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Welcome to ArchLink!



UF alumni who are graduates of the Hancock Leadership Class of 2011 (front row, from left): Kylie (Anderson) Bocanegra M '08; Elliott Shaffer - current UF student; Valerie (Pelphrey) Roeber '06; (back row) Carol Taylor '94; Heather (Kirchbaum) Ogg M '03; Carrie (Schultz) Kingery '00, M '03; Dave Seitz '85. Not shown: Aaron Cheney '09; Aleta (Coats) Foust '07; Cynthia (Petersen) Osting '01, M '06.

nine-month seminar sponsored by the Findlay•Hancock County Chamber of Commerce. Graduates learn about area history, the structure of local government, the economy, human services and the educational system, along with visits to schools, farms, courts and more. Graduates represent the future of the community and provide a valuable resource of educated volunteers. A celebration barbecue was hosted by Roger and President Fell to congratulate each one.

Congratulations to the Class of 2011, and thank you to our alumni and current student for continuing to serve your institution well and making us proud!

Continue your Oiler pride, and be sure to keep me updated by filling out the "What's New with You?" form at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni.

With Oiler Pride!

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

Greetings, alumni!

Typically, every morning I start my day with a cup of coffee and our local newspaper, The Courier. I was especially delighted on Thursday, May 19, to find a full page ad announcing the Hancock Leadership Class of 2011. As a 2000 graduate of Hancock Leadership, I look forward to seeing this page every year. This year's class is special because it includes nine members who are The University of Findlay (UF) graduates and one current UF student out of 25 Hancock Leadership graduates.

These individuals were selected from a pool of candidates because they already have experience in leadership and a commitment to their community. The program is a nationally recognized

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1. What's Happening on Campus?

The Findlay Civic Band will perform for its 60th concert season on July 6, 13 and 20 at Riverside Park. Under the direction of Jack Taylor, professor of music at the University, the band will join forces with the Millstream Singers for a special patriotic concert on July 6. Kelly Lewis, UF staff accompanist, will be featured in a performance of Gershwin's "Rhapsody In Blue" with the band on July 13. Taylor will solo with the band on saxophone at the July 20 concert, which will feature the music of Disney. Additionally, in honor of the 60th season, Taylor invites former members of the band to come back and play, or attend one or more of the concerts, to be recognized.



Jack Taylor, director of UF bands, has directed summer performances of the Findlay Civic Band at Riverside Park since 1987.



The University of Findlay's SummerStock season will open Wednesday, June 15, with "Snoopy!!! The Musical" in the Egner Center for the Performing Arts. "Snoopy!!!" runs at 8 p.m. June 15-18 and at 2 p.m. June 19. The SummerStock season will continue with "Bye Bye Birdie" July 6-10 and "The Drowsy Chaperone" July 20-24. Tickets are \$35 per person for the entire season or \$15 per person for each show. Call the University's Box Office at 419-434-5335 to purchase tickets. Tickets will be held at the Box Office until 10 minutes before curtain call, after which time they will be released. SummerStock is seasonal theater performed at The University of Findlay using a core professional company supplemented by graduate students and undergraduate students from across the country. [Click here](#) for additional information.

A collection of work by Jodi Olthouse was on display May 9 through June 3 at The University of Findlay's Lea Gallery, located inside the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion. 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.

Jodi Olthouse



A group of faculty and staff members at The University of Findlay participated in a tabletop exercise May 12, which was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the State of Ohio Homeland Security Grant Exercise Program. Also participating were community first responders from local police, fire, city, medical and ambulance services. For the exercise, they discussed a fictional scenario of how to handle the after-effects of a tornado that destroyed parts of campus, leaving many injuries and two fatalities in its path. The scenario, fortunately, was fictional but entirely possible in this part of Ohio. Findlay was one of only two private educational institutions in Ohio to be selected to participate in this type of training. The University has a crisis response team of 26 people, plus their backups. Next spring, the entire campus will have an opportunity to put portions of the crisis response system in action. A tornado drill will be practiced,

using all of the available warning notification systems that are in place. [Click here](#) to read more in the May 27 issue of FYI, a campus newsletter.



Construction is under way on the Davis Street Building addition, which will house science laboratories and classrooms. Since last fall, four campus houses have been removed – two in the fall and two after students moved out in May – and a fifth house, 346 Davis St., is serving as construction headquarters until construction is complete. With Charles and Associates as the general contractor for the project, concrete footers have been dug and poured. The University is working with American

Electric Power and Columbia Gas to move existing electrical and gas service underground. The new addition is expected to be complete in June 2012.

