

April 23, 2010

Campus Events

APRIL

- 23** 5 pm, Book signing with Vic Foerster and Joyce Koskenmaki, North Wind Books, 487-7217.
- 23** 7 pm, Dulcimer concert with Wanda Degen, FAHC, 487-7354.
- 24** 1 pm, University chaplain installation, Chapel, 487-7239.
- 24** 1 to 2 pm, Beginner dulcimer workshop, FAHC, 487-7354.
- 24** 2:30 to 3:30 pm, Intern. dulcimer workshop, FAHC, 487-7354.
- 25** 11 pm, Late night pancake breakfast, Mannerheim cafeteria, free for all students.
- 26** 12 pm, Human Services poster session and presentations, Old Main.
- 27** 12 to 1 pm, Opening reception for J.R. DeMers and Bonnie Loukus, Reflection Gallery, 487-7375.
- 28** 1:30 to 4:30 pm, Free business counseling, Jutila Center, 487-7450.
- 30** 11:15 am, Commencement rehearsal, Paavo Nurmi Center gym, 487-7512.
- 30** End of Spring 2010 semester.

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- 1** 6:30 pm, Fashion show and ISAD dean's address, Jutila Center, 487-7379.
- 1** 7:30 pm, Opening reception for ISAD Diploma Works exhibit Finlandia Gallery, 487-7500.
- 2** 10 am, Baccalaureate service, FAHC, 487-7512.
- 2** 2 pm, Commencement, Paavo Nurmi Center, 487-7512.
- 10-12** Youth basketball camp, Paavo Nurmi Center, 487-7214.
- 16-18** NGLS convention.
- 20-23** Board of Trustees meeting.



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The Finlandia University Singers perform in the Chapel of St. Matthew April 22

Youth Basketball Camp

A four-day youth basketball camp will take place May 10 to 13, at Finlandia's Paavo Nurmi Center.

Finlandia basketball coaches Charlie Kempainen and Curtis Wittenberg, and members of the men's and women's basketball teams, will direct the camp.

The camp will teach basketball fundamentals, including ball handling, passing, shooting, setting and using screens, and defense.

Grades 3-4 will meet from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Grades 5-6 will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Grades 7-9 will meet from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

The cost of the basketball camp is \$35.00 per player, and each camper will receive a gift. Pre-registration is encouraged. A registration form can be downloaded online from the home page of the Finlandia University

Late Night Breakfast

Sunday, April 25th
11:00pm
Mannerheim Cafeteria



Take a break from studying for your exams and join us for a late night breakfast
FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS!



website.

For information, contact Coach Wittenberg at 487-7214, or Coach Kempainen at 487-7238.

Finlandia University Gallery

April 27 to June 4

Finlandia ISAD: 2010 Diploma Works Exhibition

Receptions: May 1
6:30 p.m. at the Jutila Center
7:30 p.m. at the Gallery

Reflection Gallery

April 27 to August 28

Paintings by J.R. DeMers and
Bonnie Loukus
Reception: April 27, 12 pm

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*Finnish education researchers
Marjaana Kangas and Saana Korva*

Creativity, Playfulness, and Technology

Two innovative education researchers, Marjaana Kangas and Saana Korva, visited Finlandia last week. They are both from the University of Lapland, Finland, which is located on the Arctic Circle.

The researchers met with President Johnson, Jim Kurtti, and members of the Elementary Education Department to discuss research, university, and community collaborations in the coming year.

Kangas and Korva gave a presentation titled, "The School of the Future: Creativity, Playfulness and Technology," which was attended by students, faculty, and even the local media.

Marjaana Kangas has applied to be appointed a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence at Finlandia for the coming academic year.



Gogebic, Finlandia Forge Agreement

Finlandia University and Gogebic Community College have forged an articulation agreement to encourage students completing selected associate degree programs at Gogebic to continue their education toward a bachelor's degree at Finlandia University.



Finlandia University President Philip Johnson and Gogebic Community College President Jim Lorenson will publicly sign the agreement in a ceremony Wednesday, April 28, 2010, 9:00 a.m. CDT, in Room B-22 of the Solin Business Center on the campus of Gogebic Community College, Ironwood. For information, contact Cameron Williams at 906-487-7368.

"Films on Demand"

Maki Library has a new resource. The "Films on Demand" collection, from the Films Media Group, includes thousands of educational films from the U.S. and abroad.

