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## Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings, alumni!

Have you signed up for Homecoming/Parent-Family weekend? This is the time to re-connect with the lifelong friendships you made with classmates, faculty and staff. I recently received an email from A.J. Firestone, Class of '72, who came back to Homecoming last year with a group of friends. He said, "I hope all is well with you, and you are preparing for another Great Oiler Homecoming. We liked it so much last year we are coming back."

The weekend is kicked off with the parade, pep rally and carnival on Friday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. in Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex, followed by the annual fireworks at 9 p.m. Saturday begins with the annual 5k Oiler Run/Walk and Little Oiler Fun Run, followed by the Alumni Association annual breakfast at 9 a.m., dedication of the class project for the Classes of 1962 and 2012 at 11:30 a.m., and then off to Donnell Stadium for a tailgate celebration at 12:30 p.m.

A new event this year on Saturday evening will bring everyone together, with a Homecoming After-Party with music and libations from 8 p.m.-midnight in the reception hall of the Hancock County Agency on Aging, 339 E. Melrose Ave., Findlay. The event will include food, cash bar and music. Join us for mingling, networking and a whole lot of FUN!

Don't delay! Sign up today, and plan to come back to your alma mater to keep traditions and the spirit of the school alive throughout the generations. For a complete list of UF Homecoming events, visit our Web page at [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu), KEYWORD: Homecoming.

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

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?

**Kathleen Norris, a poet and bestselling author of “The Cloister Walk,” “Dakota” and “Amazing Grace,”** gave a presentation, “Living a More Obedient and Abundant Life,” on Sept. 28, in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary’s TLB Convocation Center. A book signing followed. Norris was the second presenter in the Dr. and Mrs. DeBow Freed Contemporary Christian Lecture Series.



*Kathleen Norris, best-selling author and poet, spoke to students during a master class on creative writing.*

The series is sponsored by the Churches of God, General Conference, Winebrenner Seminary and The University of Findlay. Norris wrote The New York Times bestsellers “The Cloister Walk,” “Dakota: A Spiritual Geography,” “Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith” and “The Virgin of Bennington.” Norris’ work explores the spiritual life, and it is described as “at once intimate and historical, rich in poetry and meditations, brimming with exasperation and reverence, deeply grounded in both nature and spirit, sometimes funny and often provocative.” Earlier in the day, Norris also conducted a master class on creative writing attended by more than 50 students. [Click here](#) to read more.



*Kathleen Norris with Dr. DeBow Freed*



*Alex Brown's mother, Jeanne, challenged students to make good choices about not texting.*

**On Sept. 18, area students learned about the dangers of texting and driving** during a DNT TXT N DRV presentation by the Remember Alex Brown Foundation. The foundation was established by the family of Alex Brown, who died Nov. 10, 2009, in a single car accident during her senior year of high school. [Click here](#) to watch some of the thought-provoking presentation.

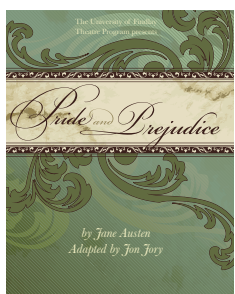


*University and high school students heard presentations in Koehler Complex by the family of Alex Brown about the dangers of texting while driving.*



*The Oiler Brass*

**The University of Findlay's Oiler Brass marching band will present its fourth annual indoor concert** at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary. UF and community members are welcome to attend at no cost. Tickets are required to reserve seating. Celebrating 15 years on the field under the direction of Jack Taylor and Ron Cable, the band will present highlights of performances from the fall. Selections from the band's pregame show, 1980s Dance Show, Superhero Show and 2012 Senior Show will be performed. Admission is free, but tickets are required. To reserve seating, contact the UF box office at 419-434-5335.



**The UF theater department will present “Pride and Prejudice” at 8 p.m. Nov. 7-9 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11.** This play is the theatrical version of Jane Austen’s famous novel from 1813 of the same name. The free-thinking heroine, Elizabeth Bennett, is pressured to find a husband by her mother and sisters. She meets a string of unsuitable suitors. Finally, she meets the handsome Mr. Darcy, who is rich and arrogant. This play explores manners and the nature of love and independence. Tickets may be purchased at the UF Box Office in the Alumni Memorial Union, or may be purchased at the door.

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Call the Box Office at 419-434-5333. Prices are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for students and senior citizens and free for UF faculty, staff and students.

