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Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings, alumni!

Come back to your alma mater for Homecoming 2013 – Sept. 27 & 28 – “Orange & Black... That’s Me!” You may win a chance for a balloon ride during halftime at the football game!

Friday night’s tradition will continue with the parade, carnival, coronation of the king and queen, pep rally with head football coach Rob Keys and fireworks. Saturday, our annual 5K race will be replaced with the Susan G. Komen Northwest Ohio race. This year, it’s a pleasure to welcome our alumni, parents, students and friends to participate in the Susan K. Komen race. To register, please go to <http://www.komen-nwohio.org/> and click on the Register Today! You will then click on the 2013 Komen Northwest Ohio Race for the Cure - Findlay link.

Our annual Alumni Association Breakfast will honor our 2013 award recipients: Old Main Award – Phillip Riegle ’00; Gold Medallion – David Sterner ’66; Distinguished Alumni – Rear Admiral Edward L. Feightner ’41, Dale Gillespie ’59, Jeremy Pemberton ’96, M ’97, Robert Pritts ’57, Ben Sapp ’93, M ’95; and Arch Award – Jack Taylor. The dedication of the class project by the Classes of 1963 and 2013 will follow. The pre-tailgate event will then take place from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., and then off to Donnell Stadium as the Oilers’ football team takes on Michigan Tech.

WLFC will celebrate turning 40, and the College of Pharmacy will offer continuing education credit, “New Drugs Today and Tomorrow,” for pharmacists. All of this and more will be in the Homecoming brochure that will be mailed to you in August, or you can go to www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Homecoming. Hope to see you back on campus Sept. 27-28!

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,
The Wolfe Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends

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1. What's Happening on Campus?

Informed. Inspired. Awed. Amused. The nearly 260 attendees of the 20th annual Mazza Summer Conference, held July 15-19, were all that and more. Eleven outstanding authors and illustrators of children's books gave presentations on their work. In addition, they participated in pull-out sessions in which they interacted with the teachers, librarians, college students, Mazza Museum volunteers and others who came to learn more about children's literature. Many attendees also earned undergraduate or graduate credit through the conference.



Jon Klassen graciously autographed books in the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion for attendees at the Mazza Conference.



At left, Ben Sapp, director of the Mazza Museum, and right, Jon Klassen, 2013 Caldecott Award winner.

Highlighting the conference was Jon Klassen. He received the Caldecott Award for "This Is Not My Hat," which he wrote and illustrated, and a Caldecott Honor for "Extra Yarn," by Mac Barnett. He was awarded both in 2013, which was the first time since 1947 that an author/illustrator has won both awards in the same year. Klassen began his career in animation and was employed by DreamWorks Animation, where he helped illustrate "Kung Fu Panda." But he found his niche in children's book illustration where his visual humor is appreciated by young and old. "I Want My Hat Back," was his first book, which Klassen said he wrote in just 15 minutes. It was published in 2011.



Renowned author and illustrator Ed Young with his "Jewish sister," Jeanette. His family in Shanghai sheltered her and her parents as immigrants from Germany during World War II.

For "The House Baba Built," Ed Young mined his memory for details of his childhood home in Shanghai, China, which was built by his architect father. Young shared the story of his quest to write this memoir. With more than 80 books to his credit, Young won the Caldecott Medal for "Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China" in 1990, and he received the Mazza Medallion for artistic diversity in 2002. Other featured authors and illustrators included Michael Hall, Walter Wick, James Dean, Julie Paschkis, Sheila McGraw, Tom Lichtenheld, Sherri Duskey Rinker, Roger Roth and Christopher Raschka.

A "Women in Philanthropy" conference is planned for Saturday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Winebrenner Theological Seminary on the Findlay campus. It is an initiative of three university presidents, Dr. Kathy Krendl, Otterbein; Dr. Mary Ellen Mazey, Bowling Green State University; and Dr. Katherine Fell. The University of Findlay is the first to host the conference, which is designed to raise awareness of the role women play in philanthropy. Anne Pramaggiore, president and CEO of ComEd, Chicago, Ill., is the 2013 honorary chair. The program on Oct. 12 is drafted to include personal reflections on women in philanthropy from each president, a keynote address and a panel discussion. Guest panelists will address "Getting Started in Philanthropy: Following Your Passion," "Making a Difference: Using Your Time, Talent and Treasure for the Greater Good" and "Leaving a Legacy: Planning for Future Generations." Women who are

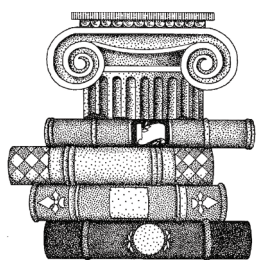
Women in
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interested in the topic are invited to attend. Contact Marie Loudon-Hanes, Ph.D., at 419-434-4504 for more information.