The videos range from full-length documentaries, to national news broadcasts, international news broadcasts, television series, investigative news reports, and videos produced by universities and educational organizations.

The videos can be used in their entirety or topical segments can be chosen within a video.

Subjects can be searched by

video or by segments, allowing the collection of segments or videos about a particular topic.

Library staff hope this will be a constructive, convenient, and academically sound addition to classroom lectures and assignments. It is also another reliable research resource for students.

Access Films on Demand through the library's periodicals and databases webpage. Access is only available on campus.

Contact the library for additional information at 906-487-7252.



Fashion design by graduating BFA senior Pamela Kotila

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Honors Banquet

The 2010 Finlandia Honors Banquet was held Friday evening, April 16. The following awards and scholarships were presented to graduating and continuing students.

Virginia Fund Scholarship: Jamie Clishe

The David Lauren Jokela Endowed Memorial Scholarship: Mallory Torola

Samuel Westerman Scholarship for Nursing: Ryan Bessolo

Kenneth and Lois Seaton Scholarship: Jill Codere

Philip and Loret Ruppe Community Service Scholarship: Sadie Hebert, Allyson Tincknell

SISU Award: Samantha (Sami) Horst, Pamela Kotila, Sean McBride



Some of the Class of 2010 Magna Cum Laude honors graduates



Interim provost Cameron Williams congratulates Class of 2010 valedictorian, Meisha Bray

Sampo Society Membership:

Bachelor Degrees: Pamela Kotila, Bonnie Loukus, Laura Metcalf;
Associate Degrees: Ted Testolin, Erin Johnson

Valedictorian: Meisha Janell Bray
Cum Laude Honor Graduates (3.9-4.0): Bachelor's Degree: Sarah Anderson, Jessie Arens, Claire Faville, Kathryn Fredianelli, Becky Kangas, Leann Macomber, Matthew Marchel, Emily Marcotte, Roxanne McCabe, Roberta Rosenberger, Lauren Strong, Jeffrey Vater, Alicia

Wanhala; Associate Degree: Andrea Graves, Whitney Nielsen, Jessica Nylund

Magna Cum Laude (3.7-3.899):
Bachelor Degree: Jaimianne Amicucci, Christina Andres, Ellen Bonzell, Lana Bosak, Tiger Marcotte, Amy Messer, Tara Nancarrow, Nicole Outinen, Romana Vosecky, Michael Williams, Danielle Wilson;
Associate Degree: Erin Johnson

Summa Cum Laude (3.9-4.0):
Bachelor's Degree: Philip Bercot, Meisha Bray, Jillian Dolkey, Nicole Frantti, Daniel Grille, Beth Keskimaki, Pamela Kotila, Matthew Krueger, Bonnie Loukus, Laura Metcalf, Kenneth Tolkkinen;
Associate Degree: Kirsti Labelle, Ted Testolin



Sean McBride and Lucy Regits

Commencement Rehearsal

Attention Graduates!

Commencement rehearsal will take place Friday, April 30, starting at 11:15 a.m., in the Paavo Nurmi Center gymnasium. Attendance is required.

Call Terri Martin with questions,

Caps & Gowns Are In!

Graduates, your caps and gowns are ready for pick up at North Wind Books.

Please try to pick up your cap and gown this week. The bookstore is open Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you have questions or problems picking up your cap and gown, please contact Alana Nolan or April Stevens at the bookstore: alana.nolan@finlandia.edu, 906-487-7309; april.stevens@finlandia.edu 906-487-7358.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

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Finlandia women's soccer teammates (top) and men's soccer teammates (bottom) at the Athletics Awards ceremony April 14 in the Paavo Nurmi Center gymnasium. Associate soccer coach Sean Yahn is at the podium. Men's baseball coach Matt Griffith is pictured to Yahn's right.

HS Math Students Can Earn College Credit

Finlandia University and the NICE Community School District, Ishpeming, have announced an opportunity for at Westwood High School students to earn college credit while still in high school.

An articulation agreement between the NICE district and Finlandia University will award four college credits to Westwood High School students earning an 'A' in the high school's Algebra III/Trigonometry course—at no cost to the student—also fulfilling at Finlandia the academic requirement for the freshman-level core math course, College Algebra (MAT 145).

According to Michael Haynes, NICE superintendent, this agreement to award college credit for a class taught in high school is one of the first of its kind in Michigan.

