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Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings Alumni!

We are excited about preparing for Homecoming 2010. Already, some alumni have contacted us wanting to plan reunions; therefore, if you're thinking about getting a group together, now is the time to call me to organize. Mark your calendar for Oct. 1-3, and celebrate not only Homecoming but the inauguration of our new president, Dr. Katherine Rowe Fell!

Congratulations to our more than 850 new graduates and our students in the Class of 2010 who received our first professional doctoral degrees in pharmacy! The Office of Alumni & Parent Relations and the Alumni Association Board of Governors strive to serve those who are so vital to our success ... YOU!

As a Findlay graduate, you are automatically a member of the Alumni Association; and there are no dues to pay! Here are some opportunities for you to stay involved after graduation:

- Sign up for the Findlay Oiler Alumni Connection (new online directory) at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni connection.
- Attend alumni receptions and events.
- Become a member of the UF Alumni Association Board of Governors. If interested, contact Dr. Julie McIntosh, president, at mcintosh@findlay.edu.
- Start or join a regional group in your area. Contact spraw@findlay.edu for more information.
- Assist Admissions with recruitment in your area. Call me at 419-434-4589 to learn how you can help!
- Share your good news with classmates in the "AlumNotes" section of the *Findlay* magazine or *MainLine* by filling out the "What's New with You?" form at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni.

If you haven't been back to campus in a while, what are you waiting for? Come back and get connected with your alma mater!

With Oiler Pride!

~~Dee Dee Spraw '00, M '07, director, Alumni & Parent Relations

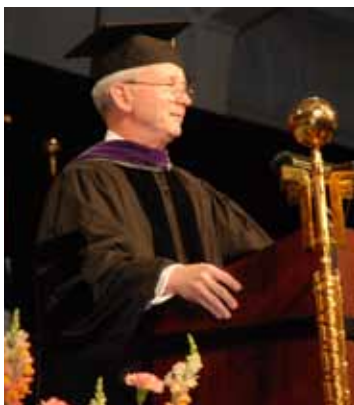
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1. What's Happening on Campus?

More than 850 students graduated Saturday, May 1, from the University. Among the graduates were 49 students in the first class to be awarded first-professional doctor of pharmacy degrees from



Brigadier General Patrick Finnegan, dean at West Point, was the commencement speaker.



Dr. Daniel May, academic dean, adjusts the hood on Dr. DeBow Freed, president, upon the conferring of an honorary doctorate.

UF. A hooding ceremony for graduating pharmacy students was held in the morning. Brigadier General Patrick Finnegan, dean of the academic board of the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., and president-elect of Longwood University, Farmville, Va., gave the commencement address. He urged graduates to use their talents and education to help build a better, more caring world by dedicating themselves to serving others. Following the address, Dr. DeBow Freed, the 16th president of The University of Findlay, was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters for his seven years' service to the institution and for his devotion to students. More than 400 undergraduate degrees were conferred, along with 340 graduate degrees and more than 50 associate degrees. [Click here](#) for more details. To visit the University's Picasa Web photo album of commencement activities, [click here](#). Photos are available to view, download and print.

The Curtain Raisers Advisory Board inducted three honorees April 17 into The University of Findlay's Performing Arts Wall of Fame. The UF Performing Arts Wall of Fame honors former students, faculty and community members who have given unselfishly of their time and energy to the advancement of the performing arts at the University. Inductees included



Performing Arts Wall of Fame recipients for 2010 were: (l to r) Judy Butler, accepting for her late husband, William Butler, Phil McClurkin and Ginny Laiho.

The University will host a family-friendly arts festival from noon – 4 p.m. Sunday, June 6, on campus. Art demonstrations and workshops, led by students and faculty members, will be offered, as well as art zones for children. Roving artists will include a balloon artist, body paint artist, caricature artist and spray can artist, in addition to jugglers, comedians, a sword swallower and more. Live entertainment will include poetry reading, storytelling and a comedy act. Art exhibits in the Mazza Museum, Lea Gallery and Old Main will be open; the Oiler Mart inside the Alumni Memorial Union will be open; and food vendors will be on site. Derrick the Oiler will be posing



The first class of pharmacy students had a doctoral hooding ceremony prior to the commencement service.

for photos, and some artwork will be available for purchase. This event is sponsored by The University of Findlay and the Hancock County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Paintings by William D. Nonnamaker '53 are on display in the Lea Gallery, located inside the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion, through May 21. An artist's reception was held Saturday, May 8. After retiring from Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. in 1993, Nonnamaker began producing watercolors and oil paintings. He has had several solo shows, and his work has been displayed at Rieck's Gallery in Findlay and Messina Gallery in Beulah, Mich. [Click here](#) for details.

