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Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings alumni,

And welcome to more than 780 recent graduates who celebrated their pursuit of academic excellence in May. The University of Findlay is the place that opened the door of opportunities for you and has prepared you to embark on a new and exciting journey beyond The University of Findlay. Congratulations, and welcome

into the Alumni Association!



Kendra Agee of Shaker Heights, Ohio, and other graduates were welcomed to the Alumni Association with a gift card to an alumni event and a lapel pin.

June is a busy month of activities in the alumni office. The response for our June events – Columbus golf outing, the Fort Wayne alumni dinner, Cedar Point and the Cleveland Indians vs. Cincinnati Reds ballgame – has been outstanding. The alumni participation rate, whether it be attending events or giving, for this past academic year has greatly increased. You really do make a difference. THANK YOU for taking this role seriously and for responding when we call, write or e-mail. As always, keep me updated by filling out the “What’s New with You?” form at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Whats new.

With Oiler Pride!

~~Dee Dee Spraw '00, M '07, director, Alumni & Parent Relations

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1. What's Happening on Campus?

- **The SummerStock 2008 season will open with “Hank Williams: Lost Highway” at 8 p.m. June 25.** The show will run at 8 p.m. through June 27 and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, June 28, as well as at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 29. The musical is a biography of the legendary singer-songwriter known as one of the great innovators of American popular music. The play follows Williams’ rise from his beginnings on the Louisiana Hayride to his triumphs on the Grand Ole Opry to his eventual self-destruction at 29. Songs include, among others, “I’m So Lonesome I Could Cry,” “Move It on Over” and “Hey, Good Lookin’.” Other SummerStock productions include “A Year with Frog and Toad,” which runs July 16-20, and “Tuesdays with Morrie,” which runs July 23-27.

- **A young Japanese maple tree, identified on a plaque as “The Giving Tree,” was planted May 14** between the Alumni Memorial Union and Old Main in honor of Kohei Suzuki, chairman of the Japanese-based company G.S. Eleteck Inc., the parent corporation of G.S.W. Manufacturing Inc. in Findlay. Since 1993, Fumiko Harada, Ph.D., professor of Japanese and special assistant to the president, has arranged educational visits to Japan for local educators and community leaders. When Harada proposed her idea to local companies in the early 1990s and asked for financial support, Chairman Suzuki offered to personally fund the trips and continued to be the primary supporter for the project for 11 years. As other Japanese-owned companies in the area became financially stable, they also contributed funds. Harada, who is retiring this year, organized the tree planting ceremony because she and those who benefited from Suzuki’s generosity wanted to express their gratitude to him for making their experiences in Japan possible.



Kohei Suzuki's son, George, turned a shovelful of dirt at the planting of a Japanese maple in his father's honor.



The first incoming freshmen signed up for classes in May.

- **New Student Registration days started May 12 and 22 with more than 300 new students registering for fall classes.** Remaining New Student Registration days are June 11, June 20 and Aug. 21. In addition to registering for classes and meeting faculty, students learn how to access their student information through the UF Web site and how to manage and use the OilerOne identification card. They also have the opportunity to speak with representatives from a variety of areas on campus, including the Honors Program, music groups, Student Government Association and others. Parents attend sessions to learn more about UF, billing procedures and what to expect during their student’s first year at college.
- **The Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership Conference (HOBY), which is celebrating its 50th year, began the summer camp season on campus May 15.** The group aims to provide lifelong leadership development opportunities that empower individuals to achieve their highest potential. Other groups arriving on campus for summer camps in June include baseball, basketball, hockey and football players, as well as both western and English equestrian riders. A total of 15 camps will be held during June, and 17 will be held in July.



The annual HOBY conference in mid-May kicked off UF's summer camp season.

2. Academic Update

- **The University of Findlay recently elected to name Irma Asencio Hanson, Ph.D.; Fumiko Kamiya Harada, Ph.D.; Dwight Moody, Ed.D.; and David C. Wallach, in memoriam, professors emeriti.** Hanson, Harada and Moody retired in spring 2008. Wallach died in April 2008 and would have retired in May. To read more about each honoree, [click here](#).
- **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
 - **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 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 workTo read the list of faculty and staff members who were recognized for 15 and 10 years of service, [click here](#).



Nondace Campbell, director of the reading center, is congratulated on 35 years of service by President DeBow Freed.



Jenna Encheff (right), assistant professor of physical therapy, and students engage in research measuring muscle firing patterns and activity.

