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FACULTY, STAFF RECOGNIZED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE AT UF



Both Milton Peters and Luke Bartolomeo were honored at an annual employee recognition dinner for 30 years of service to The University of Findlay.

The University of Findlay presented service awards to faculty and staff at an employee recognition dinner at 6 p.m. Friday, April 27, in the Alumni Memorial Union.

35 years of service:

- Douglas S. Salveson, professor of art

30 years of service:

- Luke Bartolomeo, Ph.D., professor of chemistry

- Milton E. Peters, Ph.D., professor of psychology

25 years of service:

- Micheal F. Anders, Ph.D., professor of music and director of music program

- James G. Greenwood, associate professor of fine arts

- Barbara J. McCrory, administrative assistant and accounting officer of the Mazza Museum

- Virginia I. Osborn, housekeeper

- Margaret J. Scaife, director, print and postal services

20 years of service:

- Douglas M. Asbury, assistant professor and director of accounting

- Nancy M. Bahler, telecommunications manager

- Dale R. Brougher, Ph.D., associate professor of religion

- John F. Cindric, Jr., Ed.D., professor of education

- Jack E. Corle, Jr., associate professor of art

- Arman J. Habegger, director of financial aid

- Marianna L. Hofer, associate professor of English

- Linda A. Jackson, senior women's administrator

- Jean M. Kastner, cataloging assistant,

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COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE

More than 700 students will graduate during commencement ceremonies.

Baccalaureate Service, Saturday, May 5, at 10:30 a.m., Ritz Auditorium, Old Main.

Commencement Brunch, Saturday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., AMU.

Commencement Ceremony, Saturday, May 5, at 2 p.m., Koehler Complex.

Arch Ceremony, Saturday, May 5, at approximately 4 p.m. immediately following commencement, Griffith Memorial Arch.

UF STUDENTS ATTEND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL MEETING

Three business students from The University of Findlay were invited to the Ohio Chamber of Commerce annual meeting April 24, which was held in Columbus at the Capitol Theatre Riffe Center.

Doug Peters, president and CEO of Greater Findlay Inc., and Tony Iriti, mayor of the city of Findlay, served as hosts for the day. Meeting activities included Best Employers of 2007 awards, a keynote address by columnist George F. Will and a legislative reception.



Left to right: Doug Peters, president and CEO of Greater Findlay Inc.; Tony Iriti, mayor of the city of Findlay; and senior business students Stephanie Back, Virginia Wills and Corey Stulpin.

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

FACULTY, STAFF RECOGNIZED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE, CONT.

Shafer Library

- Diana M. Montague, Ph.D., director, First-Year Experience, professor of English
- Linda M. Peck, D.V.M., professor of biology and director of pre-veterinary studies
- Sandra S. Saunders, director of facilities scheduling and events
- Helen M. Schneider, Ph.D., director, technology management program, assistant professor of computer science and technology management
- L. Thomas Stuckert, assistant professor of English
- J. Randal Van Dyne, assistant vice president, executive director, School of Environmental and Emergency Management

15 years of service:

- Betsy M. Baier, administrative assistant to the dean, College of Sciences
- Keith L. Beck, director of strength and conditioning, assistant professor of strength and conditioning
- Jeffrey L. Frye, Ph.D., director of chemistry and natural science, assistant professor of chemistry
- E. Gordon Gillespie, assistant professor of environmental safety and occupational health management

- Deborah L. James, assistant professor of English
- Paul J. Langhals, assistant professor and director of computer science
- Daniel J. May, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs
- Jerolyn R. Niswander, administrative assistant for counseling services

10 years of service:

- Brenda Alliman, administrative assistant and bookkeeper, East Campus
- Troy D. Berry, director of tickets and concessions, head baseball coach
- Shelley L. Brian, human resource assistant
- Betty J. Davidson, administrative assistant, College of Sciences
- Gerard A. Deall, assistant professor of theatre, scenic and lighting design
- Margaret M. Gartner, administrative assistant, area of fine arts
- Rosita Harper, assistant professor of English as an international language
- Richard W. Henninger, staff veterinarian, University Equine Veterinary Services Inc.
- Rick A. Kidd, maintenance, South Campus



Dr. Freed presented the family of the late Karen Starr with her 10-year anniversary award. Karen passed away last month.

