

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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OPENING WEEK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Full-time UF employees, retired faculty and staff, adjunct faculty, trustees and Winebrenner Theological Seminary employees, retired faculty and staff and trustees are invited to opening activities.

Tuesday, Aug. 19.

7 a.m., breakfast buffet, Koehler Complex

8 a.m., opening session, Koehler Complex

1:30 p.m., faculty and staff information session, AMU Multipurpose Room

3 p.m., college or area meetings, as scheduled by colleges

5 p.m., UF and Seminary family picnic, Koehler Complex

Wednesday, Aug. 20

9 a.m., new faculty orientation, Davis 104

11 a.m., full faculty meeting, WTS

1 p.m., faculty development program, Davis 102

2:30 p.m., faculty development workshops, Davis 181-188

4 p.m., faculty development program, Davis 102

Thursday, Aug. 21

8 a.m., new faculty orientation

10 a.m., new student registration

1 p.m., review and progress on institutional assessment, Davis 102

3 p.m., college or area meetings, as scheduled by colleges

Friday, Aug. 22

8 a.m., new students begin to arrive

5 p.m., new student orientation

begins

Saturday, Aug. 23

8 a.m., new student orientation

9 a.m. - 4 p.m., University offices open

9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Oiler Experience service projects

Sunday, Aug. 26

Noon - 4 p.m., University offices open

1 p.m., welcome of new students by college

2 p.m., Information on Oiler Experience

3 p.m., new student welcome ceremony, Koehler Complex

3:30 p.m., Arch Ceremony

3:45 p.m., reception for new students, orientation leaders, faculty and staff, AMU Multipurpose Room

UF GROUNDS CREW BEAUTIFIES CAMPUS

Thousands of annuals, 16 hanging baskets, 25 pedestal baskets, 22 concrete planters and a dedicated physical plant staff make for one beautiful campus.

Geraniums, wave petunias, marigolds, impatiens, vines, shrubs, trees and grass are cared for daily by five staff members and their summer student helpers on the main campus. They're responsible for mowing, weeding, trimming, watering and dead-heading flowers – there are 500 geraniums around the flagpole alone. And although the new planters and baskets were designed for minimal care, they still need watered daily.

According to Keith Samsal, groundskeeper, each staff member and student is assigned a specific area of campus to care for. To help with the new landscaping this year, an extra student was hired for the sole purpose of watering and dead-heading. Courtney Lewis, daughter of UF staff members Jeff and Colleen Lewis, worked for eight hours a day watering in the



Courtney Lewis, summer helper, waters a hanging basket in front of Old Main. Photo by Anne Risser Lee.

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morning and dead-heading in the afternoon until her last day of work at UF, Aug. 8.

Caring for the grounds is the end result of good planning this spring. In January, UF staff members attended a trade show in Columbus and came back with some great ideas, such as hanging flower baskets from campus lampposts. To reduce damage to the posts and make the baskets easy to replace, the University used a specially made stainless ring with a 3" lip to clamp to the posts.

Each basket – which is powder coated to avoid rust – sits inside the ring, which means that next spring, the baskets will simply be filled with flowers and UF staff members will drop the baskets into the ring. During the winter, the rings can be used to hang seasonal greenery, such as pine boughs.

The additional planters were purchased to add more color to several areas of campus, but Old Main remains the focal point. All landscaping decisions on campus are made with the

original architecture of the buildings in mind, and a University handbook is available to aid in those decisions.

And as if the planters and flowers weren't enough to make campus beautiful, the grounds crew planted 50 trees, including crimson maples and Canadian cherries, last year and added many shrubs and other perennials this year to the area around Bare and Fox residence halls, as well as to other areas of campus.

"I've seen people walk around and admire the landscaping during orientation and registration days," said Samsal. "We're beautifying campus, and it's appreciated."

There are plans to add more color to other areas of campus next year, and some of the planters may be moved. With help from Stratton Greenhouse staff, who put together the planters and baskets, next

spring promises to be just as colorful.



Derrick the Oiler admires campus on a sunny day this summer. Photo by Anne Risser Lee.

SEEM PROVIDES EXPERTISE TO CAMPUSES NATIONWIDE

Staff members of the School of Environmental and Emergency Management (SEEM) not only prepare administrators, faculty and staff at The University of Findlay for emergencies, but also individuals on campuses across the nation.

Staff members in K-12 schools, as well as college campuses, are requesting many of the training programs SEEM offers. Locally, SEEM trainers have been to Bowling Green State University and Ohio University in Lancaster and K-12 schools such as Findlay City, Fostoria, Upper Sandusky, Edgewood, Van Buren, Liberty Benton and Arcadia.

