

## Board of Trustees Approves Strategic Plan Recommendations

The University of Findlay's Board of Trustees on Friday approved recommendations from Strategic Plan implementation teams that have been identifying priorities in each of five areas:

- Identity, Vision and Quality
- Recruitment and Retention
- Policy, Procedures and Performance
- Financial Strength and Fundraising
- Physical Plant Master Plan

Over the summer, departments will be asked to prepare annual goals and measurable objectives that address the major action areas of the strategic plan.

The work is an update of The University of Findlay's 2005-2015 Strategic Plan begun last fall under president Katherine Fell, Ph.D. The initiative has spurred reflection on progress made to date as well as determination of new priorities that reflect changes within and outside the University since the original plan was developed.

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A. Risser Lee

*The University's Board of Trustees voted to approve president emeritus status for DeBow Freed, Ph.D., center. He is presented with a plaque by UF president Katherine Fell, Ph.D., and Board chair C. Richard Beckett, D.V.M.*

## Grads Celebrate at Spring Commencement

Commencement ceremonies were May 7. Approximately 720 degrees were awarded, including 50 doctor of physical therapy (DPT) degrees — the first to be awarded by the University.

A hooding ceremony was held prior to commencement for both DPT and doctor of pharmacy graduates.

John Malacos, Ph.D., gave the commencement address. He encouraged graduates to consider three suggestions:

1. Know and live your values;
2. Use both your brain and your heart; and
3. Remember that people do matter.

Malacos, who spearheaded the Power of Positive, a yearlong celebration of human goodness, concluded, "Prioritize your values, give voice to them and be passionate about sharing them with others. Feel the power of living a life that is positive and hopeful."

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E. Shaffer

*Robert Frampton, D.H.C.E., left, and Sharon Walsh, D.Sc., right, present Joshua Anderson with a doctoral hood. Anderson is the first graduate to receive a DPT degree from UF.*

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“This process has given new life and direction to the strategic plan,” said C. Richard Beckett, D.V.M., chair of the University’s Board of Trustees. “The establishment of clear and measurable goals and objectives that align with the strategic plan will help all members of the University community to chart their contributions to our progress as we work together to achieve our vision.”

The board elected trustee A.R. Charnes, ’66, to serve as vice chair of the board for the remainder of the term of Dr. Richard E. White,

who is stepping down as vice chair but remaining on the board.

Charnes will serve until May 2012.

The trustees elected Michael E. Harrington of Barrington Heights, Ill., to the board, and approved trustee emeritus status for Jerald F. Clark and D. Richard Stephens.

Also elected were Michael J. Murphy ’72 of Reynoldsburg, as alumni association trustee, and Ryan J. Smith ’00, ’07, of Findlay as faculty trustee, each to serve a two-year term. Graduate student Heidi Croy of Findlay, who is pursuing a master of arts in education, was

named graduate student trustee, and Andrea Holthaus, a native of Fort Loramie who is pursuing a biology degree, was named undergraduate student trustee, each for a one-year term.

The trustees approved emeritus status for William Carter, Ph.D., recently retired professor of environmental, safety and health management, and Sharon G. Milligan, M.Ed., recently retired director and associate professor of health and physical education.

## IELP Students Learn About Poverty in America, Compare to Home Countries

As part of the Intensive English Language Program (IELP), 30 UF students from various countries recently took part in a cultural comparison. Not only did the students study American culture through events like The Great Depression and the current economic situation, but they also took a hands-on approach to their learning.

The process began with a presentation from Gwen Stemberge, UF’s AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer. Then, the students participated in an academic service-learning project (AS-LP) where they served food to less fortunate individuals at the Findlay City Mission.

They composed reflective essays comparing and contrasting poverty in their home countries to poverty in the U.S. and developed presentations for a communication class.

According to course instructor Katherine Menec, teaching assistant for the IELP, participation in the AS-LP was not only a humbling experience, but also it allowed the students to create a connection between their home countries and Ohio that might not have happened

if the AS-LP was not available. “Most of our students tend to come from comfortable lifestyles, and their perception of the U.S. was that most Americans tend to live a comfortable lifestyle, as well. The experience helped them to understand that poverty exists in any country in the world and that it is up to the community to make a difference.”

Szu-Ning Cheng, an IELP student from Taiwan, said that before this project, she didn’t think it was her responsibility to assist others who were poor. After volunteering at the City Mission, her opinion

changed and she now believes it is highly important for everyone to give help when needed.

