

Diagnostic Services Starts New Year in New Building on Trenton Avenue

The 17,000-square-foot brick building at the corner of Trenton Avenue and Morey Avenue, which once housed operations for printing envelopes and church stationery, is the new home for the College of Health Professions' Diagnostic Services' offices, classrooms and laboratories.

Renovations and remodeling were completed during the summer, and the medical laboratory science, nuclear medicine technology and the positron emission tomography/computed tomography programs are operating out of the new space. In addition, the space will provide a place for

additional diagnostic imaging programs including ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

Renovation of the building was divided into three phases. Phases one and two were completed during the summer and included the creation of offices, classrooms and laboratories. Phase three, which involves the

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At right, Richard States, D.H.Sc., chair of diagnostic services, works with student Marcus Barilar (center) in a venipuncture lab in the newly renovated Diagnostic Services Building, formerly the home of Hubbard Press. At back, student Eric Hertenstein (far left) is instructed by Ron Walker. The lab is part of the new PET/CT program.

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Japanese Students Enjoy Findlay Visit

On Aug. 17, nine students from Japan arrived in Findlay with two major stops at the top of their itinerary: Wilson's Hamburger Shop and Dietsch Brothers Fine Chocolates and Ice Cream.

The first tastes of Findlay served as a kick-off to the students' four-week stay as part of the UF-Kake Ambassador Program, a reciprocal program started in 2003. Since its inception, 73 students, faculty and staff from The University of Findlay have traveled to Japan for the program.

"The UF-Kake Ambassador program is an experiential program,

and the participants learn through doing things with UF students," said Hiroaki Kawamura, Ph.D., associate professor of Japanese. "They share what they have with not only UF students but also the off-campus community, including Heritage Nursing Home residents, Jacobs Primary School first-grade students and after-school program students."



Toku Takuwa, left, a participant in the UF-Kake Ambassador Program, talks with Martin Terry, vice president for business affairs, right, during a welcome reception on campus.

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UF-Kake Program Offers Mutual Benefits

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From hamburgers and ice cream to class visits and presentations, the visiting students, accompanied by Fang Li, MBA student, Sean Farmer, TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) student, and Noritaka Maeta, D.V.M., Ph.D., associate professor in the department of comparative animal science at Kurashiki University of Science and the Arts, are immersed in a full schedule that concluded on Sept. 6 with a farewell reception.

The students serve as representatives from four Japanese institutions: Kurashiki University of Science and the Arts, Okayama University of Science, Chiba Institute of Science and Kibi International University.

Farmer lived and taught in Japan. She says the UF-Kake program is beneficial for all involved.

“One of the biggest benefits is just learning how to not only accept a different culture, but to see a person who is obviously struggling with language or culture and just help,” said Farmer. “I’ve seen so many people learning compas-

sion by helping, and I think that through that kind of interaction, they’ve shown our visitors great kindness. You can communicate with someone without sharing a language or culture, and that’s what makes a difference.”

The nine students agreed they’ve learned a great deal and have felt welcomed by the University community. One student, Ryo Matsumoto, says he thinks other international students should take advantage of the UF-Kake program.

“I want to give this message to other international students: this is a good place, so take advantage of it and do your best. Students who visit for a long time may feel homesick, but I hope they gain as much as they can through this experience.”

Another student commented that this marks her second visit to the U.S. She said this trip helped her see Japan from an outsider’s viewpoint. Farmer commented and agreed, saying there is value to seeing your own home from a different perspective.

“Outside culture can act as a mirror to your own,” said Farmer.

“You can see your culture and customs through others’ reactions and how they view you as an American. Sometime it’s great, sometimes not. But there’s a lot of value to seeing that.”

Maeta sensei (Japanese for instructor) says his visit has made him reflect on his own teaching styles as well as the concept of internationalization as it’s commonly perceived.

“I noticed different styles of thinking. In Japan, instructors tend to focus on answers, and all the teachings tend to be influenced by that ... I’m now going to try to encourage students to expand [their] thinking. My stay here has been very helpful,” said Maeta. “I thought about our concept of internationalization. Speaking English is not the only way – it’s not only about ability to communicate in English, but also the level of knowledge about one’s own country and about other cultures and countries. These are important components, too.”

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entire back third of the building, will be completed next summer for the ultrasound and MRI programs.

According to Richard B. States, D.H.Sc., C.N.M.T., R.T.(N), chair of Diagnostic Services, moving to a much larger building will allow students to get more hands-on experience than ever before. The new space allowed the program to acquire new equipment, such as two

additional gamma cameras that were donated to the University to use for teaching purposes in the nuclear medicine program. The University already owned two cameras.

The renovations also are incorporating the use of the latest classroom technologies. One classroom wall was painted using IdeaPaint, a single-coat, roller-applied paint that turns any smooth surface into a high-performance, dry-erase

writing surface. Combined with a special wall projector, the wall is an interactive teaching tool.

The exterior of the building also has received some attention with a restriped parking lot, renovated student entrance, lighting and a blue light phone for student safety.

