If you’re not familiar with the terms “translational science” or “translational research,” don’t worry. Chances are that you’ll be hearing much more about this in the coming months. But what is it? Simply put, it’s the process by which life science discoveries in the laboratory are transformed into new medical treatments and products — a process that can take many years.

The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) is a new initiative to improve this process. It is funded by a five-year, $25 million award from the National Institutes of Health (with matching funds from the state) to the Indiana University (IU) School of Medicine and collaborators from Purdue, IU, and community/business partners.

Leading the Purdue effort is Connie Weaver, distinguished professor and head, Department of Foods and Nutrition. She is deputy director of CTSI at Purdue.

“Having a CTSI will greatly accelerate research that helps people,” Weaver says. “The involvement of Consumer and Family Sciences faculty means that prevention research will be a focus, in contrast to other CTSIs around the country that do not partner with land-grant universities.”

The heart of the CTSI process will be project development teams, composed of researchers with a broad range of relevant backgrounds. The teams will meet regularly to hear proposals from scientists, assigning project managers to help move discoveries through the additional research and testing steps necessary to produce new medicines and treatment and prevention practices.
Purdue University’s new strategic plan is aptly titled “New Synergies,” and the college is modeling its own strategic plan to support Purdue’s goals of launching tomorrow’s leaders, promoting discovery with delivery, and meeting global challenges.

As you read in the cover story, Connie Weaver and her department are leading Purdue’s effort in the new Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute. This is a significant role for our college, and we are well-suited for it. Our foods and nutrition research is focused around prevention, and through Extension, we have a conduit between CTSI and communities across the state of Indiana.

We continue to deliver on our discovery mission. Not only is Foods and Nutrition leading efforts in the Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute, but Child Development and Family Studies continues to grow the Military Family Research Institute, meeting a critical need to support our troops and their families through research, education, and engagement programs. CFS faculty are engaged in research across the University, bringing their expertise to several interdisciplinary centers such as the Center for Aging and the Life Course, Oncological Sciences Center, and the Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering.

The research activity is especially impressive when you consider that our college also ranks very high in the number of credit hours taught per full-time faculty member. Our enrollment held steady this year with around 1,940 undergraduates and 185 graduate students. The freshman class is impressive — 47 are in the CFS Honors Program, and we’ve expanded the freshman Honors seminar to two sections.

At freshman orientation this fall, I asked how many wanted to study abroad while at Purdue. For every 10 students, eight or nine raised their hands. I would love to see every student in our college have that opportunity. Last year, 155 students studied abroad, and we continue to develop new programs and build upon existing ones to increase participation. All departments now offer study abroad tours led by CFS faculty, which provide an excellent opportunity for students to learn more about their chosen field within a global context. A generous gift from John and Emma Tse of West Lafayette to fund scholarships for study abroad students, will now make it possible for even more students to have an international experience. You can read more about their gift on page 14.

Preparing students to live, work, and contribute in a global economy is just one of the grand challenges we face today. With our applied research focus and ability for outreach, the college is well-positioned to address other societal challenges involving aging, early childhood education, diet and health, and financial security.

Hail Purdue!

DEAN SAVAIANO
Dean
Additionally, by finding ways to work more effectively and efficiently, laboratories at Purdue and IU will be more competitive for major research awards in the future.

NIH officials say Indiana CTSI is one of the most broadly collaborative of the more than two dozen such programs it has funded to date. Community partners include Clarion Health, Eli Lilly and Co., BioCrossroads, Cook Group, Roche, Wellpoint, the Indiana Economic Development Corp., the Indiana Department of Health, and the Marion County Health Department.

“This unique structure means Purdue and IU researchers can address the human health needs of the entire state, especially those in our more rural communities,” says Purdue President France A. Córdova.

A unique aspect of Indiana CTSI is that the Purdue program will connect the new institute with Purdue’s statewide Extension educators. Carol Boushey, associate professor of foods and nutrition, will serve as a liaison between CTSI and county Extension educators across the state.

“Carol’s work will be especially important in ensuring that we address the health issues of Indiana,” Weaver says. “This is where access meets impact.”

Boushey will communicate with county Extension leaders to identify the major community health issues in their areas and report her findings to the institute. Those findings will help researchers conduct community-based interventions and study the effects on the population. Similarly, when public health discoveries are made, Boushey will take the information back to the counties.

In addition to its work in Indiana’s 92 counties, Purdue will handle the nutrition and diet planning for clinical studies under the new partnership. Other Foods and Nutrition faculty involved in Indiana CTSI are: Jon Story, graduate student fellowship program; Wayne Campbell, Purdue clinical laboratories; Rick Mattes, bioethics; and Dorothy Teegarden, translational resources.

The Indiana CTSI builds on investments in research and technology transfer made by Purdue and IU, particularly since 2000. For example, the Indiana General Assembly has provided financial support for necessary new research, and in 2007, granted $20 million for new research initiatives at Purdue and IU. Purdue’s Discovery Park, established in 2001, involves more than 1,000 scientists from every academic unit at Purdue.

Discovery Park funded faculty in the Department of Foods and Nutrition to develop the capacity to measure the various forms of vitamin D in foods and biological samples. This capacity will enable scientists in the CTSI to study the relation of this vitamin to health and disease.

“The main focus of Purdue’s Discovery Park is bringing people together to solve large-scale problems and then moving the solutions into the marketplace more quickly,” says Alan Rebar, senior associate vice president for research at Purdue and executive director of Discovery Park. “The CTSI will allow us to accelerate those efforts into more areas of human health.”

Because CTSI’s activities will reach out to scientists, healthcare providers, businesses, and communities statewide, CTSI officials have created an Internet-based home for the initiative, the CTSI HUB. It gives Hoosier investigators access to a rich database of scientific resources available in Indiana and will help them more easily communicate, collaborate, and track their progress.

“The health issues in this country are larger than any one entity can handle,” says CFS Dean Dennis Savaiano. “The science behind the solutions is complex, and we must use our resources wisely. Focusing on improving the efficiency of translational research and cultivating partnerships with like-minded community and business partners across the state is the right move.”

For more information on the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute, visit www.indianactsi.org.
Over the summer, 37 college juniors and seniors from underrepresented social and economic backgrounds had a chance to take part in intensive research with faculty mentors as part of Purdue's Summer Research Opportunity Program. Three of those students participated in projects in the College of Consumer and Family Sciences.