"We are pleased to enter into this agreement with Westwood High School to enhance and encourage educational opportunities for area high school students," says Dr. Cameron Williams, acting provost at Finlandia University. "I hope that it will serve as a model for future collaborations."

Haynes believes the agreement represents a significant degree of forward-thinking on the part of Finlandia, adding that developing this partnership with the university has been gratifying.

"I believe we share a common belief that providing opportunities for students to sample success in college will facilitate a greater number of students enrolling in college after graduation," Haynes adds.

For information, contact Cameron Williams at 906-487-7368.

The NICE Community School District serves the central U.P. of communities of National Mine, Ishpeming Township, Champion, Humboldt, Spurr Townships, and Ely Township.

Athletics Awards Presented April 14

The 2009-10 season accomplishments of the following student-athletes were recognized at an athletics awards ceremony April 14.

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>MVP</u>	<u>MOST IMPROVED</u>	<u>LION AWARD</u>	<u>ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE</u>
MEN'S HOCKEY	QUINN MCINTOSH	JASON BARDEN	DAN GRILLE	DAN GRILLE
WOMEN'S HOCKEY	KATELYN MCLEAN	KAITLYNN MRAZ	EMILY MARCOTTE	MARIAH MUMFORD
MEN'S SOCCER	NIC POLZIN	CARL ROSCOE	TIM CARRON	AARON ROBERTS
WOMEN'S SOCCER	HALEY LABAN	ALISHA ELLERTSON ALEX FITCH, DARRYL BROWN	DAWN ENGMAN	DAWN ENGMAN
MEN'S BASKETBALL	TYLER GORDON	JASMINE BYERS	ERIK BRESSETTE	NIK PATRICK
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	ALLY TINCKNELL	LAUREN JARVINEN	JANNA DAAVETILA	JILLIAN DOLKEY
MEN'S X-COUNTRY	DARRYL BROWN	TRAVIS WOOD	DARRYL BROWN	ERIC MONTICELLO
WOMEN'S X-COUNTRY	MICHELLE WOOD	ERIN CONNOR	MAGHAN SMITH	ELIZABETH HELLER
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL	MALLORY TOROLA	BECKY KANGAS	MALLORY TOROLA	MALLORY TOROLA

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2010 Diploma Works Exhibit

The International School of Art & Design (ISAD) 2010 Diploma Works Exhibition is featured at the Finlandia University Gallery April 27 through June 2, 2010.

Two opening events for the Diploma Works exhibit will be held at two locations Saturday, May 1, 2010. From 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., a Dean's Address and Fashion Show will take place at Finlandia's Jutilla Center campus.

Following, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., a reception for the artists will be hosted at the Finlandia University Gallery, which is in the Finnish American Heritage Center.

Both events are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

The artworks featured in the annual Diploma Works exhibit represent the final body of student work for each graduating bachelor of fine arts (BFA) student. The works include intensive research projects, series of individual artworks, and design prototypes. A variety of media is represented, including painting, illustration, sculpture, fashion design, graphic design, interdisciplinary design, and ceramics.

Three graduating BFA students have interpreted traditional techniques to express modern content: lithophane—an etched or molded artwork in thin very translucent porcelain, and sumi-e painting—an East Asian method of brush painting using ink and wash.



The 2010 ISAD graduating seniors are Jaimianne Amicucci (Mahopac Falls, NY), Sarah Anderson (Houghton), Lana Bosak (Underwood, Minn.), Brandon Faust (Calumet), John Fish (Iron River), Ashley Jilek (Rockford, Ill.), Pamela Kotila (Dodgeville), Kacey Kreuter (Oneida, Wis.), Vanessa Lipson (Royal Oak, Mich.), Laura Metcalf (Gwinn, Mich.), Benjamin Mitchell (Hancock), Lauren Strong (Gladstone), Tara Vassar (Niagara, Wis.), D.C. Wilson (Iron Mountain), and Cyle Zablocki (Hubbell).

The Finlandia University Gallery is in the Finnish American Heritage Center, Hancock. The Finlandia University Jutilla Center campus is at 200 Michigan St., Hancock.

Call 487-7500 for information.



by Sarah Anderson



by Tara Vassar

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Paintings by J.R. DeMers, Bonnie Loukus at Reflection Gallery

The Finlandia Reflection Gallery will host a dual exhibit of oil and sumi-e watercolor paintings by J.R. DeMers, and oil paintings by Bonnie Loukus April 27 to August 28, 2010.

