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Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings from snowy Ohio! Although your alma mater is covered with snow, it hasn't impacted the activity generated by the students, faculty and staff on campus.

Students who are employed part-time for the UF phonathon are training for a new way of contacting you this spring semester. According to Kendall Richardson, director of annual giving, a new computerized system will be a more efficient way of calling, with the computer automatically dialing the number and providing basic information about the person being called.



Kaitlin Kirk is one of the UF students who will be calling alumni for the UF Fund phonathon using the new technology.

The UF calling team operates five days a week while school is in session. The old system involved handwritten cards that were shuffled and distributed among the student workers. The new automated phone dialing will allow more time for the students to talk with alumni. So my fellow alums, answer that phone and get to know our wonderfully trained student phonathon callers and allow them to share campus news, update your information, and speak to you about reinvesting in your alma mater.

As always, please keep me updated by filling out the "What's New with You?" form at www.findlay.edu,
KEYWORD: Whats new.

With Oiler Pride!

~~Dee Dee Spraw '00, M '07, director, Alumni & Parent Relations

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1. What's Happening on Campus?



• **The University of Findlay's Economic Summit will be 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary.** Seven sessions will be offered; panelists include both local and regional business executives, several of whom also are UF alumni. The focus of the final session at 4 p.m. will be the impact of the economic crisis on Northwest Ohio, moderated by Ray DeWinkle, president and CEO of GreaterFindlay Inc. Alumni and community members are welcome to attend the summit. View more details and register online at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: economic summit, or [click here](#).

- **The UF Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will present a Pops Concert, “All That Jazz,” at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15** in Winebrenner Theological Seminary. The bands will perform music from Dixieland to swing. Toledo jazz singer Lori LeFevre-Johnson will be the guest artist, along with the rhythm section of the Toledo Jazz Orchestra. Jack Taylor, director of bands, will conduct, and four of his arrangements will be featured. Tickets are \$5 for general admission. **The Toledo Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Stefan Sanderling, will perform 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20,** in Winebrenner Theological Seminary. Andrew Armstrong, concert pianist, is the featured artist. The performance, sponsored in part by National Lime and Stone, is the last event of the 2008-09 Concert and Lecture Series. Tickets are \$25 for general admission. For both performances, call the Box Office for tickets at 419-434-5335.

- **The University of Findlay's College of Business will host a community lecture at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary. “The Ins and Outs of Entrepreneurship: Two Views From the Mallett Family”** will be presented by Michael Mallett, UF alumnus and president and CEO of Corporate Research International (CRI), and his father, Jerry Mallett, Ed.D., founder and curator of the Mazza Museum and professor of education at UF. Michael Mallett has more than 15 years of experience in the market research industry and more than 20 years of experience as an entrepreneur. Jerry Mallett has been teaching at the University since 1968 when he joined Findlay College as an assistant professor. He exercised entrepreneurship within an organization by founding the Mazza Museum more than 25 years ago and has seen it grow from four original pieces of art to more than 3,900 original artworks.



Michael Mallett '88 and his father, Dr. Jerry Mallett, will discuss entrepreneurship on Feb. 19.

- **The musical “Carnival” will be performed at The University of Findlay at 8 p.m. Feb. 18-21 and at 2 p.m. Feb. 22 in the John and Hester Powell Grimm Theatre,** located in the Frank J. Egner Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Call the UF Box Office at 419-434-5335 for tickets. Micheal F. Anders, Ph.D., is producer and music director for the show. Vicki McClurkin is stage director; Kristi Wink is choreographer; Jerry Deall is scenic and lighting designer; Matt Stimmel is technical director; and Kathy Newell is costume designer. The production staff for “Carnival” has staged a true carnival on the stage of the John and Hester Powell Grimm Theatre with jugglers, acrobats, magicians, aerialists, venders, a unicyclist, a strongman and even a snake handler. In addition to the “live” actors, the audience also will watch four beautiful hand-made puppets come alive before their eyes. Featured in the role of Paul is Lance Ashmore, UF adjunct professor of voice.

