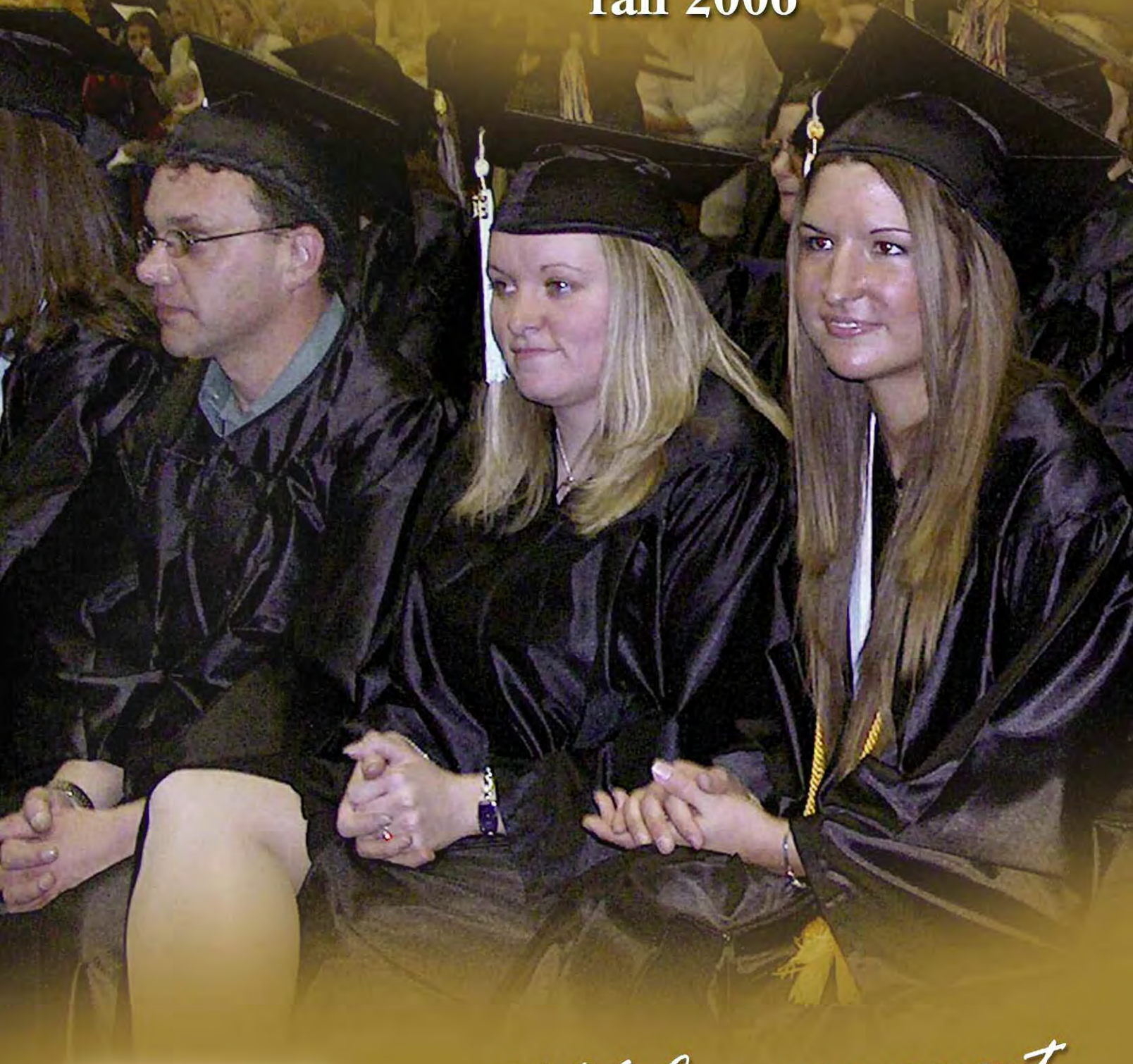


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Appointed to Provost Position

Finlandia University President Dr. Robert Ubbelohde announces that Dr. Jeanne Rellahan has been appointed Provost and Executive Vice President effective July 1, 2006. The provost position has been vacant since 2002.

"I am pleased to appoint Dr. Rellahan to this position," Ubbelohde said. "Jeanne is an experienced educator, administrator and academic leader. She is well respected by her colleagues and is committed to the mission of Finlandia as a learning community. I am confident she will provide excellent leadership as our Provost."

"Dr. Rellahan will oversee Finlandia's academic programs and student and faculty support areas," Ubbelohde said. "That includes sustaining our academic vision, providing leadership in academic planning and encouraging excellence in teaching, scholarship and service. Dr. Rellahan will represent the needs of the students and faculty and keep them in tune with the university's overall mission and purpose."

"Finlandia has made tremendous strides in the last 10 years," said Rellahan. "With numerous baccalaureate degree programs well underway, continually growing student enrollment and the opening of the new Portage Campus in 2005, Finlandia is poised to move forward. As Provost, I will build on our stability and offer leadership for new directions including new curricula, the addition of new faculty and enhancements to instructional technology."

"Finlandia's vision is very clear," said Rellahan. "It is a viable, competitive university that continually responds to the needs of its constituents. Finlandia has been a great experience for me. I was thrilled to accept the provost position. This small face-to-face

community allows for quicker decision-making and has a vital atmosphere of continual renewal. I believe that anything is possible as the university responds to the challenges of the 21st century."

Dr. Rellahan looks forward to providing academic leadership to the faculty at Finlandia. "I feel that the encouragement and support of their professional growth is vital not only for individual development but for reinvestment in the classroom," Rellahan said. "In my first two years as dean of the Suomi College of Arts and Sciences, I have had the opportunity to support faculty, enjoy them as colleagues and appreciate their contributions to student success."

In addition to providing faculty and academic leadership, Rellahan will support and address student needs including student development, student life, co-curricular activities and campus ministry. "At Finlandia, we strive to produce well-educated students enthusiastic about their experiences at Finlandia," Rellahan said.

Dr. Rellahan has been the dean of Finlandia's Suomi College of Arts and Sciences since 2004. Prior to her work at Finlandia, she was professor and dean at Hawaii Pacific University for 21 years. Dr. Rellahan completed a Ph.D. in American Studies at the University of Hawaii. She was a Fulbright Senior Scholar at the University of Jyväskylä, Finland, and twice in her career was awarded "teacher of the year" recognition. She will continue to teach in her role as provost.

Dr. Rellahan is a fifth generation Michigander. She has two grown children. Her daughter, a Harvard Law School graduate, is a public interest attorney in California, her son is a first grade teacher in Nevada and earned an M.Ed. from the University of Nevada. Her nephew is currently attending Finlandia.



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DR. ROBERT UBBELOHDE

President

"In celebrating diversity within heritage, we welcome diverse people and ideas to the campus. This provides the stimulus for learning and understanding and enriches our lives."

In June, Susan and I spent two weeks in Germany. A primary purpose of our travel was to visit the towns and areas that our families came from. I had the opportunity to stand on the land that my name is derived from and that my ancestors cultivated, according to records beginning in the mid-thirteenth century. I saw the house and farm constructed by my ancestors in the mid-sixteenth century. We walked the 'Philosopher's Walk' that Hegel frequented in Heidelberg and spent a day looking at a huge exhibition in the National Historical Museum in Berlin that presented 2,000 years of German history. We also enjoyed being part of the diverse, international throng that had gathered in Germany for the World Cup.

Trying to sort my emotions and thoughts as we traveled, I remembered my comments when we awarded an honorary doctoral degree to our Baccalaureate preacher, the Rev. Dr. David Tiede. One reason we honored David was his having lifted up the church's need to find ways to deal with diversity within tradition (including at her institutions of higher education).

I came to realize two things in my travels. First, coming to better understand aspects of one's own history and heritage is energizing. Second, talking, interacting and having fun with thousands of people of different races, heritages and nationalities is also energizing.

The challenge, of course, comes in trying to integrate heritage and diversity. What happens to the religious heritage of a Lutheran college, for example, where the majority of students and staff are not Lutheran? Or, what happens on a campus like Finlandia's where a significant number of students and staff are not of Finnish heritage?

Several years ago, a Shingon Buddhist priest from Japan visited the campus. He gave a public presentation explaining Shingon Buddhism including meditation and other devotional practices. A member of the faculty, a life-long Lutheran who had in the recent past become less involved in her home congregation, attended the lecture. She later told me that she had not only learned and developed a new respect for Buddhist teachings and practices, but she had also come away with a new appreciation of her need to be an active member of her Lutheran congregation (which she did) and to become more active in her commitment to Christ.

My friend's 'learning' experience characterizes what I believe is happening here on the campus. In celebrating diversity within heritage, we welcome diverse people and ideas to the campus. This provides the stimulus for learning and understanding and enriches our lives. Of course the outcome is not certain. We may come to a deeper and richer understanding of our existing commitments or find entirely new avenues of experience to explore.

Having defined ourselves as a learning community, it may be easier for Finlandia's students and staff to integrate, celebrate and learn from both tradition and diversity than it is for students and staff at schools with missions focused on teaching or research. If coming together to learn is the focus, then both heritage and diversity can be viewed as stimuli for learning, as they were for me in my vacation travel.

My visit to Germany would have been less rewarding and fun without either my encounter with German history and culture or my encounter with the diverse people gathered to participate in the World Cup as spectators or players. I believe we are preparing students to engage in their life journeys with an interest in attaining a critical understanding and appreciation of their own history and heritage, as well as an openness to and appreciation for the diverse history and culture of other groups and individuals.

Robert Ubbelohde,
President

2006 Annual Honors Banquet

Friday, April 21, 2006, the annual Finlandia University Honors Banquet took place to mark 2005-06 academic year student achievements. The following Class of 2006 graduation candidates were recognized:

The bachelor's degree **valedictorian** is Kasey Engman of Dollar Bay, MI.

