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Payiavlas Family Gift

The Payiavlas Family, owners of AVI Foodsystems in Warren, Ohio, is gifting \$500,000 to Youngstown State University.

In recognition of the gift, YSU will name the classroom in the Don Constantini Multimedia Center at Stambaugh Stadium for the Payiavlas Family. The center will be constructed atop the east side of the stadium and include classroom space for YSU's Sports Broadcasting program.

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to make this gift to a great institution that has had, and will continue to have, a significant impact on the lives and careers of thousands of individuals across our Valley," said John Payiavlas, company founder.

His son, president and chief executive officer as well as YSU Foundation Trustee, Anthony Payiavlas, added, "The Mahoning Valley is our home; this is where we started, and we remain dedicated to our community and its people. We thank President Tressel and YSU for its continued commitment and are thrilled to be able to partner with the University as it moves forward."

AVI Foodsystems is the largest independently owned and operated food service company in the nation, providing hospitality and food services in 46 states and serving thousands of clients and millions of customers daily through contemporary cafés, innovative micro markets, state-of-the-art vending programs, healthcare patient dining, catering services, concession venues and beverage and coffee systems.

"We thank John Payiavlas and the entire Payiavlas Family for their continued commitment to the Mahoning Valley and to Youngstown State University and our students," YSU President Jim Tressel said. "This gift by one of the Valley's most prominent and generous families means that thousands of students will enjoy the benefits of state-of-the-art educational facilities."

Trustees Nunziato and Geller Help Establish Fund for Veterans



(From left: Dan Santon, Santon Electric; Jack Savage, Mahoning Valley NECA; Jack Morse, IBEW Local 573 (Warren); Brian Wolf, YSU Foundation; Jim Burgham, IBEW Local 64 (Youngstown))

Representatives from NECA-IBEW Electricians presented a \$5,000 check to the Youngstown State University Foundation to help establish a fund earmarked for the unique needs of veteran students.

The newly established “Veterans Center Endowment Fund,” largely spearheaded by YSU Foundation Trustee, Carl Nunziato, is administered by the YSU Foundation and is accepting contributions from the community.

NECA-IBEW Electricians, a local association of signatory electrical contractors and IBEW union locals in Warren and Youngstown, supports many veterans’ causes throughout the Mahoning Valley. The organization felt an immediate connection to the importance of this program, according to Jim Geller, YSU Foundation Trustee and former owner of Geller Electric, Inc.

“When Carl Nunziato informed us of the new endowment fund to assist the Veterans Resource Center at YSU, labor and management were quick to agree that we would like to help,” Geller said. “Since our collective bargaining agreement provides monies for the betterment of our industry and the community, it was an easy and popular decision to agree to assist the veteran students, YSU and the YSU Foundation.”

March at the YSU Foundation

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

New cash gifts received: \$242,555

New pledges received: \$741,820

Total new philanthropy: \$984,375

Total number of gifts: 493

In addition to the above totals, \$378,479 cash on existing pledges was received and \$70,000 new expectancies were signed.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the YSU Foundation Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, April 24, 2017, at 4:00p.m. in Melnick Hall. Please reply to Kaitlyn Pinter as to your availability by phone 330-941-4222 or via email kpinter@ysufoundation.org.

YSU Foundation Heritage Park Dedication

Please join us on Wednesday, May 10, at 5:00 p.m. to dedicate the YSU Foundation Heritage Park, located south of Sweeney Hall. YSU Foundation Heritage Park will stand as a lasting symbol of the YSU Foundation’s 50th Anniversary. It will also provide a monument to recognize those YSU faculty and staff members who have received the Heritage Award. This prestigious award recognizes former faculty and professional/administrative staff who have made major contributions to the University during their years of service.