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Welcome to ArchLink!



On Saturday, May 2, more than 730 graduates marked the completion of their time at UF by marching through the arch, a long-standing commencement tradition. On behalf of the alumni association, we congratulate and welcome them to the alumni association.

Invitations to our summer events are extended to keep you connected. If you are looking for something fun to do in June and August, please check out the scheduled events and plan to join us. Upcoming events include the annual Columbus Golf Outing at the York Golf Club on June 8, the UF Alumni Day at Fifth Third Field for the Toledo Mud Hens vs. Rochester Redwings game on June 14, UF Cedar Point Day on June 20 and UF Alumni Day at Huntington Park, Columbus, Ohio, on Aug. 15. You will find these events affordable and fun. [Click here](#) to register for these fun events, or call the alumni office 419-434-4516. See "Alumni News & Events" below for more details.



New alumni celebrated as they participated in the traditional arch ceremony following commencement May 2 in Koehler Complex.

As always, please keep me updated by filling out the form for "What's New with You?" at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Whats new.

With Oiler Pride!

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

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1. What's Happening on Campus?

- **More than 730 students graduated from The University of Findlay during spring commencement ceremonies at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2,** in the Koehler Complex on campus. Dr. James D. Houdeshell, professor emeritus, gave the commencement



Dr. James D. Houdeshell '53, professor emeritus and special assistant to the president, gave the commencement address.

address, "Some Simple Thoughts," sharing wisdom gleaned from his 54 years of coaching and educational administration.

Following the address, Dr. Kathleen (Child) Crates '69, who was a member of the Board of Trustees for 27 years and

has served as a teacher and administrator with the Findlay City Schools since 1978, received an honorary doctor of education degree.

More than 380 undergraduate, 300 graduate and 40 associate degrees were awarded. Among the UF graduates are more than 100 international students who received master's degrees and eight international students who received bachelor's degrees. Those students represent the countries of India, China, Taiwan, Nepal, Japan, Burma, Ghana, Thailand and Korea. [Click here](#) to see more about commencement.



Dr. Kathleen Crates '69, trustee emerita, was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Education degree.

- **More than 150 people attended as The University of Findlay hosted a public dedication and open house Friday, May 1, at its new Dr. C. Richard Beckett Animal Science Building,** located at the University's Animal Sciences Center



Dr. C. Richard and Linda Beckett

on State Route 68. The Beckett Building honors the efforts of Dr. Beckett for conceiving and helping to start the pre-veterinary program at the University nearly 30 years ago, and for his unending support of the program since then. The two classrooms in the Peck-Kerns Academic Wing are named for Linda M. Peck, D.V.M., director of pre-veterinary studies, and C. Michael Kerns, D.V.M., professor of animal science. The Beckett animal science building is central to the

University's pre-veterinary medicine program, one of the strongest and most successful academic programs at the University. It replaces the more than a century old pre-vet barn and allows for consolidation of the program's space and resources. [Click here](#) for details.



Officially dedicating the Dr. C. Richard Beckett Animal Science Building were Dr. Farabee McCarthy, Dr. DeBow Freed, Dr. Beckett, Dr. Linda Peck and Dr. C. Michael Kerns.

- **The University of Findlay is planning to convert the Clauss Ice Arena in Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex to a student recreation center** in response to undergraduate student desire for more recreation opportunities, according to a recent survey. The new recreation center is expected to be operational by August 2010; the ice rink will continue in operation until March 31, 2010. The new student recreation center will include two basketball courts, a walking/jogging track, a rock climbing wall, student lounges and a juice bar on the first floor; two new racquetball courts on the second floor adjacent to the cardio center; and a varsity weight room in the basement. The addition of space for these activities will help to keep the University competitive with other colleges and universities. University administrators have met with city

officials and have contacted representatives of all community groups that will be affected by this change; their schedules for using the ice rink for the coming academic year will not be impacted by the plan, which will be implemented contingent on any necessary changes in the University budget. “Even though the ice rink serves community groups, it has become very clear the past few years that our students do not utilize it or see it as an added value. Given that and our need for improved recreational areas, this conversion of space is the best solution,” said David Emsweller, vice president for student services. [Click here](#) for more details.

