

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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## UF FACULTY MEMBERS RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE TO STUDENTS, ACADEMICS

Many faculty members were honored for their service to the University during a faculty appreciation and recognition dinner hosted by DeBow Freed, Ph.D., president of UF, Feb. 28 in the Alumni Memorial Union.

Faculty members honored for completing 20 years of service were Michael C. Reed, Ph.D., professor of TESOL and bilingual education, and Anthony Wilgus, associate professor of social work.

The David L. Allen Award for Teaching Excellence was given to Robert Rustic, director of business management and assistant professor of business.

Dale Brougner, Ph.D., associate professor of religion, was presented

with the Founders' Academic Excellence Award.

The Elizabeth S. Gupta Award for Excellence in Teaching Fine Arts was given to Micheal F. Anders, Ph.D., professor of music and director of the music program, who was unable to attend due to a concert commitment.

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Award recipients, pictured left to right: Anthony Wilgus, Michael Reed, John Wolper, Nicole Diederich, Timothy Murphy, Bob Rustic and Dale Brougner.

## CLINTON VISITS CAMPUS, STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN EVENT



Senior Danielle Matson welcomes audience.

The last day of class prior to spring break is generally a quiet Friday, but this year, campus was a little livelier with a planned visit from former President

Bill Clinton, who was campaigning for his wife, N.Y. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, who

was vying for the Ohio Democratic presidential nomination.

Students, faculty, staff and community members started lining up outside Croy Gymnasium just before 8 a.m., despite the frigid weather. The line stretched past residence halls, satellite trucks, reporters and hawkers with Clinton buttons for sale.

Once the doors opened and attendees passed security checkpoints, the gymnasium quickly filled with approximately 1,200 people. Findlay High School's steel drum band, Pantasia, entertained the crowd while waiting for Clinton's arrival.

Student Government Association

president Danielle Matson, senior biology major, opened the program, welcoming those in attendance and encouraging fellow students to vote. "Get involved in your local, state and national elections. We are living in the greatest country on Earth, where we have a voice, a say, an opinion on what we feel this country needs. As college students, we can make a difference and rally together to influence American politics. Taking action today brings changes for tomorrow," she said.

Kara Wilkinson, a sophomore musical theater major from Loveland, Ohio, and Tim Moon, a junior business man-

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# FACULTY MEMBERS RECOGNIZED, CONT.

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The Shiv Kumar Gupta Award for Excellence in Teaching Business was given to John Wolper, Ed.D., director



*Many family members showed their support for faculty members at the recognition dinner, including the family of Bob Rustic, some of whom traveled to Findlay from Columbus and Cincinnati just for the evening.*

of the hospitality management program and associate professor of business.

Nicole Diederich, Ph.D., associate professor of English and writing center director, was named the 2008 Faculty Chair in the College of Liberal Arts.

Timothy Murphy, Ph.D., associate professor of environmental safety and health management, was named the 2008 Faculty Chair in the College of Sciences.

The following faculty members were honored for years of service.

**40 or more years:** Sharon Milligan

**35 or more years:** Nondace

Campbell, Shiv Gupta and Jerry Mallett

**30 or more years:** Luke Bartolomeo, Donald Collins, Dwight Moody and Cynthia Morehead

**25 or more years:** Anne Albert, Micheal F. Anders, Mary Jo Geise, Raymond McCandless, Richard Smith and Jack Taylor

**20 or more years:** Douglas Asbury, Dale Brougher, Stephen Brown, John "Skip" Cindric Jr., Jack E. Corle, Diane Groth, Craig Gunnett, Marianna Hofer, Teresa LaRocco, Elaine Markon, Judith McCrory, Diana Montague, Linda Peck, Heda Samimi, Tom Stuckert and David Wallach

# STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN POLITICAL EVENT, CONT.

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agement and public relations major from Dayton, Ohio, sang the national anthem.

Sophomore political science major Erik Cranmer, president of the UF College Democrats, walked to the podium with the former president and introduced him to the audience. The gymnasium erupted into cheers, holding up handmade posters, flipping open cell phones to get a quick photo or video clip and snapping digital cameras. Clinton shook Cranmer's hand and thanked him personally for the introduction.

Other students were behind the scenes, rubbing elbows with media professionals from local media outlets, as well as from news organizations such as CNN and the Associated Press. Students working for The Pulse, WLFC 88.3, Web and Media Technology Services and the Office of Public Information were granted full press access to videotape, snap photos and broadcast live on site.

Following Clinton's speech, he shook hands and signed posters, books and other items for attendees.



*Clockwise, from bottom left:*

*Staff member Brian Treece shakes Clinton's hand as graduate student Tim Warner waits for his turn.*

*Members of student media, including Robin Bennington and Paige Aten, capture still and live images from the designated press photo area.*

*Students Tim Moon and Kara Wilkinson sing the national anthem prior to Clinton's arrival.*

*Sophomore Erik Cranmer introduces Clinton to the audience of approximately 1,200 people.*

*Photo credits: staff photographer Levi Perkins and student photographer Mike Blinn*



The "Gypsy" cast performed for a sold-out audience Feb. 20-24. Above, Louise, played by sophomore theatre performance major Kara Wilkinson, waits at the train station with her mother, Rose, played by senior theatre performance major January Blank, and Herbie, played by junior theatre performance major Jeremy Springer.

