

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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## STUDENTS, ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVE AWARDS

The Office of Student Activities and Commuter Student Services hosted “A Night Among the Stars” April 21 to honor student organizations and those involved in them.

Students who received awards include junior Lisa Hughes, senior Danielle Matson, junior Samantha Rigby, senior David Springer and freshman Barrett “Bear” Brooks. Both Almar T. Walter, adviser to the Black Student Union, and Nabarun Ghose, D.B.A., adviser to the Indian Student Association, received a Student Organization Outstanding Adviser of the Year Award.

The Black Student Union received Model Social Student Organization Program of the Year for organizing Black Tie Affair. The Indian Student Association received Model Educational Student Organization Program of the Year for hosting Diwali Festival of Lights.

Keynote speaker was Brian Robertson of Findlay, who talked about his life experiences.



Rachel Walter, assistant director of housing and residence life, congratulates Barrett “Bear” Brooks as he receives the Rising Star Award.

## FACULTY AND STAFF RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE AT UF

The University of Findlay’s Office of Human Resources honored faculty and staff for their years of service at an employee recognition dinner Friday, April 25.

### 40 years of service:

Sharon G. Milligan, director and associate professor of physical education



Nondace Campbell, recognized for 35 years of service to UF, receives a gift from Dr. Freed.

### 35 years of service:

Nondace N. Campbell, director of the reading center

### 30 years of service:

Cynthia A. Morehead, instructor of riding, western program

### 25 years of service:

Mary Jo Geise, associate professor of computer science

Jennifer J. Richards, acquisitions assistant, Shafer Library

### 20 years of service:

Marc M. Arce, head coach of men’s and women’s track and field and cross country and instructor of physical education

Michael C. Reed, professor of TESOL/Bilingual education

John M. Scott, Allen Correctional Institution on-site coordinator

Anthony J. Wilgus, associate professor of social work

### 15 years of service:

Natalie M. Abell, professor, College of Education

Melissa A. Cain, professor, College of Education

Charles Ernst, assistant men’s basketball coach and coordinator of marketing and promotions

Geraldine Finn, assistant professor of interdisciplinary studies

Vicky L. Francis, accounts payable manager, business office

G. Kathleen Grant, associate professor of sociology

Jeffrey A. Jenson, assistant professor of chemistry

C. Michael Kerns, director of veterinary services and professor of animal science

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# BUFORD INTERCULTURAL STUDENT SERVICES CENTER UNVEILED ON NORTH CORY STREET

Friends and family of the late Desmond (Des) Buford '90, director of intercultural student services until his death last year, gathered in front of 1222 N. Cory St. on a sunny afternoon April 22 to dedicate the newly established Buford Intercultural Student Services Center.

Almar Walter '05, director of intercultural student services, welcomed the crowd and talked about Buford's dream of a place like the new center, noting that thousands of students have benefited and many more will benefit from his vision.

Barb Buford '90, Des' wife, said that she and their children, Trey and Aubrey, were honored to be part of the events. "Des enjoyed every minute of his time here," she said. "It was important to him that students have a place to go

where they are comfortable."

And students will be comfortable at the new center, which is equipped with tables, chairs, meeting areas, a kitchen and the intercultural students services offices.

Staff member Penny Gerdeman, senior and president of Black Student Union David Springer and staff member Dave Emsweller shared thoughts, as well. Emsweller noted Des' last "quote of the month," which still appears on a dry erase board and is now located in the new center: "For those who have seen the earth from space, and for the hundred and perhaps thousands more



*Barb Buford, wife of the late Desmond Buford, unveils the new sign in front of 1222 N. Cory St.*

who will, the experience most certainly changes your perspective. The things that we share in our world are far more valuable than those which divide us!"

## UF WELCOMES NEW AMERICAN CITIZENS APRIL 21



Mahmoud Rawashdeh, Ph.D., assistant professor of mathematics, was one of 37 individuals to be naturalized as an American citizen during a ceremony April 21 in the Koehler Complex. Rawashdeh, formerly of Jordan, is pictured at left with his wife, Nazek Obeidat.

The ceremony was organized by the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, with the Honorable Jack Zouhary, United States District Judge, presiding.

UF senior Juan Ortiz opened and adjourned the court. UF senior Danielle Matson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## FACULTY AND STAFF RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE, CONT.

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Marie A. Loudon-Hanes, dean of undergraduate education

Barry I. Mickey, professor of social work and director of the social work program (Retired)

**10 years of service:**

Radell E. Brougner, accounts receivable manager

Martin Carrigan, director of business administration and associate professor of law and business

Paul Chwialkowski, associate professor of social science, criminal justice and public administration

Nicole Diederich, associate professor of English and Writing Center director

Rahman H. Dyer, associate professor, College of Education, and director of educational administration programs

Michael Edelbrock, associate professor of biology and environmental, safety and health management

Linda R. Fielder, housekeeping  
Georgia McStraw, administrative assistant for field experience, College of Education (Retired)

Shawn M. Nelson, head wrestling coach

Katha J. Pancake, director of development services

Rebecca Quintus, information services librarian, director of the Honors Program

Heather L. Riffle, assistant to the dean of graduate and professional studies  
Louis Stulman, chair of the department of religious studies and philosophy and professor of religion

Thomas Tussing, night watch officer, Child Equestrian Complex

Judith P. Wahrman, associate professor, College of Education, and director of graduate outreach and partnership

# UF STUDENTS DISPLAY RESEARCH

The University of Findlay was represented in Columbus, Ohio, April 17 during Posters at the Capitol: Undergraduate Research in Northwest Ohio.