Sandy Liang, who graduated with a degree in psychology from Denison University, participated in the program in summer 2007 and 2008. She began as a graduate student this fall in the Department of Child Development and Family Studies and says her involvement in the program solidified her decision regarding graduate school and her research interests.

“The program really helps scholars understand what it’s like to be in academia — the pros, cons, everything,” she says. “I wanted to get a better idea of what a research career would be like, and I was excited to have the opportunity to work with a faculty member who had similar interests.”

Working under the direction of Jennifer Dobbs, assistant professor in Child Development and Family Studies, Liang’s project involved completing the first stages of preparation for her master’s thesis. She is studying dialogic reading and the various training approaches that have been used in the past. Throughout this year, she and Dobbs will be designing a train-the-trainer session to teach dialogic reading to Extension educators throughout Indiana.

Dobbs also advised Charisse Motley, an early childhood education major from North Carolina A&T State University. She analyzed data from Dobbs’ Ready to Read project — a study involving community volunteers reading with preschool children. Motley looked at the connection between family environment, children’s language development, and parental expectations.

“I tried to give my students a variety of experiences so that they could see different aspects of graduate student and university life,” Dobbs says. “Students learn about the ways in which graduate school is different from college, including the increased freedom and responsibility. They learn what it’s like to work on an ongoing research project and to collaborate as part of a research team.”

Richard Feinberg, a professor in the Department of Consumer Sciences and Retailing, also served as an advisor. He worked with Amanda McWilliams, an apparel, textiles, and merchandising student from Mississippi State University. Her research project involved call centers and looking at the importance of first call resolution.

At the end of the program, each student prepared an abstract summarizing their research, presented an oral report, and participated in a poster session. They also attended a conference at Michigan State University.

“I think this program is of enormous benefit to undergraduate students considering graduate school,” Dobbs says. “The information and skills they learn are extremely important, but perhaps even more critical is that they get to try out the graduate school experience and build their confidence about becoming a graduate student.”

For more information on the Summer Research Opportunity Program, contact the Purdue Graduate School at gradinfo@purdue.edu or (765) 494-0245.
A prenatal educational and resource program in Franklin, Indiana, is the winner of the seventh annual Inspiring Families and Building Communities Award, sponsored by the College of Consumer and Family Sciences. The award honors organizations that have a direct impact on the community and improve the lives of families.

The winner, The Partnership for Healthier Johnson County’s Ready or Not, Here I Come! program, received a $1,500 cash award. The Starke County Youth Club Inc. in Knox, Indiana, was a finalist and received $500.

The Ready or Not, Here I Come! program targets teenage, uninsured, or underinsured women in their first trimester of pregnancy and seeks to increase the likelihood of a healthy pregnancy. Ninety-four women and their families, more than 200 participants, attended the Ready or Not, Here I Come! program in 2007.

The Starke County Youth Club Inc. addresses the needs of the community’s children, many who live in poverty. The club’s after-school program offers hands-on centers to improve math, science, and literacy skills and provides homework assistance and one-on-one tutoring. Since the program’s inception in 2005–06, the county’s three school districts have reported an absenteeism rate of less than 6 percent and improved ISTEP scores.

Chuck Calahan, assistant clinical professor in Child Development and Family Studies, receives the college’s Foster Award from CFS Dean Dennis Savaiano. The award recognizes a faculty or staff member’s service to CFS programs and activities that benefit students, families, alumni, friends, and the community. A member of the faculty since 2000, Calahan serves as the faculty advisor for the Purdue chapter of College Mentors for Kids and regularly attends student and alumni events hosted by the college.
Alumni Invited to Travel with Students

Alumni and friends are invited to travel with CFS study abroad groups throughout the next year. These international experiences provide a wonderful opportunity for alumni to learn alongside current CFS students.

“This concept is growing in popularity,” says Wendi Ailor, director of alumni relations and special events. “It’s a great opportunity for alumni to see the world and connect with the college and our students at the same time.”

If you’re interested and would like more information, visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/alum_travel or contact Ailor at (800) 535-7303, (765) 494-7890, or cfsalums@purdue.edu. Spaces for alumni are limited, so make your reservation soon!

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College Supports Green Week Efforts

The college took part in Purdue’s first-ever Green Week celebration, held September 15–19 to raise environmental awareness on campus and in the community. Each day of the week focused on a different aspect of sustainability such as reducing, reusing, and recycling; energy; and water.

In Stone Hall, visitors to the HTM Café were encouraged to use fewer napkins, take-out containers, and Styrofoam cups. Faculty and staff were asked to turn off their office lights and computer monitors while away from their desks. The CFS Web site offered “50 Ways to Go Green” and gave visitors the opportunity to share their own ideas and a chance to win a reusable tote bag with the CFS logo.

“There’s a new color on campus,” says Denise Buhrmester, CFS director of external relations. “It’s not just black and gold anymore… it’s black and gold and green!”

Buhrmester headed up the college’s Green Week initiatives and says 100 reusable tote bags were given away to CFS faculty, staff, and students who submitted tips on going green.

“Sustainability can be overwhelming to think about, especially in terms of what a single person can do to make a difference,” she says. “But just encouraging conversation is a great start. Pretty soon, people begin thinking about the small changes they can make — and there are so many little things we can do every day to reduce, reuse, and recycle.”

To see how you can go green, visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/green.
Third-graders across Indiana are having fun creating their own fruit and vegetable gardens — and learning a thing or two about healthy eating along the way.

Eat Your Way to Better Health is a comprehensive statewide program developed by CFS Extension in partnership with the Indiana State Department of Health. This fall, schools in 22 counties are participating.

“For the students, parents, and teachers involved in the program, our goals are to increase fruit and vegetable consumption and introduce or improve gardening skills,” says Laura Palmer, a nutrition specialist with CFS Extension. “The school gardens activity is combined with a nutrition curriculum to help students learn proper nutrition at a young age as well as science, horticulture, and environmental awareness.”

Extension educators spent the summer working with local schools to create garden plots so that when students returned in August, they could plant gardens with fall crops. Using the Jr. Master Gardener® “Health and Nutrition from the Garden” curriculum, Extension educators are visiting classrooms to teach students how to grow fruits and vegetables and are sharing information on health, nutrition, and food safety.

“By letting the students plant and care for the gardens they’re not only learning valuable skills, but they’re also taking ownership of the project and getting excited about healthy eating,” Palmer says.