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Celebrating the opening of his exhibit were Bill Nonnamaker '53, his wife, Marilyn, and daughters, Victoria Elwood (far left) and Rebecca Dunn (far right).

2. Academic Update



Khushboo Patel and Darshittkumar Patel discuss their research project, "Tobacco Advertising in Rural and Urban Areas in India," with Dr. Marie Louden-Hanes at the Symposium.

painting and graphic design to photography and ceramics. Brier Sterling won Best of Show for her monotype print, "Power Line Pain." Seder Burns, artist and visiting assistant professor of new media at the University of Toledo, was the guest show judge.

The University's annual Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity was April 13 and featured academic presentations and poster presentations as well as performing and visual arts demonstrations. The Founders' Son and Daughter awards were given to Adam Houser and Laurie Neiling. Many other students received awards and recognition, as well. Each college hosted a student awards ceremony and guest speaker. Alumni guest speakers included **Timothy Jakacki M '98, Greg Denecker '94, Richard Hopkins '03, Michelle Koch '07 and Amy (Hix) Rogan '94.**

Held April 5-23, the Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition included 109 artworks by 67 student artists, ranging from



UF undergraduate students participated in the third annual Posters at the Capitol at the Ohio Statehouse April 15. They were among more than 50 students from The University of Findlay, The University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University, Ohio Northern University and Heidelberg University who displayed 47 posters and discussed their research. Ohio First Lady Dr. Frances Strickland welcomed the students and visited with them, *Candace Black, Cristina Danks and Katherine Bevan with the First Lady of Ohio, Dr. Frances Strickland, who talked with them about their research on "Dogs as Genotoxicity Sensors for Community Health."*

asking in-depth questions about their projects. The students also presented their research to Ohio legislators, members of the Ohio Board of Regents, and staff and visitors to the Statehouse.



Dr. Gary Johnson, dean of COLA, and Dr. Joseph Whittaker, president-elect of Sigma Xi, congratulated Jeremy Mascaro at the Sigma Xi induction ceremony.

Undergraduate students from 14 northwest Ohio universities and colleges were invited to submit abstracts for research posters to be presented. Students selected for participation designed and produced professional-quality research posters that highlighted their research and its significance for Ohio. This was UF's third trip to the capitol for this event. [Click here](#) for more information.

An installation and induction ceremony for the charter class of Sigma Xi at UF was held April 19. The scientific research society is one of three honor societies chartered at UF since 2008. Twenty-seven students were inducted and 15 faculty members participated in the ceremony. The presiding officer of the installation was Joseph A. Whittaker, president-elect of Sigma Xi and dean and professor in the School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences at Morgan State University in Baltimore.

Findlay's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team took first place in its league at the SIFE USA regional competition in Chicago April 8. The event was one of 12 SIFE USA regional competitions held across the United States in March and April. Students participating from The University of Findlay were Camilla Jesko, president; Julie Cusick, vice president; Amanda Hillmann, secretary; Natalie Baldrige, public relations officer; Mark Binkley, David Samsal and Austin Grubb. Mohammed Alghafly also was a key member in the SIFE team's success but was unable to attend the competition. Gregory Arburn, Ph.D., assistant professor of economics and finance, director of finance, economics and SIFE, is the team adviser and led the SIFE team to its seventh straight regional championship. The team is competing at the national level beginning May 13, in Minneapolis, Minn. [Click here](#) for more details.



Regional championship SIFE team in Chicago: (front row) Natalie Baldrige, Julie Cusick, Emily Tillack '07, Camilla Jesko, Amanda Hillmann; (back row) David Samsal, Dr. Gregory Arburn, adviser, Mark Binkley, Austin Grubb.