An opening reception and artist talk will take place Tuesday, April 27, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., at the Reflection Gallery. The reception is free and all are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

J.R. DeMers, a junior at Finlandia, is completing a cross-concentration bachelor of fine arts degree in both fiber/fashion design and illustration. She is exhibiting a series of sumi-e paintings titled, "7 Deadly Sins," and a series of oil paintings on wood illustrating the "7 Heavenly Virtues."

Bonnie Loukus is presenting a series of oil paintings titled, "Changing Landscapes: Invasive Species in the Great Lakes Region." Loukus, assistant director of the Copper Country Community Arts



"Acedia (Sloth)" by J.R. DeMers

Center, Hancock, graduates from Finlandia this spring with a bachelor of arts in Finlandia's interdisciplinary honors program, Arts, Culture, and Environment (ACE).

Loukus describes her exhibition as a body of work that reflects a small selection of exotic species within the Great Lakes region.

"I have chosen to depict a variety of plants, insects, and aquatic life," she says. "My intent is to illustrate the diverse range of species that are non-native to our region, as well as the problems they are causing."

Loukus' vibrant oil paintings give the viewer an up-close view of eight different invasive species. "Some have high aesthetic beauty, while others are fairly nondescript... some highlight how beautiful an invasive species can be, while other paintings highlight the threats they pose."

Loukus' paintings invite viewers to explore closely the problem of invasive species in the Upper Peninsula. "Research, articles, and advisories educate the public about invasive species, but other than photographs, there is little visual interpretation," she says.

"Art has the ability to address these issues with visual and thought-provoking impact," Loukus adds. "It is a necessary tool to give another perspective to the public about current environmental problems. Art is a catalyst for dialogue."

J.R. DeMers notes that the inspiration for the two series of paintings on display began with a desire to present her spin on a popular theme. After finishing the series of deadly sins, she wanted to accompany the first series with its counterpart, the heavenly virtues.

"The material on which the deadly sins are drawn is made of delicate paper constructed with cicada wings, which represents the nurturing and



"Buckthorn" by Bonnie Loukus

fragile nature of a woman, while the virtues are painted on wood," DeMers said.

DeMers's paintings cast the Sins as women, and the Virtues as Men. She explains her rationale, "In Christianity, Eve is said to have committed the first sin. I have realized that when a woman carries out an action that is considered bad, the same action is sometimes considered good, or even encouraged, for a male."

On the opposite side of the spectrum, DeMers depicts men as the virtuous ones. "Always venerated for their heroisms, men are the breadwinners, the head of the household, the one who wears the pants," she explains.

The Reflection Gallery is located on the second level of Finlandia's Jutila Center campus. For information, contact Yueh-mei Cheng at 906-487-7375.

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Textbook Buyback Starts Monday

North Wind Books textbook buyback begins Monday, April 26, at 10:00 a.m., and ends Friday, April 30, at 1:00 p.m. Buyback hours are 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Friday. The bookstore has compiled a list of textbooks they will specifically be looking to purchase during the Textbook Buy. This list ONLY includes books we are able to buy in larger quantities from students, there are many others we are buying, but in limited quantities.

TEXTBOOK	AUTHOR	ED.	COURSE
Hyvin Menee!	Heikkala	2ed.	FNS151
Discover	Cain	4ed.	BIO111
Seeley's Prin of Anatomy	Tate	1ed.	BIO171
Ess. of Gen'l, Org. & Bio Chem.	Stoker	1ed.	CHM145
Geography of North America	Hardwick	1ed.	GEO202
Medical Terminology	Moisio	2ed.	HSC112Z
Microsoft Office 2007 Intro	Shelly		CIS102
Microsoft Office 2007 Advanced	Shelly		CIS202
Literature: Approaches	DiYanni	2ed.	ENG103
Rules for Writers	Hacker	6ed.	ENG103 & 104
Beginning Algebra	Martin-Gay	5ed.	MAT101
Intermediate Algebra	Martin-Gay	5ed.	MAT140
Vice & Virtue in Everyday Life	Somers	8ed.	PHL212
Down to Earth Sociology	Henslin	14ed.	SOC201

Please take into consideration the condition of your textbook, remove all paperwork, and please erase all pencil markings prior to selling. Textbooks with excessive highlighting, broken bindings, missing pages, or water damage are not acceptable and will not be purchased at buyback.

