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## August 2016

### Enrollment up – Quality up, Residence Halls at Capacity

Youngstown State University opened a new academic year with increased enrollment, residence halls at capacity and a freshman class that is the strongest academically in the university's history.

YSU started the fall semester Wednesday, August 24, with 12,801 students, up 426 students from 12,375 on the first day of classes last year, according to unofficial student counts. (Official student counts will be recorded on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the semester.) It is YSU's first fall-to-fall enrollment increase since 2010.

The incoming freshman class is 6 percent larger than last year and, for the third consecutive year, boasts the highest standardized test scores and high school grade point averages in YSU's history.

#### Highlights:

- All university residence halls, as well as the YSU Courtyard Apartments, are at capacity with 1,278 students, up from 1,154 two years ago. In addition, the new privately owned and operated University Edge apartments on Rayen Avenue are filled, with 162 students.
- 2,193 freshmen enrolled, up 6 percent from last year and 20 percent from 2014.
- 21.75 average ACT test scores for incoming freshmen, a new high. The scores surpass last year's 21.19 and the 21.09 in 2014.
- 3.24 average high school grade point average of incoming freshmen, also a new high. The average is above last year's 3.14, 3.12 in 2014 and 2.97 in 2013.
- 245 freshmen in the Honors College, up from 175 last year and 96 in 2014.
- Freshmen from 23 states, 459 high schools and 51 Ohio counties, up from 16 states, 303 high schools and 37 Ohio counties in 2014.
- Out of state freshmen up 8.6 percent.

## Trustee Susan Briney Gifts \$100,000 to Create her Family's Third Scholarship Endowment

Susan Briney, daughter of Trustee Emeriti, William Spencer, has established her family's third endowment at the YSU Foundation. The James D. Briney Scholarship, named after Susan's husband, will support a graduate student in the Beeghly College of Education. In establishing this scholarship, Susan and James wrote: *"A good teacher may be remembered by many, but an exceptional one impacts lives and changes them for the better. It is our hope that those students who receive this scholarship ARE those exceptional teachers, who have a positive influence on all of their students, helping them to work towards their goals and to encourage them to continually strive to reach their full potential."*

Susan's parents established the William L. and Margaret M. Spencer Scholarship to support students in the STEM College. William Spencer, Trustee Emeriti, served the Foundation as a trustee for over 35 years.

Trustee Briney, who had a career as a practicing nurse for over 20 years, also established the Susan Spencer Briney Scholarship for nursing students. She has also made additional contributions toward equipment in the YSU nursing laboratories.

## Please RSVP 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

If you have not already done so, please RSVP for YSU Foundation's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2016. The dinner will be held at Stambaugh Auditorium.

## August at the YSU Foundation

Philanthropic activity at the YSU Foundation, on behalf of YSU and the YSU Foundation during the month of August, was as follows:

*New cash gifts received:* \$130,283

*New pledges:* \$106,870

*New signed planned gift expectancies:* \$452,500

*Total number of gifts:* 299

In addition to the above totals, \$41,070 was received on existing pledges.

## Trustee Nathaniel Jones Answering the Call Book Signing

YSU Foundation Trustee, the Honorable Nathaniel Jones, author of *Answering the Call*, is scheduled to be on campus, Thursday, October 20, 2016, for a book signing and panel discussion. Special thank you to Trustee Cafaro for purchasing 100 copies of Judge Jones' book to be distributed to students in the Youngstown City Schools. These students will be attending the panel discussion and will have the opportunity to ask Judge Jones questions from their reading. *Answering the Call* is available for purchase on Amazon.com.