The **summa cum laude** graduates have earned an overall 3.900-4.0 GPA. Bachelor's degree candidates are Kasey Engman (Dollar Bay, MI), Heidi LaBeau (Dollar Bay, MI), Kristina Mechlin (Chassell, MI), Gerrie Roberts (Bruce Crossing, MI) and Karla Silverberg (Tower, MN). The associate degree candidate is Sayaka Oki (Zamashi, Japan).

The **magna cum laude** graduates have earned an overall 3.700-3.899 GPA. Bachelor's degree candidates are Kevin Goke (Houghton, MI), Holly Jewell (Mohawk, MI), Jennifer Kivela (Mohawk, MI), Amanda Pasonen (Lake Linden, MI) and Heather Vedder (Ishpeming, MI). Associate degree candidates are Ushio Fukuyama (Gifu, Japan), Jill Heinonen (Hancock, MI), Hiromo Ito (Shinjo Yamagata, Japan), Tracy Rice (Houghton, MI), Ken Sheth (Novi, MI) and Crystal Vivian (Hancock, MI).

The **cum laude** graduates earned a 3.50-3.699 overall grade point average. The bachelor's degree candidate is Patricia Jaehnig (Houghton, MI). Associate degree candidates are Haruka Suzuki (Gifu, Japan) and Shingo Suzuki (Miai, Japan).

Sampo Society membership is awarded to graduating students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.75-4.00 who have shown leadership in the cultural and intellectual life of the campus and community. Recipients are Kasey Engman (Dollar Bay, MI), Holly Jewell (Mohawk, MI), Heidi LaBeau (Dollar Bay, MI), Heather Vedder (Ishpeming, MI) and Crystal Vivian (Hancock, MI).

The **Sisu Award** is awarded to students who have shown courage, fortitude, and perseverance in overcoming hardship to achieve academic and personal success. This year's recipient is Abigail Bonen (Atlantic Mine, MI).

Continuing Finlandia University students received the following scholarships and awards:

The **Ken & Lois Seaton Scholarship** is awarded to a continuing Copper Country area junior/senior student in a bachelor's degree program. This year's recipient is Ronda Jones (Laurium, MI).

The **Philip and Loret Ruppe Community Service Award** recognizes students for outstanding volunteer efforts and service to the college campus and the local community. The recipients are Alexa Watkins (Harper Woods, MI) and Joshua Hendrickson (Hancock, MI).

The **Samuel Westerman Scholarship** is awarded to full time nursing students from the Upper Peninsula entering their sophomore year. Recipients are Katie Herrala (Negaunee, MI) and Michael Parks (Marquette, MI).

The **Virginia Fund Scholarship** is awarded in memory of Mrs. Richard R. Smith to a freshman woman who plans to continue as a student at Finlandia for the 2006-07 academic year. This year's recipient is Lindsey Anttila (Republic, MI).



President Ubbelohde congratulates Ronda Jones, recipient of the Ken & Lois Seaton Scholarship.

Who's Who Among Finlandia University Students?

The 2006 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" includes 36 students from Finlandia University who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders. Finlandia student leaders enrolled in a 4-year degree program are nominated annually for the Who's Who award. Selections are based on academic achievement, participation in leadership roles, service to the university and community, and potential for future achievement. The 2006 honorees are:

Mary Arend, Mohawk, MI	Kristina Mechlin, Chassell, MI
Ryan Artley, Baraga, MI	Audrey Miller, Laurium, MI
Catherine Bausano, Calumet, MI	Amber Nelson, Hancock, MI
Mildred Beck, Laurium, MI	Carrie Noblet, Crystal Falls, MI
Stacey Clisch, Baraga, MI	Amanda Pasonen, Lake Linden, MI
Jessica Coltas, Copper Harbor, MI	Thomas Paul, Houghton, MI
Tina Dupuis, Lake Linden, MI	Aaron Radzwilowicz, Watersmeet, MI
Kasey Engman, Dollar Bay, MI	Erin Reynolds, Calumet, MI
Kevin Goke, Houghton, MI	Toni Richards, Vulcan, MI
Nora Hyrkas, Calumet, MI	Jessica Rischar, Duluth, MN
Patricia Jaehnig, Houghton, MI	Gerrie Roberts, Bruce Crossing, MI
Ronda Jones, Laurium, MI	Bryan Russell, Royal Oak, MI
Nancy Kauppila, Calumet, MI	Rhiannon Schmidt, Hancock, MI
Stuart Kauppila, Calumet, MI	Karla Silverberg, Tower, MN
Jennifer Kivela, Mohawk, MI	Molly Steele, Calumet, MI
Jordan Kivela, Calumet, MI	Heather Vedder, Ishpeming, MI
Matthew Laho, Bristol, WI	Sue Wilson, Baraga, MI
Phyllis Latvala, Ahmeek, MI	Valerie Yokie, Marquette, MI



FINNISH AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER GALLERY SCHEDULE 2006

August 31st – September 28th, 2006

Opening Reception: To be announced.

Matti Koskela: *Tiima*

An artist, designer and professor of art, Matti Koskela is one of Finland's most prominent contemporary artists. In a career that has spanned three decades, he has exhibited work throughout Finland and in Europe, Russia, Egypt and the United States. He has been commissioned to create public sculptures in numerous Finnish cities. A collection of Koskela's gouache on paper and silkscreen prints will be on display at the FAHC Gallery. The artist will visit Finlandia University in the fall for a reception and public talk.

October 5th – November 2nd, 2006

Opening Reception: To be announced.

Weavings: *Merging Tradition and Innovation*

Traditional Indonesian Ikat Weavings and the Work of Contemporary Weaver Elizabeth Billings

A large private collection of traditional Indonesian ikat weavings, exhibited with the work of contemporary artist Elizabeth Billings, will explore the meeting ground of tradition and innovation. Trained by a master weaver in Vermont, Billings went on to apprentice to an ikat weaver in Japan. With technique and discipline at her fingertips, Billings was free to explore traditions and seek ways of extending them. Billings has spent her career extending traditions to evoke a sense of place through rhythm and pattern. She synthesizes age-old techniques with natural materials and themes to produce work with an intense and quiet strength.

The Finnish American Heritage Center Gallery promotes Finlandia University's mission, A Learning Community Dedicated to Academic Excellence, Spiritual Growth and Service, through exhibitions of contemporary Finnish, Finnish-American and American artists. Beyond advancing the arts in our region, the gallery provides educational resources for our community and is a gathering place for people to discuss and reflect upon art. One of our goals is to become a leading exhibitor of Finnish and Finnish-American art nationwide.

Carrie Flaspohler
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SPORTS NEWS

Student-Athletes: Winter-Spring Awards Banquet

On April 25, 2006, the achievements of winter and spring 2005-06 student-athletes were recognized at the annual Finlandia University Winter-Spring Athletic Banquet. Awards were presented to student-athletes in four categories. The Most Valuable Player Award (MVP) is awarded to student-athletes who contributed significantly to their team's success. The Lion Award recognizes those who "gave their all" during the 2005-2006 season. The Most Improved Award is granted to students-athletes who substantially improved their athletic performance during the season, and the Academic Excellence Award is awarded to students of at least sophomore standing who earned the highest grade point averages on each of the teams.

The following students-athletes received awards at the banquet:

Women's Basketball: MVP: Kathryn Holsworth (Republic, MI); LION: Crystal Vivian (Ishpeming, MI); MOST IMPROVED: Lindsay Rajala (Wakefield, MI); ACADEMIC: Kathryn Holsworth (Republic, MI)

Men's Basketball: MVP: Ryan Artley (Baraga, MI); LION: Tyler Lloyd (L'Anse, MI); MOST IMPROVED: Tucker Thoreson (Crystal Falls, MI); ACADEMIC: Ryan Artley (Baraga, MI)

Nordic Skiing: MVP: Heidi Butler (Hoyt Lakes, MN); LION: Entire Team; MOST IMPROVED: Jennifer Viau (Gladstone, MI); ACADEMIC: Steve Bosio (Chassell, MI)

Softball: MVP: Meagan Petros (Marquette, MI); LION: Jamie Pennell (Ishpeming, MI) and Michelle Kuure (Houghton, MI); MOST IMPROVED: Heidi Butler (Hoyt Lakes, MN); ACADEMIC: Meagan Petros (Marquette, MI)

Baseball: MVP: Darryl Sage (Warren, MI); LION: Shawn Wickershiem (White Lake, WI); MOST IMPROVED: Ryan O'Dierno (Abrams, WI); ACADEMIC: Ryan Hummel (Stephenson, MI)

Women's Hockey: Encouraging Progress this Season



2005-2006 women's hockey team.

Starting the year with a robust 23 athletes on the roster and going 6-3-1 in the first ten games, the women's hockey team was poised to enter their second NCHA conference schedule with plenty of momentum. "I was extremely encouraged by the progress the team made in the early half of the season," comments Chris Salani, second-year head women's hockey coach and Finlandia athletic director. "But I knew that their youth and inexperience had to mature quickly to successfully compete in the NCHA."

After losing the next two conference games against the University of Wisconsin-Superior, the Lions hosted UW-River Falls for the first conference home dates of the year December 10-11, 2005. During the first game of a double header, the women secured their first-ever NCHA conference win against the then #7 nationally ranked Falcons of UW-River Falls, coming back from a 1-3 deficit to win in an overtime thriller 4-3.

"The upset was a huge win for our program," remarks Salani. "We put in a full 64-minute effort from top to bottom, proving to the women that they could in fact compete at a very high level when they decided to."

Unfortunately, it would be the only conference win of the season. The team finished the year 0-8-2 in their final ten games, but finished the last game of the season on a positive note, competing strong versus UW-Stevens Point but dropping the game in a thrilling 1-0 defeat.

"It came right down the end of the game with the women never quitting," says Salani. "We pulled the goalie with about 1:20 left and the puck never left the Pointer's end. The women must have peppered eight to ten attempts-on-net before the horn sounded. I was extremely impressed and proud of the way the women battled for that last game."

