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Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings UF alumni!! Spring has officially arrived according to the calendar and the campus calendar is packed with end-of-semester activities, including concerts, a theatre production, student employee recognition, International Night, Box City, job fairs, the annual Academic Awards ceremony and many others. Students are working on projects and papers, while prospective graduates are busy making final preparations and planning for their futures. Overall, the campus is full of activity and an energy that is contagious.

I want to thank those of you who have sent me letters, e-mails and/or filled out "What's New with You?" online. I have enjoyed reading all of them. Please keep updating me and staying involved with UF by visiting our website, <http://www.findlay.edu/> keyword: **alumni**, and fill out the "What's New with You?" form.

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

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1. What's Happening on Campus?

- Findlay's 38th annual International Night will be held Friday, April 7, in the Alumni Memorial Union. Members of the campus community and the public are invited to enjoy the cultural experience held from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Union. During the day, area third graders will participate in the activities from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The event will include displays and demonstrations representing 27 countries, including Canada, India, Japan, Korea, Nepal and the People's Republic of China. Admission is free.
- April is the season for concerts on campus showcasing student talent. The Concert-Chorale kicks off the schedule on April 9 with "Celebrating the 250th Birthday of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart." All performances are at 3 p.m. at Winebrenner Theological Seminary Auditorium. For tickets for any of the concerts, call the Box Office at 419-434-5335.
 - April 9 – Concert-Chorale
 - April 22 – University Singers
 - April 23 – Spring Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band Concert
 - April 30 – Spring Jazz Concert
- The theatre program will present "Shakespeare's Histories: An Original Adaption" at 8 p.m. April 28 and 29 and at 6 p.m. April 30 in the John and Hester Powell Grimm Theatre in Egner Performing Arts Center. For tickets, call the Box Office at 419-434-5335.
- Education Expo 2006 is designed to facilitate recruitment of new teachers, co-sponsored each spring by Ashland University, Bluffton University, Defiance College, Heidelberg College, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Ohio Northern University and The University of Findlay. Local school systems and systems from across the country will participate in this event held on The University of Findlay campus on Wednesday, April 5. More than 600 candidates from the above-mentioned institutions are eligible to interview with more than 200 recruiters representing 125 school districts from 15 states.
- The Office of Career Services will host two job fairs on campus.
 - Friday, April 21 – Health Professionals Job Fair
 - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex
 - Information-distributing event where students and alumni meet with potential employers.
 - Bring résumés.
 - Tuesday, April 25 – Education Job Fair
 - 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Union Multipurpose Room
 - Senior education majors and alumni will meet and interview with representatives from area school systems seeking teachers.
 - Education students and alumni must register in advance and submit an approved resume in order to participate in this event. Contact Jan Taylor at 419-434-4615 or jantaylor@findlay.edu.

- Two UF students majoring in Japanese competed at the 2006 Japanese Language Speech Contest held at The Ohio State University on March 4. Held annually for the past 10 years, the contest is designed to improve students' skills and understanding of the Japanese language and culture. Graduating senior Zach Pina earned the top award, a first for Findlay. Mario Vergas, a second-year student, won the Pronunciation and Punctuation Award.
- The University of Findlay Habitat for Humanity chapter will sponsor the annual "Box City" event from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m., Saturday, April 8. Students will have 12 hours to construct houses out of anything made of cardboard on the front lawn of Old Main. That night, the students are encouraged to sleep in their cardboard houses, regardless of weather conditions, to gain a glimpse of what it is like to live in poverty. Ten local bands will perform during the evening.

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2. Academic Update

- Students who graduated in 2005 from the University of Findlay's Master of Occupational Therapy Program achieved a 100 percent first-time passage rate on the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy certification exam. The 2005 national average was 84 percent. Overall, the program's average passage rate from 2003-05 is 95 percent, compared to the national average of 82 percent for the same period. For more information, [click here](#).
- Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. and The University of Findlay have initiated a student cooperative education program through which University chemistry majors can qualify for valuable learning experiences at one of the nation's leading manufacturing firms. Tasks will include evaluating raw materials, rubber compounds and reinforcing composites, and analyzing data to solve complex material problems. They will work with the latest laboratory instrumentation and analytical test methods while on-site at production or development facilities and laboratories. For more information, [click here](#).
- Thirteen students traveled to Atlanta, Ga., to spend spring break during March 4-8 learning about how African-American culture has influenced the culture and the economic boom in the South. The group visited the homes of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King, a number of museums, CNN studios and the Coca-Cola headquarters. According to Desmond Buford, executive director of intercultural student services, who sponsored the trip, "Atlanta is the capital of the New South. We want to expose our students to the cultural, social and historical differences that occur in different regions." For more information, [click here](#).



