Welcome to ArchLink!

Greetings, alumni!

Homecoming and Family Weekend 2012 – “So Happy Together” – was definitely the spirit among our alumni, students, parents, faculty and staff. On Friday evening, Oct. 13, immediately following the parade and coronation of the Homecoming king and queen, we played the “Newlywed/Not-So-Newlywed Game.” Our contestants were (Not So) Newlywed Couples: Layne and Stephanie (Brown ’93) Morris – married in 1972, residing in Toledo, Ohio; Chris ’88 and Robin (Palfy ’86) Ridge – married in 1991, residing in McComb, Ohio; Rob ’03 and Rebecca (Foos ’02) Solomon – married in 2005, residing in Millbury, Ohio; and our Newlywed Couple: Brad and Laura (Bardall) Piehl – (current UF students who are both Oiler basketball players) married in August 2012, residing in Findlay, Ohio. These four couples provided great entertainment to the packed Koehler Fitness Complex. It was a tie between the Solomons (pictured to the left) and the Piehls (pictured to the right). A pre-determined tie-breaker gave first place to the Solomons, which included a night’s stay at the Country Inn & Suites, along with a gift certificate for dinner and movie passes.


With Oiler Pride!

~~Dee Dee Spraw (’00, M ’07), director,
The Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends
1. What’s Happening on Campus?

The University of Findlay hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house Oct. 4 for the new addition to the Davis Street Building. The event featured a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony, and students, faculty and staff were available to talk to visitors about the different areas in the building. The new spaces include state-of-the-art laboratories, a large lecture hall and many green technologies to make the building energy efficient. Click here to read about the environmentally conscious components of the addition.

On Friday, Oct. 5, The University of Findlay’s Board of Trustees met and approved several membership actions, in addition to holding discussions about University budgets, open staff positions and other items. Michael Gardner was approved as a new board member, and the trustees accepted the resignation of Harold P. “Herk” Wolfe. Click here to read more.

The Mazza Museum hosted a 30th birthday party during Homecoming weekend as part of its Funday Sunday activities on Oct. 14, with more than 350 people in attendance. Children and families participated in stations featuring face painting, origami, party hats and storytelling. Dr. Kim Forget’s class directed activities in the new Gene and Marge White Discovery Loft. The party included entertainment by the Chamberlin Hill School Sign Choir that performed “God Bless America” and “Happy Birthday, Mazza,” among other selections. Findlay Mayor Lydia Mihalik ’02 proclaimed Oct. 14 as Mazza Museum Day in celebration of 30 years. Terry Olthouse, education coordinator, organizes the Funday Sundays. She was assisted by more than 30 volunteers, including UF students from the hospitality management program and Mazza Enthusiasts for the birthday party. Click here to see photos from the event.

Upcoming music events include the Christmas Choir Concert, “The Many Moods of Christmas,” at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 18, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary; the Christmas Band Concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2, at Van Buren High School auditorium; and the Orchestra Concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 9, at Winebrenner Theological Seminary. Tickets may be reserved at the UF box office, located in the Alumni Memorial Union, or by calling 419-434-5335.

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2. Academic Update

Dr. Kristine Blair, chair and professor of English at Bowling Green State University, will present “Shaky Foundation: Constructing Faculty and Student Professional Identities in Web 2.0 Spaces” from 3:30 – 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, in the Alumni Memorial Union, North Multipurpose Room, at The University of Findlay. Blair’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 or 419-434-4608, or visit his blog: http://powerofportrayal.blogspot.com/

Richard E. White, retired senior vice president of marketing for Marathon Oil Co., will serve as The University of Findlay’s Dana Chair during the spring 2013 semester. Each year, the University chooses a distinguished executive to serve as the Dana Chair, a position funded by the Dana Corporation. The Dana Chair serves as a mentor for a chosen group of Dana Scholars who work as a group for the year. During spring of their junior year, the student Dana Scholars take a class together, work on group projects and visit local industries where they interact with top-level executives. White worked for Marathon from 1955 until 1999. He held positions as manager of retail and wholesale marketing divisions, president of Emro Land Co., and as marketing manager and crude oil sales manager in Europe for four years for Marathon International. White served on the UF Board of Trustees for 16 years, including 10 years as vice chair between 2001 and 2011. He was awarded an honorary doctor of business degree by The University of Findlay in 2006.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi — the nation’s oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines — recently recognized The University of Findlay chapter of Phi Kappa Phi as a Chapter of Merit. The award is given to chapters that excel in recognizing and promoting academic excellence in all fields of higher education and engaging the community of scholars in service to others. Click here to read more.

Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society announced that The University of Findlay chapter is the recipient of the Most Improved Chapter Award. Incoming chapter president Laura Nelson was present to accept the award at the Society’s national conference, held in Chicago in late July. The Most Improved Chapter Award is presented annually to a chapter that has been most successful in re-establishing and re-invigorating its membership and programming practices. The recipient of this award is chosen by a committee for its success in the areas of new member selection, membership orientation and transition, chapter operations, community service and chapter visibility. Click here for more.
The University of Findlay will move forward with plans to offer both a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) program and a BSN-completion program for nurses holding associate degrees. Following both internal and external approvals, the first class for the BSN program will be admitted in the fall of 2014. The BSN-completion program will begin in January 2014, pending approval. Click here to read more.

3. News and Events for Alumni, Parents and Friends

Events Calendar

**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

**Jan. 26**
Athletic Hall of Fame - 11 a.m.
Winebrenner Theological Seminary, TLB Auditorium

**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, KEYWORD: Alumni, or call 419-434-4516.

Cleveland Regional Alumni, Parents & Friends Reception

**Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012 - 6-8 p.m.**
$10 per person
Shula’s 2 Steak & Sports
6200 Quarry Lane
Cleveland, OH 44131

The Cleveland Regional Alumni Committee, comprised of Russel ’56 and Harriet (Varano ’57) Sanders, Barry Wolfe (’66), Nick Hillman (’78), Bob Smolinski (’74), Vicki Wetzler (’91), Margaret
Wetzler ('92), Jason Myers ('03) and Pete Dalpiaz ('08), invites you and a spouse/guest to an alumni and friends reception. This will be a great opportunity to speak with UF’s president, Dr. Katherine Fell, visit with fellow alumni, parents of current UF students, friends and faculty from Findlay College/The University of Findlay and hear updates on what is happening at your alma mater. Please make your reservation by Friday, Nov. 10, by calling the Center for Alumni, Parents & Friends at 419-434-4516 or www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Cleveland Reception.

Kalahari Alumni, Parents & Friends Reception
Make a splash Dec. 7-9, 2012, with UF at Kalahari Waterpark resort!

The University of Findlay welcomes Oiler alumni and friends for family fun at America’s largest indoor waterpark resort.

Located in Sandusky, Ohio, the Kalahari resort offers something for everyone:
- Fun, safari-themed guest rooms and suites
- 173,000-square-feet of indoor waterpark thrills
- On-site restaurants and lounges
- Activities for all ages — including Madagascar Mini Golf, Big Game Room Arcade, Spa Kalahari, Pottery Pizzazz and the Tree Top Play Area

No matter what the weather is like outside, you can splish splash all day long indoors at Kalahari. Meet us on Saturday, Dec. 8, by stopping by the private whirlpool cabana located across from the Zip Coaster from 2-4 p.m. for some pizza and treats.

Accommodations and waterpark passes are available at a special price for this UF weekend! Overnight accommodations must be made by calling the Kalahari reservations department at 877-KALAHARI and be sure to reference The University of Findlay Alumni Association for a special rate of $149 per night. Each night includes four waterpark passes.

For more information or to register, call The Center for Alumni, Parents & Friends at 419-434-4516 or www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Kalahari.

The 1992 football team gathered for a reunion on Sept. 29, 2012, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of its NAIA national championship win. The day included open hours in the football offices in Gardner Fitness Center in the morning, followed by the game at Donnell Stadium and an evening reception at the Findlay Inn and Conference Center.

The 1997 football team held a 15-year reunion on Oct. 6, 2012, celebrating its NAIA national championship. An open house in the Gardner Fitness Center football offices was held prior to the game at Donnell Stadium. A reception was held after the game at the Findlay Inn and Conference Center.
On Oct. 11, the Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends hosted the annual appreciation luncheon at the Carrothers Home for faculty and staff who are UF graduates. The Findlay version of a “minute to win it” produced good-natured rivalry and lots of laughs. Even President Katherine Fell got all wrapped up in the competition!

Queen Nina Gentner and King Thomas Piereson reigned over Homecoming 2012 festivities. Alumni, parents and friends were invited to stop by the UF booth in Congress Hall at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio, for a reception on Sunday, Oct. 21. Bonnie Bradley (spouse of UF riding instructor Clark Bradley) designed the booth.

