

Faculty Recognized for Excellence

An annual faculty recognition and appreciation dinner was held Thursday, Feb. 19.

Two awards were given for the first time. Elizabeth Raker, Ph.D., was the first recipient to receive the Harriette Smith Ritz Service Award, and Penny Soboleski was the first recipient to receive the James D. and Judith L. Philipp Award of Excellence in the College of Education.

The Founders' Academic Excellence Award was presented to Chris Moser, Ed.D.; the David L. Allen Award for Teaching was presented to Donald Collins; the Elizabeth S. Gupta Award for Excellence in Teaching Fine Arts was presented to Ed Corle; the Shiv Kumar Gupta Award for Excellence in Teaching

Business was presented to S. Chris Ward, Ed.D.; and the Faculty Chair in the College of Science was presented to Mary Jo Geise.

Louis Stulman, Ph.D., was presented with the Richard E. Wilkin Chair in College of Liberal Arts, which was for the first time named for Wilkin, who was present.

Faculty members having completed 20 years of service to the University were honored: Clark Bradley, Helen Schneider,

Maria Gamba and Dennis Mathern.

Daniel May, Ph.D., presided over the program.



Faculty members Donald Collins, S. Chris Ward, Penny Soboleski, Mary Jo Geise, Ed Corle, Helen Schneider, Elizabeth Raker, Louis Stulman and Chris Moser were honored during the dinner.

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UF Promotes Faculty, Announces Tenure

The University announces faculty members who recently were approved for promotions and tenure.

UF employs 195 full-time faculty members, and 40 of those were added within the past five years in response to growing demand for academic programs.

Faculty members promoted:

- **Mark Carroll**, physical therapy, assistant to associate professor
- **Christine Denecker**, English, assistant to associate professor
- **Nicole Diederich**, English, associate to full professor
- **Julie Toney**, physical therapy, assistant to associate professor
- **Judy Wahrman**, education, associate to full professor
- **S. Chris Ward**, business, assistant to associate professor

Faculty members awarded tenure:

- **Mark Carroll**, physical therapy; B.S., The Ohio State University; M.Ed., Mt. Vernon Nazarene University; Ed.D., Bowling Green State University
- **Christine Denecker**, English (composition); B.A., Bluffton College; M.A., Bowling Green State University; Ph.D., Bowling Green State University
- **Dave Essinger**, English (creative writing); B.Phil., Miami University; M.F.A., Art Institute of Chicago
- **Nabarun Ghose**, business (marketing); B.A., Madras Christian College (India); M.I.J., Baylor University; D.B.A., Southern Illinois University

- **Diane Kontar**, art (art history); B.A., University of Minnesota; M.A., University of Michigan; M.L.S., Indiana University; Ph.D., Florida State University
- **S. Chris Ward**, business; B.S., The University of Findlay; M.B.A., The University of Findlay; Ed.D., Argosy University
- **Pam Warton**, mathematics; B.S., Bowling Green State University; M.A., Bowling Green State University; Ph.D., Bowling Green State University

UF's Focus on Entrepreneurship Earns State Honor from Ohio SBDC

The University was presented Feb. 23 with a certification of appreciation for outstanding performance and valuable contribution to the education and development of Ohio's future entrepreneurs.

The honor was given by Ohio Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) at the start of National Entrepreneurship Week in Ohio.

S. Chris Ward, Ed.D., associate professor, and Dan Yates, Ph.D., assistant professor, both within the College of Business, accepted the certificate, which was presented at the Riffe Center in Columbus, on behalf of the University.

Students Sara Wilson, Christy Sipe, Jared Diekman and Nathan Lahey were in attendance.

Students from the University regularly work with small business owners within the community, giving students hands-on experience with entrepreneurship and helping business owners.



Left to right: Sara Wilson; Christy Sipe; Craig Brown, SBDC adviser; Michele Abraham, director, SBDC; Lee Fisher, Ohio Lieutenant Governor; Antonio Doss, associate administrator, the U.S. SBA; Jared Diekman; Nathan Lahey; and Eric Troy, associate director, 21st Century Skills, Ohio Department of Education.

'Greening Your Space' Timely Topic of March 17 FGCI Event

The University's Findlay Green Campus Initiative (FGCI) will host "Greening Your Space: Toward a More Sustainable Dorm, Apartment, Home" from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, in the Pfeiffer Lecture Hall, located in the Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion on campus.

Catherine Hernandez will be the featured speaker, and UF students may enter a drawing to win a free bicycle. Community members are

welcome to attend the free event; only UF students are eligible for the bicycle drawing.

Hernandez is a native of East Toledo and a graduate of Bowling Green State University. She worked for Project FEED, a program to recruit future educators to enhance diversity, while pursuing her master's degree at BGSU. Hernandez is currently a fourth grade teacher at Whittier Elementary School in the Toledo Public Schools district.

Hernandez is a founding member of the Urban Environmental Institute and hopes to continue to talk about the importance of environmental education and sustainable living.

For more information about FGCI, visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: FGCI.

