

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A newsletter for faculty, staff and students of The University of Findlay

Volume 2, Issue 16

April 22, 2005

806 WILL RECEIVE DIPLOMAS AT APRIL 30 COMMENCEMENT

More than 800 students will graduate from The University of Findlay during spring commencement ceremonies on Saturday, April 30 at 2 p.m. in the Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex.

A total of 354 graduate degrees will be awarded. These include 119 master

of business administration degrees; 85 master of arts in education degrees; 37 master of physical therapy degrees; 18 master of science in environmental, safety and health management degrees; 20 master of arts in TESOL (teaching English to speakers of other languages) and bilingual education degrees; 16 master of occupational therapy degrees; seven master of arts in liberal studies degrees; and one master of athletic training degree.

A total of 592 undergraduate degrees will be conferred, including 437 bachelor of science degrees; 110 bachelor of arts degrees; 34 bachelor of science in business management degrees; nine bachelor of science in environmental management degrees; two bachelor of science in criminal justice degrees; and 83 associate of arts degrees.

Among the graduates are 101 international students, representing 18 countries.

The class of 2005 also includes the University's largest group of Honors Scholars. Seven students will graduate as Honors Scholars, an honor they earn by being an active member of the University Honors Program, maintaining a minimum 3.5 grade point average, completing an independent senior research project and earning 28 hours of honors credit.

Congressman Michael Oxley, R-Findlay, will be the commencement speaker.

SIFE WINS AT REGIONALS

UF's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Team won the title of USA SIFE Regional Champions at a competition held in Chicago April 11.

Thanks to this win, UF's team will compete at the USA National Exposition in Kansas City, Mo., May 22-24.

SIFE is a non-profit organization active on more than 1,800 college and university campuses in 40 countries. SIFE teams reach out to their communities by teaching marketing, economics and entrepreneurship concepts.

The University's SIFE team has sponsored local projects including marketing for Gallant's Books and More, Learning with Lemons experiments with Findlay school-children, teaching resumé and computer skills at the Findlay City Mission and Dining for Fun and Profit business etiquette lunches.

Members of the UF SIFE team are Ami Smith, Andy Kuhn, Kristen Gorden, Sara Kessler, Dan Smith, Paul Loera, Karl Forsthoefel, Matt Witte, Abbie Shook, Catie Lavigne, Rodney Dickman, Stephanie Back, David Lawrence, Heather Karney, Charlie Shim, Christina Margraf and Roy Paniagua.

Dr. Greg Arburn, assistant professor of economics and finance is SIFE adviser.

COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES

President's Open House for Graduates, Friday, April 29 at 4 p.m., President Freed's home, 1115 N. Main St.

Baccalaureate Ceremony, Saturday, April 30 at 10:30 a.m., Ritz Auditorium, Old Main.

Commencement Brunch, Saturday, April 30 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Alumni Memorial Union.

Commencement Ceremonies, Saturday, April 30 at 2 p.m., Koehler Complex.

Arch Ceremony, Saturday, April 30, immediately following commencement, Griffith Memorial Arch.

PT STUDENTS PRESENT RESEARCH FORUM

Students in The University of Findlay's physical therapy program presented a spring research forum Thursday, March 31.

The research forum was conducted in partnership with the Ohio Physical Therapy Association Northwest District Meeting.

UF's physical therapy program, recognizing the importance of clinical research in the physical therapy profes-



Physical therapy students presented their spring research projects in poster and platform presentations during a March forum.

sion, sponsored the research forum as an opportunity to enhance physical therapists' ability to critically evaluate the quality of clinical research in the support of evidence-based physical therapy practice.

From 4:15-5:15 p.m., eight students were on hand to answer questions about topics including "Does the Name Describe the Responsibilities of an Athletic Trainer? A Public's Perspective," "Use of Autolytic, Sharp and Mechanical Debridement on Acute Stage II and III Wounds in a Patient with a Right Foot Crush Injury: a Case Report," "The Effects of Therapeutic Intervention Following PFA on Gait, ROM and Pain: a Case Report" and "SEMG Activity of Lower Extremity Muscles While Cycling in Women (40-60 yrs.)." Posters detailing the students' research were on display.

Dr. Daniel Cipriani presented a keynote address, "Recognizing Quality Research and the Importance of Randomized Control Trials in Physical Therapy," from 5:30-6:15 p.m. Dr. Cipriani is an associate professor of physical therapy at the Medical College of Ohio. He also serves as vice-chairman of the MCO's Institutional Review Board.

