

## Nearly 300 to Graduate from UF Dec. 12

Nearly 300 students will graduate from The University of Findlay during fall commencement ceremonies at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, in the Koehler Complex on campus.

More than 130 graduate degrees will be awarded, and more than 135 undergraduate degrees will be awarded, including approximately 20 bachelor of arts degrees and approximately 115 bachelor of science degrees.

Nearly 20 associate of arts degrees will be conferred.

Among the UF graduates are approximately 65 international students who will receive master's

degrees and three international students who will receive bachelor's degrees. Those students represent the countries of Nepal, Taiwan, China, Japan, India, Ghana, Korea and Venezuela.

Daniel May, Ph.D., vice president of academic affairs at The University of Findlay, will give the commencement address. May joined the University in 1991 as an assistant professor and has served in his current position since 2004.

Prior to joining the University, May completed field assignments with the U.S. Geological Survey in Arizona; supervised student field

geology courses in California, New Mexico and Colorado; and did geologic consulting work in the Midwest.

May received a bachelor of science degree in geology from Stanford University in Stanford, Calif., and a doctoral degree in geology from the University of California at Santa Barbara.

The University's traditional Arch Ceremony will immediately follow commencement at approximately 3:30 p.m. at the Griffith Memorial Arch.

## Equestrian Teams Honored at Banquet

The annual dinner for equestrian studies, hosted by DeBow Freed, Ph.D., president of UF, was held Nov. 11 and was an opportunity for coaches and team members to express their appreciation for each other and for the support of the University.

Cynthia Morehead, western team coach, Janet Harms, dressage team coach and Sandra McCarthy, English team coach, each spoke to the audience, as did Steve Brown, director of the western equestrian program.

All speakers thanked Freed for his continued support of the equestrian teams. Brown also recognized C. Richard Beckett, D.V.M., chair of the UF Board of Trustees, as another person who has "made

everything possible" for the equestrian program to grow and succeed.

The western equestrian team won the 2009 Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) championship. The English IHSA team earned fifth place in the 2009 championship. The University's dressage team hosted the Intercollegiate Dressage Association (IDA)

national competition and earned 10th place, as well as the team sportsmanship award.



*Equestrian team coaches, staff and supporters: (back row) Jacob Bowman, Stephen Brown, Sandra McCarthy, Janet Harms, Amanda Smith; (front row) Mary Bowman, Cynthia Morehead, Tanya Golding and Holly Duncan.*

*B. Patterson*

# UF Collects Nearly 18,000 Pounds of Food for Chopin Hall, Beats 2008 Total

Helping Hands Across America was Nov. 12, and though the official results have not yet been verified, UF is currently first in the nation with 17,825 pounds of food collected, all of which was donated to Chopin Hall.

Students, faculty and staff members participated in Sodexo's national effort to break the Guinness® world record for the largest food drive by a non-charitable organization within a 24-hour period.

UF competed against other universities across the nation to collect the most food. This year, the University community donated 5,184 more pounds of food than last year.

Within the University, student organizations competed against

each other. Theta Chi, Criminal Justice Club and the Wilderness Club earned first, second and third places, with Theta Chi donating 1,068 pounds, the Criminal Justice Club donating 1,065 pounds and the Wilderness Club donating 729 pounds. Among faculty and staff, the student services/development team collected more than 1,700 pounds of food.

The current world record is 510,000 pounds of food. Sodexo's



*Bryan Golding, director of recreational services, unloads stacks of canned goods to be counted and recorded. Also pictured: Keith from Mix 96.7, Pastor Will Miller and David Harr.*

national total is (as of this publication) 366,556. In the university competition, the University of New England, Biddeford, Maine, came in behind UF with 15,058 pounds.

## Health Communication is Topic of Timely Discussion at Student-Planned Symposium

On Nov. 19, approximately 100 faculty, staff and students from The University of Findlay attended Health Communication Matters, an informational symposium on health care, sponsored by the communication department in conjunction with National Education Week.

The event, which was broadcast live on UF-TV channel 20 and WLFC 88.3 FM, featured several faculty experts from the University.

The importance of communicating about health — a central theme throughout the presentations — was discussed by Dr. Cheri Hampton-Farmer, assistant professor of communication who leads the health communication major at the University. “We typically experience why health communication matters when we experience poor communication,” she said in her introduction.

Attendees heard information on the health care reform proposal, presented by Dr. Josephine Kershaw, associate professor of health care management. Dr. Jean Cunningham, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, pointed out ways to measure the credibility of online health care Web sites, while Dr. Robert Frampton, associate professor of physical therapy, discussed The Medicare Patient Access to Physical Therapists Act.