Recently, The University of Findlay's **All Hazards Training Center (AHTC)** received a **special acknowledgement from the office of Mike DeWine, Ohio Attorney General**, as a key resource in the development of the School Safety Task Force Report: Recommendations and Resources. [Click here](#) for more.

The University of Findlay takes great pride in its beautiful, well-maintained campus, and others are taking notice.

Judges from the America in Bloom national awards program visited The University of Findlay July 8-9 to see how it ranks with landscapes in other areas of the country. [Read more.](#)



Senior Forum, a flexible learning experience for people age 50 and older, will begin Sept. 25. It is offered each Wednesday for six weeks, with three sessions each day. If paid by Sept. 16, participants may attend all 18 sessions for \$60 (single) or \$115 (couple), or pay per session at \$4 per person. After Sept. 16, prices increase to \$65 (single) or \$125 (couple) for all 18 sessions, or \$5 per session. Programs on Sept. 25 include "Remember Gettysburg: 150th Anniversary," "The Findlay Y Has a New Leader" and "An Afternoon Concert" with Wendene Shoupe and friends. For more information and the entire season schedule, call Dr. Doris Salis at 419-422-3560 or contact Nancy Leatherman at 419-434-4672 or email her at leatherman@findlay.edu.

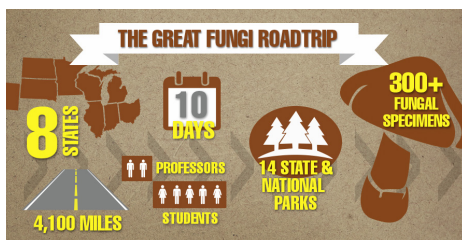
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2. Academic Update

The University of Findlay, through the College of Education, is offering a doctor of education (Ed.D.) degree, starting fall 2013. The program is available online, with attendance at an annual, weeklong summer institute required. Michael Scoles, Ph.D., has been appointed as the director of the program. [Click here](#) to read more.



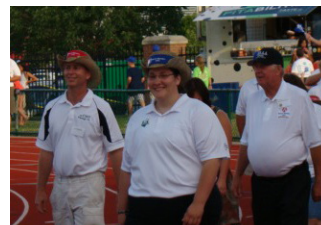
Dr. Michael Scoles



Over the course of 4,100 miles and eight states in 10 days, five students and two professors collected more than 300 fungal specimens at 28 collection sites within 14 national and state parks and forests. "It was a hectic schedule, but the students were fantastic," said Michael Edelbrock, Ph.D., professor of biology. [Read the full story.](#)

Mariah Hohman, senior intervention specialist major, and Brittany Hreha, senior intervention specialist major, volunteered this summer at the Special Olympics Ohio State Summer Games for the first time. It was a two-day weekend event held in Columbus at the end of June. [Read more](#) about it.

Mariah Hohman (center)



“Teaching is for me,” said Emily Reynolds, a senior multi-age Spanish education major who is studying abroad in Costa Rica this summer. “This experience has made me excited to be back and begin student teaching ... I have definitely, without a doubt, 100 percent, chosen the correct career path.” [Read more.](#)



Emily Reynolds in the kitchen with her host mother in Costa Rica.

The University of Findlay is seeking comments from the public about the University in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The University will host a visit Nov. 11-13, 2013, with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. The University of Findlay has been accredited by the Commission since 1962. The team will review the institution’s ongoing ability to meet the Commission’s Criteria for Accreditation. The public is invited to submit comments regarding the University: Third-Party Comment on The University of Findlay, The Higher Learning Commission, 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604-1411. The public may also submit comments on the Commission’s website at www.ncahlc.org. Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing. All comments must be received by Oct. 11, 2013.