Many people were involved in the process. Erin Laverick, Ph.D., director of the IELP and assistant professor of English as a second language, designed the project idea, while Crystal Weitz, Campus Compact coordinator, and Stemberge helped prepare the students and acted as liaisons between the University and the City Mission.

By Elizabeth Scarff

## Civic Band to Form May 24

The Findlay Civic Band will form for its 60th season on Tuesday, May 24. Rehearsal is 7-9 p.m. in the band room of the Egner Fine Arts Center.

Under the direction of Jack Taylor, professor of music, the band will meet each Tuesday evening after May 24 in preparation for concerts at Riverside Park on July 6, 13 and 20.

In celebration of its 60th season, the band will join forces with the Millstream Singers for a special patriotic concert on July 6. Kelly Lewis, staff accompanist, will be featured on July 13. Taylor will solo with the band on saxophone at the July 20 concert.

To R.S.V.P. or for more information, contact Taylor at 419-434-4573 or jtaylor@findlay.edu.

# Commencement is a Celebration of Achievements, Successes



*Dr. Katherine Fell speaks to a room full of students and their families during the baccalaureate service in Ritz Auditorium.*



*Brian Miller, one of the first students to receive a DPT degree from UF, accepts a University alumni lapel pin and congratulatory handshakes from Dee Dee Spraw, director of alumni and parent relations, and Donald Collins, faculty marshal.*



*Barrett "Bear" Brooks, who received a bachelor's degree in marketing, gives Dr. Fell a 'bear-sized' hug as he walks across the stage during Commencement.*

*Alyse Johnson, environmental, safety and occupational health management major, smiles as she prepares to walk through the Griffith Memorial Arch.*



*Phi Sigma Sigma members Staci Strauss, Katie Ringler, Audra Ligas, Emily Ohneck, Liz Perry, Lauren Reichert and Ashley Agler pose for a photo on the front lawn.*



*John Malacos, Ph.D., gives the commencement address, during which he talked about the importance of connecting with people and putting values into action.*

*Photos by E. Shaffer*

Additional photos of the Arch Ceremony are available: <https://picasaweb.google.com/TheUniversityofFindlay/>

# Artwork by Findlay Native Jodi Olthouse Now on Display in UF's Lea Gallery

A collection of work by Jodi Olthouse is on display through Friday, June 3, at The University of Findlay's Lea Gallery, located inside the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion. The gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

A classically trained realist, Olthouse specializes in portraiture. She works in a variety of media including oils, watercolor and charcoal.

Olthouse is completing a master's degree in education at The University of Findlay after receiving a bachelor's degree in fine art and mathematics from Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Mich.

Olthouse is a Findlay native and a member of the Findlay Art League.



T. Olthouse

*Findlay native Jodi Olthouse, daughter of Mazza Museum staff member Terry Olthouse, stands near her artwork, which is on display in the Lea Gallery.*

## Faculty Publish, Present Nationally

**John Leach**, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology, and **Richard Smith**, Ph.D., professor of philosophy, presented "Brain Plasticity and the Scientific Search for the Soul" at the annual conference of the Association for Core Texts and Courses in April.

**John Richey**, R.H.I.A., instructor and director of the health informatics program, authored chapter seven, "Charge Description Master Audits," in *The Charge Description Master Handbook*, published by the American Health Information Management Association.

**Arindam Basu Sarkar**, Ph.D., assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences, was selected as the winner of the 2011 APhA-APRS Postgraduate Best Paper Award (Basic Sciences) for his paper,

"Stability Studies on Compounded Topical Steroid Preparations."

**Quentin Skrabec Jr.**, Ph.D., associate professor of business, authored "Edward Drummond Libbey: A Biography of the American Glassmaker," which was featured on the Discovery Channel's "How Beer Saved the World" in February.

**Richard Smith**, Ph.D., professor of philosophy, participated in the annual conference of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics in March. He served as a judge for the National Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl and as chair and moderator for a conference session on applied ethics.

**Christina Tulley**, Ph.D., director of the writing program and associate professor of English, co-

authored with Kristine Blair "Remediating the Book Review: Toward Collaboration and Multimodality Across the English Curriculum." The article was selected to appear in *The Best of the Independent Rhetoric and Composition Journals 2010*.

**Anthony Wilgus**, associate professor and coordinator of field instruction for social work, gave a sermon at First Unitarian Church in Toledo titled "More Than a Game" on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 5. He also conducted a three-week, adult education program, "Emotional Maturity and the Expression of Religious Beliefs."

**Wilgus** presented a workshop, "I'm Just Dying to Help You: A Family Systems Perspective," in Toledo for health care professionals in October.

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