- The University of Findlay will be connected fiber optically later this spring to Ohio's Third Frontier Network (TFN) at one gigabit per second, thanks to a federal allocation of \$373,722 from the congressional Consolidated Appropriations Act. The network is a state-owned, 1,600-mile fiber optic network that will speed communication traffic and allow for video conferencing. UF trustee Lynn Child championed Findlay's early inclusion ahead of most private educational institutions so the University can collaborate with others over the network for homeland security training and joint simulations. For more information, [click here](#).
- Thirty-two members of The University of Findlay's chapter of Habitat for Humanity spent March 4-12 during their spring break in Valdosta, Ga. Students worked full eight-hour days helping build a house from the cement footer up. The trip was sponsored by the University's Campus Compact Center for Service and Learning. According to Crystal Jones, AmeriCorps Vista and UF Habitat adviser, the purpose of the trip is not just to build a house, but to "educate UF students about Habitat and poverty, while helping a family's dream come true." For more information, [click here](#).



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3. Alumni News & Events

- **Save the Date**
 - Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 6-8 – "Let Your Oiler Pride Flow"
- **Upcoming Events**
 - May 6 Commencement Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., AMU; tickets required
 - May 19 Ft. Wayne, Ind., alumni dinner hosted by Rev. Ben Keckler '53
 - June 2 Columbus alumni gathering at Easton Hilton – 6 to 9 p.m.
 - Aug. 6 Cleveland Summer Send-Off Party
 - Aug. 13 Columbus Summer Send-Off Party
 - Aug. 20 Cincinnati Summer Send-Off Party
- Alumni are invited during Homecoming Weekend 2006 to the 20th anniversary of The University of Findlay's Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Management Program, formerly known as Hazardous Materials Management. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. Environmental alumni are encouraged to take this one-minute survey. Please [click here](#). Activities include:

Friday, Oct. 6

- 3 – 6 p.m. Facilities open house
 - Environmental Resource Training Center (ERTC) at Renninger on campus next to Gardner Fitness Center
 - ERTC on State Route 12
 - Free barbecue and snacks at the ERTC on State Route 12

Saturday, Oct. 7

- 6 – 11 p.m. Casual anniversary dinner
 - Findlay Inn & Conference Center, 200 East Main Cross St., Findlay
 - Dinner is \$15 per person; cash bar available
 - RSVP by Aug. 25, 2006, to Diane Zeyen, 419-434-4806 or zeyen@findlay.edu.

- The NCAA DIVISION II National Wrestling Championships held March 10 and 11 drew many alumni and visitors to campus. The City of Findlay estimated the event generated \$2.1 million in local revenues for food, lodging and incidentals. The Office of Alumni & Parent Relations sponsored a hospitality room for alumni during the championships. Shown at right are some UF alums enjoying their time back on campus.



- The Eighth Annual Alumni & Friends Reception with the Ohio High School Athletic Association basketball championships was held on Friday, March 24, 2006, in Columbus at the Holiday Inn on the Lane. More than 70 alumni and friends attended. Shown on the left are the honorees: Marc Bishop '99, for being named to the NCAA Division II All-American Team in basketball; Randy Kortokrax '89, for making the NAIA Division II All-American Team for basketball; Bo Hurley '96, who received the Rawlings Player of the Year as the nation's number one player, and Dr. DeBow Freed. Robert Wortman '51, not shown, also was honored as the only person to officiate at both the Super Bowl and the NCAA Division I Final Four.



