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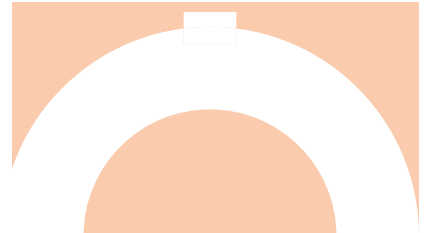
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## Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings, alumni!

The theme “We Are Family” for Homecoming/Family Weekend 2011 was a perfect fit for the spectacular attendance of our alumni, parents, faculty, staff and students. In my six years of planning Homecoming, I believe this was the best attendance from our alumni. I have received several emails and phone messages expressing how great it was to be back on campus and the pride and emotion they felt in being an “Oiler.”

The Friday night parade, carnival and pep rally kicked off the Homecoming events in the Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex. The parade involved the officers from our 50th anniversary class (1961) as grand marshals, President Katherine and Roger Fell, Distinguished Alumni, other award recipients, decorated shopping carts by student organizations and our fabulous Homecoming court. This was a new event that was very well received and will return next year. Fireworks with music, “I Gotta Feeling (that Tonight’s Gonna Be A Good Night),” and other selections brought the Oiler Spirit alive at the conclusion of the evening.

The 5K race was yet another success, followed by the annual breakfast, which honors our outstanding alumni. The Oilers football team celebrated a victory over Ohio Dominican, and alumni, faculty/staff, students and friends celebrated five reunions Saturday evening: Black Student Union, environmental program 25th anniversary, Marketing Club, Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity and an all-Greek mixer. The city of Findlay had Oilers everywhere!

I hope that you will plan now to attend next year’s Homecoming, which is scheduled for Oct. 12-13, 2012, so that you can share in the festivities.

Every year after Homecoming, I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to serve you as the alumni director ... THANK YOU! I will close with the common theme I heard many times over the weekend, “Go Oilers!”

Continue your Oiler pride, and keep me updated by filling out the “What’s New with You?” form at [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu), KEYWORD: Alumni, or [click here](#).

With Oiler Pride!

~~Dee Dee Spraw ’00, M ’07, director, Alumni & Parent Relations

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**FINDLAY**  
THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY

## 1. What's Happening on Campus?

**The University was presented Oct. 14 with a \$40,000 grant from the BP Foundation during a celebration marking the 25th anniversary of the environmental, safety and occupational health management program.** The grant will assist in retrofitting two University-owned houses with renewable energy and monitoring equipment and provide funds for scholarships. The houses are located at 138 and 146 W. Foulke Ave. With four students in one house and five in the other, both groups are developing and implementing ways to save energy and create less waste. The grant from BP, combined with a grant from Dominion Resources, will help fund solar power at 138 W.

Foulke and wind power at 146 W. Foulke. Both systems are projected to be operating by Jan. 1, 2012. It is anticipated that the alternative energy systems will provide emission-free power equal to 60-70 percent of the total baseline energy requirements for each home. [Click here](#) to read more.



*Dr. Katherine Fell (left) accepted \$40,000 in funding for renewable energy research and scholarships from BP Corporation of North America Inc. Scholarship recipients are Kymy Brooks, Rob Sharets, Josh Beal and Cory Ziebold. At right are Mary Caprella, public affairs director for the BP Foundation, and Tom Brungard M '96, M '98, health, safety, security and environmental manager for BP Toledo.*

**The University of Findlay's All Hazards Training Center (AHTC) recently received a \$73,600 grant from the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation to develop and implement Threat Assessment Management (TAM) programs in Hancock County schools.** The funds are made available from the Madeleine T. Schneider Fund at the Foundation. The one-year grant will provide funding for the development and implementation of customized TAM programs in all high school buildings in Hancock County, the need for which was identified through a local Reducing Risk in Educational Settings committee. A TAM program is a behavioral-based case management technique originally developed by the U.S. Secret Service. [Click here](#) to read more.

**Byron Pitts, contributing correspondent for 60 Minutes and CBS News chief national correspondent, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at Winebrenner Theological Seminary.** Pitts is the first featured speaker in the Dr. and Mrs. DeBow Freed Contemporary Christian Lecture Series and the author of "Step Out on Nothing: How Faith and Family Helped Me Conquer Life's Challenges," released in 2009. [Click here](#) for more information.