For their notable efforts this year, Sara Sleik (Iron Mountain, MI), Ashley Leitch (Garden City, MI) and Danielle Syrowik (Shelby Township, MI) earned All-NCHA Conference Honorable Mention honors and Jana Riutta (Stanton Township, MI) earned Academic All-Conference honors. "All four of these women have come a long way in shaping their games and our program," says Salani. "We'll continue to look to them for leadership on and off the ice."

Looking ahead to the 2006-2007 season, the women's hockey program anticipates the addition of eight new recruits, with the possibility of two more. "Next year's team is really shaping up," comments Salani. "We have several recruits from the UP, several from 'downstate' and a few from Minnesota — it will be an outstanding freshman class and will definitely push our returning players to perform at their best."

The schedule is complete for next year with Finlandia again hosting an "Early Bird Tournament" in Flint, MI, the last weekend in October. After that, the Lady Lions will enjoy the next eight games at home with an overall '06-'07 home game total of fourteen.

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Softball, Baseball: All-Independent Team Honors



*Left: 2005-2006
men's basketball team*



*Right: 2005-2006 women's
basketball team*

First-year head women's softball coach Steve Lishinski and third-year head men's baseball coach Matt Farrell saw much progress during the 2006 season. After taking over the softball team in January, Lishinski led the team to an 11-19 record; and Farrell set a school record with the number of baseball wins, 7-20.

The seasons concluded with seven spring student-athletes receiving national All-Independent Team honors from the Association of Division III Independents.

Women's softball player Joan Derusha (Gladstone, MI) was placed on the First All-Independent Team as a second baseman. A sophomore, Derusha was team second in doubles (8) and RBIs (30). Overall, she hit 0.305 on the 2006 season.

The second softball honor went to the team's primary designated hitter, freshman Amy Bellinger (Coleman, MI). Bellinger was named to the First All-Independent Team as a designated player. She tallied 41 hits on 85 at-bats, drove in 17 runs, and marked eight stolen bases.

Jana Riutta (Stanton Township, MI) earned a place on the second tier of the All-Independent Team. Riutta, a first baseman last year and this year a catcher, led the team in runs (28), homeruns (3), RBIs (25), total bases (57), slugging percentage (0.695), bases-on-balls (15), on-base percentage (0.500) and stolen bases (16). She was also tied for first in triples with four. Riutta was also named the Association's Softball Player of the Week for the week of May 1, 2006.

Meagan Petros (Marquette, MI) earned a spot on the Second All-Independent Team for her effort at centerfield and as the lead-off hitter. Petros led the team in at-bats (101), hits (37) and doubles (10).

Men's baseball player Darryl Sage (Warren, MI) was placed on the Second All-Independent Team as a catcher. A junior, Sage finished first or tied for first in ten offensive categories. Overall, he recorded a 0.417 batting average in his 27 games played, a 0.667 slugging percentage and a 0.976 fielding percentage. He had 35 hits and ten RBIs in his 84 opportunities at bat.

Freshman Bryan Westerberg (Escanaba, MI) was named to the Second All-Independent Team for his role as a designated player. He tallied 28 hits on his 69 at bats, drove in 18 runs and accumulated 41 total bases. Westerberg had a hitting percentage of 0.406 this season.

Shawn Wickersheim (White Lake, WI) earned a spot on the Second All-Independent Team as a utility player. Wickersheim played in the pitcher's position and recorded three wins on his seven games on the mound. He led the team with ten doubles, and in 11 offensive categories finished in the top three.

The Association of Division III Independents consists of 19 Division III independent institutions that have joined together to recognize student-athletes, and to provide exempted postseason championship competition. The Association recognizes the athletic achievements of its student-athletes on a weekly, monthly and annual basis.

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The Karelian Folk Music Ensemble

Karelian Folk Music Ensemble Returns

After their tremendous performance to a packed house three years ago, the Karelian Folk Music Ensemble returned to the Copper Country May 6. The three-member group of professionally trained musicians performed an energetic concert of Finnish, Russian and Karelian tunes at the Finnish American Heritage Center. The band members play a variety of instruments ranging from the kantele and accordion to hand-crafted wooden folk instruments and goat horns. Karelia, an area on the Finnish-Russian border, is best known for its beautiful forests and lakes. It is also the birthplace of the Finnish national epic, "The Kalevala."

ACE! Scholarship Awarded

The Finlandia University Suomi College of Arts and Sciences announces that Bonnie Jean Loukus (Lake Linden, MI) is the recipient of a four-year Arts, Culture and the Environment (ACE!) scholarship.

A lifetime resident of the Upper Peninsula, Bonnie graduated from Calumet High School and completed an associate degree in humanities at Michigan Technological University. A two-year stint with AmeriCorps led to her current position as Gallery

Assistant and Volunteer Coordinator for the Copper Country Community Arts Center in Hancock, MI. Bonnie has been interested in the ACE! Program for several years, she said. It ties in well with her work at the Community Arts Center and her interest in the environment.

"Selecting the right candidate was difficult because we had several outstanding applicants," said Suzanne VanDam, director of the ACE! Program. "Not only does Bonnie have a strong academic background, she also demonstrated a clear understanding of the interdisciplinary nature of our program and a passion for all three ACE! areas. We look forward to having her on board!"



Author Solveig Torvik

Author, Journalist Solveig Torvik Visits North Wind Books

Norwegian-born Solveig Torvik, a reporter, editor and columnist for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer for thirty years, read from and discussed her newly published book *Nikolai's Fortune*

on May 2 at North Wind Books. A multigenerational historical novel based on the lives of Torvik's ancestors in Finland, Norway and Idaho, *Nikolai's Fortune* is a heartbreaking, multigenerational epic that chronicles family secrets and sufferings against the backdrop of Scandinavian history and culture.



President Ubbelohde addresses the NGLS Assembly.

Finlandia Hosts 2006 NGLS Assembly

Over 330 delegates from the Northern Great Lakes Synod (NGLS) gathered on the Finlandia campus May 18-20 for the 19th NGLS Assembly. Bishop Thomas Skrenes led the Assembly through three days of worship, plenary sessions, workshops, receptions and a banquet.

Dr. Gwen Haalas, a family physician, author and educator, presented the keynote address. Mr. Doug Haugen, director of the ELCA Lutheran Men in Mission, represented the national ELCA offices in Chicago. Among 19 resolutions acted upon by the Synod was one affirming the ministry of Lutheran Campus Ministry in the NGLS, and congratulating them for 100 years of campus ministry in the United States.

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President Ubbelohde brought a welcome and greeting to the Assembly, inviting the delegates to enjoy Finlandia's "free fitness program" as they climbed the campus steps between meetings. Finlandia Campus Pastor Rev. Philip Johnson led two Assembly workshops and was emcee for the Friday evening "Raise the Roof" banquet.



Freshman Lucy Regits (right), with her Big Brothers Big Sisters "little" Courtney

Finlandia Students Mentor Middle School Students

Finlandia Student Leader Crystal Vivian (Ishpeming, MI), a volunteer "Big Sister" through Big Brothers Big Sisters for the past two years, wanted her fellow students to experience the mentoring process, too. The TEAM Mentoring Program, facilitated by Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Western U.P., provided Vivian and other Finlandia students with that opportunity throughout the 2005-2006 academic year.

"The TEAM program was an ideal match between Finlandia University's desire to provide a student mentoring experience and the Big Brothers Big Sisters' goal to serve more children," said Finlandia Director of Student Life Bill Melchiori.

The mentoring program matched Finlandia students one-to-one with students at Hancock Middle School for weekly two hour mentoring sessions. The mentors and "littles" met to complete homework, play board games or simply socialize. Finlandia student mentor Kathryn Holsworth commented, "I began mentoring thinking I would be able to help out a young student. I ended the year realizing that I gained as much or more from the experience as my 'little' did."

"This partnership has been a wonderful alliance that will have positive, long-term effects in the community," said Maggie Munch, Program Director for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Emmy Award-winning Writer, Director on Campus

The Finnish American Heritage Center's Nordic Film Series featured two special showings of the documentary film, "Fire and Ice: The Winter War of Finland and Russia" March 9. Emmy Award-winning Ben Strout, the writer, director and producer of the film, was on hand to discuss the film and answer questions. "Fire and Ice" is a 78-minute English-language documentary that chronicles the Soviet Union's invasion of Finland in November 1939, and how Finland's spirited 105-day defense in a "frozen hell" helped change the course of what would become World War II. The film was recently featured on PBS television stations nationwide.

Student Nurses Recognized by Hospice

In honor of its hard work and outstanding service to the local community, the Finlandia Student Nurse Organization was recently recognized as 2005 Volunteer of the Year by the Omega House board of directors and staff. Omega House, a hospice in Houghton, MI, provides end-of-life care in a home-like environment.

Among the activities the student nurses undertook for Omega House were helping to ready its new facility for occupancy and staging two festive Italian dinners to raise funds for the hospice. "It is a well-deserved honor," said Fredi deYampert, nursing department chair. "The nursing program is quite proud of the great job they all do."

"We chose Omega House as a service project because we wanted to contribute to their 'Buy a Day' campaign helping to defray the daily costs associated with being a resident in the hospice home," explained Cathy Bausano, president of the Student Nurse Organization.



Clockwise from upper left: Jim Bogan, Portage Health CEO, Ben Mitchell, Fran Ricci, Michele Liaw, Yueh-Mei Cheng, Mary Jones-Gundersen and Carrice McKinstry

Finlandia Art Students Bring the Outdoors to Portage Emergency Room

Fran Ricci, unit manager of the emergency department at Portage Health of Hancock, MI, was tired of the unadorned wall in the long hallway outside of her office so she approached Finlandia University art and design professor Yueh-Mei Cheng with an idea. And Cheng put her illustration and studio arts students to work.

On Friday, April 28, the art and design

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students officially unveiled their four-panel “fresco” titled, “Scenes from the Keweenaw.” The mural is painted directly on the wall surface with a scene from each season depicted inside a painted wood “frame.”

“It has been fun to see the progress, from the taping of the frame to the finished product,” Ricci said. “It makes you appreciate the talents these students have.”