- **The University of Findlay recently received accreditation approval from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) to offer a doctor of physical therapy (DPT) beginning in the fall.** The DPT is the second doctoral program offered at the University. A doctor of pharmacy was the first doctoral degree, with the initial students of the six-year program graduating in 2010. UF offers both traditional and weekend physical therapy programs. The traditional program is a 3+3 program, with three years of prerequisite courses prior to entering the physical therapy program and three years in the professional program. Students receive a bachelor of science degree after the fourth year and a doctor of physical therapy degree after the sixth year. The weekend physical therapy program, designed for physical therapists who want to earn a doctoral degree in physical therapy, can be completed in under three years.
- **The University of Findlay recently selected the first recipients of the Des Buford Study Abroad Fund.** Four students will receive funds to help pay for a portion of their trips to study abroad. The College of Business, in collaboration with the Office of Intercultural Student Services, selected the following recipients:
 - Elizabeth Blosser of North Olmsted, Ohio, who will travel to India

- Devin Games of Hillsdale, Mich., who will travel to India
- Carla Groves of Willard, Ohio, who will travel to Japan
- Kristen Johnson of Alto, Mich., who will travel to Mexico

Prior to departure, each student will be given half of the total monetary award. Upon return, each student is required to give at least two presentations with the goal of educating others on what they learned. The remaining half of the award will be distributed when the presentations are completed. The fund was established in honor of the late Desmond Buford '90, former director of intercultural student services, who died in 2007. To read more, [click here](#).

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3. Alumni News & Events

- **Save the Date**

- **Sept. 19-21** **Homecoming 2008 (Please note date change)**
- **Sept. 26-28** **Family Weekend**

- **Upcoming Events**

- **June 9, 2008** *Please join us if you are in the area:*
Columbus, Ohio, golf outing;
York Golf Club, 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- **June 13, 2008** Alumni Reception;
Fort Wayne, Ind.
- **June 21, 2008** UF Day at Cedar Point; Sandusky, Ohio.
- **June 28, 2008** UF Alumni event – Cleveland Indians vs.
Cincinnati Reds; Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.;
bus leaves Findlay at 2:30 p.m.

- **To register for any of the events listed above**, call the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations at 419-434-4516 or register online at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni, and click on the event you want to attend.
- **The second annual golf scramble will be held Monday, June 9, at the York Golf Club** at 7459 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio. The event begins with lunch at 11:30 am., followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. and concludes with a steak dinner at 6 p.m. The cost of \$80 covers 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch and the awards banquet, plus beverage cart, driving range and door prizes. Spouses or guests are welcome to attend the dinner for \$10. There's still time to register, call 419-434-4516 or go online at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni.
- **The University of Findlay Office of Alumni & Parent Relations and Owens Community College, in partnership with EF College Study Tours, are organizing an exciting 11-day visit to Japan for May 18-29, 2009**, when classes are not in session. The trip is open to all UF students, faculty, staff and alumni. During this journey the group will visit, among other cities, the modern capital of Tokyo, the ancient capital of Kyoto with its many shrines and beautiful gardens, and the modern cities of Osaka and Hiroshima. The estimated cost for this trip, which can be paid in monthly installments, is approximately \$3,000. Program fee includes: round-trip airfare, nine overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms, breakfast and dinner daily, full-time bilingual tour director and transportation on Japan's famed bullet train. Guests of The University of Findlay and Owens students and employees also are wel-

come. Don't miss out on this truly wonderful opportunity to experience a unique land and culture for a very affordable price. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Dee Dee Spraw, director of alumni and parent relations, at (419) 434-4589 or via e-mail at spraw@findlay.edu.

- **Congratulations Newlyweds:**

- *Allen '99 and Kendra Winemiller – May 25, 2008*

- **Welcome UF Newest Little Oilers:**

- *Joseph '02 & Desiree (Grappy '02) Ciraldo
Baby girl – Jude Alexis, born Jan. 14, 2008*
- *Marc '99 & Erika (Stemmer '02) Bishop
Baby boy – Cole William, born March 14, 2008*
- *Dr. Craig '97 & Mary Ellen (current UF student) Cramer
Baby boy – Caleb Dane, born March 24, 2008*
- *Christina (Taylor '94) & Patrick Florence
Baby boy – Cooper Edward, born April 14, 2008*
- *Mark '96 & Debby Barnes
Baby girl – Lynneah Kay, born April 15, 2008*
- *Dean '94 & Susan Corwin
Baby boy – Gavin Patrick, born May 19, 2008*

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4. Alumni Spotlight

- **Neil Rampe '00** spends his time working with professional athletes, helping them to stay in top shape for the grueling physical demands of playing major-league baseball. In February of this year, Rampe joined the medical staff of the Arizona Diamondbacks baseball team to serve as a manual therapist. "I'm doing a lot of traveling, and I'm getting an opportunity to work with some of the world's best athletes," he noted. He is responsible for soft tissue work and massage, as well as corrective exercise and movement integration that reprograms athletes to use different movements to get them out of an injury-prone state, he said. The position, Rampe added, was created expressly for him. Previously, he served since 2003 as associate director of performance enhancement for the University of Arizona in Tucson, where the Diamondbacks hold their spring training. He became acquainted with the Diamondbacks' medical staff through collaborative projects, such as consulting on problematic conditions of athletes and arranging internships for UA students.



