

Covelli to receive 2016 Medallion for Entrepreneurship

Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN
Sam Covelli, owner and CEO of Covelli Enterprises Inc., who has an honorary doctorate from Youngstown State University, will be honored by the university as a recipient of the 2016 Medallion for Entrepreneurship from Beta Gamma Sigma International Business Honor Society.

The medallion will be presented April 20 in the Williamson College of Business Administration at YSU. A reception will begin at 4 p.m., followed by the presentation titled "Passion for Excellence & Community" at 4:30 p.m.

Covelli is one of only four na-

tionwide recipients this year of the Beta Gamma Sigma Medallion for Entrepreneurship. In addition to being the fourth-largest restaurant franchisee in the United States, Covelli Enterprises is the largest Panera Bread franchisee, with more than 275 locations in five states and southern Ontario, Canada, as well as franchisee of several Dairy Queen and O'Charley's restaurants.

"No one is more deserving of this award than Sam Covelli," said Betty Jo Licata, dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration at YSU. "Mr. Covelli exemplifies the ideals of Beta Gamma Sigma through his exceptional



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Pennsylvania and Florida. All of the communities in which Covelli Enterprises operates are stronger because of Sam Covelli's leadership and generosity."

Christina Carosella, CEO of Beta Gamma Sigma, which has more than 560 collegiate chapters and 30 alumni chapters, said the award recognizes individuals who com-

bine innovative business achievement with service to humanity "and we are pleased to present this award to Sam Covelli."

Founded in 1913, BGS is the oldest international business honor society and has inducted more than 775,000 outstanding students around the world.

A Warren JFK High School graduate, Covelli earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Miami, Fla. Throughout his career, Covelli has consistently won operational awards for sales, exceptional service, cleanliness and customer service. He was recognized by Ernst and Young as Entrepreneur

of the Year for Northeast Ohio in 2005, and subsequently named Restaurateur of the Year. Covelli also has been inducted into the "Business Hall of Fame" of Northeast Ohio.

Founded in 1959, Covelli Enterprises is recognized as having the highest-rated restaurant operations and business practices in the industry. The company has donated to local schools and nonprofit organizations such as the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots, Relay for Life, Second Harvest Food Bank, Beatitude House, Junior Achievement, the Boys and Girls Club of America, American Red Cross, YSU, the United Way and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.



SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR

West Branch Warrior Wizards hold court on the court

The West Branch Warrior Wizards performed last month during halftime of the Division II Boys Basketball Final Four Game at the Value City Arena at the Jerome Schottenstein Center in Columbus. The group of fifth- and sixth-grade boys learned to juggle basketball tricks and dance moves to present an entertaining show for basketball-game attendees. Participating were, front row, from left, Jaxon Hendershott, Landon Wilson, Braden Panezott, Brandt Glista, Kyle Graham, David Sigman and Zachary Lesch; and back row, Dru DeShields, Andrew Conoboy, Nicholas Wilson, Caleb Adams, Thomas Egli, Adam Garloch, Jed Smith, Gregory Rockwell Jr., Michael Kanagy, Mitchell Coffee and Jacob Grindley.

Summer Bridge program at YSU gets Wean grant

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The Center for Student Progress Summer Bridge program at Youngstown State University was recently awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Raymond John Wean Foundation.

Summer Bridge is a free, one-week residential program for first-time, traditional-age, multicultural freshmen entering YSU, said Michael Beverly, senior academic coach in the YSU CSP.

He said the grant will be used for student staffing, housing, meals and other supplies for participants during this year's Summer Bridge week, July 24-29.

The program is designed to provide students the opportunity to become more familiar with the academic and social experiences most often encountered by first-year students.

During the summer, students reside in YSU residence halls; take introductory writing, Study Skills and computer mini-courses; participate in presentations from Financial Aid, Student Life, Campus Recreation, Student Employment; take resiliency/conflict resolution courses; and participate in social activities in the city of Youngstown and surrounding communities.

Beverly said Summer Bridge transitions to the Bridge and Beyond program during the fall semester.

Bridge and Beyond includes block scheduling of classes, living in a learning community in the residence hall, having a peer mentor and working with a professional staff member who serves as an academic coach.

MLK earns 5-star rating

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Martin Luther King Elementary School received a five-star rating as part of the Ohio Department of Education's Step Up to Quality review.

"Not only did the Martin Luther King Elementary preschool program receive a five-star rating for excellence, it was also allocated 64 bonus points for all of the additional supports and services being provided by the program," said Lori Kopp, executive director of special education at the city schools.

Step Up to Quality is a five-star quality rating and improvement system ad-

ministered by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

The program recognizes and promotes learning and development programs that meet quality standards that exceed licensing health and safety regulations.

SUTQ ratings are based on national research-based standards that lead to improved outcomes for children and evaluative criteria that include learning and development, administrative and leadership practices, staff qualification and professional development and family and community partnerships.



SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR

Mahoning County Career and Technical Center students, from left, Danielle Shreve of West Branch, Kayla Windsor of Poland and Hanna Moore and Samantha Zarlengo, both of Austintown, won gold medals at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Regional Skills Events last month at Tallmadge High School. The students, who study early childhood education at MCCTC, won as a team.

MCCTC students go for gold

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CANFIELD
Ten seniors and four juniors from the Early Childhood Education Program at the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center attended the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Regional Skills Events at Tallmadge High School and brought home 13 gold medals and one silver for their efforts.

The winners: ♦Seniors Contessa Barrett, West Branch; Alayna Gordon, Jackson-Milton; and Lilliana Irizarry and LaKayla Weaver, both of Campbell, participated in the Early Childhood Team Event, which required them to spontaneously develop and present before judges a schedule of activities, and a thematic curric-

ulum web that integrates the Ohio Early Learning and Development Standards. The team earned gold medals.

♦Senior MaKayla Shea of Austintown Fitch presented a Curriculum Unit Display Board that represented activities that she presented to the Head Start classroom. Shea earned a gold medal.

♦Senior Lauryn Ellis of Boardman developed a language and literacy activity to go along with the picture book "Elmer" and presented an extension activity to coordinate with the story. Ellis brought home a silver medal.

♦Senior Precious Mitchell of Austintown Fitch planned a specific task assessment resource box of materials to demonstrate ways to assess

children's language and literacy development. Mitchell earned a gold medal.

♦Seniors Arlessa Douglass of Struthers and Mackenzie Pringle and Diana Schell, both of Austintown presented an illustrated talk about shaken-baby syndrome. These students created a display board of their findings and made presentations to classmates, Head Start parents and staff who are parents of young children to earn gold medals.

♦Juniors Hanna Moore of Austintown, Danielle Shreve of West Branch, Kayla Windsor of Poland and Samantha Zarlengo of Austintown participated in the early-childhood team event. They also brought home gold medals.

SCHOOL digest

Western Reserve schools accepting applications

BERLIN CENTER

The Western Reserve School District will accept applications for open enrollment for kindergarten through 12th grade through May 15. Call 330-547-0803 for information.

St. Patrick School accepting student registrations

HUBBARD

St. Patrick School, 38 E. Water St., a Lumen Christi school, is accepting new-student registration for students in kindergarten through eighth grade in the 2016-17 school year. Prospective families can contact the office at 330-534-2509 to schedule an appointment to pick up registration information.

Principal Tina Vince will be able to assist families with information on various types of scholarships, financial aid and payment plan options available to families. Busing is available to St. Patrick School from Youngstown, Liberty, Hubbard and Brookfield.

The Ed.Choice Scholarship is accepted for incoming K-8 grade students from the Youngstown City Schools and other school districts deemed underperforming public schools by the Ohio Department of Education.

This scholarship covers 100 percent of the tuition cost to attend St. Patrick School and is renewable each year.

Visit the school's website at www.stpatrickhubbard.com to send an electronic request for information or to schedule an appointment.

GRADS LIST

The following students were awarded associate degrees unless otherwise noted:

LAUREL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, Sharon, Pa.

♦**Farrell, Pa.:** Khalilah Hasan, accounting and business administration; LaShay Nixon, health information technology; Lindsay Ellebie, nail technician certificate.

♦**Franklin, Pa.:** Jason Parson, valedictorian, medical assisting.

♦**Greenville, Pa.:** Lindsay Curtis, cosmetology; Randall Stebbins, medical assisting; Merrissa Hassel, respiratory therapy; Chevelle Marie Carlson, phlebotomy certificate.

♦**Hermitage, Pa.:** Brittany Powell, cosmetology; Danielle N. Marangoni, esthetics/nail technician diploma; Casey Scheuermann, respiratory therapy; Johnna Scheuermann, respiratory therapy.

♦**Jamestown, Pa.:** Mathias Shappee, medical assisting.

♦**Masury:** Vicky L. Ayres, medical assisting; Gina Marie Morrison, salutatorian, respiratory therapy.

♦**Mercer, Pa.:** Alexandria Dawson, esthetics certificate.

♦**New Castle, Pa.:** Gary Newsom, medical assisting; Nyetia Bailey, respiratory therapy.

♦**North Lima:** William Piccuta, respiratory therapy.

♦**Pulaski, Pa.:** Dylan DeSilvey, valedictorian, welding and fabrication with pipeline technology diploma.

♦**Sharon, Pa.:** David G. Campbell, valedictorian, welding and fabrication with pipeline technology diploma; Thomas Hughes, medical assisting; Jan L. Nigro, medical assisting; Alauna Marie Schell, phlebotomy certificate.

♦**Sharpsville, Pa.:** Erika Zappa, cosmetology diploma; Nicole L. Husband, medical assisting; Thomas Heutsche, respiratory therapy.

♦**West Middlesex, Pa.:** Chelsea A. Blakely, respiratory therapy.

♦**Wheatland, Pa.:** Suzanne Prather, cosmetology diploma.

♦**Youngstown:** Jaclyn Tovtin, respiratory therapy.