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## Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings, alumni!

We listened to you, and our first UF travel destination has been scheduled for Dec. 1-5, 2013, to San Antonio Holiday. One visit to San Antonio and it's easy to see why it is often referred to as the "American Venice." The sights and sounds of the holiday celebrations are sure to get you into the spirit.

Join us for relaxing Texas style, when you settle into your River Walk hotel on this five-day San Antonio getaway. Visit the legendary Alamo. Learn about the history of the San Antonio region at the South Texas Heritage Center. Be swept up in the romance of the Old West at a dude ranch in Bandera. Visit charming Fredericksburg nestled in the hill country and rich with German heritage. Discover the bold flavors of Texas wines and cuisine during dinner at an olive orchard. Cruise along the Paseo del Rio and immerse yourself in the laid-back atmosphere of this Texas city. Enjoy Fiesta de las Luminarias where 122,000 lights illuminate the River Walk during the holiday season.

For more information on this trip, you're invited to a special travel presentation on Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at the Wolfe Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends, or if you cannot be there in person, join us for an online presentation Tuesday, July 30, 2013, at 6 p.m. To sign up, please contact Dee Dee Spraw, The University of Findlay, 419-434-4589, or [spraw@findlay.edu](mailto:spraw@findlay.edu).

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.

Make plans to attend the "Orange and Black – That's Me" Homecoming weekend on Sept. 27-29, 2013.

With Oiler Pride!

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

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**FINDLAY**  
THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY

## 1. What's Happening on Campus?

**During fall 2012, four students had a vision to create opportunities for students from diverse academic disciplines to serve others while gaining cross-cultural experience.** That vision turned into Oilers Serving Abroad (OSA), and the program's inaugural trip in May to Barahona, Dominican Republic, laid the groundwork for a lasting partnership. Jenise Berning, Duncan Brown, Claire Rolli (who was unable to travel with the group) and Dallas Smith – all of whom have different majors – had the collective desire to volunteer abroad together, while learning from each other and the people they were helping. [Click here](#) for the full story.



*Chris Sippel, Jenise Berning, Crystal Weitz, Duncan Brown, Dallas Smith and Almar Walter display a few of the books donated by Batey Central School. Behind them are the bookshelves they built.*



*Penny Gerdeman*

**Penny Gerdeman, director of international admissions and services, participated in the fourth annual EducationUSA Forum in Washington, D.C., from June 26-28, 2013, on behalf of The University of Findlay.** Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the EducationUSA Forum brought together 500 college and university recruitment and admissions professionals with almost 60 EducationUSA regional educational experts and advisers from around the world to discuss strategies for helping international students to study in the United States and U.S. students to study abroad. [Click here](#) to read more.

**Richard B. States, CNMT, RT(N)(ARRT), and Ryan J. Smith, D.H.Sc., CNMT, traveled to Albuquerque, N.M., to participate in the American Society of Radiologic Technologists' (ASRT) House of Delegates' annual meeting June 13-16.** Both States and Smith serve as ASRT delegates for the Nuclear Medicine Chapter, of which States was elected chair and Smith was elected to continue to serve as vice chair. [Click here](#) for more.



*Richard B. States,  
CNMT, RT(N) (ARRT)*



*Ryan J. Smith,  
D.H.Sc., CNMT*

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## 2. Academic Update

**Sarah Foltz shares a first-person account of her recent London Experience:** "During my first three years of college, I was hesitant to study abroad because I can only speak English, and I would hate to miss an internship opportunity if I studied abroad for a full semester. Fortunately, the London Scholars Program provided a study abroad opportunity that I could not pass up. The program caught my attention after several of my friends and classmates ventured to London in the summer of 2012. After drooling over pictures and fun stories they shared, I



*Sarah Foltz during her London Experience at the Roman Baths museum in South West England.*

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knew that I was missing out on the perfect study abroad experience.” [Click here](#) to read her story.

**Jamesetta Williams, a student in The University of Findlay’s Nuclear Medicine Institute (NMI), recently was awarded a 2013 Mickey Williams Minority Scholarship**, a prestigious national award. Williams, of Colwyn, Pa., is pursuing a bachelor’s degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania while completing NMI’s intense one-year program. She will receive a certificate of completion from The University of Findlay following clinical training. [Click here](#) to read more.

