

Martin Luther King Day Unity Celebration

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. Participants walked to Main Street and then gathered in a circle in Dorney Plaza for prayer and reflection by candlelight. More than 100 people participated.

After participants returned to

the church, a program was held. The visiting speaker was Barbara L. Roosa of Perrysburg.

Staff member Almar Walter spoke, and student Nina Smith was mistress of ceremonies. Dr. Freed spoke on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. UF's Anointed Worship Gospel choir offered musical selections.



Almar Walter, director of intercultural services, speaks to a group in attendance at the MLK Celebration.

M. Marrash

Scholarship Competition Day Jan. 31

The University of Findlay will hold 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 are 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. For the fall 2008 entering class, the average ACT score was 24.2, the average SAT score 1570, and the average GPA, 3.5.

"The University is proud to have such high-caliber students coming to campus to compete for scholarships," said Donna Gruber, director of undergraduate admissions. "Each year, we see exceptional

academic performance among the students entering our freshman classes."

Approximately 100 students will participate in the competition in January. A final Scholarship Competition Day will be held in March, and 180 students are expected to attend.

The University held its first Scholarship Competition Day of the academic year in December, bringing 174 students to campus.

NWO Future Teachers Conference to be on Campus Feb. 7; Thomas-EL Speaking

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. This event is sponsored by The Northwest Ohio Center of Excellence and its partners BGSU-

COSMOS, Lourdes College, Owens Community College, The University of Findlay and The University of Toledo.

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

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UF Signs Articulation Agreement with National University in Taiwan

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.

The University of Findlay has been a pioneer in international education, as a leader in welcoming international students through establishment of its Intensive English Language Institute in 1975 and in encouraging students to experience study abroad through its Kake Program exchange with Japan, among others.

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 compat-

ible with programs at UF. Credits earned by students in Taiwan will be fully transferable into undergraduate programs at Findlay. To transfer courses to the University, students from NCHU must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 and the course must meet requirements for the intended major at UF.

Established in 1919 as an agricultural college, NCHU is known for its research in biotechnology and nanoscience as well as its education programs. With approximately 16,000 students in undergraduate, graduate, doctoral and continuing education programs, NCHU

was the only university in central Taiwan to have been chosen by the country's Ministry of Education



David Emsweller, vice president of student services, DeBow Freed, Ph.D., president of UF, and Daniel May, Ph.D., vice president of academic affairs, sign the articulation agreement.

as a World-Class University in its International 'Advancement to the Top' Project, with numerous papers published internationally in the research fields of zoology, botany, engineering, material science and chemistry.

NWO Future Teachers Conference to be on Campus Feb. 7, Cont.

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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.

Register online at <http://cosmos.bgsu.edu/nwoFutureTeacherConf/>. The cost is \$10, which includes a certificate of completion, lunch, prizes and take-home activities.

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. A Disney film based upon Thomas-EL's book will soon be released. The public is invited to attend.

Session presenters include educators from The University of Findlay, Wapakoneta High School, the Mazza Museum, Bowling Green State University, Lourdes College and others.

In addition, several vendors will

be on site, including Toledo Science Center, Lourdes College Theatre Vision, Hancock County Park District, Mother Hubbard's Learning Cupboard, Ohio Historical Society, Newspapers in Education, The Courier, The Toledo Blade, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the Mazza Museum, Toledo Area Metroparks, Carolina Curriculum, Toledo Zoo and WGTE.

Please contact Julie McIntosh, Ed.D., at 419-434-4062 or mcintosh@findlay.edu to reserve a spot.

Winter Fun on Campus



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Ali Black, Jennie Brown and Mike Pesato attempt to ice skate together during Freeze Fest in the Koehler Complex.



A. Risser Lee

Current and past members of Theta Chi, Andrew Stempak, Nick Derringer and Matt Smith, grill hot dogs during the Theta Chi Midwinter Cookout on campus.



A. Risser Lee

Students in an occupational therapy class are entertained by Anna Sweeney, daughter of Marc Sweeney, Pharm.D., during a class on development and developmental assessment. The class, OCH 424: Pediatrics, is taught by Christy Nelson, Ph.D., OTR/L, FAOTA, associate professor.



A. Risser Lee

Gail Lazarczyk, right, reads a book to a room full of children during the Mazza Museum's first Tales for Tots event Jan. 13. The theme was Snow Magic.



M. Marrash

Derrick the Oiler talks to a young basketball fan during halftime of the alumni men's and women's basketball game Jan. 17.

Sears Appointed Examiner for Ohio Partnership for Excellence Baldrige Review

Paul Sears, Ph.D., dean of The University of Findlay's 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. The board is composed of

more than 90 leading professionals selected from industry, professional and trade organizations, education, health care organizations and government.

Those selected meet the highest standards of qualification and peer recognition. 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.

The Ohio Partnership for Excellence offers four award levels, platinum (or Governor's Award), gold,

silver and bronze, recognizing the status of an organization in achieving excellence as benchmarked against the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence. Gold level – Achievement of Excellence Award recipients for 2008 were Eaton North American Financial Services in Brook Park, Flower Hospital in Toledo, and Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area in Toledo.

Information about the Ohio Award for Excellence and the application process is available on the Ohio Partnership for Excellence website at <http://www.partnershipohio.org/html/home.htm>.

Beck Appointed President-Elect of NSEA

Patti Beck, 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 in the positions of vice president for professional development and president.

She is a graduate of The University of Findlay with a bachelor's degree in business management and a master of arts in education. She has been employed with the University for 10 years, working in the areas of human resources and career placement before establishing and heading the student employment office in 2001.

UF Faculty Member Activities Worth Noting

Andrea Adams-Miller, adjunct faculty member, founded an Adopt-a-Deputy project in spring 2008 in conjunction with the criminal justice courses she teaches at Owens Community College. Recently, students in her classes also added Adopt-an-Officer, Adopt-a-Firefighter and Adopt-a-Squad.

Through the programs, Adams-Miller's students raise funds, write grant applications and request do-

nations to purchase essential items such as flashlights for officers and deputies. They are working toward raising enough funds to host an appreciation dinner for 11 volunteer fire departments, the Findlay Fire Department and five rescue squads.

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, Jan. 14.

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.

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