The Finlandia student artists are seniors Mary Jones-Gundersen (Hancock, MI), Yu Han (Michele) Liaw (Taiwan) and Carrice McKinstry (Denver, CO), and freshman Ben Mitchell (Kingsford, MI).



Left to right: Phillip Kukkonen; Paavo Nikula, Finland Chancellor of Justice; John Pessala; Miriam Shearing; and Dr. Sari Laitinen, U.S. Legal Counsel in Finland

Finnish and American Judges Share Cultures

Hon. Phillip Kukkonen, 97th District Court Chief Judge and Finlandia University criminal justice instructor, recently returned from a trip to Helsinki, Finland, organized by the Finnish-American Judges and Lawyers Association, an informal group of American lawyers and judges with Finnish ancestry. Hon. John Pessala, New York family court judge, and Hon. Miriam (Mattinen) Shearing, Senior Nevada Supreme Court Judge,

also participated in the May 7-10 cultural exchange.

The judges were welcomed at the highest level of the Finnish legal community. Activities included a tour of the Finland Supreme Court Building and lunch with the justices of the Court; a visit to and conversations with the Finland Ministry of Justice, the Chancellor of Justice and the City of Helsinki Mayor's office; a river boat harbor tour sponsored by two Helsinki

law firms, and a reception in their honor at the U.S. Embassy in Helsinki.

“I thought the visit was beneficial to both groups in that it gave us an opportunity to understand the Finnish legal system and they ours,” Kukkonen said. The judges also toured the University of Helsinki School of Law and presented a series of three lectures to about 100 students in an introductory course on United States law.



Finnish Student-Athletes Visit Campus

A group of high school-age basketball players from Tampere, Finland, visited campus June 19-21. The student-athletes bunked in the Finlandia Hall dormitory, toured campus and talked with university staff and faculty. The girls' and boys' teams each played a basketball game with local youth, toured the Keweenaw Peninsula and met many local Finnish-Americans. The 12-day cultural exchange trip, organized by the Marquette Magic Amateur Athletic Union Basketball Club, also included activities in Milwaukee, WI, Marquette, MI, Ripon, WI, and Chicago, IL.

The Finnish youth belong to Tampereen Pyrintö (TP), Tampere's largest sports club for youth 15 to 20 years old. Pyrintö youth clubs engage in orienteering, cross-country skiing, weight lifting, basketball and bowling.

An Intense Cross-Cultural Experience

At the invitation of the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT), and in cooperation with the Northern Great Lakes Synod (NGLS) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), six Finlandia University students, five NGLS youth, five adult chaperones and two children of one of the chaperones completed a service learning experience in Tanzania, East Africa, May 2-22, 2006. The trip was made possible through private donations, family support, student fund raising, NGLS scholarships and a youth leadership grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

For the six Finlandia students, the trip was the primary learning experience of "Service Learning in a Global Context" (REL/SOC 236), a Finlandia Servant Leadership Program course. The Servant Leadership Program aims to assist students in the development of their servant-leader identities and explore the theological, sociological and economic realities that inform faith and service. In five pre-trip seminars, students explored the culture, history and language of Tanzania, and examined their own cultural identity in preparation for the intense cross-cultural experience. In a sixth post-trip seminar, the participants gathered to reflect on their experiences in East Africa.

The group arrived in Tanzania on May 3 and spent their first three days on a safari camping trip to Lake Manyara and the Ngorongoro crater. The second week of the trip was spent in service to Kisarawe Lutheran Junior Seminary, a secondary-level boarding school of the ELCT Eastern & Coastal Diocese. At Kisarawe, about 20 miles from Dar es Salaam, the group helped renovate classrooms and paint classroom furniture. The NGLS has been involved in supporting the construction of a library and administration building at the junior seminary.

During their final week, the eighteen participants stayed with host families from the Temeke Congregation of the Eastern & Coastal Diocese and visited a number of organizations to learn about health, education, women's and children's issues and politics in Tanzania. The Temeke Congregation, in Dar es Salaam, has an established relationship with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Hancock. Some of the organizations they visited included:

- The Royal Norwegian Embassy where the Deputy Ambassador spoke about being a Christian in the diplomatic corps and explained some of the particular economic and social concerns in Tanzania.
- International Health Partners, a non-governmental non-profit organization, whose regional director reviewed their work assisting Tanzanian hospitals and clinics with supplies and personnel, and discussed the health realities in Tanzania, particularly HIV/AIDS.
- UVIKIUTA, a cooperative Christian youth community south of Dar es Salaam, where youth ages 11-30 operate a small farm that provides food for its community and produces several cash items including milk and flowers.
- An undertaking of the women of the Eastern & Coastal Diocese, SOWISE (Sayuni Orphans & Widows Services), that assists orphans and widowed women with school expenses and housing. SOWISE is in the process of building a center to permanently house the women and children.
- Tumaini University, Dar es Salaam College (TUDARCO), a university of the Eastern and Coastal Diocese offering degrees in business and law.
- The Mtoni Special School, a school for mentally disabled children operated by the Eastern and Coastal Diocese.

Left to right: Angela Harju (Grace Lutheran, South Range), Laura Theiler (Finlandia sophomore), Jacki Anderson (Gloria Dei, Hancock), Jennifer Kivela (Finlandia '06 grad), Kiersten Birondo (Gloria Dei) and Laura Peterson (Finlandia sophomore)

Tanzania, East Africa





Learning Appreciation

By René Johnson, Director of Servant Leadership

Clockwise, from upper left: Judith Budd, Finlandia professor, plants a tree at Temeke Congregation, Dar es Salaam; Sally Joachim (left) Good Shepherd, Houghton, and Lauren Roell, Finlandia junior, scrape classroom window security bars at Kisarawe Lutheran Jr. Seminary; Kiersten Birondo, Gloria Dei, Hancock, varnishing desk drawers at Kisarawe; Temeke Congregation children's choir drummers; the group has lunch in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area; Form IV (11th grade) students at Kisarawe; Laura Theiler (left) and Laura Peterson, both Finlandia sophomores, paint classroom chairs at Kisarawe



I think appreciation is a learned quality. For the group of 18 participants on the 2006 Tanzania Service Learning Experience there was ample opportunity to learn appreciation.

Our first days in Tanzania were spent on a 2-day safari. The drivers and cooks of the safari company showed us tireless attention, taking care of our needs and displaying enthusiasm for wildlife that they see all the time. Appreciation was the natural and only appropriate response to this warm Tanzanian hospitality in the midst of such a gorgeous display of God's creation.

But sometimes appreciation is more than being thankful – sometimes it comes from looking at a situation for meaning that goes beyond personal impact. Our second week was spent at Kisarawe Jr. Seminary, a secondary school outside of Dar es Salaam. Here we learned to appreciate the rains that made it nearly impossible for laundry to dry and rendered the paths muddy and the roads impassable. (The group walked the last mile to the school accompanied by some of the students who helped to carry the luggage.)

But these rains also filled the water catchments at a school that has been trying for two years to dig for potable water, only to find salty water below the surface. At Kisarawe we learned to appreciate the one electric sander and a few metal blades that were used to scrape the rusty old paint off the metal security bars on the windows. Even though the work was slow and frustrating those tools were evidently enough, confirmed by the admiration expressed as students peeked into a room with renewed security bars and newly painted walls.

Appreciation can also be learned by setting aside one's own perspective in order to see things from another's point of view. Our third week in Tanzania we were hosted by the Eastern and Coastal Diocese in Dar es

Salaam where we had a busy schedule visiting some of the church's projects. One such project is SOWISE (Sayuni Orphans & Widows Services), a community assistance program supporting the education of 100 orphans. They have come to the point where a center to house the women and children is needed.

The day we visited the group of women involved in the SOWISE project, they took us on a long bus ride to the edge of the city where they showed us the foundation for their future center. Most of us were unimpressed at the site, myself included, until I looked up from the foundation to the faces of the women behind this effort. It has taken four years and \$10,000 to produce a somewhat questionable foundation, and still these women are hopeful and committed to this project and what it can mean for so many women and children. I walked away from there appreciating a level of staying power and optimism to which I could never measure up.

Finally, one often has to step away from all that is familiar and taken for granted in order to appreciate those things. In reading some of the journal entries from the student participants, I saw a recurring theme of seeing the United States through new eyes. It will no longer be easy for these students to take clean running water, flush toilets or bountiful cupboards for granted.

It is important to note that I began these reflections by saying that appreciation is a quality rather than a skill. The greatest benefit to the participants of the Tanzania Service Learning Experience is that the lessons of appreciation gained from three weeks in Tanzania have the potential to shape the participants in such a way that they return as changed people, with a different quality to their way of being. A skill is something that you can choose to put to use when it is needed. A quality is something that describes the nature of a person – it is who they are, at all times. Thank you, Tanzania, for this very valuable lesson.

Donor Recognition

In the fall edition of *the Bridge*, we provide to you a listing of the names of people, organizations, churches, clubs and associations that have generously donated to Finlandia University/Suomi College. Some have pledged deferred giving or have named the University in their wills. Some have sent checks in memory of loved ones or to honor a special date, event or person. Others have made

donations out of a sense of loyalty – cherishing their time at Finlandia/Suomi. We are grateful for the thoughts and prayers of our friends and alumni, and for the education their support provides our students.

Many thanks to all who have supported Finlandia University/Suomi College this year and in years past.

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Juho Kustaa Nikander (1855–1919), born in Lammi, Finland, helped found Suomi College and served as president from 1896 to 1919. An ordained Lutheran pastor, Nikander traveled to the Copper Country from Finland in the fall of 1884 and continued his ministry, helping to advance local congregations. As a national leader of the Finnish and Finnish-American communities, he helped fight the discrimination many of the immigrants faced.

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Martti Nisonen (1891–1946) left Finland with his wife and four children and moved to Hancock in 1922 to become Suomi College's music instructor. He created a music program that attracted many Finnish-American musicians. A noted composer and arranger of cantatas, operas and several orchestral works, Nisonen is remembered as a tireless and dedicated instructor not only of music but also of cultural and moral development.