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3. News and Events for Alumni, Parents and Friends

Events Calendar **2013**

Aug. 19	Classes begin for standard fall semester session
Aug. 23	Diagnostic Services Ceremony
Sept. 27-29	Homecoming & Family Weekend!
Oct. 7-8	Mid-Fall Recess: No Classes
Dec. 1-5	Alumni and Friends Group Travel – San Antonio Holiday
Dec. 6-8	UF Weekend at Kalahari Waterpark & Resort, Sandusky, Ohio
Dec. 10	Pharmacy Reception – Mid-Year Conference, Orlando, Fla.

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Jan. 6	Classes begin for standard spring semester session
Feb. 22	Pre-Vet Reception, Columbus, Ohio
Mar. 3-7	Florida Receptions

Mar. 21 OHSAA Boys' Basketball Brunch,
Columbus, Ohio

For more info or to register for events, contact the Harold (Herk) '54 and Patricia (Gohlke) Wolfe Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends by visiting the website at www.findlay.edu,
KEYWORD: Alumni, or call 1-800-472-9502, extension 4516, or 419-434-4516.

Volunteers are needed to help as project leaders for the 11th annual community service project during Orientation Weekend on Aug. 17. 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 100 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. – 60 volunteer project leaders needed

11:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. – 40 volunteer project leaders needed

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

We need 20 volunteers to help with registration and “traffic control” at peak points of the day.

6:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m. – 10 volunteers needed

11:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m. – 10 volunteers needed

Please [click here](#) to complete the form if you can volunteer your time to work with our new students and our Findlay/Hancock County community partners. This is a great way to welcome the class of 2017 and to be the difference in our campus and local communities. If the link doesn't work, please copy this into your web browser: bit.ly/osp-campusvolunteer. Thank you for your generosity!

Trustee emeritus L. Jack Ruscilli, class of 1966, presented The University of Findlay with an antique clock that was hung in the entrance of Old Main on July 17. A collector of antique clocks for about 47 years, Ruscilli and his late brother-in-law, Allen Colburn, shared the hobby. The American-made clock is an eight-day,



Dr. C. Richard Beckett presented a citation for service as a trustee to Jack Ruscilli.

time only, timepiece with a wire pendulum that weighs approximately 30 pounds, Ruscilli said. Dr. C. Richard Beckett, chair of the UF Board of Trustees, thanked Ruscilli for the clock and for his 27 years of service on the board of trustees and presented him with a framed citation. Ruscilli's wife, **Ann (Colburn '65)**, estimated that his collection numbers around 300 clocks. He previously presented a clock for the Carrothers Home for the President in April.



President Katherine Fell at the clock presentation by Ann (Colburn '65) and L. Jack Ruscilli ('66).

Visitors to the Wolfe Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends

Jodie Sutherland ('02) stopped by the Wolfe Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends on Wednesday, July 10, 2013, to say hello to Dee Dee Spraw ('00, M '07), alumni director, and find out what's new at her alma mater.



Jodie Sutherland '02

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 Wolfe Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends will send your new little Oiler a stocking hat to show that Oiler pride!

Congratulations, Newlyweds:

Matthew & Stephanie (Springer '10) Leddy – married June 22, 2013

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4. Alumni Spotlight

Through Their Viewfinder:

**Alums Aaron Osborne '00 and Ben Walton '04
Produce UF Videos for You to See**

If you want a glimpse of The University of Findlay's campus, programs, students, events and television commercials, all you need to do is to go to the UF website at www.findlay.edu and click on the YouTube button at the bottom of the page.



Aaron Osborne (center) and Ben Walton (right) filming on campus.

You will see video clips on a vast variety of topics. What you won't see are the two men behind the camera who do the filming, editing and graphics to create the videos. Aaron Osborne '00 and Ben Walton '04 compose the media technology department and are the creative force directing the University's videos and television ads. They are assisted by the Office of Marketing and Communication, whose staff members often write scripts and provide photography and graphics for the videos.

During the past year, the University launched an advertising campaign to inform prospective students and their parents that tuition is not as expensive at The University of Findlay as they might think, but actually is mid-range, costing slightly more, on average, than a large state school.

In a group brainstorming session on how to create a television commercial conveying this message, Osborne came up with the creative concept of a spokesperson located in a room that is completely gray, except for a few orange accents. "I instantly saw what that would look like. I knew exactly what to do with it," Osborne said. The staff painted the set in the production studio entirely gray for the filming. The resulting commercial is unique and attention grabbing. It helped drive traffic to the financial aid calculator on the UF website, where usage increased by 300 percent. To see this video, [click here](#).



