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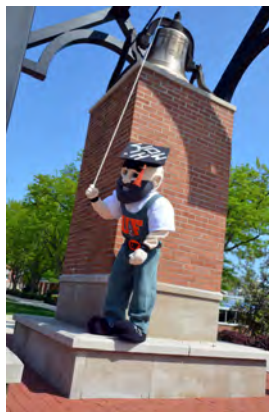


Greetings, alumni!

On behalf of the Board of Governors and the Alumni Association, we welcome and congratulate the 675 graduates that marked their completion at UF by marching out through the Arch with our faculty lining the sidewalks and applauding their accomplishments on Saturday, May 5. Derek, our Oilers mascot, also congratulated the new

alumni by ringing the original Old Main bell as the graduates headed down the Cory Street Mall toward the Griffith Memorial Arch.

Campus is a lot quieter since our students have packed their belongings and headed home, or off to jobs and internships for the summer. However, campus will not be quiet for long, as we prepare an extensive list of summer camps for a variety of interests, whether it's academic or sports-related. Academic areas hosting camps include: Fifth Annual College of Pharmacy Camp, CSI: Forensic Science and Mazza Art Camp. The Athletic Department camps consist of baseball, football, men's and women's basketball, volleyball and western equestrian riding.



If you have a son and/or daughter looking for something to do this summer, check out our camps online at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Summer camps.

Continue to make a difference and spread that Oiler pride as an active and involved alumnus. To view additional ways to stay connected, visit the alumni website www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni.

As always, keep us updated by filling out the "What's New with You?" form at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni. Share with us your good news about marriages, births, new jobs, promotions, awards and other achievements.

With Oiler Pride!

Dee Dee Spraw ('00, M '07), director,
The Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends

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1. What's Happening on Campus?

Spring commencement ceremonies were held May 5 in the Koehler Complex. Graduate and undergraduate ceremonies were held separately. Approximately 675 degrees, including doctoral, master's, bachelor's and associate's, were awarded. Gregory J. Denecker '94 was the speaker for the graduate commencement ceremony, held at 9 a.m. He is the superintendent of



Julius E. Coles, who served as the undergraduate commencement speaker, was awarded an honorary doctor of international affairs. Helping with the hooding were Dr. Marie Loudon-Hanes (left) and Dr. C. Richard Beckett (right).

Bluffton (Ohio) Exempted Village Schools. (To view his address, [click here](#).) Julius Coles was the speaker for the undergraduate ceremony, held at 2 p.m. Coles is director of the Andrew Young Center for International Affairs and its Office of Global Education at Morehouse College. He also is president emeritus of Africare, which he served from 2002 to 2009. ([Click here](#) to see his address.) The traditional Arch Ceremony followed in the morning and in the afternoon. Baccalaureate was held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 4, at the College First Church of God, with Rob Keys, head football coach, giving the address. [Click here](#) for a list of graduates. To view a photo album of the weekend's events, [click here](#).



Taking the traditional walk through the arch were students who just received their doctor of physical therapy degrees.



At the morning graduate ceremony, Gregory Denecker '94 called on graduates to work hard, build relationships and maintain integrity.



The All Hazards Training Center invites alumni, faculty, staff, trainers, students and the community to the dedication of the Daniel W. Hehr Memorial HazMat Training Area May 18 at 3 p.m. in Renninger. The hands-on training facility that Hehr originally designed is being named in his memory. Hehr, who was the first full-time faculty member hired for the hazardous materials management program, was instrumental in developing and expanding the academic curriculum. He also conducted training courses and was assistant director of training services before retiring in 2004. Hehr passed away March 28, 2012. The Daniel W. Hehr Memorial ES&H Equipment Fund to acquire equipment for the education and training of students also has been established in his memory. Donations may be sent marked for the "Hehr Memorial Fund" to the Division of University Advancement, The University of Findlay, 1000 N. Main St., Findlay, OH 45840 or [click here](#) to give online.