**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](http://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**

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| <b>Aug. 4</b>      | Summer Send-Off, Columbus, Ohio   |
| <b>Aug. TBA</b>    | Summer Send-Off, Cleveland, Ohio  |
| <b>Aug. 17</b>     | Classes begin for standard fall semester session  |
| <b>Aug. 23</b>     | Diagnostic Services Ceremony  |
| <b>Sept. 27-29</b> | <b>Homecoming &amp; Family Weekend!</b>   |
| <b>Oct. 7-8</b>    | Mid-Fall Recess: No Classes   |
| <b>Dec. 1-5</b>    | Alumni and Friends Group Travel – San Antonio Holiday<br>(see details above on the upcoming presentation in greeting) |
| <b>Dec. 6-8</b>    | UF Weekend at Kalahari Waterpark & Resort,<br>Sandusky, Ohio  |
| <b>Dec. 10</b>     | Pharmacy Reception – Mid-Year Conference,<br>Orlando, Fla.  |

##### **2014**

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| <b>Jan. 6</b> | Classes begin for standard spring semester session |
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- Feb. 22** Pre-Vet Reception,  
Columbus, Ohio
- Mar. 3-7** Florida Receptions
- Mar. 21** OHSAA Boy's 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](http://www.findlay.edu),  
KEYWORD: Alumni, or call 1-800-472-9502, extension 4516, or 419-434-4516.



**Did you graduate in the past 10 years? If so, you may have served our local community during the Orientation Service Project your first weekend on campus!** The University of Findlay's incoming, first-year students will again participate in a large service initiative on **Saturday, Aug. 17**, during Orientation Weekend, and UF needs your help! **This year's project will be the 11th project!** As we reflect on the past 10 years, we have many successes to celebrate! UF has an established presence and positive reputation in the community!

Each year, more than 500 students, faculty and staff have participated in the Orientation Service Project that has introduced new students to the community and offered service to 30 Findlay/Hancock County nonprofit agencies.

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.



**Volunteer needs for Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013:**

**100 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 as soon as possible** 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. Please

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copy this into your web browser if the link doesn't work: [bit.ly/osp-campusvolunteer](http://bit.ly/osp-campusvolunteer). Thank you for your generosity!

**The University of Findlay invites alumni to submit Requests for Proposals (RFP) to bid a diverse portfolio of insurance products**, including automobile and property insurance, to create a quality affinity program that appeals to various segments of UF alumni. The University is looking to identify a program with top-quality administration and customer service to participants and which adheres to strict confidentiality. Programs are expected to provide a line of products/ services to alumni that are deemed better than what is available on the open market and which will generate royalty, advertising and/or sponsorship revenue for UF. UF has approximately 19,000 living alumni, with around 800 new graduates added each year. For information on how to submit, contact Robert Link, business manager at The University of Findlay, at [link@findlay.edu](mailto:link@findlay.edu) or 419-434-4528.

### Visitors to the Wolfe Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends



**Charles “Bud” Pressley** (who attended in the mid-1960s before serving in the military), President Katherine Fell, **Sally (Watson ’67) Green**, **John Duncan (’68)** came back on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, to their alma mater. Bud and John had not been back to campus since the ’60s. The three enjoyed a golf cart ride touring the campus and then a visit to the western farm and the Dr. C. Richard Beckett Animal Science Building.

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

### **Congratulations, Newlyweds:**

*Bryan (’01, M ’05) & Ann Marie (Harper) Householder – married June 15, 2013*

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## **4. Alumni Spotlight**

### **Bradley Hammer: Connecting Alumni and Students with Opportunity**

Many alumni don't realize that they may use The University of Findlay's job placement services for life. According to **Bradley C. Hammer (’03)**, director of career placement at UF, “Alumni have unlimited services,” which include participating in job fairs, mock interviews or personalized “coaching” sessions in which they are given guidance and advice.

Whether it's as small as needing someone to look over a résumé and cover letter to having a meeting to talk about the approach to finding a job, Hammer and his staff are prepared to help.

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“We really customize services,” he said.

The office also has a new system, “Oiler Connection,” he pointed out, that is an online job site that students, as well as alumni, can go on to find internship and job openings posted by a network of business partners who want to hire UF students or graduates. (Findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Oiler Connection.)

While the resources of the Office of Career Services are available to alumni, Hammer spends the majority of his efforts assisting students find internships, career experiences and full-time job placements. He talks to students about services provided, including help with résumés and interviews, coaching on professionalism, and tips on best practices for conducting an internship or job search.