An open house will be held from 1-4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, at 401 Trenton Ave.

Gupta Fund Sends Faculty to China

The Gupta Business Faculty Global Studies Endowment Fund was established to help support business faculty members who are interested in traveling abroad to learn more about other cultures and business environments.

This summer, seven College of Business faculty members traveled to China, the world's largest exporter and nearly the biggest supplier of manufactured goods globally.

Patricia Abels, Gregory Arburn, Douglas Asbury, Andrew Dehnhoff, Maria Gamba, Josephine Kershaw and Joseph Martelli wanted to become better acquainted with the BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India and China) nations, which are among the biggest and fastest-growing emerging markets in the developing world. The group members will share what they learned

about China's business environment with their students.

While in China, the group met with representatives of Chinese universities and visited several businesses. The study tour also included lectures and reflections, which allowed the group to gain a better understanding of China and its people. During a sight-seeing tour, they saw the world's largest power station, the Three Gorges Dam.

The group agreed that the international experience broadened their perspectives on the world,



Josephine Kershaw, Andrew Dehnhoff, Patricia Abels, Gregory Arburn, Douglas Asbury, Joseph Martelli and Maria Gamba pose for a photo at Tiananmen Square in Beijing.

instilled a greater appreciation for the culture and traditions of China and changed their lives in meaningful ways.

Students Prepare for Semester, Enjoy Welcome Week Activities



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The Marching Oiler Brass visited the Oilers football team during a practice to cheer them on before the season opener at Northwood University Sept. 3. The Oilers fell 14-10 to Northwood. The Oilers will play Northern Michigan at home Saturday, Sept. 10.



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Victoria Shephard gets her face painted during one of the Welcome Week activities on Cory Street Mall. Many activities for students were planned, including face painting, an ice cream eating contest, Theta Chi's annual wing-off, a mud volleyball tournament and more.

Warton Combines Mathematics, Music

Pam Warton, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of mathematics, is both a mathematician and a musician, and this summer, she brought her talents together in an unexpected fusion of the two disciplines.

Warton, who has played the violin since she was seven years old, applied mathematical permutations to the notes and rhythms found in six widely recognized measures of “Spring,” from Vivaldi’s “Four Seasons.” The arrangement she used was written for a quartet, so there were four music parts to which she applied the permutations.

“The harmonies were maintained through the permutations, and the beats were fun,” said

Warton. “The music, for the most part, became completely unrecognizable, but it turned out to be surprisingly pleasing.”

In simple terms, a permutation is an ordered arrangement of items. Warton assigned the seven notes on a music scale a number, and then used a software program to generate the permutations of those numbers, or notes. Once the permutations were generated, Warton used a music composition software program to create the new versions of “Spring” for each of the four parts in the music.

Warton’s mathematical area of expertise is group theory, of which permutations are an important part.

She presented her project, “When Worlds Collide: Composing New Music from Old Using Mathematics,” at Math Fest, an international conference organized by the Mathematical Association of America, in Lexington, Ky. Warton has been asked to share her presentation with other universities.

In October, the University will host the Ohio section of the Mathematical Association of America for its regional conference. Contact Warton at warton@findlay.edu for more information.

UF FFA Harvests Produce at Birchaven

Last spring, The University of Findlay’s FFA chapter received more than \$2,000 in grants for agricultural education from Scotts Miracle-Gro and the Engage Youth Group of the ECLIPSe (Emerging Community Leaders Investing in Philanthropic Service) Partnership.

The funds contributed to UF FFA’s goals of promoting and sharing agricultural education. The group used the finances to develop a multi-generational garden area in partnership with Marilyn’s Lifelong Educational Center at Birchaven Retirement Village in Findlay, which provides a place for learning for both children from the childcare center and residents of the senior center.

Construction of the garden began April 2, and five garden beds were built by UF FFA members and volunteers from the University’s Campus Compact Center.

“We really didn’t know what to expect when we put (the beds) in,” said Ali Borgert, junior pre-vet, biology and animal science major and president of UF FFA. “The plants grew very successfully over the summer. Currently, there are a bunch of cucumbers ready and some tomatoes. The wildflowers that were planted have taken over a whole bed, which provides such a good atmosphere for butterflies and other interesting creatures. We are so glad that the plants actually grew, and the children are enjoying the gardens.”

Borgert says the funding from the ECLIPSe Partnership and Scotts Miracle-Gro – as well as contributions from other resources such as Campus Compact – has contributed to the current success of this project.

“The funds not only made it possible to construct the garden

beds, but it also allowed us to increase the outreach and provide Marilyn’s Lifelong Educational Center with tools that it can really use,” said Borgert.

“We hope to continue this project for years to come. This is a relationship that we want to solidify over the years for future FFA members to use to not only reach out to the community but also to become a closer chapter,” said Borgert. “As always, we have many aspirations and ideas. Now that we are back for the semester, we just have to set them up and schedule them.”

Those interested in participating in UF FFA can email ffauniversi-tyoffindlay@gmail.com for more information. All majors are welcome at meetings and events.

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