The evening concluded with five students conducting three 20-minute presentations on various research projects from 6:40-8 p.m.

SPEAKER, PANEL DISCUSS HUMAN, ANIMAL BEHAVIOR

Dr. Barbara Smuts, noted animal behaviorist, discussed similarities in dog, wolf and human behavior at April 4 in the AMU.

Smuts, a professor of biopsychology at the University of Michigan, presented, "Dogs, Wolves and Humans: Triads and Triangles in Nature."

Smuts proposed that dogs and wolves' behavior mirrors that of humans when conflict occurs among a group of three beings.

A panel discussion about Smuts' research followed the presentation. Panelists included Smuts, wildlife biologist Dr. Tim Reichard, who has worked at the San Diego and Toledo zoos, and UF faculty members Dr. Jason Slone, Dr. Gwynne Rife and Anthony Wilgus.



Dr. Barbara Smuts addressed faculty, staff and students from several disciplines during her April 4 talk about animal behavior.

ART STUDENTS WIN PRIZES

Students taking classes in the Art Program entered more than 80 works in the UF Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition, which was on display April 4-22.

Gary Wells, an art teacher at Ada High School in Ada, Ohio, and a 1994 UF graduate, served as judge for the exhibition.

An untitled painting by **Sung Soo Song** was named best in show. Other prize winners included **Katy McCurdy**, first award for painting for "Ohio," honorable mention for painting for "Garden Study" and honorable mention for printmaking for "Flora;" **Jong Ho Park**, first award for drawing for

"Desperado;" **Kelly Wells**, first award for printmaking for an untitled work; **David Weinandy**, first award for ceramics for "Ash Jug" and honorable mention for ceramics for "Gator Bird Bath;" **Sara Kear**, first award for design for "Vegetable Design;" **Julie Kafun**, honorable mention for design for an untitled work; **Laura Beach**, first award for photography for "Staircase to Nowhere #1;" **Adam Wright**, honorable mention for photography for "Study of Lines #4;" **Trevor Kovacs**, honorable mention for photography for "Roughnecks;" and **Martina Rostorfer**, first award for computer design for "Creative Review."

DANA CHAIRS LEND 'REAL WORLD' ADVICE

Top retired management executives from Findlay presented "What the Future Holds in the Real World" at UF on Tuesday, April 12.

David S. Healy, Charles J. Younger, Carl R. Patterson and J. Alec Reinhardt held a panel discussion evaluating ways to be successful in the business world.

All of the speakers have served as a Dana Chair Executive-in-Residence at the University. The chair was established through a gift from the Dana Corporation to strengthen ties between the academic and practicing sides of the business community.

Dana Chairs typically teach in the College of Business and serve as guest lecturers throughout the University. They also serve as advisers for outstanding undergraduate business students who are designated as Dana Scholars by the College of Business faculty.

Healy has served as Dana Chair since 2003. He was owner of Spencer Patterson Insurance in Findlay for 25 years, retiring in 1996. He earned a bachelor's degree in business from Hanover College.

Reinhardt served as Dana Chair from 2000-01. He retired in 1999 as executive vice president and chief financial officer and director of Cooper Tire & Rubber Company. He holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Cincinnati and master of business administra-



Photo courtesy of Eric Lee

Current Dana Chair David S. Healy, second from left, and former chairs Carl R. Patterson, J. Alec Reinhardt and Charles J. Younger offered business advice to students on April 12.

tion and juris doctorate degrees from The Ohio State University.

Patterson was UF's Dana Chair during the 1997-98 academic year. Patterson retired as general manager/secretary of G.S.W. Manufacturing Inc. in Findlay. He holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from The Ohio State University and a master's degree in business administration from Michigan State University.

Younger served as UF's Dana Chair for the 1996-97 academic year. After a long career in telephone and cable services, he retired as executive vice president of Continental Cablevision Inc. He is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University.

MATHEMATICS PROGRAM BOASTS GRADUATING CLASS, SUCCESSES

Mathematics program co-directors Anne Albert and Judith McCrory are excited about this spring's class of nine graduating math seniors, which includes eight adolescent/young adult integrated mathematics/mathematics majors.

"They are so interested in teaching and teaching well," Albert commented. "They are graduating as already good teachers."