The University of Findlay's Board of Trustees recently awarded president emeritus status to DeBow Freed, Ph.D., (H '10) and approved trustee emeritus status for Jerald F. Clark of Fremont and D. Richard Stephens of Findlay.

- Freed served as the 16th president for seven years from 2003 until 2010, during which time he emphasized academic quality, expanded the campus and provided strong financial leadership. Previously, he was president of Ohio Northern University and Monmouth College, Ill. He had a distinguished military career of more than 20 years after graduating from the United State Military Academy at West Point. He also holds a master's degree from the University of Kansas in nuclear science and a doctorate in nuclear science and engineering from the University of New Mexico.

- Clark is president, CEO and a member of the board of directors of Atlas Industries Inc. in Fremont, where he has made his career since 1967. He was a member of the University's Board of Trustees from 1998 until 2010. Clark received a B.S. from then-Findlay College in 1966. He also is a certified Ohio journeyman machinist and holds a private pilot's license. In 2006, Clark was recognized by the University as a Distinguished Alumnus for his outstanding career in manufacturing, his community leadership and his service to his alma mater.

- Stephens was a member of the University's Board of Trustees from 2002 until 2011. He is retired from Cooper Tire and Rubber Co., where he was president of the North American Tire Division from 2004–2006. He held a variety of management roles within the company since 1979. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Akron and a master's degree from Bowling Green State University. Stephens also completed the advanced management program at Harvard University.



President Katherine Fell and Dr. C. Richard Beckett, chair of the UF Board of Trustees, presented DeBow Freed, Ph.D., with a citation that recognized him as a president emeritus of the institution.



Jerald Clark '67



D. Richard Stephens

The University of Findlay's Board of Trustees recently elected Michael E. Harrington of Barrington Hills, Ill., to the board and named A.R. Charnes '66 to serve as vice chair of the board for the remainder of the term of Richard E. White (H '06), who is stepping down as



New trustee Michael Harrington is the second generation of his family to serve on the UF board.

vice chair but remaining on the Board. Charnes will serve until May 2012. Harrington is president of Oak Ridge Investments in Chicago. He also serves on the University's College of Business Advisory Board. Harrington's father, John (Jack) H. Harrington, was chair of the Findlay College/The University of Findlay's Board of Trustees from 1983 to 1994, and a member of the board from 1976 until his death in 2005. Michael Harrington received an MBA in finance from The Ohio State University and a B.S. in business administration from Miami University. He also has completed executive education studies at Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania. He resides in Chicago with his wife, Anne Pramaggiore, and son, Jack.

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2. Academic Update

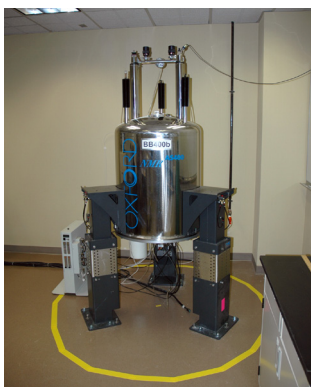
Well-known children's book writers and illustrators Eric Rohmann, Chris Gall, Nick Bruel and others will be featured at the Mazza Summer Conference July 11-15. Participants at the conference may attend keynote sessions and pull-out sessions. Registrants may choose to attend any or all days of the conference, except those participating in the children's book writing strand who must attend all five days. The first 300 participants to register will be accepted into the conference. For pricing, registration and class credit information, [click here](#) or visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Mazza, and click on Summer Conferences. Use the links in the left-hand column to find conference information.

Late last month, 11 individuals from Africa arrived on campus as part of the Trans-Saharan Professionals Program, intended to address unemployment rates among young adults in Africa by offering entrepreneurship education and experiential learning through on-site training. In August 2010, the University announced that it received a nearly \$600,000 grant from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Fulbright Program to fund the Trans-Saharan Professionals Program. Coordinated through the College of Business, the program teaches skills in identifying a market, managing risk, raising start-up funds, designing a business plan, supervision, advertising and understanding the legal environment for business development. The University is working with Rotary International as a partner organization to assist in the project. In addition to learning small business development skills, the program participants are apprenticing with local small business professionals in their chosen fields, identified with the help of the Findlay Rotary Club, who will provide on-site learning experiences and business expertise. The group will be in Findlay until June 12.



