Filling a void

College seeks funding for endowed professorship

BY ANGIE ROBERTS

As a family and consumer sciences educator, Peggy Wild knows the value of instructing youngsters in such topics as family relationships, life skills, financial responsibility, and personal well-being. But as an Indiana Department of Education employee, Wild also sees firsthand how critical the need is for more family and consumer sciences teachers in middle and high schools around the state.

“We’ve been in a teacher shortage for at least eight to 10 years,” says Wild, state specialist in family and consumer sciences and workplace specialist programs at IDOE. “We could use probably 70-80 new teachers every year. We figure about 15 percent a year would be looking at retirement, but there just aren’t really enough people coming down the pipeline to fill all the vacancies.”

That’s why Wild enthusiastically supports an initiative by Purdue University to create an endowed named professorship in family and consumer sciences education. The position, which will be housed in the Department of Child Development and Family Studies, should help draw more family and consumer sciences students to the University, ultimately helping to fill some of the void.

“Simply expanding the capacity for Purdue to offer courses in family and consumer sciences education is an important aspect of adding a position, but the endowed position also will enable that person to focus on developing the graduate program and the research component of family and consumer sciences education,” Wild says.

Current budgetary constraints prohibit the university from supporting the professorship out of the general fund. An endowment from private donations will help to finance the position for perpetuity. A donor or group of donors who contribute a total of $1 million to the fund will receive naming rights. Donors can give cash, deferred gifts, or stock transfers, as long as all the money is contributed within five years and designated specifically for the professorship.

Purdue boasts a long history of family and consumer science education, rooted
Student profile: 2009 Outstanding Senior
Leslie Henderson

Those who know Leslie Henderson as a student and as a student teacher agree — her potential for success as a family and consumer sciences educator is excellent.

This spring, Henderson spent her last semester at Purdue student teaching at a Lafayette-area middle school and high school, balancing full-time teaching responsibilities with those of a student.

“I want to be a family and consumer sciences teacher because I love the content area,” says Henderson, who is fulfilling her wish to teach middle or high school students in northwest Indiana by starting this fall as a family and consumer sciences teacher at the high school in Crown Point, Indiana. “I love being able to teach students something they will be able to use for the rest of their lives.”

Henderson, from Schererville, Indiana, is an active member of the Purdue chapter of the Indiana Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (INAFCS), serving as the organization’s treasurer the past two years.

As an INAFCS member, Henderson has presented at the district and state levels. At a state roundtable presentation, she and two other students shared their involvement in a service-learning project and showed how teachers could use service learning in their classrooms. At the state INAFCS conference, she gave a highly rated presentation on incorporating technology in the classroom to more than 50 professionals.

“Teaching is important to me because there are skills students need to learn in order to become productive members of society, and I believe that family and consumer sciences provides students with these skills,” says Henderson.

An excellent student, Henderson is a member of Kappa Delta Pi education honorary. In October 2006, she traveled to Mississippi as part of a relief team to assist Hurricane Katrina victims.

Endowed professorship
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in home economics courses that began during the 19th century. Susan Smith, director of development for the College of Consumer and Family Sciences, notes that the new position will help strengthen those roots.

“This professorship is a demonstration of the college’s commitment to keeping that particular aspect of consumer and family sciences alive and well and thriving at a time when other universities are strapped for resources and may be considering eliminating their family and consumer sciences education programs,” she says. “A Purdue home economics alumna and her husband have expressed interest in making a significant gift in 2010 to support this endeavor. However, additional donors are needed in order for the endowment to be established.”

For more information about making a gift, contact the CFS Development Office at (765) 494-7890, (800) 535-7303, or cfsalums@purdue.edu.
From 4-H projects to county fair pageants, Larissa Staley is accustomed to being in the local spotlight. Now, Staley, a family and consumer sciences education senior, has taken to the national stage as student unit chair of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

In her capacity, Staley represents undergraduate and graduate student members on the board of directors. During meetings around the country, she’ll help influence public policy and plan educational programs, such as student sessions at the AAFCS’s annual conference next June in Cleveland, Ohio.