The Department of Communication at The University of Findlay is hosting a conference for nonprofit professionals, “PR Boot Camp 2012,” on Tuesday, June 12, at the University. The conference, which will focus on using public relations, digital media and innovative collaborations, is made possible through a grant from the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation. Dr. Janet Rice McCoy, associate professor of advertising and public relations at Morehead State University, will deliver the keynote address, “Town and Gown: A Partnership of Excellence.” Registration is \$10 and includes a series of workshops conducted by experts in strategic communication, social media, organizational communication and grant writing. Space is limited to the first 50 registrants. Those interested in reserving a seat should contact Barbara Glock at glock@findlay.edu or 419-434-6982. For more information, [click here](#).



Dr. Luke Bartolomeo was honored for 35 years as professor of chemistry and for various administrative posts.



Barbara McCrory Snyder (retired) and Dr. Micheal Anders were recognized for 30 years of service.



Honored for 25 years: (front row) Marianna Hofer, Sandy Saunders, Dr. Linda Peck, Dr. Diana Montague, Nancy Bahler, Dr. Helen Schneider; (back row) Dr. Dale Brougher, Arman Habegger and Jack Edward Corle.

The University of Findlay recognized 69 faculty and staff members for years of service at a special dinner held April 27. [Click here](#) to view the listing of those honored for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service.

Selene Girdler, Eugene White and Peggy McGinty Brannigan were inducted into the Curtain Raisers Performing Arts Wall of Fame on April 21 during the annual Curtain Raisers annual membership meeting. A Findlay beautician for 49 years, Girdler has worked for more than 20 years styling hair and wigs for theatrical productions at the Fort Findlay Playhouse, the Findlay Light Opera Company and The University of Findlay theatre program and SummerStock Theatre. Retired from Marathon Oil Co. since 1986 and active in the arts community, White has logged more than 2,000 hours of volunteer service to The University of Findlay, including serving as a board member for the International Center for Language and Resource Development. He and his wife, Marge, who was inducted into the Wall of Fame in 2009, have established two endowed funds supporting bilingual studies and the Mazza Museum, as well as have provided generous financial support for SummerStock Theatre and the vocal music program. They were named Distinguished Associates in 1988. Brannigan has been interested in theatre since she was a child in the Bronx and has been involved as an actress and producer for the Fort Findlay Playhouse and Findlay Light Opera, interned with UF SummerStock as part of her degree in theatre from Bowling Green State University and wrote an original play, “Back Street,” to complete her master’s degree from the University of Toledo.



Selene Girdler, Eugene White and Peggy McGinty Brannigan were the 2012 inductees into the Curtain Raisers Performing Arts Wall of Fame.

Supportive of the performing arts at The University of Findlay, she also has served as a dialogue coach, hosted post-performance receptions and recently established the James H. Brannigan Musical Theatre Guest Artist Fund to bring Broadway performers to the UF campus.

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2. Academic Update

The sixth annual UF Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity was held April 12 on campus. The symposium opened with a University-wide awards ceremony, which was followed by awards ceremonies conducted by each of the six colleges and included presentations by alumni speakers (See profiles under “Alumni Spotlight.”) The symposium featured work by approximately 300 students who gave presentations and participated in poster sessions. Presentations included projects involving



Ryan Gibson and Bridget Messaros were named Founders' Son and Daughter at the University Awards Ceremony at the Symposium.

international business, biological studies of plant and animal life, investigations of pharmaceutical properties, behavior analysis, cancer and MRSA studies, study abroad experiences, explorations of ecological and sustainability issues, and many others. A student art show was held that evening in the Lea Gallery.



Kelsey Harmon was one of more than 300 students who participated in the annual Symposium. She explained her research on how to address “Depression in Nursing Homes” to Dr. Andrea Koepke, dean of the College of Health Professions.

