



MISSION *Accomplished*

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All around campus, there is a sense of community, a steady buzz of activity and a definite feeling that learning is taken seriously.

Even the manicured landscaping, often admired by visitors and passersby, and the well-kept sidewalks and facilities, suggest an atmosphere that lives and breathes its mission: to equip students for meaningful lives and productive careers.

During the tenure of Dr. DeBow Freed, the University's mission statement has been at the core of each and every decision. Each fall, the strategic plan has been reviewed and evaluated, with administrators, faculty and

staff giving input on what has been accomplished and what could be done better.

Raising the Bar Academically

A determined focus on excellence in academics is clear. New undergraduate majors were added in animal science and forensic science, and new graduate-level programs were approved: master of physician assistant, doctor of pharmacy and doctor of physical therapy. The number of full-time faculty has

increased from 155 to 195, and each new class of freshmen has brought with it higher ACT and SAT scores as well as high school grade point averages.

Embracing the Arts

Students at UF are not only academically successful but also are well-rounded, with access to many performing and visual arts opportunities, such as choral concerts, instrumental recitals, theater performances and art shows. In 2004, Dr. Freed initiated the Concert and Lecture Series, which brought high-quality performances such as the Toledo Symphony Orchestra and the Toledo Opera Co. to the campus and surrounding community.

Connecting with Students

Approximately 1,300 students live on campus, and they have embraced the experience – adding to the strong sense of community at Findlay. The plethora of campus activities available to students, including 25 intramural sports and more than 60 student organizations, keep the campus alive with activity. Dr. Freed's presence at the majority of these events is something all students appreciate.

Cultivating Community

The positive campus experience is framed by a lovely campus, which has seen noticeable improvements in landscaping and grounds, thanks to a dedicated physical plant and housekeeping staff.

Community members, too, appreciate the effort that's gone into making the University a more beautiful place, and also welcome UF's students into their businesses. UF students not only complete internships locally, but they also volunteer within the community on a regular basis. In 2009 and 2010, The University of Findlay was named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to America's communities.

Setting the Stage

All of these changes have brought with them one result: students, faculty, staff and community members have developed closer ties with the institution.

With the foundation in place, and a long tradition of excellence, the University will continue to be strong and progressing well into the community's future.



The Toledo Symphony Orchestra frequently has been featured on campus as part of the University's Concert & Lecture Series, which began in 2004.



Dr. DeBow Freed visits with a student during the first all-student picnic during welcome weekend in August 2009. Dr. Freed is often seen talking to students on campus and at events.



The University's academic profile has steadily risen with each incoming group of students. The sciences, in particular, have flourished, with state-of-the-art science laboratories available for both undergraduate and graduate learning and research.