

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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## FINDLAY TO HOST NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

The United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, will hold a naturalization ceremony at The University of Findlay at 12:30 p.m. Monday, April 21, in the Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex with the Honorable Jack Zouhary presiding.

Juan Ortiz, a senior history major, will open and adjourn the court. Both DeBow Freed, Ph.D., UF president, and Peter Sehnert, mayor of the city of Findlay, will

welcome those in attendance.

Senior biology major Danielle Matson, president of the UF Student Government Association, will lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Findlay High School senior Joshua Kern will talk about the benefits of citizenship, and John Word, a senior at Van Buren High School; William Kentris, a senior at Arcadia High School; and Austin Walker, a senior at Liberty Benton

High School, will address the obligations of citizenship. Senator James D. Jordan, U.S. Representative to the 4th Congressional District of Ohio, also will offer remarks.

Micheal F. Anders, Ph.D., director of music, will sing the national anthem and "America the Beautiful." The Arcadia High School band will provide music before and after the program.

## DISEASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PROMOTES GOOD HEALTH

The Office of Human Resources recently announced the 2008 Disease Management Program, a program designed to not only save UF employees money but also to help them live healthier lives.

The University has partnered with Blanchard Valley Hospital's Center for Medication Management to provide all employees enrolled in the University medical plan and enrolled spouses a wellness and disease management screening at no cost to the employee. The ini-

tial screening will take place in the Davis Street building by appointment.

All employees and spouses will receive \$20 a month off their medical insurance premium for the successful completion of the 2008 Disease Management Program. If both the employee and his or her spouse are covered under the University's health plan, they will save \$40 a month on their premium for successful completion of the 2008 Disease Management Program.

In addition, any faculty or staff

member who is diagnosed with diabetes, hypertension, asthma, chronic heart disease or high cholesterol will be enrolled at no cost into the Disease State Management Program administered through Blanchard Valley Hospital.

Employees covered under the University health plan may call extension 6964 to schedule an initial screening.

## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OFFERED

Sharon F. Cramer, Ph.D., distinguished service professor at Buffalo State College, will present "Get Ready, Get Set, Go: Scholarship Satisfaction = Vision + Plan of Action + Support" from 1 – 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 25, in the Alumni Memorial Union.

Cramer's visit to campus is part of a faculty professional development program sponsored by ATS and the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The program is designed to help faculty members develop a research and writing plan for summer 2008, which will result in a completed article or conference presentation. The session will provide practical strategies to enable participants to analyze their own barriers and productivity, as well as make use of both campus resources and other ideas to lead to a focused scholarly agenda.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PROFESSOR WALLACH SCHEDULED



The University of Findlay will hold a memorial service for the late professor David C. Wallach at 4 p.m. Friday, April 25, in the Ritz Auditorium in Old Main. Wallach died March 28.

# COLLEGE OF BUSINESS CHALLENGES STUDENTS TO GET CREATIVE

When Paul Sears, Ph.D., dean of the College of Business, challenged faculty members within the college to give students more opportunities for hands-on learning projects, Jody Noble, adjunct professor of business, took the challenge seriously.

She had recently read about a church congregation that received \$50,000 from an anonymous donor. The funds were to support mission work, and so each member was given \$100 with the expectation that the money would be used to create more funds for the church. The original sum of money was multiplied by more than four times its original value.

Noble and her husband offered \$10 to each student to develop a business plan, implement the plan with the seed money and donate the profits to a charity of each student's choosing. Students had four weeks to complete the project. "I thought this would be a perfect way to help my students not only get a 'real life' opportunity to try out their business skills, but also to understand that they can make a difference as donors to charities that matter to them," said Noble.

Valentine's Day fell during the implementation phase of the project, and several students capitalized on the holiday by selling candy and offering delivery services for flowers and gifts. Other students created eBay accounts and sold items online. Another student took orders from family and friends for



*Freshman Alaine Esbenshade displays two of the five gift baskets she created to raise funds for a good cause in response to a class project.*

custom oil paintings, and a massage therapy student offered chair massages in exchange for a donation to her chosen organization.

Alaine Esbenshade, a freshman business major, wanted to support her hometown's Future Farmers of America (FFA) Living Legacy Fund, which is used to fund scholarships named in memory of chapter alumni. Esbenshade's grandfather passed away three years ago, and a scholarship was established in his memory through the fund.

