

COE Faculty Share American Education Practices with South Korean Teachers

Four educators from The University of Findlay's College of Education recently traveled to Chinju National University of Education in South Korea. Susan Brooks, assistant professor, Kim Forget, Ph.D., assistant professor, Connie Leatherman, director of field experience, and Julie McIntosh, Ed.D., dean, were invited to the South Korean campus to talk to students and practicing teachers about American education practices.

Chris Sippel, coordinator of international education, arranged the trip. Chinju is a cooperative partner with The University of Findlay, and other UF representatives have visited in the past.

In January, a group of students

from Chinju visited the University and had the opportunity to listen to specially designed lectures and participate in classes taught by College of Education faculty members.

While in South Korea, the four UF representatives gave an extensive presentation at the Gyungham Office of Education to approximately 60 in-service teachers. McIntosh offered a general overview of the American



Johnny Jackson, Connie Leatherman, Susan Brooks, Dr. Kim of Chinju, Kim Forget, Julie McIntosh and Chris Sippel

education system and how teachers are trained in the United States. She included a video, produced by the University's Web and multimedia team, of a UF alumna teaching

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Welcome Week Schedule of Events 2010

Monday, Aug. 23

5 – 7 p.m.: Chill Out with Colleges Against Cancer, Cory Street Mall (rain site: AMU)

Tuesday, Aug. 24

3 – 4 p.m.: Ice Cream Social with Student Government Association, Cory Street Mall (rain site: AMU)

5 – 8 p.m.: 15th Annual Theta Chi Fraternity Wing Off, Cory St. Mall (rain site: AMU)

Wednesday, Aug. 25

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Community Church Fair, Alumni Memorial Union

5 – 7 p.m.: Fun at the Farm with Block & Bridle Club, western farm (Wear closed-toe shoes.)

Thursday, Aug. 26

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Findlay's Market on the Mall, Cory Street Mall (rain site: AMU)

5 – 7 p.m.: How to Market Yourself to a Green Economy, Martin Lecture Hall

Friday, Aug. 27

3 – 6 p.m.: 2010 Des Buford Dodgeball Tournament, Koehler Complex, MAC Courts (Wear athletic attire.)

8 p.m.: Nick Pike: British High NRG Juggler, Acrobat, Comedian; Winebrenner Theological Seminary (passport event)

Saturday, Aug. 27

noon – 4 p.m.: Sig-Mud Kappa Mud Volleyball Tournament, Intramural Area – Runoff (Shoes required. Shirt and shorts required. No bathing suits.)

7 – 8:30 p.m.: UNITED: UF's Gay-Straight Alliance presents Ashton's Magnum Band LIVE in Concert, Cory Street Mall (rain site: AMU)

Equine Faculty Travel Country as Judges

The University's equestrian programs are highly regarded across the country for many reasons, one of which is the knowledgeable faculty members who not only teach classes during the academic year but also remain involved in the equine industry on a professional level.

Stephen Brown, director of the western riding program, and Clark Bradley, riding instructor for the western program, are examples of two such faculty members. Each spends a considerable amount of time traveling the country to show horses and also to judge horse shows.

During the course of his judging career, Brown has judged the All-American Quarter Horse Congress twice, the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) World Show twice, the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) Derby, the Australian NRHA Derby, the Sun Circuit in Arizona, the European Championships and many others. Brown estimates that he travels to five or six shows each year as a judge.

"I can stay current with the horse industry by judging and bringing back information to students," said Brown. "It makes the program more up-to-date and interesting to the students."

Bradley judges, on average, five AQHA shows each year, and he has judged the AQHA World Championship show four times. He also is an approved judge for the NRHA, the National Snaffle Bit Association, the United States Equestrian Federation and the Federation Equestre Internationale.

He has judged across the U.S. and in Alaska and also in Australia, Switzerland, Belgium, Brazil and Canada. This summer, Bradley has judged shows in Colorado, California, Ontario and Quebec, among other places.



Stephen Brown and Clark Bradley spend some of their summer traveling to judge horse shows.

"Staying active and up-to-date in your field of expertise is essential to how and what you instill in your students," said Bradley. "The equestrian students are going to go out into the horse industry as trainers, coaches or another chosen field of the horse world. As their teacher, it is crucial for me to be involved at the top level of the horse industry so I will be qualified to guide them in the correct manner."

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a kindergarten class during a typical day.

"The South Korean teachers aren't taught how to create lesson plans or how to engage students in learning because the curriculum is prescribed by the government," said McIntosh. "It opened the teachers' eyes as to how we teach our teacher candidates to plan lessons ... It was interesting for the COE faculty to see South Korean teachers embrace how we teach in America." Many teachers had questions during the presentation dealing with issues of motivation, management and curriculum.