- **The Mazza Museum is hosting Rufus Seder, award-winning artist of children’s books at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8.** His Scanimation® picture book, “Gallop!,” enjoyed the #1 best-selling children’s book status on the New York Times Book Review for most of 2008 and is printed in more than 10 languages, with more than 1.5 million copies in print. The program is sponsored by a gift from Mr. and Mrs. John Luther. Call the museum at 419-434-4560 for tickets, which are \$5 each. **Tales for Tots, a new program at The University of Findlay’s Mazza Museum, welcomes preschoolers and their parents for a story time at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10,** at the museum.



Gail Lazarczyk (right) read “Snow Riders” as part of the first Tales for Tots at the Mazza Museum held Jan 13. The theme was “Snow Magic.”

February’s program theme is “Celebrate Seuss.” Tales for Tots takes place the second Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. during the academic year. Sessions may include costumes, puppets, music or special collections related to the story. Gail Lazarczyk, a former elementary teacher, is the Story Nana, interacting with and reading to the children. For more information, call 419-434-4777. [Click here](#) for the spring schedule.

- **The University of Findlay held a Scholarship Competition Day Jan. 31 for high school students who plan to attend the University full time in the fall.** Students with a grade point average of at least 3.5 and a minimum ACT score of 24 were invited to compete for scholarships of up to \$5,000. A total of \$50,000 in scholarship funds is available at each competition day. UF administrators said average ACT and SAT scores and grade point averages for entering freshmen have increased each of the last three years. A final Scholarship Competition Day will be held in March, with 180 students expected to attend. The University held its first Scholarship Competition Day of the academic year in December, bringing 174 students to campus, and approximately 100 students participated in the competition in January. [Click here](#) for details.



Dr. DeBow Freed, president of the University, spoke on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. after the annual Unity Walk held Jan. 19.

- **The University of Findlay, in partnership with the Black Heritage Library and Multicultural Center, hosted the fifth annual Unity Walk and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Jan. 19.** The walk began at the Trinity Episcopal Church on West Hardin Street in Findlay. More than 100 people walked to Main Street and then gathered in a circle in Dorney Plaza for prayer and reflection by candlelight. After participants returned to the church, a program featured visiting speaker Barbara L. Roosa of Perrysburg. In addition, Almar Walter, UF director of intercultural services, spoke, and Nina Smith, SGA president, was mistress of ceremonies. Dr. Freed discussed the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., with UF’s Anointed Worship Gospel Choir performing musical selections.

- **The University of Findlay and Brown Mackie College – Findlay have joined forces with other community groups to create the Cultural Diversity Education Coalition,** intended to address diversity concerns in the Findlay/Hancock County area. The mission of the coalition is “to provide multicultural education to our community giving our students and citizens a healthy place to learn, work and live whereby a spirit of open respect is established in regards to cultural sensitivity including but not limited to ethnicity, religion, age, gender, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, and mental/physical disabilities.” As a coalition, their primary focus will be

on providing education to the Findlay/Hancock County area in regard to diversity, creating a more open environment, acceptance/tolerance, and basic information about some of the groups present in our community. Other members of the group include Hancock County Schools, the Black Heritage Library and Multicultural Center, GreaterFindlay Inc. and Unity Christian Ministries. For more information on the coalition, please contact R. Oscar Bernard at 419-429-8660 or bernard@brownmackie.edu or Almar Walter at 419-434-6967 or waltera@findlay.edu.

- **Patti Beck '03, M '07, director of student employment at The University of Findlay, has been appointed president-elect of the National Student Employment Association (NSEA) for 2009.** In this capacity, Beck will sit on the board of directors and assist the current president until taking office as president in January 2010. Beck previously held the board position of chair of the Advancement Committee with NSEA. Beck is also a member of the Midwest Association of Student Employment Administrators (MASEA) where she had served on the board of directors for five years as vice president for professional development and president. [Click here](#) for details.



Patti Beck



Anna Dorf

- **The University of Findlay has partnered with Owens Community College to provide students with the tools they need to successfully complete their college degrees.** Anna Dorf recently joined UF's staff as a transfer admissions adviser. Dorf has office hours at both UF and at Owens, including both the Findlay and Toledo campuses. Donna Gruber, director of undergraduate admissions at UF, explained that Dorf's staff position was created to help students complete the college transfer process as seamlessly, cost effectively and successfully as possible. Dorf, who experienced the college transfer process when she was a college student, wants to serve as a resource to help students be successful with the transition from one school to another. Dorf received a bachelor's degree from Alma College, Michigan. For more information, [click here](#).