Seven UF students submitted applications to display posters at the capitol, and all were accepted: Christine Bentley, Jade Braman, Laura Waite, Emory Winship, Jenna Lemle, Caitlyn Yoder and Kimberly Lust. Topics ranged from personal finance to DNA and cancer to geckos.

Faculty supervisors were John A. Malacos, Ph.D., Michael Edelbrock, Ph.D., and Terry Schwaner, Ph.D.

On display were 30 posters prepared by 38 students from four universities.



Jade Braman and Laura Waite present research at Posters at the Capitol in Columbus, Ohio.



Roving artists Ryan and Matt of Campus Chaos out of Boston, Mass., entertain students outside the AMU while they wait to make a funky wax hand or cool off with a free snow cone.



Students David Springer, Stephen Reichley, Austin Slayter and Evan Wright take a break from the pressures of final exams and enjoy some cookies provided by Dr. Freed (center).



Post-secondary student Zach Ickes (right) battles another student during the Technology and Gaming Club's Rock Band and Guitar Hero 3 tournament April 25.



A student listens as a representative at the UF Health Fair April 24 demonstrates the effects of tobacco on a human lung.



Several students and faculty recently attended the MBAA International Conference: L to R (back row): Deng Runqiu, Dharia Jigisha, Parikh Aanal, Jannu Smruthi, Valleru Dinesh; L to R (front row): professors Shiv K Gupta, D.B.A., and Maria Gamba.

## YINGLING RETIRES, DAUGHTER STEPS INTO POSITION

For 30 years, Karen Yingling, director of University health services, was a “mom away from home” for sick kids at The University of Findlay. On April 18, she retired, though she plans to help out part-time at the Cosiano Health Center.

But now when students arrive at the center to find out what ails them, they find another Yingling ready to take care of them: Karen’s daughter, Julie Twining, a 1988 UF grad with 12 years of experience at the clinic.

Twining will carry on a tradition of caring for Findlay students that began in April 1978.

“As the University has grown, I think we’ve grown with it,” raising the

standard of care provided, including the addition of womankind services and in 2004, adding free services for faculty, staff and their families, which has raised the average number of daily visits to 40 to 60 per day, said Yingling.

“Just getting to know the kids, enjoying their youth, it’s wonderful,” she said, adding, “You have to keep a sense of humor.”

Yingling said she has enjoyed working in the positive atmosphere of the health center, making a difference in the lives of people on campus. “I’ve got the best crew of nurses and secretary that I could ever ask for,” she said.

And luckily, the University won’t lose all those years of knowledge and



*Karen Yingling (center) and her daughter, Julie Twining (right), check out a patient at the Cosiano Health Center.*

experience. Yingling said she will work three to six hours per week as needed. “I’ve learned so much in 30 years. I’d like to be of value — but just part-time.”

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## AVALANCHE CONNECTS STUDENTS, MEMBERSHIP AT 150

In 2005, when the Avalanche ministry, which hosts Crossfire, began on The University of Findlay campus, the group operated two Bible studies composed of five people each.

Now, almost three years later, Avalanche has blossomed into 13 to 15 small groups with more than 150 active members.

According to faculty adviser Marc Sweeney, Pharm.D., Avalanche is the parent ministry under which Crossfire operates. Participants in Crossfire hold small group Bible studies and meet the first Saturday of every month. These monthly meetings feature activities that vary from month to month, including worship, speakers and testimonies.

“The monthly meetings are intended to pull all the groups together under one roof,” Sweeney said.

Each of the Bible study groups are made up of several students and are diverse in their makeup. Among others, there are women’s groups, men’s groups, and at one point there was even a group

taught in the Chinese language.

“It’s really grown a lot in the past year,” said Emily Rice, current president of Avalanche. “Anyone can come.”

The group welcomes anyone who wants to come and learn about God, regardless of his or her religious denomination. This includes members of the community, graduated students and students from other universities.

“No one is turned away,” said Rice.

A large part of Avalanche’s effort is to get people involved in the small-group Bible studies. They believe it is these experiences that really help people connect with God and each other.

“The relationships are more genuine in small groups,” said Rice. “You make true friends there. The relationships are just awesome.”

Sweeney agrees.

“There are multiple opportunities to pursue a relationship with God and each other. This is the venue to build those relationships,” he said.

Another part of Avalanche’s mission

is to connect students with local churches and to do outreach work. They have links to several churches in the area and participate in many community activities. For example, they helped organize God Night this year on campus April 25 in Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

Rice feels participation in the Bible studies and monthly meetings goes beyond having a good time and learning about her faith.

“Seeing people come to Christ is very rewarding,” she said. “It’s such a turning point; it’s a whole new life.”

Students interested in joining Avalanche or one of Crossfire’s Bible studies should contact Sweeney at [sweeney@findlay.edu](mailto:sweeney@findlay.edu) or Rice at [emilyrice1@gmail.com](mailto:emilyrice1@gmail.com). There is also a Facebook group titled “Avalanche Ministries” that contains more information about the group and contact information for other members and officers.

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