

## Computer Science, Pharmacy, Biology are Programs of Innovation

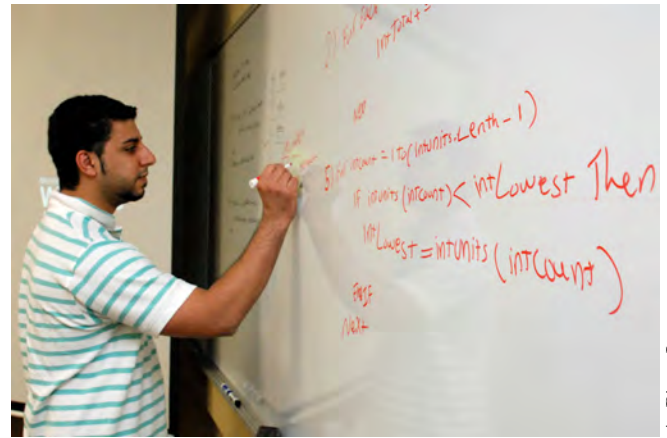
The University's computer science, pharmacy and biology programs have been designated Programs of Innovation by the state of Ohio, which also awarded the University a grant to offer Choose Ohio First (COF) scholarships to students in those fields of study.

The primary objectives of the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program (COFSP) are to support increased higher education participation and success of Ohio students majoring in STEMM and STEMM education fields (science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine) and, in so doing, to

advance the economic growth of each region of the state.

Unlike most scholarship programs that direct funds to students or schools based on a formula or a set group of criteria, the COFSP called for schools to submit proposals that described their innovative STEMM programs.

The goal of the \$100 million scholarship program is to recruit students to study in the best



Hadi Aldobaiki works on the white board in Computer Science II during a summer session.

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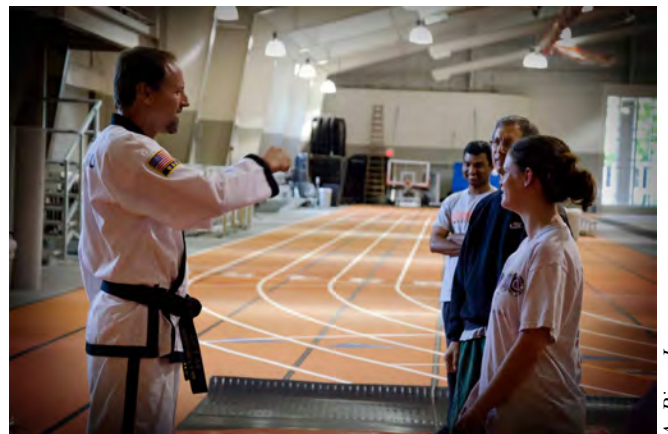
## Self-Defense Courses Teach Awareness

Chris Moser, Ed.D., assistant professor in the College of Education, is a second-degree black belt with a mission to educate students, faculty and staff on basic self-defense techniques.

"If even one person walks away knowing something that can help keep them safe, then maybe that's why I'm here," said Moser, who teaches and practices the art of taekwon do, which involves striking and kicking techniques. He also incorporates hapkido, which he describes as joint manipulation and submission techniques.

Moser routinely offers open self-defense sessions on campus, such

as the one offered last month for faculty and staff, and he also conducts sessions for Residence Life staff and other student groups upon request. In addition, Moser teaches a for-credit self-defense course offered through the criminal justice administration department that is open to any student. Moser presents information on proactive measures for minimizing an individual's risk of being a victim



Chris Moser, Ed.D., leads a self-defense session for faculty and staff members on campus in June. Anna Dorf, Andrew Hvizdos and Shankar Lanke take instructions from Moser.

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of physical attack, basic self-defense techniques to defend oneself

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# Advisory Board Establishes Endowment

In conjunction with the 125th Endowed Funds Drive and the Give Voice to Your Values Campaign, the members of the College of Business Advisory Board have established the College of Business Advisory Board Leadership Endowment.

The board established the fund to support College of Business students in their pursuit of leadership opportunities both on and off campus.

“We are grateful to the members of the advisory board, who have given voice to their values in a personal way by supporting opportunities for students to grow in leadership during their time at The University of Findlay,” said Paul Sears, Ph.D., dean of the College of Business.

The Give Voice to Your Values Campaign is based on the values of integrity, service, responsibility, respect, dedication, excellence

and generosity. The goal of the campaign is to raise \$40 million in private support; nearly \$23.5 million has been raised thus far.