She also noted that math majors were well represented among those students recognized at Friday's Honors & Awards Assembly.

Recently, the 18th annual Mathematics Day was held March 31 on campus with featured speaker Mike Lanstrum addressing topics of "Study Skills and Brain Works" and "Historical Women in Mathematics." More than 300 students and faculty attended.

Findlay's six math faculty members model a good balance between male and female professors with a 50-50 split. Also, UF students number 13 female math majors out of 32, achieving nearly a 50-50 ratio. This is a positive sign indicating that women entering mathematics professions are increasing.

During fall semester the faculty took 20 math majors to "SciMaTech," an Ohio statistics conference sponsored by the Toledo Chapter of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Albert also pointed with pride that three of last year's math majors went on to graduate school, focusing in areas of actuarial science, computer science and statistics. According to McCrory, another alum, who will soon receive his master's degree in math from Miami University, is planning to pursue a doctoral degree in math.

ESSINGER GIVES FICTION READING

Assistant Professor of English David Essinger held a fiction reading Thursday, April 21, in the Malcolm Dining Hall.

Essinger read from his short fiction works. His fiction writings have been published in *Folio*, *Denver Quarterly* and *Vincent Brothers Review*. He has written a novel, *A Near-Life Experience*, and he has begun writing a second novel based on his experiences working as a dog walker.

Essinger holds a bachelor's degree from Miami University and a master's degree in fine arts from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

A reception for Essinger followed the reading.

TIME FLIES DURING A BUSY APRIL

Photo courtesy of Laura Beach



Jane Bender, Paul Chwialkowski and Milton Peters planted a tree given by the Social Sciences faculty and staff in memory of Dr. David Allen behind Old Main on April 15.



Photo courtesy of Laura Beach

The UF Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble treated concertgoers to thrilling renditions of John Philip Sousa marches during their April 10 spring concert.

Photo courtesy of Eric Lee



Habitat for Humanity's Act! Speak! Build! Week, April 4-10, culminated with the Box City Day of Advocacy on April 9. UF students, faculty, and staff constructed box houses in front of Old Main and slept in them overnight to get a better understanding of what it is like to be homeless.



Dr. Thomas Kunicki, an expert in hematology, the study of blood, lectured on the link between genes and cardiovascular disease on April 1.



Tibetan monks from India's Gaden Shartse Monastery visited campus April 13, performing ceremonial dances and music in the AMU.



Students from China and 11 other countries shared elements of their cultures with the campus and Findlay community at UF's 37th annual International Night on April 8. Attendees sampled food from all over the world and enjoyed traditional entertainment such as dancing and singing.



Charlie Parker, '72, and current assistant coach for the Dallas Mavericks, met with Cleveland-area alumni before a Cleveland Cavaliers/Dallas basketball game in April 3.

Photo courtesy of Laura Beach



The Student Government Association sponsored its third annual Casino Night April 11, offering prizes and fun.



Kyle Kutchenritter, Matthew Harris and Christen Mathern starred in Alpha Psi Omega's production of Bullshot Crummond April 13-17.



Seventeen teams from Ohio high schools and four UF teams participated in the Oiler, Environmental, Safety and Health Organization's Fear Factor event on April 16.



Younger siblings, relatives and friends of UF students visited campus April 8-10 for Sibs-N-Kids Weekend. Visitors enjoyed activities such as swimming at Croy.

Photography by Anne Risser Lee

Photo courtesy of Summer Douglass

2005 HONORS AND AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Students recognized at the April 15 Honors and Awards Assembly are as follows.

Student Employee of the Year

Kyle Kutchenriter

Foundations Academic Excellence Award

Eric Hammon

Gretchen Beddow Award for Excellence in Gerontology

Erin Baumann

Law and Liberal Arts Award

Katie Doseck
Jessica Pritts
Ben Wiborg

History Award

Adam Clapp
Lyndi Grappy
Linda Insley
Jason Kean

Aletha Herwig Memorial Award

Lyndi Grappy

The Gary Lee Cramer II Political Science Student of the Year

Adam Clapp

Greenwood-Ehr Prize in Communication

Whitney Haverfield

Outstanding Achievement in Graphic Communication

Stephanie Winkel

Eta Theta Chapter of Phi Alpha Honor Society Initiates

Emilie Carles

Heidi Mercer
Carrie Rashleigh
Ashley Schroeder

Outstanding Social Work Student

Amanda Blue

Religious Studies Award

Sean Green

Psychology Student of the Year

Erin Baumann

Outstanding Students in Choral and Vocal Music

Matthew Harris
Jaclyn Hilborn
Kasey Lugg
Gregory Wozniak

G.G. Bruer Award for Creative Writing

Mallory Barfield
Brian Bender
Jessica Johnston
Brittany Martz
David Meeks
Stephany Metzger
Rachelle Wilhelm