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4. Alumni Spotlight

- **Dr. Julie (Dean) McIntosh '90** recently was recognized as the Findlay High School Trojan Alum of the Week. She received her bachelor's degree from The University of Findlay and both her master's and doctoral degrees from Bowling Green State University. She has worked for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Bowling Green High School, Findlay High School, Bowling Green State University and currently is assistant professor of education at The University of Findlay. Dr. McIntosh is also a program director for the College of Education and president of the UF Alumni Board of Governors/Alumni Association. She started the Bowling Green High School and Findlay High School Dance teams, coaching them to state and national championships. Dr. McIntosh also is the adviser of the recycling club and coach of the UF cheerleaders. She lives in Findlay with her husband, Bill, and daughter, Britney.

- *Stacy Westfall '97* is the 2006 winner of the Road to the Horse colt-starting challenge held Feb. 25-26 in Murfreesboro, Tenn. The sell-out crowd erupted with cheers when they heard the results of the scoring. As the first female competitor challenging well-known cowboy clinicians, her win confirmed “women can compete differently, but on the same level as men,” said event producer Tootie Bland. The competition involves taking a previously untouched horse, training it for three hours and then displaying the results by riding through an obstacle course. Westfall cantered standing on her horse’s back!

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5. Oiler Sports

- Forty-one student-athletes were named to the GLIAC All-Academic Team for the winter season. To qualify, student-athletes must have a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.0 and must not be a first-year student or first-year transfer student. Student-athletes also must be a starter or have played in the designated percentage of games or events. The Oilers had the most representatives of any school in women’s basketball (8) and tied for the most in women’s indoor track and field (16).
- The men’s basketball team won the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) South Division title for the fifth straight year, but were defeated in the first round of the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament 74-67 by Quincy University. Head Coach Ron Niekamp was named 2006 GLIAC Coach of the Year, the third time he has captured the award. Dustin Pfeifer and Frank Phillips were named First Team All-GLIAC. Dorian Bass was named Second Team All-GLIAC.
- Dustin Pfeifer capped a stellar career at Findlay. He was the first Findlay men’s basketball player to be named a National Association of Basketball Coaches NCAA Division II All-American, to be selected to play in the NCAA Division II East/West All-Star Game and to be named the 2006 GLIAC Player of the Year. Among many other honors, he is the first player in GLIAC history to be named to the GLIAC all-tournament team four years in a row. He holds school records for the following:
 - Games played – 127
 - Career assists – 561
 - Assists in a season – 171 (2004-05)
 - Career assists average per game – 4.4
 - Assists average per game in a season – 5.3 (2005-06)
 - Most three-point field goals made in a game – 9; vs. Hillsdale, 2/28/06
- The NCAA National Wrestling Tournament was held March 10-11 at The University of Findlay, with the Roughnecks finishing in eighth place. Antonio Guerra won the 149-pound weight bracket to claim his first national championship. At each of the past five consecutive NCAA Division II championships Findlay has had a wrestler take first place. Returning national champion Andy Uhl finished second in the 133-pound weight class. Clint Salisbury finished fourth in the 184-pound weight bracket, while Craig Fechko finished seventh in the 125-pound weight class. All four were named All-Americans.

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

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6. Alumni Support

- *Marian Lowe '97* has always charted her own course — she graduated from high school a year early, became a resident assistant at The University of Findlay as a 19-year-old sophomore and led the charge to become the first student representative on the UF Board of Trustees. And now, as a young alumna of the University, she continues to chart her own course through her financial support. In March 2006, Marian committed \$7,500 to the University's annual fund over the next four fiscal years. Her gift will go to support the general operating expenses of the University, ranging from chemistry equipment and research materials to financial aid and faculty development support.
- Alumni giving has surpassed the totals from each of the previous four fiscal years. Through February 2006, alumni have given \$187,449 in financial support to the University—a 79 percent increase from February of last year. Additionally, the number of alumni providing gifts also has surpassed the totals from each of the previous four fiscal years. Through February of 2006, 1,147 alumni have made a gift — a 22 percent increase from last year. The UF fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30.

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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 photos 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 to them.
 - If you received *ArchLink* from another alum and would like to sign up for it, please e-mail your name, graduation year, major and home address to archlink@findlay.edu. Please remember to include archlink@findlay.edu in your address book/contact list.
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