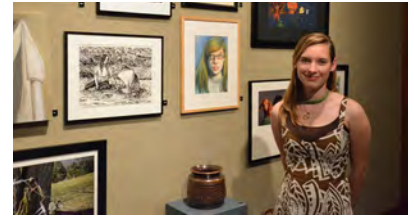
The Pulse, which is The University of Findlay’s student-run newspaper, earned a first-place award in the general news reporting category at a recent regional competition. The Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) selected The Pulse for an award at its Region 4 Mark of Excellence Award ceremony last month. SPJ Region 4 includes Michigan, Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. This year, the contest received more than 4,000 entries across SPJ’s 12 regions. The Pulse took a first-place award for “Sexual Assault: Pain, Recovery and Disappointment” by Lindsay McFadden, Samantha Kahle and Desmond Strooh. [Click here](#) for more details.



The University of Findlay’s master of physician assistant program has received continuing accreditation approval from the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). The program received its original accreditation in 2000. Upon graduation, physician assistants take a national certification examination developed by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants in conjunction with the National Board of Medical Examiners. For more information, [click here](#).

The University of Findlay hosted a Juried Student Art Exhibition from April 10 through April 26 in the Dudley and Mary Marks Lea Gallery, located in the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion. Senior art major Abigail Wright won Best of Show for her work. Art submitted to

the juried show must have been completed by UF students after April 2011 and not previously submitted to the Juried Student Art Exhibition. Pieces included painting, drawing and mixed media, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture, photography and other types of visual communication and design. Steven Walker of Westerville, Ohio, was the guest judge for the juried show.



Senior Abigail Wright posed with her honorable mention print, "Love," and a self-portrait painting.

The University of Findlay's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team took first place in its league at the SIFE USA regional

competition in Chicago on April 16. To enter the competition, students were required to create a 24-minute video and narrative presentation outlining the projects the team worked on. During the past year, the UF SIFE team has improved local businesses' profitability and sustainability while



The Students in Free Enterprise team won the USA regional competition in Chicago on April 16, winning the right to compete at nationals on May 22-24.

simultaneously reducing their environmental impact. Projects were funded through grants from Lowe's Co. and Sam's Club. Additionally, the UF SIFE team taught financial literacy at Findlay High School, Millstream Career Center and on the UF campus. With a grant from Campbell's, the SIFE team raised awareness of hunger in the community and partnered with local organizations to relieve hunger. In addition, UF SIFE is partnering with Ohio businesses to help African entrepreneurs from Burkino Faso, Senegal, Mali, Niger and Chad to develop business plans. Dr. Gregory Arburn, assistant professor of economics and finance,

is the SIFE adviser. The team will advance to the national competition at the SIFE USA National Exposition May 22-24 in Kansas City, Mo. SIFE is an international nonprofit organization active on more than 1,500 university campuses in 48 countries. To read more, [click here](#).

Four students from The University of Findlay were selected as one of three top teams competing in a national integrated marketing communications competition sponsored by Eduventures. Students submitted an integrated marketing communications plan for the Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer (MRC) Recruitment Challenge. Camilla Jesko, Ashley Nickols, Cassie Norris and Josh Smedley developed the plan, which included research, target market profiling, SWOT and needs analysis, a communication strategy and marketing tactics. The team traveled to Rockville, Md., to compete for the top spot on May 11. Students completed the project as part of an assignment in a consumer marketing class (MRKT 377) taught by Chris Ward, Ed.D., associate professor of business.

Patricia Abels, D.B.A., CPA, assistant professor of business at The University of Findlay, has received the 2012 Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Teaching Excellence Award for the Great Lakes Council of Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP Region 4). As a regional recipient, Abels will be a candidate for the 2012 ACBSP International Teaching Excellence Award, to be announced in June. [Read more](#).



