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THE UNIVERSITY WELCOMES NEW ALUMNI



Marie Loudon-Hanes, Ph.D., dean of undergraduate education, congratulated three international graduates after the Arch Ceremony Dec. 9.

More than 380 students graduated from The University of Findlay during fall commencement ceremonies at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, in the Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex.

After an invocation by Will Miller, director of Christian ministries, and singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by Micheal F. Anders, Ph.D., director of music, Dr. DeBow Freed, president of the University, introduced commencement speaker Dr. Richard Anderson, chairman of

the board of The Andersons Inc., as "civic-minded and generous."

In his address, Anderson spoke about leadership and its necessity in family life, business and politics. He cited four characteristics of leadership: vision, values, service and decisiveness. Anderson encouraged graduates to be positive, focus on vision, listen and help others succeed, and learn to make a positive out of a negative.

Freed, president of the University, presented Mr. Richard E. White of Findlay with an honorary doctor of business degree. White became a trustee of The

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WAUFORD NAMED NEW HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

During a press conference held Monday, Dec. 11, The University of Findlay's Steven Rackley, director of athletics, announced the hiring of Jon Wauford as the Oilers new head football coach. Wauford had served as the Oilers assistant head coach and defensive coordinator during the 2006 season under Dan Simrell.

"After interviewing numerous candidates who had proven themselves to be highly qualified for the position, it became undoubtedly clear Coach Wauford was the ideal person to take over the reigns of our program," said Rackley. "Being a Findlay native and having served on our coaching staff on two different occasions, we feel his experiences and history with the Oilers has prepared him extremely well to

guide our program into the future."

A native of Findlay and a UF alumnus, Wauford becomes the 27th head coach in the history of Findlay football with his new appointment. He completed his undergraduate studies at Miami University and graduate studies at UF.

"I am very honored to accept the head coaching position at Findlay," said Wauford. "Being the head coach at The University of Findlay is something I have always dreamt about. I am very anxious to get the ball rolling and prepare for next



New football coach Jon Wauford answered questions from area reporters at a press conference Dec. 11.

year as we look to add to the storied tradition of football excellence at UF."

In 2006, Wauford's defense showed remarkable improve- See *Wauford*, page 2

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Three happy graduates waited for the ceremony to begin while classmates and faculty lined up for the processional.

University of Findlay in 1996, co-chair of the Business Affairs Committee in 2001 and Vice Chair of the Board in 2002. His business expertise, insight, vitality, sound judgment and dedicated service have greatly benefited The University of Findlay.

To read Anderson's complete commencement speech and White's full citation, visit

<http://www.findlay.edu/newsevents/news/fallcommencement/default.htm>.

A total of 214 graduate degrees were awarded including 84 master of arts in education degrees; one master of arts in liberal studies degree; six master of arts in TESOL (teaching English to speak-

ers of other languages) degrees; 104 master of business administration degrees; eight master of occupational therapy degrees; and 11 master of environmental, safety and health management degrees.

A total of 158 undergraduate degrees were conferred including 28 bachelor of arts degrees and 130 bachelor of science degrees. Thirteen associate of arts degrees were awarded. Among the UF graduates were 55 international students, representing seven countries. The University's traditional Arch Ceremony immediately followed commencement at the Griffith Memorial Arch.

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ment over the year before, limiting opponents to nearly 100 fewer points than the 2005 season. His unit also held opponents to 118 fewer yards per game than the 2005 team and recorded their first shutout win since the 2004 season by defeating rival Ashland University 7-0 on Oct. 28.

On Sept. 2, Wauford and his defense held Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference foe Grand Valley State University to their lowest point total of the season in a 13-0 loss at Donnell Stadium. The Lakers, who have won three out of the last four NCAA Division II national titles, will be competing for their fourth in five years next Saturday against Northwest Missouri State University in a rematch of the 2005 championship game.

Wauford began his coaching career at UF when he served as the outside linebackers coach and special teams coordinator from 1995-98. While at Findlay, he helped guide the Oilers to the NAIA Division II national championship in 1995 and the NAIA national title in 1997.

UF NAMES GARDNERS, HUFFMANS DISTINGUISHED ASSOCIATES

Michael and Robin Gardner and Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Huffman were named The University of Findlay's 2006 Distinguished Associates at the annual donor "Applause" recognition reception Dec. 12. Jayne Dahlgren accepted the honor for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Huffman, who are recently deceased.

"Each year, we select Distinguished Associates to be recognized for the example they set, for their extraordinary generosity, and who, by the conduct of their lives, make us particularly proud to call them our friends," said Marie Loudenhans, Ph.D., dean of undergraduate education. Since 1975, the Distinguished Associates Award has been presented to members of the UF Associates who, by their personal endeavors, financial support and leadership, have brought distinction to The University of Findlay.