Due to new editions, the bookstore can no longer purchase these books:

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Exploring Psychology	Myers	7ed.	PSY201
Adobe Illustrator CS2			ARD127
Adobe Photoshop CS2			ARD127

Our vendor that operates Textbook Buyback will also be purchasing books during this period, increasing the odds that all your textbooks will be accepted.

For additional information, contact North Wind Books at 906-487-7217.



Sustainable Keweenaw Resource Center

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The latest news from the Sustainable Keweenaw Resource Center can be viewed at <http://skrconline.net>

New news and announcements include:

- New additions to the Keweenaw Green Map & Green Directory
- Best Tool for Green Travelers
- Video resource viewing station now available at the SKRC
- New additions to our resource library
- 3rd Annual Earth Day Celebration at Calumet Theatre

For information about the SKRC, contact Rick Loduha at 906-487-7211.



Art & Design sophomore Rachel Slagh explains her poster presentation, "Polarized Light." The project examines the way polarization of light works. The topics of linear, elliptical, and circular polarization are explored, as well as the methods of scattering, reflection, and absorption used to polarize light waves. Slagh also discussed the applications and use of polarization in commercial items, including cameras, sunglasses, and 3D movies. The poster was prepared for a Chemistry of Artists Materials class instructed by adjunct faculty member Larry Mailloux.

Moving? Donate Items to ReStore

As the semester comes to an end and you are moving out of your rooms and apartments, please consider bringing unwanted gently-used items to the first floor of Finlandia Hall the week of April 26.

All items will be donated to ReStore (a resale store in Calumet that raises money for Habitat for Humanity) on May



3. The Restore accepts furniture, electronics, and household items.

If you would like to donate clothing, I will make sure it serves a good cause as well.

Please don't be wasteful...put your used items to good use.

If you have questions, contact Kelley Martin, director of residence life, at 906-487-7230.

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Houghton Police Instruct Students

Thursday, April 8, in the lower level of Old Main, Finlandia University students and their instructor, Dolores Kilpela, welcomed Chief of Police John Donnelly and Officer Zach Wheeler of the Houghton Police Department. The officers were at Finlandia to train students in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing.

Kilpela's Criminal Justice students participated in the DUI (Driving Under the Influence) training session as part of their course requirements for CRJ104, Police Operations.

The focus of the training was on the effects of alcohol on the body and drunk driving. Chief Donnelly discussed the legal limit (Blood Alcohol Count, BAC) while driving under the influence of alcohol and stressed zero tolerance laws for minors.

He also discussed the types of devices used to test for sobriety. The most well known is the Pre-Breathalyzer Test (PBT), which is a portable option to the standard Breathalyzer. Its results are not as conclusive as a Breathalyzer, which is why the results aren't admissible in court. The PBT is used to assist the officer in developing probable cause to affect an arrest.

Chief Donnelly also talked about clues to look for before and after a vehicle is pulled over for suspicion of driving while intoxicated. He stressed the importance of words while talking with a driver in order to gain specific information.

With volunteer test subjects, Officer Wheeler demonstrated the different types of field sobriety testing: walk and turn, one leg stand balance test, finger to nose, and recite the alphabet.

One of the most reliable tests in detecting impairment is the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test, or HGN, which is an involuntary jerking of the eye that occurs naturally as

the eyes gaze to the side. Under normal circumstances, nystagmus occurs when you move your eyes to the side too far, however, when a person is impaired by alcohol, nystagmus is exaggerated. An alcohol-impaired person will also often have difficulty smoothly tracking a moving object such as a pen.

Following the presentation, students separated into groups while officers set up mock DUI scenarios. Students, playing the role of police officer, performed Standardized Field Sobriety Testing on the subjects.

Chief Donnelly and Officer Wheeler then demonstrated the use of Fatal Vision goggles, which duplicate a person's perception with a blood alcohol count of .20, which is more than twice the legal limit, when



Criminal Justice students participate in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing training April 8

vision, balance, and coordination are all affected. In the glasses, students attempted (and failed) to do tasks such as catching a set of keys tossed to them.