- **Tickets are available for this year’s SummerStock theater season**, which begins with “The Music Man” June 24. The opening show runs through June 28. “You Can’t Take It With You” is July 8-12, and “Cinderella” is July 22-26. Season tickets are \$35 per person. Tickets for individual shows are \$16 per person. Call the UF Box Office at 419-434-5335 for more information.

- **Town & Campus is raising funds for student scholarships through the sale of a Cat’s Meow collectible featuring the University’s bell tower.**



Town and Campus members Cam Taylor '67 and Ann Brossia '96 were among the first to purchase the new bell tower collectible.

The bell was installed in the Old Main tower when Findlay College opened for classes in 1886. Due to structural concerns, the bell was removed on July 31, 1991, and placed in storage. A project of the Classes of 1953 and 2003, the bell was refurbished and installed in a new brick and steel tower located in the center of campus on Aug. 27, 2003. The Cat’s Meow replica of the bell tower commemorates the 50th anniversary of Town & Campus in 2010. Each replica is \$20, including tax, and is available at the University Stores. [Click here](#) to order online.



Town and Campus is selling this Cat’s Meow keepsake of the UF bell tower to commemorate its 50th anniversary in 2010 and to raise funds for scholarships.

- **The University of Findlay hosted its annual employee recognition dinner April 24, recognizing many employees for their years of service** to the University. Jerry J. Mallett, Donald E. Collins and Karen R. Yingling were honored for having completed 40, 35 and 30 years of service, respectively. Randall G. Hertel and Deanna M. Spraw both have served the University for 25 years. Those honored for 20 years of service include Kathryn A. Bradford, Susan A. Briggs, Maria V. Gamba and Dennis Mathern. Others were recognized for 15 and 10 years of service. For a complete list of those honored, [click here](#).



Among those honored were Dee Dee Spraw, 25 years; Donald Collins, 35 years; and Karen Yingling, 30 years.



- **The Curtain Raisers Society for the Performing Arts held its annual Wall of Fame induction ceremony April 18.** George Whitson H '04, Margaret Palmer and Marjorie (Marge) White were honored for their continuing support of the performing arts at The University of Findlay. The Curtain Raisers also recognized graduating seniors at the event.

Marge White, longtime accompanist for the music program, was one of those honored with induction into the Curtain Raisers Wall of Fame.

2. Academic Update

- **The University has announced that its School of Pharmacy is now the College of Pharmacy.** The decision reflects the growth of the program, which began admitting students in fall 2005, and its growing role within the UF and Findlay communities. The College of Pharmacy joins five other academic colleges at The University of Findlay for business, education, health professions, liberal arts and sciences. The pharmacy program, which was the first new program of its kind in 100 years in the state of Ohio, will graduate its first class of 60 students in 2010. The creation of the program was in response to an aging population with greater reliance on pharmaceutical treatment of diseases and ailments. UF's pharmacy program is a direct entry, or "zero-plus-six," program. Each year, the college preferentially recruits and accepts 60 qualified high school students into the program, assuring their progression (without reapplication) throughout the six years of the program as long as standards are met. For more information regarding the UF College of Pharmacy, please visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Pharmacy, or call 419-434-5327. For more information, [click here](#).
- **At The University of Findlay's Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition, which was on display in April, the Best of Show award went to Melissa Beaver for her painting "Mr. Sad Box."** Beaver also received a first-place award for her drawing and mixed media work, "Gertrude," and her design, "Hold On." First-place awards also were given to Sarah Gosche for a painting, "Nonchalant;" Hitomi Maru for a drawing, "Murder;" Andrea Minnich for graphic design, "Pulse Energy Drink Package;" Keying Wu for printmaking, "Chinese Mountain;" Joey Hoffman for ceramics, "Water Jar;" and Catrina Daniels for a photo, "Litzenberg." Entries were judged by Jim Fultz, a visiting judge and adjunct art history professor at both Bluffton University and Owens Community College. "My first impression after looking at all of the work was that I was happy to see a nice range of approaches, both in terms of concepts and techniques," said Fultz. "The works that drew me in seemed authentic and were well executed." [Click here](#) for more details.



