

Give Voice to Your Values Campaign Reaches 66 Percent of Goal

Because of support from faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the University, the Give Voice to Your Values campaign reaches its one-year kick-off anniversary at 66 percent (\$26.4 million) of the campaign goal with four years remaining.

Last fall, the University announced a comprehensive campaign with a goal of raising \$40 million in private support. Nearly \$20 million already had been raised during the campaign's quiet phase.

Dr. Katherine Fell, University president, emphasized that the campaign is far-reaching to attract

increased private support regionally, nationally and internationally.

The centerpiece of the campaign, a new 30,000-square-foot science building, is well under way on Davis Street. The building, adjacent to the life science and pharmacy areas, adds cutting-edge science laboratories, high-technology classrooms and lecture halls, faculty offices and student lounges.

Highlights from the past 12 months of the campaign include:

- Donors made \$5.9 million in gifts, pledges and estate commitments to the University last year.
- Support by members of the



University community reached an all-time high, with 344 members of the faculty and staff making gifts

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Homecoming and Family Weekend Offer Activities for Alumni, Students, Families

"We are family" is the theme for Homecoming and Family Weekend, Oct. 14-16, and many activities are planned for students, alumni, faculty, staff and families.

At 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, a parade on the Cory Street Mall will feature the Marching Oiler Brass, Distinguished Alumni and other award recipients, the 2011 Homecoming court, shopping cart floats and more.

Immediately following the parade will be a pep rally, coronation of the Homecoming king and

queen, a carnival and fireworks.

Saturday, Oct. 15, will begin with the sixth annual 5K and Little Oiler Fun Run. Registration begins at 6:45 a.m. in Croy Physical Education Center. Registration is \$20. Go to www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: 5K, to pre-register or register on-site the morning of the race.



The Alumni Association Annual Breakfast will take place at 9 a.m. in Winebrenner Theological

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and pledges in excess of \$340,000.

- A \$1 million pledge was made to help refurbish the second and third floors of Old Main.

- An estate commitment of \$700,000 was made to provide student scholarship support.

- The 125th Endowed Fund

Drive has nearly reached its goal of 125 new endowments, with donors having established 117 new funds since the start of this effort.

- Additional campaign priorities were established to help raise funds for undergraduate research, service learning and study abroad programs.

For additional information about the Give Voice to Your Values campaign, please contact Charles Shepard, campaign director, at shepard@findlay.edu or extension 4628, or visit www.findlay.edu,
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Seminary. Distinguished Alumni Greg Denecker '94, Larry Manley '61, Mary Ann Rohleder '70 and George Showers '65 will be honored, as well as Johnnie Jackson '07, M'09, Old Main Award recipient; the late William Flanagan '59, Gold Medallion recipient; and Sharon Milligan, Arch Award recipient. The Class of 1961 also will be recognized for its Golden Anniversary. To register for the breakfast, visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Home-

coming, and fill out the registration form, or call 419-434-4516.

The football game against Ohio Dominican will begin at 3 p.m. at Donnell Stadium.

The environmental program celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, with special events planned during Homecoming. The All Hazards Training Center will host an open house from noon – 2:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, at 5000 Fostoria Ave. the environmental safety and occupational health faculty and

students will host an open house and tours on campus from 3-5 p.m.

Special reunion celebrations planned include the Class of 1961, Alpha Sigs, Greeks, environmental program, Black Student Union and Marketing Club.

These events and many others are planned throughout the weekend. Visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Homecoming, for details and registration information, or call 419-434-4516.

Marketing Club Members Connect with High School Students Through DECA

On Monday, Sept. 26, approximately 200 high school students from seven area schools came to The University of Findlay for the second DECA conference to be hosted by the College of Business.

DECA serves to prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management.

The University's Marketing Club members served as ambassadors at the event and planned programming for the high school students during free times. Events included a brand logo contest, cornhole and tours of the University.

"The students seemed to really enjoy what we had planned," said Marketing Club president Camilla Jesko, senior business management and marketing major. "When they got to their awards ceremony, their spirits were high and they were chanting and clapping through the entire presentation."

Jesko was involved with DECA in high school and says the program



High school students proudly show off their new UF T-shirts during a DECA conference, held on campus Sept. 26.

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helped spark her interest in marketing and business management.