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2. Academic Update

- **The University of Findlay will offer two opportunities to explore India and its business environment.** UF is a co-sponsor of the India-USA Global Business and Networking Strategy Conference in Chennai, India, June 12-14, and the University is organizing an India study abroad program June 14-24. Community participants are welcome. The registration fee for the conference is \$895 per person before March 1 and \$995 after that and includes three nights' hotel accommodation. The registration fee for the study abroad is \$2,000 before Feb. 28, and the price goes up \$50 each month after that date. Airfare is not included in the fee. A passport and visa are required. For details and to sign up, contact Dr. Nabarun Ghose, The University of Findlay, 1000 N. Main St., Findlay, OH 45840, U.S.A., ghose@findlay.edu, 1-419-434-4455.
- **The College of Education will host the Northwest Ohio Future Teachers Conference from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, on campus.** Pre-service teachers and others who have an interest in education are invited to connect with future colleagues; explore classroom teaching and assessment strategies; and discover lesson plans, standards-aligned activities and resources. The conference will feature sessions and resources especially for pre-service teachers to smooth

the pathway from college student to classroom teacher. In-service teachers also will gain knowledge on new strategies or resources available to help create engaging lessons for students. The keynote speaker, Salome Thomas-EL, author of “I Choose To Stay,” will present at 11 a.m. in Ritz Auditorium, located in Old Main on campus. Contact Julie McIntosh, Ed.D., at 419-434-4062. For more information, [click here](#).

- **The University of Findlay recently signed an articulation agreement with the National Chung Hsing University (NCHU) in Taichung, Taiwan**, allowing students from each institution to study at the other with assurance of college credit for the courses. An articulation agreement is an officially approved agreement that matches course work between colleges and universities. They are designed to help students make a smooth transition between institutions while expanding their academic horizons. NCHU has established bachelor’s degree programs that are compatible with programs at UF. Credits earned by students in Taiwan will be fully transferable into undergraduate programs at Findlay. Established in 1919 as an agricultural college, NCHU is known for its research in biotechnology and nanoscience as well as its education programs. [Click](#) for details.



David Emsweller, vice president of student services; Dr. DeBow Freed, president of UF; and Dr. Daniel May, vice president of academic affairs, signed an articulation agreement with National Chung Hsing University in Taiwan.

- **The University of Findlay’s occupational therapy program will present its fifth annual Evening with a Leader in Occupational Therapy**, a free continuing education event, Thursday, Feb. 12, and Friday, Feb. 13, in the Alumni Memorial Union (AMU). Karen Jacobs, Ed.D., OTR/L, CPE, FAOTA, will be the featured presenter at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 12, in the AMU North Multipurpose Room and at 9:15 a.m., Feb. 13, in the AMU Endly Room. Jacobs will present “How Full is Your Backpack?” on Thursday and “Being an Occupation Fanatic” on Friday. Jacobs is program director for distance education post-professional OT programs and clinical professor in the department of OT and rehabilitation counseling at Boston University. For more information or to reserve a seat at the presentations, call Jane Ickes in the occupational therapy program office at 419-434-6936 or 1-800-472-9502, ext. 6936, or e-mail ickes@findlay.edu.



Dr. Paul Sears

- **Paul Sears, Ph.D., dean of the College of Business, has been appointed by Dr. Elaine Edgar, executive director of the Ohio Partnership for Excellence (OPE), to the 2009 Board of Examiners for the Ohio Award for Excellence.** The award is modeled after the Baldrige National Quality Award and is the highest level of recognition for performance excellence that an Ohio organization can receive. As an examiner, Sears is responsible for reviewing and evaluating applications submitted for the award. All members of the board must take part in an Ohio preparation course based on the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence and the scoring and evaluation processes for the Baldrige Award. Information about the Ohio Award for Excellence and the application process is available on the Ohio Partnership for Excellence Web site at <http://www.partnershipohio.org/html/home.htm>. For more information, [click here](#).
- **Several faculty members recently authored books and articles for a variety of publications.** **Wick Colchagoff**, head women’s volleyball coach and assistant professor of health science, authored the article “Ten Easy Steps to Training Your Team Mentally,” which appeared in *Volleyball ACE Power Tips*, a publication of the American Volleyball Coaches Association, on

