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Upcoming Events

Team Camps

Date: June 13, 2009
Team Camp Shoot Out 1

Date: June 14, 2009
Team Camp Shoot Out 2

More Exciting Events

On October 22nd, 2008 the women's basketball team among other student-athletes participated in a fun event called Penguin Fest. The groups were all judged on their creativity, performance, and teamwork. Out of every YSU sports team, the women's basketball team outscored all of them and were crowned the winners of the 2008 Penguin Fest.



Youngstown State Women's Basketball

Community Service



Above: Ashley drawing with a little boy at the Chalk on the Walk event.
Right: YSU women's basketball team in front of a Coaches vs. Cancer banner.

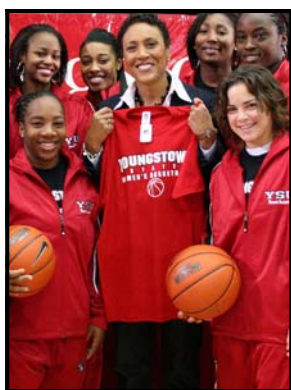


Above: Rachael and Coach Martin with two little girls at the Sunrise Trick-or-Treat Night.

The Youngstown State Women's Basketball team completed a total of six community service projects. Senior captain Kelsey Gurganus managed the "Chalk on the Walk" activity on Sept. 27th in conjunction with the student-athlete advisory committee. The team also participated in the Coaches vs. Cancer walk on Oct. 4th at the YSU track. At the Coaches vs. Cancer event, the team participated in the three-mile walk to raise awareness for the fight against cancer and helped pass out snacks and T-shirts. The event was organized by Tera DePaoli. The event is a national event, and more than 500 colleges across the country participated. Also, on Oct. 30th, the women's basketball team assisted elderly residents at Sunrise Senior Living nursing home with passing out candy to a large group of children who came to the Sunrise Trick-or-Treat Night. This activity was organized by senior captain Tiara Scott.

Good Morning America

The Youngstown State Men's and Women's basketball teams were featured on the ABC show "Good Morning America" on October 31st, 2008. The show was filmed live from YSU's Beeghly Center. Five members of each team were selected to shoot lay-ups while the band played the fight song in the background. Chris Cuomo and Robin Roberts hosted the show and spoke with the teams off camera. Roberts spoke to the women's team about the importance of hard work and enjoying the life of being a student-athlete.



Above: Several YSU women basketball players with Robin Roberts, host of the Good Morning America Show.



Below: Kelsey, Tiara, Robin Roberts, Velissa, and Kaitlyn. The women pictured were announced as the team captains for the 2008-09 season



All the excitement about the presidential campaign made Youngstown State's campus a national scene. Throughout the campaign YSU had visits from John McCain, Barack Obama, and Hillary Clinton. Other appearances included Sheryl Crow, the Beastie Boys and Ben Stiller.

Hall of Fame



Above: YSU women's basketball team and staff pictured with the four former players who were inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2008.

Four former Youngstown State women's basketball players were inducted into the YSU Athletics Hall of Fame on October 25th, 2008. Shannon Beach, Colleen Cook, Ann Marie Martin, and Caroline McCombs were all selected to join YSU's all-time elite student-athletes. All four were seniors on the 1997-98 team that defeated Memphis in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Between the Hall of Fame Banquet and their recognition at halftime of the YSU football game, the four former Penguins spoke with the current student-athletes and coaches about the women's basketball program. For more information, visit www.ysusport.com.



Shannon Beach
1993-98



Colleen Cook
1994-98



Ann Marie Martin
1994-98



Caroline McCombs
1994-98

YSU Hall of Fame

1988: Wanda Grant
1990: Vickie Lawrence
1993: Holly Seimetz
1994: Margaret Peters
1996: Danielle Carson
1997: Dorothy Collins
2001: Margaret Somple
2002: Dianne Rappach
2003: Donna Wertz
2004: Donna Djorovic
2005: Kristi Echelberry
2007: Liz Hauger
2008: Shannon Beach
2008: Colleen Cook
2008: Ann Marie Martin
2008: Caroline McCombs
Coaches:
1989: Joyce Ramsey
2003: Ed DiGregorio



MEDIA DAY



Above: Coach Martin at weekly Press Conference

Youngstown State head women's basketball coach Cindy Martin joined seniors Velissa Vaughn and Kelsey Gurganus at the Penguins media day on October 15th. The group interviewed with media representatives in the Beeghly Center Coaches Court and discussed preseason workouts, changes made to the program and the upcoming season. Both Velissa and Kelsey touched on their excitement about entering their senior year. They are both very optimistic about this year and about starting conference play. There will be a weekly press conference live on the Internet. For live coverage, visit our website.

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2008-2009 Women's Basketball Home Game Schedule			Roster				
Date	Opponent	Time	No.	Name	Position	Yr.	Hometown
11/4/2008	Ashland (Exhibition)	7:05 p.m.	4	Jaquetta Westley	G	Jr.	Joliet, IL
11/9/2008	UPJ (Exhibition)	2:05 p.m.	5	Kenya Middlebrooks	G	Fr.	Toledo, OH
11/19/2008	Buffalo	7:05 p.m.	12	Monique Godfrey	G	Sr.	Cleveland, OH
11/22/2008	Niagara	5:15 p.m.	13	Macey Nortey	G	Fr.	Long Beach, CA
12/3/2008	Saint Francis (Pa.)	7:05 p.m.	14	Kelsey Gurganus	G	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
12/20/2008	Akron	2:05 p.m.	15	Rachael Manuel	G/F	Jr.	Grayslake, IL
1/8/2009	Milwaukee	5:15 p.m.	20	Camisha Alexander	G	Fr.	Beckley, WV
1/10/2009	Green Bay	4:35 p.m.	21	Tiara Scott	F	Sr.	Denver, CO
1/17/2009	Cleveland State	2:05 p.m.	23	Velissa Vaughn	G	Sr.	Clairton, PA
1/29/2009	UIC	5:15 p.m.	24	Kaitlyn March	G	Jr.	Rochester, PA
1/31/2009	Loyola	4:35 p.m.	31	Makala Gasparek	G	So.	Youngstown, OH
2/19/2009	Detroit	7:05 p.m.	32	Ashley Pendleton	C	Sr.	Farrell, PA
2/21/2009	Wright State	TBD	42	Nikita LaFleur	C	Sr.	Scarborough, Ontario
3/5/2009	Butler	7:05 p.m.	Head Coach: Cindy Martin				
3/7/2009	Valparaiso	2:05 p.m.	Assistant Coach: Bernard Scott				
3/19/2009	Horizon League First Round	TBD	Assistant Coach: Meredith Baugher				
3/11/2009	Horizon League Quarterfinals	TBD	Assistant Coach: Shannon Sword				
3/13/2009	Horizon League Semifinals	TBD	Director of Operations: Deidre Jones				
3/15/2009	Horizon League Championship	1 p.m.	Managers: Matt Lipsak and Alexis Allison				