- John A. Malacos, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology
- Michael A. Nye, building and grounds coordinator
- Scott Payne, Ph.D., director, English and writing programs, associate professor of English
- Kevin E. Smith, project manager, School of Environmental and Emergency Management
- Lisa J. Snyder, assistant director of financial aid
- Beth R. Stewart, ATS resource manager
- In loving memory of Karen Starr: Karen dedicated 10 years of service to The University of Findlay as a housekeeper.

RURAL DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS CONSORTIUM LAUNCHED

Rural emergency responders nationwide have a new tool in preparing for emergencies, disasters and incidents of terrorism. The University of Findlay, and four other educational institutions formed the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC).

The RDPC comprises academic partners that possess extensive and unique capabilities relating to rural emergency preparedness training as well as other strategic partners with technical expertise that will assist the RDPC in supporting a national training program.

For the first year of the grant cycle, UF's School of Environmental and Emergency Management (SEEM) is developing four courses.

Since 1986, SEEM has provided education, training and information-transfer programs focusing on environmental, safety and occupational health issues as well as security management, terrorism and disaster preparedness. In 2006 alone, SEEM trained 9,132 people, through 394 classes at 216 different locations in 42 states and four foreign countries.

"We are extremely proud to be recognized as one of the five member schools in the RDPC. Our membership will allow us to apply the First Responder training experience that we have developed since 1989, on more of a regional and national basis," said J. Randal VanDyne, assistant vice presi-

dent and executive director of SEEM.

The RDPC and its academic partners are led by Eastern Kentucky University's Justice & Safety Center.

The RDPC will conduct training needs assessments in the form of national surveys, user focus groups and other outreach activities; match needs to existing programs or curricula; identify gaps; develop and deliver training; disseminate preparedness-related information specifically tailored for rural communities; and facilitate communications between the Department of Homeland Security and the rural emergency response community on relevant preparedness training issues.

ONE PEOPLE, ONE RACE, ONE WORLD: INTERNATIONAL NIGHT 2007



Students from India delighted the audience with the Garbha dance, a popular folk dance of Gujarat. A graceful, unique dance associated with the raas lila of Krishna and the gopis (female cowherds), it is danced by both men and women moving in a circle, holding and clicking painted sticks with attached bells. These are the famous dandiya sticks and have led to Garbha being referred to as dandiya raas.



Sushmita Karki of Nepal performed a traditional dance. The rhythmic music and graceful movements captured the attention of the audience.

International Night activities were carried out in memory of the late Desmond Buford, former director of intercultural student services. He played an integral role in planning the evening's festivities until his death in April. He is fondly remembered by all who knew him.



Bandar Faraj Almarri of Saudi Arabia offered samples of an Arabian perfume called Misek.



Jagpreet Kaur (right) and her partner, both from India, danced the Bhangra, a lively form of folk music and dance that originates from Punjab. Bhangra is considered the king of dances. It is the most popular instinctive dance in Punjab, Bhangra, if not the most robust, and is one of India's popular folk dances.

At right, a student dressed in traditional Chinese attire talks to a visitor about the customs and traditions in her country.



Students from Japan shared their culture with many throughout the evening. Japanese members of the community also joined the students in the festivities.

CURTAIN RAISERS SOCIETY WELCOMES THREE INTO PERFORMING ARTS WALL OF FAME



Wall of Fame honorees: David Dudley and Sue Whitehouse for the late Allen P. Dudley, Inez O'Brien Senn and Barbara A. Petti.

The Curtain Raisers Advisory Board inducted three honorees into The University of Findlay's Performing Arts Wall of Fame on Saturday, April 28.