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Dr. John Wargelin (1881–1970) was president of Suomi College from 1919 to 1927 and 1930 to 1937. In 1896, at the age of 15, Wargelin enrolled in the College's first class and graduated in 1904. In 1906 he graduated from Suomi's former seminary. He served as a College trustee for 36 years. In 1966 the University's library and science building was officially named Wargelin Hall.

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Waino "Pop" Lehto came to Suomi College in 1912, graduating in 1918. From 1920 until 1962 he served as instructor and dean of the business, commerce, and liberal arts programs.

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"Benefits of accreditation include independent, outside assurance that

the Finlandia Nursing Program graduates nurses well prepared to provide quality nursing care to our community and beyond," explained Fredi deYampert, Finlandia nursing department chair.

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Duane Westfield today and in 1956

Grateful Alumnus Plans 2008 Reunion

Rev. Colonel Duane Westfield earned an associate degree from Suomi College in 1953, a B.A. from Augsburg College in 1955, and in 1958 graduated from Suomi Theological Seminary and was ordained into the former L.C.A. He holds a Master of Sacred Theology from Boston University and an M.S. in education from Long Island University, New York City.

Westfield will soon celebrate 50 years as an officer in the Army Reserve, 49 as a chaplain. He is also a pastor, retired college professor and counselor.

Westfield is organizing a June 2008 reunion for 1950s and 1960s alumni of Suomi College and the Suomi Theological Seminary. "As a grateful alumnus and former class officer, I feel the responsibility to hold a reunion of former students," he says.

Westfield hopes to reconnect classmates, reflect on Suomi memories, renew the Suomi spirit, reward achievements and re-commit to the university. "We will have times of devotion, times for reflection and fun, a memorial service for departed classmates, faculty, and friends, and special recognition for departed chaplains and their families," he explains.

"The person I am today," Westfield points out, "is the result of choices I have made and opportunities I have reached out for, all colored by the values of my family and the closeness and love of family and friends. These were encouraged and reinforced in an environment of rich academic and cultural experiences that for many years Suomi College has offered to all her students. I am blessed."

Westfield attended Suomi College for a variety of reasons. First, he says, it was to find a place for study, a place apart from the busy traffic of everyday life, yet not entirely detached from it.

Secondly, it was to satisfy the dreams and ambitions of his Finnish grandparents for their grandchildren to complete a college education and enrich their lives. "Grandpa Aho (Henry Aho of Brule, WI) was ecstatic when I chose Suomi," Westfield relates. "Both he and Grandma came with me to Suomi College when I registered. Years before, Grandpa Aho had worked at Quincy Mine in Hancock, and Grandma (Alexandra Laulaja) worked in a boarding house in Wakefield. It was like a homecoming for them."

Further, several friends who attended spoke positively about their experiences, and a pastor recommended it. Finally, it was the reputation of the Suomi Choir directed by Art Hill. Westfield sang in the choir when it made its East Coast tour in 1952, its West Coast tour in 1957, and its tour of Europe and Finland in 1963.

What Westfield remembers most about his years at Suomi is the quality of instruction. "I appreciated the closeness of faculty and students. One did not take a course *from* but a course *with* the better instructors," Westfield explains, "and students were always encouraged to participate in discussion."

Westfield was 1952 class president, president of the 1953 student council, an officer of the Lutheran Students' Association, and a participant in field and track events, holding a college record in the high jump. He was also active in drama, and was both editor and photographer for the yearbook.

Many of Westfield's seminary classmates share with him similar military service histories, he says. "When I think of my brother chaplains with Suomi connections—3 in seminary with me and two of our instructors—it adds up to almost 200 years of military service. That's a lot of wake-ups, c-rations, and, yes, deployments, for so small a group of soldiers," Westfield points out.

"All performed credibly and all received awards and decorations, including meritorious service medals and in some instances purple hearts. All were promoted to lieutenant colonel, full colonel or the equivalent," Westfield says. "What are the chances of that, when only 2% of any entering class of candidates has the prospect of attaining those grades? To me it speaks highly of the quality of instruction and guidance we received at Suomi."

In 1991, following his call-up to "Desert Storm," Westfield married Lo-an Nguyen. They reside in Salem, Massachusetts. He has four children, Lo-an has one, and between them they have 13 grandchildren. Westfield is serving his fifth term as president of the New England Chapter of the Military Chaplains Association. He and his wife support the hot lunch program of the schools of Karelia.

For all interested 1950s and 1960s alumni, the Suomi College and Seminary reunion will take place the final week of June 2008. "Start planning to attend," Westfield urges.

In 1991, newly appointed Suomi College President Dr. Robert Ubbelohde engaged both on-campus and off-campus stakeholders in a comprehensive strategic planning process to chart the future of the college. Friends, alumni, students, faculty and staff identified the institution's strengths, weaknesses and external threats. Based on the information gathered it was recommended to the Board of Trustees that Suomi College become a niche, baccalaureate degree-granting institution.

In 1996 Suomi College was accredited as a baccalaureate degree-granting institution of higher learning by the North Central Association and subsequently by additional state and national accrediting bodies. In the past 10 years, the college has successfully transformed itself from a struggling 2-year college to a growing 4-year baccalaureate institution, rapidly becoming a school of choice for many local students.

The decision in 1994 by the Finlandia Board of Trustees to reposition the college as a 4-year niche university has clearly succeeded in sustaining and growing the university's student base. Since 1996, student enrollment has grown 65.2% from 336 in fall 1995 to 555 in fall 2005, with yearly improvement in student retention rates.

Finlandia's International School of Business, established in 1996, offers students a variety of concentrations including accounting, marketing, international business and entrepreneurial studies. Practical internships with local business firms and partnerships with six Finnish polytechnic business schools prepare graduates for success in a demanding international economy.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing: A Better Prepared Nurse

A program of study at Finlandia University/Suomi College since 1983, the transition of the nursing program from a 2-year associate to a 4-year baccalaureate degree program, started in 2003, was completed with the graduation of the final ADN class in 2005. Approved by the Michigan State Board of Nursing, the first BSN class will graduate in 2007. The 4-year curriculum incorporates extensive clinical learning opportunities with multiple internship placements. Since 1983, the program has graduated 468 students with a nearly 100% job placement rate. In 2005, 62% (275 nurses) of the 442 nurses working in our 4-county service area were Finlandia/Suomi graduates.



1996-2006: A Decade of Remarkable Progress

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Art & Design:

A Business-based Design Curriculum

The Finnish model for sustainable economic development involves the cooperation of major economic and government sectors to bring about business generation and growth. In Finland, educational institutions play a central role in this process by delivering education that brings together theory, research and work-force training to encourage business development. Established in 1996, Finlandia's International School of Art & Design has adapted this proven Finnish model in an entrepreneurial, business-based art and design program educating students to fill a market niche created by small firms in need of design expertise, and teaching and fostering the business skills design students need to start their own businesses.

Business Administration:

International and Entrepreneurial

To respond to the needs of today's global business climate and to educate entrepreneurial business leaders for the local community,

Additional Bachelor of Arts Degree Programs

Through theory and practice, the Rural Human Services curriculum, established in 1999, prepares informed, compassionate and self-aware graduates for careers in the social services. Both established in 2000, the Liberal Studies degree takes the student on an in-depth academic journey into the arts and sciences disciplines, and the Arts, Culture & the Environment (ACE!) Program links the study of the liberal arts with the exploration of science and the environment to prepare graduates to compassionately and intelligently address today's environmental challenges. Elementary Teacher Education, offered beginning in 2001, prepares students for careers teaching grades K-8 with an intensive sequence of methodology classes and student teaching.

Additional Degree Programs

The university's associate degree programs continue to interest local students and meet the needs of our service area. Established in 1996, the accredited two-year Physical Therapist Assistant degree has been completed by 77 graduates, all of them currently employed as PTAs or pursuing further education.

NCAA Division III Athletics

Now a fourth year provisional member of Division III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Finlandia, like all NCAA Division III schools, places the utmost priority on the overall quality of the educational experience and the student's successful completion of academic programs. Athletic programs now in place are men's and women's basketball, soccer, ice hockey, cross country running and Nordic skiing; women's volleyball and softball and men's baseball.

BUILDING ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS

The Sulo and Aileen Maki Library, Mannerheim Hall

In 1996 renovations and expansion made possible by a \$1 million gift from Aileen Maki in memory of her husband Sulo doubled the size of Finlandia's library to 12,100 square feet. The welcoming space includes a large collection of periodicals, newspapers and professional journals, a continually refreshed collection of newly published books, 30 internet-accessible computer stations and shelf space for up to 65,000 volumes. Electronic collections include a number of periodical and reference

Renovations to Portage Campus were funded by grants from the Economic Development Association and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, matched by private donations, including a generous bequest from the estate of Finnish American Lily I. Jutila.

The Center for Global Design and Business

Located in the Portage Campus building, the Center for Global Design and Business (CGDB) was established in 1999 as the Business Innovation Center. The CGDB is specifically designed to foster entrepreneurial activity in the Copper Country by providing assistance and resources to emerging product design firms. A 2005 grant from the Coleman Foundation made it possible to add rapid prototyping services and support to the CGDB. The CGDB currently houses 13 start-up business tenants, several owned and operated by Finlandia art and design graduates.

Houghton County Ice Arena

In 2005, a 6,000 square foot wing added to the Houghton County Ice Arena in Hancock, MI, included dedicated locker room space for the Finlandia University men's and women's hockey programs. Funded by generous donations from local community members, the new locker



databases. Open to the public, more than 50,000 visits to the library were recorded in the 2004-05 academic year, a more than 500-percent increase over 1996-97.

Chapel of St. Matthew

Reaffirming the university's Lutheran roots, in 2000 Finlandia dedicated its first campus chapel. The two-story, 3,800 square foot chapel, located at the center of campus, is modeled after the simple churches built by early Finnish immigrants to the Copper Country. The chapel was funded in large part by grants from the Siebert Lutheran Foundation, donations from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland, and gifts from private individuals.

