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## Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings from your alma mater!

Congratulations and welcome from the Alumni Association to our December 2006 graduates. We hope you will remember to stay connected with us at the University. Speaking of staying connected, during January, February and March, I will be traveling to Erie, Pa.; Hillsdale, Mich.; Ft. Lauderdale, Venice, Tampa and Orlando, Fla.; Los Angeles and San Diego, Calif.; Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club in North Carolina; and Atlanta, Ga. My goal is to strengthen the bond with our alumni; to build upon our positive relationships; to increase participation and involvement with our younger alumni; and to serve as the primary communication link between the University and its alumni. If you are in the areas mentioned above, please consider joining us. The receptions will include video of your campus today and the opportunity to meet and talk with some administrative and faculty members. Did I mention PRIZES? Our office will be sending a mailing, but feel free to contact me for more information. Help me keep the "Oiler Pride" alive by staying connected. As always, please be sure to keep me updated by filling out the "What's New with You?" form at [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu), KEYWORD: Alumni.

Happy holidays to all!

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

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## 1. What's Happening on Campus?



- More than 300 students will graduate from The University of Findlay during fall commencement ceremonies at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, in the Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex, followed by the traditional Arch Ceremony at approximately 3:30 p.m. A total of 188 graduate degrees will be awarded, including 75 master of arts in education degrees; one master of arts in liberal studies degree; five master of arts in teaching English to speakers of other languages degrees; 91 master of business administration degrees; seven master of

occupational therapy degrees; and nine master of environmental, safety and health management degrees. A total of 145 undergraduate degrees will be conferred, including 26 bachelor of arts degrees, 119 bachelor of science degrees and 12 associate of arts degrees. Among the UF graduates are 55 international students, representing seven countries. Dr. Richard Anderson, chairman of the board of The Andersons Inc., will give the commencement address. Dr. DeBow Freed, president of the University, will present an honorary doctor of business degree to Richard E. White, who serves as vice chair of the UF Board of Trustees. Baccalaureate will be held in Ritz Auditorium at 10:30 p.m., and commencement brunch will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Union. To see a list of the graduates and their degrees, [click here](#).



- The Office of International Admissions and Services hosted its annual International Thanksgiving Luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 22. The luncheon gives Findlay's students from all over the world a taste of an American Thanksgiving. The office provided turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, while faculty and staff brought dishes to share. The President's Office provided beverages. In all, about 200 people attended. Contributions from faculty and staff helped cover the cost of the meal, with \$200 donated to the International Student Scholarship fund.

- The campus is awash in Christmas cheer as students participate in holiday activities, many of which benefit the less fortunate:
  - Students collected 102 new and used coats, 53 pairs of new gloves and 23 hats, along with monetary donations, as part of the community-wide annual Coats for Christmas campaign. The project was conducted by Campus Compact, Physical Therapy Organization and Alpha Sigma Phi. City Dry Cleaning & Laundry Co. cleans the coats at no cost and donated items are distributed to community members. For more information, [click here](#).
  - The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) hosted the Sixth Annual Deck the Trees on Nov. 30 in the Alumni Memorial Union. Twenty-eight student organizations decorated the trees. Tony Iriti, the mayor of Findlay; Marie Loudon-Hanes, Ph.D., dean of undergraduate education; and Brian Treece, assistant dean of students, were the judges. The trees remained on display through Dec. 7. The event, which included cookie decorating, pictures with Santa, games, prizes and caroling, was broadcast live by WLFC. The Student Government Association funded the event. For more details, [click here](#).



- The UF Hospitality Management Club sponsored a Christmas party for children from Washington, Jacobs and Lincoln elementary schools Dec. 3 in the Alumni Memorial Union. Elementary students were paired with University students to decorate cookies, make Christmas tree ornaments and visit with Santa. Each elementary student received a gift. In addition, there was a story-telling time, and UF theatre students performed a skit. Other campus organizations involved in coordinating the event included Students in Free Enterprise, Marketing Club, Campus Compact and Accounting Club. [Click here](#) for more information.