He and **Philip Gunder ('04)**, director of internships and cooperative education, are working in tandem to provide seamless services to students. “He will work with the students all the way through from freshman year to graduation, and even as alumni, in business, liberal arts and education. Then I have the students who are in sciences, pharmacy and health professions,” Hammer noted. “We really do a good job of collaborating. He’s been a great asset to our office, for sure.”

In addition, Hammer contacts employers to create relationships leading to internship and job opportunities. Nearly 500 companies have registered with UF to seek out students for internships or full-time positions after graduation. As a result, nearly 2,000 internship and job openings from employers across the country were posted through UF for 2011-12. “We have great students who have tons of talent and tons of potential, so being that connecting point between the two is really rewarding,” Hammer noted.

Alumni also may be in a position to help today’s students if their company or organization is hiring or has internship positions to fill. Alumni may set up a booth at a job fair, help out with mock interviews or post on Oiler Connection. “We have a lot of alumni who come back,” Hammer noted, “but there’s room for many more.”

Hammer noted that in past years, typically around 90 percent of students are placed in a full-time job within their field, or are pursuing graduate studies, within the first six months after graduation. “Around 30-35 percent of students continue on to graduate school,” he said.

Career Services will work with the 10 percent who are either working part-time or for whom a job in their career field hasn’t opened up yet. “We work with them to explore other options,” Hammer said. Some job fields are cyclical. For instance, a few years ago teaching positions were scarce and many students worked as substitutes before finding a full-time position. “Right now, we have far more environmental health and safety openings than we can fill,” he commented.

“We’re all working toward the same goal of making sure that our students are really prepared for a job or a career when they graduate,” Hammer remarked. “We encourage students to start thinking about it as soon as they step on campus.”



*Brad Hammer ('03), Director of Career Services at The University of Findlay*

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Hammer began his career at The University of Findlay in 2006. After graduating from UF in 2003 with a degree in business administration and human resources, he worked briefly for Worthington Steel and Fastenal before landing back at his alma mater.

A native of Tiffin, Ohio, he was recruited to UF for the track team. He was runner whose specialty was the 400-meter, and he said he especially enjoyed running on the 4 x 4 relay team. His senior year he received the Mancuso Award as the male athlete-of-the-year. He also was an NCAA Academic All-American from 2000-03. In addition, Hammer served as a resident assistant for Bare Hall and then a special interest house before becoming resident director for Fox Hall.

The highlight of his undergraduate experience was meeting his wife-to-be, **Julie (Renner '03, M '04)**, he said. He came back to campus while she was finishing her master's degree in occupational therapy and proposed to her in the gazebo on the Cory Street mall. They were married Feb. 26, 2005, and now have a daughter, Mya, 4, and a son, Maddox, 2. Julie is an occupational therapist for Kenton City Schools. The family lives in Lima, Ohio.

Hammer noted that Findlay always has felt like home from the time he first visited as a prospective student. "Love, love, love working on campus," he enthused.

#### **Oiler Connection – Internship & Placement Events – 2013**

<i>Wed., Aug. 28</i>	<i>Earn &amp; Learn Job Fair</i>	<i>Alumni Memorial Union</i>	<i>1-4 p.m.</i>
<i>Thurs., Sept. 19</i>	<i>Pharmacy Career Day</i>	<i>Winebrenner Seminary</i>	<i>8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Fri., Oct. 18</i>	<i>Occup. Therapy Job Fair</i>	<i>Alumni Memorial Union</i>	<i>4-6 p.m.</i>
<i>Fri., Nov. 22</i>	<i>Oiler Connection Day</i>	<i>Alumni Memorial Union</i>	<i>8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.</i>

*For more information, contact Office of Internships & Placement at 419-434-4665 or [internships.placement@findlay.edu](mailto:internships.placement@findlay.edu).*

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## **5. Oiler Sports**

### **Derrick Vicars**

Former track standout Derrick Vicars is competing in the World University Games in both the shot put and discus during July 6-17 in Kazan, Russia. He placed 13th in the discus, just missing qualifying for the finals. Only 10 men and 10 women were selected to compete for Team USA.

Vicars ended his career at Findlay as one of the most decorated student-athletes in school history. The Genoa, Ohio, native is a two-time national champion, winning gold in the shot put (2012) and discus (2010) during the outdoor seasons for Findlay. A 10-time All-American, Vicars was named the NCAA Division II Midwest Region Field Athlete of the Year in 2012 and 2013. He also earned Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Field Athlete of the Year honors three times during his career (2012 indoor, 2012 outdoor, 2013 outdoor) and ended his career with the Oilers as the school record holder in five events.