*Byron Pitts of CBS News*

**A celebration of the life work of Steven Kellogg will take place during the Mazza Museum's Fall Weekend Conference at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at Winebrenner Theological Seminary.** A collection of 2,700 pieces of Kellogg's artwork was acquired by the museum in July, made possible, in part, by a \$350,000 gift from actor and director Anthony Edwards. A presentation to honor Kellogg will take place. Tickets are \$5; call the museum at 419-434-5521. [Click here](#) for more details.

**Children's book author and illustrator Jan Brett will be on campus from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, to visit the Mazza Museum** as part of a book tour to highlight her books, "Home for Christmas" and "The Night Before Christmas." [Click here](#) for more details.

**The Rig is a new restaurant on campus, operated entirely by students.** Located in the UF Village on Frazer Street, The Rig is open to the community. Its hours of operation are 6 to

11 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday and noon to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Menu items include chicken wings and Rig chunks with choice of sauces, Rig fries, sandwiches and decadent desserts. Call 419-434-4156 or email [rig@findlay.edu](mailto:rig@findlay.edu) for more information, or search for The Rig on Facebook. The Rig is a division of Oiler Enterprises, a newly formed entity for the purpose of developing student-run businesses. [Click here](#) to view The Rig's menu.



*The Golden Dragons performed award-winning acrobatics and traditional dances to ancient and contemporary music as part of Diversity Month in October.*

**As part of Diversity Month in October, UF hosted a performance by the Golden Dragons on Oct. 5 and a spoken word poetry workshop and a Def Poetry Jam on Oct. 18. Slam poetry artists Carlos Robson and Jason Carney directed the workshop and then performed at the jam. Slam poetry is the competitive art of performance poetry, or spoken word. The month concluded on Oct. 28**



*Professional spoken word artists Jason Karney (left) and Carlos Robson (right) hosted a workshop and performed for the Def Poetry Jam.*

with a performance by Heatbox, a “one-man entertainment system.” Diversity month is sponsored by Campus Program Board.

### **The University's theater, choral and instrumental groups are preparing for their fall performances:**

- **Nov. 9**, “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever” theater performance, 8 p.m. Nov. 9-11, 2 p.m. Nov. 12, Powell-Grimm Theatre. General admission is \$5; senior citizen and student admission is \$3. Tickets are available at the Box Office. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **Nov. 20**, The Light of Christmas Concert-Chorale, 3 p.m., Winebrenner Theological Seminary. Tickets are free, but required. Attendees are urged to get tickets in advance; limited seating will be available at the door.
- **Dec. 4**, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble concert, 3 p.m., Heminger Auditorium at Findlay High School. General admission is \$5; senior citizen and student admission is \$3. Tickets are available at the Box Office and at the door. *Contact the Box Office at 419-434-5335 with questions about the events and to reserve tickets as needed.*

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## **2. Academic Update**

**Jamie Vollmer, an award-winning champion of public education and author of “Schools Cannot Do It Alone,” will give a public presentation at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Alumni Memorial Union Multipurpose Room. A book signing will follow. Vollmer may be best known for “The Blueberry Story,” which first appeared in Education Week in March of 2002 and has appeared hundreds of times in newspapers and periodicals across North America. The story may be viewed at [www.jamievollmer.com/blueberries.html](http://www.jamievollmer.com/blueberries.html). Vollmer's presentation will combine**



*Dr. Julie (Dean '90) McIntosh, dean of the College of Education, introduced her fall class to Vollmer's book, “Schools Cannot Do It Alone.”*

statistics, logic and humor to energize and encourage educators, business leaders and community groups to work together to build successful schools. A former critic of the public school system, Vollmer became involved with school reform after careers in both law and manufacturing. Questions about the program may be directed to the College of Education at UF. Call 419-434-4862. [Click here](#) for more details.

