul Birtalan  
Tony Samir Boulos  
David James Brown II  
Charles Layton Carson III  
Cierra Nicole Coey  
Jada Monique Cosby  
Nathan Michael Cox  
Jessica E. D'Apolito  
Andrew Sean Daugherty  
Emillie Elizabeth Franco  
Dakota Michael Gorgie  
Justin Walker Hamilton  
Elizabeth A. Herdman  
Nicholas Robert Moris Jadue  
Antonio William LaMonica  
Erin Margaret Morell  
Logan Edward Orlovsky  
Madison May Rayman  
Emily C. Reiter  
Cheyenne China Michelle Riddle  
Tyler M. Roman  
Niccolas R. Sabella  
Joshua David Scheetz  
Matthew Joseph Smith  
Michael John Standliff  
Ty Joesph Stanley

Eric W. Sutch  
Bridget Ann Garovich Szabo  
Eliana Rose Topf  
Kenneth Jarrelle Wherry  
Keaton David Widlicka  
Katelyn Marie Young

### **Associate of Applied Science**

Amanda Adams  
Rebecca L. Amaya  
Zachary M. Arnett  
Brian Toy Chan  
Ethan Thomas Gunther  
Aiden John Hammer  
Trevor J. Leonard  
Chenghao Lin  
Dana Nicole Morris  
Joseph John Mullarkey III  
Joel Giovanni Pineda  
Kimberly A. Raposa  
Tania Karen Stone  
Christopher Andrew Swecker

*Saturday, December 13, 10:00 AM*

**Cliffe College of Creative Arts & Beeghly College of  
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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



***SEAN JONES***

**PROFESSOR, RICHARD AND ELIZABETH  
CASE CHAIR | JAZZ  
JOHNS HOPKINS PEABODY INSTITUTE**

The young jazz veteran trumpeter Sean Jones believes passionately in championing the creative arc of artists who are committed to their life journey. “I think the progression of the art form comes with people being allowed to be themselves in their rawest form with no compromise,” he has noted.

Singing and performing as a child with the church choir in his hometown of Warren, Ohio, Jones switched from the drums to the trumpet upon his first exposure to Miles Davis at the age of 10. Years later, he still cites Miles’ overall artistic vision and purity of sound as his greatest personal influence. He also credits the profound impact of hearing John Coltrane with

cementing his course as a trumpeter, composer, educator, and activist.

After receiving his master’s degree from Rutgers University, Jones had a six-month stint with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra. This marked the beginning of a relationship with Wynton Marsalis, whose personal work ethic and ability to break barriers had already made a significant impact on the emerging artist. Marsalis offered Jones a permanent position as lead trumpeter with the LCJO and Jones remained there until 2010.

A highly respected and in-demand musician, Jones has recorded and/or performed with many major figures including Joe Lovano, Chico O’Farrill, Illinois Jacquet, Jimmy Heath, Frank Foster, Nancy Wilson, Dianne Reeves, Gerald Wilson, and Marcus Miller. The relationship with Miller led to another highly impacting experience when Jones was selected by Miller, Herbie Hancock, and Wayne Shorter for their Tribute to Miles tour in 2011.

Currently, Jones is artistic director of the Pittsburgh Jazz Orchestra, Artist-in-Residence at San Francisco Performances, and a member of The SF JAZZ Collective. In addition, he serves as a member of the Jazz Education Network’s Board of Directors and was recently appointed as artistic director of Carnegie Hall’s NYO Jazz, which makes its Carnegie Hall debut and inaugural European tour in the summer of 2018. He has recently released his eighth recording, *Live from Jazz at the Bistro*, on Mack Avenue Records.

Heavily involved in education, Jones taught at the Berklee College of Music as the chair of the Brass Department before joining the Peabody Conservatory as the Richard and Elizabeth Case Chair in Jazz Studies in 2018. He has also taught at Duquesne University and at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, while regularly offering master classes and clinics all around the world.