Richard C. Gebhardt Award for Freshman Writing

Nicole Vogel
Amanda Wolford

R.L. Gebhardt English Award

Levi Perkins

Outstanding Students in Foreign Languages

Sean Farmer
Catherine Lavigne

Certificate of Recognition for Overseas Internship in Foreign Languages

Holly Beach
Sean Farmer



Kristin Coutts was awarded the Mancuso Trophy for excellence in athletics from Athletic Director Steve Rackley.

Zach Pina

Outstanding Student in English as an International Language

Woo Young Choi
Kazuki Yoshizawa

Outstanding Teacher Education Graduates

Early Childhood
Lisa Tietje
Allison Budde

Middle Childhood

Nicole Parsell

Multi-Age

Rachel Schroeder

Adolescent/Young Adult

Emily Loy

Intervention Specialist

Terry Meyer

Outstanding Senior Majoring in Mathematics

Brian Oestreich

Mathematics Award

Laura Heitkamp

Computer Science ACM

Horizons Award

Joshua Beard

Outstanding Seniors in Computer Science

Carolyn Faeth
Amanda Wheeler

Technology Management Senior Recognition Award

Brian Crawford
Joel Reffner
Laurel Rosebush
Jillian Yeater

Tim Barhite Award for Excellence in Biology

Melinda Galleher
Emily Ickes

Outstanding Pre-Veterinary Medicine Students

Leslie Ann Avery
Daniela Siefert Porembka

Allison Weber Outstanding Equestrian Student

Allison McBreen

Kristin L. Slater Outstanding Western Equestrian Student

Jacob Bowman

Outstanding Senior in Environmental Safety and Occupational Health Management

Denis Brewer
Erika Heiser

Faculty Achievement Award

Laura Fleck
Trent Harris

Physical Therapy Service Award

Sara Christman
Nicole Venn

Clinical Performance Award

Chad Cook
Julie McGill

Outstanding Performance in Traditional Occupational Therapy

Megan Montz

Outstanding Graduate in Weekend Occupational Therapy

James Boylen

John R. and Barbara F. Murray Award

Brandy Fields

Outstanding Athletic Training Student Award

Danea Connolly
Lorna Jutte

Outstanding Strength and Conditioning Student Award

Julie Becker

Financial Executives Institute Award

Jeffery Gebhardt

Outstanding Student in Marketing in Memory of the late Dr. Jones, Chairman, Division of Business Administration

Beth Gahler

Outstanding Student in Business

Ashley Kean

Outstanding International Student in Business

Jussara Kleeberg DeMelo

Wall Street Journal Award

Shelby Heckel

Outstanding Human Resource Management Student

Rita Miller

Dana Scholars

Meredith Bowers
Ashley Bowman
Jussara DeMelo
Dominic Guarnieri
Shelby Hackel
Ashley Kean
Noah Kreischer
Rita Miller
Rigel Shaw
Edward Vilt

Weekend College Achievement Award

Linda Teeters

Harriett Ritz Academic Achievement Award

Terry Muzy

Outstanding BSBM Student Award

Rachel Cox

Outstanding BSEM Student Award

Zachary Huffman

Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award

Desmond Buford

Outstanding International Student Leader Award

Maria Marrufo

Outstanding Student Leader Award

Whitney Haverfield

Outstanding Hispanic-Latino Student Leader Award

Ricardo Sandoval

Outstanding African-American Student Leader Award

Almar Walter

Rising Star Award

Brian Ceraldi

Student Government Association Member of the Year Award

Dustin Shepler

Campus Compact Award for Outstanding Service to Community

Jennifer Monday

Student Organization Model Social Program

Black Tie Affair

Student Organization Model Education Program

Le Cercle Francais

Aristos Eklektos

Membership Awards New

Members 2005-06 Academic Year

Jeff Bogner
Lindsey Bouza
Mark Burroughs
Holly Ferris
Ioannis Giatis
Kelly Hancock
Erica Heinbokel
Rebecca Leap
Casey Luttfriing
Levi Perkins
Samantha Polk
Rachael Rufe
Rachel Walter

Outstanding Freshman

Devin Pritts

Outstanding Sophomore

Nicole Milligan

Outstanding Junior

Erin Paulsen

Outstanding Senior

Daniela Seifert Porembka

The Mancuso Trophy

Kristin Coutts
Edward Vilt

The Founders' Son and Daughter Award

Whitney Haverfield
Brian Oestreich



Vice President for Student Services David Emsweller recognized Whitney Haverfield and Brian Oestreich as Founders' Son and Daughter during the April 15 Honors and Awards Assembly.

