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409 RECEIVE DIPLOMAS AT COMMENCEMENT

Four hundred nine students graduated from The University of Findlay during fall commencement exercises Saturday, Dec. 11.

Among the graduates were 61 international students, representing 10 countries.

A total of 201 graduate degrees were awarded. These included 106 master of business administration degrees; 61 master of arts in education degrees; eight master of science in environmental, safety and health management degrees; 15 master of TESOL (teaching English to speakers of other languages) and bilingual education degrees; nine master of occupational therapy degrees; and two master of arts in liberal studies degrees.

A total of 213 undergraduate degrees were conferred, including 126 bachelor of science degrees; 25 bachelor of arts degrees; 24 bachelor of science in business management degrees; 10



Whitson

Dr. Dwight L. Moody, professor of biology and natural science, was the speaker for the ceremony. A member of the UF faculty since 1974, Moody discussed "Open to Possibilities."

Mr. George M. Whitson received an honorary doctor of business development degree. A native of Lansing, Mich., and a longtime Findlay resident, he owns a real estate development company which has developed land for numerous projects in Northwest Ohio. He was named a Distinguished Associate of the University in 1991 and became a UF trustee in 1992.

bachelor of science in environmental management degrees; one bachelor of science in criminal justice degree; and 27 associate of arts degrees.



Assistant faculty marshals Ben Sapp, Robin Koehler and Dr. Kathy Grant led graduates down the stairs in the Koehler Complex into the Malcolm Athletic Center, where they were greeted with "Pomp and Circumstance" as performed by the UF Concert Band.



Each graduate, including Shannon Hayes, received a diploma folder and a handshake from Dr. Freed during commencement exercises.



Brannon and Laurel Rosebush were among two mother and daughter pairs who graduated from UF Dec. 11.

The mission of The University of Findlay is to equip our students for meaningful lives and productive careers.

STUDENTS, COMMUNITY JOIN TO PRESENT 'TWO FROM GALILEE'

UF's theatre program will present *Two from Galilee* Dec. 17-18 at 8 p.m in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary auditorium.

Two from Galilee, a dramatic musical based on the book by Marjorie Holmes, is built on the love story of Mary and Joseph and how God encounters people in their lives.

The musical will be produced by the University and the Parable Theatre



Sara Cockerell and Chad Burluson star as Mary and Joseph in *Two from Galilee*.

Company in partnership with New Life Assembly of God, St. Andrews United Methodist Church and St. Marks United Methodist Church.

Associate Professor of Theatre Scott Hayes is the musical's director. *Two from Galilee* stars Sara Cockerell as Mary, Christen Mathern as Deborah, Kathy Newell as Hannah, Jean Waaland as Ruth, Steve Huffman as Joachim, Janet Steffy as Timna, Chad Burluson as Joseph, Erin Plescher as Leah, Chip Steffy as Jacob, Jerry Murray as Balthazar, Shawn Hooks as Gabriel, Jerry Mathern as Kaspar and Mark Simmons as Melchior. Other cast members include Mark Simons, Kyle Kutchenriter, Matt Harris, Gregg Wozniak, Martin Reno, Chuck Clapper and Bev Roby.

Admission to *Two from Galilee* is free, but tickets are required. To reserve a ticket, call the Box Office at 419-434-5335.

RECENT COE GRADS ACHIEVE 100% PASS RATE ON EXAM

Recent graduates from the College of Education have achieved a 100 percent passage rate on the Praxis III: Classroom Performance Assessment test. This is the third year for the pass rate on Praxis III to be 100 percent for the University.

The test was developed by the Education Testing Service, the world's largest private educational measurement organization, for use in teacher licensing decisions made by state or local agencies. The test, given during a teacher's first year of teaching, measures beginning teachers' knowledge and skills in the following areas referred to as domains: organizing content knowledge for student learning, creating an environment for student learning, teaching for student learning, and teacher professionalism.

Dr. Melissa Cain, dean of the College of Education, credits the perfect passage score to the college's student portfolio assessment system.

"The portfolio assessment system that we have in place helps our students be well-prepared to pass this performance-based test the first time around," Cain explained.

"Thanks to the dedication of our excellent faculty, the candidates have learned to address all 19 criteria related to the four domains; so that, by the time they go through their actual Praxis III assessment, they are totally comfortable with the process."

In addition to the 100 percent passage rate, students from the University achieved two of the three highest scores in region three out of 105 students who took the test.

