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Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings, alumni!

This year's Homecoming theme, "So Happy Together," truly embodies a celebration that will bring together our alumni, current students, parents, donors and friends to remember our past and look to the future. Mark your calendars for Homecoming 2012 on Oct. 12-14.

The pep rally, coronation of Homecoming King and Queen, carnival and celebration of Mazza's 30th birthday will be the Homecoming kickoff events hosted by the Alumni Board of Governors and S.T.A.R. (Students for Alumni Relations) at the Koehler Fitness & Recreation Complex on Friday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. Our annual fireworks display will be at 9 p.m.

Saturday will begin with our seventh annual 5k and Little Oiler Fun Run, followed by the Annual Alumni Association Breakfast honoring the Class of 1962 on their golden anniversary, along with our alumni award recipients. The festivities will continue at 12:30 p.m. at Donnell Stadium for a pre-game tailgate celebration leading to the 3 p.m. football game as the Oilers play Ohio Dominican. Various Homecoming reunion dinners will take place, and then at 8 p.m., join us for music and libations at the reception hall of the Hancock County Agency on Aging.

Reunions planned to date include: Class of 1962 – 50th anniversary; Theta Chi 40th anniversary; choir alumni 30th anniversary, Oiler Brass Marching Band 15th anniversary; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 30th anniversary; Phonathon reunion; FC/UF couples reunion; and athletes reunion. Watch for the Homecoming brochure to arrive in your mailbox September and plan to join us for Homecoming 2012 – Oct. 12-14.

As always, keep us updated on your achievements by filling out the "What's New with You?" form at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni.

With Oiler Pride!

~~Dee Dee Spraw ('00, M '07), director,

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1. What's Happening on Campus?

The new two-story, 42,000-square-foot addition to the Davis Street Building is ready for students when they return for classes on Aug. 20. The \$11 million addition contains 19 science laboratories, four classrooms, a 105-seat lecture hall, a computer lab, 15 faculty offices, a conference room and a student lounge. It primarily houses the biology program and related forensic science laboratories. Growth in enrollment in science-based degrees created an urgent need for new facilities. More than 2,000 students are enrolled in the Colleges of



This is one of many state-of-the-art laboratories used for biology-based science courses.

Sciences, Health Professions and Pharmacy. It is the first new construction incorporating extensive green technologies at The University of Findlay. The addition has a geothermal heating and cooling system, which will take only 5.6 years to pay for itself in energy savings. The building is highly insulated and uses computerized sensors to adjust the amount of required lighting. The laboratories are equipped with sophisticated fume hoods that sense both human movement and the presence of chemicals, so that the hoods run when necessary, but drop to low power or shut off to save energy when not needed. The building also has an air handling system that maintains a level of 10 percent fresh air at all times. An underground system of piping is in place to control rainwater runoff from the building, designed to handle runoff from a 100-year rain.



The new addition to the Davis Street Building is open for fall classes with science laboratories, classrooms, a lecture theater, a computer lab and more.

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The 105-seat lecture theater is one of the largest classroom spaces on campus and is equipped with the latest in teaching and learning technology.

Students are arriving on campus, and excitement is building for the new academic year! Band members and football players are preparing for the fall season, and student-athletes are preparing



for their seasons, as well. Residence Life staff members have begun their training to prepare for students' return to the residence halls. Orientation for new students begins on Friday, Aug. 17, and classes start on Monday, Aug. 20. A week of activities is planned to welcome students to campus. Community members are welcome to attend Comedy Night at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, in the Alumni Memorial Union. Comedian Buzz Sutherland will headline the show. Cost is \$5 at the door. Contact 419-434-4606 for more information.

