

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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## KAKE STUDENTS LEARN AMERICAN CULTURE, FLOOD EVACUATION PROCESS

UF recently hosted eight Japanese college students and a professor as part of the Kake exchange program, a joint venture between the Kake universities in Japan and UF's language and culture program. Each school hosts students for three weeks to learn about the respective languages and culture through immersion.

From Aug. 21 through Sept. 12, Japanese students and their faculty adviser, Toshio Akiba, Ph.D., attended a Toledo Mud Hens baseball game, rode roller coasters at Cedar Point and cheered for the Findlay High School Trojans at a football game. Other highlights were tastes of local Findlay favorites including both Dietsch's and

Archie's ice cream and Wilson's hamburgers.

The students' first glimpse of American life came the day of the Findlay flood. They were evacuated from the Findlay Inn & Conference Center and taken to shelter at The Cube before being shuttled to a hotel in Bowling Green. After about a week, the students were settled back in at the Findlay Inn for the



*The Kake Ambassadors from Japan pose for a photo with hosts from The University of Findlay after completing photo boards.*

remainder of their stay.

After suffering with the rest of the

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## MEMORIAL SERVICES PLANNED FOR PROF. SCHMIDT, MR. BUFORD

A memorial service for Prof. James Schmidt will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, in Ritz Auditorium. A memorial service for Mr. Desmond Buford will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, at the Black Heritage Library and Multicultural Center.

## EVENTS PLANNED FOR FAMILY WEEKEND SEPT. 28-29

The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations has planned a weekend full of activities for students and their families, as well as faculty and staff.

Both visitors and locals will enjoy the English Equestrian Festival and Mini Jumping Prix from 11:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept 29, at the James L. Child Jr. Equestrian Complex on County Road 201.

The event will include a picnic, dressage and reining horse demonstrations and a Mini Jumping Prix, which will begin at 2 p.m. Children will enjoy a clown, face painting and pony rides.

The complete schedule is as follows and additional information can be accessed at [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu), KEYWORD: family weekend.

**Friday, Sept. 28**

*All day, families may attend classes*

with students

*3 – 5 p.m., off-campus UF facility tour and the City of Findlay*

*8:30 – 10:30 p.m., hayrides and a bonfire at the western farm*

**Saturday, Sept. 29**

*10 – 11 a.m., A Day in the Life of a UF Student panel discussion*

*11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Equestrian Festival and Mini Jumping Prix*

*1 p.m., UF vs. Indianapolis football*

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

## KAKE STUDENTS LEARN AMERICAN CULTURE, EVACUATION PROCESS, CONT.

community, the Japanese students bonded with Findlay students on campus. The students were placed in IELP classes to better their English but also visited classes in conjunction with their majors. The visitors also got involved on campus by playing dodge ball with American students and taking a riding lesson at the equestrian farm.

The students were introduced to many aspects of American life. They visited and did a presentation on Japanese culture at Hamtramck High School near Detroit. They also gave back to the Findlay community for its

hospitality by volunteering at the food pantry. Additionally, the students participated in a weekend home-stay with an American host family.

For information about the Kake Exchange program or to apply for the program, please contact Hiroaki Kawamura, Ph.D., chair of the department of language and culture, associate professor of Japanese, at 1114 Cory St #A, kawamura@findlay.edu or extension 4619.

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## WORTH NOTING

If you know someone who has done something "worth noting," on campus or within the community or professional realm, send the information to Brianna Patterson, public relations officer, at pattersonb@findlay.edu.

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## MONTAGUE, STANSLOSKI ESTABLISH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Everyone has a different reason for establishing a scholarship fund, including Diana Montague, Ph.D., professor of English, and Donald Stansloski, R.Ph., Ph.D., dean of the School of Pharmacy. Both UF faculty members recently established endowed scholarship funds at the University, and although their reasons may be different, they share a common goal: to help UF students pursue their educational dreams.

"My parents taught me by example that the simple principle of 'be helpful to those in need' is one of the most important ones," said Montague. "My parents sacrificed a great deal to put their six children through college, so I wanted to extend that generosity through a scholarship fund that would continue to help future college students."

Montague established the Robert J. and Janice L. Montague Service Scholarship Fund in honor of her parents. Several years ago, the couple sold their family home and distributed a portion of the sale proceeds among their children. Montague put the money away until her father's 75th birthday this August and completed the steps to setting up the scholarship fund.

Recipients of the Montague scholarship will be enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and demonstrate leadership

qualities, as well as a commitment to service either through volunteerism or other forms of civic engagement. Special preference will be given to students majoring in communication or English.

Stansloski and his wife, Patricia, also wanted to help young people. They established the Donald W. Stansloski and Patricia Romans Stansloski Scholarship Endowment Fund. "My wife and I decided to endow this scholarship when we came to Findlay. We have been fortunate in our lives and hope to give some of that back to young people," said Stansloski.

