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## Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings, alumni!

Mark your calendars for Homecoming 2013 – Sept. 27-29! Homecoming is an opportunity for all alumni to “come home” and reconnect with people you bonded with during one of the most special times of your life.

This year’s theme was actually decided at the Friday night Homecoming celebration in 2012. Head Football Coach Rob Keys was on stage revving up the alumni, parents and students/athletes for the Homecoming weekend celebration and, of course, the football game on Saturday. He chanted to the crowd “Orange and Black” and asked them to yell back “That’s Me.” Everyone responded back with great Oiler pride and enthusiasm, which set the tone for Homecoming weekend. Immediately, many commented that should be the Homecoming 2013 theme!



Coach Rob Keys

The planning has started and there is still plenty of time to add class-year or special-interest group reunions. If you are interested in celebrating at Homecoming 2013, please contact our office so we can get the planning started. You can call 1-800-472-9502 or 419-434-4516.

Make plans to attend the “Orange and Black – That’s Me!” Homecoming weekend on Sept. 27-29, 2013.

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 Wolfe Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends

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*The Oilers men's basketball team won a record seventh GLIAC tournament title. Traveling to Springfield, Mo., for the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional, the Oilers lost 89-77 to Drury University in the quarterfinal game. Photo and story on page 8 or click on “Oilers Sports”*

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## 1. What's Happening on Campus?

The University recently launched **Oiler Blogs**, a website sharing current students' experiences at Findlay. Five students are writing this semester: Emily Gajewski (Cheers, Ciao, Click), Brice Womack (Drive, Discipline and Defense), Sarah Totedo



*Sarah Totedo – "Perfect Fit"*

(Perfect Fit), Khushboo Leuva (Earning a Degree, Learning a Culture) and Perry Newsom (Taking Findlay by the Reins). Each blogger offers

a different perspective on student life on campus. Oiler Blogs also includes The Bearded Blogger, written by Derrick the Oiler, and Right from the Start, which features advice from the equestrian farms. Visit [sites.findlay.edu/oilerblogs](http://sites.findlay.edu/oilerblogs) to read the latest posts or [click here](#).



*Perry Newsome – "Taking Findlay by the Reins"*

Findlay recently launched an innovative new way for students to learn more about how much scholarship aid they may receive should they choose to attend the University. Students may text "freshmen" or "transfer" to 411247 to find out how much merit aid they may qualify for at UF. Merit scholarships are based on high school grade point average and ACT/SAT scores. Scholarship awards range from \$10,000 to \$16,000 annually. The scholarships are renewable for up to four years (for a total of five years of aid). [Click here](#) to see more.

The Jazz Ensemble will perform its annual Spring Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 24, at Winebrenner Theological Seminary. Community members are welcome at no cost, however, tickets to reserve seating are required. To reserve seating, contact the UF box office at 419-434-5335. The band will present a variety of big band jazz pieces under the direction of Jack Taylor, professor of music and director of bands. Classic big band hits to contemporary pop and top-40 selections will be performed.



*The Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Jack Taylor, director of bands.*



*Stefan Sanderling, TSO principal conductor and artistic adviser*

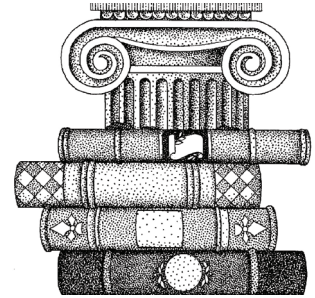
The Toledo Symphony Orchestra will present an all-Bach concert as part of the Concert & Lecture Series at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 5, at the Winebrenner Theological Seminary TLB Auditorium. Selections featuring works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach and a piece by musical satirist Peter Schickele, composing as P.D.Q. Bach, will be conducted by Stefan Sanderling. Valentin Ragusitu will perform a viola solo. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for senior citizens and \$10 for students. Admission for UF 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).

Twelve students from The University of Findlay attended "Student Aid First," at the Ohio Statehouse on Tuesday, Feb. 26, as part of Independent College Day hosted by the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (AICUO). They set up a display representing the

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University and met with congressmen. The students discussed how many Findlay students receive various state-funded scholarships, including the Ohio College Opportunity Grant, Pell Grant, Ohio War Orphans and others. “We wanted the legislators to realize that students in their districts relied on the scholarship money to attend college,” said Christina Terry, junior economics and marketing major. [Click here](#) for details.

