

UF Welcomes New and Returning Students

The University officially welcomed its newest students to campus during Orientation Weekend, Aug. 20-22.

Students, faculty and staff completed more than 50 service projects for organizations within the community on Saturday.

In 2002, the University began incorporating a large-scale freshman service project into orientation weekend. New students are sent in groups to various locations in the community to complete several-hour projects that include painting, cleaning, landscaping, organizing and otherwise helping non-profit organizations and churches with projects they would not be able to complete without the help.

On Sunday, Aug. 22, students attended a welcome ceremony in Winebrenner Theological Semi-

nary and participated in the traditional Arch Ceremony on the front lawn of Old Main.

Additional photos from the weekend are available on page 3.



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Above, Dr. Katherine Fell, UF president, meets a new student and her family. Left, Residence Life staff members KT Steward, Frank Gannett, Nathan Richey and Adrian Poston help new students get checked into their new homes for the semester Aug. 20.

Findlay Ranks in Top Tier of “America’s Best Colleges” for Fifth Consecutive Year

The University of Findlay has been ranked by U.S. News and World Report as a top-tier Midwest university for the fifth consecutive year. UF also was named to the “A+ Schools for B Students.”

The complete list of rankings, which include more than 1,400 schools nationwide, will appear in the September issue of the U.S. News and World Report

magazine, and is currently available online at www.usnews.com/colleges.

The annual rankings, in which U.S. News groups schools based on categories created by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, provide a resource for parents and students researching colleges and universities.

Schools are ranked based on key measures of quality including peer

assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

Using a proprietary methodology, the annual U.S. News and World Report rankings are developed to help consumers evaluate and compare data compiled from more than 1,400 accredited four-year schools.

UF is a Military Friendly School for 2011

The University of Findlay has been named a Military Friendly School for 2011 by “G.I. Jobs” magazine. UF is among the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America’s veterans as students.

“The Military Friendly Schools list is the gold standard in letting veterans know which schools will

offer them the greatest opportunity, flexibility and overall experience. It’s especially important now with so many schools competing for military students,” said Derek Blumke, president of Student Veterans of America and a member of the list’s Academic Advisory Board (AAB).

The University is participating in the Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program, a provision of

the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. UF will provide up to \$8,400 per veteran, per year, for any qualifying veteran, to assist with educational expenses, and the Veterans Administration will match UF’s contribution. For more information on educational benefits for veterans at The University of Findlay, visit <http://www.findlay.edu>, KEYWORD: Veteran.

Student Receives Award, Named American Ambassador During Kake Experience

“Everyone is a student on this trip,” said Chris Sippel, coordinator of international education, who was UF’s campus point person in planning this year’s Kake Program to Japan, which included students, faculty and staff members.

Once the group arrived in Japan, members joined representatives from Wright State University, two universities from Brazil and the Kake and Junsei educational institutions.

According to Sippel, the Kake Program “is amazing” because the group has the opportunity to experience a wide range of activities that would be nearly impossible in just four quick weeks if traveling alone. The Kake and Junsei Educational Institutions coordinate the itinerary, and representatives from the institutions serve as hosts.

The University of Findlay returns the favor by hosting a group from Kake and Junsei Aug. 17 – Sept. 8 in Findlay.

The experience, says Sippel, is life-changing for each person in the group. “They all came with very different backgrounds and experiences,” he said. “For some, it was their first trip out of the U.S.

For others, it was another study abroad experience, but it may have been their longest or richest.”

Emilee McAfee, a student who participated in the trip, gained a sense of the Japanese culture and a new level of respect for the Japanese. “The Japanese people are full of pride for their country and traditions. It’s contagious,” she said. “My host family made me feel like I was part of their family, and they still e-mail me with updates.”

McAfee’s enthusiasm for the experience was noticed by others. She was awarded a Most Positive award and also was named the American ambassador of the program. The awards are given to one student each year.

“I was deeply honored when I received the awards,” said McAfee. “I



Emilee McAfee poses for a photo at the Miyajima Torii, which is located on the Island of Miyajima, home of the Itsukushima Shrine.

had an extraordinary time meeting new people and understanding their cultures and reactions to our Japanese adventure. I made sure to speak to everyone and to soak in as much cultural experience as possible.”

Sippel, who lived in Japan for six years, noted that he enjoyed seeing each participant learn on different levels. “This program is really what it sets out to be – a program that gives participants a new view of the country of Japan. It’s excellent that UF is in this relationship and that we can have this wonderful experience.”

Welcome Weekend at UF

More photos from both the service projects and the Arch Ceremony are available online at picasaweb.google.com/TheUniversityofFindlay.



Playground equipment and toys get a good cleaning at Head Start during service projects Aug. 21.



New students paint a classroom in the Findlay First Assembly of God on Ash Avenue.



A new student and his parents pose for a photo during the UF welcome picnic Aug. 22.



New student Jessica Gross enjoys the picnic with her parents and grandmother after Orientation Weekend activities.

Ceremonies Honor Current Students, Alumni



Rick States, director of the Nuclear Medicine Institute, presents Justin Herron with the Mallinckrodt Award of Excellence during a certificate ceremony for recent NMI graduates.



Third-year pharmacy students recite a pledge after receiving a lab coat during a White Coat Ceremony, which signifies the students' entry into the first year of professional pharmacy courses.

Vocalists, Actors Needed for November Performance; Auditions Sept. 7

Open auditions for “Two From Galilee,” a dramatic musical based on the book by Marjorie Holmes, will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, in the Egner Center for the Performing Arts, Room 209.

Singing and acting roles, as well as speaking and non-speaking roles,

are available for five women, 14 men and one adolescent boy soprano.

Those who plan to audition for a singing and acting role should prepare a 16-bar cut from any song and be prepared to read from a script. An accompanist will be provided.

“Two From Galilee” will be

performed at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at Findlay High School in the R.L. Heminger Auditorium.

For more information, please contact Micheal F. Anders, Ph.D., at 419-434-4717 or anders@findlay.edu.



Save the date!
Oct. 1-3

Professional Speaker, Musician and Athlete to Present Program on Campus

Daniel Davison, a quadruple amputee who walks, drives a car, competitively sails and parachutes out of airplanes, will present “You Are Your Choices” at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, in The University of Findlay’s Alumni Memorial Union.

Admission is \$1 at the door for community members.

An accomplished professional speaker, musician and athlete, Davison is an advocate for those with disabilities, with a desire to inspire others. His favorite expression is “I have no problems – only solutions.”

Davison will share his powerful story of adversity. He was a victim of severe child abuse, which led to

involvement in drug trafficking and organized crime. He had a “heavy appetite” for drugs and self-destructive behavior and while under the influence, Davison was involved in an accident that led to severe frostbite requiring the amputation of a portion of all four limbs.

Davison rose above the odds and has excelled in music, sailing, horseback riding and public speaking through the sharing of his story. He provides encouragement and guidance and empowers others to let go of beliefs that limit them.



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