Broadway Star Brent Barrett to Perform

"An Evening with Brent Barrett" is slated at 8 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at The University of Findlay in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

Barrett is a Broadway and international musical-theater star of "Chicago," "The Phantom of the Opera," "Grand Hotel," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Kiss Me Kate" and "Candide."

Phil Reno will accompany Barrett on the piano. Reno is a Grammy-nominated Broadway conductor of "The Drowsy Chaperone," "The Producers," "Cats," "Thou Shalt Not" and "Broadway Under the Stars."

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are available at the UF Box Office. Call 419-

434-5335. Tickets also will be available at the door.

This performance is made possible by The University of Findlay Mary Snyder Kirk Musical Guest Artist Chair, Curtain Raisers Society for the Performing Arts, the Convocations Committee and the UF music and theater programs.

Black Tie Affair Court Selected



M. Marrash

The Black Tie court, from left, Lord Donte Johnson, Lady Alex Reist, Duke Matt Flahaven, Duchess Lauran Young, Princess Holly Nelson, Prince Luther Mayfield, Queen Nina Smith and King Austin Slayter.

Queen Nina Smith and King Austin Slayter share a laugh after the coronation.



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Caitlyn Theaker, Bryana Jackson and Theresa Schroeder work on a puzzle during a psychology class taught by Evelyn Buday, assistant professor of psychology.



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Students discuss their similarities during a conversation exchange program Feb. 25, hosted by the Office of Intercultural Student Services. A second conversation exchange is scheduled for March 25.



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Students from Van Buren and Arcadia high schools pipette DNA samples into an electrophoresis apparatus to determine which suspect's DNA matches DNA from a crime scene during the first DNA Day on campus.



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The Toledo Symphony Orchestra performed on campus Feb. 20 as part of the Concert & Lecture Series. Pianist Andrew Armstrong is featured under conductor Stefan Sanderling.

Bookstore Activates Online Ordering

The University Bookstore has added the capability of online ordering, enabling students, faculty and staff as well as alumni and visitors to order books, technology needs, Oiler apparel, gift items and more.

“Our goal is to offer students and other members of the campus and University community the best in convenience and service,” said Uni-

versity stores manager Jay Canterbury. “This new functionality allows all members of the University community as well as other visitors to complete their transactions 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in a secure environment.”

Students have already enjoyed the capability to search for their books online and call in a reserva-

tion for pick-up, and alumni and others have been able to view items, select their purchases and fax or call in their orders. Now, they will be able to complete the entire transaction online from home or their dorm room.

The site may be accessed at <http://shop.findlay.edu>.

UF to Host Dressage Championships

The University will host the Intercollegiate Dressage Association (IDA) National Championships April 18 and 19 at the James L. Child Jr. Equestrian Complex, located on Township Road 201. The public is welcome to attend.

Twelve teams, with four riders on each team, will compete on Saturday. Nearly 50 individual riders will compete on Sunday. Also on Saturday, spectators can watch a dog agility demonstration by Golden Collar School for Dogs during the lunch hour. In addition, a variety of vendors will be on site, including several area businesses, as well as an equine art show.

In 2008, the University’s dressage team was regional champion for the second year in a row and earned eighth place at the IDA National Championships in Massachusetts. Several students also earned high individual honors.

Janet Harms is the head dressage instructor at the University and also the coach for the IDA team at UF. Amanda Smith also is a riding instructor within the dressage program and assists with coaching the IDA team.

Dressage is a sport in which riders train horses to use their natural movements in a more balanced, supple and obedient manner. In

dressage competition, the horse’s natural movements are repeated as exercises in the show ring, and judges score the performance, giving each rider a gauge for their quality of the performance. The rider must compete using an unfamiliar horse, drawn at random. In a true test of skill, the rider is given just 10 minutes to become familiar with the horse before they enter the show ring.

For more information regarding the IDA championships at Findlay, please contact the Child complex at 419-434-4364 or for more information on the program, please visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Dressage.

Faculty Members Worth Noting

Alice Anderson, Ed.D., dean of the College of Education, **Judy Wahrman**, Ph.D., professor of education, and Nichole Wagner, graduate student, presented “Post Secondary Alternative Pathways” in February at the American Association of College of Teacher Education (AACTE) in Chicago.

Anderson also co-presented with colleagues from Virginia “Leadership for Building Healthy Communities of Practice in Professional Education” at the same AACTE conference.

Jennifer Fennema-Bloom, assistant professor of TESOL and bilingual education, earned first place in the 2009 Outstanding Dissertation competition from the National Association of Bilingual Education. Her dissertation, from Teachers College, Columbia University, is “Pedagogic Code-Switching: A Case Study of the Language Practices of Three Bilingual Content Teachers.”

Debra L. Parker, R.Ph., Pharm.D., assistant professor of pharmacy

practice and director of the Medication Therapy Management Consult Center, recently researched and wrote “Interaction Between Warfarin and Black Tea,” which was published in January issue of The Annals of Pharmacotherapy.

Parker also wrote “Cardiovascular Risk: What Should We Measure?” which was published in the February issue of U.S. Pharmacist.

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