Dr. Patricia Abels

Louis Stulman, Ph.D., professor of religious studies and chair of the Religious Studies and Philosophy Department, was elected vice president/president-elect of the Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society, a learned society of scholars that is the oldest ecumenical regional association in the area of Biblical studies. The society fosters scientific study of biblical materials

in their historical-cultural contexts and facilitates scholarly exchange among individuals of various faith traditions who share a mutual interest in the critical investigation of the Bible and its influences. In June, Stulman will deliver a paper in Denmark at the “Trauma and Traumatization” Conference on “Reading Prophetic Literature in the Hebrew Bible as the Art of *Gaman*.” *Gaman* is a Japanese term which means “to bear the seemingly unbearable with patience and dignity.” He presents prophetic literature as artistic expression confronting cruelty and oppression and envisioning a world in which justice trumps traumatic violence.



Dr. Louis Stulman

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3. News & Events for Alumni, Parents and Friends

Events Calendar

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| June 2 | Reception in Denver, Colo. – 2-4 p.m.
Hosted by Odell ('65) and Glenda Barry |
| June 4 | Sixth Annual Golf Scramble – 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
York Golf Club, Columbus, Ohio |
| June 14 | Reception in Washington, D.C. – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Hosted by Craig Crotteau, UF Trustee
Rooftop of Ball Janik LLP |
| Aug. 5 | Columbus Summer Send-off – noon-4 p.m.
Hosted by Bob ('57) and Catherine Pritts |
| Aug. 17 | NMI Certificate Ceremony – 6-8 p.m.
Winebrenner Theological Seminary, Room 254 |
| Sept. 22 | Oceanside, Calif., Reception – 3-6 p.m.
Hosted by Dr. Stanley ('70) and Janet (Maule '70) Swartz |
| Sept. 29 | 1992 Championship Football Team 20-Year Reunion |
| Oct. 6 | 1997 Championship Football Team 15-Year Reunion |
| Oct. 12-14 | Alumni Homecoming and Fall Parent and Family Weekend |



For more info or to register for events, contact the Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends by visiting the website at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni, or call 419-434-4516.

If you would like to order an Oiler Cookbook, please complete the form online at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Oiler Cookbook. The cookbook is \$10 if picked up at the Stout House at 1015 N. Main St., or \$15 if mailed. If you prefer to order by telephone, please call 419-434-4516.

President Katherine Fell and the Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends at The University of Findlay invite alumni, friends and family to be our guests at a reception hosted by Odell ('65) and Glenda Barry on June 2, 2-4 p.m., at 2561 Ranch Reserve Ridge, Westminster, CO 80234-2695. Please make your reservation by Friday, May 25. [Click here](#) to register online or call the Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends at 1-800-472-9502, ext. 4516.



The Sixth Annual Oiler Golf Scramble will be held Monday, June 4, at the York Golf Club, Columbus, Ohio. Come join alumni, parents, friends, faculty and staff for a fun day on the links! Lunch is at 11:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 1 p.m., and concludes with a steak dinner at 5 p.m. Cost is \$80 for 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch and awards dinner, beverage cart, driving range and door prizes. (Spouses or guests are welcome to attend dinner for \$10.) The York Golf Club is at 7459 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43235, 614-885-5968. To register online, [click here](#), or call the Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends at 419-434-4516.

Alumni, parents and friends are invited by President Katherine Fell and the Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends to a reception on Thursday, June 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m., hosted by UF trustee, Craig Crotteau, of Ball Janik LLP. The event will be held on the rooftop of Ball Janik at 655 15th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20005 (closest metro stop – McPherson Square on the Orange and Blue Line). Cost is \$10 per person. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. [Click here](#) to register online, or call the Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends at 1-800-472-9502, ext. 4516. Pre-registration is necessary, as your name will need to be on a guest pass for security. Please R.S.V.P. by June 11.



Panel members for the Oilers alumni networking dinner were: DeMya Wimberly ('94), Matt Maglicic ('92), Nate Weihrauch ('97), Chris Barbara ('97), Duane Tooman, Andy Booth ('98), Gene Fernandez ('77, M '08) and Martin Terry ('66).

