

730 to Graduate at May 2 Commencement

More than 730 students will graduate from The University of Findlay during spring commencement ceremonies at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2, in the Koehler Complex on campus.

More than 300 graduate degrees will be awarded, and more than 380 undergraduate degrees will be awarded, including approximately 60 bachelor of arts degrees and approximately 320 bachelor of science degrees.

More than 40 associate of arts degrees will be conferred.

Among the UF graduates are more than 100 international students who will receive master's degrees and eight international students who will receive bach-

elor's degrees. Those students represent the countries of India, China, Taiwan, Nepal, Japan, Burma, Ghana, Thailand and Korea.

Dr. James D. Houdeshell, professor emeritus of The University of Findlay, will give the commencement address.

Dr. Kathleen Crates will receive an honorary doctor of education degree. She is a trustee emeritus and director of student services for the Findlay City School System.

The University's traditional Arch Ceremony will immediately follow



J.J. Bilimek and Erica Keene get a preview of what graduation day will be like during a recent photo shoot.

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commencement at approximately 3:30 p.m. at the Griffith Memorial Arch in front of Old Main.

Western Equestrian Team Brings IHSA Championship Home

The University of Findlay western equestrian team won the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Western Championship with a come-from-behind win in Murfreesboro, Tenn., on Sunday, April 26. The Oilers accumulated 25 points, topping The Ohio State University and Oregon State University, both with 21.

When the team returned to campus, a crowd of more than 120 supporters greeted them with a welcome ceremony as the bus pulled up in front of Croy Gymnasium.

"We went to Murfreesboro to make a statement," said coach

Cindy Morehead, pointing out that 11 out of a possible 12 team members qualified, compared to the next competitor, with just five qualifiers. The team came home with not only the national western championship, but also four individual championships: Spencer Zimmerman, in Intermediate Western Horsemanship; Heather Allenby, in Novice Western



The championship team poses for a photo after winning the national title.

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Western Equestrian Team Wins Nationals

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Horsemanship; Kimberly Deane, in Advanced Western Horsemanship; and Katie Morehead, in Open Western Horsemanship.

The team was behind Ohio State going into the final day of competition, but kept fighting, with Morehead's win putting Findlay ahead for the championship. "You never gave up, and that's what makes the difference between a winning and a losing team," the coach said.

Team member Mark Kucko addressed the crowd, explaining that coach Jake Bowman – the national high point rider from UF in 2005 – has told the team "we're part of a tradition." That tradition is built on

teamwork — among team members and between them and their horses — friendship, dedication and winning, Kucko said.

"Our coaches showed dedication by giving of their time and knowledge," he said, thanking each coach, and adding "our team members continued to work on their academics even on the days they competed."



Cynthia Morehead, western equestrian team coach, addresses the crowd at the homecoming celebration.

He concluded, "We are part of a tradition, and may that tradition always live on," to cheers from the crowd.

41st International Night Draws Crowds

The 41st International Night was April 17 at The University of Findlay.

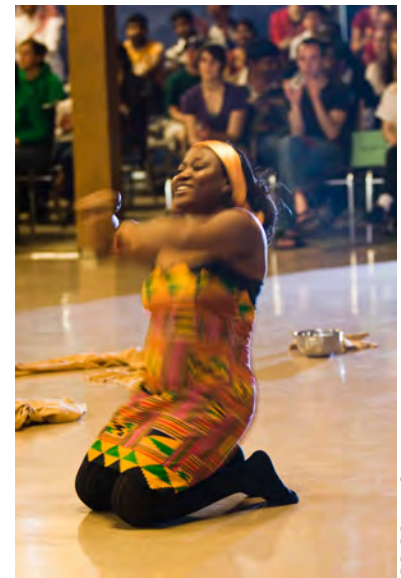
The university's international student population offered tastes of their home countries to the community. Fifteen countries were represented in colorful booths displaying traditional items, food and clothing.

Approximately 200 elementary school children from various local schools arrived in buses during the afternoon to see, learn and interact with the international students.

The evening program began at 6 p.m. and featured three hours of singing, dancing, fashion, martial arts and more to a standing-room-only crowd.



Yukari Ochiai talks to local schoolchildren about traditional Japanese items.



Linda Osei of Ghana performs a dance called "Hero in Africa."

CPB Earns Recognition at Conference

Campus Program Board (CPB) earned recognition at the National Association of Promotion of Campus Activities Conference in Atlanta, Ga., in April.