—Heather Powers



Left to right: Finlandia freshman Ben Klimczyk, MTU student Anthony Sanit, and Finlandia students Leann McComber and Kelly Poelstra. The students shared their experiences regarding bullying in schools at an April 22 Houghton Middle School student assembly. James R. Luoma, Houghton Middle School principal, said that the college students did an outstanding job and that they demonstrated courage and honesty relating their personal experiences in bullying situations. Luoma also noted that they made a significant positive impact on the Houghton Middle School students.

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Fred and Ansley Knoch

Reunion 2010

SAVE THE DATE! The Finlandia/Suomi all-school reunion is June 25 to 27, 2010, on Finlandia's campus. For information, call Cheryl Ries, director of alumni relations, at 906-487-7317 or cheryl.ries@finlandia.edu.

ASA Juried Art Show

The Finlandia University International School of Art and Design (ISAD) participated in the annual Association of Student Artists (ASA) Juried Art Show and Portfolio Critique in Kingsford, Mich., April 19.

At the ASA event, Finlandia corporate relations director Fred Knoch and BFA alumna Ansley Knoch ('09) joined judges from Bay College, Bonifas Fine Art Center, Concordia University, Kendall College, Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, and Minneapolis College of Art and Design.

The mission of the ASA, organized by high school art teachers from Kingsford, Iron Mountain, Niagara, and Norway, is to advance art education, recognize student achievement in art, and prepare students for higher education in art.

The judges spent the morning reviewing over 300 pieces of art from area high school students. After much discussion and debate, the judges chose forty pieces to receive an award of recognition and one

Best in Show artwork.

Each award recipient received a written review prepared by the judges and a fused art piece made by a local artist.

In the afternoon, junior and senior high school students presented their portfolios for review by the panel of judges.

The students demonstrated a strong ability to speak intelligently about their artwork and were eager for questions, comments, and critiques from the panel.

Many students from the highly successful ASA program go on to excel at Finlandia. In recognition of this, the ISAD award a senior ASA student from Norway High School the Evert Paul Seppa International School of Art and Design Scholarship.

At the annual ASA banquet the following Monday evening, Joanna Krueger, Finlandia senior enrollment officer, presented the scholarship award on behalf of the ISAD.

The ASA is a remarkable program and ISAD is pleased to partner with it in fostering excellence in art education.

For information, contact Fred Knoch at 906-487-7510.

—Fred Knoch



The University Singers, with Rene Johnson and Diane Miller on bells, and Lei Hilakawa playing flute April 24 at the Chapel of St. Matthew

Fun Video from Elementary Ed Students

The students in Justus Randolph's EDU 203 class produced an

education-related parody of Kesha's "Tik Tok." You can view it at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GXMGI08NjQY>.

Check it out!



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From Campus Ministry ...

Campus Ministry continues to be extremely active straight through the final days of the semester. The students have been diligent, efficient, and faithful in their dedicated service to Finlandia and Campus Ministry.

I would like to take thank all of them for their hard work and determination through our many activities, meetings, and organizing.

Thank you to my work-studies Nicole Phillips, Beth Bellinger, and Jamie Bellinger for countless hours devoted to Campus Ministry and the recycling program on Finlandia's campus. Many have noticed and commented on the dedication of these three young women and how well the recycling program has been maintained this year.

To the rest of the Campus Ministry Team, including Dave Hendrickson, Mollie Skauge, LeSaine Carrington, Sandra Harris, Brittany Foster, Cam Goude, Dan Grille, Amanda Moyer, Sean McBride, Cleo Brown, C. Alicia Brown, Jamie Clishe, and countless others, you have all been an integral part of an amazing Campus Ministry experience here at Finlandia University. (Please forgive me if I have missed your name on the list...I know there are MANY more of you!)

I honestly cannot thank you enough for everything you have brought to the table and offered, not only for the betterment of yourselves and Campus Ministry, but especially for those who needed assistance, guidance, a peer mentor, or someone to meet them "where they are" in their walk of faith. Your servant leadership has not gone unnoticed.

The Camus Ministry Team, and those who displayed the gumption to pursue Campus Ministry activities and express their faith to ALL ages, has been nothing short of extraordinary.

