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MORE THAN 700 TO GRADUATE MAY 5

More than 700 students will graduate from The University of Findlay during spring commencement ceremonies at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5, in the Koehler Fitness and Recreation

Complex. Kathryn D. Sullivan, Ph.D., the first American woman to walk in space, will give the commencement address.

A total of 268 graduate degrees will

be awarded, 409 undergraduate degrees will be conferred and 64 associate of arts degrees will be conferred. Among the UF graduates are 75 international students who will receive master's degrees and five international students who will receive bachelor's degrees. Those students represent the countries of Nepal, India, Taiwan, Switzerland, China, Japan, Czech Republic, Kenya, Korea, Hong Kong and Canada.

As a NASA mission specialist astronaut from 1978 to 1993, Sullivan logged more than 500 hours in space and is a veteran of three shuttle mis-

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SPRING COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Senior Salute, Tuesday, April 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Alumni Memorial Union (AMU), Endly Room.
Rehearsal, Friday, May 4, at 3 p.m., Koehler Complex.

Baccalaureate Service, Saturday, May 5, at 10:30 a.m., Ritz Auditorium, Old Main.

Commencement Brunch, Saturday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., AMU.

Commencement Ceremony, Saturday, May 5, at 2 p.m., Koehler Complex.

Arch Ceremony, Saturday, May 5, at approximately 4 p.m. immediately following commencement, Griffith Memorial Arch.

SYMPOSIUM FEATURES STUDENT AWARDS, SCHOLARLY RESEARCH, ALUMNI SPEAKERS

The Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity took place April 17 in multiple locations on The University of Findlay campus and showcased many talented students at UF.

The afternoon began with a welcome and awards ceremony in the Alumni Memorial Union. Many outstanding students were honored for their achievements:

- Jenna Huskinson, Rising Star Award
- Cari Hahler, Outstanding Student Leader
- Levi Perkins, Student Employee of the Year
- Jenna Wasserman, Student Government Association Member of

the Year

- Travis Womer, Mancuso Award
- Emily Gauger, Mancuso Award
- Bryson Stair, Founders' Son Award
- Kimberly Jackson, Founders' Daughter Award
- Kari M. Rudduck, Aristos Eklektos Outstanding Freshman
- Cari Hahler, Aristos Eklektos Outstanding Sophomore
- Diana Musgrave, Aristos Eklektos Outstanding Junior
- Emily Gordon, Aristos Eklektos



Pictured left to right: Dr. DeBow Freed, UF president, and Founders' Son and Daughter senior Kimberly Jackson, social work major, and senior Bryson Stair, occupational therapy major.

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The mission of The University of Findlay is to equip our students for meaningful lives and productive careers.

SYMPOSIUM AWARDS, RESEARCH, CONT.



Junior religious studies major Audra Dundore presented "Internet Research Tools" and "Cleaning Your Computer" during the Student Technology Center's symposium workshops in the AMU Endly Room. Faculty and staff sponsors were Ray McCandless, D.A., director of academic technology services, and Scott Trimmer, academic technology specialist.

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sions. Sullivan was nominated by both the Bush and Clinton administrations and then confirmed in 1993 as chief scientist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. She served in that role until 1996.

Following her post as chief scientist, Sullivan worked for 10 years as president and CEO and then science adviser for COSI, the hands-on educational center that serves nearly 900,000 people annually throughout Ohio and surrounding states.

Currently, Sullivan is the director for the Battelle Center for Mathematics and Science Education Policy at The Ohio State University. As director, she leads the formulation of the inaugural program plan for the new center, which was developed to catalyze changes in science education that will better equip young Americans for 21st century life.

She holds a doctoral degree in geology from Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, and a bachelor of science degree in earth sciences from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

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Outstanding Senior

- Lori Bell, Aristos Eklektos new member
- Ashley Dutridge, Aristos Eklektos new member
- Katherine Krzak, Aristos Eklektos new member

Two student organizations also were honored during the ceremonies:

- Pre-Vet Club for its organization of Pre-Vet Spring Fling, Model Social Student Organization Program of the Year
- Indian Students Association, Model Educational Student Organization Program of the Year

Following the University awards presentations, students and faculty presented a variety of research projects featuring research projects from all of the colleges.

Also during the afternoon, alumni

returned to campus to share their knowledge and experience with current students.

In addition, each college presented awards to outstanding students within their disciplines.



Sophomore early childhood education major Nicole Ickes presented "Can Alphabet Books Be Used Effectively to Supplement PreK-3 Phonics Instruction?" in Old Main. Faculty sponsor was Penny Soboleski, instructor of education.

PERKINS NAMED STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AT ANNUAL LUNCHEON



Pictured left to right: Dr. DeBow Freed, UF president; J. Levi Perkins, Student Employee of the Year; Ron Knopf, director of web and media technology services; and Patti Beck, director of student employment.

Senior J. Levi Perkins was honored as Student Employee of the Year at the annual Student Employee of the Year luncheon in the Alumni Memorial Union.

According to Perkins' nominating supervisor Ron Knopf, director of web and media technology service, Perkins

demonstrates "reliability, quality of work, initiative, professionalism and uniqueness of contribution."

"Levi is frequently asked to come up with unique and innovative approaches to assignments. His efforts are seen by literally thousands of people every day. Simply put, his work is central to how the world views The University of Findlay," said Knopf, speaking of Perkins' work on the UF web site.

Other nominees for the award were Sarah Barlow, Amanda Boyce, Amber Dingeldein, Ashley

Dyke, Elizabeth Grewe, Ashley Guggenbiller, Lisa Hughes, Kalina Ivanova, Angela Jutte, Ranjan Khadka, Mary Ann Montesano, Levi Perkins, Aaron Short, Jessica Weber, Rachel Wiemken and Stephanie Winkel.