Visitors to the Lea Gallery enjoyed the variety of media and artistic expressions at the Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition.



Jed Thorp '99

- **Jed Thorpe, alumnus of The University of Findlay and member of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and Jennifer Fenderbosch, member of the Avon Lake City Council, presented "Creating a Green Network" April 14.** The program, co-sponsored by the Findlay Green Campus Initiative (FGCI) and the Blanchard Valley Green Coalition, included information concerning environmental issues, positive green solutions, local examples and an FGCI bike raffle for UF students. Thorpe addressed topics in what he called the "big picture of environmentalism." Fenderbosch focused more closely on the smaller picture — more specifically, what is being done to "green" Avon Lake and what can be done in Findlay. [Click here](#) to download the full article in the April 17 issue of FYI.

3. Alumni News & Events

- **Save the Date**

- **Sept. 25-26** **Family Weekend 2009**
- **Oct. 2-4** **Homecoming 2009**

- **Upcoming Events**

- **June 8** Columbus Annual Golf Outing; York Golf Course, beginning at 11:30 a.m.
- **June 14** Toledo Mud Hens – includes fireworks display at the end of the game, and children can run the bases
- **June 20** UF Cedar Point Day; UF picnic from 5-6 p.m.
- **Aug. 2** Columbus Summer Send-off, hosted by Bob '57 and Catherine Pritts
- **Aug. 15** UF Alumni Day at Huntington Park, Columbus, Ohio;
Columbus Clippers vs. Indianapolis Indians
- **Sept. TBD** Marathon Petroleum Co. LLC alumni luncheon at Marathon, Findlay
- **Sept. TBD** Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. alumni luncheon at The University of Findlay
- **Sept 12** 1979 Championship Football Team 30-year reunion (tentative)
- **Sept. 19** Phoenix, Ariz., alumni reception hosted by Ron '91 and Traci '91 Stupi
- **Sept. 19** Sally (Fritch '54) Dolmayer and the Class of 1954 alumni reception;
Sarver, Pa.
- **Oct. 24** Hilton Cleveland East at Beachwood; alumni reception 6-8 p.m.
- **Oct. 25** Alumni Brunch Cleveland West; Holiday Inn Westlake, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- **Nov. TBD** Cincinnati alumni event

- **For more info or to register for events, contact the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations** by visiting the Web site at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni, or call 800-472-9502 ext. 4516.

- **Columbus Golf Outing will be held at York Golf Club Monday, June 8, 2009.** It includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, access to a driving range and door prizes. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. A steak dinner will follow at 6 p.m. The cost of the package is \$80. Spouses or guests are welcome to attend the dinner for an additional \$10 each. [Click here](#) to register.



Enjoying camaraderie at last year's golf outing were: (seated) Cory Miller '02, Scott Kromer '04, Mark Inkrott '02, Don Lepore; (standing) Ty Rhoad '03, Brant Rhoad '00.

- **Don't miss UF Alumni Day at Huntington Park in Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday, Aug. 15,** to see the Columbus Clippers vs. the Indianapolis Indians. More details coming soon.



- **Join fellow Oilers and friends at Cedar Point on Saturday, June 20** for a day of fun. Picnic with UF from 5-6 p.m. in the west picnic area (look for a UF banner!). Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$20 for junior/senior tickets (under 48" or over age 62). Price includes park ticket and picnic. [Click here](#) to register.

James, Amy, Lesley (Simon '93) and Austin Warren didn't let a little rain dampen their spirits at last year's UF Cedar Point Day.