Jan. 14. **Marianna Hofer**, associate professor of English, recently read poetry from her new book, "A Memento Sent by the World," at Main Street News in Findlay. The book was published by Word Press. **Sandra McCarthy**, director and riding instructor of the English equestrian program, wrote "Polish Your Jumping Skills," which appeared in the December 2008 issue of Practical Horseman. **Mark Polelle**, Ph.D., chair of the department of history, law and political science, is the author of "Fifty Great Leaders and the Worlds They Made," published by Greenwood Press. **Quentin R. Skrabec Jr.**, associate professor of business, released a book, "Pig Iron Aristocracy: The Triumph of American Protectionism," published by Heritage Books Inc. **Matt Stolick**, Ph.D., associate professor of philosophy, authored "Otherwise Law-Abiding Citizens: A Scientific and Moral Assessment of Cannabis Use," published by Lexington Books. **Anthony Wilgus**, associate professor of social work, contributed a chapter, "Triangles at the Time of a Chronic Illness and Death," to the book "Triangles: Bowen Family Systems Theory Perspectives," published by The Haworth Press.

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3. Alumni News & Events

• Save the Date

- **Sept. 25-26** **Family Weekend 2009**
- **Oct. 2-4** **Homecoming 2009**

• Upcoming Events

- **Feb. 6** UF Economic Summit: New Challenges – New Solutions;
Winebrenner Theological Seminary, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- **Feb. 7** Blackout Day - Basketball games against Ferris State;
Croy Gymnasium: Women - 1 p.m.; Men - 3 p.m.
T-shirts available to students, alumni and fans while they last - \$5
- **Feb. 12** Pink Zone Day - Women's Basketball;
Croy Gymnasium, 5:30 p.m.
- **Feb. 14** Pink Zone Day - Women's Basketball;
Croy Gymnasium, 1 p.m.
- **Feb. 21** Alumni Board of Governors Meeting;
Stout Alumni Center, 1316 N. Cory St., 9 a.m.
- **Feb. 21** Ohio Veterinary Medical Association - Midwest Veterinary Conference
Pre-Vet Alumni Reception;
McKinley Room, Hyatt Regency, Columbus, 5 - 7 p.m.
- **March 6** Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Alumni Dinner
- **March 8** Sarasota/Bradenton, Fla., Alumni Brunch
- **March 13** St. Petersburg and Tampa, Fla., Alumni Reception
- **March 25** Whirlpool Alumni Luncheon;
Whirlpool, Findlay, Ohio
- **March 27** OHSAA Boys' State Basketball Brunch;
Holiday Inn on the Lane, Columbus, 8 - 10 a.m.
- **March 28** San Jose, Calif., Alumni Reception
- **April 4** Oceanside, Calif., Alumni Dinner
- **April 24 & 25** Kalahari Family Event, Alumni Dinner,
Kalahari Resort, Sandusky, Ohio;
Saturday, April 25, 6 p.m.

- **May 1** Alumni Board of Governors' Meeting;
Stout Alumni Center, 1316 N. Cory St., 5:30 p.m.
 - **May 1** Spring Thing: An Evening of Jazz with Jack Taylor;
Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion, 7 - 9 p.m.
- **For more info or to register for events, contact the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations** by visiting the Web site at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni, or call 419-434-4516.



• **Attention Florida and California alumni: See details above and mark your calendars to join your alma mater and area alumni at a location near you!**

- There is still time to sign up for the **Kalahari Alumni Weekend April 24 and 25, sponsored by the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations.** Visit the Web site at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni, or call the alumni office at 419-434-4516.



- **Women and men alumni basketball players returned** to The University of Findlay for a reception on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009. Children of returning alumni participated in “*I Want Candy,*” and a shoe scramble activity during halftime of the women’s and men’s games.



Returning alumni: (front row) Jon Thorbahn '95, Rob Strasbaugh '81, Matt Metzger '06, Drew Mihalik '01, Greg Knestrick '90, Dale Crea-ger '77, Mike Winch '59; (back row) Marc Bishop '99, Jim Steffen '94, Greg Denecker '94, Bill Riley '91, Mike Pohlman '00, Brad Rethman '04, Chuck Daniels '97, Kyle Hunt '02, James Tyree '91, Dean Clemons '83, Todd Hormann '91, Steve Hoehne '87, Sean Dahlinghaus '88; (not shown) Charlie Ernst '92, Randy Siefker '96, Brad Schomaeker '93, M '03, Ryan Maag '01.