The Stansloski scholarship will be awarded to upper-level students in the School of Pharmacy who demonstrate strong academic performance.

The University has more than 200 scholarships, awards and program endowments that provide assistance to many students and academic programs. For information about how to estab-

lish a scholarship, contact Cindy Lahey in the Office of Development at 419-434-5334.



*Diana Montague, Ph.D., is an animated instructor during class, sharing her enthusiasm with students every year.*



*Donald Stansloski, R.Ph., Ph.D., personally hands a pharmacy student her first lab coat during a Pharmacy White Coat Ceremony at the beginning of the semester.*



Jakob Loyer and friends proudly display the 2007 trophy at the twelfth annual Wing-Off Sept. 12. Photo credit: senior Yekaterina Kontar



The Toledo Symphony Orchestra conductor Chelsea Tipton II presents the orchestra members to the appreciative audience during the first Concert and Lecture Series performance Sept. 14.



Chuck C and his band, Clearly Blue, performed on campus Sept. 17 to raise money for both Findlay and Hurricane Katrina flood victims. Students and members of the community relaxed near the bell tower to enjoy the New Orleans-inspired jazz music.



Senior communication majors Robin Bennington, far left, and Yekaterina Kontar, middle, talk with a prospective Public Relations Student Society of America member at the Student Organization Fair Sept. 18. Photo credit: sophomore Mike Blinn.

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Annette Daniel works on a new home in Findlay with UF's Habitat for Humanity team of volunteers. Photo credit: sophomore Mike Blinn.



Tony Iriti, mayor of Findlay, and U.S. Sen. George Voinovich were among those who visited campus Sept. 17 for a roundtable discussion with local, state and federal officials. The talks focused on the recent flooding in Hancock County and the surrounding area.

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# COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS REORGANIZES FOR GREATER EFFICIENCY, EMPOWERMENT

The College of Liberal Arts has reorganized, grouping related areas to form fewer departments and giving department heads greater authority over their areas, according to dean Dennis Stevens.

Stevens, who joined UF in July 2006, explained that the 27 degree programs in the liberal arts had previously been grouped into 19 areas. Now, there are just eight departments: Fine and

Performing Arts; Communication; English; History, Law and Political Science; Justice Sciences; Language and Culture; Psychology; and Religious Studies and Philosophy.

Social Work has become a major in the College of Health Professions, which it more closely aligns with because of certification requirements, Stevens said.

The changes formally took effect Aug. 1, when the new department heads' contracts began.

"The department chairs are empowered, and this will provide cleaner lines of communication and support decision-making," Stevens said. "The goal is to make every major stronger and better — more competitive in the modern world."

## CAMPUS OFFICES INVITED TO SHOW UF SPIRIT

All departments across campus are invited to participate in the Homecoming 2007 Department Office/Door Decorating Contest, organized by the STAR Club (Students for Alumni Relations).

Prizes will be awarded for the overall winner and most originally decorated office/door.

To register, contact Dee Dee Spraw at [sprow@findlay.edu](mailto:sprow@findlay.edu) to request a form. Forms must be returned by Oct. 1, and

decorating begins Oct. 4. All decorating must be complete by 5 p.m. Oct. 8. The STAR Club will judge decorations Oct. 9.

Contact Spraw for more information at ext. 4589.

## CARDIO CENTER KEEPS STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF FIT

At first glance, The University of Findlay's Cardio Center looks like any run-of-the-mill gym. However, upon further observation one discovers hidden benefits of the facility located on the second floor of the Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex.

The Cardio Center contains 12 treadmills, 12 natural runners, eight exercise bikes, 20 weight machines, 12 plyo balls and 10 stretching mats. Also within the mini-gym are sets of dumbbells and jump ropes. There are also televisions and an upbeat radio station playing in the background to provide entertainment.

Bryan Golding, director of recreational services, talked about additional benefits of the exercise area: "All of the cardio machines are equipped with heart rate monitors. We (at the center) also offer personalized workouts year-round through professor Keith Beck and his strength and conditioning class." Additionally, Golding pointed out posters detailing different stretching and lifting techniques.

Last year, the Cardio Center averaged 380-400 patrons per day, including students, faculty and staff. The numbers break down to 260 female students and 80-85 male students and 40-50 faculty and staff members. The center is equipped to accommodate 60 patrons at any one time.

The Cardio Center is open to students, faculty, staff, retirees, trustees and faculty and staff spouses and children over the age of 16. The Cardio Center is open Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 11 p.m. The Cardio Center is also open limited hours during holiday breaks.

"We are always trying continually to improve the Cardio Center based on the wants and needs of the students,"



*As many as 400 people per day utilize the Cardio Center, which is open seven days a week for students, faculty and staff.*

said Golding. "We have plans to update the cardio machines every three years and within the next two years all of the treadmills will have personalized televisions in them."

If any student, faculty or staff member has suggestions for improvements in the Cardio Center, contact Golding at extension 4842.

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