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## August 2017

### **“Sonny” Smith Bestowed Emeritus Status**



*(Left to right: Governance Committee Chair; Ben Keck, Trustee Emeritus; Clarence “Sonny” Smith, YSU Foundation Board Chair; Jocelyne Linsalata)*

Long time champion of the Youngstown Community and YSU Foundation, Clarence “Sonny” Smith, was honored at the August 28, 2017 board meeting with a plaque and the bestowal of Trustee Emeritus by the YSU Foundation Board of Trustees. Clarence has made an indelible mark on YSU and the YSU Foundation thought his long standing generosity and volunteer leadership,

One of his most lasting legacies is the Clarence Smith Mineral Museum that he donated to YSU in 2001. Clarence and his father had a lifelong interest in collecting minerals. They traveled the world together collecting mineral specimens. He donated the entire collection to the YSU Department of Geological Sciences, placing YSU in the top five Universities in the country for in house mineral displays.

## Welcome to the YSU Foundation Angela



We welcomed a new team member earlier this month! Angela Stana is a 2016 graduate of YSU and earned her degree in General Studies; where her focuses were Human Resources & Communications. Her position title is the *Foundation Services Associate*, where she helps the President and Vice President with day to day activities including correspondence with donors and the YSU Foundation Board of Trustees. Angela plans to attend YSU again to achieve her MBA in the near future!

## Scholarship Fund Established Lake Milton American Legion Post 737



(Left to right: YSUF Developmental Officer; Chaney Nezbeth, Assistant Professor of Military Science; CPT Mark G. Zwirgzdas, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander; Edward J. Villone, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander; Anthony C. Viano)

The Lake Milton American Legion Post 737, which was formed in 1947, presented their check for a newly endowed scholarship for an ROTC Cadet. The Lake Milton American Legion Post 737 has created a new scholarship for ROTC cadets preferably from Jackson Milton or Western Reserve High Schools.

## 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: \$841,014

New pledges received: \$49,538

Total new philanthropy: \$890,552

Total number of gifts: 300

In addition to the above totals, \$141,413 cash on existing pledges was received.

## The Vivian D. Martin Memorial Scholarship



(Front Row Seated: Robert Burney, recipient of scholarship, and Donna E. James, Back Row: YSUF Scholarship Coordinator; Tiffanie Thomas and Calvin Williamson; President of the Youngstown-Warren Realist Association)

The Vivian D. Martin Memorial Scholarship was established in 2013 to honor Vivian D. Martin. The scholarship is awarded to an African-American student who is at least 24 years of age or older, enrolled in the Williamson College of Business Administration, with a 2.5 GPA or higher and has obtained sophomore class ranking or higher. The student can be attending full or part-time, with first preference given to students from Youngstown or Warren City Public High School.