The audience was encouraged to submit questions, which were answered by the panelists.

Leslie Thatcher, a senior majoring in health communication and minoring in public relations, planned and implemented the symposium as part of her senior capstone project.

Thatcher was working under the direction of Dr. Jeanette Drake,

associate professor and chair of the department of communication, and Hampton-Farmer.

“The symposium was a huge success and brought together a group of health professionals, each an expert in their respective fields, to address the most pressing questions facing our country,” said Dr. Andrea Koepke, dean of the College of Health Professions. “Public forums enable individuals to gain health related information, thereby developing a well informed citizenry. In addition, these opportunities encourage society to advocate for patients, particularly those who are unserved or underserved, as well as to support the community as it seeks to make wise decisions concerning personal health-care issues.”

*By Leslie Thatcher, health communication major*

# Students Share the Holiday Spirit



R. Cross

Katie Wilburn and Abi Clark help collect donated boxes of gifts during Operation Christmas Child. This was the first year UF participated in the worldwide program. Wilburn coordinated the on-campus effort.



A. Risser Lee

Jordan Yesesky and another student use some creativity to make "thank you" cards for U.S. service men and women on Veterans Day Nov. 11.



R. Cross

Tyler Evans, center, member of last year's championship basketball team, and Northwestern Mutual helped raise funds for The Salvation Army at the Nov. 19 men's basketball game. Pictured from left: Major William Augustine, Major Evelyn Augustine, Evans, Mark Barnes (Northwestern Mutual) and his son.



A. Risser Lee

Hsiao-Yu Chang (Rainey) and Hui-Chun Sun (Winni), TESOL students, enjoy a traditional American Thanksgiving meal at the annual luncheon hosted by the Office of International Admissions and Services Nov. 24.



E. Granger

Lauren Jones, Meaghan Harrison, Adrian Poston and Shavon Jones, dressed as the Spice Girls, compete in the Pop Culture Quiz Bowl Nov. 18.



A. Risser Lee

Members of the UF Concert-Chorale perform "Twas the Night Before Christmas" Nov. 22.

# 'Christmas Joy' Concert is Dec. 6 at FHS' Heminger Auditorium

The University of Findlay Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will combine at 3 p.m. Dec. 6 for an annual Christmas concert in Heminger Auditorium at Findlay High School.

"Christmas Joy" is the theme of the program, which will feature traditional holiday favorites.

Jack Taylor, professor of music and director of bands, will conduct the performance.

Marie Loudon-Hanes, Ph.D., dean of undergraduate education, will narrate the program. Nancy Glick, instructor of harp and piano, will provide harp interludes with Beth Brannon, senior hospitality management major.

The featured soloist for the program and co-winner of the 2009-10 UF Concerto Competition will be French hornist Cristina Danks, a senior pre-veterinary medicine major from Kirtland, Ohio. Danks will perform "Morceau de Concert" by Camille Saint-Saens.

The first recipient of the Jack and Patricia Taylor Endowed Instrumental Music Scholarship also will be introduced at the program.

Tickets are \$5 for general admission; \$3 for students and senior citizens; and free for UF students, faculty and staff with I.D.

Tickets may be reserved in advance by calling the UF Box Office at 419-434-5335.



*French horn soloist Cristina Danks*

## Three New Endowed Funds Established

Three new endowment funds have been established in conjunction with The University of Findlay's 125th Endowed Fund Drive, thanks to the generosity of University employees.

Employees of the physical plant established the Physical Plant Endowed Book Fund to assist students in purchasing academic books.

The employees of the business affairs department established the Business Affairs Scholarship Endowment Fund for a U.S. citizen

who shows commitment to UF through active participation in campus activities, clubs and/or service organizations.

Those employed in the athletics department established the Athletic Department Academic Resource Discretionary Endowment Fund to support programming, staffing and/or technology to advance academic priorities for all students involved in athletics.

The physical plant includes employees in maintenance and

housekeeping. The business affairs department includes employees in the business office, accounts payable/receivable, human resources, facilities, postal/communications and the University stores. The athletic department includes administrative personnel, coaches and staff members.

For details on these endowed scholarships and others, visit [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu), KEYWORD: endowments.

## Mark Your Calendar for 2010 UF Events

Many events are planned at the University for the spring semester. Put these events on your calendar now.

- 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Toledo Symphony Orchestra Pops

Concert, WTS

- 10 p.m. — 1 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 30, Comedy Jam. AMU
- 9 a.m. — 4:45 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 11, Global Summit, WTS

- 8 p.m. and 2 p.m., Feb. 17-21, "The Pajama Game," Powell-Grimm Theatre
- 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, band concert, WTS

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