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Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings, Alumni! We're looking forward to seeing you back on campus for Family Weekend Sept. 22-23, and Homecoming Oct. 7-8. Family Weekend will feature a panel on "A Day in the Life of a UF Student," a Family Equestrian Festival and a performance by The Toledo Opera. Homecoming includes a golf cart parade, a 5K run, five-year reunions, a special 20th anniversary celebration for our environmental program and more.

It's been a great start to the school year. Orientation weekend began with freshman move-in day on Friday, Aug. 25, welcoming more than 800 new members of the Class of 2010.

Enjoying the weekend, shown at right is freshman Amanda Chaszar with UF staff member Kay Koch, Charlie and Vicki Schroeder, and freshman Aubrey Schroeder. On Saturday, students participated in the fifth annual New Student Orientation Service Project, providing hands-on help for more than 30 local organizations. The weekend concluded on Sunday with the traditional march through the Griffith Memorial Arch, followed by the Deans' Reception.



As always, please be sure to keep me updated by filling out the "What's New with You?" form at www.findlay.edu KEYWORD: alumni.

~~Dee Dee Spraw '93, director, Alumni & Parent Relations

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1. What's Happening on Campus?

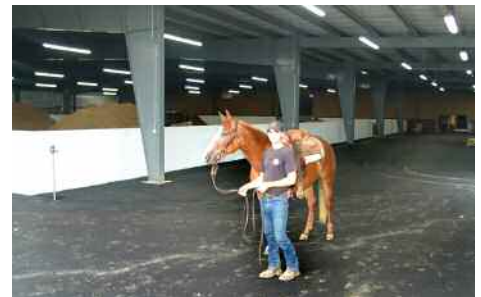
- This summer will be remembered as the year of the great faculty migration. After four months of renovations to the former Owens Community College building at 300 Davis St., the University began to occupy the 62,000-square-foot facility in mid-August. Moving into the building – and moving into the spaces left by the first wave of moves – involved 176 office moves for 170 people or about 45 percent of the total faculty. There are 600 seats for instructional purposes, 50 faculty and staff offices, and eight conference or seminar rooms in the building. The facility houses the College of Education, the new School of Pharmacy and the molecular and microbiology programs. A 10,500-square-foot laboratory space renovation will be finished in time for second-semester classes. For more information, [click here](#).



- The Dudley and Mary Marks Lea Gallery opened the fall semester with a faculty art exhibit that runs through Sept. 22. Nine full-time and adjunct faculty members are showing 24 artworks, ranging from paint and photography to stoneware and steel sculpture. Douglas Salvesson, professor of art, is shown at left with his oil on canvas, “Garden Scene.” For more information, [click here](#).

- The University of Findlay has been named as one of Princeton Review’s Best Midwestern Colleges for 2007. The University is one of 163 schools receiving the designation, which is based on anonymous student surveys. UF was noted for its learning-by-doing approach, as well as for the variety of programs available, knowledgeable faculty and small class sizes. For more information, [click here](#).

- Students are enjoying a new practice arena at the Center for Equine and Pre-Veterinary Studies on C.R. 40. A new 180’ x 180’ metal building containing 32,400 square feet connects to the east end of the existing show arena and with a walkway to a small wood stall barn to the north. The new facility provides an additional riding practice arena and 40 horse stalls. The buildings at the western farm also are being repainted in matching colors.



- The construction of the 9,951-square-foot addition to the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion is about 45 percent done and is on track for completion by the end of the year. The footings and piers, concrete floor slab, internal and external walls, exterior brick veneer, roof deck and pre-cast wall coping are finished. The Mazza Museum expects to occupy the new space in time to celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2007.

- The Concert & Lecture Series for the 2006-07 season begins on Sept. 22 with a performance by the Toledo Opera. Featured will be “Romeo et Juliette” by Charles Gounod, “Don Pasquale” by Gaetano Donizetti and “Tosca” by Giacomo Puccini. The Toledo Symphony will be in concert on Oct. 27, 2006, and Jan. 26, 2007. All performances are at 8 p.m. in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary TLB Auditorium. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for senior citizens and \$10 for students. Admission for UF students is free, but a ticket is required. Tickets are available by calling the Box Office at 419-434-5335.

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2. Academic Update

- The University of Findlay is the recipient of a \$300,000 Ohio Core grant to train 30 college graduates to be Ohio teachers in life science and integrated science. The purpose of Ohio Core is to build teacher capacity and high school learning in math, science and foreign language. UF is one of only six Ohio higher education institutions to receive a total of \$2.6 million for teacher training. Project Building Excellent Science Teachers (BEST) is an accelerated 12-month intensive training program that is conducted primarily online. Designed by The University of Findlay, the program begins Sept. 16. The University received more than 350 applications for the 30 available positions. For more details, [click here](#).



- Ten students in the physician assistant program graduated in a special ceremony, during which they received certificates of completion that will allow them to sit for the Physician Assistant National Certification Examination. Each student must pass the examination in order to practice as a physician assistant. For more information, [click here](#).