Returning alumnae: (front row) Eileen Kleinfelter '79 and past UF women's basketball coach; Jenna (Jenkins) Knestrick '94; Darlene (Pees) Wilson '96; (back row) Carrie Bergman '06; Angie Calamuggio '97; Lydia (Carpenter) Mihalik '02; Dawn (Mareches) Loera '99; Linda (Horner) Hoersten '95; Melanie (Miller) Thorbahn '95. Attended, but not shown: Lori (Trenkamp) Huffman '95 and Kati (Stedcke) Hunt '01.



Children of the alumni basketball team members looked forward to halftime action with Derrick the Oiler!

- **A reunion celebration is being organized for The University of Findlay Class of 1999 and friends by Breana (Heinrichs) Koffler '99 and other classmates.** All members of the UF Class of 1999 are invited, in addition to others who may be interested. The Class of '99 will host a reunion celebration the evening of Oct. 3, 2009, as part of the festivities for Homecoming weekend Oct. 2-4, 2009. Details will follow in the upcoming months. A Facebook page titled "The University of Findlay, Class of '99 10-year reunion & friends," has been created. Please check it to get details as they develop at <http://site.ufclassof1999and-friends.org>.
- **Dr. James Houdeshell '53, former coach and athletic director** who is now serving as special assistant to the president and development officer, hosted a reception on Jan. 11, 2009, at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tenn., for The University of Findlay. The reception was held in conjunction with the American Football Coaches Association and Mid-States Football Association annual meetings. Current and former members of The University of Findlay football staff and UF alumni who are now coaching in colleges and universities around the United States were invited. Attending the reception were: University of Toledo head coach **Tim '88 and Kim (Rooney '88) Beckman; Kevin Cassidy '79, M '05; Jamie Smiddy '04**, assistant coach, University of the Cumberlands; **Chris Garner '99**, assistant coach, Morehead State University; **Ron Wright '75**, assistant coach, Hudson High School; **Craig Aukerman '99**, former assistant coach, Miami University; **Steve Mohr**, head coach, Trinity University; **Dan Tott**, assistant coach, University of Michigan; **Dale Williams**, assistant coach, Florida International University; and **Andy Wardle**, assistant coach, Wittenberg University. Also attending were the UF football staff: Head Coach **Jon Wauford; Kory Allen**, associate head coach; and assistant coaches: **Kelly Cummings, Michael Schanski, Mike Pinkard, Will Harnar, Mike Leddy, and Chad Wagner '00.**



- **On Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, seven alumni from The University of Findlay had dinner at Barnacle Bill's in Sarasota, Fla., for an evening of reminiscing.**

At left, enjoying an evening together were: Roseann (Keller '68) and Thomas '67 Sampson, Jamie Houdeshell '86, Dr. James '53 and Mira (Frost '78) Houdeshell, and Bill '68 and Janice (Shogry '70) Zerbe.

- **Congratulations Newlyweds:**
 - *Adam '06 & Lindsey Storm – June 28, 2008*
 - *Heather Schroeder '07 & Cory Haselman – Aug. 23, 2008*
- **Welcome UF Newest Little Oilers:**
 - *Chris '96 & Denise Mays*
Baby girl – Ashley Grayson, born Dec. 15, 2008
 - *Richard '02 & Andrea Yockey*
Baby boy – Richard Jethro (Jet), born Nov. 22, 2008
 - *Christopher & Ginger (Davis '97) Weaver*
William Christopher, born Oct. 31, 2008

- *John & Heidi (Englebry '04) Shaffer*
Baby girl – Marleighna Miriyan, born Sept. 26, 2008
- *Fred & Bridget (Ensminger '03) Wagner*
Baby boy – Peyton, born Aug. 11, 2008
- *Darrell '99 & Lisa Sivik*
Baby girl – Alivia Madison

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4. Alumni Spotlight

- **Mary Riepenhoff**, superintendent of St. Mary's City School since last year, knows more than a little about school administration.