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3. Alumni News & Events

Save the Date

Sept. 24-25 Family Weekend

Oct. 1-3 Homecoming

Upcoming Events

June 7 Fourth Annual Golf Scramble;
York Golf Club, Columbus, Ohio, 11:30 a.m.

June 26 Cedar Point Oilers Alumni Day

Aug. 13 Oilers Night with the Columbus Clippers – game time 7:05 p.m.

Aug. 15

Oilers Night with the Toledo Mudhens – game time 6 p.m.

Aug. 20

NMI/UF Certificate Banquet;

Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion, Mazza Museum and Lape Great Hall – 5 p.m.

For more info or to register for events, contact the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations by visiting the Web site at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni, or call 419-434-4516.

Spring Thing Jazz Evening, held Friday, April 16, was well attended by alumni and



The Jack Taylor Jazz Ensemble performed for the Spring Thing April 16.

friends. Jack Taylor's Jazz Quartet entertained everyone in the Lape Great Hall of the Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion. Along with the entertainment, everyone enjoyed a gourmet dessert buffet. Those attending were: Sarah Black, **Rachelle Black '88**, Glenda Boggs, Chris Boggs, Ken and Susan Brooks, Mark and Kim Butler, **Ronald Cable '64**, Bob and Dorothy Copas, Dr. Frank and Kim Cosiano, **Dave '68** and **Sharon '58 Creighton**, Rick and Chris Daffler, **Roger '96** and Jennifer **Darr**, **Judy Doby '65**, Ken and Dawn Egbert,

Suzanne English M '09, Jim and Barbara Haddox, Barry and **Bonnie '91 Hamilton**, **Sarah Hingson '92**, M '96, **Susan Hite '87**, Jim and Deb Huether, Lou and **Karen '90 Isch**, Michael and **Micheale Lynn '01 Jackson**, **Janet (Schey) January '64**, Annette Kahle, **Virginia (Welsh) Keller '67**, **Greg '90** and **Jennia (Jenkins '94) Knestrick**, **Nicole Lawrence '91**, Jonathan and **Erin '06 Lee**, **Mark '88** and Susan **Marshall**, Joan Marshall, **Bill '91** and **Julie (Dean '90) McIntosh**, Nathan and **Jacquelyn '96**, M '01 **Murphy**, Nicholas and **Linda '90 Parente**, **J. Duane '59** and Judith **Philipp**, **Darrell '55** and Alberta **Prichard**, Kai Roberts, Rich and Carol Rowe, Donald and Kristin Russell, **Charlie M '04** and **Joy M '04 Shepard**, **Dee Dee Spraw '00**, M '07, Jim and **Karen (Van Nice '72) Spurgat**, Chris and **Summer (Howell '04) Thomas**, Robyn Vicek, Robert and Denise Wakefield, Dorothy Wilcox and Bryan and Ginny Williams.

A group of alumni gathered in Sarasota, Fla., for a fun-filled weekend on March 25-28. They

enjoyed golfing, eating, exploring, shopping, acting, a mystery dinner, talking and laughing!



Nearly 80 alumni, faculty, staff, trustees and friends enjoyed an evening of jazz and a dessert buffet courtesy of the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations.



Attending the Sarasota, Fla., alumni get-together in March were: (front row) Bob Thoma '71, Tony Palmeri '65, George Bayer '65, Bud Myers '67, Joe Danna '64; (middle row) Sue (Rossmann) Whittington '66, Roseann (Keller) Samson '68, June Schertzer-McAllister '67, Barbara (Conroy) Tullis '67, Wanda (Damaski) Bedlion '65; (back row) Bob Abbey '67, Bob Whittington '65, Bob Montgomery '66, Tom Samson '67, Doc Tullis '66, Gary Bedlion '66 and Larry Crawfis '65.

A fun-filled alumni weekend was held April 16-17 at Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, Sandusky, Ohio. Alumni, family and friends gathered at America's largest indoor water park. An alumni dinner reception was held Saturday, April 17, with President DeBow Freed there to greet and give an update on UF. Children of alumni were entertained by STAR (StudenTs for Alumni Relations) with special Kalahari-themed crafts and activities, allowing the parents to relax and mingle.



Alumni and their families at the Kalahari dinner reception April 17.