The University of Findlay's English equestrian program will help identify America's top young riders when from Aug. 23-26 the James L. Child Equestrian Complex is the site of the Zone 5 Regional Clinic for the Emerging Athlete Program (EAP). The United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) developed the EAP for riders ages 21 and under. Three equestrians

from The University of Findlay received invitations to the Zone 5 Clinic after completing a rigorous application process. Sophomores Moira Rosenbaum, Brittany Veninger and Kelsy Maguire will join 21 other riders at the clinic. Participants at 10 regional clinics throughout the nation will be vying for one of 16 spots in the National Training Session, scheduled for Nov. 15 in Gurnee, Ill. Area horsemen are welcome to audit the four-day clinic at no charge. To reserve a spot, contact Betsy Martindale at martindale@findlay.edu or 419-434-6256. [Click here to read more.](#)

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2. Academic Update

It's a conference like no other. When the world's best children's book storytellers are presenters on stage, the results are guaranteed to be spellbinding, and most often, hilarious. The Mazza Museum sponsored its annual summer conference July 16-20. Featured were 12 artists and authors whose work is recognized internationally, including Carmen T. Bernier-Grand, Dan Yaccarino, Boris Kulikov, Loreen Leedy, David Diaz, Peter McCarty, Walter Wick, sisters Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel, husband and wife Wendell and Florence



Mary Higgins Clark signed books along with Wendell Minor, who illustrated her books, and his wife, Florence, who also is a children's book author.

Minor and Mary Higgins Clark, who has written two children's books but is most famous as the best-selling author of mysteries with more than 80 million copies sold world-wide. They shared details of their fascinating lives, the inspirations for their books, the quirks of fate along the way, tales of dealing with editors and publishers, and humorous letters from children whose innocent honesty can be a prescription for inducing humility on the part of the recipients. The Mazza conference is designed for teachers and librarians,



Best-selling mystery writer and children's book author Mary Higgins Clark head-lined the Mazza Summer Conference.

with special pull-out sessions that addressed topics such as incorporating biographies in the classroom, instructions for art projects, reviews of outstanding new children's books, how to use storytelling to interest students in reading, how to introduce children to writing, how to foster the hesitant reader and a special writing strand for aspiring authors. More than 270 people attended the conference from 21 states representing New Hampshire, Connecticut, New Jersey, Virginia, Florida, Tennessee, Texas, Colorado, Wisconsin, California, Oregon, Washington and others. The conference also could be taken for undergraduate or graduate credit. The Mazza Museum will host its 15th annual Fall Weekend Conference Nov. 9-10, 2012, featuring Mo Willems, New York Times best-selling author and illustrator and a Caldecott Honor award winner, along with Philip and Erin Stead, David Ezra Stein, Gary Schmidt and Jon Muth. David Macaulay will be awarded the biennial Mazza Medallion for artistic diversity of media in illustration. Space is limited. To register, [click here](#). The Mazza Museum is celebrating its 30th anniversary during 2012.



Mazza Enthusiasts joined teachers and librarians in enjoying the conference.



Ron Tulley, Ph.D., associate professor of English, is the **2012-13 Richard E. Wilkin Chair for the College of Liberal Arts.** As the Wilkin Chair, Tulley will devote one year of study to the interdisciplinary exploration of a single topic, *The Power of Portrayal — The Social Nature of (Re-)Presenting a “Self:” Role Playing, Social Networking and Identity Formation in the Digital Age.* Tulley’s kick-off event will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, in the Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion Malcolm

Dining Hall. Tulley will discuss his topic and preview events for the year. According to Tulley, his theme is designed to create a discourse community at The University of Findlay that investigates, discusses and debates what it means to construct a self-image in the digital age. “In constructing the self we present to others, we rely on many models of identity formation: work, family, friends, personal achievements, travel, hobbies, cathartic events, etc., and identity formation through digital media is a continuous process,” he said.

The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), www.acbsp.org, recently announced that Patricia Abels, D.B.A., CPA, associate professor of business at The University of Findlay, has received the 2012 International Teaching Excellence Award. As the 2012 Teaching Excellence Award recipient for ACBSP Region 4, Abels was honored with other regional recipients, each of whom received a medallion and a cash prize. From that group, two International Teaching Excellence Award recipients were announced, one from a baccalaureate/graduate degree-granting institution and one from an associate degree-granting institution. Abels received the International Award, representing baccalaureate/graduate degree institutions, and was presented with an engraved plaque and an additional cash prize. To read more, [click here](#).



