

THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY

Summer Student Newsletter
From President DeBow Freed

Many Students Celebrate Commencement

More than 730 students graduated from The University of Findlay during spring commencement ceremonies at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2, in the Koehler Complex on campus.

Dr. James D. Houdeshell, professor emeritus, gave the commencement address, "Some Simple Thoughts," sharing wisdom gleaned his 54 years of coaching and educational administration.

Houdeshell graduated from then-Findlay College in 1953 and later earned a master's degree from Bowling Green State University and a doctorate from Indiana University. He began his career at the University in 1955 as a teacher and coach.

Houdeshell also served as athletic director, the first dean of the college of professional studies, which was the forerunner of the current colleges of business and education, and has been instrumental in developing and directing multiple

projects within the University.

Following the address, Dr. Kathleen Crates, an alumna of then-Findlay College as well as Bowling Green State University, from which she received a master's and doctorate, received an honorary doctor of education degree.

More than 300 graduate degrees were awarded, and more than 380 undergraduate degrees were awarded, including approximately 60 bachelor of arts degrees and approximately 320 bachelor of science degrees.

More than 40 associate of arts degrees were conferred.



Sathya Maheswaran and Danielle Matson, both MBA graduates, pose for a self-portrait prior to the ceremony.

Among the UF graduates are more than 100 international students who received master's degrees and eight international students who received bachelor's degrees. Those students represent the countries of India, China, Taiwan, Nepal, Japan, Burma, Ghana, Thailand and Korea.



MBA graduate Laura Tietje gets some help with her hood from Kay Koch.



A group of soon-to-be graduates walks from the brunch in the Alumni Memorial Union to the Koehler Complex for commencement ceremonies.



Audra Dundore speaks to her fellow classmates during the baccalaureate service Saturday morning in Ritz Auditorium.

A. Rösser Lee



University president Dr. DeBow Freed shares a happy moment with soon-to-be graduates.

A. Rösser Lee



Johnnie Jackson, MBA graduate, walks across the stage during the commencement ceremony.

A. Rösser Lee



Linda Dansoa Osei pauses for a picture with her family after receiving a master's degree.

A. Rösser Lee



Cassandra Beck, Jeremy Stewart, Nina Smith and Essex Berry walk through the Arch flanked by faculty members.

A. Rösser Lee



New graduates pose for pictures on the front lawn of Old Main. Back row: Ashley Dutridge, Zachary Utendorf, Cari Hahler, Austin Slayter. Front row: Megan Fetter

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This Summer Student Newsletter is the first of three you will receive prior to the beginning of school in August.

The purpose of each newsletter is to keep you informed about what's happening on campus during the summer months.

Each Summer Student Newsletter is prepared by the Office of Public Information.

First New Student Registration Day Set for May 11

New Student Registration days are May 11 and 21, June 10 and 18 and Aug. 20 for new students entering as freshmen for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Approximately 200 new students are expected at the May 11 registration.

Students will meet with academic advisers at 10 a.m. and then will visit the One Stop Shop, which will be open from 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Union.

Students will have the opportunity to speak with staff members from a variety of campus depart-

ments, including athletics, disability services, student activities and many more.

With questions about New Student Registration, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 1-800-548-0932 or admissions@findlay.edu.

Equestrian Teams Compete at National Level; Western Team Brings Home Win

All of the University's equestrian teams competed at the national level this year, with the western equestrian team bringing home their fourth Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) National Championship trophy from Murfreesboro, Tenn., in April.

Individually, Katie Morehead won Open Western Horsemanship, which gave Findlay the edge for the national title.

She also won the same event in individual competition and placed second for the High Point rider Award. Morehead tied Jennifer Nagel of New York State with 211 points, but lost out on first in a tiebreaker.

Also in IHSA competition, the English equestrian team took fifth



The western equestrian team poses with all of their ribbons and the championship trophy after winning the national championship for the third time in five years.

at the National Championship, amassing the seventh highest point total with two teams tying scores.

Kara Wintz led the way after being named reserve champion in the Novice Equitation Over Fences.

The University's dressage team hosted for the first time the Intercollegiate Dressage Association national championships, earning the Team Sportsmanship Award and placing 10th in team competition.