In addition to the curriculum and garden activities, students participate in taste tests of multiple varieties of various fruits and vegetables. One of the taste tests is called ‘Apple Surprise.’

“The kids were able to sample and evaluate different apple varieties,” Palmer says, “some of which they may not have ever had the chance to try before.”

In addition, Eat Your Way to Better Health provided funds for three Indiana elementary schools to create salad bars. Extension educators in these schools are also working with foodservice directors to provide students with fresh produce at mealtimes and educational materials for students to share with their families.

“As the program grows, we hope more schools and classrooms get involved,” she says.

Outside of the classroom, Eat Your Way to Better Health seasonal publications are being distributed at farmers’ markets statewide to give consumers ideas on different ways to prepare the produce they purchase.

For more information on Eat Your Way to Better Health, contact Laura Palmer at lpalmer@purdue.edu or (765) 414-7493.
Sugato Chakravarty was named head of the Department of Consumer Sciences and Retailing after serving as interim head for a year. “I am excited at the opportunity to lead CSR at such a critical time in its existence,” he says. “The stakes are high as is the potential reward for success in propelling the department to preeminence.”

“We are an interdisciplinary area that addresses issues that affect the consumer at ground zero — families filing bankruptcies, Lehman Brothers’ declaring bankruptcy, governmental bailout of AIG, escalating credit card debt, the sub-prime mortgage mess, the uncertain future of social security, retail store closings… the list goes on,” he says. “These are all areas in which CSR can leave large footprints. My goal is to foster and nurture partnerships that help society to better understand and weather these crises.”

A member of the Purdue faculty since 1993, he has earned numerous awards for his research involving investments; market microstructure; international, small business, and corporate finance; and family economics related to investments and retirement. He has consulted for the World Bank and serves as associate editor of the Journal of Financial Markets. Passionate about investor education, Chakravarty developed an undergraduate course in personal finance that is one of the most popular electives at Purdue today.

He is looking forward to creating research partnerships with other departments across campus as well as new corporate partnerships to facilitate student internships and job placements.

In his spare time, he spends time in the kitchen, outside with his dogs, and with his fiancé, Ajita Narayan, who is an oncologist.

Doran French picks up the reins as head of Child Development and Family Studies. He comes to Purdue from Illinois Wesleyan University where he was professor and chair of the Department of Psychology. His career of more than 30 years includes clinical experience as a licensed psychologist and faculty positions at Lewis and Clark College, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and University of Rhode Island.

His research interests include neuropsychology of social interaction, religion and social competence, peer relationships, cultural psychology, and conflict.

“My work has always had an applied and interdisciplinary focus, and the department provides a perfect context for me to pursue my work on culture and human development and the fostering of social competence in children and adolescents,” he says.

Among his priorities in the first year are initiating an outside review. “The department has grown rapidly in recent years and there have been major changes in faculty composition,” he says. “This will allow us to take a comprehensive and critical view of where we are and where we are going. From this review, we’ll be able to develop a strategic plan that will define how we move ahead.”

He is currently working on a number of projects in China, Indonesia, and Thailand. These include a study of how Chinese children deal with interpersonal conflict and a longitudinal study of adolescent Chinese youth. He is continuing his work on Islam and social competence in Indonesian adolescents and is exploring Buddhism and youth adjustment in Thailand.
After earning her PhD in human development and family studies from Penn State in 2006, Aryn Dotterer completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute at the University of North Carolina. Her research interests center around school engagement and academic achievement among low-income and ethnic minority youth.

Dotterer says the faculty’s high-quality research is what attracted her to Purdue. “They may come from different theoretical orientations, but there is a shared philosophy that individual development and family relationships are best understood within context,” she says. “I think my work will contribute to the department’s mission.”

Her appointment is joint with Youth Development and Agricultural Education. “This is the first collaboration between the two departments, and it’s an exciting opportunity for me in terms of research and teaching.”

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With a research background in consumer decision-making within the hospitality context and the influence of other consumers in service settings, she’s anticipating contributing to the department’s teaching and research expertise. She teaches undergraduate courses in Organization and Management and Lodging Service Management.

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Hospitality and Tourism Management

Jonathan Day brings nearly 25 years of industry experience to the top-ranked Hospitality and Tourism Management program. After heading up marketing in the Americas for New Zealand Tourism Board, he led the Tourism Queensland team, marketing Australia’s Great Barrier Reef state throughout North America. In 2001, he founded Placemark Solutions Inc. to provide marketing and consulting services to the tourism industry.

A frequent speaker on international marketing and destination branding, he was named one of 100 Rising Stars of the tourism industry by Travel Agent magazine in 2000. He has won numerous marketing awards for his public relations and promotional campaigns.

He earned his doctorate in 2006 from the School of Business at James Cook University in Townsville, Australia. At Purdue, he is looking forward to starting research in sustainable tourism and destination branding.

“I am very attracted to Purdue’s commitment to discovery and delivery,” he says. “I am really energized to explore the processes of sustainable tourism development — one of the big challenges in tourism today.”

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Bringing Home a Medal

Purdue Rower and CFS Alumna Competes in 2008 Beijing Paralympics

Of the million or so strokes Emma Preuschl has taken since joining Purdue Crew in fall 2003, it was the 120 strokes she took on September 11 that earned her a silver medal at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games.

A May 2008 graduate in dietetics/nutrition, fitness, and health, Preuschl competed as a member of the U.S. rowing team in the LTA (legs, trunk, and arms) mixed four with coxswain event. Though they started slow, the crew pulled past Germany and Great Britain in the final 250 meters to take second place. Italy finished first.

“The last 10 strokes of the race were quite possibly the longest, hardest strokes I have ever taken,” Preuschl recalls. “As we crossed the finish line, I had to double-check that the race was over and I was still conscious. I immediately flailed my arms in the air because I knew I was a champion. I had won a medal for the United States of America on September 11 — it was a very proud moment for me.”

The Making of an Athlete

Though she’s never considered herself disabled, Preuschl has a condition known as Erb’s Palsy, paralysis of a limb caused by nerve damage. At 18 months of age, doctors discovered that her brachial plexus, a cluster of nerves running from the back of the neck to the hands, had been damaged at birth.

As a result, her left arm is five inches shorter and lacks the mobility and strength of her right arm. Also, feeling in her fingertips is limited. But the difference between her arms is subtle and not even her Purdue teammates or coach knew about her disability until she told them.