Neil Rampe enjoys keeping Arizona Diamondbacks athletes in top shape. Photo courtesy of Jon Willey, Diamondbacks team photographer and imaging services manager.

To achieve this position took years of preparation. A native of Kalida, Ohio, Rampe knew since he was young that he wanted to translate his interest in sports and fitness into a way to make a living. He chose to go to The University of Findlay because Findlay offered both athletic training and strength and conditioning majors, and he was able to play soccer. "So, Findlay was a really good fit for me," he commented. After graduating from The University of Findlay with a degree in strength and conditioning in 2000, Rampe enrolled in graduate school at San Diego State University to study kinesiology. A year later, **Cal Dietz '97**, who served as Findlay's strength and conditioning coach during Rampe's senior year, advanced to head Olympic strength and conditioning coach at the University of Minnesota. He recruited Rampe to Minnesota, where he completed his master's degree in applied kinesiology, with a sport exercise science emphasis, in 2002. Kinesiology is the study of muscles and movement, which Rampe said is a complementary field to strength and conditioning. In yet another quirk of fate, one of the Minnesota training staff took a job at the University of Arizona and hired Rampe to work with baseball, volleyball and men's basketball players. While in Tucson, he earned a massage therapy license, which was an important additional piece to his professional portfolio. Rampe is seeing years of education, training and hard work pay off. "It's really good to be able to travel and work, and basically, your hobby is your career," he stated.

- **Terry Terhark '06** is a visionary, an entrepreneur and an ambitious, values-driven CEO. His company, called The Right Thing Inc., is named for his personal philosophy. "If you do the right things, good things will happen," he insists. And indeed, good things have happened. Terhark founded The Right Thing in 2003 as a recruitment process outsourcing company. His client list includes companies such as Kellogg, Johnson & Johnson, Northwest Airlines, Harvard University, Wal-Mart, CBS and Pepsi. "We work with some of the world's best and brightest organizations, and we help them find great people to bring into their organizations," he said. Terhark was the featured alumni keynote speaker for the College of Business at The University of Findlay's Symposium on Scholarship and Creativity on April 15, where he outlined the company's phenomenal success. In five years, the company has grown to more than 500 full-time and part-time employees. It operates out of a 45,000-square-foot building, located at 3401 Technology Drive in the northwest corner of Findlay. A new building is being constructed that will double the company's office space. Terhark predicted that The Right Thing will grow to 800 or 900 people by the end of 2008. "I firmly believe that if you take care of your employees, they will take care of everything else," he says. Although a high level of dedication is expected of employees of the company, they share half of all the profits and full-time employees pay only \$10 per month for their entire benefits package for themselves and their families. In addition, employees chose where to have the company annual meeting and Christmas party. Last December, more than 600 employees and their spouses enjoyed an expenses-paid weekend trip to Las Vegas. The company has a flat management structure, with Terhark sitting in a cube just like everyone else, instead of in an executive office. "A flat structure has allowed our company to evolve leaders," he said. He also is proud that 98 percent of his employees have college degrees, including himself. Terhark, who founded a human resources outsourcing company, Selective Staffing Inc., in 1990 and sold it to AON Consulting in 1998, was already a successful businessman when he decided he wanted to earn a bachelor's degree in business management. "For me, it was about attaining something that I had always equated with success. I worked hard to receive my degree, and I'm very, very proud of it today," he said. The Right Thing is expanding its operations to several cities across the United



Terry Terhark presented for the College of Business at the UF Symposium on Scholarship and Creativity

States and is anticipating opening centers in Europe and the Asia Pacific Rim. “Our customers, who are the best of the best, and the biggest of the biggest, operate all over the world. If we are truly going to impact these companies by bringing talent to their organizations, we have to do that from a global perspective,” he said. Terhark doesn’t have a problem recruiting talent for his own growing business. “I also believe that great people are attracted to great companies,” he said. “We treat our people very well, and people want to come to work for us.”

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5. Oiler Sports

- Senior **Kirby Blackley** was named the NCAA Division II Female Track Athlete of the Year according to the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA). At the 2008 NCAA Division II National Championship Blackley captured two



Kirby Blackley

national titles, winning the long jump with a school record-breaking mark of 20’01.75 and then capturing first place in the 100-meter hurdles with a school record-breaking time of 13.29. Her time in the hurdles was the sixth fastest in NCAA Division II. Blackley’s two championships were the first for a female at UF since moving into the NCAA ranks. At nationals, **Pam Bullock** placed eighth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.79 to earn all-American honors. Blackley and Bullock joined **Stephanie Charnigo** and **Lindsey Schitmeyer** in the 1,600-meter relay, finishing ninth with a time of 3:46.51. The outstanding performance of the Oilers women’s team led to its highest finish ever (14th). Competing for the men’s team, James Eric took ninth in the hammer throw after a heave of 180’02 and Carleton McGrady was 10th in the shot put with a school record toss of 54’05.50.