## WORTH NOTING AT UF

Janet Harms, head dressage instructor, was featured in the March 2008 issue of "Dressage Today." The article noted that Harms has been instrumental in the growth of the program from just seven junior and senior dressage riders five years ago to nearly 40 students who focus on dressage principles daily.

Jack Taylor, professor of music and director of bands, conducted the All County Honors Band in Hancock County Feb. 24 at Arcadia High School.

The band was selected by audition with the top high school instrumentalists in the county chosen to perform. Taylor conducted "American Civil War Fantasy," "Russian Sailor's Dance," "Highlights from Phantom of the Opera" and other selections.

If you know someone who has done something "worth noting," on campus or within the community or professional realm, send the information to Brianna Patterson, public relations officer, at [pattersonb@findlay.edu](mailto:pattersonb@findlay.edu).



Above, Sharinda Welton-Peeler, director of student activities, moderates a panel of U.S. Army officers Feb. 27 as an officer answers a question from the audience. Photo credit: student photographer Mike Blinn



Left, George Carruth and daughter Libby Carruth Krick talk about their art during the Mazza Museum Discovery Series Feb. 24 in the museum. Photo credit: graduate student Yekaterina Kontar

Right, an admissions representative from Capital University talks to two UF students at UF's first graduate and professional school fair Feb. 21. Photo credit: student photographer Mike Blinn



Smruthi Jannu from India, Dinesh Naidu Valleru from India and Ryan Radabaugh from Bluffton University participate in an impromptu snowman decorating contest in the yard next to the Office of International Admissions.

## GHOSE PROMOTES STUDENT RESEARCH AND PRESENTATION

Nabarun Ghose, D.B.A., professor of marketing and business, encourages student research and presentation both domestically and abroad.

On Feb. 19, Ghose traveled with seven undergraduate students and five graduate students to Heidelberg College for the Minds at Work: 15th Annual Student Research Conference.

Undergraduate students Virginia Wills, Carla Groves, Ranita Hoy, David Foust, Brittany Jones, Devin Games and Elizabeth Blosser and graduate students Krishna Thumati, Nandan Shah, Girish Harokeythanahalli, Chandra Mohan Seelam and Lajja Shah submitted proposals for the conference and were accepted as presenters with help from Ghose.

The team was the largest from any visiting university in the history of

the conference.

Earlier this year, Ghose worked with Shah to submit two papers for consideration at the World Universities Forum in Davis, Switzerland. Both proposals were accepted for 30-minute presentations: "A Master Teaching Plan for Universities Worldwide for Developing Global Business Competencies: Building Career Portfolios through International Research Experience and Study Abroad" and "Research Insights into a Developing Market: Relationship Between Financial Confidence and Consumer Ethnocentrism."

The Master Teaching Plan presentation was attended by the largest audience for a paper presentation at the forum. According to Ghose, the presentation drew "substantial interest and positive awe in the establishment, organization

and execution of the India Study Abroad Program at The University of Findlay, the M.B.A. program and the preparedness of UF students from executives, administrators and faculty from Great Britain, Germany, South Africa, United Arab Emirates and Malaysia." Both papers will be published in The Journal of The World Universities Forum.

"The organizers told us that Ms. Lajja Shah was the only master's student in the world who presented at the forum. I believe her presentation was the best among all the presentations we attended. She improved manifold on her presentation skills since her presentation at the ACBSP Region IV Conference in London, Ontario, Canada in October 2007," said Ghose.

## CPB EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION THROUGH APCA

The University of Findlay's Campus Program Board (CPB) was chosen as one of the Final 4 programming boards of the year by the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities

(APCA) and was pictured in the January/February 2008 APCA Students Activities Journal.

According to the publication, CPB's "secret to success" includes teamwork,

commitment and ownership of projects. "CPB works well together but also prides itself in working well with other student organizations." CPB is staffed primarily by student volunteers.

## STUDENTS COMPETE IN JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST

On Saturday, March 1, four students represented the UF Japanese program as finalists in the 2008 Japanese Language Speech Contest Program held at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

The students were among only 12 selected finalists from universities in Ohio. This is a statewide competition, and students from different universities submitted a manuscript and a recorded tape for the first round of screening.

Only high school and college students studying Japanese, who have not lived in Japan for more than six months and do not come from homes where Japanese is spoken, were eligible for the competition.

Nathan Lazor received the Pronunciation and Intonation Award. Lazor, a freshman with a double major in computer science and Japanese, is in

the third-year Japanese language course and presented "What I Learned Searching for a Job." Graduate student Yizheng Zhang, in his second-year Japanese language course, earned third place with "Kendo and I." Kendo, which means "way of the sword," is the Japanese martial art of fencing.

William Kentris, a post-secondary student from Arcadia High School and a student in the second-year Japanese language course, also participated. His speech was "The Benefits of Learning Japanese in a Classroom."

Erin Taylor, a sophomore majoring in Japanese and a student in the third-year Japanese language course, gave a speech titled "My Future Goals." Taylor was selected to be a finalist last year, as well.



*Pictured from left to right: Kanako Yao (instructor), Hiroaki Kawamura (instructor), Erin Taylor (finalist), William Kentris (finalist), Yizheng Zhang (finalist), Nathan Lazor (finalist) and supporters Cora Worden and Brian Fox.*

During the March 1 competition, finalists were required to deliver their memorized speeches in Japanese on a stage in front of an audience. That was followed by a question-and-answer session, spoken only in Japanese, with the judges.