**Jaco J. Hamman, Ph.D., professor of pastoral care and counseling at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Mich., gave two presentations** on Oct. 27 and Oct. 28. Hamman discussed themes in his latest book, “A Play-Full Life: Slowing Down and Seeking Peace” (Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 2011). Play is both formative and transformative, according to Hamman, who noted that play gives a person a sense of being alive, not just living. Although there are many types of play, he defined play as purposeless and unproductive, yet restorative, activity. “To be play-full is to imaginatively and creatively engage one’s self, others, God and all of reality so that peace and justice reign within us and with others,” he said. Hamman described play as essential to problem solving. Things that inhibit play-fullness include inner criticism; seeking to control, which leads to anxiety; compulsions to alleviate anxiety that lead to addictions; conflict as a substitute for intimacy; competition where there are only winners and losers; and over consumption, which substitutes for play but really is a form of gluttony. He encourages practicing realness, nurturing imagination and creativity, experiencing boundlessness as life flowing and abundant, slowing down to savor experiences, practicing hospitality and seeking spiritual transcendence as experiencing awe and wonder. He suggests that a play-full life is a smart choice that simulates mind, body and soul. Hamman’s presentation is part of the Power of Play series, organized by Matthew Stolick, Ph.D., as the 2011-2012 Richard E. Wilkin Chair of the College of Liberal Arts at The University of Findlay. Stolick, associate professor of philosophy, is devoting this year to an interdisciplinary exploration of a single topic – The Power of Play: Essential to Human Being.



*Dr. Jaco Hamman, author of “A Play-Full Life,” spoke on campus Oct. 27 and at Winebrenner Theological Seminary Oct. 28 as part of the Power of Play series conducted by Dr. Matt Stolick.*

**Nguyen Thi To Nga, professor of international relations at the Vietnam National University of Social Sciences and Humanities in Ho Chi Minh City, presented lectures on Oct. 19 and Nov. 1 as part of The University of Findlay Faculty Exchange Program:** “Internal Migration in Vietnam: Opportunities and Challenges for Socio-Economic Development” and “Immigration: Socio-Economic Effects on the Home Country.” The lectures were sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs, College of Liberal Arts, Department of Communication and Department of Language and Culture. Nga’s visit to campus is partially funded by a grant from The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation.

**The University of Findlay’s Social, Behavioral and Justice Sciences Department welcomed Holocaust survivor Irving Roth on Oct. 25.** He presented “Never Forget: An Evening with Holocaust Survivor Irving Roth.” Roth is a recipient of many awards, including the prestigious Spirit of Anne Frank Award for his dedication to educating the world on diversity and acceptance. Roth serves as the director of the Holocaust Resource Center at the Temple Judea in Manhasset, N.Y. **Ali Sagraves ’10**, a key organizer of the event, said she hopes attendees gained a “greater understanding of the events that led to the Holocaust in order to recognize the warning signs and never let it happen again – to any people.”



*An 80-year-old retired college professor in Ibaraki prefecture in Japan answered questions posed by UF students Caitlin Adkins, Craig White and Shawna McAllister.*

**Hiro Kawamura, Ph.D.**, associate professor of Japanese, and three students from The University of Findlay were awarded a \$21,000 research grant from the 2011 ASIANetwork Freeman Student Faculty Fellow Program. Caitlin Adkins, a junior Japanese major; Shawna McAllister, senior Japanese and entrepreneurship major; and Craig White, senior Japanese and English major, each submitted a project within the grant proposal with the shared research theme of coexistence. The students conducted primary research in Japan in June for four weeks. In April 2012, the group will present their findings at the AsiaNetwork conference. To [read more](#), download the Oct. 21 issue of the campus FYI newsletter.

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### **3. Alumni News & Events**

#### **Alumni Events Calendar**

- Dec. 2-4** Kalahari Waterpark & Resort Weekend and Alumni Dinner on Dec. 3; Sandusky, Ohio; dinner at 8 p.m.
- Dec. 6** Third American Society of Health System Pharmacists Mid-year Alumni and Friends Reception; New Orleans, La. – 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Dec. 17** Commencement Activities:
- Baccalaureate – Ritz Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.
  - Commencement Brunch; Alumni Memorial Union, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
  - Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement; Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex, 2 p.m.
- Jan. 13** NMI/UF Certificate Ceremony and Banquet  
Winebrenner Theological Seminary, TLB Auditorium, 5 p.m.
- Jan. 28** Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet  
Winbrenner Theological Seminary, TLB Auditorium, 11 a.m.
- Feb. 25** Pre-Vet Alumni Reception  
Hyatt Regency, Columbus, Ohio, 5-7 p.m.
- March 4-10** Florida Alumni Receptions
- March 23** OHSAA Boys' State Basketball Brunch  
Fawcett Center, Columbus, Ohio, 8-10 a.m.