Esbenshade's original business plan was to take orders for custom gift baskets. When orders were slow, however, she adapted and decided instead to set up a table to display her baskets at the FFA community lunch. She sold raffle tickets for five baskets and profited \$208.

"Communication is a major key in the success of everything – even a \$10 business like mine," said Esbenshade. "I also learned to never get discouraged or give up because there is always another way to make something happen."

## COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES

**Rehearsal**, Friday, May 2, at 3 p.m., Koehler Complex.

**President's Reception for Graduating Students**, Friday, May 2, from 4-5:30 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m. at the President's Home.

**Baccalaureate Service**, Saturday, May 3, at 10:30 a.m., Ritz Auditorium, Old Main.

**Commencement Brunch**, Saturday, May 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Alumni Memorial Union.

**Commencement Ceremony**, Saturday, May 3, at 2 p.m., Koehler Complex.

**Arch Ceremony**, Saturday, May 3, at approximately 3:30 p.m. immediately following commencement, Griffith Memorial Arch.



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# INTERNATIONAL NIGHT CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY



*Almar Walter, director of intercultural student services, and Penny Gerdeman, director of international student admissions and services, (center) cut the ribbon to officially begin the 40th International Night.*



*Two students pose for a photo at the Taiwan booth. Photo credit: Yekaterina Kontar '07, graduate student*



*Saudi students performed a traditional groom's night dabka dance. Pictured above: Jessica Weber, Ahab Nassier and two other students. Photo credit: Yekaterina Kontar '07, graduate student*



*Nepali students perform a dance called Sa Karnali to the music of a folk song from Jomsom, which is a rural part of Nepal. The dance is about language, culture and the lifestyle of the Jumli people. Photo credit: Yekaterina Kontar '07, graduate student*



*Chinese students perform a traditional Chinese New Year line dance. Photo credit: Yekaterina Kontar '07, graduate student*

*Right, four students take a quick break from dancing during the all-student dance that followed International Night activities. Hundreds of students attended.*



# 2ND ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVITY FEATURES STUDENTS, ALUMNI



Senior Justin Kruczkowski demonstrates pottery making in the AMU.

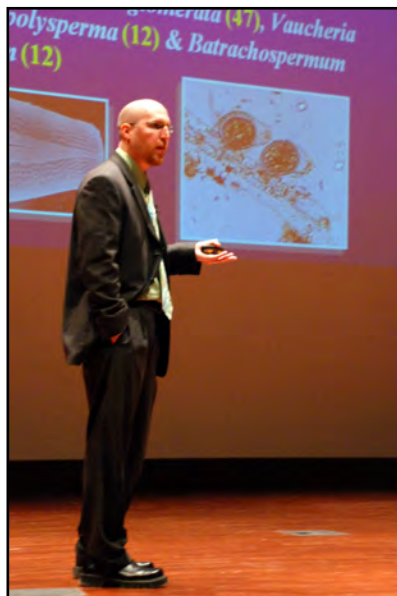


Left, senior pre-veterinary majors Brittany Erbe and Ashley Taylor discuss their poster presentation with Srikumaran Melethil, J.D., Ph.D., professor and chair of pharmaceutical sciences.

Right, seniors Kevin Cramer, forensic science major, and Danielle Matson, biology major, receive the Founders Son and Daughter awards.



Deb Wickerham, M '02, Ohio Teacher of the Year and Findlay City Schools teacher, hosted by the College of Education.



Robert G. Verb '96, Ph.D., associate professor at Ohio Northern University, hosted by the College of Sciences.



Julie Hammer '04, occupational therapist for Lima Memorial Health System, hosted by the College of Health Professions.



Adam Brannon '07, mayor of Bellefontaine, hosted by the College of Liberal Arts.



Terry Terhark '06, president and CEO of The Right Thing, hosted by the College of Business.

