

Service Ambassadors Program Combines Cultural Interaction, Service-Learning

The University provides many opportunities for students of different cultures to interact with one another, and the Service Ambassadors Program is an opportunity to do just that.

The co-curricular service-learning program began in the spring as a pilot program and will continue in the coming academic year. It is a collaborative effort between Campus Compact and Christopher Sippel, coordinator of international education.

Students applied for the program and 11 were accepted as first-time participants. The group was broken up into four pairs and

one trio – each group consisted of at least one domestic student and one international student. Home countries included Taiwan, China and Japan.

Throughout the spring semester, each group spent two hours a week for six or eight weeks completing service projects within the Findlay community. Participating sites were Special Kids Therapy,

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Kayla Meeks and Pei-Yu Lo reflect on their experiences at the mid-point Service Ambassadors Program meeting. Each group designed a map that detailed how their service activities were helping the non-profit agencies which they served.

Photo provided by Crystal Weitz

FGCI Promotes Eco-Friendly Travel

The Findlay Green Campus Initiative (FGCI) recently offered bicycles to any department on campus that was interested in using one.

The group was pleasantly surprised by the positive response and has distributed eight bicycles thus far, said Michael Reed, Ph.D., FGCI co-chair.

According to Dee Dee Spraw, the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations staff members will use their bicycle to run errands on campus, saving gas and getting some exercise at the same time.

Benjamin Dolan, Ph.D., requested a bicycle to use at the Nature

Center. It also will be used by Dolan and other faculty members in the biology department as they travel to meetings and do errands around campus.

The faculty and staff in the pharmacy department hope that as others see their bicycle in use, it will be a reminder to ‘think green.’

The FGCI hopes that bicycle use will continue to increase

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DeeDee Spraw, director of the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, uses the office bicycle to run errands on campus and sometimes to travel to and from home.

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on campus and eventually in the community. The group does have its work cut out for it in changing perceptions of bicycle riding as a mode of transportation, rather than simply a form of recreation or exercise.

Spraw noted that as she was bicycling to work, several people she

knew stopped and asked her what she was doing. Donald Stansloski, R.Ph., Ph.D., said people have been amused at the sight of pharmacy faculty and staff riding a bicycle.

The bicycles were purchased with funds from the FGCI budget for an average of \$25 per bicycle at a city auction. Each bicycle received a tune-up and repairs, if needed, for

an average of \$20. Robert Cecire, Ph.D., donated funds to buy combination locks for each bicycle.

Campus departments interested in a bicycle may contact Reed at reed@findlay.edu or ext. 4679.

For additional information on FGCI, visit www.findlay.edu, **KEYWORD: FGCI**.

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The Heritage, Birchaven Retirement Village, the YMCA and the Findlay City Mission.

The goals of the program are twofold. On campus, the goal is to bridge gaps between cultures. Off campus, the goal is to introduce students to the local community and fulfill community needs through service.

Sippel, Crystal Weitz, Campus Compact coordinator, and Heather Eichner, AmeriCorps VISTA, conducted introductory and mid-

point reflection sessions, as well as a final celebration.

Through those meetings, it was clear that students increasingly became more comfortable interacting with each other, conversing with their partners just as much as with students from their own cultures.

Also during reflection sessions, students began to understand that both direct and indirect service is valuable. For example, students who spent time at Special Kids Therapy spent time thoroughly cleaning toys and play equipment for the children who use the facility. Though

the service was indirect, it was beneficial to the agency because many of the children who use the facility are at greater risk for disease and clean toys and equipment are very important to them.

Applications will be available in the fall for students interested in participating in the Service Ambassadors Program. Both undergraduate and graduate students are welcome to apply.

Contact Weitz at cjones@findlay.edu or Sippel at sippel@findlay.edu for additional information.

ITS Releases Many Technology Upgrades

In May, Information Technology Services (ITS) announced plans to progressively release enhancements to UF's online services. The first of these was a new campus portal (a Web site that integrates many online resources in one location), released June 11. This new portal is being built in phases, initially housing the resources found on the Intranet tab in the old MyFindlay Web site.

The new portal will provide tighter integration to many technology-based services and will retain the same address (<https://my.findlay.edu>) as the current portal. Future phases will include many other UF online resources, including those presently found on the UF Faculty and Student Academic Information

links (used for advising and registration). These changes will not happen until Fall 2009 and will be accompanied by numerous training opportunities and announcements.

ITS also will introduce Zimbra June 29. Zimbra is UF's new collaboration suite that will provide integrated e-mail, contacts, tasks, and calendars. E-mail storage space will be increased to 2 GB per user when the change to Zimbra takes place.

Another ITS upgrade has already taken place. UFnet account holders are now able to access and use Google Apps using UFnet usernames and passwords, allowing students, faculty and staff the ability to seamlessly create and share documents using Google's

communication, collaboration and productivity tools.

Additional technology enhancements are planned, as well. To safeguard UFnet account holders' information, users will be required to use complex passwords to access their accounts. UF's complex password policy requires the use of at least eight characters that combine lowercase letters, uppercase letters and numbers. Users are encouraged to change their passwords prior to July 1, 2009. UFnet account holders are asked to do this via any of the "Change UFnet Password" links present at the bottom of UFnet login screens.

Please contact Technology Support Services at 419-434-4357 for any ITS-related questions.

Summer Camps in Full Swing



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Clockwise from top left: Kids at baseball camp give it a “thumbs up.” Chris Condeni helps young football players learn the basics. A curious horse looks at the camera during western equestrian camp. High school students get a close look at the College of Health Professions during UF’s Summer Honors Institute. Sandra McCarthy, center of ring, gives instructions to riders at UF’s English equestrian camp.

Campus Improvements Continue



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Above left, a crew works on the sidewalk behind the nuclear medicine technology building on the corner of Morey Avenue and Trenton Avenue. Left, the receiving garage gets a facelift. Above, summer student employees Craig Courtad and Brian Reid paint a campus building.

Tune in to 88.3's New Weekend Lineup

The University of Findlay's campus radio station, WLFC 88.3, has made several changes to its weekend programming mix:

Saturday

- Midnight to 7 a.m., WLFC heritage rock; an eclectic mix of rock from the 1960s to the 1980s (and maybe some cuts from the 1990s, too).
- 7 to 9 a.m., Vintage Rock Radio with Mike Yunis; Mike is a former WLFC general manager (1978-1980). He will count down national

and regional hits from the 1970s to the 1990s.

- 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., WLFC heritage rock.
- 6 to 7 p.m., Dr. Duck's Guitar Prescription; this show is all about guitar – all genres of guitar. If you like good guitar playing, you'll like this show. And if you do not, you probably won't.
- 7 to 9 p.m., Vintage Rock Radio with Mike Yunis.
- 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., Mainstream metal; the key word: mainstream.

Sunday

- 2 to 5 a.m., WLFC heritage rock.
- 5 to 6 a.m., Dr. Duck's Guitar Prescription.
- 6 a.m. to noon, Contemporary Christian music.
- Noon to 1 p.m., Findlay Rewind; memorable music performances from UF ensembles, choirs, etc.
- 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Jazz; smooth and classical jazz with a dash of fusion.
- 7 p.m. until the next weekend, indie rock.

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