Patricia Abels, DBA, CPA

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3. News and Events for Alumni, Parents and Friends

Events Calendar

Aug. 16	Freshman Move-In
Aug. 24	Nuclear Medicine Institute/Diagnostic Services Certificate Ceremony – 5-7 p.m. Winebrenner Theological Seminary, Room 254
Postponed	Reception in Oceanside, Calif. Hosted by Dr. Stanley ('70) and Janet (Maule '70) Swartz Re-scheduled for 2013
Sept. 29	1992 Championship Football Team 20-Year Reunion
Oct. 6	1997 Championship Football Team 15-Year Reunion
Oct. 8-9	Mid-Fall Recess

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| Oct. 21 | All-American Quarter Horse Congress Alumni Reception – 1-4 p.m.
Congress Hall at the UF Booth |
| Oct. 12-14 | Alumni Homecoming and Fall Parent-Family Weekend |
| Nov. 10 | Reception in Columbus, Ohio – 7-9 p.m.
Brookside Golf and Country Club |
| Dec. 4 | Pharmacy Reception
Las Vegas, Nev. |
| Dec. 7-9 | Kalahari Waterpark & Resort Weekend and Alumni Dinner
Sandusky, Ohio |
| Jan. 7 | Spring semester 2013 begins |
| Feb. 23 | Pre-Vet Reception
Columbus, Ohio |
| March 4-8 | Florida receptions – UF Wind Ensemble Performance |
| March 22 | OHSAA Boy's Basketball
Columbus, Ohio |

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.

Volunteers are needed to help as project leaders for community service projects during Orientation Weekend on Aug. 18. UF volunteers will get lunch, a T-shirt and our undying gratitude. We set up the projects, groups and transportation — you just have to show up with helpful hands and a smile. We will have a short training session for volunteers directly before the actual service —the time for this training has been figured into the time we need you to be there.

Project leaders for groups of students who are doing service projects:

We need 60 volunteers to lead individual groups of first-year students as they serve the community. You can volunteer for the morning or afternoon shift, or if you're really up for a good time, you can volunteer for both shifts!

7:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – 30 volunteer project leaders needed

11:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. – 30 volunteer project leaders needed

On-campus helpers (registration, information, bus patrol, runners, etc.)

We need 16 volunteers to help with registration and “traffic control” at peak points of the day.

6:45-9:30 a.m. – 10 volunteers needed

11 a.m.-1:15 p.m. – 6 volunteers needed

On Sunday, Aug. 5, Louis and Donna Dellapina, parents of Tony Dellapina, a fourth-year pharmacy student, and Marie Dellapina, an incoming animal science/pre-veterinary medicine major, welcomed new students and their families who are coming to UF and who reside in the Columbus area to the Summer Send-off. President Fell greeted the students and families, welcoming them into the Oiler family. Games helped everyone to get acquainted. Winners were: marshmallow golf: Michaella Huffman and Tony Dellapina; egg toss: Jessica Rice and Michaella Huffman; balloon toss: parents Andy and Michele Brant.



President Katherine Fell (far right) welcomed incoming freshmen and their families from the Columbus area at the home of Louis and Donna Dellapina on Aug. 5. Enjoying the day were: (front row) Carly Morris, Joey Hitchcock, Maria Dellapina, Heather Beck; (second row) Jordan Brant, Leslie Brehm, Abbie Demas, Nicolas Thompson, Michaella Huffman, Jessica Rice, Sara Steck and James Carman.

Correction from July's ArchLink regarding the Oiler Golf Scramble at the York Golf Club in Columbus on June 4:

Three teams tied for first place: **Dave Warner ('75), Russ Wallace ('74), Mike Freeze ('74), Jerry Fisher ('74);** Mike Murphy ('72), Doug Gillum, Dave Andreas, Chip Warren, Brant Rhoad ('00), Cory Miller ('02), Curt Sybert and Ben Scherner. Our sincere apology for missing a team in last month's issue.

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!