Riepenhoff earned a principal's license from UF in 2000 and was principal at Van Wert Middle School until 2008. During her eight years there, Riepenhoff led the school to become an Ohio and national School to Watch, which means it was a positive model for other schools to follow. In 2007, Riepenhoff earned a superintendent's license from UF, and in 2008, she was named the OASSA (Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators) Ohio Middle School Principal of the Year.



Mary Riepenhoff

Riepenhoff chose to pursue her licenses at Findlay for a variety of reasons. "As I got into the Findlay program, there was a lot of support. It was easy to continue in the program with the support I received from professors," she said. She also mentioned that she was able to complete her coursework while maintaining a full-time job and a family. "Professors would bring practitioners – principals or superintendents – to class to give you real-life situations and scenarios. I always appreciated that ... It's so practical because that's what you need," she said.

As a graduate of the programs, Riepenhoff shares her own experiences as an administrator with other professionals taking classes at UF. Riepenhoff regularly speaks to students in classes taught by Rahman "Buzz" Dyer, Ph.D. She brings in items she's confiscated over the years and talks about controversial discipline issues. She continues to appreciate feedback from Dyer, who offers suggestions from his own administration experiences. "It's timeless information you don't necessarily think about," said Riepenhoff. Riepenhoff appreciates all of the professors she interacted with at UF and credits Dyer for helping move her forward in her career. "I never felt like there was a time I couldn't call and ask him a question about administration," she said.

- **Ryan Smith** '00, M '07 did not plan on teaching as a part of his career in nuclear medicine, but he found it is one of the things he now enjoys most about his job. Smith is the clinical coordinator for the Nuclear Medicine Institute at The University of Findlay, a position he has held since 2004. In addition to teaching, he coordinates placements of students to receive practical, hands-on training in a choice of nearly 100 affiliated clinical facilities located in 15 states. He also makes clinical site visits to monitor students' progress. "I love to travel, see new places,

meet new people. I get to do all of that when I'm on the road doing the visits," he remarked.

As an upperclassman at Jackson High School, near Massillon, Ohio, Smith was exposed to health care careers through a Boy Scouts of America-sponsored Explorer group. He said he was interested in nuclear medicine technology from the beginning, and through research determined that The University of Findlay offered the premier program. Following his graduation from Findlay in 2000, Smith worked as a nuclear medicine technologist at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Sidney, Ohio, and the Smith Clinic in Marion, Ohio, before returning to his alma mater. He was looking for a job in the Findlay area when he stopped by the NMI to connect with faculty. He met then-new NMI program director Richard States and discovered the program needed more instructors. At first, Smith said he laughed at the thought of being a teacher, but then he became excited at the prospect.



NMI students (from left) Renee Howe and Cheressa Spangler, and Becky Burkett (posing as a patient) receive training from Ryan Smith (center), clinical coordinator, on the operation of a gamma camera, which is used to perform diagnostic studies, such as scans of the lungs, kidneys, gall bladder and bones.

Since taking the job, he said that he has grown as a teacher and in his organizational and communication skills. He also is interested in his students and enjoys building relationships with them, he said. He had a good role model in Elaine Markon. An NMI graduate, Markon has taught in the NMI since 1975 when the program was housed at Hillcrest Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, and she came with NMI when it was acquired by UF in 1984. He cited her as an excellent teacher who knew everything about the NMI program. He also fondly remembered the late David Wallach, who taught Smith's Freshman Seminar statistics class. "He went out of the way to help me through the stresses of an incoming freshman," Smith said. "He always remembered me, even after graduation. He'd remember my name and ask how things were going."

The field of nuclear medicine doesn't offer a master's degree, so to continue advancing his career, Smith went on to earn a master of business administration in organizational leadership in 2007 from The University of Findlay.

He met his wife, **Marie (Clevenger '00)**, ironically not at UF where both were attending, but at the Blanchard Valley Residential Center where they were both working. Married since 2002, they have a son, Wyatt, 4, and a daughter, Scarlet Grayce, 2. A stay-at-home mom, Marie works part-time at The Right Thing Inc. and has a photography business taking photos of newborns in hospitals and then making DVDs of the photos choreographed to music. She also is working toward earning an MBA at The University of Findlay.