## STUDENT SPEAKER



# ***NATHAN PAUL JOHNSON***

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Nathan Johnson is graduating with honors with a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Interpersonal and Organizational Communication with a minor in Psychology. He completed his degree in just three years, after having entered his freshman year with 31 college credit hours already completed. He was recruited to swim as a member of YSU's men's Swim and Dive team, where he swam for two years. He also earned an internship in YSU's Athletic Department where he performed various roles at numerous home sporting events and worked behind the scenes to help our Sports Information Directors. He also worked at the YSU Police Department as one of their Student Security Aids, transporting students and those who need assistance around campus. Outside the classroom he is an avid golfer, enjoys wrenching and modifying his car, and enjoys

spending time with his friends. Following graduation, he plans to continue his studies in YSU's Professional Communication Master's program, to which he has already been accepted. He also plans to seek a position as a Sports Communications graduate assistant in YSU's Athletic Department. Upon completing his master's program, he plans to pursue a career in the sports information and communications field as a Division 1 Sports Information Director, preferably here at YSU, and eventually working full-time on the PGA Tour communications team.

# CLIFFE COLLEGE OF CREATIVE ARTS

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## Master of Music

Maria Nicole Manginge

Anthony Paul-Perez Medina

Natalie Meloro

### Bachelor of Arts

Begad Farid

Destiny L. Magee

Sarah Isabel Robles

Ashley Lauriana Stamper

Andrew Philip Stasion

Anthony Toben Steiner

Erin Mackenzie Straker

Emma Marie Strobe-Downs

### Bachelor of Science in Education

Alana Marie Carkido

Alexis Madeline Kathleen Long

Richard Kenneth Love

Grace Emmaline Mazur

### Bachelor of Fine Arts

Emma Ann Barborak

Amirah Nyugen Chieu

Mason T. Culbertson

Raylen Yuri Glenn

Samuel Alexander Mastorides

Elise Patricia McMaster

Alexxia Lynn Rom

### Bachelor of Music

Julian Stephen Davis II

James Michael Desharnais

Hannah Rose Edwards

Nicholas Paul Komara

Jordan Elizabeth Vannoy

Brett Matthew Weigel

# BEEGHLY COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS, SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND EDUCATION

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## Doctor of Education

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Michelle Amato  
Tocoi Ann Arthur  
Anna Ball  
Cassandra Branan  
Kevin Michael Briggs  
Gina Margaret Brown  
Stephanie Bruner  
Kelly Hebb Campbell  
Sina Bakhtar Chavari  
Geoffrey Douglas Childs  
Adrienne Marie Clotman

Sarah Christine Detrick  
Alison E. Doehring  
Amy Lynn Fogerty  
Philip Gadzekpo  
Sarah R. Gary  
Shane Gregory Harris  
Rosemary Stephanie Jovic  
Nicholas Kaliszewski  
Charles Keller IV  
John Henry Manning  
Mary Margaret Martell  
Amanda Lenora Perkins

Matthew David Petersen  
Stephen Patrick Puskar  
Tina Marie Roeger  
Cory Benjamin Sakolsky  
Trisha Louise Seiler  
Joshua Thomas Sektnan  
Erinn K. Slacktish  
Douglas Grant Smith  
Scott Villar  
Cheryl Lynn Wyatt

## Educational Specialist

Kristin Elizabeth Baird  
Andrew Wyatt Bradley  
Carly Alissa Danielson  
Julia Anne Giamboi

Emily Kathryn Hess  
Maggie Diane Kandel  
Yissel Martinez  
Taylor Marie Perry

Heather Lynn Shafer  
Ashley Starzyk

## Master of Arts

McKenzie Marie Davis  
Anita Dhakal  
Gerard Espinalt Farre  
Natalie N. Lasky

Ashley Mangie  
Caroline Elise Mason  
Isaac Okyere Oduro  
Jeremiah James Robinson