Welcome UF newest little Oiler:

*Elizabeth (Foos '01, M '03) and Nicholas Obringer
Baby boy, Ryan Gabriel, born Feb. 10, 2012*

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4. Alumni Spotlight

Elise DeCola ('08) Wins Regional Emmy for Reporting

Elise DeCola graduated from The University of Findlay in 2008 with a degree in communication and an emphasis in broadcast telecommunication, and minors in religious studies and art history. Just four years later, as a producer for WTVG 13 ABC Action News in Toledo, DeCola earned a regional Emmy Award for a weekend newscast.

The one-year anniversary of the missing Morenci, Mich., brothers was the lead story of the award-winning newscast. The three brothers disappeared in November 2010; their father was sentenced for the crime in September 2011. DeCola's newscast aired in



Elise DeCola ('08) with her regional Emmy Award

November of the same year. Emmy Award entries are reviewed by a minimum of five peer judges. Entries are scored on three criteria: creativity, content and execution.

“I had no clue what I was getting myself into when I started [working] at 13 ABC,” said DeCola. “I never imagined the crazy hours, the long shifts, the stress of a deadline or any of that. But honestly, I love it all. Sure, every job has its ups and downs, but I love what I do. Writing the news every day is a huge thrill.”

DeCola recalls two events in her career thus far that will remain in her memory: the tornado that destroyed Lake Township in June of 2010 and the evening in May of 2011 that President Barack Obama announced that Osama bin Laden had been killed.

The night of the Lake Township tornado, DeCola produced six hours of live news coverage. “I remember the call back to the booth that told me at least two people had died ... As Kristian [Brown] broke the news live, and her voice cracked with emotion, I choked back tears,” she said.

When DeCola began her college career at Findlay, she thought she wanted to be a print journalist but quickly realized it wasn’t for her. After talking with the late Steve Beck, who was a professor in the communication program, DeCola tried writing for the campus television station.

“I tried it and immediately fell in love with the idea,” she said. “From there, I became one of the first people in the history of UF-TV to become senior producer before I was a senior.”

DeCola credits the UF faculty and staff with helping her find her passion, gain insight and hands-on experiences and secure an internship with 13 ABC in Toledo.

Now, she is excited to take the next step in her career, as she was recently offered a position with KTXL Fox 40 in Sacramento, Calif., producing the 5:30 p.m. newscast Monday-Friday. She begins her new job Sept. 4.

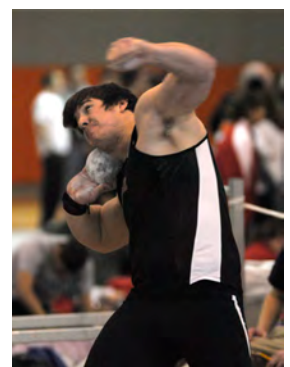
DeCola’s advice to other students is to “find something you’re passionate about, and go for it!”

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5. Oiler Sports

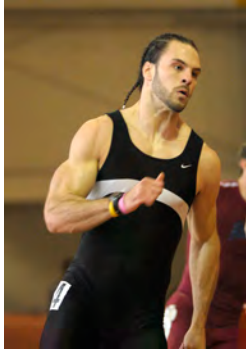
Men’s Track and Field – Derrick Vicars

Senior Derrick Vicars of The University of Findlay men’s track and field team was named the Outdoor Field Scholar-Athlete of the Year in NCAA Division II for the 2012 season by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) on Tuesday, July 24. Scholar-Athlete of the Year Awards are determined from among those who earned All-Academic status and placed highest in individual events at the most recent NCAA championships. Those who earn multiple individual championship titles rank higher in the tie-breaking process, and cumulative GPA is weighed as the final tiebreaker to establish a winner. Separate awards are given to track athletes and field athletes for the indoor and outdoor seasons, resulting in four categories.



Derrick Vicars

A native of Genoa, Ohio, Vicars carries a 3.35 cumulative GPA and was the NCAA outdoor champion in the shot put this spring. He was also the USTFCCA's Midwest Region Field Athlete of the Year.



John Guagenti

Men's Track and Field – John Guagenti

Senior John Guagenti of the Oilers men's track and field team was named the 2012 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Scholar-Athlete of the Year on July 23.

Guagenti posted a 3.84 grade point average in business management and earned two GLIAC Commissioner's Awards in his career (2011, 2012). Guagenti was a member of the GLIAC All-Academic Excellence Team during the winter and spring sports seasons. He also was named an Academic All-American and was a three-time member of the GLIAC All-Academic Team.