For more info or to register for events, contact the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations by visiting the website at [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu), KEYWORD: Alumni, or call 419-434-4516.

## Join Us for Upcoming Alumni Events

Join The University of Findlay alumni and friends for a weekend of fun at Kalahari Waterpark Resort and Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio, Dec. 2 and 3, 2011. An alumni dinner reception is planned in the Mangrove Room for Saturday, Dec. 3, from 6-8 p.m. Dinner is \$10 for each adult, \$5 for children ages 5-12 and children age 4 and under are free. Just for the kids, our STAR group (StudenTs for Alumni Relations) is planning a craft and activities after dinner so you can relax and mingle with other alumni and friends. Register for the dinner reception, by calling the alumni office at 419-434-4516, or online at [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu), KEYWORD: Kalahari. Overnight accommodations must be arranged by calling the reservations department at 1-877-525-2427. Be sure to reference The University of Findlay alumni event for a special rate of \$134 each night. You do not need to stay both nights to receive the special rate. Each night includes four water park passes. *Our block reservation expires on Nov. 15, 2011, so please make your reservations for hotel accommodations soon!*



**Oiler Cookbooks are still available.** If you want to order a copy, please complete the form online at [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu), KEYWORD: Oiler Cookbook. Be sure to indicate on the form if you want us to mail your cookbook. The cookbook is \$10 if picked up at the Stout Alumni Center, or \$15 mailed. If you prefer to order by telephone, please contact the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations at 419-434-4516.

## Alumni News

**Homecoming and Family Weekend was Oct. 14-15, with students, alumni, faculty, staff and families enjoying the many activities that took place. Friday evening festivities featured several new events with a carnival atmosphere.** All sorts of food, from cotton candy to ice cream cones, was available, and kids enjoyed the inflatables. A parade featured for the first time shopping carts decorated as floats by student organizations. The Homecoming court was introduced, and the king and queen were crowned. The evening concluded with a pep rally and the annual fireworks display.



*The 2011 Homecoming court: Mandi McQuillan, Kyle Collette, Bridget Messaros, Tyler Jacobs, Queen Jessica Burkett, King Ryan Gibson, Erin Dunlap, Jordan Kirwen, Laura Abraham and Matthew Young.*



*Brought back for a second year as a part of the Homecoming carnival, Rock Band proved a very popular activity with students.*



Members of Mortar Board honor society impersonated Fred and Wilma Flintstone during the Homecoming parade in Koehler Complex that featured shopping carts decorated by student organizations.



Dr. Josephine Kershaw (left), adviser, and President Katherine Fell (right) with members of the Healthcare Management Network and their shopping cart decorated as Old Main for the Homecoming parade.



Robert Crosby '61, class president, and his wife, Donna (Coffman '60), were the parade marshals.



Face painting and balloon animals were among the many activities for the kids.



An impressive fireworks display lit up the sky for Oilers fans on Friday evening.



Off to a fast start on Saturday morning, 251 runners participated in the sixth annual 5K.

**Saturday morning kicked off with the sixth annual 5K and Little Oiler Fun Run.** Racing to support Campus Ministries, 251 runners participated, raising \$2,400 for Campus Ministries. Aaron Beach won overall with a time of 16:45. The female winner was Meghan Bartel with a time of 20:15. Derrick the Oiler led the Fun Run.



President Fell and Pastor Will Miller gratefully received the \$2,400 raised for Campus Ministries.