125 HOURS OF SERVICE COMPLETED BY UF STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF

In recognition of UF's 125th anniversary, Campus Compact, with help from the First-Year Experience peer mentors and faculty, organized 125 Hours of Service.

The 125-hour event began with Box City April 14 and will conclude with Days of Caring, which ends at 5 p.m. April 20.

The purpose of 125 Hours of Service was to provide UF students with many choices of service activities, demonstrating the many ways in which one can serve his or her community.

Other activities included river clean-up, sorting food for Salvation Army, helping at the CHOPIN Hall mobile food pantry and others.



Senior small business and Spanish major Linda Jiron (left) swam with her sisters during Sibs 'n' Kids weekend, April 13-14.



Freshman education major Jamie Poston, sophomore marketing major Andrew Dehnhoff and junior biology major Danielle Matson participated in the challenge to build the best cardboard house at Box City April 14-15. Teams that competed raised funds for the Habitat for Humanity Apostle's Build that will take place in Findlay this fall.

At right, two students tied blankets for area infants who are in need of them.



Freshmen Katrina Feick, pre-nursing major, and Aubry Schroeder, nuclear medicine technology major, helped to bake cookies and other treats for staff members. FYE peer mentors, who organized the cookie-baking nights, delivered the plates to offices on campus.



Students in the occupational therapy program hosted OT Backpack Day in the Alumni Memorial Union. Above, an OT student weighed the backpack of another student. The purpose of the day was to educate students on how to properly carry a backpack to avoid physical problems later.



More than 100 voices joined in singing Handel's "Messiah" April 15 in Heminger Auditorium at Findlay High School. The UF Concert-Chorale and Findlay-Area Community Chorus sang together, accompanied by a 50-piece orchestra and six professional soloists. The performance was the Midwest premiere of Sir Eugene Goossens's 1959 arrangement.

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39TH INTERNATIONAL NIGHT TO TAKE PLACE IN ALUMNI MEMORIAL UNION

International students at The University of Findlay will share their cultures, customs and food at the 39th International Night from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 20, in the Alumni Memorial Union (AMU).

Organized around the theme of "One People, One Race, One World," the evening will feature international students from 15 countries. Each country will host a booth where visitors can visit with students to learn about their

countries and customs. In addition to offering food from their respective countries, students also will provide entertainment throughout the evening.

During the day, area school children are invited to visit the AMU and learn about different cultures.

This event is free and open to the community. For additional information, contact the Office of International Admissions and Services at 419-434-4558.

UNIVERSITY SINGERS TO PRESENT FAMILY CONCERT APRIL 28

The University Singers will present their annual Family Concert at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Winebrenner Theological Seminary TLB Convocation Center, adjacent to The University of Findlay campus.

The 20-member show choir is directed by Micheal F. Anders, Ph.D., professor of music, and choreographed by Brenda Hoyt-Brackman, adjunct dance instructor.



Cari Hahler and Jeremy Stewart practiced for the concert.

Selections for the performance include "Hernando's Hideaway" from "The Pajama Game," a medley of hits by "5th Dimension," "Doin' the Latest Rag" from "Titanic," "Family" from "Dreamgirls," "I Go to Rio" from "The Boy From Oz" and several other Broadway and pop classics.

For free tickets or additional information call the UF Box Office at 419-434-5335.

JAZZ BANDS TO PERFORM APRIL 29

The University of Findlay Oiler Jazz and University Jazz bands will host a spring concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 29, in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary auditorium.

Bistro-style seating and refreshments will add to attendees' enjoyment of the performance, which will include a mix of familiar Big Band works as well as more recent jazz selections. Among the selections are "September," "Apple Honey," "Goodbye Pork Pie Hat," "Jump, Jive and Wail" and "Zoot Suit Riot."

Senior pre-veterinary major Brittany Hollandsworth will be featured on the

alto saxophone during "When Sunny Gets Blue." Senior nuclear medicine major Zach Steiner will be featured on the drum set in "Arranco."

The bands are directed by professors of music Norm Damschroder and Jack Taylor.

The concert is open to the public and tickets may be obtained by contacting the campus box office at 419-434-5335. Tickets are free for UF faculty, staff and students, \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

HEALTH FAIR IN AMU APRIL 26

The University of Findlay will host a health fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 26, in the Alumni Memorial Union (AMU). This event is open to the community. All screenings and information are free with the exception of cholesterol screening, which is \$5 and conducted by Blanchard Valley Regional Health Center.

In addition to having cholesterol checked, attendees can have their hearing, blood sugar, vision and blood pressure checked as well. The Blanchard Valley Academy of Massage Therapy will be on site to offer a few minutes of quick muscle relief, and staff from The University of Findlay will offer information on fitness.

Other exhibitors of interest include the Lupus Foundation of America Inc. Northwest Ohio chapter, Sleep Clinic, Women's Resource Center, Coalition for a Smoke-Free Findlay and students from the University's psychology program, School of Pharmacy and occupational therapy program.

There also will be a nutritional food court in the AMU South Multipurpose Room where all are welcome to pick up healthy recipes, watch cooking demonstrations and sample healthy food.

The first 150 people will receive free coffee drinks from George House.

For additional information, contact Karen Yingling, director of health services, at 419-434-4550.

WORTH NOTING

If you know someone who has done something "worth noting," on campus or within the community or professional realm, send the information to Brianna Patterson, public relations officer, at pattersonb@findlay.edu.

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