

UF Named to Military Friendly Schools List

The University of Findlay has been named a Military Friendly School for 2010 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 list of schools was compiled through exhaustive research, which began last May, during which G.I. Jobs polled more than 7,000 schools nationwide. Methodology, criteria and weighting for the list were developed with the assistance of an Academic Advisory Committee (AAC) consisting of educators and administrators from Carnegie Mellon University, the University

of Toledo, Duquesne University, Coastline College and Lincoln Technical Institute.

Criteria for making the Military Friendly schools list included efforts to recruit and retain military and veteran students, results in recruiting military and veteran students and academic accreditations.

A detailed list of Military Friendly schools will be highlighted in the annual "Guide to Military Friendly Schools" and on a poster, both of which will be distributed to hundreds of thousands of active and former military personnel in September.

A new Web site, found at www.militaryfriendlyschools.com, will launch this month with interactive

tools and search functionality to assist military veterans in choosing schools that best meet their educational needs.

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 \$8,000 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.

The University in 'Best Colleges' Top Tier

The University has been ranked by U.S. News and World Report as a top-tier Midwest university.

The complete list of rankings, which include more than 1,400 schools nationwide, appears in the September issue of the U.S. News and World Report magazine, and is available online at www.usnews.com/colleges.

"The University of Findlay is excited to once again be named a top tier university by U.S. News and World Report," said Donna Gruber, director of undergraduate

admissions at UF. "The University of Findlay helps its graduates to become creative thinkers and productive citizens by offering one-on-one faculty mentoring, hands-on experience, innovative academic programs and commitment to service-learning."

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.

Homecoming 5K Benefits Habitat for Humanity; Register by Sept. 18 for T-shirt

UF will host a Homecoming 5K Run/Walk and Little Oiler Fun Run Saturday, Oct. 3, beginning in front of Old Main. The event is sponsored by Findlay Optometry Clinic and The University of Findlay's Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, and proceeds will be donated to Habitat for Humanity – UF campus chapter.

Registration will begin at 6:45 a.m.; the 5K run/walk will begin at 8 a.m.; and the Fun Run begins at 7:45 a.m.

The entry fee for the 5K run/walk is \$15 if postmarked by Sept. 18. Entries received by that date are

guaranteed a T-shirt. Entrants also may register after Sept. 18 for \$20, but a T-shirt is not guaranteed. UF students may enter the run/walk for \$10 with a valid I.D., but only entries received by Sept. 18 will be guaranteed a T-shirt. All entries are non-refundable. Participation in the Fun Run is free and will be led by Derrick the Oiler.

Awards will be given to the first male and first female; first male and first female master (age 40+); and first male and first female UF alumni and students. Awards also will be given to the top male and female finishers in each age divi-

sion. All Fun Run participants will receive an award.

All participants in the run/walk will be entered in a drawing for door prizes. The grand prize is a Findlay weekend getaway, which includes hotel accommodations, dinner for two and movie tickets.

With additional questions about the 5K or Fun Run, contact Beth Skulina, assistant director of alumni and parent relations, at 419-434-4175 or skulina@findlay.edu. To register online, visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: 5K.

Findlay Receives Governor's E-Award

The University recently received a Governor's Excellence in Exporting Award (E-Award).

It was presented at the Second Annual Ohio Global Summit on Wednesday, Aug. 26, at the Hyatt Regency Columbus. Gov. Ted Strickland honored Ohio-based companies and organizations that have achieved international success with this prestigious award.

Twenty-seven organizations were honored at the ceremony. UF is the second private university to have won the E-Award, and it is one of only five organizations in Findlay to have received the award. Others include Cooper Tire & Rubber Co., Ball Corp., Rowmark and Nissin Brake Ohio Inc., which also won the award this year. Ohio University was the only other university to be honored this year.

"We were especially pleased to be only the fourth university in Ohio recognized for international involvement, and the first to be recognized explicitly for service to students from around the world," said Paul Sears, Ph.D., dean of the College of Business at UF.

According to Sears, UF was chosen because it "exports" educational services to students who come to Findlay's campus to study business and other sub-

jects – students who contribute to sources of revenues for numerous businesses and organizations in the Findlay area and throughout Ohio.



Maria Gamba, associate professor of business, Dr. Paul Sears, dean of the College of Business, Gov. Ted Strickland and Lisa Patt McDaniel, interim Ohio Dept. of Development director, pose for a photo following the awards ceremony.

Fall Semester Begins with Excitement



A. Rissler Lee

Two students clean at the Trinity Episcopal Church during orientation weekend service projects.



A. Rissler Lee

Professors John and Paula Wolper made breakfast for students who helped at Trinity Episcopal Church.



A. Rissler Lee

Students enrolled in the College of Pharmacy participate in the traditional Arch Ceremony Aug. 23.



A. Rissler Lee

A student shows off his welcome certificate during the all-campus picnic Aug. 23.



A. Rissler Lee

Jim Taylor '72 and Susan Hite '87 help direct new students to classes on the first day of class, Aug. 24.



A. Rissler Lee

Students in a class taught by Bob Rustic are enjoying their first day of class.



A. Rissler Lee

Dr. Freed speaks with several new students during an open house, held at his home Aug. 30.



D. Webb

Melissa Marmaduke poses for a photo during the Animal Science Center's open house.

TESOL Students Teach English in South Korea

For most college students, the thought of summer break conjures thoughts of basking in the sun, working a summer job or perhaps an internship and a much-needed vacation from textbooks, lectures and the dining hall.

For Ryan Radebaugh, Katherine (Katie) Radl and Johnny Jackson, summer 2009 will forever hold memories of time spent on the other side of the world, teaching English at an intensive summer camp in South Korea.

While Jackson is still in Korea, Radebaugh and Radl are both back in Findlay.

“We taught English for eight to 10 hours a day,” said Radl, a senior TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) major. “We traveled, went on excursions with the students . . . we had meals with them—it was such a great experience.”

Radebaugh, a student in the TESOL master’s program, couldn’t agree more with Radl’s fond sentiment, however both students encountered a number of challenges throughout their experience.

“The greatest challenge I faced was adapting the methodology of teaching I have learned at Findlay to a new culture,” said Radebaugh. “Everything was different—the expectations of children in Asia are very high.”

The high expectations are evident in the intensity of the program. The camp was a 24-hour commitment for the Korean students with additional studying and work on top of the time in class.



Provided by K. Radl

Katie Radl, center, shares a fun moment with a group of kids during a summer camp in South Korea. Radl, a senior TESOL major, taught English at the intensive camp.

To overcome the obstacles of cultural teaching methodology, Radl used more hands-on techniques with the children, most of whom already were fairly fluent in English.

“I did a lot of group work because there were such varied skill levels in my classroom . . . they did a lot of journal writing and I did a lot of responding,” said Radl. “We took a lot of context out of the book—whether it was crafting or making something, we applied it to what we were learning.”

The trip to Korea was a first for both Radl and Radebaugh—as well as a first for UF for this type of program.

The camp is a program offered through an affiliate university, Chinju National University of Education in Korea. Chris Sippel, coordinator of international education, coordinated the trip.

Sippel said those who are interested in the program should be education majors, preferably graduate students or those in their senior year of undergraduate study.

“We definitely want people who enjoy working with and teaching students,” said Sippel. “This is an excellent summer experience. It is a perfect international opportunity, and you even get paid.”

Anyone who is interested in this or a similar experience may contact Sippel at sippel@findlay.edu.

Radl and Radebaugh both highly recommend the program. “I think the main thing is for us to reach out and expose other cultures to other people,” said Radl. “It helps build cross-cultural relationships and break stereotypes.”

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