**Senior Forum, a flexible learning experience for people age 50 and older, will offer the six-week spring session starting March 27.** Every Wednesday for six weeks, Senior Forum presents three informative and entertaining sessions featuring a variety of topics on history, culture and music. Noon sessions are devoted to Great Decisions topics on world political and economic issues. Participants may choose to participate in a single session or the complete schedule. Most sessions are held at The University of Findlay. Early registrations paid by March 20 are \$4 per session, the whole program for \$60 per individual or \$115 per couple. Registration after March 20 is \$5 per session, \$65 per individual and \$125 per couple. A buffet lunch is available for an additional \$5 per day, per person. For information, contact Dr. Doris Salis at 419-422-3560 or Nancy Leatherman at 419-434-4672.



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## **2. Academic Update**

**The University will celebrate Mathematics Day on Thursday, March 21,** with activities for college and high school students in the Alumni Memorial Union. Juggling and the Towers of Hanoi will be the topics of the day. “The Mathematics of Juggling” will be discussed at 10 a.m. “Deconstructing the Towers of Hanoi,” on discovering the mathematical formula to solve the 130-year-old puzzle, will be discussed at 1 p.m. For more information on Mathematics Day, contact Tracey Thacker, mathematics administrative assistant, at [thacker@findlay.edu](mailto:thacker@findlay.edu) or [click here](#).

**Jill Paxton was named to the newly created position of director of equestrian studies and equine management** at The University of Findlay. Formerly bureau chief for the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Paxton has more than 25 years of college teaching and supervisory experience. According to Dan May, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs, Paxton’s responsibilities include supervision of all degree programs within the equestrian studies and equine business management majors; oversight of events, shows and summer programs; fund raising and alumni relations; and management of the program’s operating budget in conjunction with the college dean, animal sciences director and farms business manager. [Click here](#) for more.



*Jill Paxton*

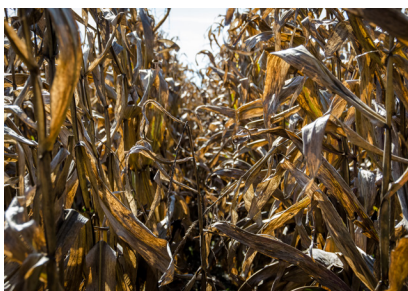
**Students in the College of Business at The University of Findlay competed in the regional Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute Research Challenge** in Cleveland, Ohio, on Feb. 16, and brought home their first victory since UF began competing in 2009. The team, which consists of Shishir Kathurwar, Jose Montilva Zambrano, Garrett Busch and Trelyn Gerlinger, will move on to compete in Americas (North and South America) Regional Competition in Toronto, Canada, March 20 – 21. [Click here](#) to read more.

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**Work by 11 UF students was accepted into Art Space Lima's annual juried photography exhibition, which was on display from Jan. 4 – Feb. 16.** Sarina Rouholfada earned Best of Show. The students entered the photography exhibition during a fall semester digital photography class instructed by Spencer Cunningham, adjunct faculty member. Cunningham requires his students to enter two exhibitions. For more details, [click here](#).



*"All Join Hands" by Sierra Heaton*

**Out of 600 applicants, Sierra Heaton's photo, "All Join Hands," was one of 92 pieces accepted in the 94th annual Toledo Area Artists Exhibition at the Toledo Museum of Art.** As a class assignment, Heaton, a sophomore animal science and public relations major at The University of Findlay, entered a photography exhibition for the first time. Heaton's photo will be displayed in the Toledo Area Artists Exhibition at the Toledo Museum until April 14. For more details, [click here](#).

**In order to help University students succeed, a little more than a year ago a system was implemented to identify and assist students when they need help.** Faculty and staff members began using "Starfish," a retention management tool, which is a real-time tracking and early warning system. The software enables faculty members and staff members to note how students are performing, and those notes can be accessed by others who interact with the same student. For example, a faculty member may note that a student did exceptionally well on a test, or a faculty member may notice a student hasn't been attending class. In the latter example, other staff members are able to follow up with the student to make sure things are going smoothly and offer assistance if needed. One of the goals of using the tool is to detect early and remedy potential roadblocks to a student's success.