- Sixty students entering their third year of pharmacy studies, which is the first year of professional courses in the School of Pharmacy, received white lab coats during the first white coat ceremony on Aug. 25. The coats were provided by CVS Pharmacy. For more information, [click here](#).

- William Ruse, J.D., president emeritus of the Blanchard Valley Health Association, will serve as the Dana Chair/Executive-in-Residence for the 2006-07 academic year. He will help mentor the 10 Dana Scholars from the College of Business. Ruse also serves as a member of the UF Board of Trustees and is a member of the pharmacy advisory board. He received an honorary doctor of public service degree from The University of Findlay in 1997. For more details, [click here](#).



- The first Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence will be at The University of Findlay for the 2006-07 academic year. Professor Hancy Pierre, dean of humanities science faculty at the State University of Haiti in Port-au-Prince, will serve on the social work faculty at UF. He will teach classes on immigrant and refugee populations and speak to First-Year Experience classes, campus clubs and community agencies and professionals. The University of Findlay has a 10-year exchange history with Haiti. Barry Mickey, director of the social work program, has traveled to Haiti with social work students each year for the past 10 years. He also served as a Fulbright Scholar to the State University of Haiti for fall semester in 2003. For more details, [click here](#).



- Eleven representatives from The University of Findlay spent a 28-day trip to Japan as part of the fourth annual Kake Bridge Program. Eight students and three faculty members participated in the exchange between UF and Kake Educational Institution and Takahashi Educational Institution. From June 25 through July 27, the group visited the cities of Hiroshima, Tokyo, Maru and Kyoto and four Kake universities. Experiences included tea ceremonies, cultural dances, taiko drum performances and festivals, as well as touring shrines, temples, castles and historical sites. UF is hosting nine representatives from Japan as part of the Kake Ambassadors Program from Aug. 22 through Sept. 13.



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3. Alumni News & Events

- **Save the Date**
 - o Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 6-8 – “Let Your Oiler Pride Flow”
(www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Homecoming)
- **Upcoming Events**
 - o Sept. 22-23 Family Weekend
 - o Oct. 6 Environmental 20th Anniversary ERTC Open House - 3-6 p.m., Fost. Rd.
 - o Oct. 7 [Environmental 20th Anniversary Celebration Dinner](#)
6-11 p.m., Findlay Inn & Conference Center
 - o Oct. 14 American Quarter Horse Congress - UF 30th Anniversary Celebration
For information and to register: [Western Alumni Anniversary Dinner](#)
5:30 p.m., Gilligan Building
30th Anniversary Reception - 7-9 p.m, Million Dollar Stallion Avenue
 - o Nov. 11 Cincinnati Area Alumni Event
 - o Nov. TBA Pennsylvania Alumni Event
 - o Dec. 6 UF Faculty/Staff Alumni Appreciation Luncheon
 - o Dec. 9 Fall 2006 Commencement Activities
10:30 a.m. - Baccalaureate Service
11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Commencement Brunch
2 p.m. - Commencement Ceremony

- Family Weekend on Sept. 22 & 23 will start with parents attending classes on Friday, followed by a bus tour of the off-campus facilities, tour of the city, stop by Dietsch's for a treat, dinner in Henderson Dining Hall, and if parents wish, purchase tickets to attend the Toledo Opera. Saturday will begin with a continental breakfast, followed by a faculty panel presentation, then proceeding to the Family Equestrian Festival at the Child Equestrian Complex and ending the evening by attending the football game.
- The Columbus Summer Send-off party was hosted by Bob and Catherine Pritts (right) at their home on Aug. 13. UF admissions counselors Nathan Moore and Jennifer Wittstock and Dee Dee Spraw, director of alumni and parent relations, joined the Pritts in welcoming three entering freshmen from Columbus. Great food, games and prizes were enjoyed by all, and a big thanks to the Pritts for their hospitality.



- The annual ice cream social sponsored by the Alumni Board of Governors was held on July 26 prior to the opening of the SummerStock presentation of "Beauty and the Beast." More than 100 alumni, season ticket holders and friends of the University enjoyed Dietsch's ice cream and socializing with each other.
- A reunion for men's and women's soccer alumni was held Aug. 20 at the DeHaven Field. Staff from the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for the parents, current students and alumni attending.



- Do you know any outstanding alums under age 40 whose outstanding activities or achievements show even greater promise for the future? Accomplishments may pertain to career, volunteer or personal endeavors. Please let us know about these outstanding alumni for consideration to be recognized in upcoming publications. E-mail your suggestions to the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations at alumni@findlay.edu. Be sure to include the name of the nominee, a brief description of his/her accomplishments and contact information. Thanks!

- In preparation for The University of Findlay's 125th anniversary celebration in 2007, we are seeking memories from alumni. Preserve your experiences and share them with others by recording in 200 words or less a recollection of a special professor, a memorable activity or other historically interesting details about campus life. If possible, include a photo. Send your remembrances to the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations at The University of Findlay, 1000 N. Main St., Findlay, OH 45480 or e-mail alumni@findlay.edu.