Mohamed Mohieeldin Selim, Sr.  
Collin Xavier Vaughn

## Master of Education

Makenna Bender  
Maria Celia Benson  
Alexis Marie Charles  
Alexa Jo Dorma

Grace Elizabeth Klein  
Maddison Dianne Oakes  
Jensyn Orr  
Sophia Rose Strollo

Allison Hannah Toth  
Emily Patricia Wolf  
Megan Marie Yarabenetz

## Master of Science in Education

Hanna Katlyn Allen	Joel Braxton Gillespie	Mackenzie Nekl
Natalie Ann Allison	Emma Lynee Goggin	Rebecca Lynn Nemeth
Amber R. Baxter	Shelby Goldstein	Ashley O'Brien
Abigail Benjamin	Gretchen Rae Gossett	Skyler Jude O'Donnell
Kasey Alexander Bottorff	Elivea Mae Griffin	Kedron Patterson
Lynnette Marie Brown	Allie Lynn Gumont	Taryn Lacey Patterson
Chelsea Marie Buskirk	Catherine Patricia Haglan	Colleen Elizabeth Pichette
Grace Elizabeth Carrizo	Macey Rae Hamilton	Jerrold Planitzer
Madisyn Paige Carter	Ashley Marie Hall	Laurn Ann Rapone
Ryan Caswell	Zacary Michael Hawkins	Samuel Reger
Danielle Nicole Chasser	Emma Cassidy Haywood	Erica G. Richberg
Olivia Rose Ciminero	Brandyn Joseph Heitman	Kendra Risner
William C. Clark III	Cassandra Lucia Hosho	Nathan Ritch
Zoe Airiel Conley	John Austin Hostetter	Colton Paul Ritchey
Andrea R. Cooper	Paul Michael Hostetter	Alyssa Marie Ritter
Jeffrey Alin Cosola	Bess Dominique Huffman	Christina Rivera
Marcella Alexis Damron	Isabelle Paige Hysong	Katarina Rodriques
Dominique Nicole Davis	Allison Mae Ingram	Mark Rogers
Lisa A. Deemer	Bethany Jarrett	Brianna Marie Rose
Alexis Marie Denney	James Michael Jones	Amber Patricia Rothwell
Paolo DePasquale	Theresa Rose Kelly	Michael Ned Rudloff
Sophia Louise DiMarzio	Erika Nicole Knapp	Gabriella Sophia Sammarone
Riley N. Donoughe	Spencer Chad Knight	Austin Patrick Saverko
Miranda Marla Domiano	Mone Tionne Knowles	Tiffany Marie Schmitz
Tasha Elizabeth Dragish	Dawn LaRicca	Cassidy Daliya Sharper
Karla B. Eberhardt	Nyasia B. Lewis	Kristin Dawn Shelley
Greg Ekis	Abby Renee Logan	Macie Shrout
David Escott	Samantha Mack	Lindsey Morgan Siegel
Steffie Eversole	Jamie Leigh Malz	Aastha Singh
Victoria Lee Fitch-Blankenship	Faith Marie Marscio	Kaitlin Slater
William Welsh Fleming Jr	Amelia Ann Mascarella	Cody Vaughan Smith
Nicholas Joseph Fowkes	Morgan Delaney McClafferty	Donivan David Smith
Alyassa Monet Fulcher	Sarah Janet McKinstry	Rachael M. Smith
Alexander R. Furlong	Kathryn Anne Meleky	Kaitlin Sodd
Shaylah Nichole Gazdik	Heaven Yvonne Miller	Andrea Nicole Sponseller
Donald John Gerner	Jacqueline Jo Miller	Maria E. Sproull
Aubree Giddings	Shannon Marie Monaco	Lauren A. Stauffer
Ronald Robert Giermann	Michael Christian Morris	Alison Streb

Katie Lynn Sunderman  
Kara Madeline Szemenyei  
Karah Kathleen Taylor  
Adeline Nicole Tellier  
A'Sha Denise Thomas  
Audra Paige Thompson  
Amanda Vestal  
Anna Marie Wallace

Morgan Elizabeth Ward  
Sandra Marie Webster  
Mara Ashlen Weekley  
Gwendolyn West  
Ray Edward Westhead  
Emily Ann Westhoff  
Kyle Weyer  
Katie Marie Wharton

Karla Rogers Whelan  
Darien Williams  
Robyn Ashley Williams  
Hope Nicole Wilterdink  
Sarah Jeanette Wingert  
Jennifer Ann Wise