Selected individuals from Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Niger and Senegal attended classes at The University of Findlay to learn business and entrepreneurial skills as part of the Trans-Saharan Professionals Program, co-sponsored with the Findlay Rotary Club.

Faculty and students now are able to break down chemical formulas and identify any organic compound with the help of a new nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer. This instrument is used heavily in research- and chemistry-related curricula. It is an important tool for



UF's new nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer.

the structural identification of chemicals such as organic compounds, pharmaceuticals and environmental pollutants. The spectrometer identifies an organic chemical's structure by photographing it at a molecular level. The spectrometer operates under the same principles as the magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine that is used in hospitals. Previously, students learned and practiced the technique used in organic structure identification from textbook examples and theories. Now, they have the opportunity to develop and perform research projects while remaining on campus to practice what they have learned instead of traveling to Toledo or Columbus to utilize the NMR machines of other universities. [Click here](#) to read more in the May 27 issue of For Your Information, a campus newsletter.

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3. Alumni News & Events

Upcoming Events

- June 6** Fifth Annual Golf Scramble;
York Golf Club, Columbus, Ohio, 11:30 a.m.
- Aug. 18** Freshman Move-in Day;
Calling alumni to help freshmen move into dorms - 2-5 p.m.
If interested, call the alumni office at 419-434-4516
- Aug. 19** NMI/UF Certificate Ceremony & Banquet
Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion
- Sept. 14** Washington, D.C., Alumni Reception;
230 2nd Street, SE, Washington D.C. 20003, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Hosted by Marian S. Lowe '97, Strategic Health Care
- Sept. TBD** Cooper Tire Alumni Luncheon, Findlay, Ohio
- Sept. TBD** Marathon Alumni Luncheon, Findlay, Ohio
- Sept. TBD** The Right Thing Alumni Luncheon, Findlay, Ohio
- Sept. 29** Whirlpool Alumni Luncheon, Findlay, Ohio
- Oct. 14-15** HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND
"We Are Family"
Watch for your Homecoming brochure in late summer!
- Oct. 21** Columbus Alumni Reception (Tentative), 7-9 p.m.
- Dec. 2-4** Kalahari Waterpark & Resort Weekend and Alumni Dinner;
Sandusky, Ohio; Special UF rate of \$134 a night

- Dec. 17** Commencement Baccalaureate – Ritz Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.
Dec. 17 Commencement Brunch – Alumni Memorial Union, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Dec. 17 Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement;
 Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex, 2 p.m.

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

Register now for online social networking. If you have not yet registered for the Findlay Oilers Alumni Connection, please do so today by visiting www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni connection.

A Greek reunion is being planned during Homecoming 2011 - October 14-15! Reunite with your friends and reconnect with your alma mater. The following have committed their time to serve on the planning committee.

- Sigma Kappa - **Jodi Sutherland '02**
 Alpha Sigma Phi – **Pat Cogley '06, M '08**; Ryan Gibson (current UF student)
 Sigma Pi – **John Haskin '00**
 Tau Kappa Epsilon – **Ken Long '00, M '02**
 Phi Sigma Sigma – Erin McNeil (current UF student)
 Theta Chi – **Erik Cranmer '10**

If your Greek organization is not represented, and you are interested in serving on this committee, please email spraw@findlay.edu.

Look who recently dropped by the Stout Alumni Center. We will continue to post our visitors each month.



Sue Wilkinson, Ph.D., '73, and her mentor, Sharon Milligan, reconnected at the National American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in San Diego, Calif., in April.

Sharon Milligan, director of health and physical education and associate professor of physical education, reconnected with **Sue Wilkinson, Ph.D., '73** at the National American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in San Diego, Calif., on April 1, 2011. A physical education major, Wilkinson was Milligan's former advisee, and she's a member of The University

of Findlay's Athletic Hall of Fame. Wilkinson received her Ph.D. from Ohio State and is now a professor of physical education at San Jose State University in California and is executive director of the California Physical Education-Health Project. Milligan has since retired from teaching and was named a professor emerita by the Faculty Senate.



Lindsay Snyder '99, who visited the Stout Alumni Center recently, is employed by GiANT Impact, a leadership development company. She works as a leadership concierge for the Chick-fil-A Leadership.

