

# STUDENT SERVICES

## BARNES & NOBLE, YSU'S OFFICIAL BOOKSTORE

The YSU Bookstore, a Barnes & Noble College Bookstore, carries textbooks and supplies for all YSU courses, YSU spirit apparel, computer and electronic accessories, convenience foods, and so much more. The Bookstore's Barnes & Noble Café is a great place to relax with coffee drinks, pastries, sandwiches, and more. Visit us in-person or online for everything a YSU student needs for success.

The Bookstore is located at 300 Fifth Ave.

For more information, visit the Bookstore website (<https://ysu.bncollege.com/>).

## CAREER EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

OCED provides individualized career and exploratory advising for YSU students and alumni. Exploratory Advisors will help students identify required general education coursework while exploring majors, careers, and opportunities to get involved at YSU. Career development Coordinators will guide students through building resumes, preparing for interviews, and building effective job search strategies.

OCED is located in Jones Hall 2002

For more information, visit the OCED website (<https://ysu.edu/office-career-exploration-development/>).

## CHILDCARE

Wee Care Day Care and Learning Centre is the official day care/preschool facility for YSU—providing safe, high-quality, and convenient care. The YSU facility is open from 5:00am to 7:00pm to accommodate flexible schedules for students. Fees are reasonable and based only on care hours used. Also, a YSU discount is available to all YSU faculty, staff, students, and active alumni at any of the Wee Care Day Care locations in Youngstown, Howland, YSU Campus, and Lads N' Lasses in Boardman. Partnership discounts are also available and are based on household incomes above or below \$50,000.

Wee Care Day Care is located in Fedor Hall

For more information, visit the Wee Care Day Care website (<https://www.weecareohio.com/partners.html>).

## CHRISTMAN DINING COMMONS

Christman Dining Commons is YSU's main dining hall for residents of on-campus housing— but also open to all faculty, staff, and students. Although resident meal plans have options for other dining venues on campus, this full service, all-you-care-to-eat, cafeteria-style restaurant serves a wide variety of foods such as homestyle cooking, a salad bar, pizza, burgers, and specialty items that vary day to day and week to week. Healthy foods and special selections for those with food sensitivities are available.

Christman Dining Commons is located at 220 Custer Ave., between Lyden and Cafaro Houses, North side of campus

For more information, visit the Christman Dining Commons website (<https://ysu.edu/kilcawley-center/dining-and-campus/>).

## COMPREHENSIVE TESTING CENTER

The Testing Center is a frontline office that is part of the Division of Student Success. YSU's placement testing program is administered through this office. Additional testing services provided are administrations of national admission and certification examination, including the ACT and SAT, the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) and the GRE Subject Test. The Testing Center partners

with private exam companies to offer exams such as the Pearson teacher licensure exams, the Praxis exam series, and other exams that serve our students and the larger community.

The Comprehensive Testing Center is located in Maag Library 154

For more information, visit the Testing Center website (<https://ysu.edu/testing-center/>).

## DEAN OF STUDENTS

In support of YSU's commitment to "place students at its center," this office is dedicated to ensuring that individuals have a centralized point of contact to discuss extenuating situations and concerns, specifically those related to mental and physical health, hospitalizations, food and housing insecurities, challenging family situations, issues with faculty or staff members, or any other barriers that may impede their success, while maintaining campus safety and fostering a culture of civility, character, and respect.

Additionally, the YSU CARE (Concern-Assessment-Referral-Education) Team, managed by the Dean of Students, addresses issues of a serious nature that may pose a threat to the safety of a student or the overall campus community. We accept and encourage referrals from students, their families, faculty, staff, and the surrounding community, with the goal of providing advocacy, guidance, and assistance.

All members of the YSU community have a responsibility to report any situation that could possibly result in harm to self or others. You may submit a referral to the CARE Team via the Penguin of Concern Referral Form ([https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?YoungstownStateUniv&layout\\_id=4](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?YoungstownStateUniv&layout_id=4)). The "Penguin of Concern Referral Form" should not be used to report crisis situations in which a person poses an active or immediate risk of harm. In these situations, the YSU Police Department (<https://ysu.edu/ysu-police/>) should be contacted immediately at (330) 941-3527 (or 911 from a campus phone).

