

First DPTs Among Grads; Malacos to Give Address

Approximately 720 degrees will be awarded by The University of Findlay during spring commencement ceremonies at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 7, in the Koehler Complex on campus.

John Malacos, Ph.D., will give the commencement address, and Margaret M. Palmer will be presented with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in honor of her outstanding service to the University and the community.

Fifty students will be the first class to receive doctor of physical therapy degrees from the University. Fifty-seven doctor of pharmacy degrees will be awarded. More

than 170 master's degrees will be awarded, and more than 410 bachelor's degrees will be awarded, including approximately 60 bachelor of arts degrees and approximately 350 bachelor of science degrees. More than 30 associate of arts degrees will be conferred.



John Malacos, Ph.D.

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UF FFA Receives Grants

The University's FFA organization (formerly Future Farmers of America) recently received more than \$2,000 in grants for agricultural education from Scotts Miracle-Gro and the Engage Youth Group of the ECLIPSe (Emerging Community Leaders Investing in Philanthropic Service) Partnership.

The Engage Youth Group of the ECLIPSe Partnership, a youth grant-making council to promote youth-led service learning, contributed \$876 to the cause, while Scotts Miracle-Gro awarded UF FFA with \$1,000 worth of in-kind donations and \$500 cash. The project is part of the Scotts Miracle-Gro GRO1000

initiative which aims to establish 1,000 community gardens and green spaces globally by 2018.

The funds are being used to develop a multi-generational garden area in partnership with Marilyn's Lifelong Educational Center at Birchaven Retirement Village in Findlay. The project contributes to FFA's goals of promoting and sharing agricultural education.

"FFA has been looking for a good way to get involved in the community since we began," said Ali Borgert, sophomore pre-vet, biology and animal science major and president of UF FFA. "Our

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Commencement Activities

Hooding Ceremony Rehearsal,
1:30 p.m. Friday, May 6, Koehler Complex.

Commencement Rehearsal,
3 p.m. Friday, May 6, Koehler Complex.

President's Reception for Graduating Students,
4:30-6 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m.
Friday, May 6, at the President's Home.

Doctoral Hooding Ceremony,
9 a.m. Saturday, May 7, Koehler Complex.

Baccalaureate Service,
11 a.m. Saturday, May 7, Ritz Auditorium, Old Main.

Commencement Brunch,
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 7, Alumni Memorial Union.

Commencement Ceremony,
2 p.m. Saturday, May 7, Koehler Complex.

Arch Ceremony, approximately
3:30 p.m., immediately following commencement, Saturday, May 7, Griffith Memorial Arch.

Palmer to Receive Honorary Doctorate

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John Malacos, Ph.D., professor of psychology and chair of the department of psychology, spearheaded the Power of Positive project, a yearlong celebration of human goodness. He has presented on the field of psychology at international, national and regional meetings and conferences. Malacos holds a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and both a master's degree and doctoral degree from Michigan State University.

Margaret Palmer has a passion for education, which is evident as she connects with and befriends the students who receive funds from the Margaret and Paul Palmer Family Scholarship. In addition to

being involved with the University, Palmer has been active in St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, Thursday Conversation Club and the Shakespeare Club, among others, and she helped start the libraries at Jefferson Elementary School and St. Andrew's.

Palmer was recognized by the University as a Distinguished Associate in 2005, and she was inducted into the Curtain Raisers Society Wall of Fame in 2009. Palmer holds a degree in chemistry from the University of Michigan. She resides in Findlay and has three grown children.

The University's traditional Arch Ceremony will immediately follow commencement at approximately

3:30 p.m. at the Griffith Memorial Arch.

The Arch is named for Caddie A. Griffith, Class of 1909. She headed the Findlay College

department of English in 1914-16 and 1917-18, before going on to serve as dean of women at Franklin College, Indiana, and Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. She died in 1923.



Margaret Palmer

FFA Members Build Raised Garden Beds

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project was selected because it does just that. The amount of people we can educate and be educated by is immense ... Marilyn's Lifelong Educational Center is a doorway for the seniors of Birchaven to interact with younger generations."



Margaret Breakell, Ali Borgert and Janine Swartz line up a board for one of five garden beds at Birchaven.

UF FFA members and volunteers from the University's Campus Compact began construction of the garden on April 2. They will return to the garden area later in the growing season to plant vegetables and flowers with children from the childcare center and residents of the senior center.

"So far, our group ... constructed five garden beds. This involved tearing out the existing plants, which we composted, digging trenches, measuring, constructing and actually installing the beds," said Borgert. "These beds are what the members consider a mix between aesthetically pleasing and purposeful."

Borgert says the funding from the ECLIPSe Partnership and Scotts Miracle-Gro – as well as contributions from other resources such as Campus Compact -- helped their ideas become reality.

"We knew we could create a better garden with more funding," said Borgert. "The amount of support we have received with this project has been amazing."

Though their progress is significant, Borgert says they have more work to do. In the future, UF FFA has hopes of maintaining the garden and developing even more programs for agricultural education.