- The Office of Student Activities and Commuter Student Services co-sponsored the annual Toys for Tots drive and held a party Dec. 7, with 107.7 FM broadcasting and a representative from the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves on hand. The Office of Safety and Security and the College of Education also co-sponsored the event. Donations of cash or new, unwrapped toys may be dropped off at the Alumni Memorial Union through Dec. 15. For more details, [click here](#).
- Twenty-nine student employees of UF's recreational services donated between six and eight hours of work during November to raise \$1,300 for gifts and food to two local families. Bryan Golding, UF director of recreational services, contacted the Salvation Army to adopt two needy families, each with several children. For more details, [click here](#).

- The University of Findlay Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble joined forces to present a holiday concert on Dec. 3 in Winebrenner Theological Seminary. "Christmas in the Heartland" featured popular holiday songs such as "White Christmas," "Let It Snow" and "Little Drummer Boy." The concert was directed by Jack Taylor, professor of music. Senior pre-vet major Kristen Twedt was the featured student violin soloist. Nancy Glick, member of the music faculty, provided harp interludes, and Dr. Marie Loudon-Hanes, dean of undergraduate education, was the narrator.



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## **2. Academic Update**

- Students in the College of Business are taking part in NxLevel Training for Entrepreneurs. The program connects six area small business owners with 32 upper-level business students to develop a completed business plan. The first of its kind in the state of Ohio, the program is a product of the Small Business Development Center at Rhodes State College. Students taking part in the project are enrolled in a business research class taught by Dr. S. Chris Ward, UF assistant professor of business. During fall semester, teams of students met with the business owners, completed market research and developed ideas to improve and grow each business. Ward worked with Craig Brown, Rhodes State College SBDC counselor, to secure the necessary approvals and course materials to bring the comprehensive training to UF



business students. The Findlay•Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Small Business Advisory Council, Dr. Dan Yates, UF assistant professor of business, and Ward financed course materials. In recognition of their achievements, several students will travel to Columbus, Ohio, in the spring to present their project at the Small Business Expo.



• Dr. Marc Sweeney, UF's chair and associate professor of pharmacy practice, is part of a team that was recently awarded a \$133,619 grant to research and evaluate the role of technology as it relates to patient safety and the effectiveness of electronic prescribing of medications. The Ohio Medical Quality Foundation approved Phase III of a Patient Safety Grant to The University of Findlay, Ohio University, the Ohio Pharmacists Association and the Ohio Osteopathic Association. Sweeney is a co-principal investigator, and other UF faculty and students will participate in collecting data and analysis. The study group hopes that electronic prescribing will eliminate common problems with legibility of handwritten prescriptions, unclear faxes and phone calls to and from pharmacies receiving the prescriptions.

- A \$5,000 grant awarded by the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership to UF's Japanese program is funding an outreach program to integrate Japanese culture into the elementary curricula of rural northwest Ohio schools. On Nov. 17 and 20, 17 UF students – five studying Japanese and 12 from Japan – visited second, third and fourth-grade classes at Van Buren and McComb elementary schools. The elementary students had the opportunity to learn about the Japanese culture as part of "Connecting Japan with Hancock County, Ohio." Dr. Hiro Kawamura, UF associate professor of Japanese, helped coordinate the program.



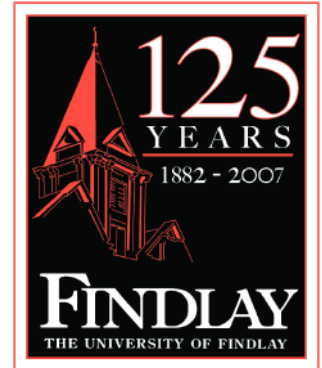
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### **3. Alumni News & Events**

- **Save the Date**
  - o Oct. 12-14 Homecoming 2007
- **Upcoming Events**
  - o Dec. 8 UF Faculty/Staff Alumni Appreciation Luncheon
  - o Dec. 9 Fall Commencement Activities
    - 10:30 a.m. Baccalaureate Service
    - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Commencement Brunch
    - 2 p.m. - Commencement Ceremony
  - o Dec. 9 Men's 100-year Basketball Celebration
  - o Jan. 4-6 Mercyhurst/Gannon Bus Trip for Men's and Women's Basketball/Alumni Reception
  - o Jan. 20 Women's Alumnae Basketball Game
  - o Jan. 20 Men's 100-year Basketball Celebration
  - o Feb. 8 Founding Day - 125th Anniversary Celebration
  - o Feb. 10 Alumni Association Board of Governors
  - o Feb. 17 Black Tie Affair - 125th Anniversary Celebration Student Dance