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 the late Allen P. Dudley, Barbara A. Petti and Inez O'Brien Senn.

Allen P. Dudley (1919-1983) graduated from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music in 1942 and then began his own dance band. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Coast Guard as a chief petty officer and was at Normandy Beach on D-Day. Also while in the service, he organized what was to become the Ninth Naval District Band.

Fondly known as the "music man," Dudley began his career in Findlay as program director for WFIN radio station, during which time he had his own 15-minute daily piano and talk show. In the late 1950s, Dudley organized the Summer Concert Series at Riverside Park, and after his death, the band shell there was named in his honor. He also worked for The Findlay

Publishing Co. where he eventually became vice president.

Dudley was a strong civic leader and was a member of many community organizations. Allen also served on the board of directors of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra.

Dudley was married to Ruth Campbell, and she died in April.

Dudley's daughter, Sue Whitehouse, and son, David Dudley, accepted their father's award.

Barbara A. Petti's interest in music was piqued at an early age; her father was an assistant conductor for the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra and one of the founders of the National Federation of Musicians. As a teenager, Petti studied voice at the Cleveland Institute of Music and continued her studies at the Eastman School of Music and then Northwestern University, where she earned her first bachelor's degree. She earned a second bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University.

In 1959, Petti married her husband, Nick, and in 1961 the couple moved to Findlay where she became involved in the arts through the Findlay Light Opera Co., Fort Findlay Playhouse and Findlay College, now The University of Findlay. In 1977, Petti approached professor of theatre Barry Alexander about the possibility of beginning a SummerStock program at Findlay College, a program that successfully continues today.

Through the 1990s, Petti assisted Alexander with every aspect of

SummerStock. Also in the 1990s, Petti was instrumental in beginning the Curtain Raisers Society, originally formed to assist with SummerStock. The group has expanded its scope to support the academic theatre and music programs at UF.

Petti also has assisted in planning trips for theatre majors to New York and London, and the couple has generously supported several music events at UF.

Inez O'Brien Senn has been involved in music in Findlay for more than 50 years. In the late 1940s, the Findlay Musical Trio began as entertainment for a meeting of the Thursday Conversational Club. Members included Mary Louise O'Brien Child, narrator; Mary Snyder Kirk, a 2005 Wall of Fame Inductee, pianist; and Senn, vocalist.

The first performance, an overview of the Broadway musical "The Song of Norway," was such a success that there were numerous requests for additional performances of other musicals. However, Kirk could not fit all the performances into her schedule due to church commitments, so Allen P. Dudley agreed to join as an accompanist, promoter and business manager.

The Findlay Musical Trio became the Allen Dudley Trio, and each year thereafter the three artists prepared a new show, usually featuring a single musical.

According to Senn, shortly after Dudley became the accompanist, Dr. Aletha Herwig, professor of history and director of student affairs at Findlay College, asked the Allen Dudley Trio to entertain at the final convocations each year for the next 11 years. Senn noted that the trio enjoyed the enthusiasm of the students, and their thank-you notes and friendliness were "very much appreciated."

Senn and her husband, Dr. Loren Senn, have been generous supporters of the performing arts in Findlay and specifically of Findlay College and The University of Findlay.



The English and western equestrian teams left Findlay for national competition May 1. Dr. Freed, pictured above with team members and coaches, offered his best wishes the morning of their departure.



More than 100 people attended the Mazza Museum's 25th anniversary celebration featuring author/illustrator Gail Gibbons April 29. Pictured left to right: Dr. August Mazza, Maxine Mazza, Dr. Jerry Mallett, Ben Sapp, Mariann Dana Younger, Sandi Reinhardt and Alec Reinhardt.



As part of Earth Day activities, students learned about raptors, also known as birds of prey. Because they are important to the ecological balance and because many species are declining in numbers, raptors are protected by both state and federal laws.



Author/illustrator Gail Gibbons spoke to a full audience in the Mazza Museum gallery. Gibbons has produced more than 150 children's non-fiction books.