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**Bachelor of Arts**

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Melina Elizabeth Amero  
Chelsea J. Anderson  
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India LaRhonda Bailey  
Nicole Eva Barber  
Alexis Camille Brown  
Molly Burke  
Kayla M. Campbell  
Isaac Mitchell Castle  
Andrew Michael Cerbus  
Moses J. Chousen  
Ethan Alexander Coe  
Christopher Anthony Dambrogio  
Marli Marie Dearden  
Kaitlyn Hope DeProfio  
Santajah Douglass  
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Emily Kristen Evans  
Jessica Marina Felletti  
John William Gabriele  
Ciera Christine Garcia  
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Jenna Maree Hollis  
Nathan Paul Johnson  
Joshua Lee Kiger  
Rylee Grace Krager  
Nathan Christopher Laboy  
Eva Lamberson  
Taylor Long  
Abby Elizabeth Lowther  
Dante Michael Mangieri  
Emily Rose Martin  
Jacob David Matta  
Kaitlynn Elizabeth Mesaros  
Connor Martin Murphy  
Aaron OConnell  
John Frank Ostapowicz II  
Dom Joseph Pasquale  
Toni Kathlene Petty  
Sarah Margaret Potkanowicz  
Douglas Gerald Quimby II  
Terri Michelle Randolph  
Kailey Marie Rodgers  
Lance Barnett Saling  
Isha Saran'Djoula Sawaneh  
Kurt D. Schober  
Denise Adele Scott  
Ella Marie Siembieda

Cailor Slack  
Nathaniel J. Smith  
Renee Walters  
Christina Marie Waltz  
Victoria L. Weiss  
Vanessa S. Welker  
Katlyn Jean Williams  
Alexis Angelique Woodland  
Tessa Ann Workman  
Allison E. Zebosky

**Bachelor of General Studies**

Aaron Christopher Allen  
Madison Rae Angelo  
Susan Elizabeth Armour  
Nathan Tyler Beckley  
LaToya Marie Bilal  
James Brantingham  
Matthew John Brosky  
Mikayla R. Brunner  
Anthony C. Chirchiglia  
Timothy Stanley Chizmar  
Xander Shane Conrad  
Raymond Walter Countryman  
Garrett Logan Cutting  
Alyssa M. Dangerfield  
Stefan Lebron Derrick II  
Elizabeth Elaine Diehl

Taylor Doss  
 Selena Everly  
 Carl Francis Fercana III  
 Latrell Fordham  
 Kyle William Walter Fossum  
 Kennedy Alexxis Fullum  
 Amanda Nicole Furlong  
 Blaise Robert George  
 Nicholas John Goodwin  
 J'Taya Simone Grubbs  
 Isaiah Hackett  
 Cassandra Hartsfield  
 Sherita Marie Holliman  
 Tarelle Marshall Irwin  
 Luther Gordon Jackson III  
 Jordan Nicole Kachmer  
 Adrianna Rose Kania  
 Michael Kaufman  
 Theodore John Kester  
 Justin McGeehan  
 Jonelle Patrice McIntyre  
 Miyah Monique Mitchum  
 Tyreq Ahmad Moorer  
 Jason Darnell Nelson, Jr.  
 Chavien Nolcox  
 Natalia A. Novicky  
 Adrien Ryan Ocasio  
 Leilani Marie Ortello  
 Daniel J. Pavlak  
 Mary Lou S. Puskar  
 Carmen Thomas Quattro  
 Kyle Debashish Raha  
 Christopher R. Ramm  
 Elizabeth Ann Rizzo  
 Kelly Rockow  
 Emily Jane Roth  
 Andrew Marc Sabella  
 Anthony Salazar  
 Monzerrath Suhey Sandoval

Mychal Dorion Savage  
 Brandon Lee Scott  
 Carol Jolene Skye  
 Quinci Alexandra Slone  
 Benjamin Mark Smith  
 Jackson Cole Smith  
 Harlie Crystal Stanton  
 Dalen L. Stovall  
 Jeffery Street  
 Tabitha Tangredi  
 Kaeleigh Marie Taylor  
 Lauren Kristina Tisone  
 Benjamin Tolble  
 Joseph Anthony Tommelleo  
 Devin Alexander Warren  
 Natoyia Williams  
 Hugh Julius Yackle

