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SPRING COMMENCEMENT 2008

More than 780 graduates received degrees during Spring 2008 Commencement Saturday, May 3, at The University of Findlay.

A baccalaureate service started the day, with graduating seniors Emily Wisbar, Katie Hause, Joshua Niese and William Miller III leading portions of the service. Pastor Will Miller, director of Christian ministries, delivered the message.

The commencement brunch gave seniors and their family and friends an opportunity to enjoy time together prior to the ceremony. Approximately 800 people attended the brunch.

At 1:45 p.m., the processional into the Koehler Complex began, with graduates walking into a packed house. Faculty, staff, friends and family proudly watched as the graduates marched in and took their seats.

Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court Thomas J. Moyer gave the commencement address. "Looking out in the audience, I can see all the cameras. Take those pictures and

capture all the smiles," he said. "But remember, this is more than a Kodak moment – maybe with today's technology I should say this is a YouTube moment."

He encouraged graduates to participate in civic society and fully participate as Americans. Moyer also encouraged graduates to take the risk to become involved in a political campaign for a ballot issue or a candidate. "Speak up. Take action.

Challenge a meaningless convention at the risk of being embarrassed. And



Pete Dalpiaz, center, and Brittany Davis, right, wait for the ceremony to begin as the processional makes its way into the Koehler Complex.

remember, you don't have to be James Madison, Martin Luther King or a war hero to say, 'Here am I.'"

The first degree awarded was an honorary doctorate of fine arts, presented to Mariann Dana Younger, a committed volunteer for UF's Mazza Museum of International Art from Picture Books.

Following the ceremony, the faculty processional led the graduates to the front lawn for the traditional march through the Griffith Memorial Arch, where those who didn't mind a little rain participated in one of Findlay's longest-held traditions.



Rain or shine, the Arch Ceremony tradition continues. Faculty line up to applaud graduates under a line of umbrellas.

Additional photos are available on page 2, as well as online at <http://picasaweb.google.com/TheUniversityofFindlay>. Commencement photos were taken by staff photographer Anne Risser Lee.

The mission of The University of Findlay is to equip our students for meaningful lives and productive careers.



Equestrian studies majors Kara Ruch and Ashley Wyant and pre-veterinary medicine major Rachael Edwards, members of Sigma Kappa, share a moment after commencement.



The rain didn't stop these MBA graduates from taking their march through the Griffith Memorial Arch.



A master's graduate poses for her own photo as she exits the arch.



Occupational therapy majors Alissa Schulte, Leanna Hart, Amanda Boyce and Amanda Wolford pose for a photo before the processional.



Justin Kruczkowski and another graduate smile as they pass applauding faculty members.



A group of MBA graduates gets ready to throw their caps in the air following the Arch Ceremony.

EQUESTRIAN TEAMS EARN NATIONAL TITLES

The University of Findlay **English equestrian team** won Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Zones competition on April 12 hosted at home.

The team competed in the 2008 IHSA National Championship May 8-11 in Los Angeles, Calif., tying for second with 18 points. **Natassia Hovey** placed second in the team intermediate hunter seat equitation class, while **Lindsay Baker** was fifth in team novice hunter seat equitation.

The **western equestrian team** scored 35 points to win the High Point Team Award at the IHSA semi-finals held March 29-30 in Canyon, Texas. The team competed at the 2008 IHSA nationals May 8-10 in Burbank, Calif., where they were the runner-up with 26 points.

Katie Morehead took National American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) Western High Point Rider honors, the fourth consecutive year UF riders have earned the title. **Ryan Sims** posted a first-place finish in the individual open western horsemanship class.

The UF **dressage team** competed at the Intercollegiate Dressage Association (IDA) 2008 National Championships at Mt. Holyoke College in Massachusetts April 25-27. The team earned eighth place and five students earned individual honors: **Blake Gorinac**, 10th place; **Audrey Busby**, ninth place; **Kate Marsi**, eighth place; **Ashley Parsons**, fourth place; and **Matt Piccolo**, third place. UF will host the IDA 2009 National Championship competition April 18-19, 2009.



Katie Morehead, pictured with her mother and coach, Cindy Morehead, accepts awards for earning High Point Rider honors.

OILER ATHLETES EARN FOURTH IN GLIAC 2007-2008 ALL-SPORTS STANDINGS

UF's athletic teams finished fourth out of 13 teams in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) all-sports standings with 97.5 points for the 2007-08 academic year. The cross country and track teams earned 32 of those points; the men's basketball team

earned 12; and the golf team earned 10.

The **Oilers baseball** team ended their season with a 28-21 record, setting a new school record for wins in a season. The team competed in the GLIAC Tournament for the second time in school history and reached the finals with a pair of wins before finishing second in the GLIAC. Junior first baseman **Brian Sampsel** and senior



Seniors Eric Atsma, golf, and Pamela Bullock, track and field, pictured above with Steven Rackley, athletic director, were the 2008 recipients of the Mancuso Award.



outfielder **George Rohan** were named first team all-GLIAC.