STUDENT TEACHERS CELEBRATE PROMISING FUTURE

A group of nearly 200 students, faculty, cooperating teachers and administrators gathered together on April 6 to celebrate the beginning of the graduating education majors' teaching careers. During the Student Teacher Dinner, the College of Education also thanked everyone involved with the field experience program for their time and dedication to UF students and the profession.

"The dinner is the only way we have of showing our thanks to everyone that makes this significant program successful," Connie Leatherman, director of field experiences, explained. "At the same time, we are able to show off our students' work with their action research projects."

This semester, 111 students participated in the field experience program. As part of the program, senior educa-

tion majors and some graduate students spent five days a week for 11 weeks teaching in a real classroom. This semester, UF students taught in approximately 79 schools throughout northwest Ohio in every grade and discipline from kindergarten all the way through high school math.

"We are very appreciative to all the school districts for letting our field experience students come their schools to see true teaching come alive," Leatherman said. "Professors can teach the theories until they are blue in the face, but students must get out there in the school and really see what it is like to be a teacher — the hard work, lesson plans, day-to-day working of the school."

Leatherman added, "The classroom is where students can see why teachers teach: the light in the eyes of the student when they finally begin to under-

stand a concept; the tears when a student needs to confide something that happened the night before; and the difference in the body language of the student when they realize that someone actually cares. The methods classes are necessary but the field experience is priceless."

To help ensure the student teachers have the support and direction they need, each student is mentored by the cooperating teacher who has agreed to let the UF student teach in their classroom. In addition, 20 faculty members from the COE supervise the students' progress and accomplishments.

Leatherman added a few words of wisdom for the graduating seniors. "Go out there and be the best that you can be. Remember there is always one thing you have control over and that is attitude. And attitude is everything!"

FACULTY, STAFF CELEBRATE UF SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

The University of Findlay honored 32 members of its faculty and staff at a Recognition Awards Dinner on April 15.

Honored for 35 years of service was Dr. Shiv K. Gupta, while Dr. Dwight L. Moody was honored for 30 years of service. Anne Albert, Penny L. Gerdeman, Mary K. Huber and Dr. Richard A. Smith were honored for 25 years of service. Paula R. Babcock, Stephen F. Brown, Judith M. Cook, Craig E. Gunnnett, Teresa J. LaRocco, Dr. Peter Maldonado, Elaine M. Markon, Judith M. McCrory, Mary L. Oakes, Carole L. Spurgeon and David C. Wallach were recognized for 20 years of service.

Serving for 15 years were Carla L. Dee, Natalie Fittro, David E. Foster, Tony G. Goedde, Dr. Fumiko Harada, Robin R. Koehler, Nancy L. Leatherman, Mairi B. Meredith, Lora R. Rettig, Barbara J. Vandermark.

Those awarded for 10 years of service were Dr. Lisa L. Dutton, Cynthia A. Fry, Dr. Gregory F. Hass, Judy L. Lowell and Jackie Stephenson.



Dr. Shiv K. Gupta was recognized for his 35 years of service to the University at an April 15 dinner. Forty-six other members of the faculty and staff were also honored that night.

MAZZA HOSTS AUTHOR/ARTIST AMY YOUNG

Children's author and illustrator Amy Young spoke at the Mazza Museum on Sunday, April 10.

Amy Young is best known for her books about a ballet dancer with big feet named Belinda. Titles include *Belinda the Ballerina* and *Belinda in Paris*.

Young holds bachelor's and master's degrees in fine arts, as well as a juris doctorate. She practiced law for seven years before launching her career as a children's book author and illustrator.

A book and gift sale and autographing session followed Young's address.

FYI is published by the Office of University Relations. Contact Summer Douglass at x4731 or sdouglass@findlay.edu to submit information.