The Office of the Dean of Students is located in Cushwa Hall 3325

For more information, visit the Dean of Students website (<https://ysu.edu/dean-of-students/>).

## DEPARTMENT OF CAMPUS RECREATION ANDREW'S STUDENT RECREATION AND WELLNESS CENTER

The Department of Campus Recreation provides creative and innovative, instructed or self-led wellness, and recreational programming to meet the diverse needs of our students and the YSU community. YSU's Student Rec Center is a state-of-the-art facility that offers a 53' rock wall, 160 pieces of strength and conditioning equipment, a 1/8-mile track, 4 basketball/volleyball courts, an elevated challenge ropes course, and more.

There are programs of interest to every student including Group X, Club Sports, fitness and wellness programs, Intramural Sports, and Adventure Rec programs. Visit the website to find out about these and many other programs available to every student.

For more information, visit the Campus Recreation website (<https://ysu.edu/campus-recreation/>).

## GREEK LIFE

The Greek Community at Youngstown State University is full of tradition, brotherhood/sisterhood, and pride. From participating in Homecoming and Welcome Week events, to playing Intramural Sports, fraternities and sororities know how to show school spirit at YSU. Our members hold leadership positions in numerous student organizations, carry out some of the top philanthropy efforts at the University, and are proudly represented at athletic events. We are confident you can find a home in one of our organizations and ensure a true Penguin Experience.

The Greek Life office is located in the Student Activities Office, Kilcawley Center West

For more information, visit the Greek Life website (<https://ysu.edu/greek-life/>).

## HONORARY ORGANIZATIONS

Honorary organizations related to academic fields and departments recognize outstanding achievement by University students. Many of these organizations are local chapters of national honor societies, which provide national recognition and local scholarships.

For more information on honorary organizations in your area of academic concentration, contact the faculty department chairperson of that area, or the Student Activities Office (<https://ysu.edu/student-activities/>), Kilcawley Center West.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

YSU's Information Technology Services (ITS) mission is to enable students, faculty, and staff to create a technology-integrated approach to education, scholarship, and service.

ITS is located in Meshel Hall Room 437

For more information, visit the ITS website (<https://ysu.edu/information-technology-services/>).

## INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Intercollegiate athletics are conducted at Youngstown State University to meet the needs and interests of the entire student body as spectators or participants in healthful amateur sports. YSU's 21 sport programs compete at the Division I level of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

Intercollegiate athletics is located in Stambaugh Stadium

For more information, visit the Athletics website (<https://www.ysusports.com/>).

The Jermaine Hopkins Academic Center or Athletic Academic Services is an academic resource center for YSU student athletes that provides student-centered services for academic success, holistic development, and career readiness.

Athletic Academic Services is located in Stambaugh Stadium Suite 1097

For more information, visit the Athletics Academics website (<https://ysusports.com/sports/2022/3/10/information-academics.aspx>).

## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE

The International Programs Office (IPO) coordinates undergraduate international admissions and recruitment, study abroad and exchange programs, and international student and faculty services including immigration services, and operates the English Language Institute (ELI) and the Summer in America Program.

IPO is located in Jones Hall 1042

For more information, visit the IPO website (<http://www.ysu.edu/ipo/>).

## KILCAWLEY CENTER

Kilcawley Center is YSU's student union, sometimes known as the "living room of campus," with places to eat, study, gather with friends, and relax. It is also the home of many YSU services including Student Activities, Student Government, Counseling Services, Accessibility Services, YSU IT Service Desk, and more. The building also houses a number of large and small meeting rooms for your organization's meetings or catered events.

Many programs for students take place in Kilcawley Center, including annual Organizations Fair, Penguin Nights (late-night entertainment), crafting events, trivia nights, and many more. Keep an eye on the events calendar (<https://ysu.edu/event-calendar/>) to see what is happening!

For more information, visit the Kilcawley Center website (<https://ysu.edu/kilcawley-center/>).