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Homecoming/Parent-Family Weekend 2012 was a great time of celebration with warm weather and mostly blue skies. The weekend kicked off with the parade, carnival and crowning of the king and queen in Koehler Complex on Friday night, capped with fireworks. Off to a fast start on Saturday morning, the 5K and Little Oiler Fun Run garnered $2,600 for Campus Ministries. The Alumni Association Annual Breakfast honored the Distinguished Alumni and award recipients, as well as the Class of 1962, which celebrated its 50th class reunion. On to the tailgate at Donnell Stadium on Saturday afternoon, families enjoyed train rides, inflatables, pony rides and bull riding, along with a concert by the Findlay choir alumni, directed by Dr. Micheal Anders, who was celebrating his 30th year as choir director. The Oilers suffered a 63-31 loss to the Ohio Dominican Panthers, but fans remained loyal to

Clark Bradley, UF riding instructor; Tammy Denlinger-Lickliter ’84; Cindy Morehead, UF riding instructor; and Laura Smith (spouse of UF riding instructor Mark Smith), who did a fabulous job of running the UF booth for 21 days at the Congress. Photos provided by B. Bradley.

Kids had fun playing games at the carnival in Koehler Complex on Friday evening.
their team. A number of affinity reunions were held throughout the weekend and an after-party was held on Saturday evening. Concluding the weekend, the Mazza Museum held a 30th anniversary birthday party during Funday Sunday. To see more photos of Homecoming/Parent-Family Weekend, click here to view albums. Click here to see a video of many of the activities. Make plans to join the fun next year on Sept. 27-29, 2013!

_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!

**Congratulations, newlyweds:**

_Jake (’10, M ’11) & Janelle (Limber ’10) North – married April 21, 2012_

**Welcome UF newest little Oilers:**

_Phil & Breana (Heinrichs ’99) Koffler_  
_Baby girl, Avery Lynn, born Sept. 2, 2012_

_Reed & Kathyrn (Wolfinger ’05) Patterson_  
_Baby girl, Adelaide Michelle, born Dec. 20, 2011_

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**4. Alumni Spotlight**
Dr. Katie Benson ’03 Promotes Healthy Living

Katie M. (Ramsey) Benson, D.C., considers it her mission to teach people the truth about health and healing. “Your body is powerful. You have the ability to heal, to become well again,” she stated.

The owner of the Advanced Spinal Health & Wellness Center in Marysville, Ohio, she visited Winebrenner Theological Seminary on Oct. 18 to conduct a continuing education seminar on “Running My Race,” teaching church leaders to “take control of their well-being so that they can regain the healthy temple that God designed.”

Dr. Benson is among 1 percent of chiropractors in the United States who practices corrective chiropractic care to restore the spine to good alignment and the nervous system to health. She explained that the brain connects to the immune system through the nervous system. The nervous system promotes healing inside the body, but nerve damage causes illness. Her goal is to remove interference or blockages of the nerves so the body can heal and maintain optimum health.

She promotes five steps to better health, which include forgiving yourself and others, maximizing the nerve supply, maximizing nutrition, exercising every day and minimizing exposure to toxins.

A native of Mt. Victory, Ohio, in Hardin County, Benson said she selected The University of Findlay because it was close to home and was a smaller college with small class sizes. Saying she was a “a study worm” who wanted to do well, Benson graduated summa cum laude in 2003 with a degree in biology with life science emphasis. She noted that her undergraduate degree prepared her with a good understanding of anatomy that served her well during her post-graduate studies at the Palmer College of Chiropractic in Port Orange, Fla.

She took additional training with the Maximized Living Health Center after experiencing its benefits herself. She recounted how in her early 20’s while she was in chiropractic school she was overweight, chronically fatigued and depressed. After implementing a healthier lifestyle and restoring her nervous system function, she is healthier now in her 30’s.

She also is one of 250 Maximized Living doctors across the country who work with U.S. wrestling, weightlifting and judo teams during their tournaments. Last summer, Dr. Benson went to the 2012 Olympics in London as part of the Wellness Advisory Council for USA Wrestling and Weightlifting to take care of the U.S. teams. She provided adjustments for the athletes at the training camps during her 10-day stay. She remarked that the wrestling and judo teams earned a total of six medals, making it their best Olympic showing.