An Oiler alumni networking dinner for junior and senior football players kicked off weekend festivities on Friday, April 20. Football alumni were invited to campus to discuss their experiences as student-athletes at The University of Findlay, what lessons they learned that have made them successful, their current career paths and wisdom on how to handle adverse situations.



A tailgate was enjoyed by alumni, parents and friends on Saturday, April 21. An alumni flag football game took place at noon, with the UF Oilers spring game at 1 p.m. A reverse raffle was held on Saturday evening at Waldo Pepper's. The weekend ended on Sunday with alumni, parents and friends playing in a golf scramble at Sycamore Springs.

Terry Jolliff ('01, M '03), Chad Wagner ('05), Ryan Elliott ('02, M '04) and Randy Young were among those who participated in the Sunday golf scramble at Sycamore Springs.



Cooking hot dogs for the tailgate were Dee Dee Spraw ('00, M '07), director for the Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends, and Bill McIntosh ('91, M '09).

Twenty-one former Oilers football players turned out for an alumni flag football game at noon on April 21 at Donnell Stadium. It was held prior to the UF Oiler spring game and as a part of the Oilers football reunion weekend.



Alumni members of the Regional and National Advisory Board for the Hospitality Management and Sport and Event Management Programs attended a “Sporting Good Time” reception on Sunday, April 1, prior to the board meeting on Monday, April 2. Dr. John Wolper, chair of business administration programs and associate professor of hospitality management, and Paula Wolper, assistant professor of hospitality management, hosted the reception for board members, faculty, staff and students. Refreshments were provided by The Rig, The University of Findlay’s first student-run business. Alumni attending the board meeting were: **Andy Croak** (’02), **Doug Draper** (’05), **Kelly Keefer** (’07), **Matthew Weber** (’10), **Aaron Weegar** (’04), **Nate Weihrauch** (’97, M ’00), **Corey Oliver** (’04, M ’06). **Kirby Blackley** (’06, M ’08) and **Patricia Ayres** (’89) are members of the board, but were unable to attend.



Paula and Dr. John Wolper (center) with the members of the Regional and National Advisory Board for the Hospitality Management and Sport and Event Management Programs.

Be sure to keep us updated on your marriage and birth announcements by filling out the “What’s New with You?” form at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni, or [click here](#). If you send us an announcement of a birth in your family, the Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends will send your new little Oiler a stocking hat to show that Oiler pride!

Congratulations, Newlyweds:

Alexy & Caitlyn (Yoder ’08) Konko – married April 7, 2012

Codey (’11) & Brittany (Seifert ’10) Row – married Oct. 24, 2011

Welcome UF Newest Little Oilers:

Karen A. Hunter ’09

Baby boy, John Fitzgerald Kennedy Holsinger, born Oct. 12, 2011

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4. Alumni Spotlight

Alumni Speakers for Colleges at the Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity

Alumni from each of the six colleges returned to campus to serve as speakers for the Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity, held April 12. Participating in this year’s symposium were: **Phillip P. Lawson** ’75, owner of Financial Strategies Group and managing partner of JJ Ventures LLC, College of Business; **Cassandra Holman** ’11, sixth-grade science teacher at Van Buren Middle School, College of Education; **Calvin Dietz** ’97, head Olympic strength coach at the University of

Minnesota, College of Health Professions; **David LaRocco** '99, attorney for the Seneca County Department of Jobs and Family Services, College of Liberal Arts; **Jenny M. Mason**, R.Ph., Pharm.D., '10, second-year pharmacy resident specializing in pediatrics at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, College of Pharmacy; and **Billy J. Watterson** '96, president and recycling innovations officer for g² revolution® LLC, College of Sciences.

Following are highlights from the presentations by Lawson, Holman and LaRocco. Dietz, Mason and Watterson will appear in the Alumni Spotlight section in the June issue of ArchLink.