- **Welcome UF newest little Oilers:**

- ***Kelly '99 & Stephanie (Dyer '96) Stevens***
Sydney Suzanne Stevens, April 12, 2006
- ***Christopher & Melinda '00 Hendricks-Jones***
Mason Julien Jones, May 2, 2006
- ***Damian '95 & Marlene (Whitt '97) Bowerman***
Aiden Nathaniel Bowerman, July 24, 2006

- **Congratulations newlyweds:**

- ***Anthony '00 & Adena Strahm***
Married Aug. 19, 2006
- ***Randy '96 & Wendy Weller***
Married Aug. 26, 2006

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4. Alumni Spotlight

- **Michael Spragg** (MBA '99) is serving his third year as the Findlay chair for the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges (OFIC) annual campaign. As the local chair, he sends letters and solicits businesses and foundations for gifts on behalf of the 35 member colleges of OFIC. Funds raised are unrestricted dollars or designated for scholarship support. Spragg is one of about 400 volunteers across Ohio who last year helped OFIC raise nearly \$3.5 million. The University of Findlay received more than \$95,000 in 2005-06 as its share from OFIC, including about \$50,000 in student scholarships. Spragg has had a 16-year career in banking and currently is district president of the northern region for Sky Bank in Findlay.



- **Dr. Katie Ann Frederick '02** has joined the veterinary staff at the Findlay Animal Hospital after earning her degree at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She first started working at the Findlay Animal Hospital when she was a sophomore at UF, walking dogs, cleaning the kennel, doing yard work, serving as receptionist and working as a technician. As a senior, she was the resident intern, living in a special apartment above the animal hospital where she was on call for night and weekend emergencies and looked after the animals staying at the hospital. A native of Findlay, Dr. Frederick continued to work at the Findlay Animal Hospital during her years at vet school when she was at home on weekends, summers and vacations.



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5. Oiler Sports



- The UF volleyball team started the season with a 7-1 record. Senior setter Kelly Byrnes broke the school record for assists in a career in the Oilers 3-2 win over California University of Pennsylvania. Byrnes totaled 4,926 career assists, which ranked her ahead of Amber Brenamen, who set the record of 4,822 assists from 1996-97. Most recently, UF lost to Hillsdale.

- The University of Findlay football team defeated the University of Charleston, 25-24, in their first game of the season. In the second game of the year, they fell 13-0 at home to defending national champion Grand Valley State University, which is ranked first in the nation. Senior defensive back Nick Notario (at right) was selected to the 2006 Consensus Draft Services NCAA Division II Preseason All-American Second Team. Junior linebacker Kevin McCann earned honorable mention All-American honors from CDS. The Oilers lost to Northwood, 29-6 at Donnell Stadium on Sept. 9.



- The women's golf team opened the season with a seventh-place finish at the Ferris State Invitational. With three players finishing in the top 10, the men's golf team placed second in the Northern Michigan University Golf Invitational on Sept. 10.
- The women's cross country team won their first event of the year, racking up 35 points to take the 5K championship at the Tiffin-Heidelberg Open. They went on to capture the team title at the Defiance College Invitational, with five runners finishing in the top seven. The men's cross country team opened the season with a fifth-place finish in the 8K at the Tiffin-Heidelberg Open and then finished fourth at Defiance.
- The men's soccer team began the 2006 season with three losses to Bellarmine University, Ohio Dominican University and Mercyhurst College. The women's soccer team opened the season with three one-goal losses. They then beat St. Joseph's before falling to the University of Missouri.
- The men's and women's tennis teams both lost their opening games to Indiana Wesleyan on Sept. 2. The women's team is 0-5 for the season so far.

For more information, see <http://www.findlay.edu>

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6. Alumni Support

- The Honorable Jo Ann Davidson has established the John R. '53 and Jo Ann (H '00) Davidson Scholarship Endowment Fund at The University of Findlay. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a Findlay High School graduate who exhibits a commitment to public and/or community service and will be awarded for the first time with the 2007-08 academic year.
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- You can help build a stronger Mazza Museum one brick at a time. Replacing the annual request for support this year, the Mazza Museum is offering the opportunity to purchase commemorative benches and bricks/pavers in three sizes. These can be engraved with your name or to honor a loved one, a child or a favorite teacher. An inviting outdoor area will be created with the commemorative bricks, pavers and benches in conjunction with the new addition. For more information, and to support this project, [click here](#).
 - On Aug. 17, 2006, President Bush signed into law the Pension Protection Act of 2006. For a limited time, you can directly roll over from your IRA(s) up to \$100,000 annually to charities such as The University of Findlay, and exclude the withdrawal from your gross income during your lifetime. For more information on the Pension Protection Act of 2006, [click here](#).

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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.
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for meaningful lives and productive careers.**