Osborne and Walton also did a video clip that received 31,000 hits on the UF website and attracted national attention. The UF football team was the first in the nation to put their last names on the backs of their helmets. The Athletics Department requested a reveal video, which aired in April 2013. Walton balanced a sample helmet on an acrylic tube on top of a small stool that was rigged to a drill to make it slowly rotate. While Walton did the filming, Osborne did the editing special effects. Simple, but arresting, the video close-up of the revolving helmet caught the attention of commentators who discussed it on ESPN. [Click here](#) to see this 52-second clip.

In 2006, when a new camera and commercial editing software from Avid were purchased for the department, Osborne shot a short video for practice and to learn how everything worked. Walton was literally the walk-on talent. He walked down a hallway as part of the video. Osborne submitted the video to a contest sponsored by Avid and judged by video editors from big production houses in New York City. "I shot a couple things and just happened to win," Osborne commented modestly. Osborne won a trip for two to the Sundance Film Festival in Utah. Of course, he took Walton with him.

As students at The University of Findlay, both experienced the personal attention that helped guide them to their current careers. A native of Findlay, Osborne said he had applied to UF and other schools, but didn't intend to go to college immediately after graduation from Van Buren School. But a UF admissions counselor called a week before classes started to see if he was coming and helped Osborne enroll at the last minute.

Osborne cited the influence of the late Steve Beck, who was director of the academic communication program at the time. Beck encouraged Osborne with positive feedback, saying he had natural talent. Beck also got Osborne jobs with community organizations doing videos that gave him additional practice.

After graduating in December of 2000, Osborne was hired in 2001 as coordinator and instructor of multimedia production. At the time, UF offered a major in broadcast telecommunication and was producing seven half-hour television shows for UF-TV with approximately 30 students, Osborne recalled.

Walton had a similar experience. After graduating from Mohawk High School, he worked as an airplane propeller mechanic in Tiffin for a year before suddenly deciding the first week of August to go to college. Findlay was able to enroll him within a week and a half as an undeclared major. He investigated various majors on campus as a result of an assignment in his Freshman Seminar class with Jan Taylor, undeclared major adviser, before settling on broadcast telecommunications.

Again, Beck spotted talent, and by his sophomore year, Walton was serving in a student leadership position, producing the TV shows as student assistant director.

Walton did a post-graduation internship at the Ohio Statehouse, filming sessions of the House, Senate and Supreme Court for a year before landing a job with the Columbus City Schools doing public relations and training videos. He worked at the school district for three years before returning to The University of Findlay in 2008 as a media technology specialist.



Ben Walton (left) and Aaron Osborne (right) in the television production studio.

Although the television station is now off the air and the broadcast major has been eliminated, the two still have plenty to do. Their on-campus clients request services ranging from filming presentations by guest speakers and producing promotional videos for various majors to shooting testimonials for the annual induction of Distinguished Alumni.

In addition to their work at UF, Osborne and Walton also share an interest in brewing craft beers. After home brewing beer for a number of years with four other partners, the hobby has turned commercial with the formation of Findlay Brewing Co., which qualifies as a nanobrewery. They produce about 50 gallons a week, equating to approximately a barrel and half.

After receiving the appropriate licensing recently, they now supply a restaurant, a grocery store and a wineseller in Findlay and a taproom in Columbus. On July 26, they held a grand opening of their taproom at 227 ½ North Main St., open Friday evenings, where they sell their American Bitter and Floodwater Stout, along with several other beers.

In addition to their full-time jobs and their hobby-turned-commercial enterprise, Osborne and Walton are each working on a master of arts degree in education with an emphasis in technology at UF. The two are hoping for the resurrection of the broadcast major and preparing for it ahead of time. The credential would allow them to teach as adjunct faculty, if the need arose. “Currently, we are the only people on campus who have the expertise to operate the television studio,” Osborne said.

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5. Oiler Sports

Derrick Vicars

Former standout track and field athlete, Derrick Vicars, finished ninth in the shot put at the World University Games in Kazan, Russia. Vicars, a two-time national champion during his tenure with the Oilers, recorded the highest finish in the event for Team USA as he recorded a toss of 18.28 meters. He also took 13th in the discus at 55 meters and is the first Oilers track athlete to compete in the prestigious event.



