

# UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## The Office of Alumni Engagement

The Office of Alumni Engagement fosters lifelong relationships between Youngstown State University and graduates worldwide. Alumni chapters and affinity groups provide opportunities for connection. Alumni events provide opportunities for graduates to stay engaged, build relationships, and give back to their alma mater. Alumni can volunteer with Pete's Pride. Volunteers share their experiences and provide a warm welcome to prospective and current students. This area also celebrates milestones in the alumni journey.

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## The Office of University Events

The Office of University Event emphasizes a creative, integrated approach to communicating with, and fostering and maintaining relationships with all alumni, students, faculty and staff, and community members. This approach is accomplished through promoting and strengthening relationships with all, while upholding academic traditions and university vision. University Events provides comprehensive programs which promote involvement in and support of the university and also highlight the value of the university.

University Events creates, coordinates, and/or assists with university events on campus and in the community. University Events fashions and implements a standard university look to carry across all events to uphold the exacting standards of YSU and to ensure all events exhibit the same level of quality that envisions YSU's dedication to tradition and excellence.

University Events is charged with planning and implementing major university events including commencement. The office is also assigned unique one-time events such as political and dignitary visits, presidential installations, groundbreaking ceremonies and news conferences. University Events is charged with executing academic ceremonies that welcome the students to the university, celebrate their accomplishments and scholarship, and honor the culmination of their academic endeavors. These ceremonies build pride in students and alumni in the education they earned from YSU.

## Posthumous Degrees and Certificates of Achievement

Decisions regarding the awarding of posthumous degrees or certificates of achievement to deceased students are managed on a case-by-case basis by the Dean of the academic college where the student was enrolled in coordination with the Office of the Provost. The Dean of Students will contact the Dean (or designee) of the deceased student's academic college to assure they are aware of the circumstances and request a decision regarding the awarding of a posthumous degree or certificate. If approved, official documentation will be forwarded to the Office of Records. The Dean of Students and Director of University Events will communicate as appropriate to determine how and when the designation will be awarded (i.e. via mail, private ceremony, University commencement, etc.).

## Community Counseling Clinic

The Community Counseling Clinic (CCC) (<https://ysu.edu/community-counseling-clinic/community-counseling-clinic/>) is a training clinic for students who are earning their master's degree in counseling. The clinic's counselors and trainees provide individual, family, couples, and group counseling services to YSU students and their families, as well as all children, adolescents, and adults living in Youngstown and its surrounding communities.

The CCC offers a relaxed and confidential environment to discuss personal, relationship, academic, or work-related problems. Examples of matters

which may cause one to seek counseling include: academic success-related concerns, relationship problems, family conflicts, adjustment-related problems, depression, anxiety, career indecision, and loss and grief issues. Talking with a counselor can be an important first step in making desired life changes.

Day and evening appointments are available. Appointments can be made by emailing [communitycounselingclinic@ysu.edu](mailto:communitycounselingclinic@ysu.edu). The CCC is located in Room 3101 in the Beechly College of Education, which is at the corner of Fifth and Rayen avenues. Free parking is available. Additional information is available at the Community Counseling Clinic website.

## Office of Community Engagement

The Office of Community Engagement (OCE) (<https://ysu.edu/strategic-planning/community-engagement/>) is dedicated to the collaboration and creation of community partnerships to positively impact the region. OCE serves as the centralized coordinating structure to enhance communication, connect organizations with the appropriate campus resources to advance collaboration requests, and collect all of the community-based experiences from students, faculty, and staff. Additionally, the OCE works with organizations to secure external funds to support meeting community needs and the people they serve. Led by experienced professionals, the OCE provides support and a variety of services to community organizations and departments across campus.

Please call (330) 941-3427 or email [communityengagement@ysu.edu](mailto:communityengagement@ysu.edu) for more information.

## THE OHIO SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SBDC) AND EXPORT ASSISTANCE NETWORK AT YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY and the APEX ACCELERATOR at YSU

### Ohio APEX Accelerator at YSU

In partnership with the Ohio Department of Development and the U.S. Small Business Administration, Youngstown State University and the Williamson College of Business Administration, the **Ohio Small Business Development Center** provides business solutions and consulting for companies to increase revenues and profits, create jobs, develop new ideas, and grow business opportunities. The **SBDC Export Assistance Network** helps companies plan, compete, and succeed in today's business world with export and international trade consulting. The **Ohio APEX Accelerator** prepares local businesses to compete for government contracts by connecting companies with opportunities at the federal, state, and local levels. The APEX Accelerator is funded through the U. S. Department of Defense and the Ohio Department of Development, Youngstown State University, and the Williamson College of Business Administration.

Working collaboratively to "Connect Businesses with Opportunities", the Ohio Small Business Development Center and Export Assistance Network, and the APEX Accelerator are all located in the Williamson College of Business Administration – Suite #1155, and can be reached at:

SBDC: 330.941.2140 / EAN: 330.941.2145 / APEX Accelerator: 330.941.1886

## Office of the Registrar

The College for the Over 60 (<https://ysu.edu/registrars-office/college-over-sixty/>) program is a state-mandated program providing for the enrollment of Ohioans 60 years of age or older (who have been residents of the state for the preceding 12 months) in undergraduate classes on a space-available basis. Each state university or college shall permit any person who is sixty years of age or older and who has resided in the state for at least one year to attend its courses and classes without charging that person a tuition or matriculation fee, provided the attendance is on a noncredit basis, is in courses where classroom space is available, and is approved by the instructors of the courses involved. The university or college may require payment of special fees, including any laboratory fees, if the fees are required of all students taking a course. Each university or college shall issue rules for determining the

availability of classroom space and may issue such other rules as it considers necessary to implement this section, including rules exempting from the requirements of this section courses or classes for which special course or training prerequisites apply, in which physical demands upon students are inappropriate for imposition upon persons sixty years of age or older, or in which the number of participating regular students is insufficient to cover the university's or college's course-related expenses. A university or college also may extend to persons attending its courses and classes under this section any other student rights or privileges it considers appropriate (see Ohio Revised Code 3345.27 (<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3345.27>) for more information).

## **Telecommunication Services**

### **WYSU-FM, 88.5 MHZ**

Youngstown State University owns and operates WYSU-FM (<https://wysu.org/listen/>), a 50,000-watt radio station that serves the Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania region with fine arts and news and information programming from its studios in Melnick Hall. The station broadcasts a mix of news and classical music programs on its main analog channel, on its HD1 (digital) channel, and as an Internet stream; it also broadcasts all-classical music on its HD2 channel and second Internet stream. The station broadcasts at 88.5 MHz in Youngstown, at 88.1 MHz in Ashtabula, and 89.7 MHz in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania.

WYSU-FM is non-commercial, listener-supported public radio, committed to being the community's leading source for trusted, in-depth news, engaging conversation, and music that stimulates the mind and spirit.

As one of Youngstown State University's most visible daily representatives to the community, WYSU also strives to be a valuable ambassador to that community, providing a forum to promote the artistic and intellectual activities of the university. The core of the radio operation is a full-time professional staff. Youngstown State University students whose qualifications meet professional broadcasting standards are also employed to support various aspects of the station's operations.

### **FM-SCA PROGRAMS**

In partnership with Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries, WYSU-FM transmits the Youngstown Radio Reading Service, providing special educational programs for the sight-disabled on a multiplex basis using a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kilohertz.