Rowing caught her eye when she was 12, while spending a week on a lake in Wisconsin with her aunt, an athlete and rower. But she wasn’t able to pursue the sport in high school, so she played softball and ran track instead. When she got to Purdue, one of the first things she did was look for the boats.

“I went to the Purdue Crew callout as a freshman, and the first year on the team I landed in the bottom half of the B boat — we called ourselves the ‘fuddy-duddy four’,” recalls Preuschl. “I wasn’t a very good rower initially, and I was a bit overweight.”

But during the next two years, she worked hard, lost weight, and learned how to adjust her stroke for maximum output. By the time she was a junior, she had made it into the varsity (A) boat — one of her proudest
moments. However, a lower back injury in the spring of her senior year put her back in the junior varsity boat. But it was in this boat that she and her teammates earned a bronze at the 2007 Dad Vail National Championships Regatta in Philadelphia, the largest collegiate regatta in the country.

“I missed my graduation to participate in that race,” she says. “We won bronze, but it felt like gold.”

**A Golden Opportunity**

It was about this time that Preuschl was contacted by an adaptive rowing coach about the possibility of trying out for the U.S. Paralympic rowing team. The coach had seen an article about Preuschl in the Purdue Exponent during the newspaper’s coverage of Disability Awareness Month in March. She declined on the spot.

“I’ve never defined myself by my condition or thought of myself as having a disability,” she says. “When I hear ‘adaptive rowing’ and ‘disabled,’ that doesn’t sound like me. But then I talked to my parents, my coach, and others about it. I came to realize that my arm is a fact of my life, and I can either avoid it or embrace it.”

She decided to submit her times and received an invitation to participate in the selection camp held in Philadelphia at the end of May. Preuschl, who can only row on the starboard side, earned a spot on the U.S. team the final day of practice. Over the summer, she attended training camps with her new teammates, and they competed together for the first time on August 9 in the Canadian Henley.

Though her parents weren’t able to travel to Beijing to cheer her on, she says her mom made a big sign for the front yard and sent her off with a stuffed Nemo fish (from Disney’s Finding Nemo) as a nod to what Preuschl calls her ‘lucky fin.’

Preuschl documented her experience — from the red-carpet treatment the athletes received upon arriving in Colorado Springs for processing to her temporary home in the Paralympic Village to the euphoria of winning a silver medal — with daily e-mails sent to family and friends.

“When we arrived, I felt like a rock star,” she says, “but I quickly learned I was only a very small fish in a big ocean of athletes!”

About 300 athletes represented the United States, the second largest delegation at the Paralympics. The 2008 games consisted of 18 sporting events, and this was the first year for rowing to be included. Preuschl says she was overwhelmed with the attention, but also very proud.

Recalling the flag raising ceremony, she wrote from Beijing, “All 300 U.S. Paralympians were in attendance. I have never been so proud to be an American. Wearing USA across my chest gave me goosebumps.”

What’s ahead for Purdue’s silver medalist? Preuschl says she still needs to complete a required dietetic internship, something that got delayed while she competed in the Paralympics. After that, she envisions a career working with top athletes as a sports nutritionist. And, she plans on keeping her oars in the water.

In her final e-mail from Beijing, Preuschl wrote, “My job here in China is done, but it’s never too early to start training for the 2012 London Paralympics!”

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Going the Distance

Building on Beijing, CFS Student Aims for London

As one of only two Purdue athletes to compete at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games and the only woman to ever represent Purdue track and field at the Olympics, javelin thrower Kara Patterson experienced the excitement and pressure of competing on an international level.

“My absolute favorite moment was when I stepped onto the runway for my first throw during competition,” says Patterson, a senior in nutrition, fitness, and health. “Seeing myself on the enormous screen high in the stadium and seeing ‘Patterson Attempt 1’ on the reader board, waiting to show my distance, was so fulfilling.”

She earned a spot on the Olympic team when she threw an impressive 58.44 meters at the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials in July, setting a new U.S. Olympic Trials record. Heading into the Olympics, Patterson says her goal was to make the top 12 and secure a spot in the finals. Ranked 20th in the world, she felt that was a goal within reach.

However, in the qualifying round held August 19, her throws fell short of sending her to the finals on August 21. With a best throw of 54.39, she placed 22nd among her qualifying group.

“I was so ready to throw far and so excited about where I was and what I was doing,” she recalls, “probably too much, hence the result!”

Patterson says she was surprised by the strength of her emotions in that moment. “After my third throw in qualifying, when I knew I hadn’t met my goals for this Olympic Games, I immediately had tears in my eyes.”

Patterson’s road to the 2008 Olympics actually began when she had a last-minute opportunity to participate in the 2004 Olympic trials. In order to qualify for the trials, athletes must meet a competitive “standard” during the year. This year, the automatic qualifying standard was a throw of 54.50 meters. In 2004, the standard that had to be

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Photo by Journal & Courier, Lafayette, Indiana
met to participate in the trials was lowered right before trials began, and Patterson learned just two days before trials started in Sacramento that she was eligible.

“I was excited to go, but I had no expectations,” she recalls. “I was super star-stuck the whole time, and so glad to have that experience. I didn’t think it would happen again, but it planted a seed.”

For Patterson, who won three consecutive Class 4A state titles as a high school student in Vancouver, Washington, javelin was her ticket to college and a scholarship from Purdue.

She shined her first two years at Purdue — winning two NCAA Mideast Regionals and one Big Ten conference championship.

But just as the 2006-07 outdoor season was about to start, Patterson found herself sidelined with a stress fracture in her back.

“For an athlete to be told you can’t do something because of your body is the most frustrating thing,” she says. “You are used to feeling in control of your body, and then you are trapped by it.”

Sitting on her couch in a back brace was a humbling, yet motivating experience. She was devastated when her teammates headed off to the first meet of the season, and she was left behind. But she used the time off to develop her mental game, and she began studying the technical aspects of her sport — watching tapes of herself as well as world-class throwers in action.

After seven months, Patterson says she emerged a better athlete. “The back injury was a blessing in disguise. I came back better than ever.”

Her success this year backs that up. She threw a record-breaking 61.56 meters at the Big Ten conference, breaking the Boilers’ top all-time mark, setting a new U.S. collegiate record, and becoming the second woman in U.S. history to eclipse the 200-foot mark in javelin. She also was named the 2008 Big Ten Women’s Athlete of the Year and the Great Lakes Region Women’s Field Athlete of the Year by the U.S. Track and Field Cross Country Coaches Association.

