



YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

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 Liberal 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, <i>Interim Dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration</i>	December 12, 5:30 p.m.
Wim Steelant, <i>Dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics</i>	December 13, 10:00 a.m.
Phyllis Paul, <i>Dean of the Cliffe College of Creative Arts</i>	December 13, 10:00 a.m.
Charles Howell, <i>Dean of the Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Sciences and Education</i>	December 13, 1:30 p.m.
Sara Michaliszyn, <i>Dean of the Dr. Dominic A. and Helen M. Bitonte College of Health and Human Services</i>	
CLOSING REMARKS	President Johnson
ALMA MATER	

Friday, December 12, 5:30 p.m.
Antonio George

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

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:

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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 Strope-Downs
Kaitlyn Ann Carsone	Titita Loudragulngam	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 Omeshat
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 Burch
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
Kyley Ann Miller
Sophia Rose Miller
Yair Jesus Morales Rivera
Collin J. Naughton
Colton Joseph Novak
Natalia A. Novicky
Justin Parker Nuskievicz
John Frank Ostapowicz II
George K.A. Papadopoulos
Michael A. Pastella
Jackson Quinn Pepperney
Lacey Annabelle 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 Stancliff
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

Victoria Joy Blakeman
Chester Kelly Fitzpatrick
Jordachea Ikea Guillory

Ayden J. Leon
Christina Marie Miller
Dana Nicole Morris

Sarah O'Brien

Logan Hunter Agee
Ayoub Ait Ben Laassel
Kameryn Alexis Eckels

Bianka Rosa Gonzalez
Kiara Quneitra Jones
Kami Jo Socha

Juan A. Torres-Aviles

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
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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
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Shelbie Lynne Barbe
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LaToya Marie Bilal
Sylvia Marie Chiappini

Brandi J. Ferrarini
Kaitlyn Fuchs
Owen Richard Gaffney
Valeriy Gavrilyuk

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 Timalsina

Honors

Kristen Christopher

Felicia Tamica Davenport

Justin Brandon Early

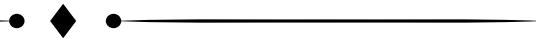
Erica Liane Patrice Harrison

Andria V. Parks

Anthony Salazar

Carol Jolene Skye

Benjamin Tolble



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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 Gwirtz
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 Niegyp 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
Yuvraj 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 Rescinetto
Christina Louise Rhodes
Trevor Riley
Robert Rohrer
Miguel Andres Rojas
Mason R. Rozycski
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
Shelbey Michaela-Renee Spurlock
Natalie Marie Stewart

Michael Strange	Bethanne Marie Tuel	Rachel Ann Wallenhorst
Ian Fitzgerald Strapp	Kevin S. Turner, Jr.	Nathaniel James Walters
Liam Power Sullivan	Jerome Jeffrey Tylicki	Colleen Marie Warren
Sarah Mary Swinick	Ernest Urbanowicz	Reese Jonathan Watkins
Jaclyn Nicole Taylor	Kayla Antoinette Eleanor Vacha	Bilal Ali Wekhyan
Jonalyn Nikole Telesz	Raymond Vellky	Kevin Alec Wenceslao
Brian J. Terlesky	Joseph P. Verbosky	Elizabeth Ryanne Westfall
Dakota Thill	Daniel Charles Vernon	Tyler Anthony White
Marcus J. Townsend	Jessica Marie Victor	Cheryl Woodard-Harris
Scott Tracey	McKenzie Catherine-Anne Wadlington	Sharon Yauger
Amanda V. Trinckes	Jerrica Lynn Walker	Jeanette Ziegler
Adam Christopher Trocchio	William Douglas Wallace	Chad Zipfel
Tanner Stephen Tsvetkoff		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

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Olivia Joyce Cmil

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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

Kieran Donovan

Antoinette Elizabeth Dota

Michael Eddy

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Garett Richard Gaca

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Christopher Charles Sammarone
Joshua John Schindell
Andrew J. Seaman
Washeq Ibn Alam Shafin
Jonathan Hunter Shelton
Madhav Shrestha
Cole David Sotak
Joseph Ryan Sprague
Niko T. Stavrenos
Daimere Malik Stephens-Stewart
Jessica Margaret Taylor
Dwayne H. Thornton Jr.
Sloan Michael Ulrich

Jacob Vlosich
Brighid Karen Wagner
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Stephanie Beltran
Heidi Brautigam
Charles Joseph Brooks
Michael Thomas Champlin
Shayna Monique Davis
Jenner V. De Guzman
Derrick L. Graham
ShaNea Lynn Haines
Carolina Michel Lazcano
Jason Pimento
Jennifer Kelli Schwager
Courtney Lashaye Williams

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Doctor of Philosophy

Sina Bakhtar Chavari

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Master of Computing and Information Systems