Phillip Lawson '75 grew up on a small farm and graduated in a class of 75 members. Intending to go to a state university, he said his life changed when he was offered a scholarship to then-Findlay College that paid for half of his schooling. He began his career at Marathon after graduating in 1975, working as a manager, director and regional manager in Marathon Pipeline Co., Marathon Petroleum Co. LLC and Speedway SuperAmerica LLC.



Phillip Lawson ('75)

He retired in 2007 in order to pursue a second career in the financial services industry. He is the owner of Financial Strategies Group in Findlay and is a registered investment adviser, registered representative and registered financial consultant. He also holds several financial securities and insurance licenses in Ohio, Florida, Georgia and Tennessee. In addition, he is the managing partner of JJ Ventures, which operates seven Jimmy John's franchises in Ohio and Georgia. He and his wife, Carol, make their home in Findlay.

Lawson advised students in the College of Business to develop self-confidence, find good mentors, tackle the toughest assignments and keep learning. A lifelong learner, he earned an MBA from the University of Dayton in 1980; attended the Executive Management School at the University of Indiana, Bloomington, in 1994; and participated in the Financial Planning Program at Boston University between 2006 and 2007.

He stressed the importance of personal integrity. "Be sure you can go home at night, look your family in the eye and sleep like a baby," he said. He also cautioned students to maintain a healthy balance between work and their personal lives. "Work is like a rubber ball, it will bounce back," he noted. "The other things – family, health, spirituality – those things are very fragile." [Click here](#) to see his presentation.

David LaRocco '99, the son of Teresa LaRocco, assistant professor of English at The University of Findlay since 1984, thought he would have it easy. He related his personal story of growth, recalling, "When I started school I was young; I was dumb. ... I thought, I don't really have to work that hard. Who's going to flunk the professor's kid?"

He quickly learned the hard way with plummeting grades. Working the following summer alone on the overnight shift of a radio station, he had an epiphany at 3 a.m. one morning and determined to "work harder, get better grades and do what was necessary to graduate."



David LaRocco ('99)

He double majored in sociology and psychology, and successfully

graduated from Findlay in 1999. He completed a juris doctorate from Ohio Northern University and passed the Ohio State Bar Exam, both in 2005. LaRocco has served for more than six years as an attorney for Seneca County, where he supervises the legal staff of the Child Support Enforcement Agency.

LaRocco also has been the head varsity coach for the Findlay High School Girls' soccer team for the past six seasons. "I've experienced wins and losses; championships and missed opportunities; I've been named coach of the year, and I've been widely criticized in public forums on the Internet. I wouldn't change anything for the world. I love every second of it," he said.

He and his wife, Melissa, who is also an attorney, have two sons, Owen and Gavin, and live in Findlay. LaRocco related the lyrics of a song sung by his 3-year-old, "You can do anything that you put your mind to." Addressing students in the College of Liberal Arts, he said, "I would tell all of you, you can do anything that you put your mind to. But it's not going to be easy. No one is going to give you anything. You're going to have to work for whatever your goals are. ... But I truly believe that I'm living proof that if you have a goal ... and you're willing to work towards it, you can do anything that you put your mind to." [Click here](#) to see his presentation.

Cassandra Holman '11 exuded confidence and enthusiasm as she related her experiences from her first year of teaching sixth-grade science at Van Buren Middle School. She took command of her audience of students from the College of Education the way she masters a classroom, capturing their attention while imparting information.

She had a number of helpful pieces of advice for prospective teachers looking for their first jobs. She recommended that before they complete their student teaching that they ask their principal to observe them and write an evaluation. She also found it valuable to get to know and network with the teachers in the building. When interviewing for a job, be early and talk with the secretary because secretaries often have input with the principal, Holman discovered.



Cassandra Holman ('11)

She also had good suggestions for the first-year teacher, such as writing a script beforehand and learning all of the students' names on the first day of class. Being organized and efficient are essential for survival, she noted. "Have high expectations and set them early. Your students will meet them and so much more," she said.