- **Join us for UF Alumni Day at Fifth Third Field to see the Mud Hens vs. the Rochester Redwings on Sunday, June 14.** Game time is 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$9, which includes a fireworks show and kids (of all ages) can run the bases after the game. [Click here](#) to register.

- **A reunion celebration is being organized for The University of Findlay Class of 1999 and friends by Breana (Heinrichs) Koffler '99 and other classmates.** All members of the UF Class of 1999 are invited, in addition to others who may be interested. The Class of '99 will host a reunion celebration the evening of Oct. 3, 2009, as part of the festivities for Homecoming weekend Oct. 2-4, 2009. Details will follow in the upcoming months. A Facebook page titled "The University of Findlay, Class of '99 10-year reunion & friends," has been created. Please check it to get details as they develop at <http://site.ufclassof1999and-friends.org>.

- **Alumni gathered in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Saturday, March 28, 2009,** allowing them to watch the Findlay Oilers win the NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Championship in Springfield, Mass.

Right: Cheering the Oilers were: (first row) June (Schertzer) McAllister '67, Sharon Montgomery, Bob Montgomery '66; (second row) Bob Abby, Corliss "Bud" Myers '67, John Eitlegeorge '66, Tom Samson '67; (third row) Carol Myers, Janice (Witchey) Eitlegeorge '66, Margaret (Lynch) Savoy, Roseann (Keller) Samson '68; (fourth row) Jerry Savoy '66.



Stanley '70 and Janet (Maule '70) Swartz opened their Oceanside, Calif., home for an alumni reception April 4.

- **An alumni luncheon took place April 4, 2009, at the home of Stanley '70 and Janet (Maule '70) Swartz in Oceanside, Calif.** Attending the reception: Richard and Rebecca Ambrose, Kari Barnum '86, Sid '65 and Teresita Cottrell, Tom Duttine '53, Paul and Ray Evans, Robert Glew '67, Amy Harber '96, Debbie Layport Newman '74, Stacy McKinzie '99, Jim '53 and Mira (Frost '78) Houdeshell, Jamie Houdeshell '86, Bill and Dee Dee '00 Spraw. Dr. Jim Houdeshell, special assistant to the president and Dee Dee Spraw, director of alumni and parent relations, represented the University.

- **An alumni luncheon took place at Whirlpool in Findlay, Ohio, on Wednesday, April 15, 2009.** Dee Dee Spraw '00 welcomed everyone and thanked Stefanie (Saunders) Griffith '92 for helping organize the luncheon. Staff members Christopher Mitchell, from the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies, and Brad Hammer and Kevin Cluts, from the Office of Career Services, discussed services and programs available and an activities and history video was shown. Attending the luncheon were: Lee Beck M '05, Tim Bower '05, Sue Dye '95, Bev Frost '03, Dave Gorman '02, Mike Griffith M '99, Heidi Hammond '07, Matthew Herman M '07, Miek Matson M '96, Jacki Murphy '96, M '01, Michelle Obenour '02, Cindy Osting '01, M '06, Anna Reusch '02, Paul Siefker '02, '08 M, Keyli Stemen '07, Steve Traucht '71, Sherry Unverferth '01, M '04, Kevin Wolford '01, and Corri Wilcox '03.

- **The Alumni Board of Governors met prior to the alumni dinner at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio, on Saturday, April 25, 2009.** Altogether, 55 adults and 25 children attended

the alumni dinner reception. Dr. DeBow Freed, president of the University, and Dr. Julie McIntosh, president of the Alumni Board of Governors, welcomed alumni and their families. An activities video was shown to give an update of the happenings on campus during the past few months. Alumni and families attending were: Timothy '05 and Deborah Bower, Ronald Cable '64, Jerald Clark '66, Tim '97 and Andrea (Clark '94) Depinet, David Doering, Brigid Heinlen '07, Sandra '98 and Tim Hensley, Susan Hite '87, Kelly Keefer '07, Craig '86 and Nanette Kuhlman, Doug Lyon '80, Dr. Richard Malcolm '55, Dr. Julie (Dean) McIntosh '90, Jillian McMuldren '08, Keith Mohr '67, Kenneth '98 and Kathy Musselman, Johnny Levi Perkins '07, James Ebert and Debra (Prichard '89) Ebert, Charles Shepard M '04, Ryan and Jamie '99 Sorg, Troy '97 and



Enjoying a Kalahari weekend, 55 adults and 25 children gathered for an alumni dinner reception on April 25 in Sandusky, Ohio.