“I want to be a family and consumer sciences education teacher,” says Staley, a former Clay County Fair queen. “By becoming really involved at a national level early on, I can build a great network of people while gaining fresh ideas.”

A 10-year Outstanding 4-H Award recipient, Staley completed more than 100 fair projects over the years in such categories as crops, recycling, consumer clothing, and weather. Then, while taking classes such as textiles and apparel, nutrition and wellness, and interpersonal communication, she joined the Clay City Junior-Senior High School chapter of the Family Career Community Leaders of America and eventually served as the president for the state of Indiana.

Once at Purdue, Staley became involved with the student chapter of AAFCS, volunteering at a local crisis pregnancy center and stuffing Thanksgiving baskets for needy families. She also became an ambassador for the College of Consumer and Family Sciences, representing CFS at recruitment and alumni events.

Next spring, she will parlay those experiences into a student teacher position.

“It’s pretty nerve-racking, but I’m looking forward to it,” Staley says.

She is counting on her many experiences in the spotlight and her ability to connect with people to make it another success.

**Centennial Celebration salutes AAFCS**

*By Joyce Beery Miles, BS ’65*

In late June, more than 1,000 members, students, speakers, friends and corporate executives arrived in Knoxville, Tennessee, to celebrate the 100 years of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. At its founding in 1909, it was called the American Home Economics Association.

Today, the organization has 6,000 members including professionals who practice in education, extension, research, higher education, human services and community outreach.

For the Centennial Celebration, attendees came from six foreign countries. A number were presenters in educational sessions.

Purdue Family and Consumer Sciences Education’s own Larissa Staley was elected chair of the Student Unit after a year as chair-elect. Her captivating smile and generous spirit made all CFS alums proud to count her as a Boilermaker. Alumna Joyce Beery Miles (HE ’65) was visible throughout the celebrations portraying organization founder Ellen Swallow Richards at various venues, including the Centennial Celebration event, “Light for a New Century.”

Purdue CFS enjoyed hosting a Reunion Table, along with other universities, on Saturday before the grand celebrations. Those attending enjoyed hearing the latest updates from the campus and for CFS in particular.

The College of Consumer and Family Sciences hosted Knoxville-area CFS alumni and conference attendees for a fabulous evening meal at the local Butcher Shop Steakhouse.

The Centennial Celebrations will continue throughout this year across the United States in various state meetings. In 2010, the organization looks forward to planning, living and working in the second century of our profession.
Class Notes

1940
Julia Gray (Irwin) Fairburn, BS ’42, Rockford, Illinois, retired in 1984 after 30 years of teaching — three in home ec and the rest in grade four.

Robert E. Teter, BS ’41, Carmel, Indiana, recently retired after 34 years of teaching in the Appleton area. She is enjoying family, travel, and church and club activities. She has retired from teaching FCS at Pike High School 21 years ago. She is 87, living in a retirement home, and still loving Appleton after 57 years. Her school, Madison Middle School, has given the Roberta G. Sprawl Spirit Award to the top eighth-grade boy and girl for 27 years. She loves every minute at Purdue. She notes that she knew Mary Louise Foster at Purdue and was glad to see news of her accomplishments in the Spring 2009 issue.

Betty Jane (Ribordy) Clayton, BS ’44, LaPorte, Indiana, is retired and enjoying her local home ec club and her grandchildren.

Anna L. (Teter) Loomis, BS ’44, has retired from 30 years of teaching FCS at Pike High School in Indianapolis and 23 years in residential real estate sales in Carmel. She is enjoying family, traveling, and church and community activities. She recently became a great-grandparent. The child’s mother is a veterinarian in Littleton, Colorado, and the grandmother, Elaine Teter Galvin, is a 1969 Purdue graduate.

Marjorie (Everett) Boyden, BS ’48, lives in Hobart, Indiana.

1950
Erma Fern (Radcliff) King, BS ’50, retired in 1991 having taught for 16 years.

Marilyn (Richardson) Moore, BS ’54 MS ’61, Three Rivers, Michigan, is volunteer director of WOW, an after-school program for inner-city children in downtown Elkhart, Indiana. The program has 175 multiethnic children enrolled.