**The Annual Alumni Association Breakfast, held at Winebrenner Theological Seminary, honored the 2011 Distinguished Alumni and other award recipients.** More than 170 alumni, family members and guests attended. The Class of 1961 was honored for its 50th anniversary, as well. Each alum present received an orange rose as part of the traditional rose ceremony. *See the "Alumni Spotlight" below for more information about the award recipients.*

**The Class of 1961 celebrated its golden anniversary on Friday, and then on Saturday morning joined the Class of 2011 in dedicating the walking/running track in**



Members of the Class of 1961 proudly gathered for a group shot at the Alumni Breakfast where they were recognized for their 50th anniversary.



Dr. Fell greeted guests at the Alumni Association Annual Breakfast on Saturday morning that honored award recipients and the 50-year class of 1961. It also included the traditional rose ceremony.



Robert Crosby, president of the Class of 1961, amused his classmates with his recollections of campus life (and pranks). Class of 1961 members contributed to the walking/running track in the Student Recreation Center in conjunction with the graduating Class of 2011.



Class representative Stefanie Lauer '11 gave remarks at the dedication of the running track as the class gift.

**the Student Recreation Center in the Koehler Complex as its class gift.** At noon Saturday, the Robert A. Malcolm Athletic Center in the Koehler Complex was the site of an afternoon kid-friendly celebration with a KidZone, inflatables, mechanical bull riding, balloon animals, a photo booth and more. Then, it was on to Donnell Stadium where the Oilers played Ohio Dominican.



Far left: Jearold Kidd '68 reprised his twirling finesse, including this leap, to the delight of the crowd. Kidd is the only male to serve as a twirler in Findlay's history.

Left: Oiler Brass alumni returned for the ninth annual reunion and joined the marching band on the field for a Homecoming performance.



The Oilers football team came through for the fans with a 27-24 win against the Ohio Dominican Panthers.



These UF fans couldn't mask their excitement at the game between the Oilers and Ohio Dominican at Donnell Stadium.



Fans in the stands show their Oiler spirit cheering the home team.



Derrick the Oiler is a big attraction for young Oilers fans.



Queen Jessica Burkett and King Ryan Gibson reigned at the Homecoming game.



More than 100 alumni, faculty, staff and friends gathered to celebrate the silver anniversary of the environmental, safety and occupational health program.

Alumni, faculty/staff and friends of the University gathered during Homecoming festivities Saturday evening for the 25th anniversary celebration of the environmental program (previously hazardous materials management/environmental and hazardous materials management; now environmental, safety and occupational health management). Michael Momany received a special award as he was the initial admissions recruiter for the environmental program and was very successful in recruiting students in its early years.



Alpha Sigma Phi brothers gathered for their biennial reunion.

The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi returned to their alma mater for their biennial reunion on Oct. 14-16 to celebrate Homecoming 2011. Activities were planned for the entire weekend, with a reunion dinner taking place on Saturday evening. Plans have started for their return in 2014 for their 50th reunion.

A.J. Firestone '72 of Mercersburg, Pa., organized a reunion gathering for members of the 1971 football team. They returned to campus for Homecoming and attended the football game at Donnell Stadium.



Left: Members of the 1971 football team: (front row) Roger Black, Steve Blackburn '73, Steve Traucht '71, Rick Wonderly '71; (back row) Rex Kear '74, Tim O'Malley '72, Dave Doak '73, A.J. Firestone '72, Rick Phillips '75, Jim Wegesin '72 and Jerry Schlaegel '75. Not shown: Jeff Love '73, Gary Piper '72 and Steve Long '75, who attended the football game with the group.

The Black Student Union marked more than 40 years as an organization by inviting former members to reunite on campus during Homecoming. Jennifer Williams '71, a charter



*Members of the Black Student Union, including charter member Jennifer Williams '71 (front row, red jacket) and the first adviser, Alsbrook Smith (back row, third from left), returned to campus to celebrate more than 40 years of the organization during Homecoming. About 45 attended, sharing stories and photos.*

member of the BSU, and Alsbrook Smith, the first adviser, attended, as well as alumni from the classes of 1964 through 2010. The reunion sparked interest in forming an African-American alumni chapter and contributing toward the **Kenneth L. Williams '29** Endowed Scholarship Fund, which was established by **Brian Washington '84** to honor the first known black graduate of Findlay. Dr. Katherine Fell shared an update on The University of Findlay. Current students in the BSU had an opportunity visit and network with alumni.