- o Feb. 19-23 Fort Lauderdale, Venice, Tampa and Orlando, Fla.
- o March 6 OHSAA Women's State Basketball Tournament Brunch
- o March 17 Pine Needles, N.C. - Golf, Alumni Reception
- o March 23 OHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament Brunch
- o March 31 Atlanta, Ga. - Tentative

- The University of Findlay will observe the 125th anniversary of its founding beginning with a Founding Day celebration Feb. 8, 2007, and concluding with Homecoming in October 2007. All events will be based on the theme, "Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future." Many activities will take place in the community and on campus. Findlay memorabilia will be displayed on campus and at the Hancock Historical Museum. If you wish to donate or loan items of historical interest, contact Dr. James Houdeshell '53, special assistant to the president and chair of the 125th steering committee. He can be reached at 419-434-4551 or [houdeshell@findlay.edu](mailto:houdeshell@findlay.edu). Thanks!



- The University of Findlay has contracted with Harris Connect to compile an alumni directory that will be published and available to alumni for Homecoming 2007. This is a great tool to keep in touch or find fellow Oiler alumni or even network in an unfamiliar community. Beginning in January 2007, Harris will be contacting UF alumni to get updated profile information for the directory. Please help us ensure that we have the most accurate information on you by filling out and returning the requested information.

- California, here we come!! The University of Findlay Wind Ensemble will be in California on March 4-10, 2007, when they will perform in Los Angeles and San Diego and at Disney's California Adventure Park. The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations will be hosting an alum-



ni reception as part of this trip. To help fund their travel expenses, the students in the Wind Ensemble will serve a benefit spaghetti dinner on Friday, Dec. 8, from 5-8:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the College First Church of God next to campus. Tickets are available at the door: \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, children under age 4 are free.

- Bus trips for the men's and women's basketball games at Mercyhurst College and Gannon University in Pennsylvania and Hillsdale College in Michigan are filling up now. The package includes round-trip deluxe motor coach transportation, two nights' accommodations at the Avalon Hotel, hotel taxes, luggage handling and breakfast buffet each morning. Treat yourself to an exciting trip to cheer the Oilers at these away games or give tickets as Christmas gifts to your favorite Oilers' fan. Contact the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations at 419-434-4516 or [alumni@findlay.edu](mailto:alumni@findlay.edu) for reservations.

- o **Jan. 4-6, 2007 Mercyhurst College/Gannon University, Pa.**

- \$179/person double occupancy; \$250/single occupancy;
- \$163/person triple occupancy; \$155/person quadruple occupancy
- For online reservations for Mercyhurst/Gannon, [click here](#).

- o **Feb. 3, 2007 Hillsdale College, Mich.**

- \$36/person – bus leaves Koehler Fitness Center @ 10:30 a.m.
- For online reservations for Hillsdale, [click here](#).

- This year is a very special year in Oiler men's basketball history. The 2006-07 season will mark the 100th season of the varsity sport. Former players and their families are invited to come back to UF this season and be honored at either of two home games: **Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. against Ashland University and Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007, at 3 p.m. against Northwood University.** The women's games tip off two hours prior to the men's games, and the President's VIP Room (which overlooks the floor) will be the host room for the celebration attendees. Please stop in and mingle with former players, coaches and fans before the game. Appetizers will be served and a recognition ceremony will be held at half time. Make sure that you R.S.V.P. - for tickets and a special gift for each player - to the Alumni & Parent Relations Office (419) 434-4516 or alumni@findlay.edu.