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Fall is Busy with Campus Activities



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Top left: Yan Lei Dai, Takahiro Watanabe, Bert Ning, and Kaylie Trout make new friends at the One World, Many Voices Game Night on Tuesday, Sept. 27, in the Alumni Memorial Union. The event brings students from different backgrounds together. The next One World, Many Voices event, a field day, is Tuesday, Nov. 15, in the Koehler Complex.

Top right: Derrick the Oiler poses for a photo with a student during the health fair on Thursday, Sept. 29.

Bottom left: The Golden Dragon Acrobats perform in Winebrenner Theological Seminary on Wednesday, Oct. 5, as part of Diversity Month activities. For more information on Diversity Month, visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: student activities.

T.O.O.L. Workshops Offer UF Students Leadership Training and Development

This year, the University's Office of Student Activities and Commuter Services has joined with Student Government Association (SGA) to offer current and prospective student leaders the opportunity to build leadership skills through the Teaching Oiler Officers Leadership (T.O.O.L.) Development Workshop Series.

T.O.O.L. offers monthly programming and educational workshops to give students opportunities to develop skills that will benefit their on-campus organizations as well as their future careers.

"...we're empowering students to take what they learn in the classroom and transfer it into becoming a well-rounded student leader and

future professional in their chosen careers," says Sharinda Welton-Peeler, director of student activities and commuter services.

The workshop started as a result of students voicing an interest in more opportunities to advance leadership skills and to receive answers to ongoing questions about student leadership.

"It's important for students to know that we're listening," says Welton-Peeler, who hopes that the new program will show students that their needs and opinions are recognized.

The sessions are based on topics that SGA and the Office of Student Activities have received the most questions about. In addition to an annual fall leadership retreat,

workshops include tips on writing student organization constitutions, creating successful promotions, planning fundraisers and more.

Sophomore business management and economics major Christina Terry serves as vice president of SGA. She says that SGA wants to be a resource to students and hopes that the T.O.O.L. workshop will make students feel more comfortable approaching SGA.

Additional information about T.O.O.L. and the workshop schedule is available online at the Office of Student Activities and Commuter Services page, KEYWORD: Student activities, and around campus on posters.

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No Child Left Indoors Helps Local Kids

Students at Findlay are collaborating with Children's Mentoring Connection of Hancock County to help Hancock County children through the No Child Left Indoors program.

In 2009, Ben Dolan, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology, and his conservation biology class established the program to connect children ages 6 through 14 with University students.

Children's Mentoring Connection works to pair kids with mentors in one-on-one matches. Despite the organization's efforts, many children still await a match because of a shortage of volunteers.

University students help the young participants by planning monthly activities ranging from scavenger hunts, to trips to the eques-

trian farm, to simple games like tag.

Many of the children come from single-parent homes and don't always get one-on-one attention. Children's Mentoring Connection recognizes the valuable role college students can play in helping the children succeed.

"College kids have a certain rapport with the youth," says Joy Anderson, administrative case manager. "They see them as really cool and fun, and it's great to have that positive role model."



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Former UF students Josh Enlow, Rebecca Lauer, Candace Black and Jessica Claudio mentor children from the city of Findlay at the Rieck Center for Habitat Studies in spring 2010.

Volunteers recognize that the dedication to this ongoing project says a lot about the students at The University of Findlay.

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She enjoys using her experience to relate to the visiting students.

"The part I enjoyed most about the event was being able to go on stage and share my story with the students," says Jesko. "I hope that at least one student was able to think that they, too, want to pursue a business career because of the DECA program."

Faculty adviser Chris Ward, Ed.D., assistant professor of business, says the Marketing Club's involvement with the event is beneficial because the club members can serve as mentors to the high school students.

"It's an opportunity for the students to connect and engage," says

Ward. "Who better to understand the questions or concerns a high school student interested in marketing might have than a college student who was in their shoes two or three years ago?"

Jesko says that this connection helped the high school students feel more comfortable approaching club members with questions about the University.

"I had several high school students ask questions about particular majors and extracurricular activities that were available," says Jesko. "The best part about the event is using it as a way to show students what the College of Business has to offer."

Students competed in categories including public relations, team management, job interviews, parliamentary law and employability. Marketing Club members hope that the students were able to take away more than what they learned in these competitions.

"I believe that the high school students were able to see that The University of Findlay is a fun place to start a successful career," says Jesko. "Some students may have come to the event today just thinking they were going to their DECA competition but walked away looking towards their future at The University of Findlay."

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