- **Kirby Blackley, two-time NCAA national champion, has been nominated as a candidate for the 2007-2008 Division II Athlete of the Year representing track and field by the Board of The Collegiate Women Sports Awards.** In recognition of the nomination, American Honda Motor Co., Inc. will donate \$1,000 to the women’s athletic fund of the University. The ballot listing all (11 total) sport winners to determine the Division II Athlete of the Year will be broadcast to all Division II NCAA-member schools on June 3, with the results of the final vote tabulation by June 6. The presentation of this award will be made at a press conference June 23 at Columbia University, New York City. American Honda Motor Co. Inc. will donate \$5,000 to the school of the Division II Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year recipient.

- **The University of Findlay Western equestrian team placed second at the 2008 Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) National Championship with 26 points**, one short of The Ohio State University, which won the title with 27 points. Katie Morehead earned National American Quarter Horse Association Western High Point Rider honors with her score of 141.5 combined with her score in the Rail phase. This is the fourth year UF has ridden away with the honor as previous winners include: Jake Bowman (2005), Travis Womer (2006) and Trevor Dare (2007).

Katie Morehead with her mother and UF western team coach, Cindy Morehead.





Senior Eric Atsma

- **The University of Findlay English equestrian team finished tied for second at the 2008 Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) National Championship with 18 points.** The Oilers tied Skidmore College and finished as the runner-up to the University of Kentucky who scored 21 points during the championship event.

- **Postseason awards for the Oilers men's golf team** included: Joe McGeean was named GLIAC Freshman of the Year and senior Eric Atsma was named first team all-GLIAC for the fourth year. Coach Al Baker was voted Coach of the Year for the conference, the second time he has won the honor, with the first in 2001-02.

- Check out Oilers sports at <http://www.findlay.edu>.

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6. Alumni Support

- **Why is supporting your alma mater so important?** As the end of the fiscal year approaches (June 30), you should know that The University of Findlay is thankful for your annual financial gifts. We appreciate that you partner with us to provide an outstanding education to thousands of young men and women. If you haven't yet provided a gift, we encourage you to do so by June 30. Providing an annual gift benefits the University in many ways. First, your gift helps the University secure larger gifts from foundations and corporations. When evaluating proposals, these granting entities take into account an institution's alumni giving percentage (the percentage of alumni who provide a financial gift each year). Second, U.S. News & World Report also analyzes an institution's alumni giving percentage as a part of its annual college rankings (so the higher your alumni giving percentage, the higher ranking your alma mater's scores). So, what does this mean? **It means that your gift—whether \$100, \$500 or \$1,000—sends a strong message to outside constituents that those who know the institution the best—its alumni—wholeheartedly believe in its mission and its work.** So, if you haven't yet provided a gift this year, please visit www.findlay.edu and click on "Give to Findlay" to make your gift today. Thank you for your support!
- **Act now! Take advantage of higher gift annuity payout rates.** Effective July 1, 2008, the suggested rates from the American Council on Gift Annuities will decrease because of current economic conditions. Therefore, if you are considering making this type of charitable gift, you can receive higher payments if you complete your gift prior to July 1. Charitable gift annuities are gifts made to charitable organizations and are created by a simple contract between you and The University of Findlay. Charitable gift annuities can usually be completed in a couple of days. For more information on how to make a gift to the University through your estate, please visit www.findlay.edu, Keyword: Planned giving. Or if you prefer, please contact Ann Brossia at 419-434-4794 or brossia@findlay.edu.
- **Members of the class of 1958 — celebrating their 50-year reunion — and members of the class of 2008 are joining together to establish the University Archives as a class project.** Located in Shafer Library, the University Archives will provide the University a repository for past and present documents and artifacts. The Archives will be dedicated during Homecoming this September. This is a much-needed University project, and we seek additional financial help

to complete the initial phase. Contact Karen Fulks, Stout Alumni House, 419-434-5687, regarding gifts to the University Archives.

- **The University's annual Applause! recognition reception will be held on Friday evening, Oct. 10, 2008.** This event recognizes those who have made significant contributions of time and resources to The University of Findlay and says "thank you." Individuals who have contributed \$1,000 or more in cash to the University during the preceding fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2008, will receive invitations to this special and fun event. Plan your giving and mark your calendars to be sure you don't miss the Applause! recognition reception.

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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...

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