The **Oilers men's basketball** team ended the season with a 28-5 record while being ranked seventh in the nation. Findlay advanced to the Sweet 16 for the second time in school history, falling in the Great Lakes Region championship game to top-ranked Grand Valley State University. Junior **Josh Bostic** was rewarded for his stellar

play during the year by being named a first team all-American by the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

The **Oilers women's basketball** team finished with a 9-17 record and 12th in the GLIAC but tied a new school record with 12 three-pointers in a game. The team also broke school records for winning margin in a game (76), assists in a game (36) and points scored in a game (117).

The **women's cross country** team earned sixth place in GLIAC standings, while the **men's cross country** team earned 10th.

The **football** team earned ninth place in the conference with a 4-7 record.

The **men's golf** team won their first GLIAC championship and finished seventh in the Super Regional in Findlay. **Joe McGeean** was named GLIAC Freshman of the Year and senior **Eric Atsma** was named first team all-GLIAC for the fourth year.

The **women's golf** team placed

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FUN-FILLED FRIDAYS IN JUNE

Staff at the Office of International Admissions and Services, located at 1214 Cory St., will host Fabulous Fun-Filled Fridays for both domestic and international students who are taking classes during the summer session.

Call the office at 419-434-4558 for more information or to register for an event.

Following are June activities:

• **2 – 3:30 p.m. Friday, June 6:** Make Your Own Sundae – Stop by the office to create an ice cream sundae with Dietsch's ice cream and all the toppings. Free of charge.

• **9 a.m. – midnight Friday, June 13:** Cedar Point trip – The group will

travel from the office to Sandusky, Ohio, for a day at the amusement park. Sign up no later than Monday, June 9. No refunds. Seats are limited. \$40 per person.

• **5 p.m. Friday, June 20:** Pizza, soda and a movie – Enjoy a fun evening at the Women's International Welcome House, 342 Howard St. Free of charge.

• **Noon – 3 p.m. Friday, June 27:** Picnic at Riverside Park – Relax with a barbecue, paddleboats and games. Depart from 1214 N. Cory St. at 11:45 a.m. by bus. Sign up by Monday, June 23, to reserve your seat. \$5 per person.

NEW UF STUDENT REGISTRATION DAYS

New Student Registration days started May 12 with approximately 160 new students registering for fall classes.

Remaining New Student Registration days are as follows: May 22, June 11, June 20 and August 21.

If you have questions regarding New Student Registration, please contact Robin Hopkins, associate director of undergraduate admissions, at 1-800-548-0932, extension 4161, or hopkins@findlay.edu.

OILER ATHLETES EARN FOURTH IN GLIAC, CONT.

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fourth at the 2008 GLIAC Championship hosted by Findlay.

Stephanie Gillette was named first team all-GLIAC.

The **Oilers men's indoor track and field** team finished the annual GLIAC Championship on March 1 in sixth place.

The **women's indoor track and field** team placed third in the conference. Senior **Kirby Blackley** was named all-American in three events to lead the Oilers at the 2008 NCAA

Division II National Championship. She was named all-American in the long jump, 60-meter hurdles and teamed with senior **Pamela Bullock**, sophomore **Stephanie Charnigo** and freshman **Shannon Williamson** to earn the honor in the 4 x 400-meter relay. **Blackley** was named the Great Lakes Region Athlete of the Year, while **Bullock** also earned all-American status in the 200-meter dash.

The **men's outdoor track and field** team, led by **Lee Roberts** who took first in the high jump, was sixth at the 2008 GLIAC Championship May 1-2.

At the 2008 GLIAC Championship, the **women's outdoor track and field** team was third. Senior **Kirby Blackley** was named GLIAC Athlete of the Meet. She also was named Great Lakes Regional Athlete of the Year and received a GLIAC Winter 2008 Commissioners Award. The Division II national meet will be held May 22-24 in Pomona, Calif.

The **Oiler softball** team ended with an 11-30 record for the 2008 season. Sophomore outfielder **Katie Ammons** was named first team all-GLIAC by the coaches of each team in the GLIAC.

The **women's soccer** team finished with a 10-8 record and third in the

GLIAC, and the men's soccer team finished with a 5-11-1 record and fifth in the conference.

The **men's swimming and diving** team competed at the 2008 GLIAC Championship, placing seventh. **Ian Naumann** qualified for nationals in the 200-yard butterfly. He also won a GLIAC Championship in the 100-yard butterfly.

Women's swimming and diving team member, junior **Lindsay Hatteberg**, became the first Oilers swimmer to earn all-American status, and she also was named the GLIAC Swimmer of the Week twice during the season and captured a GLIAC Championship in the 50-yard freestyle.

The **men's tennis** team finished the season in eighth place at the GLIAC Championship. The **women's tennis** team finished ninth in the conference.

The **women's volleyball** team earned a 19-13 regular season record and seventh place in the GLIAC.

The **Roughneck wrestling** team finished 13th at the 2008 NCAA Division II National Championship. UF finished first among the four schools that compete in wrestling within the GLIAC. Senior **Antonio Guerra** and junior **Hiram Smith** earned all-American honors.

SUMMER MOVIES ON CAMPUS

The Office of Student Activities and Commuter Student Services invites faculty, staff and students to enjoy a movie night on campus this summer. All movies begin at 8 p.m.

Thursday, June 19, "First Knight," AMU, Endly Room

Monday, July 14, "U.S. Marshals," Old Main, Ritz Auditorium

Tuesday, Aug. 12, "French Kiss," AMU, Endly Room