Dr. James Houdeshell '53 with Randy Kortokrax '87 at the NAIA Hall of Fame

Randy Kortokrax '87 was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame March 16, in Kansas City, Mo. Kortokrax is Findlay's men's basketball all-time career scorer with 2,575 points, and he also set 23 school records. Kortokrax played for both **Dr. James Houdeshell '53**, former head men's basketball coach for 30 years, and Ron Niekamp, head men's basketball coach since the 1985-86 season.

A memorial service was held April 17 in the Wilkinson Arena at the western farm for Dale E. Wilkinson H '97, one of the co-founders of the western

equestrian studies program in 1976. Wilkinson passed away March 12 in Georgia.



Faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends gathered at the western farm to remember the life of Dale Wilkinson, who passed away March 12 in Georgia.



More than 930 people enjoyed the commencement brunch hosted by the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association Board of Governors hosted the traditional commencement brunch on Saturday, May 1. Board members were busy escorting more than 930 graduates and their families to their seats. The Alumni Memorial Union was filled to capacity and was decorated festively by Sodexo for the occasion.

The College of Education (COE) hosted an Alumni Night at the Toledo Mudhens game April 24. The game was well attended and the rain stayed away during the evening so all could enjoy. **The COE will host a Service Learning Conference Nov. 13 in conjunction with the Mazza Fall Weekend Conference.** The keynote speaker is nationally recognized service learning expert Cathryn Berger Kaye. The focus of the day will be to explore ways



teachers can incorporate service learning across disciplines and to improve literacy skills.

Register now for online social networking. If you have not yet registered for the Findlay Oiler Alumni Connection, please do so by visiting www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni connection. We are here to support your continued success and your lifelong connection to your alma mater.

Be sure to keep us updated on your marriage and birth announcements by filling out the “What’s New with You?” form at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni.

Welcome UF Newest Little Oilers:

*J. Eric '97 and Tessa (Warner '99) Pekarcik
Baby girl, Josephine Elizabeth, born March 30, 2010*

*Corey '04 and Amanda (Cramer '01) Coe
Baby girl, Isabella Amanda, born March 12, 2010*

*Brent '01 and April Nenadal
Baby boy, Oliver Anderson, born Nov. 23, 2009*

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4. Alumni Spotlight

Pleiman Crafts Career in Hospital Administration

Diane (Watercutter) Pleiman '92, vice president of hospital operations at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, is in the midst of the health care reform process. The new bill, which is thousands of pages, will determine access, delivery and payment for health services, and she, like her colleagues across the country, is working to understand the regulations and ramifications.

“I don’t believe that the bill as it is written today is going to be what is really implemented, but we’re on the right road because we can’t sustain what we’re doing. We need to change,” she said. “We’re moving in the right direction. I’m not sure we have all the right things in place.”

Pleiman visited campus April 1 to talk with students in the College of Health Professions. She gave an overview of the reform bill as it stands now and answered questions during her community lecture on “Impact of Health Care Reform on the Ohio Health Care System.” She also addressed emerging trends in health care technology in two classes.

Pleiman remembers her years at Findlay as a time of exciting changes on campus. “I specifically remember going from Findlay College to The University of Findlay as a big deal when that happened,” she said. She also has fond memories of going to basketball games, working for the phonathon and serving as a student assistant for the Division of Teacher Education.

She gratefully recalled the impact of faculty members Dr. Luke Bartolomeo, Sam Littlepage, Dr. Jerry Mallett and Dr. James Houdeshell. Beginning as an education major, Pleiman soon



Diane Pleiman '92

discovered that it wasn't her calling and switched her major to nuclear medicine technology. She found a mentor in Elaine Markon, director of the Nuclear Medicine Institute. "She was just phenomenal," Pleiman said.

After working as a nuclear medicine technologist at Upper Valley Medical Center, in Troy, Ohio, she accepted a position as scheduling manager in 1997, the same year she earned an MBA degree from Wright State University. In 1999, she was named manager in patient financial services at Miami Valley Hospital, the largest health care system in Dayton. She was successively promoted to business manager of the emergency and trauma center, business manager of nursing, and director of nursing financial operations, patient placement and staffing, before being named to her current position in 2007.