From a children's musical, to chopping wood for the elderly and

shut-ins; from Bible studies and Chapels to speaking with Cub Scouts and to BHK Child Development open houses; from bonfire worship outside Finlandia Hall to ice cream socials; from leading worship to finding community leaders to help out; from progressive dinners to late night St. Patty's Day 'green' pancake feeds and early morning breakfast and cartoons; from spreading the word on campus to employees and students to "walkin' the beat" in the community for awareness; from Fellowship of Christian Athletes to Campus Crusade; from booking events in the chapel to booking the Chaplain for other faithful venues; from visiting seminaries to welcoming guest performers like CrossFire Youth Encounter group; from an Alternative Spring Break trip to Cleveland to work with the homeless to the Crop Walk for Hunger activity; from general cleaning, mopping, organizing, cataloguing, dish washing, dusting, rearranging, prep work, post activity cleanups, and relaxing times just to sit around together and share what's on your mind.

Even after mention all of the above, it still doesn't state fully how



A student performs in the children's musical, "A Tale of Three Trees"

much you have all done, and how well you have performed your duties!
WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT LEADERS!

—Soren Schmidt, University Chaplain

REL 250

Have you ever wondered about the amazing number of Christian denominations in the U.S., where they came from, and what they believe?

Or have you pondered how Christianity has developed among the "other" North Americans?

How do YOU fit into the history of Christianity in North America? No matter what your background and beliefs, you really do!

REL 250, Christianity in America (and Canada), which will be offered this Fall semester, will answer these questions, and others, from the point of view of ordinary people like us.

Refresh your view of Christianity in America. You'll be surprised!

REL 250 fulfills the REL/FNS General Education requirement.

For information, contact Rene Johnson at 906-487-7558.

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Doreen Pleiming delivers her Earth Day speech about wild berries April 22 in the Finlandia Hall café. The speech was prepared for her Fundamentals of Public Speaking class instructed by assistant professor Diane Miller.

Student Employee of the Year

Finlandia University's Student Employee of the Year is Ashley Neveau.

Ashley is a first-year student working for the six-member First Grade Team at CLK Elementary School in Calumet. The team was very happy with Ashley's job performance throughout the school year. They noted her exceptional rapport with the children, and staff.

Her pleasant demeanor and willingness to accept her daily duties were impressive. She has the unique ability to take whatever she is given and in turn produce a quality product that is better than expected. Her attendance was impeccable, thereby enabling the first grade teachers to pre-plan her work for the day.

Ashley's duties included working with small groups of first-graders (sometimes at-risk children), organizing/copying teacher units for the week to come, and one-on-one tutoring of first graders in need.

Under federal guidelines, it is a requirement that a percentage of Finlandia work-study funds are spent in the community. Having students like Ashley represent the university in such a positive manner really speaks volumes for the type of students that are at Finlandia.

So, if you see Ashley on campus, please be sure to congratulate her on a job well done. I'd also like to extend a thank you to all work-study students for the great work they do, along with the supervisors who put so much work into the program.

For information, contact Jason Sullivan at 906-487-7261.

—Jason Sullivan

Campus Ministry Activities

Thank you to all who have attended and/or prayed for Finlandia Campus Ministry this year. We have truly enjoyed serving and praying for you throughout the school year. Please know that our prayers will continue for you long after you have left for the summer!

We've had a great final run of activities that is still on going! Don't miss out on some great final stops for the semester.

Last week's 'Hawaiian themed' ice cream social was a hit as many students came down to enjoy the atmosphere, ice cream and fellowship!

I also want to thank Pastors Jimalee Jones and Robert Langseth for being guest chapel leaders. We appreciated your guidance and hearing The Word from you!


The University Singers concert was this Thursday. It was not a Campus Ministry activity, but it needs to be mentioned. It was amazing. So many talented voices, a great variety of songs, and wonderful guest performers: Lei Hilakawa, Rene

Johnson, Diane Miller, and the Keweenaw Youth Symphony Orchestra directed by Maggie Twining! Campus Ministry is happy to have had you perform in the Chapel. We are excited for the future of your faithful voices!

Tonight (Friday) at 8:00 p.m. is TGIF - 'The Final Event'! Don't miss out on a great night of worship, the "TGIF Band", food, and great fellowship, games, and activities! This is an "all-nighter" that lasts until 2:00 a.m. Got nothing to do? Come on down! We guarantee a Spirit-filled time for all!

Tomorrow (Saturday) at 1:00 p.m. university chaplain Soren Schmidt will be officially "installed" to preside over Word and Sacrament in the Chapel of St. Matthew. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this service. The University Singers will also be there to perform more of their great hits!

Peace,
Soren S. Schmidt
University Chaplain

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