#### **Bachelor of Science in Education**

Lucy E. Allen  
 Matthew Michael Biery  
 Madison Riley Brown  
 Kaitlyn Ann Carstone  
 Hayley Renee Clark  
 Caitlyn Corbett  
 Haley Michelle Donnadio  
 Scott Christopher Dotson  
 Taylor Marie Evans  
 Adam John Fisher  
 Isabelle Jordan Fisher  
 Alexis Rae Funaro  
 Marissa Ann Gordon  
 Hannah Lee Himes  
 Patrick George Hubert  
 Hannah Nicole Ketchum  
 Kevin Masato Longstreth  
 Raegan R. Lytle  
 Matthew Kenneth Markasky

Kathryn M. Matasy  
 Lisa Marie Mercer  
 Riley Ann Merritt  
 Kyle Ann Miller  
 Amy Christine Niles  
 Colton Joseph Novak  
 Areen Suleman Omeshat  
 Andrea Erin Reilly  
 Aleishka Marie Rodriguez  
 Isabella Victoria Serrano  
 Abigail Marie Stock  
 Julia Alexis Szenborn  
 Zoe M. Timms  
 Madelyn Madison Toth  
 Hannah Jane VanDyke  
 Elizabeth Noel Williams  
 Bailee Michal Yale

#### **Associate of Applied Science**

Mya Mackenzie Atwood  
 Samantha Beasley  
 Victoria Joy Blakeman  
 Kaitlyn Faulkner  
 Jessica Kennedy  
 Doriana Gayle Roy

#### **Associate of Arts**

Brenta Natasha Agard  
 Logan Hunter Agee  
 Derrick Havana Anderson, Sr.  
 Samantha Lee Baker  
 Samantha Beasley  
 Yalisa Marie Bermudez  
 Yanelys Michelle Capeles Rivera  
 Kailynn Grace Carr  
 Samra Causevic  
 Christan A. Craig



Courtney Anne Marie Culwell  
Joseph Raymond Faber  
Chester Kelly Fitzpatrick  
Cleyby Susett Franco Alonzo  
Cheryl Gibson  
Tarelle Marshall Irwin  
Luther Gordon Jackson III  
William George Johnston  
Nathaniel Jacob Jones  
Loreen Klinger  
Ava Elise Kuzma  
Achilles Joel Julius Lassalle  
Ayden J. Leon  
Christina Marie Miller

Rebecca I. Newland  
Leilani Marie Ortello  
Janet Marie Page  
Kyle Debashish Raha  
Andrew Marc Sabella  
Amina Scott  
Jessica N. Souder  
Cheryl L. Taylor  
Juan A. Torres-Aviles  
Jazmine Marie Ward  
Sheri Williams  
Sonia Wilson-Green  
Brianna Sherice Wright

### **Associate of Individualized Studies**

Allissa Marie Fox  
Bianka Rosa Gonzalez  
Justin McGeehan  
LeAysha Breonna-Nicole McGhee  
Hailey Nicole Meeks  
Michelle Marie Merando  
Paul Bradley Morgan  
Cassandra Marie Rodriguez

*Saturday, December 13, 1:30 PM*

**Dr. Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte  
College of Health and Human Services**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



**JUDGE  
CARLA J. BALDWIN**

Carla J. Baldwin was elected as a Judge in Youngstown Municipal Court in 2017. She has served as Administrative and Presiding Judge of Youngstown Municipal Court since the fall of 2018. She presides over misdemeanor criminal cases and traffic cases and Drug Court.

The Judge received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Capital University (Columbus, OH). She obtained her Juris Doctorate degree from Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School (Lansing, MI) with a concentration in Litigation. She has been a member of the Ohio Bar since 2008.

She most recently worked as a full-time Magistrate in Mahoning County Juvenile Court where she presided over Mental Health Court. Prior to this appointment she worked for the Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office as an Assistant County Prosecutor in both the

Criminal and Juvenile Divisions. She presently serves as an Instructor at Kent State University-Trumbull Police Academy. She is also a faculty member for All Rise, the national leader in helping jurisdictions across the country ensure substance use and mental health disorders are addressed in treatment courts that promote treatment and recovery for our most vulnerable.

Judge Baldwin and her husband Brandon are proud lifelong residents of Youngstown.