**The Toledo Symphony Orchestra will perform with the United States Army Soldiers' Chorus on campus at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2,**

in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary TLB Convocation Center. This special Veterans Day concert will honor our troops with Sousa marches, an Armed Forces salute, memories of the Big Band era, Copland and Gershwin, plus the artistry of one the the Army's finest ensembles. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for senior citizens and \$10 for students.

Admission for UF undergraduate and graduate students is free, but a ticket is required. UF faculty and staff may purchase tickets for \$15. Tickets are available by calling the Box Office at 419-434-5335 or emailing [boxoffice@findlay.edu](mailto:boxoffice@findlay.edu).



*The Toledo Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Jeffrey Pollock*

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## **2. Academic Update**

**Brad Fruhauff, Ph.D., assistant professor of English at Trinity International University, will present “Getting Dirty, For Christ’s Sake: The Challenges of Publishing ‘Gritty’ Christian Literature in a Culture of Purity”** from 3:30 – 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, in Old Main, Ritz Auditorium, at The University of Findlay. Fruhauff’s presentation is part of the Wilkin Chair series of events this year. Ron Tulley, Ph.D., associate professor of English, is the 2012-13 Richard E. Wilkin Chair for the College of Liberal Arts. 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. For more information, contact Tulley at [rtulley@findlay.edu](mailto:rtulley@findlay.edu) or 419-434-4608, or [click here](#) to visit his blog.



*Brad Fruhauff, Ph.D.*



**Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has named The University of Findlay to its Military Friendly Schools® list for the third time.** The 2013 Military Friendly Schools® list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America’s military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus. [Click here](#) to read more.

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## **3. News and Events for Alumni, Parents and Friends**

### **Events Calendar**

**Oct. 6**                      1997 Championship Football Team 15-Year Reunion

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Open House – Gardner Fitness and Recreation Center - 10 a.m.  
Tailgate at Donnell Stadium - 11 a.m.  
Reception and Dinner at Findlay Inn & Conference Center - 3-6 p.m./\$10

- Oct. 8-9** Mid-Fall Recess
- Oct. 12-14** Alumni Homecoming and Fall Parent-Family Weekend
- Oct. 21** All-American Quarter Horse Congress Alumni Reception – 1-4 p.m.  
Congress Hall at the UF Booth
- Nov. 10** Reception in Columbus, Ohio – 7-9 p.m.  
Brookside Golf and Country Club
- Nov. 17** Cleveland Alumni, Parents & Friends Reception – 6-8 p.m.  
Shula's Steak & Sports
- Dec. 4** Pharmacy Reception  
Las Vegas, Nev.
- Dec. 7-9** Kalahari Waterpark & Resort Weekend  
Sandusky, Ohio
- Jan. 7** Spring semester 2013 begins
- Feb. 23** Pre-Vet Reception  
Columbus, Ohio
- March 4-8** Florida receptions – UF Wind Ensemble performance

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

**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](http://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!

**The S.T.A.R. (StudentTs for Alumni Relations) group promoted organ and tissue donation on Wednesday, Sept. 26,** by having the Donate Life Education Truck available



to the campus to tour. About 1,150 brochures and pens were distributed to students, faculty and staff.



*Students learned about organ and tissue donation through displays and materials available in the truck.*

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### **Congratulations, newlyweds:**

*Tim & Katie (Yarnell '09, D'12) DeSloover – married Sept. 22, 2012*

*Cody & Lisa (Moyer '07) Barker – married July 28, 2012*

*Andrew & Elizabeth (Hayes '07, M'08) Patterson – married Feb. 19, 2012*

### **Welcome UF newest little Oiler:**

*Steve '06 & Emily (Loy '05, M'09) Clark*

*Baby boy, Christopher Robert, born July 25, 2012*

*J. Anthony & Holly (Putnam '05) Haas*

*Baby girl, Evanee Graycen, born June 18, 2012*

*Michael '00 & Melissa MacDonald*

*Baby boy, Montgomery, born March 11, 2012*

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## **4. Alumni Spotlight**

### **Dr. August Mazza '41 and the Amazing Mazza Museum**

“What did you do to get a museum named after you?” was a question once posed to Dr. August Mazza by a fellow physician. The Mazza Museum of International Art from Picture Books is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2012. As Dr. Mazza observed, “We surely had a humble beginning, but it certainly has grown.”

With a beautiful facility in the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion and a collection of original artwork from children's picture books numbering nearly 8,000 pieces, it is amazing to remember that it all started with only four pieces of artwork.

