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## February 2017

## New YSU Foundation Staff Members



(Pictured from left to right: Bob Costantini, Tiffanie Thomas, Jill Mayfield)

The YSU Foundation has hired three new full-time staff members in the last five months.

**Bob Costantini**, the newest addition, has been hired as controller. He previously held a 31-year career in the health care industry as a financial analyst. Bob attended Girard High School before graduating from YSU in 1980 with a bachelor of science in accounting.

**Tiffanie Thomas** was hired in September as the scholarship coordinator. She previously held a 7-year career in the insurance industry. Tiffanie attended Chaney High School before graduating from Miami University (OH) in 2001 with a bachelor of arts in sociology.

**Jill Mayfield** was hired in November as the gift processing coordinator. She previously held a 34-year career at the former First Place Bank as the assistant vice president corporate recruiting officer.

## **In Memoriam: *Trustee Emeriti Leo Winger***

The YSU Foundation has just learned that Emeriti Trustee George Leo Winger passed away Nov. 3, 2016. He was 97 years old. Mr. Winger was a 1955 graduate of Youngstown University. He served as a member of the YSU Foundation Board of Trustees for over 25 years and upon his resignation in 2013, he was bestowed Emeriti Trustee status.

Leo was born in New Wilmington, PA in 1919. He was a graduate of Hickory High School and went on to marry his sweetheart, the former Irene Richards, in January of 1940. Leo served our country in the Army during World War II, and following his discharge, returned to the Shenango Valley to begin what would go on to become a 49-year career in the steel castings industry. He started sweeping floors in the shop at the former National Malleable and Steel Castings, which became National Castings, and through his hard work and dedication he worked his way up to become the vice president of the Midland Ross Corp. and president of its subsidiary, Metal Products Group, before his retirement.

He was tremendously dedicated to his community and was honored as the "Outstanding Young Man of the Year" by the Shenango Valley Jaycees and was the Annual Buhl Day Honoree. Mr. Winger will be greatly missed.

## **February at the YSU Foundation**

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

New cash gifts received: \$239,706.45

New pledges received: \$140,220.00

Total new philanthropy: \$379,926.45

Total number of gifts: 211

In addition to the above totals, \$214,665.03 cash on existing pledges was received.

## **New YSU Foundation Website**

Our new website launched February 7, 2017. Easy to navigate, the website includes our history, ways to give, basic scholarship information and contact information. Additionally, the website features student testimonials and highlighted scholarships. Please visit us at [www.ysufoundation.org](http://www.ysufoundation.org).

## **2017 Phonathon Begins**

If you are driving by campus in the evening, you will see the press box lights on in Stambaugh Stadium - the annual Phonathon has begun! From February 13 through April 13, YSU students will be calling alumni and friends alike. Specific groups of students, both academic and athletic, call from 5:30pm to 9:00pm, Monday through Friday, for eight weeks. David Baker, annual giving coordinator, organizes the Phonathon each year.