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Go Penguins!



The Drive for Five *FCS National Championship Game* *January 7, 2017* *Frisco, Texas*

December 2016 at YSU and the YSU Foundation

Year-end giving was very strong at the YSU Foundation. As of the printing of this newsletter, year-end gifts were still being received and reconciled. As of December 29, the YSU Foundation received 487 gifts in cash and cash pledges totaling \$3,872,470, on behalf of YSU and the YSU Foundation. This marked the most productive December in YSU and the YSU Foundation's history.

In addition to the above total, \$388,784 in cash was received as payment on existing pledges.

Thank You for Responding to the Trustees Appeal

Thank you to all the YSU Foundation Trustees that responded to the year-end trustees appeal. Twenty-eight Foundation Trustees now have named scholarships. In addition, many trustees have graciously given to the YSU Foundation Trustees Scholarship, which is now in excess of \$190,000.

Youngstown Tops List of Ohio's Most Affordable College Towns

Youngstown State University students already benefit from the most affordable tuition of all Ohio's state universities. Now a study reveals the city of Youngstown is also the most affordable college town in the state.

Great College Deals, a leading online resource for prospective college students, placed Youngstown at the top of its new list of Ohio's 20 Most Affordable College Towns.

With a cost of living 28 percent lower than the national average and 16 percent below Ohio's average, Youngstown was ranked most affordable. Others in the top five, in the order of affordability, include Toledo, Athens, Akron and Columbus.

"Food, healthcare, transportation and entertainment costs are all less than the national average (in Youngstown)," the GCD report states, "while housing costs of only 26 percent of the U.S. median make it easy for students to live well in off-campus homes and apartments."

YSU's Board of Trustees voted last summer to freeze tuition, fees and housing costs at current levels for next academic year, maintaining the university's status as the most affordable public university in Ohio and Western Pennsylvania.

Full-time tuition will remain at \$8,087 a year for Ohio residents, the lowest among the state's largest public universities and nearly \$1,600 below the statewide average.

In Memoriam: *Trustee Robert O'Leary*

Robert Arthur O'Leary passed on December 19, 2016. Bob was born and raised in Youngstown before later moving to Canfield.

He met the love of his life, Marilyn Overly, at school, as they sat next to each other. They began their married life while he was in the U.S. Air Force, where they made lifelong friends.

They had four children, Alan (Marcy), Brian (Kim), Carole (Michael Senediak) and Denise (Rory Tomasek). He was also the grandfather to six grandchildren.

Bob was an avid traveler, having traveled throughout the world. He instilled the love of travel in his family having taken them on many exciting vacations.

He was an entrepreneur, having owned the Edgar Miller Co., Andrew Miller Co., and Patterson Buckeye Inc.

Bob was a supporter of Youngstown State University serving as a trustee for the YSU Penguin Club and the Curbstone Coaches.

Robert O'Leary served as a YSU Foundation Trustee for a total of 9 years. He was a member of the Investment Committee and funded two endowed scholarships at the YSU Foundation.

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