*Kay Koch, director of the Oiler Success Center, with a student.*

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

#### **2013 Events Calendar**

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| <b>March 22</b>    | OHSAA Boys Basketball Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.<br>OSU Fawcett Center, Columbus, Ohio                                 |
| <b>March 23</b>    | Second Annual Physician Assistant Friends & Alumni Celebration, 5:30 p.m.<br>Findlay Country Club, Findlay, Ohio |
| <b>April 19-21</b> | Spring Football Game & Alumni Weekend (see below for details)  |
| <b>May 4</b>       | Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement  |
| <b>May 10</b>      | Washington, D.C., Reception - 6:30-8:30 p.m.<br>Home of Ruthanna (Maxwell) Weber '36                             |

**Aug. 4** Summer Send-Off, Columbus, Ohio

**Aug. TBA** Summer Send-Off, Cleveland, Ohio

**Sept. 27-29** Homecoming & Fall Parent-Family Weekend!

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 calling 419-434-4516.

**The University of Findlay Physician Assistant Program will have its Second Annual PA Program Friends and Alumni Celebration March 23, 2013, at the Findlay Country Club at 5:30 p.m.** Please contact the Physician Assistant Program to update your email and mailing address if you have not done so already. All who are associated with the Physician Assistant Program are invited to attend. Included in this year's event will be a silent auction and 50-50 raffle. All money raised will go to the Dr. Richard E. and Jean K. Davis Scholarship Endowment Fund.

**3rd Annual All-Teams FINDLAY Football Reunion, Spring Game & Golf Outing  
Friday April 19, 2013**

3-4:15 p.m. Football Practice (Shorts) – Armstrong Sports Complex

**Saturday, April 20, 2013**

Noon Tailgate - Donnell Stadium

1 p.m. Alumni Flag Football Game - Donnell Stadium

2 p.m. 2013 Spring Football Game - Donnell Stadium

6:30 p.m. Reverse Raffle – Alexandria's, 132 East Crawford St., Findlay, Ohio

7 p.m. Drawing begins

Cost: \$100 ticket includes one raffle entry and one dinner ticket; additional dinner ticket, \$20 per person

**Sunday April 21, 2013**

Noon Lunch - Driving Range

1 p.m. Shotgun Start

Location: Sycamore Springs Golf Course, 11492 Twp. Rd. 25, Arlington, Ohio

Cost: \$100 per person

You may buy a reverse raffle and golf outing package for \$175 per person. For more information and to register online, go to [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu), KEYWORD: Football reunion, or call 419-434-4516.



**On Saturday, Feb. 16, alumni from The University of Findlay's dance team came back to perform at half time of the men's basketball game with the current Oiler dance team, coached by Kelly (Stephenson '04) Rader.**

*Left: Dance team members and alumni*

**The annual pre-vet reception took place during the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association Midwest Veterinary Conference on Sat., Feb. 23,** at the Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Linda Peck and Dr. C. Michael Kerns provided updates on the animal science and pre-veterinary medicine programs and facilities. Pre-vet alumni and current students attended.



*Annual pre-vet reception in Columbus on Feb. 23.*



*Accounting mentors, faculty and students: (bottom row) Rebecca Spillman, Jacqueline Endre, Ginger (Smith '95) Sampson, Jessica Yonkey, Angela Bursby, Trelyn Gerlinger ('12), Sawyer Goldsberry, Ken Buchenroth, former accounting professor; (second row) Molly Homan, Beth (Miller '99) Thomas, De'Jon Faulkner, Jessica Cox, Thomas Tomlins, Barbara (O'Flaherty '91) Krout, Bruce Ritter ('90), Randy Buck ('87), Eugene Fernandez ('77), Debra Ward, Dr. Patti Abels, associate professor of business; (top row) Dr. Paul Sears, dean, Dr. Ahmed El-Zayaty, professor of accounting, Andrew Moldovanyi, Edward Urbaniak ('77), Julia Stalder, Chad Thomas, Fausto Bogran Maradiaga and Logan Kreaiss ('09).*

**Accounting alumni were invited to campus Feb. 7 for the annual awarding of the Kenneth J. Buchenroth Scholarship and The University of Findlay mentoring breakfast.** Over the past few years, accounting alumni have volunteered to mentor accounting students. The program has been so successful for students that more volunteers are being sought to expand the program. Alumni who are interested in participating should contact Dr. Patricia Abels, chair of MBA and degree completion programs, associate professor of business, at [abels@findlay.edu](mailto:abels@findlay.edu) or 419-434-4461.