Left: Attending the Alumni Board of Governors meeting in Sandusky were: (front row) Julie (Dean) McIntosh '90, Susan Hite '87, Deb (Prichard) Ebert '89, Richard Malcolm '55, Cam (Roberts) Taylor '67, Dee Dee Spraw '00, M '07; (back row) Doug Lyon '80, Ron Cable '64, Jim Taylor '72 and Keith Mohr '67.

Becky Spikes, Bill and Dee Dee Spraw '00, M '07, Gary and Cam (Roberts '67) Taylor, James '72 and Jackie (Pelton '72) Taylor, Craig and Jennifer '07 Wheeler.

- **Members of the Students for Alumni Relations (S.T.A.R.)** organization attended the alumni dinner at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky. They entertained the children while Dr. DeBow Freed, president, gave an update on the University and a video of UF activities was shown.

Right: STAR students assisting with the Kalahari alumni reception were: (front row) Sarah Morar, Alyssa Moran, Chelsea Nemic; (back row) Jill Fulks, Kayla Shannon, Stefanie Lauer, Kari Jesse.



- **Alumni and friends of the University gathered for Spring Thing, a performance by the Jack Taylor Jazz Quartet held May 1, 2009**, in the Lape Great Hall of the Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion. Those attending were: Hilary Benitez, Ryan Bradley, Ken and Sue Brooks, Ron Cable '64, Don and Brenda '90 Collins, Judy (Stevenson) Doby '65, Keiko Doy, Joe '57 and Martha



Alumni enjoyed the music of the Jack Taylor Jazz Quartet at the Spring Thing performance May 1.

(Zuecher '55) Fish, Mark and Kim Forget, Barry and Bonnie '91 Hamilton, Amy Hingson, Chris Hingson, Sara Hingson '93, M '96, Susan Hite '87, Jim and Deb Holmes, Jim '53 and Mira (Frost '78) Houdeshell, Jim and Deb Huether, Janet (Schey) January '64, David Lee, Erin Lee '06, Doug Lyon '80, Melody McCloud, Bill '91, M '09, and Julie (Dean '90) McIntosh, John and Barbara (Eakin '63) Meyers, John and Carol (Flanagan '70) Middleton, Dwight Miller '73, Keith '67 and Joyce Mohr, Nathan and Jacquelyn '96, M '01 Murphy, Duane '59 and Judy Philipp, Mike and Sue Pirschel, Darrell

'55 and Alberta Prichard, Jeff and Diana '03 Salisbury, Jeremy '99 and Stephanie '99 Scoles, Charlie M '04 and Joy M '04 Shepard, Ryan '00, M '07 and Marie '00 Smith, Connie Strouse '96, and Jim and Karen Susko.

- **Alumni of The University of Findlay's occupational therapy program** attended a reception for graduates of Ohio occupational therapy schools April 24 in Houston, Texas, during the American Occupational Therapy Association 2009 Annual Conference & Expo held April 23-26 at the Hilton Americas.



Above: Graduates of the 2009 traditional occupational therapy program in Houston, Texas: (from left) Miranda Tippie, Alicia Hindall, Amanda Wolford, Alissa Schulte, Amanda Boyce, Amanda Nelson, Krista Schwiebert, Leanna Hart, Talia Thiel and Melissa Campbell

Left: Dottie Thompson '04, Theresa Leto '04 and Heather Meredith '07 at the annual OT conference.