## MAAG LIBRARY

The William F. Maag, Jr. Library opened in 1976 and is the main library for the University. Early students at Youngstown College used a small library collection in Jones Hall and the public library on Wick Avenue. The University's first library (now Tod Hall) was built in 1953 after much fundraising by students and support from community members. By the 1970s, the library had outgrown its original building and plans began for a new building. The new library was named after William Maag, who had been a trustee of the University and the public library for many years. In 1971, the library became a Federal Depository for government documents. The library joined 8 other Ohio universities to form the OhioLINK resource-sharing consortium in 1993. Today, the library continues to support learning by providing instruction, resources, and facilities to meet students' needs.

For more information, visit the Maag Library website (<https://maag.ysu.edu/home/>).

## MATHEMATICS ACHIEVEMENT CENTER

The Mathematics Achievement Center (MAC) is an academic support service integrated within the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Its mission is to offer YSU students a comfortable supportive environment to facilitate the strengthening of their fundamental mathematical skills. Through collaboration with the campus community, the MAC strives to continually expand tutoring and support services to meet the needs of students and enhance their overall learning experience. This mission is accomplished through services such as peer tutoring and the provision of resource materials for independent study.

The main service, peer tutoring, is provided to YSU students either currently enrolled or preparing to enroll in mathematics and statistics courses ranging from introductory statistics, quantitative reasoning, and college algebra through calculus. The MAC operates on a walk-in basis during its regular business hours. The staff of the MAC consists of a coordinator, graduate teaching assistants, undergraduate tutors, student office assistants, and other student personnel.

MAC is located in Carfaro Hall Room 408

For more information, visit the MAC website (<https://ysu.edu/mathematics-achievement-center/>) or call (330) 941-3274.

## MERCY HEALTH WICK PRIMARY CARE AT YSU

This on-campus center provides health care to all currently enrolled YSU students—both resident and commuter students. These services are provided because of the Health Center Fee that is paid by all students taking a minimum of one on-campus class each semester. Students enrolled in an online program and taking classes strictly online will have the opportunity to purchase access to the Student Health Center for \$34 per semester. The mandatory fee of \$34 provides revenue to Mercy Health System to give students access to their Primary Care Facility. Students do not need to have health insurance to use the center's services. The center is staffed by a full-time primary care physician and advanced practice provider.

The center provides preventative and acute care, both by appointment and walk-in service. This full-service primary care practice provides health care for illness, injury, first aid, and routine health checks. Health screening tests, physical exams for sports and academic programs, gynecological exams, as well as consultations and referrals are provided. Flu and other immunizations are also given; however, there are charges for these injections. Mental health, behavioral health, and addiction services are also available. Additional

charges may apply for service and can include; labs, urine, x-ray, MMR and Varicella vaccines.

Mercy Health Primary Care is located on the corner of Wick Ave. and Lincoln Ave.

For more information, visit the Wick Primary Care website (<https://ysu.edu/wick-primary-care-ysu/>).

## PENGUIN PRODUCTIONS

Penguin Productions is a student group under the Department of Student Experience that brings entertainment to YSU students and the Youngstown community. The student committee members gain valuable, real-world experience producing major events and doing event planning, concert staging, ticket management and other concert business, including meeting the performers. Penguin Productions produces yearly music festivals such as Fall Fire Fest and Federal Frenzy.

Penguin Productions is located in Kilcawley Center West within the Student Government Suite

For more information, visit the Penguin Productions website (<https://ysu.edu/student-activities/penguin-productions/>).

## REGISTRAR

The Office of the Registrar, a department within the Division of Institutional Effectiveness, provides quality service to YSU students within all areas related to enrollment by supporting the systems and policies of the learning environment and safeguarding the integrity of the university's records and regulations. The office is comprised of three main areas: Records, Registration, and the Penguin Service Center. All are located in Meshel Hall, room 232. For more information, call (330) 941-6000.

The Registrar Office is located on the second floor of Meshel Hall

For more information, visit the Registrar website (<https://ysu.edu/registrars-office/>).

## RESCH ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

Resch Academic Success Center (RASC) offers academic support for all students. Our services include one-on-one academic coaching, tutoring in over 200 courses, and Accessibility Services.

