

# YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

## MISSION STATEMENT

Youngstown State University—an urban research university—emphasizes a creative, integrated approach to education, scholarship, and service. The University places students at its center; leads in the discovery, dissemination, and application of knowledge; advances civic, scientific, and technological development; and fosters collaboration to enrich the region and the world.

### The University

- Creates diverse educational experiences that develop ethical, intellectually curious students who are invested in their communities;
- Provides access to a broad range of undergraduate programs;
- Offers graduate programs in selected areas of excellence, including those that meet the needs of the region;
- Supports economic development through applied learning and research;
- Integrates teaching and learning, scholarship, and civic engagement;
- Fosters understanding of diversity, sustainability, and global perspectives; and
- Advances the intellectual and cultural life of the city, region, and world.

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## **VISION STATEMENT**

Youngstown State University will become a national model for university-community engagement that enhances teaching and learning, student and faculty research, and community well-being. The University will expand its regionally focused mission to include national and international emphases, while working with other colleges and universities, business and industry, and the K-12 community to stimulate the economic, technological, and cultural rebirth of Ohio.

This Vision will be supported by

- Leading scholars and practitioners using multidisciplinary approaches to address societal challenges;
- Engagement of undergraduate and graduate students in research;
- Strategic development of undergraduate and graduate programs;
- Curricular and co-curricular integration of professional and liberal education, problem-solving, critical thinking, and communication skills;
- An emphasis on applied learning and community engagement; and
- Respect for the deep and rich diversity of the communities we serve.

## **Youngstown State University Core Values**

We—the faculty, staff, administrators, and students of Youngstown State University—hold the following values essential to achieving the University’s mission:

### ***Centrality of Students***

We are a student-centered institution committed to the education, development, well-being, and success of students of all ages and from all walks in life. In concert with our mission to help students grow intellectually, we strive to foster their personal, social, emotional, and career growth, as well as their capacities for lifelong learning, civic responsibility, and leadership.

### ***Excellence and Innovation***

We value excellence and innovation inside the classroom and out. Thus, we strive to integrate curricular and cocurricular activities; to offer outstanding academic programs; to foster intellectual inquiry, exploration, and discovery; to transcend traditional boundaries; to apply and perfect knowledge; to encourage creativity; to provide effective tools, technologies, and facilities for learning; and to excel in research and scholarly activity, including the “scholarship of teaching and learning”—an area of research that explores how individuals teach and learn.

### ***Integrity/Human Dignity***

As a campus community, we expect all conduct to be rooted in integrity, mutual respect, and civility. We value ethical behavior in scholarly and other endeavors; believe in the dignity and worth of all people; strive to foster an appreciation of, and respect for, differences among the human race; and celebrate the diversity that enriches the University and the world.

### ***Collegiality and Public Engagement***

As scholar-citizens of many extended and interconnected communities, we pledge to work collegially and cooperatively to enrich the cultural environment; establish productive partnerships; provide responsible leadership; address community and workforce needs; foster sustainability; and bring about the greater good of the collective whole—be it the University, the city of Youngstown, the state of Ohio, the region, or beyond.