A native of Fostoria, Ohio, Holman was certain she wanted to be a fifth-grade language arts teacher. She accepted an available position teaching sixth-grade science at Van Buren because she was so impressed with the school system. Now, she loves teaching middle-school science and advised education majors to "be open to possibilities." Her middle-level team was invited to present this year at the Ohio Association of Middle Level Educators Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

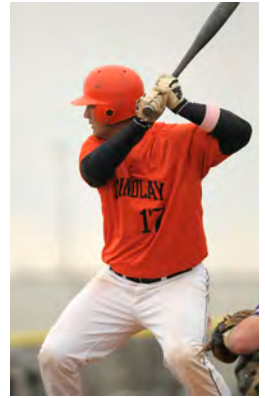
She offered words of wisdom for staying motivated, "There will be days that you are amazing and days that you question everything that you do. Stay positive. You've gone through a wonderful program. You are great at what you do." [Click here](#) to see her presentation.

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5. Oiler Sports

Baseball

Junior Tommy Roush was named first team all-GLIAC on May 8. Roush hit .381 on the season with three home runs and 40 runs batted in, the second-highest total in the GLIAC to date. Roush also blasted a league-high 17 doubles and scored 19 runs on the season.



Tommy Roush



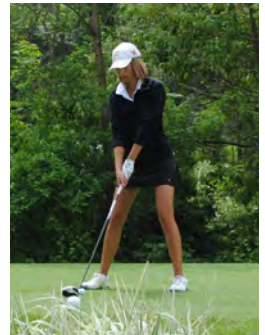
Brittany Dauterman

Softball

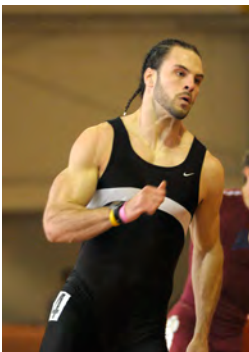
Junior Brittany Dauterman was named first team all-GLIAC on April 27, becoming the first Oilers player to receive those honors since Katie Ammons in 2008. Dauterman hit .370 on the season and led the team with seven home runs and 43 runs batted in. Her seven home runs and 43 RBI's were the second-highest single season totals in school history. The Bloomdale, Ohio, native also clubbed 14 doubles and finished with a 7-5 record on the mound with a team-high 3.02 earned-run average.

Women's Golf

Sophomore Brooke Albers finished fourth at the NCAA Division II East Regional, which was hosted by the Oilers at the Findlay Country Club on May 6-8. Albers finished the tournament with a three-round score of 225, the lowest mark in school history. She also became the first Oilers golfer to qualify for the NCAA Division II national championship, which will take place on May 16-19 in Louisville, Ky.



Brooke Albers



John Guagenti

Track and Field

Senior John Guagenti took first in the 400-meter dash with a NCAA automatic qualifying and school record-breaking time of 46.39 at the GLIAC championship. He also finished fifth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.70 and teamed with Tim Sanders, Curtis Smithey and Dillon Webster to place second in the 4x400-meter relay with a NCAA provisional time of 3:13.08. For his efforts, Guagenti earned the honor of running athlete of the week, an award he captured during the indoor season as well.

In men's field action, Derrick Vicars placed first in the shot put with a NCAA automatic qualifying heave of 61'07.75 and second in the discus with a NCAA provisional qualifying toss of 176'01 en route to being named the field athlete of the meet. Vicars also captured the same honor during the indoor season.

For the women, Raven Clay set a new GLIAC meet record with her NCAA automatic qualifying, first-place time of 13.42 in the 100-meter hurdles and also placed fourth in the 100-meter dash (12.12) and fifth in the 200-meter dash (24.87). For her efforts at the event, Clay was tabbed the running athlete of the meet.

For more information about UF athletics, [click here](#).

