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June Philanthropy Closes Out Strong Fiscal Year

Over \$2.8 million in gifts and pledges was received in the month of June closing out the second most productive year in philanthropic gift acquisition in YSU and YSU Foundation history! Leading the way were gifts of \$1 million, \$500,000, \$250,000, \$235,000, \$210,000, \$200,000 and \$100,000. Announcements are pending in regard to these gifts.

This month's total brings the preliminary 2016 - 2017 fiscal year total to \$13,380,959.

Campus Construction Update



(View looking southwest at the corner of Fifth and Lincoln at the future Barnes and Noble bookstore.)

The summer construction season is in full swing on campus, with more than a half dozen projects scheduled for completion before the start of the fall semester.

Among the projects:

- The Barnes & Noble student bookstore on Fifth and Lincoln Avenues is scheduled to open for business on July 17
- Phase II of The Edge student apartments opens for the start of fall classes
- Construction that has closed Wick Avenue is expected to finish by the start of fall semester

In addition, work is expected to start this summer on the construction of The Enclave student apartments and retail space on Wick Avenue, between Lincoln and Rayen Avenues.

YSU Tuition Remains Lowest in Ohio and Western PA

Students attending Youngstown State University will pay less for tuition than any other public comprehensive university in Ohio and Western Pennsylvania under a \$175.9 million operating budget approved by the YSU Board of Trustees. The budget also appropriates nearly \$1 million more for student scholarships.

The state budget, which must be approved by June 30, limits tuition increases for Ohio public universities. If the state budget includes a tuition increase, YSU is likely to approve the nominal increase in tuition the legislation allows. If not, YSU will freeze tuition for a fourth consecutive year.

In any case, YSU's in-state undergraduate tuition will remain the lowest among public comprehensive universities in the state of Ohio. With a full-time undergraduate tuition of \$8,317 a year, YSU's cost will be nearly \$1,500 below the state average.

"YSU is competitively well-positioned in the state and regional higher education marketplace, especially in light of growing public concern over rising college costs and student debt," said Neal McNally, vice president for Finance and Business Operations.

Thank You Trustee Cafaro

The Mahoning Valley Scrappers home opener was Wednesday, June 21, at Eastwood Field; it was YSU Night with the Scrappers. A special thanks to YSU Foundation Trustee Tony Cafaro for providing the YSU Foundation and its guests with his suite at Eastwood Field.

June at the YSU Foundation

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

New cash gifts received: \$468,272

New pledges received: \$2,410,430

Total new philanthropy: \$2,878,702

Total number of gifts: 306

In addition to the above totals, \$338,077 cash on existing pledges was received and \$200,000 in gift expectancies was received.

Zac Brown Band Comes to Stambaugh Stadium



(YSU Foundation Trustee, Ed Muransky, at the inaugural "Y Live" Announcement.)

The Zac Brown Band will perform at Youngstown State University's Stambaugh Stadium on August 24. The inaugural *Y Live: The Youngstown Musical Event* is being co-promoted by JAC Live and Muransky Companies with Sweeney Chevrolet Buick GMC, DeBartolo Corp., Eastwood Mall and Huntington Bank as major sponsors.

Save the Date:

The Annual Meeting of the YSU Foundation Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, August 28, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. in Melnick Hall. Please reply to Kaitlyn Pinter as to your availability by phone 330-941-4222 or via email kpinter@ysufoundation.org.