- **The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations and the Alumni Association Board of Governors** helped sponsor the traditional commencement brunch on May 2 in the Alumni Memorial Union. About 440 graduates and their family members enjoyed the buffet.



- **Congratulations UF Newlyweds:**

- *Will & Jocelyn (Holmes '07) Isenhower
August 22, 2008*

- *Sydney (Knell '05) and Douglas Leavitt
April 29, 2009*

- **Welcome UF Newest Little Oilers:**

- *Craig & Andrea (Wittler '04) Niese
Baby boy, James Henry, born Feb. 17, 2009*

- *Aaron '01 & Heather (Conrad '00) Cain
Baby boy, Lincoln Michael, born Feb. 10, 2009*

- *Matthew '99 & Stacie (Holman '01) Greenawalt
Baby boy, Mitchell Jason, born Jan. 20, 2009*

- *Troy '00 & Kelly (Courtney '02) Martin*
Baby boy, Liam John, born Jan. 18, 2009
- *Daniel '98 & Christa (Skatrud '02) Fidago*
Baby boy, Xavier Thomas, born Aug. 29, 2008

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4. Alumni Spotlight

- **ArchLink welcomes the Class of 2009 to the Alumni Association.** Below are featured three of The University of Findlay's newest alumni.
- **Brian Ceraldi** knew he wanted to major in environmental, safety and occupational health management after watching a presentation at Oak Harbor (Ohio) High School by Harold Huffman, program manager for UF's School of Environmental and Emergency Management (SEEM). "It instantly appealed to me," said Ceraldi. "I walked out the doors that day and decided that's what I want to do. Findlay was the only place I applied."



Brian Ceraldi '09

And once he arrived at UF, Ceraldi took full advantage of the diverse opportunities presented to him. "Findlay is uncommonly diverse for being a small private school in the Midwest," he said. In summer 2006, Ceraldi participated in the Kake Bridge program, which introduced him to the Japanese culture and UF's Japanese program. That experience led to an opportunity for Ceraldi to complete an internship in spring 2007.

With only one semester of formal Japanese language training, Ceraldi traveled alone to an area north of Tokyo and worked as a junior employee for Sanoh Industrial, which has a partner company in Findlay. His primary role was to expose the Japanese employees to a Western dialect and the general characteristics of a Westerner because many of the employees would eventually spend some time working in the United States. Ceraldi worked with a variety of departments and in the evenings, he taught English classes.

Then, in fall 2007, Ceraldi completed an internship with Marathon Oil Co.'s refining division in Detroit. He assisted with the health and safety department, preparing for and completing assignments related to an upcoming upgrade and audit. Ceraldi continued working for Marathon's Terminal, Transport and Marine division in the summer of 2008.

During the semesters he was taking classes, Ceraldi worked with SEEM on several occasions. He assisted with threat vulnerability assessments of school systems and helped facilitate table-top exercises at several institutions. Ceraldi says that although his degree is not in security and threat assessment, it's a nice complement to his studies.

"The opportunities that have been presented to me from different perspectives at UF have been great," said Ceraldi. "I was in the environmental program and still able to do something with the Japanese program. We're such a tight-knit community that it was possible. I don't think that exists too many other places."

- In May, **Megan Garner** received her second degree from the University – a bachelor’s degree in international business and economics. Garner also earned an associate’s degree in English equestrian studies in spring 2007.



Megan Garner '09

A native of Runville, Pa., Garner says that although she’s learned a lot in the classroom from professors with real-world experience, much of what she’s learned has been through her involvement in a variety of activities.

Of those activities, her passion is for Habitat for Humanity.

Garner went with the campus chapter during Alternative Spring Break 2007 to North Carolina and to Biloxi, Miss., in 2008. She also volunteered her time with the local Hancock County chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

In addition to Habitat, Garner was involved with Marketing Club, Students in Free Enterprise and Mortar Board honor society, and she was a Dana Scholar. Garner served as a copy editor for the student newspaper, *The Pulse*, and regularly contributed opinion columns. For three years she worked for the School of Environmental and Emergency Management (SEEM).