The goal of the endowed funds drive is to create 125 new endowed

funds for student scholarship, faculty development and program support. As of July 30, 116 new funds totaling more than \$8.9 million have been created.

## Programs of Innovation

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recognized for their ability to attract top student and faculty talent; offering academic quality and rigor, including co-op and internship opportunities; aligning with the state’s industry sectors and business needs; and promoting inclusion and access.

Scholarships will be awarded in the fall of 2012 and may provide up to \$4,700 per stu-

dent. Recipients must be Ohio residents and meet additional academic requirements defined by the University.

Since 2008, grant-funded Choose Ohio First scholarships also are offered at Findlay for students seeking to become licensed teachers of mathematics and science at the middle school and high school levels.

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against a physical attack or assault and techniques for submitting or restraining an aggressor.

“The self-defense course is a great one-time opportunity to learn some very basic, very practical information about how to protect yourself in actual, on-the-street situations, sort of a ‘get-er-done’ approach,” said Suzanne English, director of public information, who participated in Moser’s recent session. “I also highly recommend Dr. Moser’s Self-Defense and Stress Management course, which explains the theory and practice of tae kwon do while offering more in-depth defensive techniques.”

Before planning the July open session on campus, Moser spoke with both Ken Walerius, director of safety and security, and Matt Bruskotter, program manager at the All Hazards Training Center, to make sure that what he was teach-

ing aligned with the University’s Crisis Response Plan.

“I wanted to complement the efforts already put in place by the University,” said Moser, who learned that what he was teaching mirrored the information that appears in a campus violence addendum to the response plan.

At the beginning of each session, Moser shares his own observations about some of the risky behavior he sees after teaching evening courses. “I see students and faculty walking into dark parking lots with their heads down, texting or digging into bags for their keys,” said Moser.

“Although we are blessed to be part of a safe University environment, we must always be aware of our surroundings and potential threats.” Using common sense is a large part of keeping yourself safe, says Moser.

During the active participation phase of his sessions, participants are paired up and taught how to

defend themselves against being attacked or grabbed and how to remove themselves from a potential or real threat.

Moser’s college-age daughter, Amanda, helps him with sessions when she is available. Amanda also holds a second-degree black belt. The two have trained together for several years and also travel to Wisconsin each year to a large tae kwon do competition, where they enter divisions in forms, board breaking and sparring, also known as free fighting.

Moser plans to offer another open session for faculty and staff in both the fall and spring semesters. Each session will be offered during the noon hour and in the evening. Anyone who is interested in arranging a self-defense session for a class or other group may contact Moser at [moser@findlay.edu](mailto:moser@findlay.edu) or ext. 5320.

# Campus Renovations Completed for Fall

## Residence Hall Repairs and Renovations

Students moving into the residence halls this month may notice a few improvements – or maybe 1,500. Working from a list, submitted by Residence Life staff in the spring, of requests for patching, painting and other minor repairs, the physical plant staff and some external contractors worked through approximately 1,500 work orders to get student housing spaces ready for fall.

“As you walk through campus, the general state of the buildings is as good or better than it’s ever been,” said Myreon Cobb, director of physical plant. “We’ve been trying our best to do what’s right so when the students come back, they can be pleased with what we have done.”

In addition to the requested repairs, all of the doors – more than 300 – in Fox, Bare, Lovett and Deming residence halls were replaced with new oak doors with lever-handle locks, which Cobb says

are more secure than the old doors and locks.

## Davis Street Building

Progress continues at the Davis Street Building, where first-floor walls are nearing completion. Floors for the second floor soon will be constructed, and walls and a roof will follow. Contractors plan to have the new addition “under roof” by December so that interior work can be done during the winter, with a projected completion goal of June 2012.

## Security

Blue-light phones and additional parking lot lighting were installed outside of 401 and 349 Trenton Ave., as well as outside Oiler Pointe, the newest housing option located on the corner of Morey Avenue and West Foulke Avenue.



*The exterior of the Davis Street Building is taking shape. By December, crews plan to have the main shell completed to work on interior spaces during the winter months.*

## Main Street Changes

Several buildings on Main Street, to the north of Old Main, will be missing when classes begin, including a former chiropractic office, hair salon and ministry house. Those demolitions will make way for additional parking, as well as a better view of the Koehler Complex.

Additional lighting also will be installed in the resurfaced parking lots.