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, KEYWORD: Alumni. 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:

*Jordan & Christy (Allen '03) Kisseberth
Baby girl, Addyson May, born March 8, 2011*

*Scott & Julie (Marks '93) Dick
Baby boy, Shawn Michael, born March 5, 2011*

*Zachary '97 & Nicole (Prince '97) Pierce
Baby girl, Caitlyn Monroe, born Nov. 27, 2009*

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4. Alumni Spotlight

Crisp Practices the Art of Enhancing Lives

Sarah Crisp '08 spends her days working to improve the lives of people who are suffering from brain disorders. Ranging from young to old, her clients may be afflicted by autism, Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy, stroke, dementia or other brain-based disabilities.

In nursing homes, care centers and in private homes in Findlay and Lima, Crisp works with individuals through her business, Art Without Boundaries of Northwest Ohio. She uses a technique called “directed painting” in which she provides guidance for each brush stroke to help clients create works of art.



Sarah Crisp '08 works with a young client through her business, Art Without Boundaries of Northwest Ohio.

“We focus entirely on whole brain synchronization. That is accomplished any time the hand crosses the median of the brain. So, if you look at these paintings, they all have a horizon line. Whether it’s a tabletop or a natural horizon of a sunset, you can see the brush strokes, how they go right to left, right to left, all the way down the board,” Crisp explained.

“Painting isn’t all that we do. We do lots of brain games, and we’ll sing songs, and high-five, any type of activity that I can do with them where I can get their hands to cross the median of their brain,” she added. “Every session is different because nobody’s brain is wired the same.”

“The whole purpose of the therapy is to help create new neural pathways in the brain,” she said. “Until about 10 years ago, they thought that once you lost a pathway, it was gone forever.”

The process, called MnemeTherapy™ (pronounced “nemma”), was developed by Noell Hammer, the aunt of Crisp’s best friend since grade school. Crisp learned the technique through online courses that included instructional videos of how to make the paintings and extensive information on the brain and how it functions.

Successful completion of the online courses, plus a week of hands-on training, led to her certification. Additional information and a video of Crisp working with a client can be found at <http://www.awakeningmindsart.org/>.

“We can guarantee an enjoyable experience. What happens after that is just God’s will. But I’ve seen great connections made during this therapy,” Crisp noted. Various outcomes have included increased verbal skills, improved memory, greater self esteem, better mobility and more interest in activities and socialization.

Creating the acrylic paintings also gives her clients feelings of accomplishment and brings them genuine praise, she said. Many of her clients have been able to sell their paintings in gallery showings for fundraisers or to make money for themselves.

A native of Spencerville, Ohio, Crisp claims that it was fate that brought her to Findlay. “Once I visited the school and met everybody, I knew it was the perfect fit for me. It was a small school that had a large feel, and I loved the town, I still do.”

Majoring in psychology and having a passion for art, Crisp found mentors and inspiration in psychology professors John Malacos, Ph.D., and Donald Collins. She also fondly remembers a ceramics course with Ed Corle, associate professor of art. “Something that he used to tell me all the time, is something that I tell my clients frequently, ‘If you like it, then that’s all that matters.’”

Crisp brings enthusiasm, caring and her outgoing personality to her work with clients. She remarked that through her job she has learned how to interact with them. “It definitely taught me everybody is equal, no matter what our brains are doing.”

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5. Oiler Sports

Women’s Lacrosse

The University of Findlay is planning to add a women’s lacrosse team, Steven Rackley, director of athletics, announced May 18. The sport, which will be the 24th at Findlay, will compete at the club level next year before moving into NCAA Division II play in 2012-13. “Lacrosse is the fastest growing women’s sport at the college level, and we feel it will be a great fit for our school and community,” Rackley said. Grand Valley State University, Lake Erie College and Tiffin University already field women’s lacrosse teams in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, and Ashland University also is in the process of adding a squad, which will give the UF women’s team a conference schedule and a chance to play for a championship.

Men’s Basketball

The University of Findlay men’s basketball program completed its 2011 recruiting class by adding Kaspars Brencans, Josh Brown and Luke Kohls, head coach Charlie Ernst announced May 26.

Brencans, a 6-foot-8, 225-pound forward from Riga, Latvia, averaged 10 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks per game last year at the Florida Air Academy. In Latvia, his team won the youth basketball national championship in 2008-09, and he was also nominated for the U-14, U-16 and U-18 Latvia national teams.

Brown, a 6-foot-3, 180-pound guard from Southfield High School in Southfield, Mich., was named honorable mention all-Oakland Activities Association during his senior year. A two-year starter for one of the top teams in Michigan, Brown was voted honorable mention all-Oakland County after averaging nine points, five rebounds, four assists and four steals per game.