*UF alumni working at Whirlpool Corp. in Findlay gathered for a luncheon on Oct. 10. Faculty and staff members also attended, including Dr. Katherine Fell, who gave an update on the University.*

**UF alumni working at Whirlpool Corp.** in Findlay gathered for luncheon with faculty and staff on Oct. 10. **Stefanie (Saunders '92) Griffith** assisted the alumni office in organizing the event. President Katherine Fell attended, giving an update on the exciting things happening on campus.



*Alumni employed by Marathon Petroleum Co. assembled for a group photo after a luncheon held at the Elks Club Oct. 11. Dr. Katherine Fell (front row, far left) talked about what is happening on The University of Findlay campus now.*

**UF alumni and current students working at Marathon Petroleum Co.** in Findlay gathered for a luncheon at the Findlay Elks Club on Oct. 11. **Gene Fernandez '77**, Marathon employee,



*The Brookside Golf and Country Club was the site for the alumni reception hosted by the Columbus Regional Alumni Committee Oct. 21. Dr. C. Richard Beckett (far left), chair of the UF Board of Trustees, assisted President Katherine Fell in giving a University update.*



*The Carrothers Home for the President was the site of the luncheon for faculty and staff who are also UF alumni. Dr. Fell thanked attendees for all they do for The University of Findlay.*



*The University of Findlay's booth at the World Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio, was the site of alumni receptions hosted Oct. 16 and 23 by Clark and Bonnie Bradley.*



*Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. alumni employees enjoyed the hospitality of President Katherine Fell in the outdoor entertainment area of the Carrothers Home Oct. 27, where they were entertained with a luncheon.*

assisted the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations in organizing the luncheon. Dr. Katherine Fell met with alumni and gave brief remarks on the status of the University.

**The Columbus Regional Alumni Committee organized an alumni reception** at Brookside Golf and Country Club on Oct. 21 to unite alumni and friends of Findlay College/The University of Findlay.

**Brant Rhoad '00** provided the venue for the reception. Dr. C. Richard Beckett, chair of the UF

Board of Trustees, along with President Katherine Fell, shared what's new at Findlay with those attending.

**The University of Findlay's annual faculty/staff employee alumni luncheon** took place Oct. 12 at the Carrothers Home. President Katherine Fell, expressed her appreciation to everyone for all they do for their alma mater. There are 211 faculty and staff members employed at UF who are graduates of Findlay College/The University of Findlay.

**The Office of Alumni & Parent Relations hosted a luncheon Oct. 27 at the Carrothers Home for the President for Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. alumni, non-degreed alumni and current students.** Elicia (Naftzger '87) Davis and Doug Lyon '80, Cooper employees, assisted in coordinating this event. President Katherine Fell welcomed everyone and gave an update on UF. **Dee Dee Spraw '00, M '07**, alumni director, gave a summary of Homecoming activities and encouraged alumni to be connected to their alma mater.

**Be sure to keep us updated on your marriage and birth announcements** by filling out the "What's New with You?" form at [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu), KEYWORD: Alumni or [click here](#). If you send us an announcement of a birth in your family, the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations will send your new little Oiler a stocking hat to show that Oiler pride!

## Welcome UF Newest Little Oilers:

*Todd '04 & Allison (Golding '05) Helline  
Baby girl, Brinley Irene, born Sept. 22, 2011*

*Joshua & Lisa (Warren '02) Mann  
Baby boy, Jacoby Hunter, born July 14, 2011*

*Bradley '04 & Lindsey (Karshner '04) Rethman  
Baby boy, Quinn Bradley, born July 15, 2011*

*Ryan and Erin (Nenadal '03) Tong  
Baby boy, Douglas, born April 27, 2011*

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## 4. Alumni Spotlight

### Alumni Honored at the Alumni Association Annual Breakfast

Alumni and families gathered for the Annual Alumni Association Breakfast that honored the 2011 Distinguished Alumni and other award recipients during Homecoming weekend Oct. 14-15. Congratulations to Distinguished Alumni **Greg Denecker '94**, **Larry Manley '61**, **Mary Ann Rohleder '70** and **George Showers '65**.

