

THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY

Summer Student Newsletter
From President DeBow Freed

UF Welcomes New Alumni, First Doctor of Pharmacy Graduates

More than 850 students graduated from The University of Findlay during spring commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 1.

More than 340 graduate degrees were awarded, including 49 doctor of pharmacy degrees. These were the first graduates of the College of Pharmacy, which was established in 2004. A hooding ceremony for pharmacy graduating students was held earlier in the day.

“I was excited to be the first doctor of pharmacy graduate from UF. This is a huge milestone not only for me, but also for the University and the pharmacy program at UF,” said Allison Alexander, the first to walk across the stage at commencement. “Being able to start a new pharmacy program, which hasn’t been done in the past 100 years, is a huge accomplishment for all those involved and I am glad to be a part of such a great achievement.”

More than 400 undergraduate degrees were awarded, including approximately 80 bachelor of arts degrees and 320 bachelor of science degrees.

More than 50 associate of arts degrees were conferred.

Among the UF graduates were more than 120 international students who received master’s degrees and 16 international students who received bachelor’s degrees. Those students represent the countries of Nepal, India, Saudi Arabia, China, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, Canada

and Venezuela.

Brigadier General Patrick Finnegan, dean of Academic Board at West Point and president-elect at Longwood University, delivered the commencement address.

He reminded graduates to honor and thank those who have supported them, and he encouraged them to remember to do things for others to help build “a better, more caring world.” He issued a challenge to graduates, saying, “If those who have had the opportunity to receive a quality education do not dedicate themselves in some way to serving others, who will?”

Following the address, Dr. DeBow Freed, the 16th president of The University of Findlay, was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters for his seven years’ service to the institution.

Dr. C. Richard Beckett, chair of the board of trustees, recognized him for his devotion to students and the institution, noting, “He has led the University to fiscal strength



Allison Alexander, right, gets a congratulatory handshake from Dr. DeBow Freed as she walks across the stage during commencement. Alexander was the first student to receive a doctor of pharmacy degree from UF.



Families wait for their graduates to march through the arch as faculty members Don Collins and Louann Cummings lead the recessional.

and administrative stability. Dr. Freed has guided the growth of quality academic programs that meet the needs of society and the wishes of students.”

The University’s traditional Arch Ceremony immediately followed commencement at the Griffith Memorial Arch in front of Old Main.

Commencement Activities Bring Smiles



Graduate Jamie Poston, second from left, poses for a photo with her family and Brigadier General Patrick Finnegan, who gave the commencement address May 1.



Dr. Katherine Fell, center, UF's president-elect, and her husband, Roger Fell, were on campus for commencement weekend. She will return to Findlay in late June and begin her duties as president July 1.



Dr. Donald Stansloski, dean of the College of Pharmacy, congratulates doctor of pharmacy recipients following UF's first doctoral hooding ceremony.



Patrick McAuliffe, Jenny Mason, Eric MacGillis and Greg Kramp pause for a photo before the processional.



Two bachelor's degree recipients celebrate while waiting for the processional to begin.



Brigadier General Patrick Finnegan gives the commencement address during the ceremony.

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Audra Dundore receives a bachelor of arts degree.



Master's degree graduates march through the Griffith Memorial Arch, following a University tradition.

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New Student Registration Days Began May 10 on Campus

New Student Registration days for new students entering as freshmen for the 2010-2011 academic year began May 10. Future registration days are scheduled for:

- May 20
- June 9

- June 18
- Aug. 19

Students will meet with academic advisers and visit the One Stop Shop in the Alumni Memorial Union.

Faculty and staff representatives from many campus offices will be

available to provide information and answer questions.

If you have questions about New Student Registration, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 1-800-548-0932 or admissions@findlay.edu.

Equestrian Teams Bring Home National Titles from Competitions in Lexington

The University's western equestrian team earned its second Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) national championship in two years on Sunday, May 9, in Lexington, Ky. This marks the team's fifth national championship win since 2001.

The team earned 31 points, 10 points better than runner-up Ohio State University.

Katie Morehead was third overall in the High Point Rider competition.

Heather Kiesewetter was first in the Intermediate Western Horsemanship team competition and first in the Beginner Western Horsemanship individual event.

In the individual competition, Ashley Wolf was first in Intermediate Western Horsemanship, Madison Hallas took first in Novice Western Horsemanship and Ashley Drown was first in Advanced Western Horsemanship.

In the team competition, Kiesewetter took first in Intermediate Western Horsemanship, Spencer



Western equestrian team members, coaches and assistants pose for a photo with their awards.

A. Cook

Zimmerman took top honors in Novice Western Horsemanship and Andrew Wolf placed first in Open

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Findlay's Sports Teams Finish Strong

Men's basketball: The Oilers capped another successful season with a 24-7 record, their ninth GLIAC South title, their ninth consecutive trip to the NCAA Division II tournament and their fifth GLIAC tournament title.

Marcus Parker and Nathan Hyde were both first-team all-GLIAC selections. Hyde made 95 three-point field goals to break the school record.

Women's basketball: Findlay had a strong season that saw the program win a GLIAC tournament game and a Division II national tournament game for the first time in the school's history as the Oilers finished with a 22-9 record.

Audra Mihalic capped an excellent career by earning first-team all-GLIAC honors as she broke the career assists mark with a school-record 426 assists during her time with the Oilers.

Wrestling: The Roughnecks were unable to place at the Division II national championships, but were ranked 14th in the nation heading into the championships.

Swimming and diving: The women's team finished fifth and the men's team was sixth at the GLIAC championship. Lindsay Hatteberg was an All-American in four different events for the women's side while Nikki Schnell-McCoy earned All-American honors in three different events. Jill Herbst and Brit-

tany Balitzkat earned All-American honors for the Oilers as well.

Indoor track and field: The women's team ended fifth and the men's team took sixth at the GLIAC indoor track and field championship. Stephanie Charnigo and Raven Clay were All-Americans on the women's side, while Curtis Smithey, Lyndon Johnson, Greg Schaible, Simon Bernard and Derrick Vicars were All-Americans for the men.

Baseball: The Oilers finished the season with a 15-34 record. Dustin Zielaskiewicz led the team with a .366 batting average.

Softball: The Oilers finished the season with a 14-35 record. Cali Coppus set a new school record with 59 hits on the season.

Men's golf: The Oilers finished second at the GLIAC championship in the fall. They also qualified for the NCAA Division II super regional and were led by Joe McGeean, who placed 25th.

Women's golf: The Oilers took fourth place at the GLIAC championship. Andrea Vogt was named second team all-GLIAC and competed at the Division II east super regional.

Outdoor track and field: The men finished fourth at the GLIAC championship and were led by Lyndon Johnson who was tabbed the "Newcomer of the Year." Johnson won two events while Cody Crockett and Cory Vales were



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victorious in the javelin and high jump respectively. The women, meanwhile, took fifth as Stephanie Charnigo won the 1500-meter run to lead the squad.

Men's tennis: The Oilers finished the season with a 6-13 record and ended up seventh in the GLIAC tournament. Kyle Collette was a first-team all-GLIAC selection.

Women's tennis: The Oilers completed the fall season with a 2-13 record and were eighth at the GLIAC tournament. Head coach Tomas Menec was named the GLIAC Coach of the Year.

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The UF English equestrian team finished tied for second with Centenary College on Saturday. The

Oilers scored 20 points on the final day of competition in Lexington.

Skidmore College won the English title with 28 points.

The University welcomed the

western equestrian team back to campus on Monday, May 10, in front of Croy Gymnasium.

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