Pleiman, who lives in Fort Loramie, Ohio, with her husband, Mark, and their children, Elizabeth, 13, and Caleb, 10, has been recognized for her work and volunteerism. She is a United Way Young Leaders Circle member, was the recipient of the Dayton Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Award in 2008 and was named the 2009 Wright State University School of Graduate Studies Outstanding Alumna of the Year.

"Knowing that you're working in an organization that has a commitment to the community and every patient, regardless of their ability to pay, is very rewarding," she noted. "The mission of the organization definitely aligns with the values that I hold."

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5. Oiler Sports

Western Equestrian: The Oilers captured their second consecutive IHSA national championship by collecting 31 points in the competition on May 7-9 in Lexington, Ky. In the team competition, Heather Kiesewetter won intermediate western horsemanship, Spencer Zimmerman captured first place in novice western horsemanship, and Andrew Wolf was rewarded with the gold in open reining. The western team also won national championships in 2001, 2005, 2007 and 2009. [Click here](#) for more information.



Tracie Sidwell with her first-place trophy.

English Equestrian: The Oilers tied for second at the IHSA national championship as they were named reserve champions. Tracie Sidwell brought home a national championship in the team walk/trot. The team also placed second last year and won the national championship in 2001.



The UF 2010 IHSA national champion team: Steve Brown, director of the western equestrian program; Jake Bowman '05, coach; Andrew Wolf, winner of open reining; Madison Hallas, third in advanced western horsemanship; Raquel Frakes, third in beginner western; Katie Morehead, fifth in open western; Heather Kiesewetter, intermediate horsemanship winner; Spencer Zimmerman, novice horsemanship winner; Clark Bradley, western riding instructor and 2001 AQHA Horseman of the Year; Cindy Morehead, head coach; and Adam D'Agostino '09, graduate assistant.

Outdoor Track and Field: The men finished fourth at the GLIAC championship and were led by Lyndon Johnson, who was tabbed "Newcomer of the Year." Johnson won two events, while Cody Crockett and Cory Vales were victorious in the javelin and high jump, respectively. The



Lyndon Johnson

women took fifth as Stephanie Charnigo won the 1,500-meter run to lead the squad.

Men's Golf: The Oilers finished second at the GLIAC championship in the fall. They also qualified for the NCAA Division II Super Regional and were led by Joe McGeean who placed 25th.

Women's Golf: The Oilers took fourth place at the GLIAC championship. Andrea Vogt was named second team all-GLIAC and competed at the Division II East Super Regional.



Joe McGeean



Andrea Vogt

Check out Oilers sports at <http://athletics.findlay.edu>.

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6. Alumni Support

Your Financial Gift is Important! Did you know that your financial gift — regardless of the size — positively impacts the lives of the more than 4,100 students on campus? How, you ask? The answer is simple: your gift provides much-needed scholarship dollars to students, enhances education-centered technology, helps create valuable leadership opportunities through the Student Government Association and other clubs and organizations on campus, and opens the door for faculty members to continue their professional development.

And for your convenience, it is now easier than ever to support The University of Findlay by signing up for our monthly electronic funds transfer program, in which you can make monthly gifts of \$5, \$10, \$20 (or any amount that is best for you) using your credit card or bank account. Will you please consider becoming a monthly supporter? To do so, please [click here](#).

In conjunction with the 125th Endowed Funds Drive, the Dr. and Mrs. DeBow Freed Contemporary Christian Lecture Series was created in honor of the Freeds by a collaboration of donors representing the three sister institutions of the Churches of God, General Conference, Winebrenner Theological Seminary and The University of Findlay. The lecture series will sponsor nationally known speakers to explore the nature of possible Christian responses to existing and emerging contemporary issues in an increasingly pluralistic world. Visiting speakers, who may represent a variety of faith traditions, will engage students and faculty of all three sponsoring institutions, as well as clergy and community members in a variety of ways, including classes, lectures and small-group discussions. The lecture series is intended to engender reflection, discussion and values-based action. [Click here](#) for more information.



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7. FYI Campus Newsletter

Want to know what is happening on campus between *ArchLink* issues? UF has a biweekly newsletter called *For Your Information* that is circulated on campus. The newsletter includes feature stories and pictures of campus activities. Check out *FYI* online at <http://www.findlay.edu>,
KEYWORD: FYI.

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8. Spread the Word...

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