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6. Alumni Support

The Student Development Officers group, an officially recognized student group affiliated with the annual giving office, completed its second year of activities in support of annual fund giving opportunities. In addition to working in the phonathon calling center and assisting with special events, members hosted on March 22, 2012, the first student giving program, “Students for Change.” The goal was to raise funds to purchase an Xbox Kinect for the student recreation center in the Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex. A sundae bar was available in the Alumni Memorial Union. While students heaped on the hot fudge, they were encouraged to pile up their pennies and spare change toward the goal.

Victoria Balvin, student supervisor of the phonathon, was named The University of Findlay’s Student Employee of the Year for 2011-12, announced April 2 at a luncheon during National Student Employment Week. She was nominated by her supervisor, Kendall Richardson, senior associate director of annual giving.

A pre-veterinary medicine and animal science major from Bethesda, Ohio, Balvin became a student phonathon caller during her freshman year and quickly advanced to



Kendall Richardson, senior associate director of annual giving, with her student supervisor, Victoria Balvin, who was named Student Employee of the Year.

supervisor of the UF phonathon calling center, a position she retained through her senior year. As student supervisor of phonathon, she interviewed and trained student callers, managed the paperwork for student payroll, updated the supervisor manual so that students are cross-trained for all tasks and helped organize the annual “Applause” reception honoring donors. She also initiated the Student Development Officers organization, submitting the application to the Student Government Association to become an approved student organization, and she also was instrumental in launching the first student giving program, “Students for Change.”

In addition, she has served as president of Student Development Officers for two years, president of the UF Block and Bridle Club for two years and was inducted into the UF chapter of Mortar Board, an academic honorary society, where she served as secretary. She has been accepted to and will be attending The University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine in the fall.



President Katherine Fell (center) presented certificates April 16 to members of the Student Development Officers who completed the following requirements: 120 hours of fundraising, attended two development meetings, participated in “Applause” and attended an etiquette class. Recipients included (from left) Victoria Balvin, Kiara Porter, Diana Finkler, Stephanie Gorham and Colin Walthour.



Members of the Student Development Officers organization who helped raise funds at “Students for Change” on March 22 were (from left) Kiara Porter, Rachel Lutz, Kristine Ehemann and Jessica Cahill. Layla Pottkotter did her part to contribute toward the goal.

“Victoria is able to multi-task responsibilities beyond the expectation for a student employment supervisor. She is respectful and addresses every task with grace and appreciation for her team,” Richardson said.

The University continues to raise funds for students through its Give Voice to Your Values campaign, which has a goal of \$40 million and was publicly launched in September of 2010. To date, more than \$29.4 million has been raised and pledged toward the goal. For more information, or to support the Give Voice to Your Values campaign, call 419-434-5334 or visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Voice. The 125th Endowed Funds Drive, established in 2006 and a part of the Give Voice to Your Values campaign, has increased its total to 134 endowed funds, with nearly \$10.5 million raised toward student scholarships, faculty development and program support. The two most recently fully endowed funds are:

Dr. August C. and Maxine A. Mazza Director’s Discretionary Endowment

In honor of the 30th anniversary of the founding in 1982 of the Mazza Museum of International Art from Picture Books and in conjunction with the Give Voice to Your Values campaign, Dr. August ’41 and Maxine Mazza established the Dr. August C. and Maxine A. Mazza Director’s Discretionary Endowment for the Mazza Museum. This fund will be used for innovative programming, acquisitions and the operations of the Mazza Museum.

UF Bookstore Endowed Fund

In conjunction with the Give Voice to Your Values campaign, the UF Bookstore Endowed Fund was established with proceeds from recycled, used textbooks to assist students in obtaining appropriate textbooks for academic course work.

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7. FYI Campus Newsletter

Want to know what is happening on campus between *ArchLink* issues? UF has a biweekly 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 www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: FYI.

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8. Spread the Word...

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