# UF-USA Program Earns Accreditation

Findlay’s University-School Articulation (UF-USA) program recently earned the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) accreditation, which identifies high-quality programs from across the nation offering college courses taught in high schools by high school teachers.

The national accreditation is the coming standard for all such programs, as desired by the Higher Learning Commission. UF’s program began in 1999.

UF-USA provides continuing professional development for participating high school teachers, bridging gaps that could occur as they continue to practice and are away from the newest developments

in their fields. Findlay works with 120 teachers in 46 districts and served 1,200 students last year.

Students who participate in the program can seamlessly enter UF as freshmen after high school, or transfer their college credits elsewhere.

NACEP’s standards represent best practices in program administration to ensure that college courses offered in the high school are of the same quality and rigor as the courses offered on campus.

To obtain NACEP accreditation, programs undergo an extensive self-study, carefully document how the program adheres to NACEP’s standards, and present that documentation to experienced peer reviewers from NACEP-accredited programs.

NACEP’s standards additionally promote the implementation of policies and practices to ensure that:

- Students enrolled in concurrent enrollment courses are held to the same standards of achievement as students in on-campus courses;
- Instructors teaching college courses through the concurrent enrollment program meet the academic requirements for faculty teaching in the sponsoring postsecondary institution and are provided discipline-specific professional development; and
- Concurrent enrollment programs display greater accountability through required impact studies, student surveys, and course and program evaluations.

# Welcome Week Has Something for Everyone

Welcome Week is the first week of classes. Please make your students feel welcome and encourage them to attend these activities:

## Monday, Aug. 22

3-4:30 p.m.; Cookies and Milk; 307 Frazer St.

5-7 p.m.; Student Government Association's Mocktail Party; Cory Street Mall (rain site: AMU)

7-9 p.m.; Sixth Annual Phi Sigma Sigma Lickety Split Ice Cream Eating Contest; Cory Street Mall (rain site: AMU)

## Tuesday, Aug. 23

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Chill Out with Colleges Against Cancer, free snow cones; Cory Street Mall (rain site: AMU)

5-8 p.m.; 16th Annual Theta Chi Wing-Off; Cory Street Mall (rain site: AMU)

## Wednesday, Aug. 24

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; Community Church Fair; AMU

2-4 p.m.; UF's Habitat for Humanity Ice Cream Social; Cory Street Mall (rain site: AMU)

5-8:30 p.m.; United's Cornhole Tournament; Cory Street Mall (rain site: AMU)

## Thursday, Aug. 25

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; 10th Annual Findlay's Market on the Mall; Cory Street Mall (rain site: AMU)

2-5 p.m.; Splash Back to School with Social Work Club; intramural field (beside Koehler)

7:30-10 p.m.; Murder Mystery Dinner with Alpha Psi Omega; AMU Multipurpose Room; formal wear encouraged, business casual accepted

## Friday, Aug. 26

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; FunOminal Face Painting and Photo Fun, Groovy Picture Calendars; Cory Street Mall (rain site: AMU); passport event

6-10 p.m.; Fun on the Farm: Free Food and Bonfire with Block and Bridle; western equestrian farm; closed-toe shoes required

## Saturday, Aug. 27

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sigma Kappa



Mike Barnhart, right, talks to students about Gateway Church's college ministries during last fall's church fair. This year, the church fair is Wednesday, Aug. 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Mud Volleyball Tournament; intramural field run-off pond; shirt and shorts required, no bathing suits

5-7 p.m.; Come 'Meat' Your Faith Cookout with Newman Club; Cory Street Mall (rain site: AMU)

Sunday, Aug. 28

5-8 p.m.; Pre-Med Sand Volleyball Tournament and Cookout; sand volleyball courts

Anyone needing special accommodations should call the Office of Disability Services at 419-434-5532.

# Concert and Lecture Series Begins with Toledo Symphony Orchestra Sept. 16

The 2011-2012 Concert and Lecture Series will begin with a pops concert by the Toledo Symphony Orchestra at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for senior citizens and \$10 for students. Admission for UF undergraduate and graduate 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 e-mail [boxoffice@findlay.edu](mailto:boxoffice@findlay.edu).

The Toledo Symphony Orchestra also will perform Friday, Jan. 27, 2012, and Friday, Feb. 24, 2012, as part of the Concert and Lecture Series.



The Toledo Symphony Orchestra performs during last season's Concert and Lecture Series.

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