Smith is a member of the College First Church of God and is involved with church-related activities, including playing on the church softball team. He also enjoys following his favorite sports teams, landscaping and reading.

From a student to a faculty member, Smith has come full circle back to his alma mater, where he is making a difference in training nuclear medicine professionals for the future. "It is exciting and rewarding to have the opportunity to educate the next generation, not only in the classroom environment at The University of Findlay, but also in the clinical phase as well," he said.

5. Oiler Sports

- **The Oilers men's basketball team continues to win and is ranked #1 in the nation and #1 in the Midwest Region with an 18-0 record.** The team is led by senior forward **Josh Bostic**, who is averaging 17.9 points, 6.6 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 2.6 steals per game. He has been named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) South Division Player of the Week four times this season and has scored 1,359 career points, the 17th highest total in the history of UF basketball.



John Guagenti

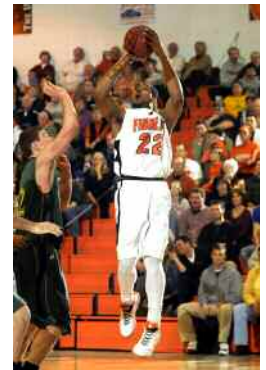
- Freshman **John Guagenti** has headlined the Oilers men's indoor track and field team thus far, taking home GLIAC Athlete of the Week honors on Jan. 14. Guagenti has recorded a NCAA provisional qualifying time of 49.22 in the 400-meter dash.
- Freshman **Raven Clay** has been named the GLIAC Athlete of the Week **three times** in her inaugural campaign with the Oilers. She has already qualified for the NCAA 2009 women's indoor track and field national championship after running an 8.30 in the 60-meter hurdles.



Travis Clark

- The **Roughnecks wrestling team is currently ranked 15th in the nation** and is led by senior **Hiram Smith**, who is ranked fourth in the 184-pound weight class. Senior **Travis Clark** also shows up in the rankings, sitting at sixth in the 285-pound class.
- Junior defensive back **Anthony Fields** was named **honorable mention All-American by Don Hansen's Football Gazette**. He was also tabbed second team all-region selection, as well as first team all-GLIAC, after making 62 tackles and five interceptions during the 2008 campaign.

- Check out Oilers sports at <http://www.findlay.edu>.



Josh Bostic



Raven Clay



Anthony Fields

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6. Alumni Support

- **Your financial support provides unprecedented help to today's students.** It is no secret that these are very challenging economic times. The University of Findlay is weathering these times well. The institution is financially sound and stable, and the quality of our academic offerings and the well-deserved reputation of our faculty for personal attention to student needs are resulting in a steady flow of highly qualified students to our campus.

Yet these students are coming with greater financial need. The same economic challenges facing individuals and business are also making it more difficult for students and their parents to afford the expense of a college education. The University is doing everything possible to

keep costs down and to award the maximum amount of financial aid. Indeed, during the current year, the University has awarded more than \$26 million in financial aid to our students.

What does all of this mean for you? **It means that your financial support will have an unprecedented impact on those young people** enrolled at The University of Findlay today, because these are unprecedented times. Please strongly consider making a gift today to support students by visiting www.findlay.edu and clicking on “Give to Findlay.”

- **The University’s annual Applause! recognition reception will be held on Thursday evening, Oct. 15, 2009.** This event recognizes those who have made significant contributions of time and resources to The University of Findlay and to say “thank you.” Individuals who have contributed \$1,000 or more in cash to the University during the preceding fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2009, will receive invitations to this special and fun event. Plan your giving and mark your calendars to be sure you don’t miss the Applause! recognition reception.

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7. FYI Campus Newsletter

- Want to know what is happening on campus between *ArchLink* issues? UF has a bi-weekly newsletter called *For Your Information* that is circulated on campus. The newsletter includes feature stories and pictures of campus activities. Check out *FYI* online at <http://www.findlay.edu>, KEYWORD: FYI.

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8. Spread the Word...

- If you know other alumni who would like to receive *ArchLink*, please forward this message.
- If you received *ArchLink* from another alum and would like to sign up for it, you may [click here](#) to fill out a form or e-mail your name, graduation year, major and home address to archlink@findlay.edu. Please add archlink@findlay.edu to your address book/contact list.
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