Shreyanka Acharya

Tirumala Venkata Kavya Karamsetty

Vinay kumar Posham

Bidhan Arzel

Srilekha Kashireddy

Arnob Rahee

Ramteja Baliji

Dipina Kc

Dikkim Rai

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 Sundarrajulu

Kiran Ghanta

Abhishek Mutyala

Harshavardhan Reddy Talambedu

Pavani Veenila Gogineni

Triven Babu Nallamothu

Sai Jagadish Tanneedi

Bhulakshmi Guntupalli

Srekanth Namilakonda Venkata

Mahesh Telugu

Sai Harsha Vardhan Guntupalli

Lakshmi Narayana Naraboina

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

Millicent Jepkemoi Kilimo
Alice Adu-Tutu Kwarteng
Louis Blase Larney
Lydiah Kerubo Mairura
Taylor May Morales
Kacei Quiros Munoz

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

Abbey Elizabeth Strohmeyer
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



Bachelor of Arts

Serene Awad
Justin Charles Carroll

Alexander James Schneider
Austin Brady Zeigler

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

Bachelor of Engineering

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

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

Leanna Rose McKee
Anthony John Micco
Riley Clayton Miller
Collin J. Naughton
Michael James Neopolitan, Jr.
Delaney Panigall
Lacey Annabelle 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 Stancliff
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 Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, and Education

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 Mangine

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 Strope-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

Denise Abbott	Sarah Christine Detrick	Matthew David Petersen
Michelle Amato	Alison E. Doehring	Stephen Patrick Puskar
Tocoi Ann Arthur	Amy Lynn Fogerty	Tina Marie Roeger
Anna Ball	Philip Gadzekpo	Cory Benjamin Sakolsky
Cassandra Branan	Sarah R. Gary	Trisha Louise Seiler
Kevin Michael Briggs	Shane Gregory Harris	Joshua Thomas Sektnan
Gina Margaret Brown	Rosemary Stephanie Jovic	Erinn K. Slacktish
Stephanie Bruner	Nicholas Kaliszewski	Douglas Grant Smith
Kelly Hebb Campbell	Charles Keller IV	Scott Villar
Sina Bakhtar Chavari	John Henry Manning	Cheryl Lynn Wyatt
Geoffrey Douglas Childs	Mary Margaret Martell	
Adrienne Marie Clotman	Amanda Lenora Perkins	

Educational Specialist

Kristin Elizabeth Baird	Emily Kathryn Hess	Heather Lynn Shafer
Andrew Wyatt Bradley	Maggie Diane Kandel	Ashley Starzyk
Carly Alissa Danielson	Yissel Martinez	
Julia Anne Giamboi	Taylor Marie Perry	

Master of Arts

McKenzie Marie Davis	Ashley Mangie	Mohamed Mohieeldin Selim, Sr.
Anita Dhakal	Caroline Elise Mason	Collin Xavier Vaughn
Gerard Espinalt Farre	Isaac Okyere Oduro	
Natalie N. Lasky	Jeremiah James Robinson	

Master of Education

Makenna Bender	Grace Elizabeth Klein	Allison Hannah Toth
Maria Celia Benson	Maddison Dianne Oakes	Emily Patricia Wolf
Alexis Marie Charles	Jensyn Orr	Megan Marie Yarabenetz
Alexa Jo Dorma	Sophia Rose Strollo	

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	Jerrod Planitzer
Madisyn Paige Carter	Ashley Marie Hall	Lauryn 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 Hoso	Nathan Ritch
Zoe Airel 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 Rodrigues
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 LaRiccia	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
Alyssa 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

Bachelor of Arts

Dominic Michael Adams
Mason Edward Aguilar Santangelo
Melina Elizabeth Amero
Chelsea J. Anderson
Abigail Marie Andre
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
Jon Patrick Elliot III
Gavin L. Esposito
Emily Kristen Evans
Jessica Marina Felleti
John William Gabriele
Ciera Christine Garcia
Hermilee Gabriela Gomez
Rayvin Elizabeth Carol Gorrell
Vanessa Abigail Greaves