Guagenti was tabbed the 2011-12 USTFCCA Midwest Region Track Athlete of the Year and the GLIAC Indoor Track Athlete of the Year after winning both the 200-meter and 400-meter dashes at the GLIAC championship. At the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championship, Guagenti earned All-American awards in the 400-meter and 4x400-meter relays. He was then named the GLIAC Outdoor Track Athlete of the Year, capturing a title in the 400-meter and later went on to be named All-American in the same event at nationals. Guagenti has been named All-American eight times in indoor and outdoor track during his career at the NCAA Division II level.

Men's Basketball – Ronald Niekamp

Former Oilers men's basketball coach Ron Niekamp will be among 11 players and coaches, two teams and one official who will be inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame's 2013 class. The eighth annual induction ceremony will be held May 18 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Niekamp was head men's basketball coach at The University of Findlay for 26 years, guiding the Oilers to 26 consecutive winning seasons and the 2009 Division II title as the Oilers went 36-0, defeating Cal Poly Pomona 56-53 in overtime during the championship game.



Ron Niekamp with the NCAA Division II national championship trophy in 2009.

Niekamp compiled a 598-185 career record and was tabbed the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) National Coach of the Year in 2009. During Niekamp's tenure he compiled a GLIAC record of 197-57, which included 10 GLIAC South Division regular-season championships (1998, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011) and five GLIAC Tournament titles (2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010). Before joining the NCAA Division II ranks full-time in 2000-01, Niekamp won two District 22 championships, two Mid-Ohio Conference (MOC) titles and two NAIA Division I Great Lakes Sectional titles with the Oilers.

He was named GLIAC Coach of the Year five times (2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009) and NCAA Division II Midwest Coach of the Year three times (2005, 2007, 2009). Before his tenure at Findlay, Niekamp enjoyed a successful run in the prep ranks, posting a 208-86 record at Parkway, Ottawa-Glandorf and Lima Senior. In 1977, Niekamp was named the Ohio High School Class AA

Coach of the Year with Ottawa-Glandorf and took the Titans to the Ohio State High School Final Four twice (1977, 1978). While at Lima Senior, Niekamp made a return trip to the Final Four in 1982. A two-year letter-winner at Miami, Niekamp was inducted into Miami's Cradle of Coaches Association in August 2004.

The Oilers national championship team was led by forward Josh Bostic, who was named the 2009 NCAA Division II Player of the Year.

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

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6. Alumni Support

Thanks to all who so enthusiastically supported The UF Fund during the initiative “3010: A Gift Supporting Every Student” during the July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 fiscal year. The initiative was a resounding success, as the numbers below illustrate:

- Total support of The UF Fund reached \$371,233, a 55 percent increase over last fiscal year.
- 727 people made gifts that qualified for the trustee matching gift program, increasing their support over last year by \$101,099.
- 29 people made gifts of at least \$1,000; six made gifts of \$5,000 or more.
- 489 people made either their first gift to The UF Fund or their first gift in many years.
- 129 people made gifts of exactly \$30.10.

We will begin the academic year 2012-2013 introducing a new brand for our annual fund, which will be known as The Findlay Fund. Gifts to The Findlay Fund will provide support to equip our students for meaningful lives and productive careers. We are looking forward to working with you!

[Click here](#) to see a message from students and class representative Kay (Royer '70) Cocklin, as they look forward to connecting with alumni.

The 125th Endowed Funds Drive, which is a part of the Give Voice to Your Values campaign, has increased its total to 138 endowed funds with more than \$11 million raised toward student scholarships, faculty development and program support. Among recent fully endowed funds is:

Curtain Raisers Society Performing Arts Scholarship

In conjunction with the 125th Endowed Funds Drive and the Give Voice to Your Values campaign, the members of the Curtain Raisers Society for the Performing Arts established the Curtain Raisers Society Performing Arts Scholarship Endowment Fund, which is awarded to a theatre major who is also a member of the University Singers. The recipient must have a 3.0 GPA or better.

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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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