As an athlete, Patterson learned early on how to balance her coursework with an intensive training program and meets. And after trying out several different majors, found that nutrition, fitness, and health is a perfect complement to her sport.

“The nutrition aspect definitely helps,” she says. “It’s really interesting to learn the science behind nutrition.”

After graduation, she would like to compete internationally and promote the sport in the United States. Eventually, she envisions a career training and working with athletes.

Since returning from Beijing, Patterson says getting back to “normal” life has been an adjustment. Of all the questions she fields about her Olympic experience, the one most frequently asked is whether she is going to keep throwing and try for the London Olympics in 2012.

“Every time I’m asked this, it completely surprises me because there hasn’t for one moment been a question in my mind of whether or not I want to keep throwing javelin,” she says. “Not only do I have one last collegiate season at Purdue, but I have so much room for growth. The average age of the javelin throwers in Beijing was about 27 or 28, and I’m only 22. I’m so excited about the possibilities and my potential with the support system that I have.”
Tse Gift to Expand Study Abroad Program

Ask any student who has studied abroad what they learned from their experience and the answers are as varied as the countries visited. But everyone agrees that study abroad is a positive life-changing event—from gaining a new awareness of the cultures and diversity in our world to boosting a student’s confidence and sense of independence. Now, a gift to the College of Consumer and Family Sciences will enable even more students to travel and study abroad.

John and Emma Tse of West Lafayette, Indiana, have created the John and Emma Tse Fund for Global Scholars. The gift of $700,000 (to be paid over 35 years) will fund study abroad scholarships—recipients will be known as Tse Scholars.

“Tse Scholars will be more than just students who have studied abroad,” says CFS Dean Dennis Savaiano. “Their gift is not only another example of their generosity but also a long-term commitment to helping our college achieve the University’s strategic goals of meeting global challenges,” says CFS Dean Dennis Savaiano. “We are gratified they share our vision of educating students to become global scholars and citizens.”

In 2007–08, 155 CFS students participated in a study abroad program. It’s hoped that number will increase with the additional scholarships, which will benefit those students who have the greatest financial need.

“The world is getting smaller, and students need to understand different cultures,” says Tse, a Distinguished Professor Emeritus in the Krannert School of Management. “If they don’t, it will be a handicap for any future business leader in this global economy.”

Born in China, Tse came to the United States in 1949 to attend Stanford University. After earning his MBA from Stanford in 1951, he went to Harvard where he was the first Chinese student to earn a Doctor of Commercial Science degree from the Graduate School of Business Administration.

He soon found himself at Purdue helping to establish an 11-month graduate management program. By 1962, the new Industrial Management program was ranked among the top 10 business schools in the country. It was during this time that Tse, who was acquainted with Herman C. Krannert, helped obtain the financial support for the Krannert School of Management.

In addition to being a member of the Krannert faculty, Tse created and developed the West Lafayette Hilton Inn, now called University Inn, in 1974. Emma, who loves gourmet cooking and is a registered dietitian, managed the hotel from 1974–79 and was the first female manager in the Hilton Inn chain.

When Tse retired from Krannert in 1988, he returned to China—his first visit since leaving 39 years earlier. The visit sparked an interest in bringing American farming technology to China, which he successfully did for several years. He donated 22 acres of land to the College of Agriculture which eventually resulted in the establishment of Purdue China Agricultural Programs.

“Tse Gift to Expand Study Abroad Program”

For more information on giving opportunities, contact CFS Development and Alumni Relations at (800) 535-7303, (765) 494-7890, or cfsalums@purdue.edu.
Couple Endows Scholarships

After making an annual contribution to Purdue for many years, Purdue alumni Dick and Mary McDowell say they decided to create something long-lasting that would honor their two girls. The four endowed scholarships they established will certainly achieve that goal.

One of those scholarships is in honor of their daughter, Sarah Cauble Johnson. It’s a $1,000 scholarship benefiting a Foods and Nutrition student. Johnson, a 1969 graduate in dietetics, is director of dining services at Purdue University Residences and a 2007 CFS Distinguished Alumna.

“Purdue has been really important to them and our whole family,” Johnson says. “I’m very honored to know it came from them, and it will forever help students.”

Mary is also a CFS alumna, graduating in 1942 with a bachelor’s in institutional management (now Hospitality and Tourism Management). She spent nearly 30 years with Lafayette area schools distributing lunches to the elementary and middle schools, which didn’t have cafeterias then. As director of Lafayette School Cafeterias, she opened some of the first hot lunch programs in Lafayette. She retired in 1973.

After earning a degree in industrial technology in 1949 and a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering in 1955, Dick taught engineering at Purdue for 42 years. Between the students he had in class and the freshmen engineering students he saw during Day on Campus for 25 years, he estimates he had contact with more than 47,000 students.

“Almost everything we do is for the students,” says Dick, who with Mary, served as faculty fellows in the residence halls for 32 years. “Students need all the help they can get, and Purdue couldn’t last very long without outside support.”

The couple resides at University Place in West Lafayette, and they enjoy football season especially because that brings visits from former students who stop by to say hello. Now, through the endowed scholarships they have created, their ability to help and positively impact students will continue.

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History in the Making

CFS Dean Emerita Eva Goble, HDR '99, and Debra Booth, administrative assistant in CFS Development and Alumni Relations, had a chance to catch up at the inaugural exhibit of the Susan Bulkeley Butler Women's Archives, part of Purdue Libraries Archives and Special Collections. Dean Emerita Goble has contributed several documents to the women's archive.

Operation Purple

More than 40 children attended Operation Purple, a summer camp held on the West Lafayette campus for children of military families. The week-long camp is designed to give military children the coping skills and support networks necessary to better handle the challenges in their lives. The Military Family Research Institute partnered with the Department of Health and Kinesiology to sponsor the state's first Operation Purple camp.

A Day at the Fair

The college participated in Purdue Day at the Indiana State Fair on August 15. Wendi Ailor, director of alumni relations and special events, works the CFS booth, where fairgoers could spin a wheel and earn prizes.
Digging the Bone Zone
A new exhibit at the Indiana State Fair had fairgoers of all ages learning about the many ways to keep their bones strong. Working with the Department of Foods and Nutrition, the Purdue Agriculture Exhibit Design Center created the Bone Zone exhibit, which features nine interactive displays.