In addition, Harold Huffman, school/campus safety and security pro-

gram manager, has been working with DeVry University, traveling to the university's campuses in Ohio, Arizona and Washington, with plans to complete training at additional DeVry locations.

While on location, SEEM personnel conduct a physical assessment of the facilities and a vulnerability assessment – looking at nearby highways, railways and industries – of the community, in addition to the staff training.

According to J. Randal VanDyne, executive director of SEEM, trainers use an all-hazards approach. "We help them prepare for natural disasters, traffic accidents, unruly parents and school violence," he said. "We prepare them for the worst."

In rural school systems especially, SEEM works to create stronger partnerships between local law enforcement and the school. They encourage the two entities to work together, plan together and be prepared together.

Some schools receive training through the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC), of which SEEM is a member. All RDPC courses must be approved by the Department of Homeland Security before they are offered to the public. SEEM will soon begin its third pilot program through the RDPC.

To learn more about SEEM, visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: SEEM.

PROGRESS CONTINUES ACROSS CAMPUS



Far left, contractors lay sod in the residence halls courtyard. Left, the foundation of Old Main gets some tuckpoint work done. Photos by Anne Risser Lee.



Above left, the new student media center, which will house *The Pulse*, WLFC 88.3, the Public Relations Student Society of America and *The Envoy*, is near completion. Above right, doors

waiting for installation line a newly painted and carpeted hallway on the first floor of the UF Village. Photos by Mike Blinn.



Ashley Patton, Cathy Derringer, Danie Rohal and Aubrey Allen practice a lift during camp in the Koehler Complex. Photo by Anne Risser Lee.



Sophomore occupational therapy major Megan Florence teaches young athletes how to "set" during junior high volleyball camp in July. Photo by Anne Risser Lee.

WELCOME WEEK ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS

Welcome Week activities are listed below:

Monday, Aug. 25

- Community Church Fair, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., AMU
- Fort Pastor hosts a Letters to Military campaign, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., AMU
- Fort Pastor concert, 8 p.m., Cory Street Mall (AMU rain site)

Tuesday, Aug. 26

- Findlay's Market on the Mall, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Cory Street Mall (AMU rain site)
- Dr. Todd H. Albert "Climate Control," 7 p.m., AMU MPR (Ritz Auditorium rain site)

Wednesday, Aug. 27

- Team M&M Roving Artists, 10 a.m. –

2 p.m., Cory Street Mall (AMU rain site)

- Student Government Association's Ice Cream Social, 7 p.m., Cory Street Mall Gazebo (AMU rain site)

Thursday, Aug. 28

- Mike-Da-Roving guy and Body Art by Susan, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Cory Street Mall (AMU rain site)
- UF's Martial Arts Club demonstration and Learn to Defend Yourself class, 8 p.m., Koehler Complex

Friday, Aug. 29

- U.S. Navy Game Day, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Cory Street mall (AMU MPR rain site)
- LIVE comedian Buzz Sutherland, 8 p.m., AMU MPR

Saturday, Aug. 30

- Game room in the AMU open noon – 9 p.m., Clauss Ice Arena, open skate for faculty, staff and students, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. – midnight

Sunday, Aug. 31

- Women's soccer game, noon; men's soccer game, 2:30 p.m.; both at DeHaven Field

The Findlay community offers activities and events off-campus, as well.

Look online at www.visitfindlay.com.

One such event is the Hancock County Fair, which will begin Wednesday, Aug. 27, and close Sept. 1. The fairgrounds are located at 1017 E. Sandusky St. in Findlay, just a short drive from the University.



A new weekly campus events newsletter, This Week at Findlay, will make its debut this month.

Sandy Saunders, director of events and facilities, will distribute a printed copy at the President's Welcome Breakfast and send an electronic version weekly beginning the following Friday, Aug. 22.

This Week at Findlay will include a daily listing of on-campus events, fol-

lowed by a listing of athletic competitions, both home and away. It also includes links to online forms to submit items to include in the publication, as well as to reserve rooms for on-campus events.

A training session on how to use the forms was held for administrative assistants in June. Faculty and staff are encouraged to use the forms for their on-campus events.

UF NAMED A BEST COLLEGE

The University of Findlay has been named one of Princeton Review's Best Midwestern Colleges for 2009.

The University is one of 159 schools receiving the Best in the Midwest designation. The schools selected uphold the standards of Princeton Review's Best Midwestern College distinction and provide students with an overall good quality education and campus experience. Schools were reviewed based on anonymous student surveys, producing an opinion-driven profile for each college.

"There are so many reasons The University of Findlay is the best place to attend college – exceptional students, faculty, programs, facilities and more," said Donna Gruber, director of undergraduate admissions. "For the University to be recognized for its many strengths by those surveyed for the Princeton Review is wonderful."

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