Derrick Vicars

Track and Field

Both the Oilers men's and women's track and field teams earned NCAA Division II All-Academic honors as the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) released their annual academic awards on July 24. The men's team had the fifth highest grade point average among NCAA Division II teams for the 2012-13 season, while the women were ranked 18th in the nation. The men finished the year with a GPA of 3.29 while the women sported a 3.42 GPA.

Women's Golf

The University of Findlay women's golf program earned academic honors from the Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) on July 17 for recording the second highest grade point average among all NCAA programs last season. The Oilers finished the 2012-13 campaign with a team GPA of 3.837. They finished as the runner-up among all women's golf programs to Lee University, who obtained a 3.955 GPA. The programs ranked include NCAA Division I, II and III women's golf teams.

Dominic Guarnieri New Head Golf Coach

Dominic Guarnieri ('05) was chosen to lead both the men's and women's golf programs for the Oilers as he will take over for the recently retired Al Baker ('73). Guarnieri served on staff as an assistant last season under Baker and was also a graduate assistant coach for the Oilers for two years after winning four letters on the men's golf team from 2002-05. Between his stints at Findlay, Guarnieri was an assistant golf coach at St. Marys Memorial High School for one year before taking over the head coaching position for two years. In his second year at the helm of the St. Marys program, he led the team to their only conference tournament win in school history. Guarnieri also has had a successful playing career outside of coaching as he was the 2010 and 2012 Mercer County Elks Club champion. He was also the 2011 Findlay Country Club champion and was named the 2011 TDGA Player of the Year.



Dominic Guarnieri (center)

GLIAC Presidents' Trophy

The University of Findlay finished third in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Presidents' Trophy Standings for the 2012-13 campaign behind Grand Valley State University and Ashland University. The Oilers racked up 158 total points in the standings. Grand Valley State registered 245 points, and Ashland accumulated 201 total points. The women's programs at Findlay registered 86 total points while the men's teams scored 72. The Oilers also claimed one conference championship, winning the 2013 GLIAC tournament in men's basketball.

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

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6. Alumni Support



Stepping Up for Scholarships

Did you receive a scholarship as a student on campus?

Alumni, parents and friends of The University of Findlay can now **Step Up** and designate any amount of their annual gifts to support scholarships for current students.

During 2012-2013 The University of Findlay assisted students with more than \$32.3 million in scholarships.

Annual gifts play an important role in making it possible for the University to fill the gap between financial aid and endowment and the total need of today's students. The impact of your Findlay Fund gifts on the bottom line is immediate: a gift of \$1,000 is roughly the equivalent to the



Can you guess where these steps are on campus? Will you step up in support of students?

annual payout on a \$25,000 endowment fund. Information on making a gift is [HERE](#). You have the potential to double the impact for students if your employer offers a matching gift program. Please consider **Stepping Up** for today's students through The Findlay Fund Scholarship. Go to www.findlay.edu and click "Give to UF." (Answer: at the back of Old Main.)

C.T. Fox Legacy Society

Did you know that there may be significant tax advantages and other unique benefits for a donor through deferred gifts to The University of Findlay? Deferred gifts are usually designed to mature after a donor's lifetime, and can be in the form of provisions through a will (bequest), life insurance policies, trusts, annuities, life estates and retirement plans.

Our C.T. Fox Legacy Society recognizes and honors, during their lifetimes, those individuals who have included The University of Findlay in their estate planning. The society was established in 1982 and named for Charles Trout Fox, who taught at Findlay during its first 45 years, served as the first dean and was acting president twice.

If you already have included The University of Findlay in your estate planning, but have not notified us, please let us know, because you are eligible to be enrolled as a treasured member of our highly-valued and highly-esteemed C.T. Fox Legacy Society.

If you would like to know more about how to realize tax benefits for your heirs, or how to provide current income for you, your spouse, your beneficiaries or the University, please contact Jonathan Avellone, director of planned giving, 419-434-4794 or avellone@findlay.edu.

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7. Campus News

Want to know what is happening on campus between *ArchLink* issues? Check out the UF Newsroom for the latest information, as well as photos, videos and blogs. [Click here](#) to access.

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8. Spread the Word...

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for meaningful lives and productive careers.**