Judge Carla J. Baldwin made history on November 7, 2017, when she became the first African-American female elected as judge in Mahoning County.

Judge Carla J. Baldwin is a distinguished jurist and community leader whose career is defined by extensive service to the legal profession and the Mahoning Valley. A respected authority in the judiciary, she has held prominent leadership roles, including serving as President of the Mahoning County Bar Association and District Trustee for the Ohio Women's Bar Association. Her influence extends to the state level, where she acts as Co-Chair of the Traffic Law & Procedure Committee for the Ohio Judicial Conference and serves on the Ohio Supreme Court Commission for the Certification of Attorneys as Specialists. Judge Baldwin is also dedicated to the future of the legal field, serving on the Ohio State Bar Foundation Board of Trustees and the Kent State University Police Academy Advisory Board.

Beyond the courtroom, Judge Baldwin is deeply committed to civic engagement and social equity. She serves on the boards of several influential organizations, including the Raymond John Wean Foundation, Mercy Health Youngstown, The Butler Institute of American Art, and Opera Western Reserve. Her advocacy work is evident through her involvement with the Youngstown Warren Black Caucus, the Mahoning County Corrections Planning Board, and the DEI Committee for the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation. She remains an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Inspiring Minds, working to uplift and empower her community.

Judge Baldwin's tireless dedication has been recognized with numerous accolades and honors. She was named the NASW Region 4 Public Elected Official of the Year in 2020 and received the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Phoenix Award in 2019. Her professional excellence was acknowledged with the Judicial Award from the Ohio Association of Magistrates and the Ohio State Bar Foundation Community Service Award for Attorneys 40 and Under in 2018. Additionally, she is an Athena Award Nominee and has been honored as a Trailblazer of the Year by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Her legacy of service is further cemented by her induction as a Fellow of the Ohio State Bar Foundation and honorary memberships in Pi Sigma Alpha and Phi Kappa Phi at Youngstown State University.

Her current leadership is built upon a strong foundation of past community service. Judge Baldwin previously dedicated her time to the Nathaniel R. Jones Inn of Court, the Sojourner House Advisory Board, and the Mahoning County CASA. She has also held leadership positions within the Ohio Young Democrats and the Junior League of Youngstown. From her early recognition as a "25 Under 35" honoree to her recent "Community Excellence Award" from the Youngstown Warren Black Caucus in 2023, Judge Baldwin continues to be a driving force for positive change in Ohio.

## STUDENT SPEAKER



### ***ASHLEY RHEA PERRY***

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED SCIENCE**

Ashley Perry will graduate summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Applied Science with a major in Dietetics from Youngstown State University, earning President's List or Dean's List honors every semester.

A lifelong fitness enthusiast, Ashley's passion for nutrition truly blossomed after becoming a mom. Watching her children grow taught her that food is far more than just fuel; it can be medicine, joy, and connection, while reminding her daily how important our relationship with food is. Supported by unwavering faith and the endless encouragement of her husband and family, she returned to school as a non-traditional student and dedicated herself to her studies, the Students in Dietetics Club, and the Student Board of Conduct.

What made her journey even more rewarding was discovering "her people" in the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services; classmates, professors, and mentors who are all natural caregivers at

heart, cheering each other on with the same quiet, servant spirit.

This spring, Ashley will begin her Master of Food and Nutrition program at Bowling Green State University, followed by her dietetic internship in the fall. She is grateful beyond words for every prayer, late-night study session with her kids, and grace that carried her here, hoping only to pay forward the kindness she has received by helping families find freedom and peace around the table.

# DR. DOMINIC A. AND HELEN M. BITONTE COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Because the list of candidates had to be prepared in advance, it is tentative.  
The diploma, together with a certified transcript, is the proof of graduation.*

## Doctor of Philosophy

Shannon Joy Dudash

## Doctor of Physical Therapy

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Anthony Dylan DoVidio	Zachary Thomas Nolf	Nicholas Joseph Varosz
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Noemi Jeanette Collazo  
Erin Maureen Higgins  
Makenzie Renee Mattozzi

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Kussai Ahmad Naser  
Danielle Aquila Porter  
Samira Grace Smolko

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Kristi Brieann Bates  
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Sherdena Dixon-Wilson

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Kristela Meta

Alivia Rose Miller

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Kylie Ann Lamm

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## ALUMNI CHAPTER INFORMATION

The Office of Alumni Engagement would like to congratulate all the graduates on their accomplishment! We know our graduates will go far, but don't worry, we have you covered! Where ever your professional life may take you, there are Penguin Alumni supporting you each step of the way. Take a look at our chapter map, using the link below, to find your local YSU Alumni Chapter. We wish all the graduates nothing but success in their future endeavors. [www.alumni.ysu.edu](http://www.alumni.ysu.edu).