'OHIO' NAMES TED ALEX TO EDUCATION EXCELLENCE LISTING

Dr. Ted Alex, associate professor of marketing, has been honored as an "Excellence in Education" award winner by *Ohio Magazine*.

Alex has been recognized in the magazine's December issue for his contribution and dedication to achieving excellence



Alex

in education. The annual award celebrates higher learning and recognizes distinguished professors across the state for making a difference in students' lives in, and out of the classroom.

Alex has taught in the College of Business since 1992. He founded and served as director of the University's MBA program, and developed UF's MBA online programs. Previously, Alex was dean of the College of Business. According to the magazine, he has helped hundreds of student achieve academic and career success over the past 12 years.

Active in the business community, he is the author of 11 academic journal articles and 31 professional presentations.

Alex earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and an MBA from Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Mich., and a doctoral degree in business administration from the University of Arkansas.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON ARRIVES AT UF



Former UF basketball players returned to campus Dec. 4 to watch the Oilers' 91-56 win over West Virginia Wesleyan.



PRSSA invited campus organizations to decorate Christmas trees in the AMU Dec. 9.



R. Eugene and Margaret Slough, C. Darrell and Alberta V. Prichard and John M. and Patricia M. Luther were named Distinguished Associates of The University of Findlay at the Dec. 9 Applause reception.



The UF Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble presented a holiday concert, *Sounds of the Season*, Dec. 5.



Santa Claus helped spread holiday cheer in the AMU Dec. 9. Christmas lights, trees and other decorations have lent a festive air to campus.



Motivational speaker Bruce Boguski discussed "Successful Living in a Guerilla World" in Martin Lecture Hall Dec. 9.

Photo courtesy of Eric Lee

COE STUDENTS MENTOR 2ND GRADERS

Students in the Teaching as a Profession courses at UF served as reading mentors this semester for second graders at Van Buren Elementary School.

The coaching is part of Hancock County's Literacy and Mentoring Partners (LAMP) program. LAMP is based on

the premise that partnering a child with an adult reader for the purpose of increasing the child's literacy skills will ultimately lead to the child's increased desire to read and write independently.

Participation in the program is required of UF students taking beginning education classes.

UF students were partnered with children in three classrooms at Van Buren Elementary School. The pairs read together in Van Buren on three school days in October and November.

By participating in LAMP, UF's education students gain field experience early in their studies. The experience teaches future educators about what goes on in a public school classroom, gives them exposure to working with a child over a period of time and trains them in what level of commitment is necessary to meet the needs of their students, teachers, professors and school administrators.

After the UF students and the Van Buren students had had three reading sessions together, the Van Buren students visited the University Dec. 2, eating breakfast with their reading partners, touring the campus and attending a show in the University planetarium.



Van Buren second grader Desirae Cooper enjoyed breakfast at Henderson Dining Hall with her reading partner, Pamela Bullock.

BUSINESS STUDENTS VISIT CHICAGO FINANCIAL SITES

Students taking Gregory Arburn's Money and Banking and Financial Institutions classes took their annual trip to Chicago to tour the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and other institutions Nov. 11-12.

On Nov. 11, students met with Dr. Michael Hoffman, a former trader on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and president of the University of Trading. With Hoffman's help, students had the opportunity to view the Chicago Mercantile Exchange trading floor firsthand. This was a rare opportunity, as the floor is not open to the public. Thursday's events also included a trip to the Chicago Board of Trade where the group viewed the closing of the market. The busy day was concluded by a trip to the observation deck of the Sears Tower.

On Nov. 12, the students visited the Federal Reserve Branch Bank of Chicago. That day students also

Photo courtesy of Karl Forsthoefel



Business students toured sites including the Chicago Board of Trade Nov. 11-12.

learned about commercial banking operations at Fifth Third Bank's Sears Tower branch. Friday was wrapped up with a visit to JP Morgan Chase's Chicago branch to discuss mergers and acquisitions.

"Students who went to Chicago thoroughly enjoyed the experience as it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," according to junior Karl Forsthoefel.

"The chance to see theory in action will prove to be a great asset for the students as they pursue their future careers," he said.

NEW GRANT AWARDS

Associate Professor of Education **Judy Wahrman** received a subgrant award of \$13,880 from the University of Cincinnati. The award will support the Teacher Quality Partnership Project, a consortium of public and private higher education institutions that develops and implements teacher education accountability systems in Ohio and the rest of the United States. UF will provide the planning, development, implementation and maintenance of a database and surveys to collect program data for the Teacher Quality Partnership.

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