RASC is located in Kilcawley Center West

For more information, visit the RASC website (<https://ysu.edu/academic-success-center/>).

## STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES

Student Counseling Services provides free, confidential, solution-focused counseling for currently enrolled YSU students, as well as after-hours crisis counseling, outreach, consultation, and referrals to services in the greater community.

Student Counseling Services is located in Kilcawley Center 2110

For more information, visit the Counseling Services website (<https://ysu.edu/student-counseling-services/>).

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

YSU's student body is represented by the Student Government Association (SGA), which operates under constitutional powers granted by the University. SGA's legislative branch is composed of representatives from the five undergraduate colleges and the School of Graduate Studies and Research, in proportion to the enrollment of each. \*SGA also coordinates the involvement

of student senators on YSU's Academic Senate. All meetings of Student Government are open to the student body.

\*There are also appointed representatives for Freshman International Students and Veterans.

Student Government conducts student elections, recommends students to serve on joint faculty-student committees, and allocates funding for student organization events and travel. SGA also recruits nominees for the two student positions of the University Board of Trustees.

The Student Government Suite is located in Kilcawley Center West

For more information, visit the SGA website (<http://sga.ysu.edu/>).

## STUDENT MEDIA

The University supports multiple student media outlets. Students can showcase their talents through *The Guin*, a digital yearbook; *The Jambar*, a weekly newspaper; *The Penguin Review*, an annual literary magazine; *The Yo Magazine*, an annual magazine; *JambarTV*, a weekly news broadcast; and *Rookery Radio*, an online radio station.

Student media is student run. Policies and procedures concerning student publications are prepared, reviewed, and applied by the Student Media Committee.

Located in the Student Activities Office in Kilcawley Center

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

There are over 190 student organizations ranging from academic and social awareness to cultural organizations, Greek Life, and Student Government. Students are invited to take the first step and discover something that engages their interests. Students can also create their own, brand new student organization! A complete searchable listing of registered student organizations at YSU is available on the Student Organization Directory (<https://ysu.edu/student-activities/registered-student-organizations/>) web page.

Located in the Student Activities Office, Kilcawley West

## VETERANS AFFAIRS

The Veterans Resource Center on campus houses the Office of Veterans Affairs which assists student veterans, currently serving military members, and their dependents with VA, DOD and State education benefits for which they might qualify. The office also provides an array of additional services to aid the success of military-connected students while attending the university.

These students should consider the Veterans Resource Center their first point of contact for anything military/veteran related as it pertains to their experience on campus.

The Veterans Resource Center is located at 633 Wick Ave.

For more information, visit the Office of Veterans Affairs website (<https://ysu.edu/veterans-affairs/>).

## THE WRITING CENTER

The Writing Center (WC) offers in-person or online appointments and walk-in consultations for individualized instruction on writing to help all students become more independent, confident, and successful writers.

The Writing Center is located in Maag Library 171

For more information, visit the WC website (<https://ysu.edu/writing-center/>).

## The Language Learning Resource Center

The LLRC provides in-person or online tutoring for the world languages taught at YSU.

The Language Learning Resource Center is located in DeBartolo Hall 558  
For more information, visit the WC website (<https://ysu.mywconline.com/>).

## YSU ANNUAL AWARDS

The University has established a series of awards to recognize excellence and to encourage participation in campus life. The awards are presented annually at the Student Activities Awards Banquet in the spring. Each year students, faculty, and staff are invited to nominate outstanding individuals and organizations for these prestigious awards. Selections will be made by a committee composed of students, faculty, and staff. Details regarding this program and the different awards listed below may be obtained from the Student Activities Office.

## BERNADINE MARINELLI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Bernadine Marinelli Memorial Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student supervisor in the Division of Student Experience in memory of an exceptional educator and student advocate. Ms. Marinelli, the first female high school principal in the Youngstown City School District, was a dynamic person who helped many students to reach their potential.