Logan Faith Grunder
Kara Marie Henderson
Ashley M. Hepler
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 O'Connell
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	Mychal Dorion Savage	Kathryn M. Matasy
Selena Everly	Brandon Lee Scott	Lisa Marie Mercer
Carl Francis Fercana III	Carol Jolene Skye	Riley Ann Merritt
Latrell Fordham	Quinci Alexandra Slone	Kyley Ann Miller
Kyle William Walter Fossum	Benjamin Mark Smith	Amy Christine Niles
Kennedy Alexxis Fullum	Jackson Cole Smith	Colton Joseph Novak
Amanda Nicole Furlong	Harlie Crystal Stanton	Areen Suleman Omeshat
Blaise Robert George	Dalen L. Stovall	Andrea Erin Reilly
Nicholas John Goodwin	Jeffery Street	Aleishka Marie Rodriguez
J'Taya Simone Grubbs	Tabitha Tangredi	Isabella Victoria Serrano
Isaiah Hackett	Kaeleigh Marie Taylor	Abigail Marie Stock
Cassondra Hartsfield	Lauren Kristina Tisone	Julia Alexis Szenborn
Sherita Marie Holliman	Benjamin Tolble	Zoe M. Timms
Tarelle Marshall Irwin	Joseph Anthony Tommelleo	Madelyn Madison Toth
Luther Gordon Jackson III	Devin Alexander Warren	Hannah Jane VanDyke
Jordan Nicole Kachmer	Natoya Williams	Elizabeth Noel Williams
Adrianna Rose Kania	Hugh Julius Yeckle	Bailee Michal Yale
Michael Kaufman		
Theodore John Kester		
Justin McGeehan		
Jonelle Patrice McIntyre	Bachelor of Science in Education	Associate of Applied Science
Miyah Monique Mitchum	Lucy E. Allen	Mya Mackenzie Atwood
Tyreq Ahmad Moorer	Matthew Michael Biery	Samantha Beasley
Jason Darnell Nelson, Jr.	Madison Riley Brown	Victoria Joy Blakeman
Chavien Nolcox	Kaitlyn Ann Carsone	Kaitlyn Faulkner
Natalia A. Novicky	Hayley Renee Clark	Jessica Kennedy
Adrien Ryan Ocasio	Caitlyn Corbett	Doriana Gayle Roy
Leilani Marie Ortello	Haley Michelle Donnadio	
Daniel J. Pavlak	Scott Christopher Dotson	
Mary Lou S. Puskar	Taylor Marie Evans	Associate of Arts
Carmen Thomas Quattro	Adam John Fisher	Brenta Natasha Agard
Kyle Debashish Raha	Isabelle Jordan Fisher	Logan Hunter Agee
Christopher R. Ramm	Alexis Rae Funaro	Derrick Havana Anderson, Sr.
Elizabeth Ann Rizzo	Marissa Ann Gordon	Samantha Lee Baker
Kelly Rockow	Hannah Lee Himes	Samantha Beasley
Emily Jane Roth	Patrick George Hubert	Yalisa Marie Bermudez
Andrew Marc Sabella	Hannah Nicole Ketchum	Yanelys Michelle Capeles Rivera
Anthony Salazar	Kevin Masato Longstreth	Kailynn Grace Carr
Monzerrath Suhey Sandoval	Raegan R. Lytle	Samra Causevic
	Matthew Kenneth Markasky	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.

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

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Doctor of Philosophy

Shannon Joy Dudash

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Logan Jamison Bailey
Julian Mendez Ballesteros
Taylor Faith Bednarcik
Jacob Branham
Aleczander Kazimier Burzynski
Grace Cea
Grant Cicci
Grace Elizabeth Crankovic
Lauren Nicole Dickerson
Anthony Dylan DoVidio
Olivia Rose Donadee

Collin Garnek
Grace Elizabeth Harris
Joseph Michael Ieraci
Jennifer Kay Jenkins
Karlee Lynn Kluchar
Nicholas Lattanzio
Brianna Lynn Legros Thompson
Tyler Conrad Massey
Madison Miluk
Zachary Thomas Nolf
Benton Michael Pasku

Raymon Patton
David J. Robich II
Maura Brigid Ruprecht
Logan Eric Shields
Grace Katherine Smith
Brooke Elisabeth Testa
Danielle C. Vitto
Alexis Lauren Vuiller
Mia Bo Wray
Nicholas Joseph Yarosz
Mohannad Yusuf

Master of Health and Human Services

Vanessa Chaparro
Dathan Joel Hickey

Mara Robin Rachel Kohut
Nathan Scott Sherman

Kendra N. Walters
Caleb Weigand

Master of Public Health

Madysen Acierno
Tiffany Lynn Bromley
Ericka Christine Clark

Aunnahsti Myah Fabian
Catherine Jill Imo
Macy M. Potts

Sydney Marie Russell
Brooke Allison Schuette

Master of Respiratory Care

Haneen Abuenaaj
Doron F. Goldman Barkan
Dominic Evan Carkido
Kathleen Lucille Compton

Rachel Lynn Dunbar
Cambrie Elizabeth Hanan
Lauren Renee Hann
Makayla Marie Jageman

Jaqualynn Lanae Nickelson
Jacob Percich
Michelle Rodriguez
Jacquelynn Anne Walsh-Scanlon

Master of Science

Tyler Bryson Bukur
Noemi Jeanette Collazo
Erin Maureen Higgins
Makenzie Renee Mattozzi

Denise Meredith Morlan
Kussai Ahmad Naser
Danielle Aquila Porter
Samira Grace Smolko

Hope Nicole Stoner
Haley Nicole Turner

Mohamed Moustafa Abouamra
Kari Lorain Arnold
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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.

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December 13, 2025 10:00 am

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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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