Distinguished Alumni have exhibited the highest standards of individual achievement in their professions and/or personal endeavors and have contributed to the advancement of humanity. Other honorees were

**Johnnie Jackson '07, M '09** – Old Main Award for young alumni under the age of 36; **Sharon Milligan** – Arch Award for faculty or staff members who are not alumni but have served the institution with distinction for more than 25 years; and the late **William Flanagan '59** – Gold Medallion Award for alumni who deserve recognition but are now deceased.

A native of Riga, Mich., **Greg Denecker '94** serves as superintendent of Bluffton Exempted Village Schools, which has achieved the highest rating, “Excellent with Distinction,” by the Ohio Department of Education. Previously, he taught and coached at Allen East Local School before taking positions as principal of Arcadia High School and then Bluffton High School. While at Findlay, Denecker played basketball and was the fourth all-time leading scorer. He was named a GTE Academic All-American and received the Mancuso Award for the Student-Athlete of the Year. In 2004, he was inducted into the UF Athletic Hall of Fame. Denecker holds a master’s degree in educational administration from Bowling Green State University. He and his wife, Christine, have two sons, Gabe and Luke.



*Award recipients Greg Denecker '94, Johnnie Jackson '07, M '09, George Showers '65, Jeanne Flanagan for her late husband William '59, Larry Manley '61, Mary Ann Rohleder '70 and Sharon Milligan.*

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**Larry Manley** '61 intended to enter the Methodist ministry, but majored in philosophy after transferring to Findlay College in 1957. He entered the business field after graduation, selling school equipment and textbooks. In 1967, Manley purchased a small nursing home and later owned The Heritage in Findlay, which he sold to his son in 1985, and Independence House in Fostoria, which was purchased by Blanchard Valley Hospital in 2008. Manley considers his family to be his proudest and most rewarding accomplishment. He has seven children, 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**Mary Ann Rohleder** '70 began her career as a teacher and coach and later worked in administration in the athletic departments at Southern Methodist University, Butler University and Indiana University in Bloomington, where she completed her career as senior associate athletics director. She also was assistant executive director of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) in Kansas City, Mo. She has been active with the Midwestern Collegiate Conference and the Big Ten Conference, including chairing of the Senior Woman Administrators Council. Rohleder completed a master of sports administration at Ohio University and a master of science in education administration and school counseling at Butler.

**George Showers** '65 held teaching, coaching and administrative positions in several Michigan schools and served as superintendent at Sumner, Vestaburg and Lakeview Community Schools. He earned a master's degree in educational administration and a superintendent certificate from Central Michigan University. In 1996, he became senior pastor of both New Haven Church of God in Sumner and Seville Community Church of God, where he remains as senior pastor. He serves on the board of Winebrenner Theology Seminary and on the UF Board of Trustees. He received the Vestaburg Community School's Distinguished Alumni Award and the Michigan Association of School Administrators' Distinguished Administrator Award. Showers and his wife, Alice, have two children and five grandchildren.

**Johnnie Jackson** '07, M '09 served after graduation as a conversational English instructor at Chinju National University of Education in Jinju, South Korea. He also instructed Korean students about lifestyles in America and how to adapt to study at an American university. Jackson coordinated a cultural visit to Seoul, South Korea, for faculty members in the UF College of Education. In addition, he co-taught a preschool cultural immersion course to students at Marion Technical College to help future preschool teachers learn about Korean culture. Jackson recently returned to The University of Findlay, where he is working as the director of internship and cooperative education programs in the Office of Career Services.

**Sharon Milligan** taught courses in wellness, health education and physical education, with an emphasis in individual sports, leisure and lifelong activities for 44 years at Findlay, retiring in 2011. A graduate of Otterbein College, she earned a master's degree in health education and physical education at Ohio University. She is an accomplished hiker, completing the Appalachian Trail from Maine to Georgia and the Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Canada. She also completed bicycling the TransAmerica Trail from Oregon to Virginia. She received UF's Founder's Faculty Award in 1992; the Fostoria "Community Hero" volunteer award in 2004; the UF College of Health Professions Faculty Excellence Award in 2010 and was inducted into the UF Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995.