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*The Macebearer is a distinguished faculty member who has exhibited longstanding commitment and service to the University community. The Macebearer is nominated by peers and selected by the Academic Senate's Ceremonial Events Committee. The Macebearer carries the Mace, a symbol of authority and leadership, to lead the academic procession at Commencement and other ceremonial events.*

**December 12, 2025 5:30 pm**

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*Professor of Physics, Astronomy, Geology,  
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**December 13, 2025 10:00 am**

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**December 13, 2025 1:30 pm**

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# ACADEMIC REGALIA & CEREMONY

The gowns, hoods, and caps worn in academic ceremonies today are relics of those worn in medieval times by students and professors. Probably the gowns and hoods were worn for warmth in the unheated halls where lectures were delivered. From the sixteenth century on, somber black garb became the norm, and it is primarily in the hoods worn in academic processions today that the medieval academic pageantry is retained.

The hoods representing graduate degrees granted by various colleges and universities have linings (turned to exhibit their hues to the fullest advantage) in the colors of the granting institutions. In addition, the facing of the hood represents by its color the discipline in which the degree has been granted: white for arts, letters or humanities; golden yellow for science; purple for law; green for medicine; lemon yellow for library science; orange for engineering; olive for commerce or business; light blue for education; pink for music; brown for fine arts; apricot for nursing; dark blue for philosophy; scarlet for theology; citron for social work; sage green for physical education. International degrees do not always follow this protocol.

There are different opinions about the origin of the caps worn in academic ceremonies. One view is that the "mortar board" is in actuality adapted from the wooden square used by masons. Another is that it stems from the ecclesiastical or clerical head covering of the medieval period.

Recipients of University Honors receive golden honor cords placed around the shoulders. Honors College graduates wear a specifically minted medallion on a white ribbon to denote their academic achievement.

Graduating students who serve or have served in the Armed Forces are invited to wear red, white, and blue patriot cords in recognition of their service to our country.

## THE UNIVERSITY CEREMONIAL MACE

The ceremonial mace has its roots in ancient Rome. During the Middle Ages, the types of maces - one a scepter and symbol of royal authority, the other a weapon - gradually evolved into a symbol of lawful power and regal authority. Beginning in fourteenth-century Europe, the academic mace became part of the pomp and ceremony of university commencements, denoting the authority of universities to confer academic degrees.

The Youngstown State University mace was designed and crafted by a collaborative team that included YSU faculty, students, alumni, and area K-12 art educators under the leadership of YSU professor Greg Moring.

## THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

This is a one-of-a-kind medallion that bears an embossment of the Youngstown State University seal on each of the small elements and on the large central piece. On the back of the central medallion are engraved the names of the University's past presidents.

The presidential medallion was designed and created out of sterling and bronze by Wendell August Forge of Grove City, Pennsylvania.

## THE YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY SEAL

The University's official seal was adopted in 1936. Designed by a student, the seal includes a torch, quills, wings, a globe, and the Latin words *animus liberatus*. In simple terms, those words summarize the transformation - or liberation - that occurs on this campus countless times each day. In English, they are translated *The Mind Freed*, or *The Spirit Freed*.



# Congratulations Graduates!

## ALMA MATER

All hail to thee, O Youngstown,  
Our Alma Mater fair;  
In sunlight and starshine  
We see thee in all thy glory.  
The Red and the White,  
thy glorious colors,  
Ever we praise and hold them  
High to the breeze a the symbol  
of our Most loyal allegiance.  
This anthem, O Youngstown,  
Our pledge of trust shall be  
That thy sons and daughters  
Shall keep faith with thee forever.



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