DeBow Freed, Ph.D., president of the University, and Martin L. Terry, vice president for business affairs, pre-



Michael and Robin Gardner (center), were honored as Distinguished Associates Dec. 12. Also pictured, Martin Terry (left), vice president for business affairs, and DeBow Freed (right), president of the University.

sented each of the honorees with a plaque outlining their accomplishments.

Through their generosity and commitment to excellence, Michael and Robin Gardner have helped to ensure that the Mazza Museum of International Art from Picture Books will continue as an outstanding educational and enrichment center for children, teachers and visitors for years to come. Their sup-

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Above, a student posed for a photo with Santa's helper dog, Asha, at the Toys for Tots Christmas party. UF's toy drive, which ended Dec. 15, brought in 190 toys and \$54 for the Marines' annual project to help local children.



Above, graduates walked through the arch as they were congratulated by faculty and staff. Left, Tharinee Kamnoetsin received some wardrobe assistance from Kay Koch, director of the Student Office of Advocacy and Retention. Below, two graduates straightened each other's caps minutes before the procession began.



The annual Student and Faculty Ceramic Sale, noted by many as their "favorite sale of the year," was held Dec. 8 in the Egner lobby. Shoppers began choosing their favorite pieces as soon as the doors opened at 9 a.m.



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A lunch was held for UF faculty/staff alumni on Friday, Dec., in WTS. Nearly 50 alumni, pictured above with Dr. DeBow Freed, attended.

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port of the Mazza Museum was a contributing factor in the success of the campaign for a new addition to the museum that will further enhance its standing in the state, the nation and the world.



Jayne Dahlgren, pictured with Dr. Freed, accepted the Distinguished Associates honor for her parents, Mr. O.J. and Mrs. Georgia Huffman, who died recently.

The selection committee for the Applause awards recommended in late July that Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Huffman receive the award this year. Mr. Huffman passed away Aug. 2. Mrs. Huffman passed away Nov. 29.

In addition to living the farm life, Mr. and Mrs. Huffman were actively involved in many civic and charitable activities. Mr. Huffman served as a Hancock County Commissioner from 1966 to 1970. He also served many roles at the Peoples Bank in McComb, first as a director and eventually as chair of the board of directors. Mrs. Huffman was a partner in his many activities, and they shared interests in local and national affairs.

In their retirement years, the Huffmans continued to participate in community and local activities. In the late 1990s, they became interested in and active supporters of The University of Findlay's scholarship program. They established a scholarship for deserving students from Hancock County and have generously endowed a scholarship fund, which bears their name.

Their generosity is reflected in the extent of their contributions to the scholarship program and the help they have provided to many students who are attempting to realize their dreams by obtaining a college education.

STUDENTS TRADE PAYCHECKS FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER

Earlier this month, 29 student employees from The University of Findlay's recreational services department helped to give two local families a happy holiday. In lieu of receiving payment for hours worked, each student employee donated between six and eight hours of work during November to raise \$1,300 for gifts and food.

Bryan Golding, UF director of recreational services, contacted the Salvation Army and asked to "adopt" two local families this Christmas season. The Salvation Army chose two single-mother families, each with several children, and passed on family members' Christmas wish lists to the University group.

Students shopped for clothing, other miscellaneous essential items and toys. The group also purchased a Christmas meal for each family as well as additional food to last a couple of weeks. Fourteen students delivered the items directly to the families' homes.



Student employees from the recreational services department donated their wages and time to give two local families a merry Christmas. After shopping for each family, students wrapped gifts and personally delivered the packages.

"Both families were very happy, joyful and very appreciative that our UF students had done this for them and couldn't believe that our students would take the time and energy out of their schedules to help them over the holidays," said Golding. "It's been overwhelming to see this many students get involved in a project like this and take off with it. Our students are very special here at UF, and the best thing about it is that they don't really want any recognition for it."

WORTH NOTING

Karen Frost, adjunct professor of education, was noted by a student as an "excellent teacher and role model" for her willingness to do additional research into topics in which her students have a particular interest or question.

Srikumaran Melethil, Ph.D., J.D., professor and chair of pharmaceutical sciences, was a course coordinator and an instructor for a one-day course titled "Patent Basics for Pharmaceutical Sciences" at the 2006 annual meeting of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists in San Antonio, Texas, Oct.

28-Nov. 2. He also moderated a roundtable discussion on biopiracy at the meeting.

Debra Parker, Pharm.D., assistant professor of pharmacy practice and director of the Drug Information Center, recently passed the certification exam to become a Certified Diabetes Educator. In addition to passing the exam, Parker was required to meet additional strict requirements.

If you know someone who has done something "worth noting" on campus or in the community, send that information to Brianna Patterson at pattersonb@findlay.edu.