CPB received first place in printed advertising and second place in themed materials. For the third year in a row, UF's CPB was nominated for a national programming board of the year award. For the

second year in a row, the group was among the top four nominations.

Students who attended the conference include Brian Dent, Austin Clark, Lauren Timperman and Nina Smith.

UF Hosts IDA National Championships

The University of Findlay hosted the Intercollegiate Dressage Association (IDA) national championship April 18-19, bringing home the Team Sportsmanship Award and placing 10th in team competition.

The competition was hosted for the first time at the James L. Child Jr. Equestrian Complex, located on Township Road 201, with twelve teams vying in team competition on Saturday and 48 individual riders competing on Sunday.

The event also included a dog agility demonstration by Golden Collar School for Dogs, a variety of



M. Marrash

Emily Staddacker gets ready to present horses to the other teams for selection.



S. English

Alicia Sauers, Becky Agnew, Josh Czapiewski and Ashley Parsons compete in the golf cart challenge during friendly team competition on Friday.

other vendors and an equine art show.

The University's dressage team earned grand champion in Region E

competition to earn the right to compete for the national title.



M. Marrash

EJ Whitlow shows his appreciation for the exam treats provided by Dr. and Mrs. DeBow Freed prior to exam week.



A. Rüsser Lee

Featured clarinet soloist Samantha Bormuth performs "Immer Kleiner" (Always Smaller), a piece that requires her to remove pieces of her clarinet to make it 'always smaller,' during the Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble concert April 19.



M. Marrash

Heather Smith and Kendra Bruns, both AYA math majors, read a statement of commitment to the teaching profession at a student teacher dinner.



A. Rüsser Lee

The University Singers perform during their annual Family Concert April 18.

Employees Recognized for Years of Service

The University of Findlay hosted its annual employee recognition dinner April 24.

Jerry J. Mallett, Donald E. Collins and **Karen R. Yingling** were honored for having completed 40, 35 and 30 years of service, respectively.

Randall G. Hertel and **Deanna M. Spraw** both have served the University for 25 years.

20 Years of Service

Kathryn A. Bradford
Susan A. Briggs
Maria V. Gamba
Dennis Mathern

15 Years of Service

Ahmed I. El-Zayaty
Sue A. Flanders
Sara A. Hingson
Marie L. Marquart
Glenn A. Miehl
Ogden H. Price
Rita M. Sweet
Linda E. Werst
Karyn J. Westrick
Grant W. Wilkinson
Diane Zeyen

An additional 22 people were recognized for having given 10 years of service.



Deanna Spraw, Don Collins and Karen Yingling pause for a photo after the event.

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TLTC Will Host SEED Conference May 7-8

The University of Findlay's Teaching, Learning and Technology Center (TLTC) SEED Conference is May 7-8, 2009.

The focus of the conference is "Beyond Teaching and Technology: Growth and Change at Faculty Support Centers." SEED is an acronym for Service to faculty, staff, students and communities; Environments of operation; Evolution of mission; and Diversity of design.

Conference sessions will include such topics as "Demystifying

Grants: A Model for Identifying, Pursuing and Managing Academic Technology Grants," "A Team Approach to Multi-Campus Academic Excellence Centers" and "Can't We All Just Get Along? Working Together to Create Faculty Development Opportunities."

TLTCs often serve diverse purposes. Some help faculty use technology more productively in the classroom while others serve as a center for digital writing or a center for faculty and students to

collaborate on digital projects. Still others aim to strengthen faculty teaching and research through a variety of strategies and programs.

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UF Announces College of Pharmacy

The University has announced that its School of Pharmacy is now the College of Pharmacy.

The decision reflects the growth of the program, which began admitting students in fall 2005, and its growing role within the UF and Findlay communities.

The pharmacy program, which was the first new program of its kind in 100 years in the state of

Ohio, will graduate its first class of 60 students in 2010. The creation of the program was in response to an aging population with greater reliance on pharmaceutical treatment of diseases and ailments.

The graduation of the pharmacy program from a school to the College of Pharmacy is a natural progression in the growth of the young program. In 2007, the Ac-

creditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) granted the School of Pharmacy candidate certification, which allows graduates of the program to sit for the pharmacy licensure examination.

UF's College of Pharmacy is expected to receive full accreditation from ACPE after the first class has graduated from the program in May 2010.

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