Kohls was the Putnam County League Player of the Year as a senior at Columbus Grove High School in Columbus Grove, Ohio. A 6-foot-4, 195-pound wing, Kohls totaled 17 points, nine rebounds, three assists and two steals per game en route to being named first team all-Ohio. He was also tabbed the Northwest Conference Player of the Year, the Northwest District Player of the Year and the District 8 Player of the Year during his senior season.

All three will join Jake Heagen, an early signee and the Division II Player of the Year in Ohio, as Ernst's first recruiting class.



John Guagenti

Men's Outdoor Track

The men's outdoor track team finished fourth at the GLIAC championship, where senior Nathaniel Kurtz shared Field Athlete of the Meet honors and was named an All-American in the shot put. Competing in the NCAA Division II national championship May 26-28 in Turlock, Calif., junior Cory Vales (high jump), senior Shane Shockey (pole vault) and John Guagenti (400-meter) were named All-Americans, as well as the 4x400-meter relay team of Guagenti, senior Simon Bernard, junior Curtis Smithey and senior Greg Schaible.

Women's Outdoor Track

The women's outdoor track team finished fourth at the GLIAC championship, where junior Raven Clay won three events and helped the Oilers' 4x400-meter relay team finish second en route to being named the GLIAC Athlete of the Year. At nationals, Clay was named All-American in the 100-meter hurdles and teamed with senior Lindsey Schmitmeyer and juniors Christine Zimmermann and Catherine Wiemers to earn the same honor in the 4x400-meter relay. Schmitmeyer also was named All-American in the 800-meter run.



Raven Clay

For more information about UF athletics, [click here](#).

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6. Alumni Support

As the University nears the end of the fiscal year on June 30, all of us at The University of Findlay are thankful for the continuing generous financial support from our alumni, parents and friends. Your support allows UF to provide a high-quality education to students from across the country and around the world. If you haven't taken the opportunity to join this list of dedicated

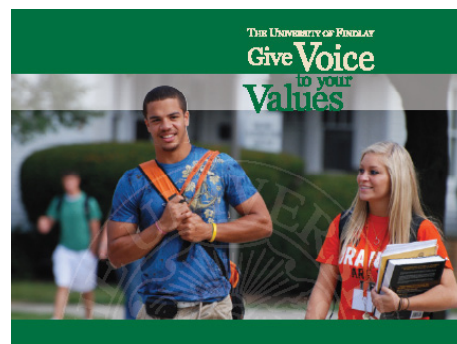
supporters, or if you would like to make an additional gift, we encourage you to do so by June 30.

Annual gifts benefit the University in a variety of ways. They allow the University to demonstrate to foundations and corporations, who provide large gifts and grants, as well as ranking agencies who use alumni giving rates as a significant part of their criteria in ranking colleges and universities, that our alumni strongly believe in and support the mission and work of The University of Findlay. Your gift of \$100, \$500, \$1,000 or more allows the University to strengthen its image to outside constituents. **You can still join our efforts this year by visiting www.findlay.edu and clicking on “Give to UF” to make your gift by June 30. Thank you for your support!**

Academic Search Inc. has been retained to guide the national search for a new vice president following an announcement by David P. Ferguson, vice president for Development, that he plans to step down following six years of distinguished service to Findlay. Since joining UF, Ferguson has attracted, retained and led a highly professional and efficient staff in fundraising, public information, Web and media technology, and alumni and parent relations, and has strengthened the foundation for continued advancement of the University’s outreach. To better reflect the diverse areas the office incorporates, the new title for the position will be vice president of advancement. To read the search prospectus for the position, please [click here](#). Nominations of prospective candidates are welcomed and may be directed to Julie.Tea@academic-search.com.

In conjunction with the 125th Endowed Funds Drive and the Give Voice to Your Values campaign of The University of Findlay, a new endowed fund recently was established. Since the campaign was launched in February 2008, 115 new funds totaling more than \$8.1 million have been created.

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 \$22 million toward its \$40 million goal. To support the Give Voice to Your Values campaign, call 419-434-5334 or visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Voice.



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7. FYI Campus Newsletter

Want to know what is happening on campus between *ArchLink* issues? UF has a biweekly newsletter called *For Your Information* that is circulated on campus. The newsletter includes feature stories and pictures of campus activities. Check out *FYI* online at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: FYI.

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8. Spread the Word...

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