A native of Uniontown, Pa., the late **William Flanegan** '59 came to Findlay College as a military veteran, where he was on Findlay's wrestling team. Flanegan was a teacher, wrestling coach and athletic director at Mansfield Senior High School and earned a master's degree from Bowling

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Green State University. He served 26 years as director of the J.C. Gorman Wrestling Tournament. He was inducted into the Mansfield City High School and Findlay College Halls of Fame and received the Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association Service Award. He was honored as the Findlay College Alumni Coach of the Year in 1974. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne; four children; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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## **5. Oiler Sports**

### **Wrestling**

The University of Findlay wrestling team is ranked 14th in the nation as the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) released their annual preseason poll on Wednesday, Oct. 26. Individually, senior Michael Lybarger is the top-ranked grappler in the 174-pound weight class, while sophomore Ben Sergent is fifth in the 125-pound bracket. Lybarger won a national title last season in the 165-pound weight class, finishing the season with a school record-breaking 39-4. Sergent ended the season with a 22-18 mark as he qualified for the NCAA Division II National Championship.



*Kyle Caiola Close*

### **Men's Basketball**

The University of Findlay men's basketball team is ranked fifth in the nation, according to the Preseason Division II Bulletin Poll, which was released on Thursday, Oct. 13. The Oilers finished last season with a 24-4 record, capturing their ninth Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) South Division title in the past 10 years.



*Michael Lybarger, NCAA national champion, 165-pound class*

### **Football**

The Oilers are 5-4 on the season with a 5-3 record in the GLIAC. They are being led by junior running back Montrae Williams, who ranks second in the league with 1,132 yards rushing and 17 touchdowns. Williams is currently ranked fifth all-time at Findlay with 3,176 career rushing yards.



*Montrae Williams*



*Mackenzie Vorst*

### **Volleyball**

The Oilers are 13-11 on the season and riding an eight-game winning streak. They are being led by sophomore Mackenzie Vorst and her team-high 277 kills. Fellow sophomore Danielle Taflinger is second on the team with 235 kills and is hitting a team-high .357 on the year.

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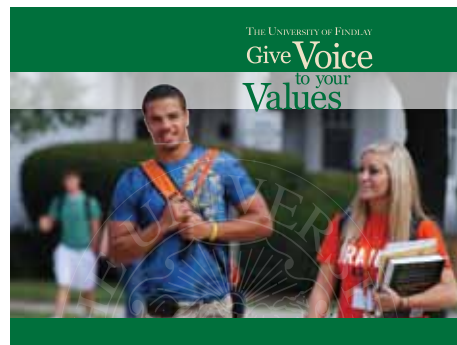
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## **6. Alumni Support**

During the most recent Business Affiliates scholarship fundraising effort, 52 Hancock County companies contributed a total of \$19,790, which was distributed to the selected student recipients for use in meeting educational expenses for the 2011-12 academic year. Over the past eight years, nearly \$150,000 has been provided through 389 corporate contributions. During this eight-year span, 140 UF students have been the beneficiaries of the Business Affiliates Scholarship program. To read about the program's impact on local students, [click here](#).

**Since the 125th Endowed Funds Drive campaign was announced in February 2008, 122 new funds totaling nearly \$9.23 million have been created.**

The **Keith '67 and Joyce Mohr Scholarship Endowment Fund** was established to provide scholarship assistance to full-time undergraduate students majoring in middle childhood education or finance and have a 3.5 GPA or better. A 1967 graduate of Findlay, Keith retired from the Findlay City Schools after educating students for 36 years, and Joyce retired from the Hancock Federal Credit Union after 31 years of service.



The goal of the endowed funds drive is to create 125 new endowed funds for student scholarship, faculty development and program support. The 125th Endowed Funds Drive is part of the Give Voice to Your Values campaign, which is based on the values of integrity, service, responsibility, respect, dedication, excellence and generosity. The Give Voice to Your Values campaign, which was launched on Sept. 30, 2010, has raised more than \$26.9 million toward its \$40 million goal. To support the Give Voice to Your Values campaign, call 419-434-5334 or visit [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu),  
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## **7. FYI Campus Newsletter**

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