After being in practice for more than four years, Dr. Benson’s goal is to reach more people, do more workshops and get more people on track to better health. She presents a different workshop each month either in her office or at churches in the Marysville area on topics such as nutrition, exercise, toxicity, mindset, the nervous system, cancer, diabetes and weight loss. Her website is maximizedlivingdrbenson.com.
She and her husband, Josh, practice the healthy lifestyle she promotes. “We just completely changed the way we approach our health and the way we take care of our bodies,” she said.

“My job is to educate people. God put me here for a purpose,” Dr. Benson stated. “Your health is your most important asset in your life.”

5. Oiler Sports

Women’s Soccer
Senior Emily Beddoes was named the 2012 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Offensive Player of the Year on Nov. 2. Beddoes, a first team all-conference pick, tied for the league lead with 14 goals during the season. She also tallied four assists and led the conference in points with 32 on the year. The Toledo, Ohio, native made a living around the net as she finished second in the conference with 41 shots on goal and registered four game-winning scores on the season. In addition, senior Megan Gallaway was tabbed first-team all-conference, while senior Brittany Guglielmi earned honorable mention honors.

Men’s Basketball
The University of Findlay men’s basketball team was picked as the favorite to win the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) South Division as the league office announced their annual preseason poll on Oct. 31. The Oilers, who are currently ranked eighth in the nation and finished last year with a 24-7 record, received 17 first-place votes and a total of 178 votes overall in the poll. Individually, senior guard Aaron Robinson and junior forward Greg Kahlig were each tabbed as preseason first-team, all-conference selections.

Women’s Basketball
The University of Findlay women’s basketball team was picked to finish third in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) South Division as the league office announced their annual preseason poll on Wednesday, Oct. 31. The Oilers, who finished last season with a 15-12 record, received 121 votes in the poll. In addition, senior forward Kayla Brown was honored as a preseason first-team, all-conference pick.

Football
Senior running back Monterae Williams and senior quarterback Clay Belton broke records in recent weeks as they led the Oilers to a 6-3 season. Williams is now the all-time leading rusher in school history with 4,354 yards and ranks second all-time in carries (943) and third all-time in touchdowns (46). Belton meanwhile has thrown for 2,185 yards this year, the best single season total in school history.
6. Alumni Support

The University of Findlay Students are Connecting with You!

The University of Findlay 2012-2013 phonathon began in September this year. Phonathons are used to update alumni information and garner support for your alma mater through The Findlay Fund. This year student callers and class representatives are promoting a Battle of the Classes. How will your class stack up? If you wish to support every student, every program, and every faculty member on campus and your class today, visit www.findlay.edu and select “Give to UF” to make your gift to The Findlay Fund.

Student callers will be representing the University through the end of November and again beginning in January. To meet some of our callers and learn more about this program [click here](#). If you have not yet heard from a student, you will! If you [have](#) heard from a student, and you responded to their call, we extend a sincere thank you for supporting The Findlay Fund.

Students had an opportunity to meet and thank representatives of the businesses that provided their scholarship funds at the annual Business Affiliates Scholarship Celebration, which was held Oct. 11. Area businesses support scholarships for selected students who are graduates of Hancock County schools or who are currently employed by a Hancock County business. For 2012, 62 local businesses participated, giving $29,390 toward operational scholarships. All money goes to scholarship funds, as The University of Findlay covers all administrative costs. Over the past nine years, 147 students have benefited from the program, which has generated $177,600 in funding. Duane Jebbett, president and CEO of [Rowmark LLC](#), was the guest speaker.

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Lucas Opperman, a junior from Findlay, thanked donor businesses, saying he wanted to make them proud of their investment in him.
The 125th Endowed Funds Drive, which is a part of the Give Voice to Your Values campaign, has increased its total to 144 endowed funds with nearly $12.2 million raised toward student scholarships, faculty development and program support. The most recently fully endowed fund is:

**Austin E. Knowlton Memorial Scholarship**

Established in 2012 through generous support from The Knowlton Foundation, the Austin E. Knowlton Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund annually supports a UF student who is an Ohio resident. Preference is given to a freshman applicant majoring in mathematics or a related field from Logan County. Austin E. Knowlton founded The Austin E. Knowlton Foundation, Cincinnati, Ohio, and funded it throughout his lifetime. It was Mr. Knowlton’s wish that the Foundation would continue to fund a broad range of philanthropic endeavors for the advancement of higher education.

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.

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

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

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