Dr. Mazza recalled coming home from work one afternoon and his late wife, Aleda (Pfof '41), told him that Dr. Jerry Mallett, professor of education, wanted to talk to him. “Jerry had the idea,” Dr. Mazza said. “He didn't have the money.” Dr. Mallett's proposal was to begin a collection of original art from children's books in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Findlay College in 1982.

“Aleda told Jerry, ‘You're going to have your money,’” Dr. Mazza remembered. “She liked the idea very much. Unfortunately, she didn't get to stay with us to see how it has grown.” Aleda passed away in 1989.

The Mazzas' gift funded the first four pieces of artwork of the Mazza Collection, which quickly grew into the Mazza Museum. “We thought it was a little thing when we began, but a lot of people were interested in it,” Dr. Mazza commented. “Jerry had the vision. That's where it all came from, Jerry and his enthusiasm.”



*Dr. August and Maxine Mazza in the Mazza Museum*

Dr. Mazza's relationship with The University of Findlay began when he followed his older brother, Alphonse, from their hometown in Erie, Pa., to Findlay College. Although he came to college with a partial football scholarship, he noted, "My brother was a real athlete, a track star. I was a fake athlete. He ran against Jesse Owens and other individuals like that. He had great speed." With a chuckle, he added, "He ran like a race horse and I ran like a plow horse, and that's why he was a back and I was a guard."

In addition to his scholarship, Dr. Mazza helped to pay his tuition by working as a biology lab assistant for Dr. William LeVan and in the chemistry lab for Dean Carroll Morey. Dr. Mazza related an incident when one day he was trying to reclaim some ether used for experiments. He was working in a small cubicle in Old Main without good ventilation. Perhaps it was a bit of foreshadowing of his career as an anesthesiologist, but the ether put him to sleep.

He also remembered the fire that burned Old Main during his freshman year. He was living in a rented room in a house on Frazer Street just across from the college when he heard the news early on May 27, 1938, that Old Main was on fire.

Dr. Mazza graduated summa cum laude in 1941 with a major in pre-medicine. He worked briefly at Union Carbide in Fostoria, Ohio, before being commissioned as an electronics officer in the Army Air Corps in World War II. While serving in the military, he attended the University of Iowa and Yale University. After the war, he returned to Union Carbide for a year and a half as a products engineer in lighting carbon development.

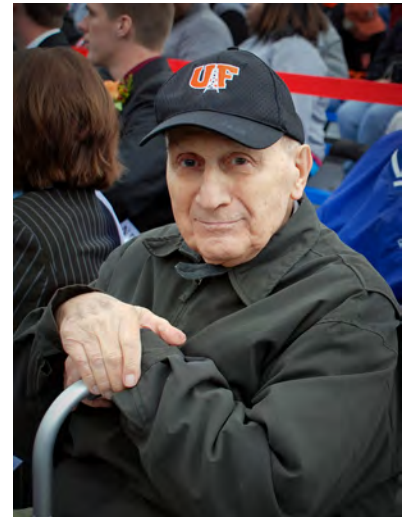
The GI bill enabled him to fulfill his dream of earning a medical degree. When he entered the University of Cincinnati Medical School in 1947, he remembered being told, "You're the first student from Findlay College that we've admitted, and we're going to keep an eye on you."

After his graduation in 1951, he was recalled to serve in the Korean War as a physician in medicine and anesthesiology for the Strategic Air Command at Lake Charles, where he rose to the rank of captain.

After his discharge, he practiced general medicine and anesthesiology in Erie, Pa., from 1954 until 1962. He then returned to Findlay, where he was in family practice until 1984 and worked as an anesthesiologist until 1987. He was an industrial physician at OHM Corp. in Findlay for a year before joining the Blanchard Valley Hospital office in Carey, Ohio, in 1988. He retired in 1998 after 47 years in medicine, but he still retains his license as a physician.

He was active in many professional organizations and also was a member of the Findlay College Alumni Board of Governors between 1960 and 1976, serving as president in 1975-76. He was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Findlay College in 1973, and he and Aleda were honored as Distinguished Associates in 1984.

Dr. Mazza remarried, and his wife, Maxine, has embraced the Mazza Museum, commenting that the growth and community support "has been absolutely amazing." She noted the able leadership of the museum's directors, first Dr. Jerry Mallett, and now, Benjamin Sapp, and gave credit to the



*A football player while at Findlay College, Dr. Mazza has remained a lifelong Oilers fan.*

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Mazza Enthusiasts for the hours they volunteer. “And, I think the leadership at the University has been extremely supportive, and we certainly appreciate that,” she said.