"Next year when the harvest comes in, the garden will be considered completed," said Borgert. "Ideally this project will never be complete – we hope it grows every year, as our ideas grow every year."

The list of ideas has already developed, including the possibility of raising gardens at Marilyn's Lifelong Education Center off the ground and designing them so that gardeners in wheelchairs can easily access them.

"Our hope is that this garden will be the matrix and structure for the interaction of generations, and that the agricultural aspects will be the glue that holds together community members of all types," said Borgert.

By Hannah Wurm, communication major

Symposium Showcases Accomplishments



A. Rösser Lee

Founders' Son and Daughter Skylar Mettert, left, and Stefanie Lauer, right, pose for a photo with President Katherine Fell.



A. Rösser Lee

A student explains her project to Michael Homsher, Ph.D., professor of environmental, safety and health management.



E. Granger

Robert Braylock sings songs of the Underground Railroad, accompanied by Vivian Dettbarn-Slaughter.



A. Wright

Molly Homan, Jennalee Seliskar and Christina Terry present "Food Stamps: Modern Day Chains."



A. Rösser Lee

Senior education major Brianna Milne, right, poses for a photo with the Honorable Vernelis K. Armstrong, United States Magistrate Judge, following the Naturalization Ceremony April 11. Milne, from Ontario, Canada, has lived in the U.S. since she was 4 years old. She began the citizenship process in 1998.



E. Shaffer

Raymond J. McCandless, Robert W. Schirmer, Diane M. Groth, Donna M. Smith and Jan M. Taylor and, not pictured, Linda L. Palmer and Jack M. Taylor were honored for completing 30 years of service to the University. The full list of employees honored at a dinner April 15 is on page 4.

Intercultural Exchange Fosters Respect

The Buford Intercultural Student Services Center is dedicated to fostering a campus environment that acknowledges and respects the value of diversity.

In an effort to achieve the vision of a more diverse and culturally aware campus, the Buford Center's International Education office offers a six-week Intercultural Ex-

change — a program that pairs domestic and international students to share one another's cultures.

The exchange began last semester and has evolved based on students' feedback. "... the participants wanted more time to get to know each other," said Rebecca Lewis, graduate assistant of international education. "It gives students an

opportunity to connect and hopefully continue that relationship even after the six weeks are over."

The first week of the exchange is an introduction with a kick-off event. Through the next four weeks, the students are free to do what they want during weekly meetings. The final week of the program is a celebration and reflection time.

In a pre-survey, students said they hoped to gain a "sense of being a citizen of the world," make new friends and continue those relationships, improve English skills and clear up stereotypes, among other things.

Christine Li, a senior intensive English language major from Keelung, Taiwan, says the program has been "an experience of a lifetime."

"You can make a domestic friend via this program and you can also practice English skills," said Li. "You can share ideas with each other and also get some useful information from your intercultural exchange partner."

Chris Sippel, coordinator of international education, says the program ultimately helps students with different backgrounds interact.

"The Intercultural Exchange is a simple model, but it gives everyone a chance to celebrate their differences in a fun and informal way," said Sippel. "The structure of the program provides the confidence for students who might be hesitant, but there's enough freedom for the international and domestic students to pursue mutual interests together ... We hope to continue this program and others both informally and academically in the future."

By Hannah Wurm, communication major

Findlay Honors Employees

The University hosted its annual employee recognition dinner April 15, recognizing many employees for their years of service.

Those honored for 30 years of service include:

Diane M. Groth
Raymond J. McCandless
Linda L. Palmer
Robert W. Schirmer
Donna M. Smith
Jack M. Taylor
Jan M. Taylor

Those honored for 25 years of service include:

Dane M. Erford
Charlene J. Hankinson
Jeffrey P. Lewis
Ronald P. Niekamp
Anne M. Risser Lee
Heda Samimi

Those honored for 20 years of service include:

Alan A. Baker
Donald E. Beck
JoAnn E. Blankenship
Myreon K. Cobb
David W. Duncan
Michael T. Homsher
Patricia A. Kidd
Lisa A. Klingshirn
Joseph Martelli
Andrew F. Smyth

Those honored for 15 years of service include:

Brenda Alliman

Angela S. Behney
Jane M. Bender
Sonja L. Benedict
Nancy Bickford
Clark R. Bradley
William S. Carter
Deborah A. George
Cynthia R. Lahey
Nancy Lara Munoz
Jane Olivarez
Gwynne Rife
Benjamin E. Sapp
Bonnie S. Sims

Those honored for 10 years of service include:

Gregory W. Arburn
Todd Beitzel
Renee Caskie
Charles P. Coldren
Louann Cummings
Margaret Flemion
Clarence Guthrie
Robert D. Hartman
Gary Chase Johnson
John R. Leach
Colene Lewis
Lawrence E. Lynch
Julie McClintock
Cindy D. Messenger
Caroline Moore
Julia Perez-Gamboa
Keith D. Samsal
Carol Schleucher
Kelly M. Vackert
R. Scott Van Zant
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