Portage Campus

Purchased from the City of Hancock in 2000 for one dollar, \$2.5 million renovations to four floors of the eight-floor former Portage View Hospital were completed in 2005. The new campus currently houses International School of Art & Design classrooms, studios and workshops and is home to the Center for Global Design and Business.

rooms and full service training facilities help Finlandia meet NCAA equitable space requirements and provide a more favorable collegiate athletics atmosphere for current and potential student-athletes.

North Wind Books

Gifted to the university in 1999 by Peter and Patricia Van Pelt, North Wind Books is much more than a traditional student bookstore. Open to the public, its inventory, unrivaled in the local area, includes collections of contemporary and classic literature, children's literature, and books about the people, culture and history of the upper Great Lakes region. In 2005, an addition to North Wind Books added much-needed dedicated space for textbook sales and storage.

Technology Upgrades

Major long-term technological upgrades in the past several years have fully networked all campus buildings, including the new Portage Campus, for high-speed data and voice communications. University students, faculty and staff are now fully "wired" through the installation of thousands of yards of exterior and interior multiple-strand fiber optic cables, allowing all to easily share resources and communicate quickly and efficiently.

Two years ago, Finlandia University faculty introduced Presenting Across the Curriculum (PAC), a cross-curricular initiative designed to prepare students for the demands of public speaking. Though oral presentations were already an important component of several programs, including nursing and physical therapist assistant (PTA), a more systematic approach to providing opportunities for students to publicly present their research had not been instituted until 2004. Now, Presenting Across the Curriculum is a standard approach.

"In today's workplace, even entry-level professionals are expected to present their work to colleagues, clients, and the larger community," said Suomi College of Arts and Sciences Dean Jeanne Rellahan. "The PAC program actively prepares Finlandia graduates to take the podium, lead a workgroup, present research, and even excel in the job interview process because of what they have mastered through PAC."

Academic programs that now participate in the PAC initiative include elementary education, nursing, PTA, liberal studies, criminal justice, human services, business, and art and design. "Since PAC, selected courses within these degree programs are specifically designed to include speech modules," explained Dr. Rellahan. "The PAC modules for each course are shaped to complement course expectations and take a variety of formats."

For example, human services students research and prepare informational posters relating to their field placements at various social service agencies within the region. The carefully researched posters are displayed in Maki Library, and the students are prepared to provide additional information to viewers. Poster sessions are a standard form of relaying information in many graduate programs that Finlandia students may eventually pursue, said Rellahan.

Maki Library staff contribute an essential component of the PAC initiative. Each semester head librarian Marjory Johnston and her staff conduct numerous in-class seminars to help students learn effective research techniques. They also individually assist many students as they conduct their research and prepare their PowerPoint slides.

"Our records indicate a notable increase in multi-media equipment use over last year," said Johnston. "During the last month of the spring semester, we were extremely busy scheduling, setting up and troubleshooting media equipment. We attribute much of this end-of-semester demand for equipment, especially digital projectors, laptops, and the camcorder, to the Presenting Across the Curriculum initiative."

PLS 221 - AMERICAN GOVERNMENT Public Speaking

In her American Government course, Dr. Rellahan assigns PAC projects that require teamwork, library research, and the advanced use of presentation software and graphics. In the spring 2006 section of the course, five teams investigated, prepared and delivered presentations exploring current news events.

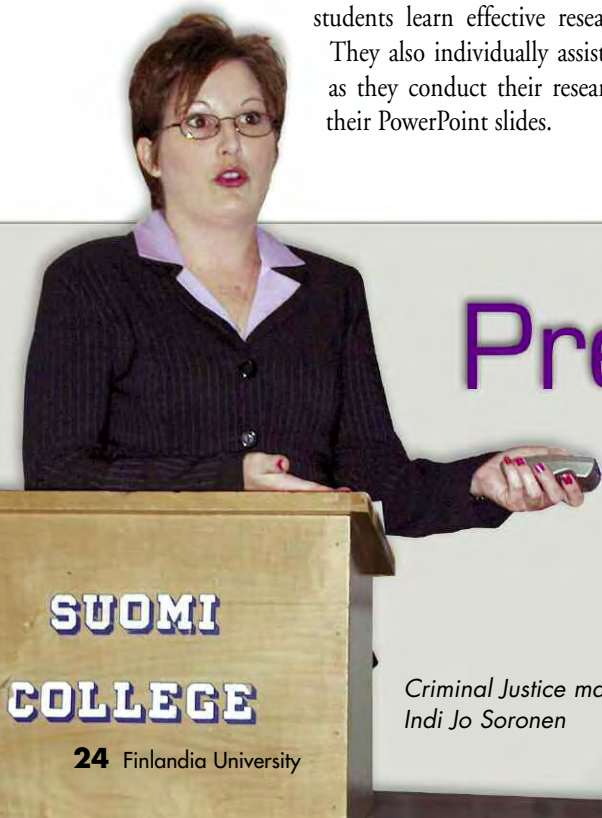
One team researched the delivery of social services to the citizens of New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. Their presentation investigated the breakdown of essential services as well as remedies employed to improve their delivery. The students who presented this topic were Travis Lloyd, Justin Nantelle, Alyssa Parker, Phillip Swartz and Indi Jo Soronen.

"Public speaking is never easy," said senior Dawn Weber. "Practicing the presentations and getting used to speaking in front of a group are very good ideas. The more practice you have, the better public speaker you will become."

A second team (James Ollila, Jeffrey Outinen, Marco Pardo and Nicole Rosga) examined the impact of lobbying gifts on congressional decision-making. Their multi-media presentation included an audio interview with Congressman Bart Stupak. The group also investigated the recent Jack Abramoff influence-peddling scandal and the implications the outcome of this investigation may have on the legislative process. The students cleverly conducted their own investigation of how a gift might influence decision-making by providing one-half of in-class student evaluators with a coupon for a free sub sandwich, while the other half got nothing. Perhaps not surprisingly, the "bribe" worked. The students who received free sub coupons rated the team higher than the students got nothing.

Presenting Across the Curriculum

*Criminal Justice major
Indi Jo Soronen*



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"Public speaking terrifies me but I realize how important it can be in the corporate work environment," said business administration senior James Ollila. "The more opportunities I have to experience speaking in front of groups, the more confident and at ease I become. I am very much in support of the Presenting Across the Curriculum initiative Finlandia University has adopted."

ENG 104 – COLLEGE ENGLISH II

A Debate

"How can we compare the loss of a few rights against the loss of thousands of lives?"

"You keep asking us to look at the big picture but isn't that just what George Orwell did in his book 1984 that criticizes a 'Big Brother' society?"

These are two of the arguments expressed in instructor Denise Heikinen's College English II class debate this spring semester as students argued both sides of the premise "that civil liberties can be suspended in times of terrorism."

For the debate, students presented well-researched appeals to logic by comparing the current Bush Administration's use of wiretapping with the Roosevelt Administration's order to confine Americans of Japanese descent and discussing the protections guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment.

The students also made emotional appeals, asking for example if we want terrorists walking down our streets or teaching our children, and whether giving up a few rights isn't the least we can do as citizens considering what our military people risk. One appeal noted that while some surveys indicate that 80% of Americans live in fear, knowing the government is investigating terrorism leads, albeit secretly, brings them a degree of comfort. Another debater countered this appeal by asking if today's conditions have the potential to cause the hysteria and paranoia of the Salem, Massachusetts, witchcraft trials as depicted in *The Crucible*, a play they had just read.

"The debaters exchanged many such arguments, but they were also good listeners and treated their opponents with respect,"

Heikinen said. "It proved to be a fine exercise in critical thinking and an effective learning experience in public speaking." Debate judges Rellahan and Heikinen declared the "negative" side the winner, but said it was a close call because both sides presented themselves so well.

The students had just one week in which to gather support to defend their assigned sides as well as prepare themselves to refute the other side's points and anticipate possible challenges. This effort called for a lot of behind-the-scenes teamwork that paid off the day of the debate. "Despite prepared notes and written reminders, debates are suspenseful and exciting due to the spontaneity and unexpectedness of oral speech and the uncertainty of the questions and challenges the students face," Heikinen said.

"Some may claim that debate values competition over cooperation and collaboration," said Heikinen. "But I view debate as an ongoing process of critique rather than an endgame that's over with the determination of a winner. Debates don't end critical thought but begin a continuing, informed exchange."



Business major
James Ollila



2006 Commencement

At the Finlandia University 109th annual Commencement exercises on Sunday, April 30, sixty-two students received graduation diplomas. Degrees conferred to the Class of 2006 include 16 Bachelor of Arts degrees, 15 Bachelor of Business Administration degrees, 7 Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees, 18 Associate in Applied Science degrees and 6 Associate in General Studies degrees.

Reflecting on Suomi College's Lutheran heritage, second Suomi College president John Wargelin wrote, "Youth must be taught to be servants to God no matter what vocation they may choose. This is the very rule that St. Peter lays down when he writes, 'As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same to one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.'"

Were this a rule for higher education, then the aim for students would be preparation for the art of living rather than preparation to make a living, added current Finlandia University president Dr. Robert Ubbelohde during Commencement ceremonies.

"I hope that John Wargelin would be proud of the fact that we have tried to live by that," Ubbelohde continued. "And if we've done anything for you as graduates, we hope we've taught you something about, or helped you understand, living well. We know in our

association with you, you have taught us something about living well. As you go out into the world, we hope you also remember that your call to serve is because there is much to be done. Learning goes on, it doesn't stop. We hope your life is full of learning, and that the learning serves you well. We thank you for having been part of our community, and hope you will feel still a part of us."

An Alumna Speaks: Diana Evans

Diana Evans is a December 2005 Finlandia University Bachelor of Business Administration graduate with a concentration in international business. Originally from Lake Linden, Michigan, since January 2006 she has been employed as a marketing/sales assistant by Ponsse North America in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Based in Finland, Ponsse is the world's third largest logging machine manufacturer. Following are some of her Commencement speech remarks.