# BOX CITY, SIBS AND KIDS, PRSSA CHALLENGE HIGHLIGHT SPRING ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS



*The Public Relations Student Society of America hosted a Kick Butts Challenge April 2 to promote tobacco prevention awareness. Above left, Student Government Association members Ashley Fries, Rebecca*



*Rakestraw, Danielle Matson, Devin Pritts and Cody Parsons gear up for their team challenges. Above right, Mike Albert shows his enthusiasm during the "Can the Habit" relay.*



*Left, members of the Physics Club and friends, Kellie Myers from Mount Union, Alyssa Moran, Katie Emery, Katy Kapostasy from Arcadia Middle School, Stefanie Lauer and Adam Houser, take a break from building a "Jetsons-style house" during Box City April 5. The purpose of the event was to raise awareness and funds for Habitat for Humanity. The University community raised \$2,602, which was donated to the local Hancock County Habitat for Humanity chapter.*



*Left, students admire a box tower built by Dale Brouger, Ph.D., associate professor of religion, during Box City.*



*Left, resident assistants Samantha Holmes and Rachel Hammond help a "sib" participate in human bowling at the Sibs and Kids weekend carnival April 5. Sibs and Kids is organized by Student Services and the Residence Life Staff and funded by SGA.*

# THREE INDUCTED INTO UF'S PERFORMING ARTS WALL OF FAME

The Curtain Raisers Advisory Board inducted three honorees into The University of Findlay's Performing Arts Wall of Fame on Saturday, April 12.

The 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 of Findlay.

Inductees included John C. Hutson (in memoriam), Irene Sharninghouse and Elizabeth (Betty) Hipp.

Hutson transferred to Findlay College and graduated in 1948 with a bachelor of science. In 1965, Hutson became director of alumni affairs for Findlay College, and he remained in that position until 1984, when he was named assistant to the president.

He retired in 1991 but continued serving The University of Findlay in a variety of ways and was honored with a distinguished alumni award and was named director emeritus of alumni and parent relations. He and his wife, Audrice (Audie), regularly attended UF concerts and theater performances. Hutson also worked with the Findlay Civic Band and was involved with the Findlay-Area Community Chorus. Audie accepted the honor on behalf of her late husband.

Sharninghouse was hired at Findlay College in 1958 to be an instructor of English, speech and theatre. She retired from teaching in the spring of 1976. With her arrival on the Findlay College

campus in the fall of 1958, she immediately began the process of bringing the honorary dramatic fraternity, Alpha Psi Omega, to campus. And on May 1, 1959, the Nu Nu chapter of Alpha Psi Omega was officially granted its charter at Findlay College. Almost 50 years later, the same chapter of Alpha Psi Omega is still a thriving theatrical organization.

Within her first few years at Findlay College, Sharninghouse and the music faculty were part of the team that designed and equipped the current Frank J. Egnor Center for Performing Arts.

During her 17 years at Findlay College, Sharninghouse produced, designed, staged and "teched" many plays. Sharninghouse also brought professional guest actors to campus for workshops and master classes. She lives in southern California and was unable to attend the ceremony. Her award was accepted by a former student, Elizabeth Johnson Harriss '69, who announced an endowed scholarship in Sharninghouse's honor. The scholarship



*Left to right: Audie Hutson, who accepted the honor for her late husband, John C. Hutson; Elizabeth (Betty) Hipp; and Elizabeth Johnson Harriss, who accepted the honor for Irene Sharninghouse who was unable to attend the ceremony.*

is intended to assist students in the College of Liberal Arts, with preference given to theatre majors.

Hipp moved to Findlay in 1990 with her husband, Herb. During Hipp's decade-long tenure on the Curtain Raisers Advisory Board (1991-2001), the organization went from supporting only SummerStock, to adding the academic theatre program, and finally adding the vocal music program.

It was during her years as president (1998-2000) that the Curtain Raisers truly began to play a pivotal role in supporting all the performing arts at The University of Findlay. In addition to serving on the Curtain Raisers Advisory Board, Hipp has also appeared on the UF stage.

## HEALTH FAIR ON THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS APRIL 24

The University will host a health fair from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday, April 24, in the Alumni Memorial Union. The event is free; however, there is a \$5 fee for cholesterol screening.

A nutritional food court will be offered in the Multipurpose Room where visitors can pick up healthy

recipes, watch cooking demonstrations and get a taste of the finished product.

Professionals will be on site to perform health screenings and offer information. There will be screenings or information on such health topics as cholesterol, hearing, blood sugar, alcohol and drugs, fitness, vision, blood pressure, massage therapy and more.

Other topics of interest include organ and plasma donation, lupus, spiritual health, physical fitness and disability services. In addition, organizations that will be available to answer questions include the UF occupational therapy program and the School of Pharmacy, among others.