## CARDINAL NEWMAN SERVICE AWARD

The Cardinal Newman Award is given to a graduating senior who, through service to the Newman Center, Catholic Penguins, the Youngstown State University as a whole, and to the wider community, has embodied Cardinal Newman's motto, thus allowing their own feats to be spoken to others in service and in recognition of the responsibility we each have to care for our neighbor.

## CONSTELLATION AWARD- OUTSTANDING UNIVERSITY-WIDE PROGRAMS

This award recognizes an outstanding University-wide event sponsored by a registered YSU student organization. The program must be distinguished by its inclusion of the University community and the program's contribution to the quality of student life.

## DECRANE-HOUSER AWARD

Scholarship for a student who has been active at the Newman Center. It is in honor of Arthur DeCrane, who was the first Catholic campus minister for Youngstown College and also for the late Judge William Houser, who was active in the Newman Center while going to school here. Judge Houser's family donated a large sum of money to make this scholarship available upon his death.

## ERIN DRISCOLL EMPOWERMENT AWARD

The Erin E. Driscoll Empowerment Award, established during the 2022-2023 academic year by the Student Government Association, is in honor of Ms. Erin Driscoll. This award is bestowed upon a YSU Student Organization Advisor, previous or current, who has proven to be an instrumental factor in the success of their organization and members they are advising. The individual must have displayed the qualities that Erin Driscoll encompassed; specifically,

their pivotal role, dedication, and constant enthusiasm to empower students to reach their fullest potential as leaders.

## EMERGING LEADER PROGRAM

The Emerging Leader Program provides sophomore students with an opportunity to develop and refine the knowledge and skills essential to leadership. Students who complete the program receive designation on their official University transcript, cords for their academic regalia, and a YSU Leadership medallion pin.

## GILLESPIE-PAINTER AWARD

To recognize outstanding achievement in support of the Division of Student Affairs at YSU beyond the scope of assigned duties. All members of the Division of Student Affairs are eligible for this award.

## THE JOHN J. GOCALA SERVICE AWARD

The John J. Gocala Service Award was established by the Student Government Association during the 2008-09 academic year to recognize the commitment and contributions of John J. Gocala during his tenure as YSU Police Chief.

The intent of the award is to recognize one individual within the university community who has gone above and continues to go above and beyond the call of duty to serve the first-class reputation and traditions of Youngstown State University.

The individual must truly work to preserve the best interests of the YSU campus and community.

## KOCINSKI AWARD

The Kocinski Award is given in honor of Marilyn Kocinski, who taught dance at YSU in the Department of Human Performance and Exercise Science from 1960 to 1983.

Her family was responsible for instituting the award in the late 1990s in her memory. The award is presented to a senior student who has played a significant role as a student leader in the YSU Dance Ensemble and who demonstrates academic integrity as well as artistry and creativity in the field of dance.

## LIBRA AWARD-OUTSTANDING ADVISOR

The Libra Award is presented to the outstanding faculty/staff advisor of a registered student organization. The award is designed to recognize the contributions and commitment to furthering student leadership development made by advisors.

## DR. MARTIN T. "MARTY" MANNING AWARD

The Martin T. "Marty" Manning Award, established during the 2010-2011 academic year by the Student Government Association, is in honor of the late Dr. Martin T. "Marty" Manning. The award is in recognition of the superior student mentoring of Dr. Manning.

The award is given to a full- or part-time student, administrator, faculty or staff member, or alumnus/a who has exemplified the student-mentoring capacity

that Dr. Manning so consistently displayed throughout his Youngstown State University career.

## **DR. CHARLES A. MCBRIARTY AWARD**

This award was established by Student Government during the 1992-93 school year to recognize and remember the commitment and contributions to students and student services by Dr. Charles McBriarty during his tenure as Vice President for Student Affairs. Its intent is to recognize individuals within the university community who have a reputation for being exceptionally student-oriented and who possess the traits, ethics, and friendly style exhibited by Dr. McBriarty.

## **EDNA K. MCDONALD CULTURAL AWARENESS AWARD**

Award to recognize an outstanding individual who has made a lasting contribution to encourage and increase awareness of cultural diversity at Youngstown State University. All faculty, staff, students, and members of the extended YSU community are eligible for the award.