The Oiler Jazz and University Jazz band hosted a spring concert April 29. Senior pre-veterinary major Brittany Hollandsworth was featured on the alto saxophone during "When Sunny Gets Blue." Senior nuclear medicine major Zach Steiner was featured on the drum set in "Arranco."



At the University's Health Fair April 26, students, faculty and staff tested their strength, had their blood pressure checked and sampled healthy snacks, among other things. Above, Jody Noble, executive director of the Lupus Foundation Inc., Northwest Ohio Chapter, sliced a mango for visitors to taste.

Photos by staff photographer Anne Risser Lee.

DEGREE COMPLETION STUDENTS VISIT CAMPUS, MEET FACULTY



Last month, 24 students in the degree completion program visited campus, meeting both faculty and fellow students for the first time.

In today's technologically advanced world, students can receive a college degree without ever setting foot on a college campus. Even at The University of Findlay, many students choose this option because of job and family responsibilities. However, on Wednesday, April 25, students in UF's

degree completion program (DCP) took advantage of the opportunity to visit campus and meet some of the faculty members and students they've interacted with online.

"I have been organizing this event for at least five years," said Maria Gamba, associate professor of business. "This is my way of making online students know that they are a very important part of our campus."

The 24 students who visited campus are working toward a bachelor of science degree in business management. The DCP is specifically geared toward adult working students who have had some college or currently have an associate's degree.

Students were greeted by Dawn Franks, coordinator of the DCP, and

officially welcomed by both DeBow Freed, Ph.D., UF president, and Paul Sears, Ph.D., dean of the College of Business. Joseph Martelli, D.I.T., associate professor of business, led the evening's program, and Douglas Asbury, assistant professor and director of accounting, discussed the advantages of continuing education with a master's degree.

Other perks to visiting campus were a visit to the Black and Orange shop to get some UF gear; a visit to the Mazza Museum of International Art from Picture Books, hosted by Barbara McCrory, administrative assistant and accounting officer of the museum; and a campus tour led by Dee Dee Spraw, director of alumni and parent relations.

Patti Abels, D.B.A., assistant professor of business, and Louann Cummings, C.P.A., were also involved in the students' visit to campus.

TREECE PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL COMMERCIAL TAPING

Brian Treece, assistant dean of students and director of housing and residence life, is not only active on campus and in the community, but soon he also may be seen in living rooms across the country.

In February, Treece was notified that he had been selected by Novartis Medical Nutrition to participate in a television commercial taping for OptiFast, a medically monitored weight loss program in which Treece participated and lost more than 100 pounds last year.

The company invited Treece, along with 15 others, to Los Angeles, Calif., all expenses paid, in March for three days of taping, which consisted of both individual testimonials as well as group shots. In an inconspicuous studio tucked into downtown L.A., Treece was ushered into wardrobe for a critical review of his clothing selections and then on to makeup to prepare for the bright lights of the studio set.

The taped segments will be edited down, and some will be used for the

company's television commercials as well as for its Web site and print advertisements in various markets around the nation.

For Treece, one of the most rewarding parts of the trip was meeting other people from all parts of the country who had experienced the same struggles through their weight loss challenges and ultimately met their weight loss goals. The group lost a combined total of more than 2,100 pounds and counting.

Treece's weight loss challenge began with a visit to Bariatric Solutions at Blanchard Valley Hospital. Working with a dietitian, a doctor and an exercise physiologist, Treece began the OptiFast program, which required weekly checkups and educational sessions, as well as bi-weekly blood tests. Now, Treece continues his healthy



Brian Treece, assistant dean of students and director of housing and residence life, was selected to participate in a national television commercial taping in Los Angeles, Calif. Treece was one of 16 people chosen from a national candidate pool to tell others about how losing more than 100 pounds last year changed his life.

lifestyle by making healthy food choices and getting regular exercise.

"If I can motivate someone else to live a healthier life, it's all worth it because it only took one person at the right time to motivate me," said Treece of his lifestyle transformation.