From China with Love
A contingent of 19 students and three faculty members from Hospitality and Tourism Management traveled to China May 7–June 4 to explore the country’s culture and cuisine. In Beijing, they visited Beijing International Studies University. In Nanjing, they enjoyed cooking classes, visited a tea farm, and the Sun Yat Sen and Holocaust memorials. They also traveled to Shanghai, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong.
As public affairs specialist for State Farm Insurance Companies, Ed Perez leads State Farm community initiatives and philanthropic efforts in Indiana. Previously, he directed marketing and business development for Industrial Federal Credit Union.

Active in the community, Perez serves on several boards including the Governor’s Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving, Indiana Association for Community Economic Development, Safe Kids Indiana, and United Way of Greater Lafayette.

He and his wife, Shalon, (BS ’95, CDFS) have two sons, Brennan, 17, and Quentin, 12.

Patsy Mellott is retired from a career spanning 36 years in corporate food marketing and marketing service management at Campbell Soup Company and Kraft Foods. Much of her work experience focused on the business-to-business channel.

She is a volunteer consultant for Executive Service Corps of Chicago and board member of the Williams County, Ohio, 4-H Endowment Fund Committee.

She has been active in the CFS Alumni Association for many years. In addition to supporting Purdue, her passions are tennis and travel.

Following a variety of interests, including retailing and teaching preschool, Kathy Lafuse found her calling as a realtor. Working in real estate for 21 years, she is a member of Coldwell Banker’s President’s Elite club.

She is active in her church and volunteers for P.E.O., Friends of Downtown, Lafayette Board of Realtors, and Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae.

She loves to read and garden. Her two children, Elizabeth and Brian, are both Purdue graduates, and she has two grandchildren who love Purdue.

After graduating with a degree in early childhood education, Julie Wilson began her career in retail and restaurant management. For the past three years, she has worked as a manager with Costco in Las Vegas.

She is as an active member of the Purdue Club of Las Vegas and serves as an alumni recruiter with Purdue’s Office of Admissions.

Wilson and her husband, Bill (also a Purdue alumnus), are both Chicago natives. Married for 15 years, they have two cats, Boots and Sammy.
**1930–39**

Judy Bell Rehmel, BS ’58, Richmond, Indiana, was featured as the Signature Artist of 2008 at the Indiana Art Fair.

**1940–49**

Ruth Coe, BS ’40, Roswell, Georgia, and her husband, Charles (’39 Purdue grad) celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in September 2008.

Kathleen Bain, BS ’43, Riverview, Missouri, is retired from the Wyandotte Board of Education.

Nancy Young Waller, BS ’43, Morganfield, Kentucky, has been the organist at the Methodist Church for 63 years.

Esther Conelley Boonstra, BS ’45, West Lafayette, Indiana, and her husband, Chuck, celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary on August 18. They have two children, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Esther is a lifetime member of the Purdue Alumni Association and says they enjoy living close to Purdue, where she and her husband first met in 1941.

Evadean Vaught Gordon, BS ’49, Evansville, Indiana, says her husband, daughter, son-in-law, and son are all Purdue graduates. She has a grandson who is currently a junior at Purdue.

**1950–59**

Mary Louise Kull Hopkins, BS ’50, Brownsburg, Indiana, is retired from teaching at Brownsburg Junior High. She stays busy by serving on the Hendricks County Senior Services Executive Board and is involved in many church ministries.

LaVerne Poff Lawrence, BS ’53, New Albany, Indiana, is enjoying retirement after 30 years of teaching. She keeps busy volunteering, playing lots of bridge, and keeping up with family and friends. Her grandson (and third generation Boilermaker), Chris Lawrence, is a freshman in civil engineering.

**1960–69**

Sally Schnaiter Lugar, BS ’56, Indianapolis, Indiana, just finished a year as president of Indianapolis Day Nursery Auxiliary. She continues to serve on the board of Teacher’s Treasures (a free store for teachers to get supplies for children in need) and the board of the Propylaeum Historic Foundation. She and her husband, Tom, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April 2008.

Barbara Mwniear Peter, BS ’58, MS ’63, Lake Forest, Illinois, is a founding member of the Task Force for Spiritual Growth, Presbytery of Chicago.

Nancy Williamson Fites, MS ’60, Auburn, Indiana, is a retired art teacher. She and her husband, Duane (’55 Purdue grad), have two children, Lisa and Todd, who are both Purdue graduates.

Ruth Ann Ganote Horstman, BS ’61, North Vernon, Indiana, and her husband, Bill, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on June 1.

LauraBelle Rosemeyer Jackson, BS ’62, Bradenton, Florida, retired after 21 years as a FACS teacher. She has two daughters and four grandchildren. Her husband and daughters are all Purdue graduates, and she’s hoping her grandchildren will attend Purdue also.

**1970–79**

Jane Nordloh Sumwalt, BS ’62, Palm Harbor, Florida, retired from EHOVE Career Center where she taught early childhood education for 20 years. She moved to Florida in June to be near her sister.

Lou Ann Huff Dixon, BS ’65, Westminster, Colorado, retired from Front Range Community College in June 2008 where she was chair of the Allied Health Department and program director for the dietetics program. She continues to consult as a registered dietitian with Boulder Aging Services and other healthcare facilities. She is owner/principal in Great Results LLC, which provides nutrition analysis services to restaurants for nutrition labeling.

**1980–89**

Lorene McCormick Burkhart, BS ’56, HDR ’97, Indianapolis, Indiana, has been appointed to the board of Indiana Dollars for Scholars, a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to expanding access to higher education for Indiana students. Recently, she donated 700 Raccoon Tales children’s books to Indianapolis Public Schools. She is owner of Burkhart Network LLC and the author of the Raccoon Tales book series that is based on stories she told her children. In making the donation, Burkhart read to a group of preschoolers in the Even Start Family Literacy program at School 14. For more information on Burkhart or her books, visit www.Burkhart-Network.com.
1970–79

Cynthia Williams Evers, BS ’70, MS ’74, Elkhart, Indiana, retired in June 2007 after teaching 37 years for Elkhart Community Schools.

Dianne Jones Mason, BS ’72, Wake Forest, North Carolina, is an administrative assistant with Square D/Schneider Electric. She and her husband, Robert (’72 Purdue grad), have two children, Kimberly and Steven.