- The first UF alumnae softball game was held at Riverside Park on Saturday, Oct. 7. The current softball team defeated a very talented group of alumnae in a close game. Shown are: (first row)



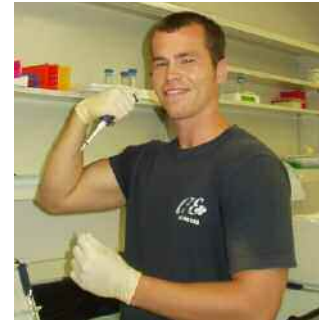
Alicia Fetter '05, Lindsey Bouza '06, Tracy Lyons '01, Jen Trumpy '02, Shay Roseman '98 and Lisa Simpson '98; (middle row) Lana Beckstedt '06, Krista Johnson '02, Michelle Bradley '00 and Cathy Linhart '88; (back row) Brooke Schroeder '03, Ashlee Donahoo '04, Katie Harlamert '06 and Stacy Sharp '03. Also participating were Cindy Mock '89, Amy Lawson '05, Holly (Sprague) Fegley '00 and Dani Lowe '06.

- Eighteen alumni basketball players took the court Saturday, Nov. 25, and played against UF's JV team. Alumni returning to play were: Bob Mitchell '02, Greg Denecker '94, Chuck Daniels '97, Chip Smith '94, Dave Warner '75, Ryan Maag '00, Jon Thorbahn '95, Randy Siefker '97, Brad Rethman '04, Drew Mihalik '01, Des Buford '90 and Matt Metzger '06. The alumni and their families then enjoyed a luncheon in the VIP room. The alumni returning were recognized during halftime of the men's varsity basketball game. The children of the alumni participating in the half time shooting contest were: Kameron and Morgan Maag, James and Ashley Mitchell, Alexis and Joshua Thorbahn, Olivia Miehl, Luke Denecker, Evan and Abby Plott, Trey Buford, Otis Smith and Gabe Denecker.
- Former FC/UF band members, mark your calendars for the weekend of June 3- July 1 when Jack Taylor, director of bands, is planning a special Alumni Concert Band weekend as part of the 125th anniversary celebration. Band members will gather on Saturday, June 30, for a full day of rehearsal, followed by dinner together. The evening will be free to socialize and explore the campus and community. On Sunday, July 1, a short rehearsal will be held in the morning, with an early afternoon concert at the beautiful Allen Dudley Band Shell at Riverside Park. The festivities will be concluded by mid-afternoon for those who have longer drives home.
- **Congratulations newlyweds:**  
Leann (Hardesty '00) & Jim Thorp  
Married Aug. 4, 2006

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## **4. Alumni Spotlight**

- **Seth Reini** '03 is in his fourth year as a doctoral student in physiology at the University of Florida, where he is studying the effects of elevated cortisol levels on fetal heart development. He has received a prestigious two-year, pre-doctoral grant from the American Heart Association to fund his research through July 2008. Cortisol is a stress hormone released by the adrenal gland, so fetuses are exposed to higher levels of cortisol when the mother is stressed. In addition, cortisol is given to mothers in labor prematurely to help develop the lungs of the fetus before delivery. It is known that exposure of fetuses to elevated levels of cortisol can increase the likelihood of them developing heart disease or an enlarged heart later in life. His research is centered on finding the mechanism(s) by which cortisol enlarges fetal sheep hearts. (The maternal adrenal is the major source of cortisol in fetal blood in late gestation for both sheep and humans.) Discovery of this mechanism could lead to finding ways of blocking the negative effects of increased cortisol levels. His research involving measurement of genes known to be important in heart growth and their responses to cortisol treatments has been published in the American Journal of Physiology – Regulatory, Integrative and Comparative Physiology, Volume 291, December 2006. He also had a scholarly abstract published and presented his results at a meeting of the Society for Gynecologic Investigation in Los Angeles in March 2005.



- **Brook Loudon Hanes** '89 and his mother, Dr. Marie Loudon-Hanes, dean of undergraduate education at UF, participated in a joint art exhibit at the Library Gallery of Owens Community College's Findlay Campus. The exhibit, "The Edge of the Sea: Shapes, Color and Images of Nature," was on display during November. A photographer with Rant and Rave Photography Studio in Findlay and a sports photographer for UF, Hanes exhibited color photographs that feature eclectic landscapes, and Dr. Loudon-Hanes displayed abstract acrylic paintings portraying the dynamics of nature, focusing on a particular scene multiple times at different times of the day or seasons.