SummerStock Theater Tickets Available

The University of Findlay's professional theater series, SummerStock,

will open its 2009 season with "The Music Man" June 24.

"The Music Man" will run at 8 p.m. June 24-26, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. June 27 and at 6 p.m. June 28. The Findlay Light Opera Co. is a partner in the production.

"You Can't Take it with You" is the second show in the series. It runs July 8-12.

"Cinderella" will end the season July 22-26.

Season tickets are available now. Contact the UF Box Office at 419-434-5335. Season tickets are \$35 per person. Tickets for individual shows are \$16 each.



Student-Athletes Complete 2009 Season

Men's Basketball: The Oilers finished the season with a 36-0 record en route to the 2009 NCAA Division II National Championship. The 36-0 mark is the best ever for a national champion at the NCAA Division II level.

The Oilers won the championship game in grand fashion as senior guard Tyler Evans hit a three pointer as the buzzer sounded in overtime to give Findlay a 56-53 win over Cal Poly Pomona.

Senior forward Josh Bostic was tabbed the NCAA Division II Player of the Year while head coach Ron Niekamp was the recipient of the NCAA Division II Coach of the Year award. Bostic was also selected to play in the NCAA Division I All-Star game in Detroit, Mich., and has been invited to numerous NBA Pre-Draft Camps.

Women's Basketball: The Oilers completed the 2008-09 campaign with a 14-13 record as junior guard Audra Mihalic was named first team all-GLIAC. Freshman guard Laura Bardall was named second team all-conference as well.

Wrestling: The Roughnecks finished tied for 22nd at the 2009 NCAA Division II National Championship and were led by senior Hiram Smith who finished fifth in the 184-pound weight class.

Swimming and Diving: The men's team finished sixth at the GLIAC Championship while the women took seventh. On the women's side, senior Lindsay Hatteberg qualified for the National Championship and earned all-American honors by taking 13th in the 50 yard freestyle.

Indoor Track and Field: Both the men's and women's teams finished sixth at the GLIAC Championship during the winter. In national competition, freshman Raven Clay and junior Stephanie Charnigo were named all-American while



The men's basketball team poses for a picture on the court after winning the NCAA Division II championship game.

freshmen John Guagenti and Curtis Smithey along with sophomores Simon Bernard and Greg Schaible earned all-American honors on the men's side.

Baseball: The Oilers wrapped up their 2009 season with a 19-30 record and were led by senior Brian Sampsel who hit .356 with seven homeruns and 40 runs-batted-in.

Softball: Findlay completed its 2009 campaign with a 20-23 record, qualifying for the GLIAC Tournament for the first time since 2004. Junior Katie Ammons and freshman Brittany Dauterman were each named second team all-GLIAC for their efforts.

Men's Golf: The Oilers finished second in the GLIAC and tied for 12th at the NCAA Super Regional as sophomore Joe McGeean took 12th with a 217...Freshman Michael Schmitmeyer placed 15th at the event with a 218 and earned GLIAC Freshman of the Year honors this season.

Women's Golf: The Oilers finished fourth in the GLIAC and ninth at the NCAA Division II East Regional. Sophomore Andrea Vogt and freshmen Jacqueline Sublette and Ashley Gubser were all named honorable

mention all-GLIAC. The Oilers will now host the NCAA Division II National Championship on May 13-16 at the Findlay Country Club.

Outdoor Track and Field: The Oilers are still in season and are coming off the GLIAC Championship which saw the women take fifth and the men place sixth. Freshmen John Guagenti and Curtis Smithey along with sophomores Simon Bernard and Greg Schaible captured a GLIAC title in the 4x400 meter relay while freshman Raven Clay earned a championship in the 100 meter hurdles on the women's side and GLIAC Freshman of the Year honors.

Men's Tennis: The Oilers finished the season with a 9-11 record, taking sixth in the GLIAC. Freshman Kyle Collette was named the GLIAC Freshman of the Year as well as first team all-conference while senior Travis Whipple took home second team honors.

Women's Tennis: The Oilers completed the season with ninth place in the GLIAC and a 7-12 record as senior Devin Games earned second team all-conference honors.