

YSU to host Regional Economic Diversification Summit

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YOUNGSTOWN — In an effort to identify federal resources that can help the Mahoning Valley create jobs and strengthen its economic future, Youngstown State University is hosting a Regional Economic Diversification Summit from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday.

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The virtual conference will feature discussions with industry, government, community and economic development officials about emerging regional sectors, local strengths and challenges.

The summit is part of the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Lordstown Economic Recovery initiative, created to address near and long-term solutions to unemployment in the Mahoning Valley due to the closure of GM Lordstown. The initiative is led by YSU, in partnership with Eastgate and Cleveland State University.

Among the topics addressed will be electric vehicles and lithium-ion battery research; logistics and distribution efforts; additive and advanced manufacturing; petrochemical assets and opportunities; reuse and redevelopment of strategically beneficial sites, including the Mahoning River restoration efforts and the Youngstown Air Reserve Station Joint Land Use study; and unemployment mitigation and strategy management, including YSU programs, economic development research and solutions and future planning needs.

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