1960
Joanne (Sweat) Crussel, BS ’61, Lafayette, Indiana, is a homemaker who successfully survived farm life and raised two sons, who are now successful in their business, live and families. She has been active in community, church, Indy Decorative Artists, and short-term “special projects” employment. She considers her Purdue education and training “a blessing in all of the above!”

Diana Elaine (Snoke) Thompson, BS ’65 MS ’69, St. Louis, Missouri, has one daughter who graduated from Purdue (ChemE ’96) and three grandchildren. She is a retired home ec teacher, and she worked for May Co.’s legal department after law school.

1970
Mary Sue (Davis) Burkhardt, BS ’71, MS ’74, CFCS, Monticello, Indiana, is an educator at Twin Lakes High School. She was named Indiana Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year in 2009. Also she published the second edition of her book “Developing Career & Living Skills.”

Marie (Dixon) Heltzel, BS ’71, Keystone Heights, Florida, is site manager for the Clay County Council on Aging. She retired from teaching in 2000 and took her current job in 2002.

Theresa (Dunwoody) Arnold, BS ’74 MS ’75, Indianapolis, is a FACS teacher at Day Adult High School in the Indianapolis Public Schools. She retired in 2009 from full-time teaching after 34 years in IPS teaching child development to pregnant and parenting teens. She plans to continue teaching textiles there part time.

Barbara (Dilley) Hanauer, BS ’75, Bloomfield, Indiana, is a volunteer cross-country and track coach for the Bloomfield school district. She is a homemaker, a cookie maker (10,000 a year), and a race walker with many trophies who has been beaten only four times in 12 years in her age division.

Susan P. Jerrell, BS ’74 MS ’75, Bloomfield, Indiana, is a volunteer cross-country and track coach for the Bloomfield school district. She is a homemaker, a cookie maker (10,000 a year), and a race walker with many trophies who has been beaten only four times in 12 years in her age division.

1980
Amy Sue (Marsh) Rice, BS ’86, Mishawaka, Indiana, has taught at Penn High School since 1986. In addition, she and her husband opened a Beef ’O’Brady’s Family Sports Pub in December 2006. They are partners with Dave and Linda Risner and Mark Canarecci.

Cindy Peterson-Reinke, BS ’87, Flora, Indiana, is the owner of Porcupine Truffle, a bakery/coffee shop. She has taught 11 years at Carroll Jr./Sr. High School and wanted a change. At the shop, she says, “I can incorporate my love for teens with my passion for baking and cake decorating.”

**Post-baccalaureate licensure** is for those who already hold a bachelor’s degree in a related field. For more information on “post-bacc” licensure in family and consumer sciences, contact Corinne Zuege at (765) 494-7292 or czuege@purdue.edu. Those who meet content, GPA, and work experience requirements may qualify for the Transition to Teaching program. Details are available at [http://www.teach.purdue.edu/programs/ttt.html](http://www.teach.purdue.edu/programs/ttt.html).

2009 Events of Interest

**September 23-24, 2009**
INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Adam’s Mark Hotel, Indianapolis
[www.inafcs.org](http://www.inafcs.org)

**September 24-25, 2009**
INDIANA ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Adam’s Mark Hotel, Indianapolis
[www.doe.in.gov/octe/facs/iactehome.html](http://www.doe.in.gov/octe/facs/iactehome.html)

**September 25, 2009**
COLLEGE OF CONSUMER AND FAMILY SCIENCES DEAN’S CLUB LUNCHEON (by invitation only)
John Purdue Room, Stone Hall, Purdue University
[www.cfs.purdue.edu/news/events/deans_weekend.html](http://www.cfs.purdue.edu/news/events/deans_weekend.html)

**October 2-3, 2009**
FESTIVE FRIDAY AND HOMECOMING, COLLEGE OF CONSUMER AND FAMILY SCIENCES
[www.cfs.purdue.edu/news/events/homecoming.html](http://www.cfs.purdue.edu/news/events/homecoming.html)

**November 16, 2009**
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