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## YOUNGSTOWN MAYORAL CANDIDATES FEATURED ON PBS 45 & 49 SPECIAL

KENT, Ohio – Sept. 6, 2005 – PBS 45 & 49 presents a special broadcast of **Youngstown 2010 Moving Ahead: A Forum for Reporting Progress**, featuring the six mayoral candidates for mayor of Youngstown. The live 90-minute broadcast airs on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 8 p.m. on both PBS 45 & 49 and public radio station WYSU-FM.

Subtitled **Candidates Night**, the program features a panel of local journalists asking the contenders questions about the city and the Youngstown 2010 plan for revitalization. Each candidate also will have the opportunity to present his or her position statement for candidacy.

The mayoral candidates, all of whom plan to participate in **Candidates Night**, are: Brendan Gilmartin, state Sen. Bob Hagan, Robert Korchnak, Maggy Lorenzi, Joe Teague and Jay Williams.

Journalists participating on the panel are Joe Bell (moderator), WKBN/27 First News; Leonard Crist, editor-in-chief of Youngstown State University's newspaper *The Jambar*; Jim Michaels, WKBN/News Radio 570; Gerry Ricciutti, WYTV/33 News; and Cynthia Barnes, WKBN/27 First News.

Jeremiah G. Blaylock, PBS 45 & 49's producer for the show, said the station is pleased to offer the program. "This is an exciting first opportunity to learn about all of the mayoral candidates in one setting," he said. "It also enables the candidates to state their positions on various issues facing Youngstown."

**2010 Moving Ahead: A Forum for Reporting Progress** is underwritten by the Tony LaRiccia family of Youngstown. The LaRiccia family has agreed to fund three broadcasts of the program in 2005.

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