Leatherman talked about field placement; Brooks covered special education; and Forget discussed reading education and how reading

is taught in the United States. Brooks noted that when the Chinju students visited UF, they were "very inquisitive" about the 12 disability categories recognized by the U.S. government in regard to educational services. "It was very apparent to us that there was very little in the way of special education, as we know it, in South Korean schools."

During her portion of the presentation, Brooks talked about the laws in the U.S. that require educational services for all children and about the 12 disability categories and what each encompasses.

Afterwards, she spoke with several teachers, including one woman who wanted to be able to help her special needs students but lacked the resources and knowledge to

do so. "She wanted to serve each and every child in her class. That was important to her," said Brooks. "They recognize that they don't have the all the training they need to do that."

The UF group also had the opportunity to connect with alumnus Johnnie Jackson, who has been teaching English at Chinju for the past year, and alumna Tiffany Umin and graduate student Spencer Ferst, who taught in Chinju's three-week summer English program.

Chinju's partnership will continue in January 2011 as 14 students will be on Findlay's campus visiting classrooms and local school buildings. The COE delegates met last year's group as well as the group visiting in January during their July trip.

Residence Life Staff Prepares for Year



Adrian Poston, Courtney Eichelberger and Rachel Weiland laugh while taking part in resident assistant (RA) training.



Ellis Thompson, Ashley Stradtman and Lauran Young share a smile during RA training.

A. Risser Lee

Football Team Returns, Begins Practices



Left, Kevan Westenbarger prepares to throw the football during practice. Above, several players listen to directions from Brandon Hedges, assistant coach.

A. Risser Lee

Recreation Center Nearing Completion



The new student recreation center includes a 20x25-foot rock-climbing wall. Up to five people will be able to use the wall, which will include beginner, medium and expert levels, at one time.



The recreation center also includes two basketball courts, a weight room, racquetball courts and Derrick's, a casual, quick-service restaurant that will offer smoothies, coffee and snacks.

A. Erwin

Lea Gallery Exhibit Features Two Artists

Art by Joe D’Uva and Rob Millard-Mendez will be on display Aug. 18 – Sept. 17 at the Lea Gallery, located inside the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion. The gallery is open from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily.

An artist’s reception will be 7 – 8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, in the gallery.

“Printmaking is the language I employ when creating my work,” said D’Uva in an artist’s statement. “I am enchanted by its tradition, processes and application in contemporary art.” D’Uva uses traditional printmaking methods as well as alternative methods, including digital applications and even the use of gun cap paper in one series of prints.

Millard-Mendez describes his sculptures as “large toys. Many of them are humorous statements about human interactions ... The fun, toy-like quality of my work is set in ironic counterbalance with a certain amount of dark humor.”

D’Uva is a native of New York. His work has been exhibited nationally and internationally in places such as Scotland, Mexico and China. He received a bachelor’s degree from The School of the Art Institute in Chicago, a master’s degree from the University of Iowa and a professional printer’s certificate from the Tamarind Institute in Albuquerque, N.M. D’Uva is an assistant professor and printmaking

area coordinator at Youngstown State University.

Millard-Mendez grew up in Lowell, Mass., which fostered his fascination with late-19th century mechanical technology. His work has been exhibited in more than 260 shows in museums and galleries in more than 35 states. He has received many awards for his art and teaching. Millard-Mendez is an assistant professor in the department of art at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, where he teaches design in materials and woodworking. Millard-Mendez holds a master’s degree from the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.

Findlay “A Best In The Midwest” College

The University is one of the best colleges in the Midwest according to The Princeton Review. It is one of 152 institutions The Princeton Review recommends in its “Best in the Midwest” section of its website

feature, “2011 Best Colleges: Region by Region,” that posted Aug. 2, 2010 on PrincetonReview.com.

For this project, The Princeton Review asks students attending the schools to rate their own schools

on several issues and answer questions about themselves, their fellow students and their campus life.

Skrabec Trains Workers for New Careers in Solar Panel and Wind Turbine Industries

This summer, Quentin Skrabec Jr., Ph.D., associate professor of business, has been training laid-off employees – many of them auto workers – in Lucas and Wood counties for jobs in the solar panel and wind turbine industries.

Skrabec is employed through the state of Ohio to help conduct eight 40-hour courses to re-train workers for solar panel and wind turbine manufacturing. The training posi-

tion is funded through the federal government’s American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

For the past eight years, Skrabec has worked as a consultant for the state of Ohio to train employees for ISO-9000 certification. This summer’s courses include some ISO-9000 training, as well.

Skrabec estimates he has trained nearly 400 people this summer for jobs in the green industry.



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