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

Dr. and Mrs. Mazza’s family includes sons Steve (Anita) Mazza, who passed away in 2011, and Jeff (Jenn) Ramsey; daughters Catherine Mazza (Joe Provo) and Lisa (Mike) Kirk, who serves on the Mazza Advisory Board; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Not many people have a museum named after them, and Dr. Mazza couldn’t be prouder. “It’s a wonderful legacy,” he said.

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## **5. Oiler Sports**

### **Football**

The Oilers are off to a 3-1 start and have averaged 31.8 points per game behind senior quarterback Clay Belton and senior running back Montrae Williams. Belton has thrown for 1,119 yards and seven touchdowns, while Williams has rushed for 391 yards and five scores. Senior linebacker Brandon Butler has made 50 tackles on the season and racked up a career-high 21 in the Oilers 43-42 double-overtime win against Notre Dame (Ohio) College on Sept. 29.



*Clay Belton*

### **Volleyball**

The Oilers have won four straight conference matches and have an 8-6 overall record for the season. They have been led by juniors Mackenzie Vorst and Danielle Taflinger, who have registered 156 and 140 kills on the year, respectively.



*Danielle Taflinger*

### **Women’s Soccer**

Senior Emily Beddoes of the Oilers women’s soccer team was named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Player of the Week on Monday, Sept. 24. Beddoes led the Oilers to a pair of conference wins by scoring three goals to go along with one assist. She scored two goals in the Oilers 4-3 win against Ashland on Sept. 21, with her second giving Findlay the win in overtime. She then tallied a goal and an assist in the Oilers 5-4 win over Ohio Dominican on Sept. 23.



*Emily Beddoes*

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

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## **6. Alumni Support**

### **The Findlay Fund**

Preparing students for meaningful lives and productive careers does not happen through one program, one faculty or staff member, one department or one campus activity. By collaborating together, all programs on campus and all faculty and staff members provide the complete experience to students that defines what it means to [Be] a graduate of The University of Findlay.

To assist in creating the experiences students need, The Findlay Fund provides support to every student, every program and every faculty member on campus. As a University enthusiast, you are invited to make the most of your gift to The Findlay Fund through a full match by members of the UF Board of Trustees. Members of the board have pledged to match *new* and *increased* gifts for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Make your gift now by visiting [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu) and selecting "Give to UF." Thank you for impacting students today for their future tomorrow.

**The 125th Endowed Funds Drive, which is a part of the Give Voice to Your Values campaign, has increased its total to 141 endowed funds with more than \$12 million** raised toward student scholarships, faculty development and program support. The most recent fully endowed funds are:

#### **Active Christian Emissary (ACE) Scholarship**

In conjunction with the Give Voice to Your Values campaign, Robert and Brenda Barkley established the Active Christian Emissary scholarship to support students who are enrolled in the University's religious studies major and whose beliefs are in alignment with the Statement of Faith of the Churches of God, General Conference. Recipients shall be in their junior or senior year of study, be in good academic standing and be active in one or more groups associated with the University's Campus Ministry.

#### **Dr. Wilfred W. Black History Scholarship**

In conjunction with the 125th Endowed Funds Drive, Merrill '69 and Barbara Mirsky established the Dr. Wilfred W. Black History Scholarship Endowment Fund at The University of Findlay. This scholarship honors the Findlay College professor who taught from 1960 until 1975, when he retired as emeritus professor of history. This scholarship is awarded to students majoring in history with a 2.8 GPA or better.

#### **Class of 1962 Scholarship**

In conjunction with the 125th Endowed Funds Drive, the members of the Class of 1962 established this scholarship commemorating their 50-year reunion. This scholarship is awarded to an education major in his or her sophomore, junior or senior year of study with a GPA of 3.0 or better.

#### **Office of Development Educational Assistance Scholarship**

In conjunction with The University of Findlay's 125th Endowed Funds Drive, the employees of the Office of Development, Public Information, Alumni & Parent Relations and Web and Media Technology Services established this scholarship in March of 2009. The recipient

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must be a full-time student working in one of the offices under the umbrella of Development or working in any other department on campus.

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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. [Click here](#) to access *FYI* online.

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## **8. Spread the Word...**

If you know other alumni who would like to receive *ArchLink*, please forward this message.

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for meaningful lives and productive careers.**

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