Garner plans to continue doing service for others after graduation through the Peace Corps. Her application for a post in sub-Saharan Africa has been submitted, and she likely will begin work in the fall. Garner will use her animal science background to fill an animal husbandry position, and she also will apply her business background to help people in local villages turn their crafts into greater income for their families. The post is a 27-month commitment.

- “I knew I wanted a quality education with a small-school feel,” said **Kirt Schnipke**, who graduated with a bachelor’s degree in health studies this spring.



Kirt Schnipke '09

Looking back on his four years at UF, Schnipke says the University lived up to its excellent reputation. “It’s committed to good academics ... UF has laid down that foundation for me to go out and be successful.”

As an undergraduate student commuting from nearby Pandora, Ohio, Schnipke was involved on campus through University Singers and Concert-Chorale. He also took a part in the 2009 musical “Carnival,” his first experience with a musical at the college level. “I decided that with grad school coming up next year, I’d never get another chance.”

Schnipke credited Micheal Anders, Ph.D., director of music, for making his experience in the music program so enjoyable. Schnipke also mentioned his appreciation for Kay Koch, director of the Student Office of Advocacy and Retention. “She always had time to talk to me.”

And when he’s not studying, practicing for a musical performance or working at a local nursing home, Schnipke can likely be found with his dairy goats. Schnipke’s interest in goats began 10 years ago, and two years ago, he became a licensed judge for open class goat shows, making him the youngest licensed judge in the country at the time.

Schnipke judges shows year round, and in fact, missed his graduation in May because of a previous commitment to judge a show in Nashville. He travels to many places in Ohio, as well as Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, Illinois, Tennessee, Texas, South Dakota, Indiana and Michigan – and that’s just this year.

Working with animals has given Schnipke many life lessons, including learning to manage responsibility and time, he says, adding that he’s been able to achieve balance in his life – an accomplishment that will serve him well as he continues his education. Schnipke has been accepted to the University’s physical therapy program, which he will begin in the fall.

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5. Oiler Sports

- **The western equestrian team won the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) western championship in Murfreesboro, Tenn., on April 26.** The Oilers accumulated 25 points, topping The Ohio State University and Oregon State University, both with 21. The team came home with four individual championships: Spencer Zimmerman in intermediate western horsemanship; Heather Allenby in novice western horsemanship; Kimberly Deane in advanced western horsemanship; and Katie Morehead in open western horsemanship. The team returned to campus on a bus, where a crowd of 120 supporters greeted them with a welcome ceremony in front of Croy Physical Education Center. Head coach Cindy Morehead pointed out that 11 out of a possible 12 team members qualified for nationals, compared to the next competitor with just five qualifiers. This is the fourth national championship for the western equestrian team, with previous wins in 2001, 2005 and 2007, and it was runner-up in 2008.



The western equestrian team was welcomed home after earning its fourth IHSA national championship.

- **The English equestrian team took fifth place in the IHSA national competition**, amassing the seventh highest point total with two teams tying scores. Kara Wintz led the way after being named reserve champion in the novice equitation over fences.



Dr. DeBow Freed, president of the University, wished the equestrian teams well at a send-off prior to leaving for national competition.



UF hosted the IDA national championship at the Child Complex.

- **The University of Findlay hosted the Intercollegiate Dressage Association (IDA) national championship April 18-19**, bringing home the Team Sportsmanship Award and placing 10th in team competition. The competition was hosted for the first time at the James L. Child Jr. Equestrian Complex, located on Township Road 201, with 12 teams vying in team competition and 48 individual riders competing. The event also included a dog agility demonstration, vendors and an equine art show. The University’s dressage team earned grand champion in Region E competition to earn the right to compete for the national title. [Click here](#) for more information.