## **THE HARRY M. MESHEL LEGACY AWARD**

The Harry M. Meshel Legacy Award, established during the 2017-2018 academic year by the Student Government Association, is in honor of the late Mr. Harry M. Meshel. An influential political figure, Mr. Meshel made immense contributions to the valley that simply cannot be measured. This award is in recognition of the values of: public service, civics, education, culture, and dedication to one's hometown, each of which he brilliantly possessed.

This award is bestowed upon a Youngstown State University student, who may or may not be a member of the Student Government Association. The individual must have displayed the qualities Mr. Meshel encompassed, specifically the commitment to public service for the Greater Youngstown Community.

## **MENTOR OF THE YEAR**

This award honors the faculty or staff mentor who has contributed the most during the past year to the development of a YSU student.

## **MULTICULTURAL LEADERSHIP AWARD**

The Multicultural Leadership Award recognizes up to two minority students who have achieved academic success and demonstrated effective leadership in promoting cultural awareness to the campus and community.

## **NOVA AWARD-OUTSTANDING NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATION**

Recognizes a newly registered student organization exhibiting initiative in organizational development and strong potential to contribute to the quality of life as a recognized student organization at Youngstown State University.

## **ORION AWARD-OUTSTANDING STUDENT ORGANIZATION**

The Orion Award recognizes an exceptional student organization for its outstanding leadership and service to the University community during the current academic year.

## **PRESIDENT CYNTHIA E. ANDERSON LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Awarded to a full-time student who has exhibited an extended commitment and dedication to serving the student body through various positions on Student Government.

## **SIRIUS AWARD-STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

This award recognizes student employees who have made outstanding contributions to their employers and demonstrated skills and commitment above and beyond expectations.

## **SMITH-MURPHY AWARD**

The award shall be given to one full-time faculty member each year. The recipient shall possess the qualities of Lester Smith and Gratia Murphy and display a genuine concern for the well-being and success of the students he or she teaches.

## **REBECCA BANKS SPIRIT AWARD**

Given by Student Government to a member of the campus or Youngstown metropolitan community who has displayed the same level of enthusiasm for the work of YSU Student Government or campus community as Rebecca over the past academic year.

## **STUDENT SERVICE AWARD**

To recognize an outstanding individual who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the students of YSU. All faculty, staff (excluding all members within the Division of Student Affairs), and members of the University community are eligible for this award.

## **GINA TENNEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Gina Tenney was one of YSU's best and most dedicated students. Before her tragic death in 1985, Gina had been actively involved in campus life and had achieved excellent academic standing. She served in Student Government and was a student assistant in the Student Services Office. She was also active in the University Theater Department. In honor of Gina's memory, the Gina Tenney Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in January of 1986 by the YSU Student Government.

## **YSU PIN**

Begun 70 years ago, in 1948, the YSU pin recognizes up to five graduating seniors who have achieved academic success and demonstrated outstanding leadership, motivation, and creativity in University and community activities.

## **THE LUKE N. ZACCARO AWARD**

The Luke Zaccaro Award is given to a YSU student who may be a member of Student Government. The individual should have done something exceptional for the university, Student Government, or fellow students during the course of the current year.

### **OTHER AWARDS AND PRIZES**

## **YSU LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP**

The YSU Leadership Scholarship recognizes outstanding students for their contribution to and leadership in campus activities. Each year up to seven students are awarded \$600 for Fall tuition and fees.

## **GREEK CAMPUS LIFE, INTERFRATARNITY COUNCIL AND PANHELLENIC COUNCIL AWARDS:**

The annual awards program is designed to recognize outstanding chapters and individuals of the Youngstown State University Greek community and their growth over the previous year. Judging of the awards focuses on a few major areas including: how the chapter grew, membership development, building bonds of brotherhood/sisterhood, how their actions/events are connected to their chapter's creed/mission/values, the actual events, statistics, proper grammar/spelling, and clarity.

For more information, visit the Student Activities (<https://ysu.edu/student-activities/annual-student-awards-banquet/>) website (<https://ysu.edu/student-activities/annual-student-awards-banquet/>).