*Derrick Vicars*

## Rebekah Irish

Senior Rebekah Irish of the Oilers western equestrian team finished as the reserve champion at the prestigious National Reining Horse Show Association (NHRA) Derby, which concluded on July 1 in Oklahoma City, Okla. Entries included the top six riders from NCEA teams consisting of approximately 25 Division 1 Universities and the top six IHSA riders out of almost 400 universities and colleges across the country.



*Brooke Albers*

## Women's Golf

The University of Findlay women's golf team had six individuals earn Academic All-American honors as the Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) announced their award winners on July 1.

Brooke Albers (Health Science/Pre-Physical Therapy), Emily Mock (Sport and Event Management), Hannah Schneider (Early Childhood Education), Kasey Petty (Early Childhood Education), Lauren Vogt (Math-Applied Actuary) and Michele Schambs (Sport and Event

Management) all earned the honor for the Oilers. To earn a spot on the Academic All-American team, student-athletes must have a minimum GPA of 3.50.

## Coach Al Baker

Former head golf coach **Alan Baker ('73)** was named the 2013 GLIAC Women's Golf Coach of the Year by the league. He led the women's squad to a fourth-place finish at the 2013 GLIAC championship and then saw his team place fourth at the East Regional. During a 21-year career as leader of the Oilers men's and women's golf programs, Baker was named the 2002 and 2008 GLIAC Coach of the Year for men's golf. He also led the Oilers to 65 tournament victories during his career. Baker recently retired, and **Dominic Guarnieri ('05)**, who was the assistant last season, has been named as the new men's and women's head golf coach.



*Former Head Golf  
Coach Al Baker ('73)*

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

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## 6. Alumni Support

### The Findlay Fund

In fiscal year 2013, tuition covered just 63 percent of the experience the University provided to students. The Findlay Fund is a way for alumni, parents, faculty and staff, and friends of the University to ensure that a high-quality education and experience is provided to each and every student.

“Step Up” is the theme for our annual giving campaign for 2013-14. We ask that you step up in support of students at The University of Findlay. Stepping up to help the University ensures each and every **ST**udent is **E**quipped for a meaningful life and **P**roductive career. Will you take that



*Can you guess where  
these steps are on cam-  
pus? Will you step up in  
support of students?*

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first step in support of your alma mater, your individual college and the next class of students? Go to [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu) and click “Give to UF.” (Answer: Lovett Residence Hall for women)

### **Planned Giving**

The **charitable gift annuity** is a wonderful way to support our great university and a smart financial planning tool. With the current low interest rates on traditional investments, now is a perfect time to consider charitable planning strategies that will enable you to make a significant gift, receive payments based on your donation and create a charitable deduction.

The charitable gift annuity is the most popular and versatile option of the life-income gifts that generate income for the donor. The income from a gift annuity is determined by the amount of the contribution and the age(s) of the beneficiary(ies). Examples are shown below.

#### **Benefits of a \$100,000 Charitable Gift Annuity\*:**

<i>Age(s)</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Annual Payment</i>	<i>Charitable Deduction</i>
<b><i>One Person</i></b>			
65	4.7	\$4,700	\$26,661
70	5.1	\$5,100	\$34,693
75	5.8	\$5,800	\$41,016
80	6.8	\$6,800	\$46,693
85	7.8	\$7,800	\$54,189
90	9.0	\$9,000	\$61,356
<b><i>Two People</i></b>			
65-65	4.2	\$4,200	\$17,265
70-70	4.6	\$4,600	\$23,988
75-75	5.0	\$5,000	\$32,738
80-80	5.7	\$5,700	\$39,453
85-85	6.7	\$6,700	\$45,506
90-90	8.2	\$8,200	\$50,351

*\*Based on a 1.2 percent IRS discount rate (announced monthly)*

Please consider The University of Findlay when you are doing your estate planning. For more information, please contact Jonathan Avellone, director of planned giving, at 419-434-4794 or [avellone@findlay.edu](mailto:avellone@findlay.edu).

**The Give Voice to Your Values campaign has a total of 157 endowed funds, with nearly \$13.2 million** raised toward student scholarships, faculty development and program support. For a list of all endowment funds at the University, [click here](#).

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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...**

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](mailto:archlink@findlay.edu). Please add [archlink@findlay.edu](mailto:archlink@findlay.edu) to your address book/contact list.

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**The mission of The University of Findlay is to equip our students  
for meaningful lives and productive careers.**