"My experience here at Finlandia was nothing but exceptional. I was on the volleyball team for three years. I also helped with the Sibelius Academy performers that came from Finland. I had a great job at North Wind Books; I met Finland's current president, President Tarja Halonen; and I had the opportunity to study abroad in Finland. I was there for ten months and learned so much about different cultures and

met so many people from all over the world. Studying abroad was definitely an experience of a lifetime. One culture I grew to love besides the Finnish was the Japanese culture. My roommate was from Japan and she taught me many customs.

"All these learning experiences led me to my current position at Ponsse North America. Finlandia has prepared me well for this job, not only from what I learned in the classroom, but by the experiences. When I was a small child I was so shy I had to ask my sister to talk for me, and now I'm talking in front of all of you. I've come a long way since then and Finlandia helped me grow and develop into the person I am today. The biggest reason for this is the close relationships everyone develops with the faculty here, along with the fellow students.

"I know I haven't been in the work force for too long, but this is the message I'm trying to point out. Take every opportunity that you have the chance to take. Don't let it slip by thinking maybe you'll regret it in the future or wonder what would have happened if you had done that. Some of you may be thinking that it's too late because you are graduating, but opportunities will come your way.

"Oprah Winfrey says, 'My philosophy is that not only are you responsible for your life, but doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment.' Another quote that everybody should apply to life is by Abraham Lincoln: 'Determine the things that can and shall be done and then you shall find a way.' Good luck to you graduates and all your future endeavors. You should be proud of your accomplishments and being here today. Thank you."

A Graduate Speaks: Kasey Engman

Finlandia Class of 2006 valedictorian Kasey Engman of Dollar Bay, Michigan, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education. Following are condensed selections from her Commencement speech in which she compared the journey of life to the writing of a novel.

"Today we stand before family and friends completing yet another book, another story, in our lives. Though we may be unsure and anxious about what our future scripts hold, we can find satisfaction in knowing that we are the main characters – and everybody knows that main characters triumph in the end, right? We should be looking forward to continuing our plots, writing our sequence of events, our path in life. Yes, we have had and will continue to have pages we wish we could tear and burn. But without those challenging, 'heart-aching' times we wouldn't understand happiness. We must learn to appreciate those pages, the most difficult sentences, because they are what drive us to dream, motivate us to hope, and inspire us to find our passion.

"So many of us become lost, hit with writer's block or weighed down by useless run-on sentences. Our days become redundant and non-climactic. Try to remember that little girl or little boy you once were: cheery and excitable. As adults, we should never forget how easy it really is to be happy. We must never forget our true character, that little boy or little girl. They were the ones that dreamed our dreams, lived our wishes, and smiled our same smile. My little girl made her wish come true, and is still living her dream. Is yours?

"As our own authors, we can't be afraid to write. Life is a puzzle that cannot be solved. We'll need to optimistically accept both joy and pain and be thankful for the inspirational guide to never stop dreaming, wishing or hoping. We must not lose our excitement and we must always remember to add humor to our work. We'll need to look inside ourselves for our main characters and in doing so see that we already have more than we ever really wanted.

"My fellow graduates, I wish you all the luck. And when you have finished your novel, I hope you find yourself thankful to have written it, satisfied with your conclusions, and fortunate to have been given the chance because, unlike a book, there can be no going back. The end is your end. Make it memorable. Thank you Finlandia University. Congratulations Class of 2006!"



*Alumna Speaker
Diana Evans*



*Valedictorian
Kasey Engman*

2006 Honorary Doctoral Degree Recipients

Reverend Dr. David L. Tiede

For 18 years, from 1987 to 2005, Rev. Dr. David Tiede provided solid and passionate leadership to Luther Seminary as its president. Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, is the largest of eight seminaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Rev. Dr. Tiede is an outstanding teacher, theologian and biblical scholar, and the author of nine books and numerous articles, essays, reviews and scholarly chapters. He is currently the Bernhard M. Christensen Professor of Religion at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Rev. Dr. Tiede delivered the 2006 Baccalaureate sermon and also received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters for his leadership within the ELCA and the Lutheran church worldwide, his commitment to diversity and opportunity, and for his scholarship, leadership and caring.

"As one of many admirers of this institution throughout the educational systems of the church, I have been especially impressed and grateful in watching your remarkable progress during the last 15 years as you've been ably led by President Robert Ubbelohde," said Rev. Dr. Tiede. "This is such a remarkable place. There's really nothing else like this in the higher education system, not only within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, but anywhere."

"So now, graduates, what have you learned at Finlandia?" asked Rev. Dr. Tiede. "What lessons in greatness will you carry in your lifetimes into the world? Something commenced for you in this place long before

this Commencement. Finlandia welcomes you who came here into 'a learning community dedicated to academic excellence, spiritual growth and service.' University literature says this school seeks to provide you with the knowledge and skill to be successful in the 21st century. But here, the convictions about greatness or success are clearly embodied in an understanding of yourselves as a learning community. The educational philosophy is eloquently stated in one place where it says, 'the goal is not to teach, but to incite learning.'"

"Out you go from Finlandia, learners, disciples, agents, apostles," Dr. Tiede concluded. "You have only begun to learn the lessons of the more excellent way. It takes you a lifetime and then you realize you only got it partly right, if at all. Because God's love is working through you to serve, you don't need to perfect this all on your own. But you begin to need to learn and to grow in a greatness that's given. Remember the twelve gathered around Jesus, and one of them was a betrayer. And think about those sturdy old Finns who came before you to this place, this land. They wrote the book on persistence. You have been incited to learn the true greatness that changes the world in this place. So, get ready world, great blessings are coming, and there are 62 of them!"

Donald E. Wanhala. For over 40 years, until his retirement in 2005, Wanhala taught the physical sciences for Suomi College and Finlandia University. Former colleagues describe him as a talented and committed teacher and an active promoter of Finnish culture and language. He is especially remembered for the hands-on field trips that were a part of his classes, and the encouragement he gave to students to continue their study of science. Wanhala is a Suomi College alumnus ('59). He also completed B.S. and M.A. degrees at Northern Michigan University. "We honor Don for his lifelong devotion to learning and teaching, to his lifelong devotion to providing opportunities for students, and for caring about the environment," added President Ubbelohde.

John C. Hamar. A lifelong resident of the Copper Country, Hamar was elected to the Finlandia University Board of Trustees in 1984, and the university's Executive Committee in 1987. Hamar was president of Horner Flooring Co. of Dollar Bay, Michigan, from 1975 until his retirement in 1990. He is a member and past president of the Houghton Rotary Club, past president of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Council, past member and chairman of the board of Superior National Bank, and past member and campaign chairman of Copper Country United Way. Hamar earned a B.S. in economics from Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin, and served in the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps during the Korean War. "Today, we'd like to recognize John's entrepreneurial spirit and his dedication to education," said President Ubbelohde.



Rev. Dr. David Tiede (left) receives an honorary degree from President Ubbelohde.

Dr. Gloria Jackson has served on the Finlandia University Board of Trustees and Executive Committee for 20 years. She is current secretary and past board chairman. Dr. Jackson is an officer of CableAmerica Corporation of Phoenix, Arizona. She serves as an Honorable Consul of Finland and as chairman of the Consular Corps of Arizona. Dr. Jackson and her husband established the Bill and Gloria Jackson Family History Center at the Finnish American Heritage Center. In 2003, she was awarded an honorary doctoral degree by Finlandia University. Following are condensed excerpts from her 2006 Commencement address.

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, congratulations to the graduates on your achievements. You have acquired an asset here that no one can take from you. Not the piece of paper that you will receive saying that you have graduated from Finlandia, but the knowledge that you have stored in your random access memory over the last few years. Your professors have worked diligently with you to help prepare you for the journey following graduation. On this journey you will also arrive at junctions where decisions must be made regarding the path you will follow. Sometimes the decision you make may be very small, but it may affect the rest of your life.

"To begin, I would like to share with you my favorite Robert Frost poem, 'The Road Not Taken.' It is about life's journey. Dr. Scott Peck in his book *The Road Less Traveled* also addresses the same ideas: known versus unknown, and acts of conformity versus totally free choices. Life is relatively safe and secure when we make known choices or conform to what others expect of us. There is a much greater challenge and a great deal of risk when you pursue the unknown by making totally free choices independent of what those around you expect or think.

"Frost's poem reminds me of three things I keep in mind as I journey through life. Footprints in the sand of time are not made sitting down. Dare to be involved: involved with you children and their activities, your family and friends, your church, your community, your country, your political party, charities, your alumni association. To sit down and not be involved is a lot easier but a lot less rewarding. And you will not leave any footprints. Without involvement you will have no right to complain if things are not going the way you think they should be.

"The second thing I keep in mind is my version of, 'behind every cloud there is a silver lining.' I prefer thinking, when something bad happens to you, something good will come out of it. It may not be immediately, but eventually it will. In the midst of a crisis, it's hard to imagine that something good could come out of it. But if you hold onto that thought, it will help you get through.

"The third thing to keep in mind is to dream about the person you'd like to be is to waste the person you are. Be true to yourself. You are who you are. Don't try to be what someone else thinks you should be. You have your own unique strengths and talents. Capitalize on them and you will be sure to succeed.

"Once again, congratulations on reaching this milestone. When you walk out of here today you will no longer be students at Finlandia University; you will be alumni. Stay in touch with the university and keep the alumni association up to date on what is going on in your life. Finally, I wish you all the success in the world as you take the road less traveled by, which will make all the difference."



Commencement Speaker: Dr. Gloria Jackson

The Road Not Taken

By Robert Frost

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;*

*Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,*

*And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

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Class of '76

Monica Hill

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News: My beloved husband of 23 years, Duncan, passed away on January 4, 2006. He was diagnosed with cancer in 2003 and was ill when we had our Suomi reunion in July 2005 or he would have been there. To all of you who came to the reunion, you will never know what that weekend meant to me; to see all of you and remember when I was young and energetic. That energy came home with me and helped me deal with the sad months that came after. Please write to me and let me know how you are all doing.