Christine Anders, BS ’75, Des Moines, Iowa, received a certificate in Older Adult Ministries from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, and was hired as a minister of discipleship at First United Methodist Church. She will provide programming and pastoral care for the congregation’s adults.

Nancy Manuel, BS ’76, Brownstown, Indiana, works at Purdue Extension in Jackson County.

Susan Campbell Straub, BS ’76, Haubstadt, Indiana, received the 2008 Honored Dietitian Award from the Indiana Dietetics Association. Susan works in foodservice operations at Heritage Center in Evansville.

Cynthia Stath, BS ’78, Bloomington, Indiana, was promoted to chief operating officer for Girl Scouts of Tulip Trace Council Inc. The council serves more than 4,000 girls and 1,500 adults in 15 counties in southern Indiana.

1980–89

Cynthia Jones Frazier, BS ’81, Louisville, Colorado, is the director of client development for Health Communication Systems.

Kerry Flowers, BS ’83, Los Angeles, California, has formed Kerry Camp, a company that coordinates training for hotel sales personnel.

David Kickert, BS ’83, Crown Point, Indiana, is an investment advisor with Financial Network Investment Corp.

Tina McCurry Morgan, BS ’84, Indianapolis, Indiana, is the Family and Consumer Sciences Department Chair at Avon Community School Corp.

Marilyn Davis, BS ’85, Lauderhill, Florida, is the associate director of admissions at the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship at Nova Southeastern University.


Patricia Fyffe Dinka, BS ’86, Carmel, Indiana, and her husband, John, welcomed George James on April 21, 2008.

Rodney Lindsey, BS ’88, Valparaiso, Indiana, and his wife, Sarah Wyatt, BS ’98, welcomed a daughter on December 11, 2007.

1990–99

Marcia Degerness Graff, BS ’77, Pompano Beach, Florida, was recently promoted to Airbus 320 captain, flying routes from the Spirit Airlines hub in Ft. Lauderdale down to the Caribbean, Latin and South America, as well as the Midwest and East Coast.

Wendy Rice-Isaacs, BS ’88, Lakewood, Ohio, is the 34th president of the Association of Legal Administrators for 2008–09.

Jody Flowers Messner, BS ’89, Los Angeles, California, recently founded the hotel reservation group, Flowers Hotel Group, in West Hollywood, California.

Michelle Hannas Crabtree, BS ’90, Alexandria, Virginia, recently earned her certification as a senior professional in human resources (SPHR). She is the human resources director for Hyatt Hotels in the Washington DC area.

Christina Hagenow Timmons, BS ’91, Elkhart, Indiana, is a licensed practical nurse at the Elkhart Clinic. She has two children, Jonathan and Megan.

Stephen Witkop, BS ’92, Kemp, Texas, is a senior loan officer with CTX Mortgage.

Angela Gerrian Thumb, BS ’94, Connersville, Indiana, and her husband, Eric Thumb, welcomed a son on January 11, 2008.

Julie Ramenofsky Wagner, BS ’94, New Carlisle, Ohio, is a management and program analyst at the Dayton VA Medical Center. She and her husband, John (’91 Purdue grad), have a 4-year-old daughter, Faith.

David Bauer, BS ’95, Fishers, Indiana, was promoted to investment manager-retirement services, marketing with American United Life Insurance Co. He has worked at AUL for eight years. He and his wife have three sons.

Stacy Ivory Brodzinski, BS ’95, Naper-ville, Illinois, and her husband, William (’95 Purdue grad), welcomed their third child, Kelsey, on February 12, 2008.

Monica Richmond Winer, BS ’95, Elgin, Illinois, is a dietitian for Chicago-area K-12 schools. She works for Chartwells/Compass Group. She and her husband, Greg (’94 Purdue grad), have three daughters.

Marieva Ramirez, BS ’96, San Juan, Puerto Rico, welcomed Julian Cuesta in July 2008. She is a stay-at-home mom.

Mike Nicolini, BS ’91, Elkhart, Indiana, is director of RSM McGladrey. He was selected as a member of the Michiana Region Forty Under 40 Class of 2008. The honor recognizes young professionals for their contribution and accomplishments in the workplace and community. Outside of work, he is involved with Kiwanis Club of Elkhart, Purdue Club of Elkhart County, and Junior Achievement, where he teaches third graders about business economics.

Cuonzo L. Martin, BS ’00, Springfield, Missouri, was named the head men’s basketball coach at Missouri State in Springfield. He served as assistant coach at Purdue from 2000 to 2007 and was named associate coach in September 2007. In April 2007, he presented the Cuonzo Martin Challenge Award at the Purdue Cancer Center’s 5K run/walk. The award named in his honor is presented to the student organization with the largest percentage of members taking part in the race. Martin was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins lymphoma when he was 26 years old, and he has been in remission for the past 10 years.

Jill Lemke Connolly, BS ’97, Sharpsburg, Georgia, welcomed a second child in February 2008. Jill is a member service agent with Delta Community Credit Union.

Vern Jackson, BS ’97, Zionsville, Indiana, and his wife, Kristi (’99 Purdue grad), welcomed Jacob Ward on February 26, 2008. He joins big sisters, Taylor and Madison, to make the family the “Jackson Five.” Vern is an account manager with Grainger.

Amanda Gilner Cuttell, BS ’99, Lafayette, Indiana, and her husband, Douglas, welcomed their first child, Natalie Grace, on August 17, 2008. Amanda is head teacher of the Child Development Laboratory School at Purdue.

Chad Lesnet, BS ’99, Noblesville, Indiana, and his wife, Stephanie, welcomed Malachi (Kai) James on January 16, 2008. Chad is the manager of contract revenue at Republic Airways Holdings in Indianapolis.


Mona Gottlieb, BS ’00, Encinitas, California, is regional vice president of sales-West Coast for HealthCare Information LLC.

Aaron Bridge, BS ’01, Lafayette, Indiana, and his wife, Jamie Evans, BS ’01, welcomed a son on February 7, 2008.

Deanna Chrobot Finfrock, BS ’01, South Bend, Indiana, welcomed Ashley Brynn on August 14, 2008. She joins big brother, Nolan.

Marianne DePhillips Hulbert, BS ’01, Woodridge, Illinois, and her husband, James, (’01 and ’05 Purdue grad), welcomed a daughter on January 9, 2008.