- The **Oilers baseball team** wrapped up its 2009 season with a 19-30 record, and was led by senior Brian Sampsel, who hit .356 with seven homeruns and 40 runs-batted-in. For his efforts, Sampsel was named first team all-GLIAC for the third consecutive season. He is the only Oilers athlete to accomplish the feat during a career.



Brian Sampsel



Michael Schmitmeyer

- The **Oilers golf team** finished tied for 12th at the NCAA Super Regional. Sophomore Joe McGeean took 12th with a 217. Freshman Michael Schmitmeyer placed 15th at the event with a 218 and earned GLIAC Freshman of the Year honors this season. McGeean meanwhile earned second team all-GLIAC honors along with Schmitmeyer.

- The **Oilers men's and women's outdoor track and field team** are still in season and are coming off the GLIAC championship which saw the women take fifth and the men place sixth. Freshmen John Guagenti and Curtis Smithey, along with sophomores Simon Bernard and Greg Schaible, captured a GLIAC title in the 4x400-meter relay, while freshman Raven Clay earned a championship in the 100-meter hurdles on the women's side. She also earned GLIAC Freshman of the Year honors.



Raven Clay



- A DVD with highlights from the men's basketball national championship season is available through Zulauf Productions. The 25-minute presentation includes highlights of the season's home games, the GLIAC championship game, the Midwest Regional competition and the last 24 seconds of the championship game in Springfield, Mass. The DVD can be purchased through the UF Web site by [clicking here](#) or by going directly to www.zulaufproductions.com. For questions, call 419-619-5993.

- **If you are looking to buy UF apparel**, you can order from the University Stores Web site. Visit <https://shop.findlay.edu> and follow online ordering instructions.
- Check out Oilers sports at <http://www.findlay.edu>.

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6. Alumni Support

- **Your Financial Gift is Important! Did you know that your gift — regardless of the size — is vital to the health and viability of your alma mater?** Each year, the University is evaluated by several outside organizations — rating agencies, foundations, corporations, etc. — on the percentage of alumni that make a financial gift during the year. The higher the percentage, the greater likelihood the institution will receive grants and other favorable rankings that help promote the institution in a positive light. During these times of economic uncertainty, we are all a little more judicious in our decisions regarding which organization to support. Please know that should you chose to make a gift of any size to your alma mater, the gift is appreciated and is helpful in moving our mission forward. If you have not made a gift during this fiscal year (July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009), please do so now by [clicking here](#).

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- **Concerned about Retirement Income? Are you trying to build your retirement account, 401K, or IRA yet cannot seem to make any headway?** A deferred charitable gift annuity may be right for you. You can have extra income when you retire when you may need it the most. Make a gift to UF now, receive a charitable income tax deduction in the year of your gift, and UF will pay you an annuity income when you retire in the future. Request our free brochure Plan for Retirement with a Deferred Gift Annuity by [clicking here](#) to see if this might fit your retirement planning goals. For a confidential illustration showing how this might work for you personally, contact Ann Brossia at brossia@findlay.edu or 1-800-472-9502, ext. 4794. For estate and charitable planning information, go to www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Planned Giving.
 - **The University's annual Applause! recognition reception will be held on Thursday evening, Oct. 15, 2009.** This event recognizes those who have made significant contributions of time and resources to The University of Findlay and to say "thank you." Individuals who have contributed \$1,000 or more in cash to the University during the preceding fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2009, will receive invitations to this special and fun event. Plan your giving and mark your calendars to be sure you don't miss the Applause! recognition reception.

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7. FYI Campus Newsletter

- Want to know what is happening on campus between *ArchLink* issues? UF has a bi-weekly 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 <http://www.findlay.edu>, KEYWORD: FYI.

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8. Spread the Word...

- If you know other alumni who would like to receive *ArchLink*, please forward this message.
- If you received *ArchLink* from another alum and would like to sign up for it, you may [click here](#) to fill out a form or e-mail your name, graduation year, major and home address to archlink@findlay.edu. Please add archlink@findlay.edu to your address book/contact list.
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