MARRIAGES

Dawn Moore & Steven Sharp

Steven Sharp and Dawn Moore were married on May 20, 2006, in Newaygo, Michigan. The groom attended Suomi College in 1997-98 and is currently employed by Federal Mogul Corp.

OBITUARIES

Douglas G. Hiltunen

Douglas G. Hiltunen, 71, a resident of Dollar Bay, Michigan, died April 25, 2006, in Houghton, Michigan. He was born May 18, 1934, in Dollar Bay, a son of the late George W. and Mary J. (Hill) Hiltunen.

Douglas graduated in 1952 from Dollar Bay High School and attended Suomi College. On February 11, 1956, he married the former Donna Ann Butkovich. She preceded him in death.

In 1968, Douglas became a staff representative for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union, retiring in 1997. He was active in labor unions, community service and local government, and served as past president and secretary for a number of organizations.

In 1998, Douglas was inducted into the Upper Peninsula Labor Hall of Fame. His greatest passion in life was the love of his family.

Ronald A. Tollefson

Ronald A. Tollefson, 74, of Largo, Florida, passed away May 11, 2006, in Clearwater, Florida. He was born November 18, 1931, in Baraga, Michigan, a son of the late Alf and Elizabeth (Dahlstrom) Tollefson.

Ronald grew up in L'Anse, Michigan, and graduated from L'Anse High School. He earned an associate degree

from Suomi College.

Ronald was a sergeant in the U.S. Army, and then moved to Detroit, Michigan, where he worked for the railroad. He worked for the Detroit Free Press until his retirement. In 1995, he moved to Florida. Ronald was an avid sports fan and enjoyed crossword books and taking photographs.

J. Paula Ervin

J. Paula Ervin, 77, of Laurium, Michigan, passed away June 3, 2006, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Paula was born May 2, 1929, in Lansing, Michigan, the daughter of the late Lillian E. (Talvensaari) and John Merle Ervin.

Her family moved to Centennial Heights, Michigan, in 1931 where Paula attended District 2 schools and graduated from Calumet High School in 1947.

A Reunion in Japan

On May 28, more than 30 Finlandia University/Suomi College international alumni, four new students enrolling this fall, and Finlandia Dean of Enrollment Ben Larson gathered for a reunion.

The annual event was organized by Finlandia's Japanese admissions representative Mr. Hikaru Yamamoto and a group of alumni, and hosted by alumnus and entrepreneur Mr. Koki Kamada at his restaurant atop the Grand Hotel Kanachu in Hiratsuka, Japan. "The Suomi/Finlandia alums see themselves as a close knit "family" and are still concerned with taking care of each other," said Larson. "It was really overwhelming to see how much they still love their university."



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Paula attended Suomi College taking one year of commercial courses followed by two years in the music department as a voice major under Prof. Art Hill. Following Suomi, she attended the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in voice.

Paula taught in the Waukegan, Wisconsin District 60 schools for 23 years. Following retirement in 1988, she volunteered in the district for 10 additional years.

Paula moved to Laurium in 2004 and was happy and contented to be back home in the Copper Country. She was preceded in death by special companion George A. Sever.

Rev. John H. "Jack" Hill

The Rev. John H. "Jack" Hill, 81, of Sturgis, South Dakota, died April 14, 2006, in Fort Meade, South Dakota. He was born in Wakefield, Michigan, on June 6, 1924, the son of the late William A. and Viano K. (Syrjala) Hill.

Jack attended school in Wakefield, graduating from Wakefield High School in 1942. From 1943 to 1946, he served in the U. S. Army Signal Corps, with overseas duty in India. On April 25, 1952, he was married to

Carol Karjala of Waukegan, Illinois.

A graduate of Suomi Theological Seminary, Hancock, Michigan, he was ordained as pastor of the Lutheran Church, Suomi Synod, in 1951. Until his retirement in 1989, Jack served several ELCA congregations in Illinois, North Dakota and South Dakota.

The family prefers memorials to Finlandia University, Luther (Northwestern) Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, and the Piedmont Valley Lutheran Church, Piedmont, South Dakota.

Elsa J. Lystila

Elsa J. Lystila, 85, of Hancock, Michigan, passed away May 28, 2006. The former Elsa Jutila was born on January 16, 1921, in Hubbell, Michigan, a daughter of the late Michael and Alida (Anttila) Jutila.

Elsa attended the Hubbell Grade School and was a 1939 graduate of Lake Linden-Hubbell High School. In 1943, she graduated from the St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing, Hancock.

Elsa worked at the former Copper Country Tuberculosis Sanitarium in Hancock from 1943 until its closure in 1967. She was a nurse at Suomi College from 1967 until her retirement in 1971.

On September 11, 1948, she married Bernard Huss. He preceded her in death. She later married Reino Lystila on May 25, 1971, and he preceded her in death.

The family suggests memorials to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Hancock, Finlandia University's Nursing Program or Portage Pointe, Hancock.

Charles H. Gebhart

Charles H Gebhart, 89, passed away June 8, 2006, in Miami, Ohio. He was a cum laude graduate of Duquesne University and received a master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh. He was a certified public accountant.

Charles was a retired vice president of Mead Corporation. He served as national president of the Tax Executives Institute, and on the boards and committees of many business, professional and civic groups. He served in WWII for five years.

Charles served as a trustee for the Lutheran Church throughout his life. He was also a trustee for Lutheran Social Services and Suomi College. In 2000, he was awarded an honorary doctoral degree by Finlandia University. He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Lucille Gebhart.

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CALENDAR

FINLANDIA UNIVERSITY CALENDAR FOR 2006

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

AUGUST

- July 30th-August 5th Elderhostel: A Finnish American Experience (Session II)
1st-24th Art Exhibition: Frenchy's Sutra: Textiles by Jennifer Beckley (FAHC Gallery)

SEPTEMBER

- August 31st-September 28th Art Exhibition: Matti Koskela: Tiima (FAHC Gallery)
14th Nordic Film Series (FAHC Theatre)
29th-30th Finlandia University Board of Trustees Meeting

OCTOBER

- October 5th-November 2nd Art Exhibition: Weavings: Merging Tradition and Innovation (FAHC Gallery)
12th Nordic Film Series (FAHC Theatre)
19th-22nd Community Play Production: *Blood Wedding* directed by Melvin Kangas (FAHC Theatre)

NOVEMBER

- 9th Nordic Film Series (FAHC Theatre)

SPORTING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Cross Country Running

- 1st Northland College
9th University of Minnesota – Duluth
16th Concordia University – Wisconsin
30th Wisconsin Lutheran College

Men's Soccer

- 1st Northland College
3rd UW – Superior
10th Cardinal Stritch University
19th Northland College
23rd Robert Morris College (IL)

Women's Soccer

- 1st Mount Mary College Tournament
2nd Mount Mary College Tournament
3rd UW – Superior
6th Northern Michigan University
10th Cardinal Stritch University
15th Northland Baptist Bible College
23rd Robert Morris College (IL)

Women's Volleyball

- 1st UW – Stevens Point Tournament
2nd UW – Stevens Point Tournament
5th St. Norbert College Triangular
8th College of St. Catherine Tournament
9th College of St. Catherine Tournament

Women's Volleyball *Continued*

- 15th Finlandia Quadrangular
16th Finlandia Quadrangular
19th Northland College
29th Viterbo University Tournament
30th Viterbo University Tournament

OCTOBER

Cross Country Running

- 7th Ripon College
14th Northern Michigan University

Men's Soccer

- 10th UW – Superior
15th Carleton College
21st Rochester College
27th University of Dallas Tournament
28th University of Dallas Tournament

Women's Soccer

- 8th Mount Mary College
10th UW – Superior
15th Carleton College
17th Northland Baptist Bible College
21st Rochester College
27th University of Dallas Tournament
28th University of Dallas Tournament

Women's Volleyball

- 6th Pillsbury Baptist Bible College
7th Faith Baptist Bible College
10th Northland Baptist Bible College
13th Albion College
14th Cornerstone University Triangular
17th Northland Baptist Bible College
23rd UW – Superior
25th Northland College Triangular
27th Concordia University
28th Alverno College

Women's Hockey

- 28th Finlandia "Early Bird Tournament" (Flint, MI)
29th Finlandia "Early Bird Tournament" (Flint, MI)

NOVEMBER

Men's Soccer

- 4th DIII Independents Championship
5th DIII Independents Championship

Women's Soccer

- 4th DIII Independents Championship
5th DIII Independents Championship

Women's Volleyball

- 3rd DIII Independents Championship
4th DIII Independents Championship

Men's Hockey

- 4th Toronto Rattlers (Exhibition)
11th Marian College
12th Marian College
17th Northland College
18th Northland College
24th College Showcase
25th College Showcase

Women's Hockey

- 4th College of Saint Catherine
5th College of Saint Catherine
10th Concordia University – Moorhead
11th Concordia University – Moorhead
18th Lake Forest College
19th Lake Forest College

Men's Basketball

- 11th Sault College (Exhibition)
17th College of St. Scholastica
18th UW – Superior
21st Lake Superior State University
28th Northland College

Women's Basketball

- 17th Silver Lake College Tournament
18th Silver Lake College Tournament
22nd Carroll College
29th Northland College

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Finland: Modern Architectures in History, by Roger Connah

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Eero Saarinen: An Architecture of Multiplicity, by Antonio Román

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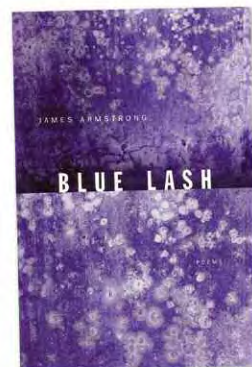
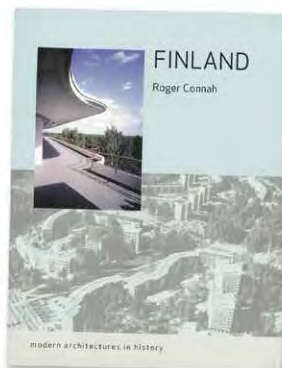
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