**Jacki Bares, a junior marketing major and public relations minor, was selected by the Major League Soccer team, the Columbus Crew, to be a part of their "Campus Crew" internship program this spring.** The Columbus Crew is a founding member of Major League Soccer and the first team to have a soccer-specific stadium for a top-flight team in the United States.

Through this internship program, Jacki will be promoting the Columbus Crew brand in the UF community, and ultimately, driving ticket sales for "College Night at Crew Stadium" on Saturday, April 27, 2013, at 7 p.m. It is her goal to have 300 students, alumni, faculty/staff and parents from The University of Findlay at that game, but she needs YOUR help.

As the Campus Crew intern, she is in charge of creating a business plan and personal marketing strategies for success at The University of Findlay to outperform and outsell students from other schools. There are 26 schools involved around Ohio – such as The Ohio State University, Ashland University and the reigning champion of ticket sales, Cedarville University.

While some details are still forming, we are working on bus transportation and a pre-tailgate prior to the game. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 27, and plan to help us fill the Crew Stadium with Oiler Pride. Go Oilers, and Go Crew!

For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact Jacki Bares at [baresj@findlay.edu](mailto:baresj@findlay.edu) or purchase tickets online through the Campus Crew website for Findlay - <http://www.thecrew.com/>

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campuscrew and click on The University of Findlay tickets page. Also, watch the alumni website [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu) – event registrations link.

**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!

### **Welcome UF Newest Little Oilers:**

*Austin '11 & Hillary (Risser '11) Beach  
Baby boy, Nolan Keith, born Feb. 20, 2013*

*Chad '95 & Traci Willrath  
Baby boy, Joseph, born Dec. 7, 2012*

*Douglas & Sydney (Knell '05) Leavitt  
Baby girl, Charlotte Irene, born Jan. 26, 2013*

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## **4. Alumni Spotlight**

### **Mettert: Contributing to Student Leadership Development**

Skylar Mettert’s new job is one he has prepared for since he was an undergraduate at The University of Findlay.

And, after serving the past 18 months as a graduate assistant for Sharinda Welton, director of student activities, commuter services and leadership development, Mettert was named in January to a newly created position as assistant director.



*Skylar Mettert*

His new duties include serving as adviser to Student Government Association, adviser for Greek life and Greek Council, and expanding and creating leadership development opportunities for students, especially a men’s leadership development program.

Mettert began honing his leadership experiences when he was elected sophomore class president – a victory that paved the way for his election as Student Government Association president in the subsequent two years.

“I definitely put a lot of time into the SGA,” Skylar said. “I had this wonderful opportunity to grow and to help others to grow.”

According to David Emsweller, the University’s vice president for student affairs, “As president, Skylar had a depth of understanding about how things operate and how to get things done. He changed a lot of the ways SGA does things, and he did it in a way that people would not be offended or upset. His approach was very participatory.”

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Improvements he initiated included better and more accurate recordkeeping among the organizations, better student representation on and input to campus committees, and greater collaboration with faculty advisers and the Student Activities Office.

One of the things Skylar did was to promote the personal leadership skills of the SGA members and organization presidents. He instituted more focused leadership training and restructured meetings to ensure time for break-out sessions on topics of general interest – such as budget practices, change management and communications.

In addition to his involvement with SGA, Mettert's activities included serving as a student representative to the UF Board of Trustees, the presidential search committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. He also was inducted as a member of the Mortar Board honor society and was named Founders' Son, one of the highest honors bestowed by the University.

A 2011 graduate with a bachelor of science degree in pre-veterinary medicine and biology, Mettert has completed all but three courses toward a master of arts in education, focusing on the human resource development strand with an emphasis on leadership. Temporarily, he has suspended his graduate studies in order to devote himself to learning his new job, but he hopes to complete his master's degree by summer of 2014, he said.

His ultimate goal is to pursue a career in higher education student administration and to eventually earn a doctorate to qualify him for a vice presidential position some day. His job as assistant director is a "first step in my career in higher education," he noted.

"The SGA really sparked my interest in higher education leadership," Mettert said, "I've learned here that if you get involved, get 'hands-on' with activities while paying attention to the academic side of things, you can become a well-rounded person. And there are a lot of people at Findlay who are willing and eager to help you along the way."

Now, Mettert is one of the many people at Findlay who are there to make students' experiences more meaningful in developing the whole person.