Christine Egolf, BS ’01, Shelbyville, Indiana, went into business with her family in 2005, opening a destination-style campground, Crazy Horse Camp near Jacksons ville, Illinois. They also operate a growing self-storage business in Shelbyville.

Mary Nolting-Hitzeman, BS ’01, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, is a clinical marketing specialist with ARRKY, a blood glucose monitoring company. She ran in the Twin Cities Marathon and is qualified to run the Boston Marathon in April 2009.

Brian Benak, BS ’02, Westfield, Indiana, and his wife, Erin (’04 Purdue grad), welcomed Leah Victoria on February 14, 2008.

Elaine Lipscomb, PhD ’02, Indianapolis, Indiana, is a postdoctoral research fellow at Roudebush VA Medical Center.
Stephanie Stark Engler, BS ’02, Lake St. Louis, Missouri, and her husband, Eric (’99 Purdue grad) welcomed a son on December 6, 2007.

Kate Giberson Byers, BS ’03, Chicago, Illinois, graduated from Northwestern University with a master’s in integrated marketing communications. She now works as an account supervisor with Edelman in their food and nutrition group.

Aaron Feeney, BS ’03, Chicago, Illinois, is a senior sales manager-business travel with Hyatt Hotel and Resorts.

Amanda Westfall Houser, BS ’03, Dana Point, California, married Shawn Houser on May 19, 2007.

Stacy Berngard Rubly, BS ’03, Peoria, Illinois, was married in 2006 and had a baby boy in January 2008.

Erin Williams Walker, BS ’03, Lafayette, Indiana, married Jason Walker on May 24, 2008. She is an assistant location manager with Hertz Corp.

Noble Burkhead, BS ’04, Ankeny, Iowa, is the clubhouse manager for Hubbell Realty’s Copper Creek Golf Course.

Megan Chapin Clements, BS ’04, Newburgh, Indiana, and her husband, Levon (’04 Purdue grad), welcomed Jocelyn Elizabeth on September 21, 2007.

Lesley Maradik Harris, BS ’04, Los Angeles, California, received her MSW from University of Illinois at Chicago in 2007. Now a PhD student at the UCLA School of Public Affairs, she was recently awarded the Leon and Toby Gold Endowed Fellowship. She and her husband, Ben, were married in London in 2007.

Micere Sidi Oden, BS ’04, Chicago, Illinois, earned a master’s in human development and family studies from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in May 2008. She was inducted into the Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society at UIUC in spring 2007.

Hillary Direnzo Gramm, BS ’05, Webster, Texas, married Paul Gramm (’05 Purdue grad) on August 31, 2008, in Chicago. Hillary is a branch manager at Big Brothers Big Sisters in Houston.

Casey Hermanson Hitchcock, BS ’05, Rensselaer, Indiana, married her childhood sweetheart, Nolan, on November 24, 2007. She is an admissions counselor with Saint Joseph College.

Lisa Kuhn, BS ’05, South Lyon, Michigan, is a unit manager for Lia Sophia Jewelry.

Julie Wise, BS ’05, Chicago, Illinois, was recently promoted from senior catering sales to senior sales manager at the Marriott in downtown Indianapolis.

Alex Germain-Robin, BS ’06, Brighton, Massachusetts, is the executive director of Benchmark Assisted Living.

Kerri Cullinan Reed, BS ’06, Salem, Massachusetts, is a retail/catering manager with Morrison Management Specialists. She married Josh Reed (’08 Purdue grad) on May 30, 2008.

Drew Welshmeimer, BS ’06, Las Vegas, Nevada, is convention sales manager with Planet Hollywood Resort Casino.

Kara Wisdom Gregory, BS ’07, West Lafayette, Indiana, has been accepted to the graduate program in school counseling at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Scott Jordan, BS ’07, Chicago, Illinois, is a financial advisor with AIG Retirement.

Long Wang, PhD ’07, Sacramento, California, is an assistant professor in the Department of Nutrition Science and Dietetics at Syracuse University.

Andrea Wittenborn, PhD ’07, Washington, DC, is an assistant professor at Virginia Tech University. She is married to Daniel Wittenborn (’08 Purdue grad).

Ashley Andrews, BS ’08, Fort Wayne, Indiana, is a financial representative with American General.

Bonnie Vermeire Boggs, BS ’08, Lafayette, Indiana, married Troy Boggs in May 2007. They have a son, Gabriel.

Alexandra Gagnon, BS ’08, Atlanta, Georgia, is a consultant with Kurt Salmon Associates.

Bridget McClatchey, BS ’08, Morocco, Indiana, is a food scientist with Land O’Lakes.

Jenny Smith, BS ’08, West Lafayette, Indiana, is a staff accountant with ArcelorMittal.

Matthew Swisher, BS ’08, Chicago, Illinois, is an operations manager trainee with Marriott International.

Sasha Elliot, BS ’06, South Bend, Indiana, has joined the Peace Corps in Madagascar where she is a small enterprise development volunteer. In the photo, she is meeting with a local Malagasy carpenter about ways to improve his business.
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CALENDAR

2008

November 17
Boiler Mixer at the Indiana State Museum
CFS alumni and friends will tour “Chocolate: The Exhibition” and enjoy hors ‘d oeuvres and decadent chocolate desserts. For details, visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/events.

December 21
Commencement

2009

February 10–11
Consumer sciences and retailing Career Fair
Sponsored by the Professional Development Council, the annual career fair provides opportunities for students to meet with potential employers about full-time jobs and internships. For details, visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/cs/Career_Conf/home.htm.

April 17
Felker Leadership Series
"Going Global" is the theme for the 2009 conference featuring keynote speaker C. Perry Yeaman, co-author of Get Ahead by Going Abroad: A Woman’s Guide to Fast-Track Career Success. Conference registration will be mailed in February.

April 17–19
Gala Week
Celebrating the 50th reunion of the Class of 1959. For details, visit www.purduealum.org/gala.

April 30
CFS Diversity Fair
The annual diversity celebration includes cultural displays from around the world. It is open to faculty, staff, and students in the college.

June 10–12
Home and Family Conference
Mark your calendars for the 96th annual conference, to be held on the West Lafayette campus.

You can always find a current list of upcoming events on our Web site. Just visit the Events page at www.cfs.purdue.edu/events.

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Wish You Were Here!

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