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## 5. Oiler Sports

- The men's basketball team started off the season ranked 10th in the nation and has accumulated a 5-1 record thus far with its only loss coming at #3 Tarleton State in overtime in Stephenville, Texas. Senior forward Frank Phillips led the team by averaging 15.7 points and 5.3 rebounds per game. Phillips now has 1,214 career points, ranking 24th all-time at Findlay.



- The women's basketball team started the year with a 3-4 record under the guidance of first-year head coach Kate Cummings. Sophomore guard Brittany Wells is putting together one of the best seasons ever by a Findlay guard as she is averaging a team-high 11.7 points, a team-high 4.7 assists, 4.4 rebounds and a team-high 3.9 steals per game.

- The Roughnecks are off to a great start with three wrestlers claiming individual championships thus far. Senior Andy Uhl, a former national champion and returning all-American, won the Wisconsin Open at 133. Freshman Sean Fong won the Wisconsin Open at 149. Junior Antonio Guerra (at right), a defending national champion and returning all-American, won the Ashland Open at 157.



- The women's cross country team took 18th place while making its first appearance in the NCAA Division II national championships. Senior Emily Gauger and junior Brittney Zellner (shown left) finished 54th and 58th respectively at the events. The Oilers finished the season ranked 15th in the nation.

- The English equestrian team won its first home event of the season on Nov. 12 with a perfect score of 49. This was a first for the team.

Check out Oilers sports at the newly-redesigned Web site at <http://www.findlay.edu>

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## 6. Alumni Support

- The University's phonathon campaign, which was conducted by a group of dedicated UF students, ended its fall calling efforts on Nov. 16, 2006. Thus far, students have made contact with approximately 1,600 alumni, resulting in more than \$28,000 in gifts and pledges from more than 560 individuals. Calling efforts will resume in January 2007 and continue through April. During the campaign, students will contact alumni to update them on activities and events taking place at UF, as well as request financial support for the University's Annual Fund.



- Members of the Pre-Vet Club recently raised \$1,500 to contribute to the Steven J. Klein '95 Memorial Pre-Veterinary Scholarship Endowment Fund. The fund was established by the pre-veterinary medicine program, the Pre-Vet Club, alumni, and family and friends of Klein. The pre-vet students raised the money by working at Cedar Point amusement park during HalloWeekends. In all, the Pre-Vet Club has raised more than \$3,000 for the scholarship, with the most recent gift bringing the total in the fund to more than \$10,000 to fully endow the scholarship. The first award will be made for the 2007-08 school year. Klein always wanted to become a veterinarian. At age 14, he developed an inoperable brain tumor, which radiation treatments appeared to treat successfully. He went on to graduate from Fairmont High School in Kettering, Ohio, and earned his pre-veterinary medicine degree from UF in 1995. During his first year at Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, the symptoms returned, affecting his memory, hearing and balance, and forced him to withdraw from school. Klein, who enjoyed restoring cars, working on Web sites and wood-working, died in 2004.



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- The end of 2006 is quickly approaching. Please consider providing a gift to your alma mater this year. Your gifts help the institution successfully meet its mission of equipping our students for meaningful lives and productive careers. Does providing monthly support to The University of Findlay make more sense in your budget than a single annual gift? If so, consider signing up for the University's recurring gift program, which will debit your checking, savings, or major credit card account monthly for a specified amount. For more information on this program, contact Kendall Richardson, director of annual giving, at 800-472-9502, extension 5319.
  - Don't forget about the Pension Protection Act of 2006, which allows those individuals who are at least 70 1/2 years of age a direct rollover from their IRA to a qualified charity. For more information, please visit [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu), KEYWORD: PPA; or contact Ann Brossia at 800-472-9502, extension 4794.

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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, e-mail your name, graduation year, major and home address to [archlink@findlay.edu](mailto:archlink@findlay.edu). Please remember to add [archlink@findlay.edu](mailto:archlink@findlay.edu) to your address book/contact list.
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for meaningful lives and productive careers.**

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