*Contributed by David Ferguson, former vice president for development, and Charlene Hankinson, director of advancement communication.*

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## **5. Oiler Sports**

### **Men's Basketball**

The Oilers won their seventh GLIAC tournament title with a 75-69 win over Lake Superior State on March 10 in Houghton, Mich. Their seven tournament titles are the most in league history, and they have won two consecutive tournament championships on the road, also a first in GLIAC history. Senior Brad Piehl earned GLIAC tournament MVP honors, while freshman Dylan Kaufman and junior Greg Kahlig earned nods on the all-tournament team. The team



*Men's basketball GLIAC champions!*



traveled to Springfield, Mo., for the NCAA tournament on March 16. Up against top-seeded Drury University, the Oilers fell 89-77 in the Division II Midwest Regional quarterfinal game.

### **Women's Basketball**

The Oilers women's basketball team finished as the 2013 GLIAC tournament runner-up after suffering a 68-49 defeat to Ashland University in the finals on March 10 in Ashland, Ohio. Senior



*Jessica Rowland*

Kayla Brown was named to the all-tournament team for her efforts during Findlay's run. The championship game appearance was a first for the women's basketball team.

### **Track and Field**

The Oilers saw nine athletes earn All-American honors at the 2013 NCAA Division II national championship, which concluded on March 9 in Birmingham, Ala. The group was led by senior Jessica Rowland, who took second in the weight throw.



*Women's basketball players (from left): Laura Piehl, Kendra Elam, Tai Dotson, Kayla Brown*

### **Swimming**

Freshman Kaley Holmstrom had a great showing at the 2013 NCAA Division II national championship, which concluded on March 9 in Birmingham, Ala. Holmstrom was named an All-American in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke. She took sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke and eighth in the 200-yard breaststroke events.



*Kaley Holmstrom*



*Adam Walters*

### **Wrestling**

Two Roughneck wrestlers earned All-American honors at the 2013 NCAA Division II national championship, which wrapped up on March 9 in Birmingham, Ala. Junior Adam Walters finished fourth in the 184-pound weight class to earn All-American honors, while senior Andrew Tumlin took eighth at 285, earning All-American honors in the process.

**The first women's varsity lacrosse game will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the at the Russ and Peg Armstrong Sports Complex.** Alumni are invited to attend. Alumni Director Dee Dee Spraw will host with a tent and cooking hot dogs. Come out and cheer on your Oilers women's lacrosse team!

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

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## **6. Alumni Support**

### **News from Director of Planned Giving Jonathan Avellone**

The IRA charitable rollover is back for 2013! One of the most popular charitable arrangements of

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recent vintage has been restored for 2013. For many people, an IRA is one of their most valuable assets. Through the IRA charitable rollover provision you can once again make a significant gift to The University of Findlay – up to \$100,000 per year – without disturbing your other financial instruments. The amount of the IRA gift also counts toward your required minimum distributions, and you do not have to recognize that amount on your tax filing.

This is a great way for you to accelerate future gifts that you have planned, and you can see your gift at work now. We are all grateful that this avenue has been made available for us again. Consider helping The Findlay Fund with your IRA contribution. This fund is crucial to our efforts in recruiting highly talented students, who otherwise haven't the means to attend UF, and it serves as a lifeline to our great young men and women who are trying to finish on time. You can help to provide them with the best faculty and facilities, as well as cutting-edge learning programs. Put your IRA contributions to work by helping us continue to create a great environment.

For more information please contact: Jonathan Avellone, director of planned giving, at 419-434-4794 or [avellone@findlay.edu](mailto:avellone@findlay.edu).

### **UF Student Development Officers**

The University of Findlay Student Development Officers (UFSDO) is a UF student organization actively engaged in philanthropy and connecting with alumni through the UF Phonathon and development events. The students currently are working on a Facebook page (UF Student Development) and supporting the development office in different capacities.

[Click here](#) to view the Facebook page. The students enjoy connecting with alumni, and they hope you will continue to support them by taking time to talk about the great memories you had as a student and/or how you are doing today. Three seniors will be recognized on March 26 for meeting all requirements for the UF Philanthropy Certificate.



*Members of the UF Student Development Officers enjoy talking to alumni and hearing about their Findlay memories.*

**A total of 154 endowed funds have been created as part of the Give Voice to Your Values campaign, amounting to nearly \$13 million** raised toward student scholarships, faculty development and program support.

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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.

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for meaningful lives and productive careers.**